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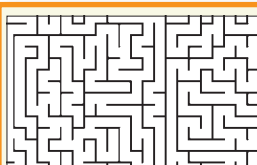
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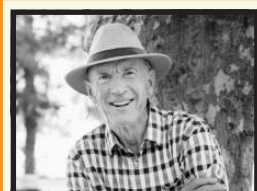
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NBC Bay Area, Bob Redell

Hornet Welcomes New Citizens

Dennis Evanosky

On Monday, July 3, 75 people celebrated America's 241st birthday by becoming United States citizens aboard the *USS Hornet*. These brand-new Americans hailed from 26 different counties on five continents. The new citizens were part of 65 Independence Day-themed naturalization ceremonies held across the country as 15,000 people took the oath of citizenship in public libraries, national parks, museums and on baseball fields. One ceremony took place at Monticello, the home of founding father Thomas Jefferson.

Bridging Gap in Island Trail

Sun Staff Reports

The City Council will review additional information on the proposed Cross Alameda Trail gap on Atlantic Avenue at its Tuesday, July 18, meeting.

The project is called the Cross Alameda Trail (CAT) Atlantic Gap. Currently there are two segments of CAT approved. The Ralph Appenzato Memorial Parkway (RAMP) segment from Main to Webster streets and the Jean Sweeney Park segment from Constitution Way to Sherman Street. However, these two trails are separated by a one-block gap on Atlantic Avenue between Webster Street and Constitution Way.

Over this past year, city staff worked with interested parties, including AC Transit, to provide a safe connection between the 500-foot gap.

On April 18, City Council approved a design concept that will

add a mid-block crossing; a two-way, 10-foot-wide, protected bicycle lane on the south side of Atlantic; a raised corner safety island that will create a protected area for people biking to wait for the traffic signal; and a six- to 7.9-foot-wide sidewalk. The project will also improve bus stops by adding a railing between the bus stop and the protected bicycle lanes; and remove the step up to the bus stop, and create a fully level corner plaza that seamlessly connects to the bus stop.

However, Council still had questions about the project and requested enhanced renderings before it approves the project.

Questions asked by councilmembers included whether to allow a mid-block left turn into the Housing Authority driveway on 701 Atlantic Ave. City staff recommend against it, given the number of other

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News in Brief

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Council Considers Site A Amendment

On Wednesday, July 5, Alameda City Council considered an amendment to the Alameda Point Site A Plan, for the portion of Alameda Point currently under development. Alameda Point Partners and the City have created a solution that would maintain the integrity of the original development while delivering the need for housing.

The amendment's passage means that the 800 units of housing should be delivered sooner and a new ferry terminal at Seaplane Lagoon will be fully funded by 2020. The amendment also provides \$93 million in funding for infrastructure improvements so that construction of Site A can finally break ground. The project is expected to bring thousands of union jobs to the Island and begin the redevelopment of Alameda Point.

Skateboard Tournament this Saturday

On Saturday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. skateboarders will be competing in the third annual Clay "C-Bone" Harding skate tournament. This is an all-day family-friendly event in which 100 percent of the proceeds will go towards the City View Skate Park.

The event will feature local bands, live entertainment, great food and an auction to help raise funds for the skate park. In past years, funds have been spent to improve the park with a mural, sculpture and a shade structure.

This year's tournament hosts aim to put proceeds toward the installation of outdoor lighting. The tournament will be held at the Cityview Skatepark located at 1101 W. Red Line Ave.

The entry fee for participants will be \$5. Registration starts at 10 a.m. and will be on-site only. Limited seating will be available.

For more information, contact Rachel Campos de Ivanov at rcampos@alumni.haas.org.

Have Car Seats Inspected

On Saturday, July 22, Alameda Police Department will be hosting a free event open to the public inspecting and installing child car seats to ensure their safety. The event will be held at the Alameda Police Department, 1555 Oak St., from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 337-8417.

Power Outage Stifles Hornet July 4 Fundraiser

The USS Hornet Museum reported losing a large share of its annual funding due to a power outage the evening of July 4. Many West End businesses were forced to close because of the lack of power, and *Hornet* officials ended up canceling the holiday fundraiser. Donations are being accepted to recover lost revenue that funds the ship's ongoing restoration effort and educational programs. For more information, visit www.usshornet.org.

Temple Leadership Let Go

Jewish News of Northern California is reporting that financial issues at Temple Israel in Alameda forced the congregation's board to let go of their clergy, Rabbi Barnett Brickner and Cantor Brian Reich. The decision was made when membership dropped from 148 families to 120 (it is currently 100 families).

Temple Israel held a town hall meeting to address people's concerns and according to Congregational president Genevieve Pastor-Cohen, the temple's finances are now stable, since it no longer has to pay those two salaries. Pastor-Cohen said the temple needs to be more in touch with its community in order to keep it open. The temple plans to bring in a cantor for the High Holy Days and other services and to add more family and adult programming.



All photos Maurice Ramirez unless noted

Another Amazing Alameda Fourth

Eric J. Kos

Alameda once again did the nation proud with its display of patriotism and local flavor, presenting more than 160 entrants in the annual Mayor's Fourth of July Parade. The 3.3-mile parade route was lined end-to-end with spectators on both sides of the street with very few gaps between them along the way.

Each year a panel of judges selects the finest parade entries in several categories. The top

honor, called the Mayor's Trophy was awarded to The Haighters, the neighborhood group from the 300 block of Haight Avenue that proclaimed the message "Everyone Belongs Here" from its parade entry.

In the vehicles category the Sikh Riders of America took first place, the U.S. Coast Guard came in second and Recruiting Families and their Whale Boat earned a third place trophy tied with the Alameda High School

Cheerleaders.

In the floats category, first place went to Alameda Theatre and Cineplex, second place to The Haighters (entries can win in multiple categories) and third place to the Alameda Girls Softball Association.

In the bicycles category: the Boy Scouts of America came in first, the Cargo Bike Brigade earned second place and parade mainstay Mark Betz as Charlie Chaplin earned third place.



In the walking category, Heat Danceline, an Oakland-based majorette dance team took first place honors. Second went to the Rhythmix Art Jam, a group of artists who meet regularly at Rhythmix Cultural Works. The Encinal High School Cheerleaders took third place.

Among School Marching Bands there was just one band to honor, the ever-impressive Lincoln Middle School band that took first place. Among Civilian Marching Bands The 77 Lancers were the only entrant in the category, and earned first place as well. Among School Band Floats, Encinal High School earned first place, second



went to Alameda High School and in third place was Academy of Alameda. Civilian bands who earned awards were: The Doug Linney Band in first, The Barefoot Quales in second and The Vinyl 4 in third place.

In the Equestrian category, Mounted Group honors went to Los Amigos Vaquero. In the Charro Group, first place went to Otaez Mexican Restaurant, second to Rancho El Afortunado and third to Hayward Hills Charro. In the Silver Mounted Open Virgil took the top honor. The Sweepstakes honor went to Rancho El Afortunado as well.

Three photos above, left and below: Hans Siebert

