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School Board: Dismantle Lum

Ekene Ikeme

The Board of Education for the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) voted Tuesday, May 23, to shut down Lum Elementary School campus for the 2017-18 school year. The decision came at the school board meeting in the council chambers at City Hall.

The five board members voted unanimously to approve the resolution to indefinitely close Lum Elementary School, 1801 Sandcreek Way. The board maintained its stance that the Lum site is vulnerable to extensive damage in the event of a major earthquake.

The board and the district sought outside counsel from three geotechnical engineering firms, two structural engineering firms and an architectural firm for information on the viability of the school campus. All firms concluded Lum cannot withstand the significant soil liquefaction that is likely to occur in the event of a strong earthquake.

"I would not leave my own children in this school," said AUSD

board member Ardella Dailey at the meeting. "Moving children is not something I want to do, it's something I have to do."

Board members were met with strong opposition from a group of Lum parents called the Lum District Advisory Committee (DAC). The group was vocal in its opposition to the board in the weeks leading up to the meeting. However, the board was not deterred from their original stance.

"This has been a difficult process for all," said Board President Gary Lym. "As board members we have listened carefully to the voices of families and teachers who don't want to leave this campus. But as board members we also cannot ignore the scientific findings and recommendations of firms that have significant experience."

After the vote was conducted some audience members shouted and heckled at board members. One audience member shouted, "save your money," while another said, "pretty lame of you guys."

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FAAS, City Will Ink New Contract

Dennis Eanosky

The City Council is set to put its seal of approval on the proposed contract between the City and the Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter (FAAS). At next Tuesday's meeting, the Council will vote whether to authorize City Manager Jill Keimach to ink a contract to keep FAAS in business and the animal shelter open.

If approved and signed, the animal services agreement will not only increase funding for the shelter, but the City will continue to provide the shelter a facility, capital improvements at that facility and animal control officers at no cost.

Terms of the new agreement include an annual payment from the City to FAAS not to exceed \$804,300. The earlier contract included a \$300,000 annual payment. The City will base any annual increases on the cost of living. The \$804,300 will cover 58 percent of FAAS' budget. The new contract requires FAAS to provide the remaining 42 percent of its budget through fundraising

and fees.

Historically, the Alameda Police Department (APD) has provided animal care and control. In 2011, during the recession, the City required each department, including APD, to absorb the brunt of budget cuts. To comply, APD chose to turn the operation of the shelter over to a nonprofit.

When the community expressed a strong interest in FAAS taking over the shelter, the City and FAAS inked a 15-year contract to start in January 2012. FAAS operated the shelter for five years until early 2016, when the nonprofit approached the City and said that the existing contract was not providing sufficient funding.

The City hired Wildan Financial Services Inc. to look at FAAS' financial situation and better understand its budget. Wildan worked with an industry expert from the Peninsula Humane Society to help evaluate FAAS' positions, job descriptions and budget.

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Richard Hausman

Firefighters work to extricate accident victims from a truck at Park Street and Webb Avenue. The truck collided with a minivan at Park Street and Lincoln Avenue, spun out of control, rolled and came to rest at Webb. The accident killed two people in the truck and injured the other five passengers, as well as the minivan passenger.

Fatal Rollover Accident Mars Memorial Day

Two teens lose their lives; speeding likely played a role

Dennis Eanosky

A motor-vehicle accident on Park Street at Lincoln Avenue has taken the lives two teenagers. A truck with seven people aboard collided with a minivan just after 8 a.m. on Memorial Day. According to witnesses, the truck was speeding southbound on Park Street when it clipped the front of the minivan at Lincoln Avenue. One witness recalled the truck going so fast the it went airborne as it crossed the Park Street Bridge.

The impact caused the truck to spin out of control and roll onto its roof. It came to a rest at Webb Avenue, where it damaged a tree and the Alameda Bicycle sign. The accident crushed the truck's roof, trapping the victims. Firefighters had cut the roof off the truck with the Jaws of Life.

Briana Ortega, 17, from Hayward, a passenger in the truck died at the scene. Paramedics removed Simon Sotelo, 17, of Union City, from the truck and transport-

ed him to Highland Hospital, where he later died.

They also transported the truck's other five occupants to nearby hospitals with critical injuries. The minivan had one female occupant. She was also transported to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Alameda Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Team is investigating the accident. Police say it's unclear if drugs or alcohol played a role.

DABA Has New Executive Director

Sun Staff Reports

Downtown Alameda Business Association (DABA) President Donna Layburn has announced the appointment of Janet Magleby as the organization's new executive director. In her new role Magleby will oversee DABA's operational and promotional programs, while developing new programs and events.

"We are thrilled to have Janet join DABA," said Layburn. "She comes to us with more than 25 years experi-

ence in marketing, promotion, PR, and event management."

Magleby has served as marketing director for Bay Area radio stations KGO, KNBR, and 107.7 The BONE, Magleby managed on-air promotional activities for sports teams that included the Giants, the 49ers, the Raiders and the Golden State Warriors.

While working for Ackerley Communications in Seattle, Magleby managed marketing duties for the Seattle SuperSonics. She worked closely with the National Basketball Association on league requirements, promotions, contests, playoffs and All-Star game festivities.

When she arrived in the Bay Area, Magleby crafted public-

ity and promotional campaigns that raised nearly \$2 million for local charities. These include the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Bay Area food banks, and Thanksgiving charities.

She has served in a variety of project leadership roles for many non-profits. Magleby most recently worked as director of marketing and communications for California Shakespeare Theater *Cal Shakes*.

"As DABA's executive director, I am eager to collaborate with business owners, community members, and city officials to promote community and economic growth," Magleby said.

She and her husband, Mitch, have lived in Alameda since 1998.

News in Brief

Sun Staff Reports

CASA hosts film

Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA) is hosting a local showing of the documentary film *Time to Choose*. The film features stories of the innovators, business and government leaders and others fighting on the front lines for a cleaner, more sustainable world.

Following the screening, the film's executive producer Tom Dinwoodie, Alameda resident and Sierra Club executive director Michael Brune and Assemblyman Rob Bonta (AD -18) will lead a panel discussion about what we can do to fix the global threat of climate change.

Join them next Wednesday, June 7, at Michaan's Alameda Point Theater, 2700 Saratoga St. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; a wine and cheese fundraising reception will precede the movie.

To register, visit Eventbrite.com and search for "Time to Choose Alameda."

Meals on Wheels needs help

Alameda Meals on Wheels needs weekend volunteers to help deliver meals. Teams work out of Bay View Nursing, 516 Willow St. One person drives and the other takes the meals to the doors.

This is a great way to teach children to do volunteer work (and a great way to start the day). Help the community and bring joy to someone in need. Additional

volunteer opportunities arise from time to time including administrative tasks.

Student volunteers are welcome. To sign up, call 865-6131.

Museum closes for facelift

The Alameda Museum, 2324 Alameda Ave., has closed its doors temporarily. Curator George Gunn, is working on displaying previously unseen artifacts at this showcase for local history.

The museum has received a pair of generous gifts and is using the money to expand its display area. Gunn is dusting off items from the warehouse. He has already filled the former art gallery and his former office with artifacts, some that have not been seen for more than 25 years.

"The new exhibits enhance the museum and its reputation," Gunn said. The museum has not scheduled a reopening date.

Love Our Island Pride

Mayor Trish Spencer and the members of the City Council invite the community to join them on the steps of City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave. at 7 p.m., next Tuesday, June 6.

"We will gather just before the City Council meeting to celebrate Pride Month here in Alameda," Spencer said. "We want to create awareness about the importance of diversity in our community."

Tucker's will have "Love Our Pride," ice cream available at the gathering for all to enjoy.



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The Home of Truth at 1300 Grand St. will receive one of the seven Alameda Architectural Preservation Society awards at Sunday, June 4's ceremony at the Alameda Point Theater. The society is honoring the spiritual center's board of trustees for maintaining the building's "health and well being." Over the years the trustees have replaced the foundation, upgraded the electrical system, maintained the gardens, reshingled the roof and, more recently, applied a fresh coat of paint to the exterior.

Preservationists Set for 20th Annual Awards

Dennis Eanosky

The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS) will host its 20th Annual Awards Gala at 7 p.m., this Sunday, June 4 at Michaan's Alameda Point Theater, 2700 Saratoga St.

This year's recipients include the California Department of Transportation for its restoration of the Alameda Portal of the Posey Tube. Alameda Municipal Power will also receive an award for restoring

Alameda's streetlights. The society will also honor the Home of Truth on Grand Street.

Individuals receiving honors from AAPS this year include Monica and Miquel Trejo for restoring the facade of Wescafe on Webster Street. Ruben and Aracella Quezada will receive an award for the restoration of their fire-damaged Victorian-era home on Central Avenue.

The society will honor Lois and Bill Francis for their redesign of the

early 20th-century Craftsman-style wrap-around porch on their late 19th-century Eastlake-style home on Grand Street.

One restoration caught the eye of all Alameda. AAPS is honoring the team of Denise Shelton, Betsy Mathieson, Jack Mingo and Jim Manning. They rolled up their sleeves, formed the Save the Bench Committee and restored the "My Dumb Friends" bench in Jackson Park.