Planning Commission considers new manufacturing utilities building

by Judith Steinele

On August 27, the Planning Commission considered an application for a new utilities building.

501 Vandell Way:
Allergan Inc., a pharmaceutical manufacturer, had applied to replace an existing site utilities building. The new building would be smaller, but be three stories higher. The remaining open ground would remain fallow at this time. The building would have three of four walls consisting of air-intake louvers, to assist in cooling the equipment inside.

The Commission discussed potential noise and light emissions at length. Staff had not focused on aesthetics, and the applicant had provided no firm data on expected emissions. The Commission’s concern was to prevent an increase in noise and light over current conditions at the site. The existing building has concrete walls, and the equipment inside is scheduled for replacement, preventing useful comparison of emissions with those of the proposed building. The proposed louvers would need to be angled such that light from within the building would be aimed downwards, toward the parking lot. And the sound level coming through the non-solid walls would need to be no more than about the volume of a loud conversation, measured at the edge of the property.

The Commission approved this application, with the condition that the proposed building design pass independent analyses of both light and noise emission levels.

In-N-Out Burger: Of the seven Commission seats, one seat was occupied by Commissioner Risch’s recent resignation. Commissioner Ostrowski was absent from the meeting, and Commissioners Ching and Buchbinder recused themselves from this item. Owing to the lack of a quorum, the item was continued until the Commission’s next meeting on September 10.

Antique Autos in History Park

The 19th annual Antique Autos in History Park, a living history event presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San Jose, will take place on Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 635 Phelan Ave, San Jose, CA) with period-correct pre-1946 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles and motorcycles. The featured vehicles this year are Durant Motors Inc. (1921–1932), Star, Durant, Flint and Locomobile. In addition to many antique vehicles, there will be participation by the Early Day Gas and Fraternal Association, displays of Early Crafts and Antique Collectibles, a Dixieland Band, Singers, Dancers, Barbershop Quartet, Blacksmith Shop Demois, Trolley Rides, History San José Open Houses, Kids Activities, Food and more. An added attraction this year will be the History San Jose Warehouse Sale. The sale features an assortment of vintage textiles, furnishings and other treasures. Bring the family for a day of viewing, entertainment and fun. Admission to the event is $5, (3 yrs +) and free for participants and HSJ members. For more information, contact Peter Jorgensen at peterjorgen@allan@pacbell.net or 408-937-5328 or Allan Greenberg at allan@pacbell.net or 408-997-8879.

Commemorating the end of WW II: Spirit of 45 celebration

by Guy Takamatsu

World War II or the Second World War ended in the year 1945. It was a heavy time for many. The end of WW II was universal, more or less with Japan’s ‘surrender.’ (Actually the Emperor of Japan did not use the word ‘surrender’ but said Japan must ‘bear the unbearable.’) When the war began depended on the country. For China the war may have said to began when Japan invaded Manchuria in 1931. However, at the time Manchuria was not fully integrated into the country of China. The war between China and Japan did officially begin until 1937. At this time Japan, Germany and Italy had a defensive pact against the Soviet Union. Such an agreement did not prevent Nazi Germany from briefly helping Nationalist (KMT) ruled China, led by Chiang Kai-Shek. So it is no accident that the reenactors of the Nationalist Republic of China (ROC) wore German style helmets at this event: In the early part of the Second Sino Japanese War, the Chinese soldiers did indeed wear German style helmets. The war in Europe began in 1939 with the British and French going to war with Nazi Germany. The Soviet Union had an non-aggression pact with Germany and did not officially take sides. With the German invasion of the Soviet Union, the Soviet became allies of the British, the free French and unofficially the United States. With the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, along with the German and Italian declaration of wars on the United States; the United States officially entered the war against both Germany and Japan. The Soviet Union and Japan maintained a neutrality pact until 1941.

Reenactors from the home front as well as the regular military were represented at the event. You may have seen members of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Corp portrayed in the movies. Reenactors from those branches of the service were there, but there were also people dressed as members of the British Women’s Land Army and the British Home Guard. The Home Guard, was composed of people too old or too young to serve in the regular British Army. Their purpose was for the initial home defense of Britannia. Their story was depicted in the situation comedy “Dad’s Army.” The Land Army was composed of women who served in area of food for the British war effort. These women wore hats and had green sweaters. On the U.S. home front, there was someone dressed as a policeman. He carried a baton and a restraining device called “nipper” which were sort of like handcuffs. The nippers were two short metal rods connected by a chain. According to one web article these restraining devices were used in New York until 1958.

It was interesting talking to the various reenactors. One could get very interesting tidbits of information. The Republic of China (ROC) soldiers reenactors, had a variety of equipment. As stated before they wore German helmets. Not all of them wore the helmets. One of them had a straw hat, which this writer mistook for a Vietnamese hat. The reenactor explained that style of straw hat, was the type favored by Sun Yat Sen (Sun Zhong Shan), the “Father of China.” Among the weapons in their collection was a Czech machine gun, a Czech VZ 24 rifle. One of them commented that Czech weapons were the best, even better than German weapons. Since Czechoslovakia was the country in existence at the time, one wonders if those weapons were made in the Czech part or the Slovak part of the country. Perhaps the Slovaks may argue that Slovak weapons are the best. Also included in their arsenal was a Yugoslav made Mauser. It was interesting to see this tribute to the ROC soldiers. In his book AMERICAN SHAOLIN, Matthew Polly mentions, in passing, that while the Chinese Commisaveyists boasted of fighting the Japanese, it was actually the Japanese who took the brunt of the Japanese attack. One of the reenactors, who was originally from Mainland China said that it was indeed true. But when he was in Mainland China, he was given the propaganda line. This writer has no idea how many of the ROC actors were from Mainland China (PRC) and how many were from the Republic of China (ROC or Taiwan). One of the reenactors was dressed as a member of the United States Army Air Corps (the Air Force did not become its own entity until later). He mentioned that officers were expected to pay for their own uniforms. Unlike enlisted personnel they did not get issued a uniform. He also was nice enough to point out a reenactor, whose father was a Tuskegee Airman. This writer's Continued on page 4.
WHO HAS INSPIRED YOU? by Dann Burton

As you read this who comes to mind? In the pages, there are your teacher, neighbor or friend who offered insights? Or perhaps your grandparents, ancestors, great, great-grandparents, stories or wisdom, or humorous events from your family?

When I was very young my Grandma Mary would pull out a big box full of amazing stories and if I didn't have no interest in organizing them! And, as she selected a photo she would tell me wonderful stories about the time, place, events and people in the picture. It was almost a sacred time we shared as I learned about my Scottish Canadian relatives and the characters who shared their lives. She was a great storyteller.

If you are like me, you may have had someone special read

books, tell stories and encourage you to imagine, make up stories, or fall in love with a favorite book. So, now, enjoy taking a quick moment to look back through your life, whether you are a teen, young professional, parent, relative, or retired grandparent. You all have history, stories, and dare I say, some wisdom and wit. What inspires you?

So, here's a thought for today.....Reconnect and say THANK YOU!!

DON'T EMAIL OR TEXT.....GO VISIT!! WE HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO GET THE GOOD STUFF!!

* the sound of a voice * laugh * a huge * a kiss * a smile * the touch of a hand
“Life is not about the milestones, it is about the moments”

WORDS THAT COULD WOUND

With all communication there is:

* The Intention
* The Words
* The Outcome

When outcomes don't match intentions...Could it be the words?

SO LET'S CONSIDER:

* What words could confuse?
* Questions that build rapport
* Powerful words and phrases
* I words that bring smiles & nods

STORIES THAT WOULD HEAL

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