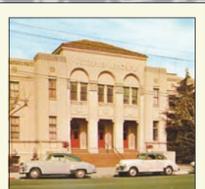




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Music Cuts Protested

Sun Staff Reports

A newly created community group called Alameda Bands Together formed in April upon learning about a sudden two-thirds cut to the music program at Encinal High School for the next school year as well as the subsequent reassignment of its long-time music director to Alameda High School (AHS), which, in turn, would displace the AHS music director.

Parents and students from both high schools, as well as from all middle schools with current music

programs, rallied immediately to save Encinal's music program and protect AHS' Mitchell White from being terminated.

After many meetings with both principals and music directors, Superintendent Sean McPhetridge and the Alameda Unified School District Board members, as well as participation in two prior School Board meetings, Alameda Bands Together devised a proposal to restore Encinal's music classes as well as add another class based on student demand.

Led by a core group of Encinal parents, Alameda Bands Together presented its proposal at the board meeting Tuesday after press time. The group was expected to demand the board take immediate action to provide equal access to music education for students at both high schools, and beyond.

Students from all middle and high schools were expected to conduct a "music" rally prior to the Board meeting, which was moved to Island High School due to a scheduling conflict.

District Names Teacher of the Year

Dennis Evanosky

On May 14 the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) announced it was honoring Pauline Stahl, Ed.D., as 2019 Teacher of the Year. Stahl teaches science at Encinal Junior and Senior High School.

Stahl received her bachelor's degree from Occidental College, her teaching credential and a master's degree in anthropology from Cal State, East Bay, and her doctorate from Mills College. Throughout her AUSD career, she has taken numerous leadership roles. These include heading Encinal's science department, coordinating the school's English Language Learner program, serving on the Principal's Council and co-directing the school's Restorative Justice Center.

In 2015, Stahl founded and directed the Genomics and Biotechnology Pathway program at Encinal in partnership with Merritt College Professor J. Robert Macey, who had recently set up a genomics lab in Alameda.

"My passion in teaching has always been to share my love for science and to help others see the amazing connections in our world that a knowledge of science allows," Stahl said. "Additionally, I want to make sure that access and opportunity is available for all students — black and brown, LGBT,



Courtesy photo

Alameda's Teacher of the Year, Dr. Pauline Stahl.

language learners, special needs — all students. She said that she took on leadership roles to create better structures to promote that access and opportunity.

Macey reached out to AUSD Superintendent Sean McPhetridge to let him know he was interested in offering college-level biotechnology classes for AUSD students. McPhetridge, in turn, contacted Stahl, and the three then partnered to create a dual-enrollment program through which Encinal students can take classes at Merritt College for college credit.

Public Meeting on Rent Items Scheduled for Next Thursday

Sun Staff Reports

The City of Alameda has arranged a second community event to collect public input on potential amendments to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, Thursday, June 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Alameda Elks Lodge, Rathskeller Basement, 2255 Santa Clara Ave. Topics will include:

- Multi-unit properties' maximum allowable rent increase amounts
- Single-family homes and condominium rent increase review
- Petition process for rent increase appeals
- Relocation assistance
- Rent registry
- Capital improvement plans

- Tenant buy-out agreements
- Other issues

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation on potential amendments. At 7 p.m. the community will be invited to give feedback and take part in individual voting.

Community members can drop in at any time, all ideas are welcome. This event is the second outreach opportunity for the public to provide input concerning the city's next steps regarding potential changes to the city's Rent Stabilization program regulations.

For more information contact Sarah Henry at 747-4714 or shenry@alamedaca.gov.



Photos by Richard Bangert

Environmental activist Richard Bangert is proposing Nautilus Data Technologies discharge the Bay water it uses to cool the racks of its computer servers into the Oakland Estuary. The company currently plans to run the water through a pipe directly below the seal haul-out (pictured below) that floats in environmentally sensitive waters near Breakwater Beach.

Environmentalists Propose Safer Discharge Route

Harbor seal haulout located near data firm's planned water outlet pipe

Dennis Evanosky

Nautilus Data Technologies is proposing to convert Building 530, located at 120 West Oriskany Ave. at Alameda Point, into a data storage facility. This facility would consist of racks of computer servers that heat up and that Nautilus needs to keep cool. Nautilus has chosen to use water from San Francisco Bay to accomplish this because water cooling is a cheaper alternative than traditional air-conditioning.

In order to water-cool the racks at the facility, Nautilus must draw 10,000 gallons of water a minute from San Francisco Bay. Because of its location at Alameda Point, the company will draw this water from beneath nearby Pier 2 where the *USS Hornet* is moored.

Once that water has done its job cooling the racks, Nautilus plans to discharge it into a 5-foot diameter pipe. This pipe would then discharge water into the Bay at the same rate it drew the water in.

This means that Nautilus would pump 600,000 gallons of its used water back into San Francisco Bay every hour. That adds up to 14.4 million gallons a day. Environmental activist Richard Bangert fears that the discharge from cooling Nautilus's racks could increase water temperature around the discharge area by as much as 4 degrees. Nautilus counters that the increase in the water temperature would be negligible.

Nautilus plans lay a 5-foot-diameter pipe on the floor of what Bangert considers one of Alameda's more environmentally sensitive waters. In fact the pipe would run directly beneath the float that the seals populate and through a nearby breakwater that has no foundation on the bay floor.

The pipe would open on the other side of the breakwater, not far from the seals and discharge more than 100 million gallons of water that Nautilus had used to cool its racks into the Bay each week.

"This will constantly churn

the waters just where the herring spawn each year," Bangert pointed out.

Bangert is also concerned that if Nautilus's water-cooling system heats the water 4 degrees, it would also heat the 5-foot-wide pipe and not cool the discharged water to a "negligible" level. In a letter to Nautilus Chief Executive Officer James Connaughton, Bangert asked that Nautilus reconsider running its pipe through the environmentally

"I appeal to you to amend your lease proposal to the city and choose the more environmentally friendly discharge route."

— Richard Bangert

sensitive waters where the seals "haul-out." This is also where the soon-to-return migratory least terns will forage for their chicks, where the herring spawn and where many sensitive creatures thrive. These include: leopard sharks, bat rays, moon jellyfish, ghost shrimp and the California sea hare.

"This area should be given some type of marine conservation status and left alone in its natural state," Bangert wrote in his letter to Connaughton. In his letter Bangert asked the Nautilus CEO to consider piping the water along Main Street and into the less environmentally sensitive Oakland Estuary. Bangert helped clarify his proposal with a map (above).

Bangert also pointed out that if Nautilus discharged this water into the Oakland Estuary, the company would not be required to obtain permits from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Bangert also stated in his letter that "the current proposal to run the discharge pipe underneath the harbor seal float is not practical: the draft of the float is two feet, meaning it would hit the pipe at lowest tide.

"I appeal to you to amend your lease proposal to the city and choose the more environmentally friendly discharge route under Main Street," Bangert wrote to Connaughton.

Contact Dennis Evanosky at editor@alamedasun.com.



Canine Resident Thankful for Firefighters' Help

Alameda Fire Department

When Alameda firefighters responded to a reported structure fire on Bay Farm Island, they found light smoke throughout the house caused by unattended food left on the stove. They forced entry into the home and were greeted by an unexpected occupant that was very happy to see them. The resident's pet dog ran out the door and jumped into Firefighter Derek Dutra's arms, as shown above. The fire crew secured the scene without incident.

