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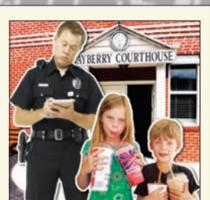
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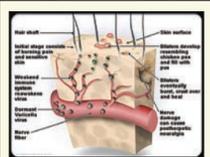
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Investigation's Timeline of Fire Chief Hire Process

Part One

Ekene Ikeme

The report by Michael Jenkins released earlier this month detailed the timeline of the city's fire chief appointment process.

The ordeal began in March 2017 when former Alameda Fire Department (AFD) Fire Chief Doug Long informed City Manager Jill Keimach he would be retiring. Long publicly announced his retirement in April 2017, but his official retirement date would come on Sept. 22, 2017.

According to Keimach, Long told her he was already grooming Mark Sample, AFD Division Chief, for his position. Keimach told him she did not think he would be suitable for the job. She wanted to conduct an open recruitment for Long's replacement. Keimach and her staff then hired Teri Black & Company,

LLC, to manage the recruitment process for the position.

In a meeting with Keimach on April 27, 2017, Alameda firefighter union, International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 689, President Jeff DelBono expressed his wishes for Domenick Weaver to be hired as the new fire chief. Weaver is a retired AFD fire captain and former Alameda firefighter union president.

In June, Keimach met with DelBono after he heard Keimach was actively recruiting Moraga Fire Chief Stephen Healy. Keimach said she was not actively recruiting him, but would send him a job brochure to apply for the position. DelBono then told Keimach that he would "send out a statewide notice that no one needed to apply for the fire chief position," according to the report.

The official recruitment for the fire chief position began on July 3. On July 10, Councilmember Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft met with a member of the fire union who asked for her to support Weaver as the next fire chief. Ashcraft said the fire chief's hiring was not her decision and she would not support any applicant. After the meeting Ashcraft received a call from her political consultant who said he talked to the same union member. He expressed that the union member was not happy that she would not help.

During this time, members of Local 689 solicited several public officials to write letters of recommendation supporting Weaver. Keimach received letters of recommendation from John Russo,

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AUSD Teacher of the Year Goes to Otioku

Sun Staff Reports

The Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) announced that it has named Mary Otioku as Teacher of the Year. Otioku teaches a combination fourth- and fifth-grade class at Bay Farm School.

Teaching runs in Otioku's family. Her grandmother, grandfather and mother all taught school. In tapping her as Teacher of the Year, the district noted Otioku's use of instruction books from different cultures and mixed-race authors, her respect for students and clear and consistent communication with parents.

"I am honored and humbled to be chosen as Teacher of the Year," Otioku said. "All teachers deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication to our kids. It is the hardest job there is."



Alameda Unified School District

Alameda Unified School District's 2018 Teacher of the Year Mary Otioku takes a moment with two of her current students, Kathleen Tang and Jalyn Kwong.

Local Professor to Help Oversee State Schools

Sun Staff Reports

A professor at the College of Alameda, Silvester Carl Henderson, was elected recently to serve as an executive committee member of the board of directors for the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges.

The committee is comprised of academic and professional representatives of the 114 community colleges in the state of California. The Academic Senate represents more than 60,000 college professors and 2.1 million students. Henderson is the first College of Alameda professor to be appointed to the state-wide committee.

Faculty input is needed across the state to improve decisions made for students. The senate appoints faculty to committees, task forces, work groups and ad hoc committees all year.



City of Alameda

Development at Alameda Point is on the drawing boards and part of the city's 2019 workplan. The public can discuss and contribute to the workplan tomorrow, Friday, May 18, at the Alameda Main Library.

City Workshop Will Cover Many Topics

Dennis Evanosky

The City Council will meet tomorrow at the Main Library, 1550 Oak St. to review and vote on accepting its workplan and to assess the upcoming fiscal year's budget report. The workplan outlines programs and projects that the City Council is considering in the next fiscal year, including Council referrals.

On Feb. 17, 2017, the City Council met for a public priority-setting workshop with the city's executive man-

agement team. They discussed the Council's vision, strategic initiatives and priorities. City staff organized the draft 2018/2019 City Council Workplan by key city strategies, which the City Council and the management team identified at this workshop.

Tomorrow's meeting will review these strategies, check-in on what has been accomplished over the last year and provide direction on a draft City Council Workplan for the coming year.

The strategies focus on six areas:

- Addressing housing and homelessness
- Mitigating traffic congestion
- Taking action on climate change and emergency preparedness
- Improving the local economy and attracting jobs
- Maintaining safety and quality of life
- Planning for fiscal and organizational stability
- Improving the public infrastructure

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Traffic Briefs

Sun Staff Reports

Park Street Corridor Improvements

The City of Alameda has announced its Public Works Department will begin work on traffic signal upgrades along the Park Street corridor between Blanding and Encinal avenues starting Monday, May 21. The project is estimated to be completed by the end of August.

The project includes amending traffic timing, and installing sensors to detect the presence of vehicles and emergency vehicle preemption. In effect, the traffic signals are receiving upgraded technology. Traffic signal equipment upgrades will be done at several intersections with Park Street including: Blanding, Clement, Buena Vista, Santa Clara and Central avenues and Tilden Way.

Beacon System Coming to Webster and Haight

Construction work will also begin on Monday, May 21, at Webster Street and Haight Avenue in an effort to improve pedestrian safety at that intersection. The project is expected to be completed by

the end of July. Construction work hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The project includes installation of Wireless Solar, a LED rectangular rapid flashing beacon crosswalk system, push buttons, concrete and asphalt work, striping and signage.

During construction at both locations, motorists may experience minor disruptions in traffic, temporary loss of parking spaces, and noise and dust. Bus stop access will be maintained throughout both projects.

Questions or information about either project should be directed to Virendra Patel, transportation engineer, Public Works Department at 747-7900 or vpatel@alamedaca.gov.

Alamedan Competes in Jeopardy! Tournament

Sun Staff Reports

Alameda resident Katherine Saxby, a high school English and French teacher, is an automatic semifinalist in legendary television quiz show Jeopardy!'s annual Teacher's Tournament. Saxby, who teaches in Orinda, outpaced her competitors after the Double Jeopardy round. Saxby's lone correct response in the Final Jeopardy round earned her a total of \$13,601.

Second-place competitor Beth Binder of Fort Collins, Colo. earned \$2,800 and third-place finisher, Indi Ekanayake, earned \$500. Neither of Saxby's rivals could come up with the correct response to this clue in the category of Women Writers: "On her 2012 passing this Oscar nominee was described as 'an essayist and humorist in the Dorothy Parker mold' (but funnier)."

Saxby left the rest of the field behind when she responded correctly with "Who is Nora Ephron?"

Saxby competed again yesterday, after press time, against other quarterfinal winners: Larry Martin of Kansas City, Mo., and Jake Allen of Eureka Springs, Ark.



Courtesy photo
Katherine Saxby



Courtesy photo

Ken Der of Alameda Science & Technology Institute received \$1,500 from Wa Sung Community Service Club. His sponsor is the Ann Mon Wai Lukezic Memorial Scholarship. He plans to major in Civil Engineering at Stanford University in the fall.

Free Waste Collection Sunday

Sun Staff Reports

Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste and the city of Alameda Public Works Department are joining forces to help remove toxics and old mattresses from Alameda homes. A free drop-off event has been set for this Sunday, May 20, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Alameda Point. Old paint, leftover pesticides, e-waste and old medicines will be accepted.

Residents who wish to take advantage of this opportunity must register for an appointment at www.stopwaste.org/onedayevent and the location will be revealed.

If that day is inconvenient the Oakland Household Hazardous Waste facility is open weekly and on Saturdays until 4 p.m. More details are at www.stopwaste.org/hhw.