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Alameda Greets New Sister City

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Alameda has a new sister city in Dumaguete, which is in Negros Oriental in the Philippines. Manuel Sagarbarria, the mayor of Dumaguete, right, visited Alameda last Saturday. Above, Vice Mayor Frank Matarrese looks on as Mayor Trish Spencer receives a miniature Dumaguete Cathedral belfry, fashioned in Dumaguete of semi-precious stones. Dumaguete joins Alameda's sister cities Lidingo, Sweden; Arita, Japan; and Wuxi, China.

News in Brief

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City Council Meets Tonight

The City Council will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. this evening, Thursday, June 11. The Social Service Human Relations Board is scheduled to present its homeless survey.

Councilmembers will discuss the collection of delinquent business license and garbage collection fees through property tax bills.

They will also consider the qualifications for a new city manager, as well as a recruitment brochure and the selection process for the job. In addition, councilmembers will discuss liaisons for subcommittees to interact with the Alameda Health Care and Alameda Unified School District boards of directors.

Fair Tickets Available

Fair time is fun time, and Alamedans will have their chance to do just that. For the 14th consecutive year, Director Emeritus Anthony

"Lil" Arnerich will distribute discount tickets and Fair Events Brochures this Saturday, June 13, at the Alameda City Hall parking lot from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Alameda County Fair, one of the top 50 fairs in North America, opens Wednesday, June 17, and closes Sunday, July 5.

Summer Fair on Horizon

The Alameda Welfare Council is hosting its 87th Annual Summer Faire on Wednesday, July 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Albert W DeWitt "O" Club, 641 West Red Line Ave.

Tickets are \$60 each and include a noontime buffet luncheon catered by Asena Restaurant. Proceeds benefit nonprofits that serve the residents of Alameda.

Arrive early to shop at the home and garden boutique, the country kitchen and jewelry booths, silent auction items will also be available. Raffle tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$20.

For tickets and reservations contact Roxanne LeBlanc 769-9749.

Encinal Teacher's Assignment Raises Eyebrows

Encinal High School teacher Wing-Wah Leung was placed on leave last Thursday, June 4, after it was discovered he gave his students an extra credit assignment that was deemed inappropriate.

School district officials said the Leung, a geometry teacher, will remain on leave through the end of the school year, which is today. It is not yet known if he will face further sanctions.

Leung allegedly told his 10th grade students that they would receive a grade boost if they "took selfies with their parents' sex toys and condoms" and send them to him. School officials would not say when the inappropriate action took place, but a parent of one of the students learned about the assignment on May 1. Leung is also the Encinal women's junior varsity basketball coach.

Clearing up the Point Confusion

John Knox White

There's a lot of confusion out there about the Alameda Point Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that was approved last year. It can be summed up as: "the City says that all the development will only cause one car to go through the Tube."

This confusion began with Eugenie Thomson's opinion piece that stated, "The City Council must look at the plain facts in the EIR and perform a reality-based traffic study before any new development at Alameda Point." This is unsurprising, as Thomson often states that "plain talk is where the truth resides," when criticizing public interest documents.

Some are quick to point out that Thomson often glosses over important facts and factors in order to reduce complex issues to overly-simplistic anti-development slogans. This is just such a case. She ignores plain facts that supports the very thing her instincts are telling her is wrong.

Here are the reasons that one-new-car is not as crazy as it sounds.

An EIR is a report that the city is required to create that alerts decision makers about how a proposed development will impact their community. The Alameda Point EIR covers the full project, which at Alameda Point is potentially 1,200 new homes and 3.5 million square feet of commercial space with 8,000 new jobs. The report indicates that the proposed project will have traffic impacts across the island and that the impacts are likely unavoidable. In making these findings, the report relies on a very sophisticated traffic model that was developed by Alameda County and based on real-world analysis.

In 2013, when Thomson originally provided this data to the city as a part of the EIR process, I, too, was surprised and concerned. It just didn't seem to make sense. As a Planning Board member, I asked staff to look into it, and made sure that it was publicly discussed at the hearings about the EIR. Thomson was in the audience, and I have been surprised that she continues to present this information as it was not known and never considered.

It was; here are the facts to support its surprising conclusion.

When the project is completed, the EIR projects that during the most congested hour of the day, the project would generate approximately 340 new trips through the tubes and over the bridges. The 1,200 households would generate these, and because not all people go to work at the same time, and

Counterpoint

some don't leave the island at all, 340 new cars during one hour generated by 1,200 homes is definitely a realistic projection.

Additionally, the EIR model projected that approximately 340 trips that are currently trips going off-island during that same hour would shift to go to Alameda Point instead. This assumption is based on the fact that Alameda Point is projected to have 8,000 jobs and that households that currently travel to off-island job locations would shift to Alameda Point.

In the end, the EIR found that the traffic at peak hour through the tube due to the development would remain essentially even.

Consider how this is reality-based and supported by current behavior in Alameda.

Thirty percent of Alameda's employees who don't work from home are also residents of Alameda. This data comes from the Census' American Community Survey (ACS). So if there are 8,000 new jobs projected for Alameda Point. Based on current reality, about 2,500 of those jobs would be held by Alamedans.

The ACS also tells us that about 20 percent of employees go to work at peak hour, so if there are 2,500 Alameda residents now working at Alameda Point, about 500 of those are trips that used to go through the tubes. For those keeping track, that's more trips than the city's traffic model predicts. This means that if current trends hold, the impact of full-on Alameda Point development could even remove traffic from our bridges and tubes that it creates. Looked at in this light, the 340 trips shifting from our estuary crossings to Alameda Point looks overly conservative.

Some will say, "But people who have jobs outside of Alameda won't just quit and work at Alameda Point." It's a good point, and true. But consider that the census tells us that 65 percent of Alameda residents moved into their current home in the last 15 years. Alameda's housing, which is 52 percent renters, is highly mobile. As one family moves out, new ones, many with jobs in Alameda and at Alameda Point, will move in.

There's an old saying: You can have your own opinion, but you can't have your own facts. As we head into next week's discussion about Alameda Point, it's wise advice that we should all consider as we share our individual, valid opinions.

John Knox White sits on the city's Planning Board.

Local Deaths

Three-Term Mayor Passes

William 'Bill' McMahon McCall

Native of Alameda • Oct. 26, 1913 ~ May 29, 2015

Alameda native William M. McCall Sr. passed away at the Alameda Hospital after a short illness on May 29, at the age of 101. He was born on Oct. 26, 1913, in the family home on Park Street.

He was the beloved husband of Georgalee McCall for 76 years and the loving father of William McCall (Toni) and James McCall (Beverly); the grandfather of Debra Almason (Vince), Michael McCall, Gerilee Bienick and Colleen Laszlo (Tom). He is also survived by many great grandchildren. He attended Porter school and graduated from Alameda High School in 1933. He worked at Pacific Telephone & Telegraph for 39 years.

McCall dedicated his life to public service. He began serving on the City Council in 1953, and served as the mayor of Alameda for three terms, from 1957 to 1969. (3 terms of 2 years each) Just a few of his accomplishments include being elected to Alameda City Council first term in 1953 and his last election was in 1971.

He was a president the Mayors and Councilmen's Department, League of California Cities. He was also president of the East Bay Division, member of the board of directors, president of Alameda County Mayors' Conference, member of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, board of directors representing East Bay Division-Alameda & Contra Costa Cities, member of Alameda County Mayors' Conference, Vice Chairman & County Representative on Regional Airport System Study Committee, member of Alameda County Airports Land Use Planning Commission, member of Alameda County Commission on Aging, Fish & Game Commission and president of the City of Alameda Public Utilities Board.

He was also a member of the Associated Sportsmen of California (president 1952), District Council #3, Associated Sportsmen of California (president 1947), president of Alameda Rod and Gun Club (oldest

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Sand Castle Contest Reveals Amazing Creations

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Staff at the Alameda Recreation and Parks Department had an unprecedented number of visitors to this year's Sand Castle and Sand Sculpture Contest held last Saturday (above). Among the 425 total people competing, 47 were sand castle architects and 55 were sand sculptors.

The Sand Castle Best of Show award went to Brent, Marcie, Elias, Sam, Maitren, Bode and Camela of Oakland. Sand Sculpture Best of Show award went to the Nguyen Family of San Jose for "Goldfish."

Sand castle ribbon winners for the 12-and-under category went to first place, The Dude Cortez Medina of Oakland; second place, Team Schmoor, Declin and Roan Enna of San Francisco; and Spencer and Samuel Lee of Alameda in third.

Ribbons in the 13-and-over category went to first place, Haggistry,

Arjo, Finn, Williams of Alameda; second, the Jane Group of Alameda and the Urban Gorillas of Oakland in third.

In the family category second place went to the Schablaske family of Moraga and Small Size Big Minds

of Alameda came in third.

Sand Sculpture ribbon winners for the 12-and-under category went to first place, Kai Thomas and William Hashimoto of Orinda for "Mermaid;" second place, Ava, Ava, Sage, Bella and Hannah of Alameda for "Volcano;" and Sharon, Danielle, Karen and Shirley Atlas of Alameda in third with "Spider."

In the 13-and-over category, ribbons went to first place, Brandi Bunch: Braiden, Kyle, Perri, Zoli, Rosane and Brandi of Alameda for "Ship Wreck;" second place, Pengxu, Huan, Eric and Huifang of Sunnyvale and Redwood City for "Great Wall;" and Parsons, Botsford, Cushing and Fuller of Alameda for "Corn."

In the family category, second place went to the Mandrosbell family of Oakland for "Winnie the Pooh;" and the Mejia Family of Sacramento finished third with "Dino."

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