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Belvedere vice mayor resigns

Board was to decide whether to replace Block by appointment or hold special election

By SHAYNE JONES

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Belvedere Vice Mayor Steve Block has stepped down from the City Council less than halfway through his four-year term.

Block submitted his resignation to the city on March 17, Mayor Sally Wilkinson confirmed Monday. Block did not respond to an email or phone call seeking comment.

The council has 60 days from the date of Block's

resignation, or until May 16, to fill the vacancy by appointment or a special election. It was expected to discuss the issue and vote on which method to choose at its March 22 meeting, held after The Ark's press deadline.

In a March 21 interview, Wilkinson called Block a "wonderful partner" on the five-member board.

"I think everyone holds him in very high esteem, and it's very sad that he's no longer going to be

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Block

35% of local
cops falling
short of vax
requirement

By KEVIN HESSEL

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Two Tiburon police officers are entirely unvaccinated for COVID-19 and a quarter of the remaining Tiburon and Belvedere officers weren't current on their boosters as of the March 1 deadline, meaning up to 35 percent of local cops face being reassigned from working with the public if they don't get up to date soon.

Tiburon Police Chief Ryan Monaghan last week said he had no indication his officers wouldn't ultimately get current where required and that his department would continue to comply with county public-health orders.

Under the order issued Feb. 9, all law-enforcement and fire-medical personnel in Marin were

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Speaker lineup set for
March 28 Women's
History Month event

By DEIRDRE McCROHAN

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Hear a lineup of local women speak about their experiences in business, art, health care, culture, history and community service at a March 28 event commemorating Women's History Month.

The panel discussion will be held 4-6 p.m. March 28 at Tiburon Town Hall. It will be moderated by Anette Harris, a member of the town's Diversity Inclusion Task Force.

Scheduled speakers include:

- DeAnn Biss, the executive director of the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.
- Mary Bowles, a volunteer with the Tiburon branch of Marin Villages.

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Giants legend drops in for Little League opening day



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Tiburon Peninsula Little Leaguers and others surround San Francisco Giants legend and Tiburon resident Barry Bonds on March 18 after Bonds and Giants' mascot Lou Seal made a guest appearance for the league's opening-day parade and festivities. Players and families gathered at the southern end of Old Rail Trail, across from the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, and marched down the Tiburon Boulevard sidewalk to Main Street for a block party that featured music, food service from local restaurants, a pitching game for kids, a booth selling league-branded shirts and caps and a fundraising wine and beer bar. The interleague season kicked off the next day at the Strawberry Recreation District playing field. The league expects to field 30 teams with 300 local kids this year. For more information, visit tiburonll.org.

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MEETINGS & AGENDAS

Public meetings of local interest
Tiburon Planning Commission: 6:30
tonight, March 23, by Zoom teleconference.
Members of the public may participate
using meeting ID 881-8516-4640 or by call-
ing 669-900-6833 and entering the meeting
ID when prompted.

**Southern Marin Fire Protection District
board of directors:** 7 tonight, March 23, by
Zoom teleconference. Members of the public
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Tiburon Heritage and Arts Commission:
5:30 p.m. March 28, by Zoom teleconference.
Visit townoftiburon.org/152 ahead of the
meeting for agenda and connection details.

Strawberry Design Review Board: 7:30
p.m. April 4, by Zoom teleconference. Visit
arkn.ws/StrawDRBagendas ahead of the
meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Town Council: 5 p.m. April 6, by
Zoom teleconference. Visit townoftiburon.
org/283 ahead of the meeting for agenda and
connection details.

Tiburon Design Review Board: 6 p.m.
April 7, by Zoom teleconference. Visit

townoftiburon.org/279 ahead of the meeting
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Belvedere City Council: 6:30 p.m. April
11, by Zoom teleconference. Visit cityof-
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**Belvedere Historic Preservation Com-
mittee:** 5:30 p.m. April 12, by Zoom
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**Strawberry Recreation District board of
directors:** 6:30 p.m. April 12, first-floor meet-
ing room, Strawberry Recreation Center,
118 E. Strawberry Drive. Visit strawberry.
marin.org/mtgagenda ahead of the meeting
for agenda details.

Tiburon Diversity Inclusion Task Force: 5
p.m. April 13, by Zoom teleconference. Visit
townoftiburon.org/373 ahead of the meeting
for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Planning Commission: 6:30 p.m.
April 13, by Zoom teleconference. Visit
townoftiburon.org/149 ahead of the meeting
for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Fire Protection District board

of directors: 6:30 p.m. April 13, board-
room, downtown Tiburon fire station,
1679 Tiburon Blvd. Visit tiburonfire.org/
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agenda details.

Tiburon Planning Commission agenda

The Tiburon Planning Commission
meets at 6:30 tonight, March 23, by Zoom
teleconference. Members of the public may
participate using meeting ID 881-8516-4640
or by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the
meeting ID when prompted. The following
items are on the agenda:

- General plan update: Discussion and
comment on staff's recommended strategy
for meeting the town's Regional Housing
Needs Allocation of 639 units, as part of the
housing element of the general plan update.
- Impact of California Senate Bill 9:
Consideration of recommendation to Town
Council for town-initiated amendments to
the Tiburon Municipal Code, adding Chap-
ter 16.53 (two-unit developments) to Chapter
16 (zoning) and Chapter 14-3.313 (urban lot
splits) to Chapter 14 (subdivision of land).

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Developers work to update Mallard Pointe application, with focus on affordable units

By SHAYNE JONES

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The team behind the planned redevelopment of the private Mallard Pointe community between the lagoon and City Hall is working to fill in details the city says it needs before it can deem the application complete — with a particular focus on how many affordable units must be in the plan in order for the project to qualify for key waivers.

Mallard Pointe 1951, an affiliate of Mill Valley-based Thompson Dorfman Partners LLC, wants to replace the existing 22 market-rate units, across nine duplexes and a fourplex, with a 42-unit complex featuring a two-story, 23-unit apartment building, five duplexes and six single-family homes, three of which would have accessory dwelling units. The apartment complex would sit on the residential island along Community Road and the remaining buildings would be along the lagoon.

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Tiburon flies Ukrainian flag over police station in show of solidarity

By DEIRDRE McCROHAN

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Tiburon is flying the Ukrainian flag on town property to show support for the country and its people amid Russia's brazen attack on the sovereign nation.

The Town Council at its March 16 meeting voted 3-0-2 in favor of a resolution of solidarity that includes ordering the Ukrainian flag to be flown below the U.S. flag for 30 days at Town Hall and at the Police Department.

However, Town Manager Greg Chanis said the flag is flying only at the police station, as Town Hall's flagpole has been taken down for the duration of construction for the Belvedere-Tiburon Library expansion, which isn't slated to wrap up until June.

Both Vice Mayor Jack Ryan and Councilmember Alice Fredericks abstained from the vote, saying that while they didn't oppose the sentiment behind the resolution, they didn't want the town to wade into matters beyond the town's jurisdiction.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has been underway for more than three weeks, with



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The blue and yellow flag of Ukraine is seen over the Tiburon Police Department on March 21 in the town's show of solidarity after the sovereign nation was attacked by Russia.

President Vladimir Putin's forces bombing not only military targets but residential areas and civilian infrastructure. The attack has forced more than 3 million people to flee the country.

The Tiburon resolution was spearheaded by Town Councilmember Holli Thier.

"I do think it's important that we condemn what's happening in Ukraine, the loss of life," she said. "I think it's up to 2 (million) or 3 million people now who are refugees,

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Board backs pickleball at Teather Park as players, neighbors turn out in force

By DEIRDRE McCROHAN

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A controversial proposal to allow pickleball at the Teather Park tennis courts off downtown Tiburon is headed to the Town Council.

The Parks, Trails and Open Space Commission voted 4-0 at its March 15 meeting to recommend striping and nets for partner play at the park's lower court, with

sound-mitigation measures to lessen the impact on neighbors. Town Associate Engineer David Eshoo said the cost would be less than \$1,000; a companion request for a solo-play backboard, costing about \$5,000, has been dropped for now. Commissioner Angela McInerney was absent from the meeting.

The parks commission received 85 letters and emails, most in favor of the sport, though most who spoke at the online meeting were

against the idea.

The proposal to allow pickleball on the town-owned courts came from Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation, also known as The Ranch, which manages organized sports at local recreation facilities. Executive Director Jessica Hotchkiss said she had received a lot of requests to offer it at more courts; The Ranch already has pickleball

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Parks board recommends dogs be leashed at Cypress Hollow park

Dogs would no longer be allowed to roam off-leash at Cypress Hollow Park under a rule change proposed by the Tiburon Parks, Open Spaces and Trails Commission.

The commission at its March 15 meeting voted 4-0, with Angela McInerney absent, to recommend the Town Council require all dogs to be on-leash at the park, located at the corner of Cypress Hollow and Rancho drives in the Cypress Hollow neighborhood west of Blackfield Drive.

The council could adopt the rule change as soon as its next meeting, on April 6.

Town Associate Engineer Dave Eshoo said staff has received complaints from parents that dogs are running loose in the park and are frightening children.

The town already requires that dogs be leashed along the entire length of Old Rail Trail, in South of the Knoll park and playground, at Zelinsky Park, Railroad Marsh and at Shoreline Park along the first block of Paradise Drive. Dogs must also be on leash while walking on any street, sidewalk or parking lot of downtown Tiburon or any other commercial district.

Earlier this year, the council banned dogs from McKegney Green altogether, citing a desire to preserve the \$2-million field renovation completed in 2019.

At the same meeting, the commission appointed a subcommittee of Chair Chuck Hornbrook and Commissioner Timothy Burr to review and consider possible updates to the section of the town's municipal code relating to animals. As part of that work, the commission will consider requiring leash rules for other parks that don't currently have them, such as the mini-park in the Belveron neighborhood and the pocket park off Claire Way.

Any subcommittee recommendations would come back to the full commission and then would go on to the Tiburon Town Council for consideration and adoption.

— Deirdre McCrohan

Proposed beach volleyball court at Tiburon shoreline to head to council

By DEIRDRE MCCROHAN
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A proposed beach volleyball court at South of the Knoll Park has the support of the Tiburon Parks Commission and will now head to the Town Council for further consideration.

The commission at its March 15 meeting voted 4-0 to ask the council to consider putting the project in its five-year capital improvement program and discuss it at its upcoming annual goal-setting retreat. Commissioner Angela McInerney was absent from the meeting.

The beach volleyball plan was conceived and pitched by Del Mar neighborhood resident Matt Hart, a player since high school who now coaches youth volleyball. He first brought the idea to the parks commission in January and originally pushed for putting the courts at the former Richardson Bay Sanitary District settlement ponds, which sit between McKegney Green and the district's Blackie's Pasture headquarters and are set to be acquired by the town. However, the town doesn't yet own the ponds property, which must be decommissioned and cleaned up to the satisfaction of the California Water Quality Control Board. The entire process could take several more years.

Commissioners directed staff to research the zoning uses and ground-water levels for different sites under consideration: South of the Knoll Park, McKegney Green and the ponds site.

That research wasn't discussed at the March 15 meeting. Instead, the commission jumped right into consideration of Hart's new, more detailed proposal offering three possible options for a court at South of the Knoll Park.

One option showed one court placed against the knoll, between the site's two existing children's playgrounds, which are for different ages, and the bayside path.

The second option shows two courts located side-by-side but would require the relocation of the existing little kids' playground and swing set.

A third option shows two courts installed at the northern end of McKegney Green playing field. However, Hart noted the site is undersized and would require removing trees and the swing set.

Hart said he favors the second option and said the town should renovate the two playgrounds at the same time.

He said a 50-by-80-foot court would cost about \$100,000, and two courts would cost \$150,000.

If the installation of the courts also involved a complete upgrade of the

children's playgrounds and addition of two more public restrooms, the cost more likely would push to \$1 million, said Town Associate Engineer David Eshoo.

Eshoo noted in an email that the groundwater level would not be a problem at the South of the Knoll Park site, and zoning in that area would allow for a volleyball court.

However, the proposed locations at South of the Knoll would be about 50 feet from the bay, so the project would require approval of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Commission Chair Chuck Hornbrook said he thought a court at South of the Knoll Park was a great location. He noted there is a "need and desire" for such a court, as residents are having to drive to other places to pursue recreational opportunities, putting more cars on Tiburon Boulevard.

"I think we're doing the community a disservice by not having it," he said.

Colleague Liz Judge also backed the idea and said the park was a good location, assuming it passes environmental review.

"That park could use a refresh," she said.

Commissioner Timothy Burr said

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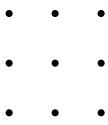
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Council tentatively backs changes for tree, view disputes

By **DEIRDRE MCCROHAN**

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The Tiburon Town Council has tentatively agreed to changes to rules governing neighbor disputes when trees grow to block views and sunlight, though it wants staff to continue honing the language of the changes before it formally adopts them.

The council discussed the issue at its March 16 teleconference meeting, but put off a vote until at least April 6 to give the town attorney time to craft the desired language.

The current ordinance establishes the right of residents to preserve views or sunlight that existed at any time since they

purchased or occupied a property from unreasonable obstruction by the growth of trees.

The town has a set of criteria to determine if an obstruction is unreasonable, including the quality of the view, such as blocking a landmark or vista. Neighbors are encouraged to work out the problems on their own but, if that fails, the complaining party is to offer mediation, and the tree owner has up to 30 days to either accept or reject the offer. If mediation is rejected, the complaining neighbor may sue.

Residents of the Reedlands neighborhood have pressed for changes, saying the town-required process doesn't build in adequate

protections for tree owners who are forced into expensive mediation or litigation by neighbors seeking to restore or even expand their views at the tree owners' expense.

Those residents suggested changes to the section of the rules regarding tree claims. Currently, if mediation fails or is rejected by the tree owner, the complaining party must prepare a tree claim to pursue litigation. That claim must include a description of the alleged obstruction and evidence that initial reconciliation and mediation efforts have failed, among other things.

They want the tree claim to be made by the complaining party after reconciliation fails but at least 90 days in advance

of making a demand for mediation. That so-called "safe harbor" period is intended to give the tree owner sufficient time to take appropriate corrective action or prepare for mediation so the process has the "highest likelihood of success."

They also proposed that any complaining party who fails to comply with the tree-claims preparation requirements would be responsible for paying the "reasonable expenses and attorney fees" incurred by the tree owner in obtaining compliance.

However, the council has also heard from residents who said the current tree ordinance

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Tiburon survey seeks input on town's housing strategies, challenges

The team preparing Tiburon's 20-year blueprint for growth has launched a second survey on the town's housing needs and potential sites and strategies for accommodating new units.

The survey was created by the town and O'Rourke and Associates, the consulting firm tasked with updating Tiburon's general plan that guides the next couple decades of growth and development.

It follows a Feb. 22 workshop held by the firm on housing, the second such forum held on the topic.

The general plan's housing element must be updated every five to eight years and must contain a demographic and housing-needs analysis, an evaluation of the current housing element, constraints on development and a site inventory, among other sections.

State mandates dictate Tiburon must plan for 649 new units in its 2023-2031 cycle; that allocation doesn't require the town to build the housing, only to identify potential sites and rezone to allow for development.

To take the survey, visit createtiburon2040.org. — *Deirdre McCrohan*

Council OKs additional \$225K for general plan update

By **DEIRDRE MCCROHAN**

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Tiburon has authorized spending an additional \$225,000 to prepare the diversity, sustainability and housing elements of its general plan, the overarching document that guides the growth and development of the town.

The Town Council at its March 16 meeting voted unanimously to approve a budget amendment to cover the increased cost of work by O'Rourke and Associates, the consulting firm leading the plan update.

The additional funds will cover the cost of a sub-consultant to help craft the town's long-term diversity and inclusion goals, a new element of the plan. At the same

meeting, the council voted unanimously to approve a \$97,730 contract with Oakland-based consultant Ricardo Huerta Niño, who will lead that work.

Huerta Niño was recommended to the council as the top candidate by the town's Diversity Inclusion Task Force, which includes all five councilmembers and five members of the public.

Huerta Niño is currently working as an independent consultant for the city of San Rafael, the Transportation Authority of Marin, the African American & Latino Action Alliance, the Canal Alliance and the Soros Fellowships for New Americans.

The additional \$224,993 in funding will also cover preparation of the sustainability element, which is being added to the plan

for the first time at the request of the Town Council. It will examine issues such as climate change, transit-oriented design, green building, waste reduction and recycling, energy conservation, renewable energy and water quality.

O'Rourke and Associates must also do supplemental work on the housing element in response to recent changes in state law.

Other elements in the general plan include land use, downtown, open space and conservation, parks and recreation, public safety and sea-level rise.

The firm is expected to have a draft of the plan ready for review by the town and the public later this year.

Reach Deirdre McCrohan at 415-944-4634.

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he had warmed to the idea.

"I think there's plenty of room down in that area for a court," he said.

However, he called Hart's proposal "a little half baked." He said he thought it was premature to send the idea to the Town Council, noting that more consideration should be given to the ponds and other locations. He feared the bay commission would subject the South of the Knoll Park site to a lot of scrutiny because of its proximity to the water.

Still, he ultimately voted with the rest of his colleagues to forward the proposal onto the council.

Eshoo said that, if the council puts the project in the town's five-year capital improvement program, it doesn't mean it would get done during those five years. He said the Town Council could decide that it wants to wait until there's a facilities master plan for the entire lineal park.

The date for the council's annual goal-setting retreat has not yet been set.

Reach Tiburon reporter Deirdre McCrohan at 415-944-4634.



ELLIOT KARLAN / FOR THE ARK

Librarian Alicia Bell reads aloud to kids during the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's children's story time on March 16. The library restarted the popular program, which had been on hold for more than two years due to the pandemic and construction related to the library's ongoing expansion project.

Belvedere-Tiburon Library restarts Wednesday story time for kids

Belvedere-Tiburon Library has brought back its popular children's story time after a two-year hiatus prompted by the pandemic and expansion construction.

The half-hour of stories and songs, led by Children's Librarian Alicia Bell, will run 3:30-4 p.m. Wednesdays on the new outdoor patio of the library's expanded

children's wing.

The story time is geared toward kids 5 and younger, but elementary-school siblings are welcome.

Capacity is limited to 15 children, so reservations are required. Enter through the back door off the new parking lot off Mar West Street.

For more information or to register, visit beltlibrary.org/event/outdoor-storytime.

Additional sessions will be added when the expanded library is complete. The \$17.69-million project broke ground in November 2019 and is expected to wrap up in June.

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works and have urged the council not to change it.

At the March 16 meeting, the council backed requiring a complainant to make a written claim before making a demand for mediation.

However, the council majority did not appear to favor the 90-day "safe harbor" period or of approving sanctions against a party who doesn't comply with the process. They suggested the ordinance be crafted to dictate parties spend at least 30 days in reconciliation before moving on to mediation.

The council is also in favor of offering a free hour of mediation at the town's expense and, while the town will provide a list of three mediators, the two parties will have to sign a waiver of liability protecting the town.

Residents have expressed split opinions on whether any changes are necessary.

Wendy Walley, who has said she and her husband are the targets of a litigious neighbor who has forced them into mediation, spoke in support of the amendments.

"This is not just our neighborhood's problem, but the whole community's problem," she said.

Reedlands resident Bob Nadjibi also supported requiring a claim be sent prior to mediation, a 90-day "safe harbor" period

and sanctions for those who don't follow the process.

"Something is broken" with the current ordinance, he said.

However, David Barker, a resident of the Hill Haven neighborhood, said the town needs to be careful when considering complicated changes to an ordinance dealing with such a sensitive issue and not respond to a specific situation. He urged the council and staff to study the matter in more depth and get input from professional mediators and professional arborists about proposed changes to make sure they will solve problems.

George Landau, a resident of Sugarloaf Drive, said he thought a 20-day waiting period would suffice between a claim and mediation.

James Malott, who serves on the town's Design Review Board, called the issue complex. He noted he has been on both sides of the tree-view issue.

"The progressive taking of views by trees on a neighbor's property damages the value of the uphill neighbor and causes tremendous conflict and angst," he said. "The person who has the trees often doesn't recognize the problem."

He noted the town has several prohibited species of trees, but that people planted a lot of them before the town knew they would be a problem.

"The trees aren't providing privacy anymore," he said. "The tops

of the trees are creating a major of loss of value. We need to understand what's at stake."

Councilmembers went back and forth over the draft amendments and tentatively agreed to require the 30-day waiting period between the first letter and a demand for mediation.

Councilmember Noah Griffin continued to push for a requirement that, when a house changes hands, the buyer must be provided with a copy of the tree ordinance and instructions to take pictures of the view.

Mayor Jon Welner said he thought the changes proposed by the council were adequate.

"The ordinance has been in place for a long time," he said. "We have to be careful about changing it."

At the same time, he said he thinks there are some future opportunities for making the tree complaint process "better functioning." He said the changes being considered now are the minimum necessary to make effective change.

Councilmember Alice Fredericks wondered whether the town should put sanctions in the ordinance. She wondered what would keep a tree claimant from flouting the ordinance and going immediately to mediation.

Welner said he understood her point but didn't think it was a good idea for the town to wade into that area.

"The ordinance relies on the good faith of the parties," he said.

Councilmember Holli Thier agreed, noting the process is meant to be informal.

"People can work with each other," she said.

She said she was also concerned about putting time limits on the two parties. Welner said a defined waiting period would create at least a minimum time during which reconciliation could be achieved.

"If you get a notice that someone has a complaint, you should have more than three days" to respond, he said. "I am trying to create a small window of time for a resident who is finding out for the first time, to have a period of reconciliation before they go into mediation."

The current tree ordinance dates to December 1991, when the Town Council then sitting adopted a major overhaul to the rule following years of mounting litigation expenses incurred in the town's defense of its previous regulations. The ordinance was designed to remove the town from direct involvement in enforcement, leaving it to private homeowners instead.

In May 2017, the council slightly modified the ordinance to remove requirements for binding arbitration and streamlining the remedies process.

Reach Tiburon reporter Deirdre McCrohan at 415-944-4634.

SF firm to evaluate diversity in hiring

Tiburon will contract with San Francisco-based human-resources consulting firm ReadySet to examine diversity and equity in town hiring practices.

The Town Council at its March 16 meeting voted unanimously to authorize a \$66,000 contract with the firm, led by founder and CEO Y-Vonne Hutchinson. That amount includes an estimated \$55,000 for a defined scope of work and an \$11,000 contingency. The council approved an amendment to the town's fiscal 2022 budget to cover the cost.

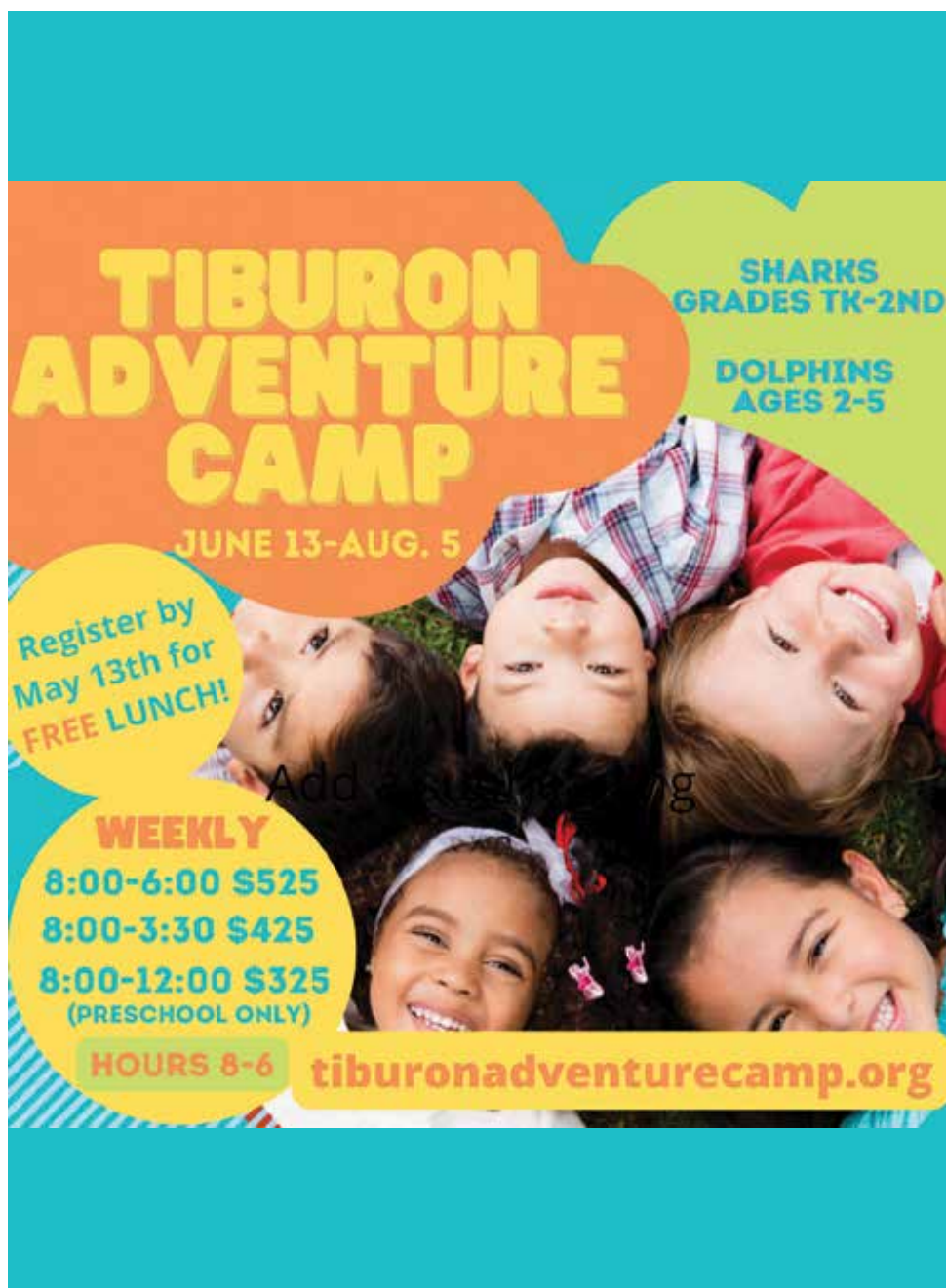
The recommendation to hire a consultant came from the town's Diversity Inclusion Task Force, which includes all five councilmembers and five members of the public.

ReadySet, which specializes in helping organizations embed diversity, equity and inclusion strategies in their practices, was chosen from among 10 firms that submitted proposals.

The firm will conduct an audit of the existing policies and practices related to the town's hiring, advancement, retention and training and make recommendations on how those practices can be improved.

"This is putting our budget where are values are," Councilmember Holli Thier said. "This is what our task force was set up to do."

— Deirdre McCrohan



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Marin races take shape for June 7 primary

Judge Geoffrey Howard of Tiburon is poised to retain his seat on the Marin Superior Court in the June 7 primary — one of several county races in which candidates are unopposed.

The filing period for local, state and federal offices on the ballot closed March 16 for races in which incumbents did not file for re-election. The initial filing period for races that include incumbents closed March 11.

County offices up for election include Superior Court judges 1-6 — Howard is office No. 5 — as well as district attorney, sheriff-coroner, assessor/recorder/clerk and superintendent of schools.

Also appearing on the ballot will be federal and state races for U.S. senator, U.S. representative, state senator, state assembly, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, controller, treasurer, board of equalization, insurance commissioner, attorney general and superintendent of public instruction.

California uses a top-two primary system. For partisan offices, the top two primary finishers, regardless of party, will advance to a head-to-head

runoff in the general election. For nonpartisan offices — state superintendent of public instruction and all the county and judicial offices — a candidate winning a majority of the vote will win outright; otherwise, the top-two vote-getters advance to November's head-to-head.

Marin Supervisor Damon Connolly, who represents San Rafael and the rest of District 1, is running for state assembly against Sara Aminzadeh of Kentfield, a member of the California Coastal Commission; Ida Times-Green, president of the Sausalito Marin City School District board; and Steve Schwartz of Sebastopol. The District 10 seat covers all of Marin County and the southern portion of Sonoma County.

Current District 10 Assemblyman Marc Levine is terming out and has filed to run for state insurance commissioner.

Sen. Mike McGuire, D-Healdsburg, is running to retain his seat, which runs from Marin County up to Humboldt County. Lake County resident Gene Yoon filed a candidate statement to enter the race, but his filing status couldn't be confirmed by The Ark's press deadline.

U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman, D-San Rafael, is seeking another term as representative of District 2, which spans coastal California from Marin to the Oregon border. He will face multiple challengers, including neurosurgeon Archimedes Ramirez of San Rafael and Chris Coulombe of Sonoma County.

Michele Crncich Hodge, a member of the Mill Valley School District board, has filed to run for Marin superintendent of schools against John Carroll, superintendent of the Lagunitas and the Bolinas-Stinson Union school districts. They're seeking to fill the seat of Mary Jane Burke, who decided not to seek an eighth term.

Marin District Attorney Lori Frugoli and county Assessor-Recorder Shelly Scott have both filed unchallenged to retain their respective positions, while the race for Marin County Sheriff will also be uncontested. Current undersheriff Jamie Scardina faces no opposition in his bid to replace the retiring Robert Doyle.

To register to vote, visit registertovote.ca.gov or call 415-473-6456.

— Deirdre McCrohan

Tiburon residents can learn more about neighborhood watch programs

Tiburon residents concerned about security in their neighborhood can form a Neighborhood Watch group, in which neighbors work with the Tiburon Police Department to learn and implement crime-prevention measures, including looking out for each other and immediately reporting suspicious activity in the neighborhood to law enforcement.

Neighborhoods that sign up for the program receive free materials, including an information booklet, decals for windows and signs for their street.

To start a Neighborhood Watch program or just for more information, contact Tiburon police Service Aide Angie Delnevo at adelnevo@tiburonpd.org or 415-789-2801.

— Deirdre McCrohan

Detours in place for paving work April 4-8

Traffic on Tiburon Boulevard between Avenida Miraflores and Rock Hill Road will be rerouted in both directions 8 a.m.-5 p.m. April 4-8 to accommodate repaving as part of the Hawthorne Terrace utility undergrounding project.

Cars will follow a marked detour through residential streets including Rock Hill Road, Hilary Drive and Avenida Miraflores. Traffic control and flaggers will be in place to help keep the flow of traffic moving.

— Deirdre McCrohan

Nature Day is April 2 at Richardson Bay Audubon

The Richardson Bay Audubon Center in Tiburon will host WildCare's free Family Nature Day on April 2, featuring "ambassador" animals, bird-spotting scopes, a scavenger hunt and arts and crafts projects.

San Rafael-based WildCare, a wildlife hospital and education center, has teamed up with Richardson Bay Audubon along with Marin Parks, Marin Humane, the Marine Mammal Center, One Tam's Roving Ranger and

Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue to offer the event, which runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The ambassador animals include a northern spotted owl, opossum and desert tortoise, and other activities include a naturalist-led nature hike, a taxidermy van and dissecting an owl pellet. Participants can bring a picnic or buy lunch from a food truck.

For more information, visit discoverwildcare.org/family-nature-day.

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Planning officials stress community input as city updates its housing plan

By SHAYNE JONES

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Belvedere planning officials say they want to prioritize community input as the city looks to identify potential sites for future rezoning and development as part of its updated housing plan.

The Belvedere Planning Commission at its March 15 teleconference meeting received an update on the plan's progress, with commissioners stressing that community discussions on the draft should be focused and that it be as easy as possible for residents to weigh in.

The housing plan must be updated every eight years; Belvedere is currently working with Monterey-based land-use and environmental-planning consultant EMC Planning Group on the 2023-2031 plan. The housing element is a part of the city's general plan and serves as a blueprint for its growth and development.

Ande Flower, principal planner with EMC, said the goal is to have a draft of the plan submitted to the state sometime between May and July. Before it's submitted, there will be a 30-day public-comment period for the document. The state Department of Housing and Human Development then has 90 days to review the draft; the final plan is

due to the department by January 2023.

Under a state affordable-housing mandate known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation — which breaks down the allotment of new housing that must be accommodated by each city in the Bay Area — Belvedere must plan for 160 new housing units in its 2023-2031 housing cycle, up from 16 in the previous one. The allocation requires the city to plan for 49 very-low-income, 28 low-income, 23 moderate-income and 60 above-moderate-income units.

The allocations don't require the cities to build the housing, only to identify potential building sites and rezone to allow for development.

The city appealed its allocation to the Association of Bay Area Governments in September, in part citing a lack of developable space, but its plea was denied.

At a minimum, the city's housing plan must include an analysis of the housing needs of the city's population, an inventory of housing sites to accommodate future growth, an analysis of housing constraints that impact housing production, programs that implement the city's housing policies and actions that promote and further fair housing opportunities.

Flower said fully planning for Belvedere's housing allocation is crucial in order for the

city to avoid potential \$10,000 per day fines, legal fees, lawsuits, limited access to state funding and even suspension of local control on building matters.

If the city's housing element is turned in to the Department of Housing and Human Development and certified on time, Belvedere will have three years to complete any rezoning necessary to accommodate new housing planned for development. If the element is turned in and certified late, then the city gets one year for rezoning.

EMC is planning on holding a virtual community workshop on April 13 to introduce the housing plan to residents and solicit feedback on potential sites.

However, planning commissioners suggested the consultant hold a community-based focus group ahead of that meeting to help identify and provide input about potential sites.

Commission Chair Pat Carapiet said based on the state's and EMC's timeline, "it

looks like (Belvedere) is a little behind schedule" and noted it would make sense to get a focus group to look at some of the potential sites and come up with additional input from the community so discussions at the April meeting could be more substantive.

Commissioner Larry Stoehr echoed Carapiet's comments, suggesting EMC get a site-specific draft to the commission and public as soon as possible.

"The real comments ... will start then," Stoehr said. "Once the rubber meets the road, that's when you'll see the most discussion."

Flower said his group and the city are not opposed to having additional community meetings, such as the focus group the commission suggested, as long as the project budget allows for it. EMC Planning Group has a \$434,402 contract with the city for its services. Flower said he would talk with the city about what was realistic but made no

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City Council backs commercial-activities ban at public parks

By SHAYNE JONES

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Belvedere will require those hoping to teach fitness classes or sell goods in its public parks to first obtain a permit under a new ordinance that also formalizes several existing soft rules governing the way the parks are used.

The City Council at its March 14 teleconference meeting unanimously backed the ordinance, which will come back before the council at a future meeting for a routine second vote of formal adoption.

Under the new rules, commercial activities — which include fitness classes or the sale of any goods or services offered by individuals or for-profit or nonprofit entities — will not be allowed without permission from the city or Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation, also known as The Ranch.

The council began discussing the ban last

year, after city officials noted there had been an uptick in commercial activity in the city's public parks, which include Community Park next to City Hall, Tom Price Park adjacent to the Old Rail Trail, Centennial Park adjacent to Hawthorne Lane, and Belvedere Land Co. Park on Beach Road.

At the time, Public Works Director Robert Zadnik said those activities conflict with the public nature of city parks. He noted while there has always been a soft policy prohibiting those activities at Community Park, the city had never adopted a formal ordinance banning them.

The council tentatively approved the change, but when the ordinance came back for final approval, Councilmember Nancy Kemnitzer expressed concerns that the rule as written was overly broad and might negatively impact people with mobility issues who need paid assistance to exercise.

Kemnitzer said the city's walkability could be adversely affected by the ordinance because some paths and sidewalks abutting Belvedere's parks are used by residents who can only move around with assistance from care teams or nurses.

She said she wanted a city attorney to parse the wording to make sure it's clear exactly which activities are prohibited and where.

The revised ordinance addresses those concerns, said City Manager Craig Middleton in a report to the council.

This time around, the city also decided to use the ordinance to codify several other soft policies in place around the use of public parks. The new rules specifically prohibit parkgoers from using amplified sound without a permit, dumping trash, damaging natural resources or defacing or damaging property.

The ordinance additionally formally

limits fires to those contained in a portable barbecue grill, loitering or sleeping on park property and posting signs without a special-event permit.

It also defines park hours from sunrise to sunset and the hours of Belvedere Community Center, adjacent to the park, as being open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset, unless a person has a permit for additional hours.

Violators of the ordinance will be subject to a citation.

Mayor Sally Wilkinson asked whether The Ranch's use of the park outside its defined hours would be affected by the ordinance, but City Attorney Amy Ackerman noted the agency already has its own arrangement with the city.

Reach Belvedere and public-safety reporter Shayne Jones at 415-944-4627.

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The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14 in San Rafael is offering a virtual boater-safety class to all ages from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays March 29-May 3.

The class allows participants to meet the requirements to receive a California Boater Card. In 2018, the state began a phase-in-by-age law requiring anyone 16 and older operating a motorized vessel on state waterways to have a boater card. As of Jan. 1, the law covers people ages 45 or younger and will expand to age 50 on Jan. 1, 2023, and to all people regardless of age by 2025.

The class costs \$75. Register at marinboatingclasses@yahoo.com. For questions or more information, contact Mary Kirkwood at 415-209-9999. Boater cards cost \$10 and do not expire; for more information, visit californiaboatcard.com.

—Kevin Hessel

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commitment to holding the focus group ahead of the April 13 session.

Belvedere has launched a website, blueprintforbelvedere.com, to encourage public feedback on housing sites around the city. Residents can visit the site to learn more about state housing laws, discuss particular neighborhoods, identify their favorite spaces in the city for potential development and use a simulator to create their own housing plan. The website also has a form for homeowners to express interest in adding housing units to their property.

Carapiet said she played around with the website and found it "a bit chunky." She noted there should be an option for someone to submit an anonymous comment on the site without having to sign in.

"Things need to be pretty simple," she said. "The more complex they become ... (people) give up."

Flowers invited Carapiet to be a beta-user on the website to provide direct feedback on its navigability.

During public comment, resident Jane Cooper said she was confused about how the community will be able to engage in the planning process.

"Will there be more specific direction, rather than what sounds to me like what could be a free-for-all ... without a focus to it?" Cooper asked.

She said she tried using the housing website but didn't understand what she was supposed to be doing. She said some questions were so open-ended she "didn't even know where to begin."

Resident Susan Cluff —the co-founder of Belvedere Residents for Intelligent Growth, or Brig, an opposition group to

more info

Consultant EMC Planning Group will hold a public workshop to discuss Belvedere's housing plan from 5 to 7 p.m. April 13 on Zoom. For more information or to learn more about the plan, visit blueprintforbelvedere.com.

the 42-unit proposed redevelopment of the private Mallard Pointe community between the lagoon and City Hall — asked how site analysis is reconciled with the safety element and local high-hazard area maps.

"Why would we put more housing in hazard areas?" Cluff asked.

Flower said the state recognizes that housing opportunity sites shouldn't be in areas that are subject to impacts from climate change, like sea-level rise or higher fire hazard.

Resident John Pollak asked when accessory dwelling units will start to be counted against the housing-allocation requirement, noting he and his neighbor are both planning to build one on their properties. Flower said any accessory dwelling units granted building permits after July 2022 can be counted toward the city's housing requirement.

Stoehr asked whether Belvedere could make use of Senate Bills 9 and 10 to help meet the housing allocation.

SB 9, the California Housing Opportunity and More Efficiency Act, allows most homeowners to build two homes or a duplex on a lot zoned for single-family housing, or if the lot's greater than 2,400 square feet, it may qualify to be split into two parcels with two homes or a duplex on each, for four total units.

The goal is not just to create new housing, like second-unit laws, but also to allow for more affordable homeownership opportunities.

Senate Bill 10 allows cities and towns to optionally forgo environmental review and build apartment complexes of up to 10 units on single-family parcels near a mass-transit hub.

Flower said SB 10 is optional. He noted the state sets a very high bar for counting anticipated SB 9 sites toward a jurisdiction's housing allocation.

Property owners interested in building additional units under SB 9 should fill out an interest form on the housing-element website, Flower said, because the city needs to show a direct commitment from property owners to building new housing under the law. If someone fills out that form and indicates how many units they envision developing on their property, that many units will automatically be counted towards the city's housing allocation numbers, as long as the property satisfies SB 9 requirements.

Flower said the city has received no interest forms so far.

Commissioner Peter Mark said as EMC works with the city and community to compile its list of sites, it needs to be clear why they were selected. Context about the overall process is important, he said, "so people understand what's going on in their backyard ... (is) also relevant to the whole city."

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The St. Hilary CYO 6B-Nikfar girls basketball team went undefeated to capture the Marin Catholic Youth Organization East Division championship on March 20. The girls were 8-0 in the regular season, then took out St. Patrick CYO 32-4 in the quarterfinal and interschool rival 6B-Schlunt 20-10 in the semifinal before beating St. Raphael CYO 18-10 in the final. From left are Sam Riley, Lily Sharif, Julia Rivo, Guo-Ting Tseng, Riley Clifford, Olivia Dollard, Arianna Nikfar, Kaia Amir, Olivia Schuman and Audrey Maddox, with head coach Isaac Nikfar and assistant coach Kristine Dollard.



The St. Hilary CYO boys 5A basketball team also went undefeated to win the Marin CYO championship. They were 8-0 in the regular season and took out St. Anthony 41-35 in the semifinal before beating St. Anselm 30-20 in the final March 13. From left are Boden Van Pelt, Casey Nelson, Jackson Tucker, JJ Hendy, Pedro Silva, Mason Gonzalez, Aaron Koval, Grayson Singer, Bennett Adelman and Shane Boyd, with, from left, head coach Tobin Van Pelt and assistants Pete Nelson and Matt Adelman.



The St. Hilary CYO girls 4B basketball team won the Marin CYO East Division championship. They were 5-3 in the regular season to earn the No. 3 seed, then took out St. Raphael-Rabb in the quarterfinal and St. Raphael-Mazurette in the semis before beating Mount Tamalpais CYO 7-5 in the final March 20. Front from left are Grace Gordon, Scarlett Wu and Stella Gonzalez; middle, from left, Gigi Lytle, Jane Zewe, Grace Thanos, Avery Isadore, Caroline Kriens, Ilaria Tomori and Laurel Wu; and coaches Charles Zewe, Erik Kriens, Wayne Wu, Chris Thanos, Eric Issadore and Huntly Gordon.



The St. Hilary CYO boys 7A basketball team took second in the Marin CYO championships. The boys were the top seed, going 7-1 in the regular season and beat St. Anselm 59-52 in the semifinal, but they were bested by No. 3 St. Sebastian 48-35 in the final on March 13. Front from left are JP Acker, Yali Dancig Perlman, Landon Welter and Rosstin Pouradib, and rear from left are assistant coach Will Silverthorne, Isaac Nikfar Jr., Harrington White, Chase Johnson, Mateo Anon, Justin Shern and head coach Neil Caynan.



The Del Mar Middle School seventh-grade boys basketball team beat Kent Middle School 44-34 March 17 to claim the Marin County Middle School Basketball Championship. The team entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed and beat No. 2-seed Mark Day School 51-49 March 15 to advance to the finals. The team includes JP Acker (front); second row, from left, Cooper Milan, Natty Gove, Justin Shern, Landon Welter, Rosstin Pouradib, Cole Frymeir, Logan Scully, Chris Hansen and Cal Fazal; and back, from left, Chase Johnson, Isaac Nikfar, Jack Webb, Max Monteraselli, Harrington White, Mateo Anon and Coach Jason Silva.



The St. Hilary CYO eighth-grade girls basketball team won the Marin Catholic Youth Organization championship by taking out St. Patrick CYO by a score of 60-18 on March 13. The girls were 7-1 in the regular season and beat St. Anthony CYO 50-22 in the semifinal. The team includes, front from left, Jo Parasole, Elsa Merriman, Courtney Wang and Alyssa Huang, and top from left, head coach Spencer Wang, players Anna Beischer, Kitty White, Fiona 'Clutch' Skytt and CaCe Biernat, and assistant coach Tom Beischer.



The Bears beat the Longhorns 19-18 to win the Next Level Sports flag-football third-grade championship on March 20 at Marin Catholic High School. All the Bears players live in Tiburon. Front from left are Mark Evans, Conor Casey, Cooper Evans, Brandon Van Dusen and Luke Coyle; middle from left are Ferdinand Neumeier, Aleko Kuvelis, Weston Cosper, Dylan Boznanski, Caden Greenberg, Korbinian Neumeier, John Stewart and Jonah Weingarten; and rear from left are coaches Mark Evans, Rich Greenberg and Peter Casey.



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POLICE & FIRE REPORTS *March 9-15*

Tiburon police log

Children on board: 7:40 a.m. March 11, a San Rafael Avenue caller reported a car had crossed the double yellow line to pass a school bus. Officers noted they would be on the lookout for the car.

Ding-dong ditch: 7:42 p.m. March 11, a Heathcliff Drive caller reported two teenagers rang their doorbell and then ran away twice. An officer spoke with a nearby neighbor who had two teenagers at their house. The neighbor said he would make sure his children hadn't done it.

Tight squeeze: 1:32 p.m. March 13, a Blackfield Drive caller reported they'd heard a car alarm going off in the courtyard for several minutes and later noticed a nearby fence was missing a plank. The caller said they weren't sure if the fence was already damaged or even related to the car alarm. An officer was unable to access the property or get ahold of the owner, but looked over the fence and didn't see anything suspicious. The caller was advised that the slit in the fence was about 4 inches wide.

Ripped off: 9:50 a.m. March 14, a Paradise Drive caller reported someone had ripped Christmas lights off her gate. She requested extra patrols in the area at night.

Gunning for you: 7 p.m. March 14, a Los Gamos Drive caller reported a car with no rear license plate was driving on San Rafael Avenue and someone inside had struck a woman with an Airsoft gun. Officers noted they would be on the lookout for the vehicle.

Dogged pursuit: 12:30 p.m. March 15, a Karen Way caller reported several dog

disaster preparedness tip

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— Laurie Nilsen, Tiburon-Belvedere emergency services coordinator. Get more tips and training at getready94920.org.

walkers in the area had been walking the animals off leash. The caller said they thought the dog walkers were unlicensed as well. An officer spoke to two dog walkers in the area and advised them of the town's municipal code prohibiting any person from walking more than three dogs at one time in most public spaces without a dog-walking permit.

Exposed: 7:26 p.m. March 15, a Lyford Drive caller reported a man had exposed his genitals to the caller and their son. The caller noted they didn't want to press charges but requested an officer perform a welfare check on the man. Officers were unable to locate the man.

Unsafety deposit box: 8:33 p.m. March 15, a Tiburon Boulevard caller reported someone had stolen seven gold Canadian maple leaf coins, cash and several certificates worth approximately \$10,000 in total. The caller said they hadn't seen the items

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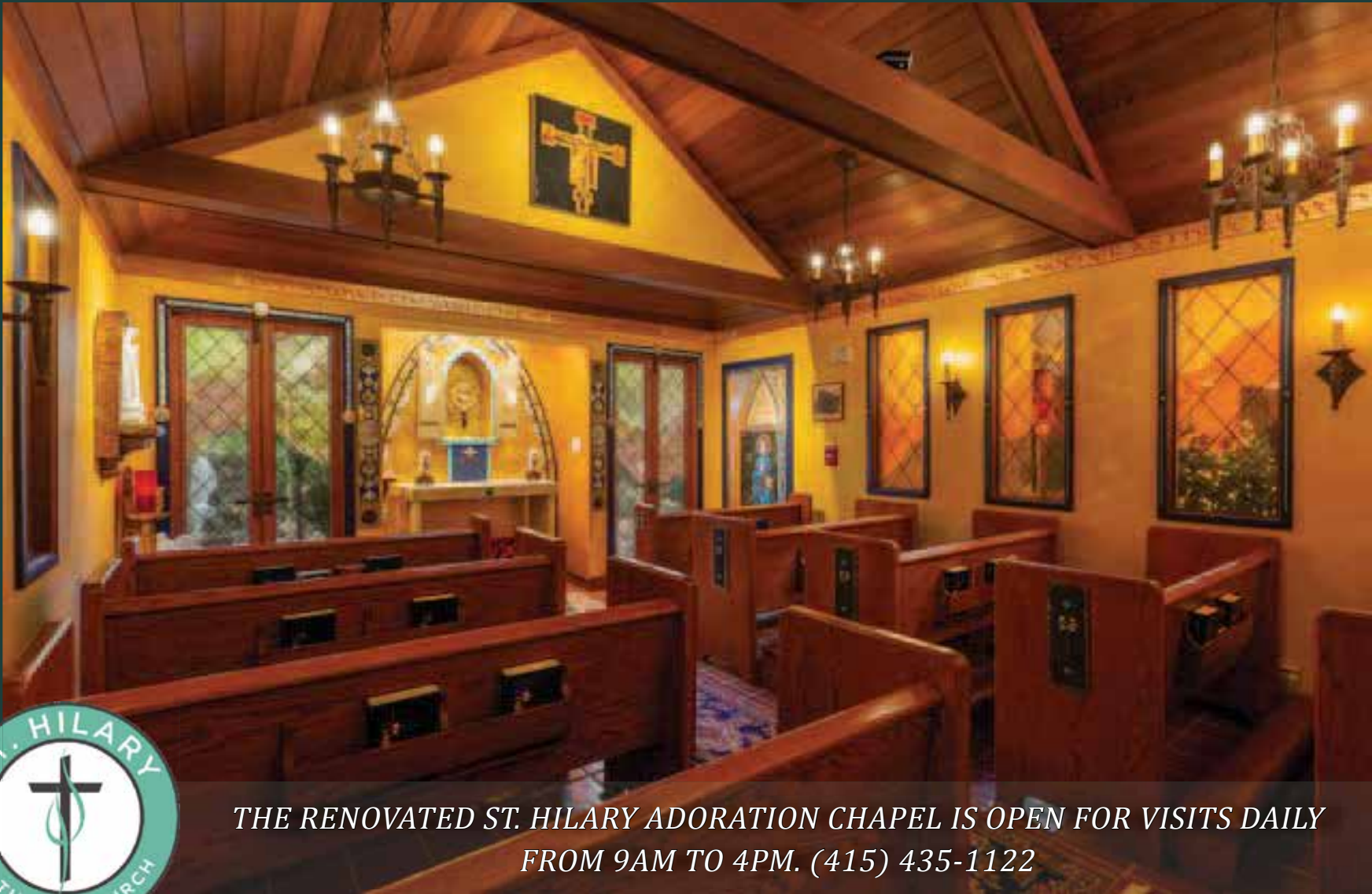
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since before the pandemic began. A report was taken.

Belvedere police log

Alarmed: 11:22 p.m. March 12, a Belvedere Avenue caller reported they heard a loud alarm sounding and noted it had shut off and turned back on twice. An officer determined someone was stranded in their boat below Belvedere Avenue. The boat's owner said they were on the phone with the U.S. Coast Guard and were handling the situation.

Sheriff's log: Tiburon Peninsula

Free beer: 2:44 p.m. March 10, a Redwood Highway frontage road caller reported a man had been loitering in the area for the past couple of days and was making customers and employees uncomfortable. The caller noted the man had also tried to steal a beer from a gas station. Deputies noted the manager didn't want to press charges but also didn't want the man to return to the store. The man was advised of the complaint and moved along.

Uprooting suspicions: 11:08 a.m. March

11, a Richardson Drive caller reported their neighbors had been uprooting their plants and recently said they were going to "do something" to the caller's property. A deputy noted this was an ongoing issue with the neighbors, and they planned to speak to them the next day.

Bottled up worry: 11:52 a.m. March 11, a Reed Boulevard caller reported a man had been sitting in his truck with alcohol bottles for a long time. The caller noted the man sits there every day for extended periods of time, and they were worried he was going to drink and drive. Deputies were unable to locate the man.

Cleaning me out: 2:03 p.m. March 11, a Belvedere Drive caller reported she'd noticed a huge increase in her electricity bill and had been told a man was using the on-site laundry at night without her permission. The caller noted she was concerned for her other tenants because the man had not been invited onto the property. Advice was given.

Throwing stones: 6:02 p.m. March 11, a caller reported two boys were throwing rocks at passing cars on Tiburon Boulevard, and one of the stones had hit the roof of their car. A deputy checked the area and nearby apartment complex but was unable to locate the boys. The deputy noted they would

remain in the area for a while.
Phone a foe: 4:16 p.m. March 12, a Strawberry Village Shopping Center caller reported two young men had stolen about \$1,100 worth of cell phones from a store. A report was taken.

Take a hike: 10:43 p.m. March 12, a Paradise Drive caller reported a potentially drunk man was standing near a trailhead yelling racial slurs and things about America at passersby. Deputies were unable to locate the man.

Couch culprit: 8:56 p.m. March 13, a Weatherly Drive caller reported items were missing from her home, and she was concerned the people who had been staying at her house took them. A deputy noted the caller later located all the missing items, and there was no merit to any crime.

Tiburon fire district log

Full sweep: 6:17 p.m. March 10, personnel responded to Peninsula Road for a report of a structure fire. Crews determined a broom had been ignited by a nearby barbecue, and the fire had already been extinguished.

Gassed up: 1:02 p.m. March 14, personnel responded to Gilmartin Drive for a report of a gas leak. Crews detected a gas odor outside the home. They located the gas meter

and noted gas was circulating through it. The gas meter was shut off, and the resident's realtor said Pacific Gas & Electric Co. was assisting them over the phone.

Southern Marin fire district log

Keeping warm: 2:20 a.m. March 10, personnel responded to Redwood Highway frontage road for a report of an open flame behind McDonald's. Crews found a warming fire being used by one man and advised him he couldn't have an open flame or burn trash. Crews extinguished the 2-by-2 foot cardboard fire, and all units were cleared from the scene.

Expired: 6:27 a.m. March 14, personnel responded to Barbaree Way for a report of a carbon-monoxide alarm sounding. When crews arrived, the resident said the alarm had been going off but wasn't anymore. Crews checked the residence with a gas monitor and determined no trace of carbon monoxide. When they checked the alarm, they noted it had passed its expiration date. The resident was advised to contact building maintenance to replace it.

Compiled from public records by Shayne Jones. Items do not reflect all activity and should not be construed as findings of guilt.

In Memoriam

Harvey 'Skip' Berg

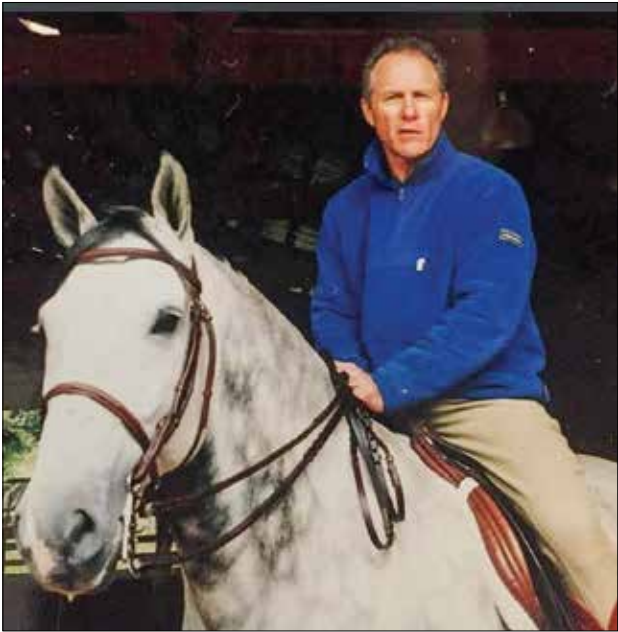
Harvey "Skip" Berg passed away peacefully from complications of Alzheimer's/dementia at the age of 80 on January 23rd, 2022.
"I didn't know I couldn't" was Skip's favorite saying. That phrase defined his life more than every other attitude.
Simply put, Skip lived a life that was daring. He took risks. Some paid off but others by his own admission were not always prudent. He started his real estate development career with \$200 and a car as his only assets.

Skip worked hard and built Berg Holdings, which encompassed varied assets. At one time, his favorite being Sears Point Raceway, which sold in 1997.
He played pranks at his own wedding, drove way too fast on winding roads and straight sections alike, such that police knew him by name.

Skip lived his life the way he drove his car: working hard, enraptured by the symphony of what he enjoyed, music only he could hear.

It was surprising that in his later years he became sweet, cute and docile; an altogether relaxed and a risk-averse person who wouldn't go outside without seven sweaters and a full brimmed hat, just in case.

Skip had a lovely burial surrounded by his fam-



ily and will have a video montage memorial where stories will be plentiful to celebrate the rarest of men who truly lived how he pleased. He was laid to rest at the Fernwood Cemetery in Mill Valley overlooking the nature trails in Marin County which he loved so much.

He is survived by his wife Brenda, eight of his children and others who will always remember him as one of a kind.

Donations can be made to Memorial Hospice Santa Rosa.

Kathleen Lewis

Kathleen Jean Rowe Lewis, age 78, passed away February 20, 2022, fol-



lowing a nine-year battle with cancer. She was born May 26, 1943, in Portland, Oregon, to Ann Hohnstein and Herman Sinner. She married her college sweetheart Jerry Lewis in 1962 and moved to Marin County in 1968, where they raised their three

daughters.
Kathleen's beautiful green eyes shone when she smiled, and she gave her love with full attentiveness. Known for the creative ways she celebrated life, Kathleen loved to sing, and her home was filled with music. Her loved ones were often surprised with an original poem or song for special occasions. She was a published poet, accomplished writer and speaker at Christian women's events. Kathleen loved to travel with Jerry; together they visited 33 countries, including Indonesia 19 times. Her children and grandchildren were the light of her life, and she was dedicated to her lifelong friendships and to her church family. The impact of her love will never fade — she will never be forgotten.

Kathleen is survived by her beloved husband of 60 years, Jerry Lewis; sister and brother-in-law Janice & Bruce Roberts; sister Mary Ellen Rowe; her three daughters and their husbands: Cindy & Jamey Lewis, Sally & Scott Shaul, Amy & Jeffrey Taylor; her grandchildren and their spouses: Valerie Lewis & Richard Pelgrim, Tim & Charlotte Lewis, Julia Lewis, Scott & Claire Shaul, Stephanie Shaul, Cameron Taylor, Scott Taylor, and Joshua Taylor; one great-grandchild and another due any day; and

her many nephews and nieces.
Please join us in celebrating her life on March 26 at 11:30am at Tiburon Baptist Church.



Patricia Roth Loomis

Patricia Roth Loomis died on February 20, 2022, of natural causes. Born in Long Beach, CA, on March 21, 1933, to Navy Lieutenant Egbert A. Roth and Virginia Davis Roth, Pat spent her childhood in California, Maryland and Hawaii. She attended various schools, including Punahou School, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Grossmont High and San Diego State University.

Pat was working in San Francisco when she met and married Donald Loomis. They had two children, Kate and John, before moving to Tiburon

in 1965. After a lifetime of moving, Pat had found the place that made her most happy and she wasn't going to leave. Pat and Don were divorced in 1980. She later married David Wooters and they enjoyed many years together traveling the world before he passed away in 2007.

Pat loved family, friends, food, travel, art and dogs... especially dogs. Her dogs Weezer, Punky, Milo and Frankie brought great joy to her life, and she and her friends honored their lives with elaborate celebrations. Pat lived in Tiburon for 57 years, and remained in her home until the last few hours of her life. She is survived by son, John Loomis of Petaluma, CA; daughter and son-in-law, Kate Loomis & Peter Moon of Portland, OR; and grandchildren Ben & Sarah Moon.

Pat will be remembered for her positive attitude, dedication to family, friends and pets, and grit in the face of adversity.

Remembrance service for Charles 'Chuck' Edward Auerbach

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at the Lagoon Road courts in Belvedere. The commission first took up the idea in September and November but sought more information before moving forward.

Noise has been a primary concern for neighbors, as the park sits along Beach Road on a short stretch between Marsh and Lagoon Vista roads — not far from the Tiburon Peninsula Club — raising the ire of those who say they’re already bombarded by pickleball noise from the club.

The sport is played on half of a standard tennis court and combines elements of traditional tennis, badminton and ping pong. A net frame on wheels can be rolled into place when in use, and players use solid rectangular paddles that are a little bigger than those for ping pong to hit a plastic ball like a Wiffle ball — with a distinctive pop to match. The noise has created a market for soft paddles and balls and has led to restrictions and outright bans around the U.S.

Bob Unetich of Gigahertz LLC, a pickleball-playing engineer who specializes in sound propagation, lives in Florida in a gated community with pickleball courts. For a \$350 fee, he provided Tiburon with the study he had conducted of pickleball noise in his area and his perspective on the situation here, which he was not able to study in person.

At last week’s meeting he said that, without having the benefit of taking sound readings in Tiburon, he could say pickleball would register at about 60-70 decibels within 200 feet of a player hitting a ball, which has been described a clack similar to what a ping-pong ball makes, but louder.

Sixty decibels is the equivalent of a normal conversation or dishwashers, according to the American Academy of Audiology, and 70 decibels is twice as loud — that of traffic or vacuums — a level the academy categorizes as “loud” and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says is likely to be annoying.

Unetich said that, without having visited Tiburon or seeing what the background noise is in that location, he couldn’t say what an acceptable level would be and that it would be relatively easy to hit some pickleballs and take readings and get feedback from neighbors.

People who live there spend time outdoors and they will be annoyed by the sound, because it goes on all day, he said. One option would be to limit the hours of play, Unetich suggested.

He said someone who puts up a 12-foot fence would be able to reduce the decibel level by about 14 percent.

At 70 decibels from 200 feet away, basketball is just as loud, Unetich said, but the pitch of a basketball bounce is much lower, which people find more tolerable. Tennis is about 10 decibels quieter, Unetich said, which is half as loud.

Players show their support

Tim Poulin was among the residents supporting the recommendation.

“I am passionate about this new multi-generation sport that I learned one year ago and have introduced to many Tiburon residents,” wrote Poulin, who lives off Gilmartin Drive.

“From a community standpoint, pickleball has become the ultimate inclusive outdoor activity,” wrote Michael Coffino of Mar West Street. “It appeals to virtually all adults and brings people together like nothing I have ever seen for an outdoor activity. ... I am in my 70s and, while I have had a long, athletic life, pickleball is the first time I’ve been able to engage on an even playing field in a competitive athletic activity with my two sons, both athletes in their 30s. Playing together provides us immeasurable joy.”

Caroline Bland wrote: “A longtime holder of a tennis (court access) key, it has become apparent that many of the courts remain unused during the day, yet it’s often difficult to get a spot on the one pickleball court (in Belvedere) we have here.”

Chris Denniston said she’s a big fan of the sport.

“I have seen my fitness improve in measurable ways very quickly,” she said, adding that she would be happy to use a quiet racket.

Jeff Babikian, a Little Reed Heights resident, said pickleball can be loud, but he said there were ways to mitigate that with an acoustic fence or by limiting hours of play. He also argued that Marsh Road residents chose to live downtown in a busy commercial area.

Tiburon newcomer Kevin Burke also supported the pickleball court for Teather Park.

“Change and progress does need to come with compromise,” he said. “The goal should

be to bring more pickleball courts but bring the noise level down.”

Neighbors sound off on sound

Michael Scippa, a longtime Marsh Road resident who is president of its condominium association, said his neighborhood is “in a crossfire” between the Peninsula Club and the Teather Park courts. He said the pickleball play noise from the club is already a nuisance that must be disclosed if any of them sell their homes.

Lori Mitchell wrote that pickleball sound from the Tiburon Peninsula Club’s courts have already impacted Railroad Marsh, which occupies much of the area behind Belvedere-Tiburon Library, Zelinsky Park and Point Tiburon Marsh condominiums.

“We have seen fewer birds and deer than in the past.” She said pickleball courts are not needed at the park and that they would hurt the sensitive ecosystem.

Point Tiburon resident Susan Schneider told the commission she also hears pickleball at the Tiburon Peninsula Club and is concerned about the impact of the noise on the marsh.

“This is not a place for noisy sports,” she said. “The sound of pickleball sounds like gunshots in a shooting change.”

Marsh Road resident Ilse Gonzalez said she was also opposed and had concerns about the impact on marsh wildlife.

“It’s an inharmonious sound,” she said. “I would not be surprised if it’s harmful for people’s health. ... It’s great for people who don’t live there who come and hit their balls, but not the people who live there.”

Cres Van Keulen of Marsh Road said that she and her neighbors have already conducted a noise test because they’re living with the noise from pickleball play at the club.

“In summer, it goes from dawn to dusk. ... I used to spend a lot of time out on my patio,” she said. “I’ve lost the peaceful enjoyment of my home. ... You will have us surrounded.”

Van Keulen had earlier inquired with The Ark why the club was allowed to add pickleball without having to amend the club’s use permit; Community Development Director Dina Tasini said after the meeting the neighbors would have to formally request a review of the club’s use permit to remove pickleball.

During the meeting, newly appointed Commissioner Liz Judge asked staff about

the impact on the birds and other wildlife in the marsh, but there was no definitive answer. Eshoo, the town associate engineer, said after the meeting he would discuss with the community development director whether pickleball would require any level of environmental review.

At the hearing, Lori Horne suggested allowing pickleball play one weekend day a week, preferably at the Del Mar Middle School courts, because school is not in session on weekends. She said the tennis courts at Teather Park are actively used on weekday mornings.

Hotchkiss said the two Del Mar courts are governed by agreements with the Reed Union School District and that the subject at hand was pickleball play at Teather Park. She said having pickleball play at Del Mar is an option, but not one she was prepared to give a presentation on it that night.

Asked by Commissioner Timothy Burr what recourse The Ranch has if people are not following the rules, Hotchkiss said the person is contacted and given a copy of the rules. If they continue to not follow them, they won’t be issued an access key to the courts the next season.

Commissioners deliberate

Chair Chuck Hornbrook led off the commission’s deliberations by saying he sees the commission’s role as providing more opportunities for recreation.

“It’s clear from the data that there’s a need for more pickleball courts in Tiburon,” he said.

“I’m in similar alignment,” Burr said. “We’re not alone in facing this issue. ... I favor moving this forward, even though they may be trouble to implement.”

Commissioner Isaac Nikfar said the commission needs to take seriously the comments from people who came and spoke about the noise. But he said he was swayed by the fact that there has only been, according to Hotchkiss, one complaint about pickleball play at the Lagoon Road courts in Belvedere.

For a time, Belvedere required The Ranch to mandate the use of so-called “quiet paddles” and balls at the pickleball court at the Lagoon Road tennis courts, but eventually lifted the rule because people were ignoring it; players say the quiet paddles and balls

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- Stacy Holland, founder of executive search firm Exceptional People.
- Jarvis Rose Jones, clothing designer.
- Ruth Kahn, founder of Musica Marin.
- Caroline Thibeaux, spa owner and author.
- Magdalena Yesil, technology pioneer, venture capitalist and author.

The panel will also include young people representing the next generation of women leaders.

Each featured guest will speak for 5-7 minutes about their own careers, about other Tiburon women who have made significant contributions to the history and life of the town and/or their visions for the future. A question-and-answer period will follow.

Reach Tiburon reporter Deirdre McCrohan at 415-944-4634.

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who have left their homes, and some of them bringing a little purse and nothing more, leaving the country they grew up in.”

While Fredericks said she was in support of the people of Ukraine, she wanted to abstain from the vote to adhere to the council’s past practice, which she said was to only take positions on matters that are under control of the town and affect the town’s ability to provide service.

Ryan expressed similar sentiments.

“I’m saddened that this brutality is happening, and I definitely support the resistance of the Ukrainian people and their right to defend their freedoms,” he said.

However, he added, he felt the issue was too big for him to express an expert opinion about.

“With typical matters that come before us, I evaluate the issue and I incorporate the public wisdom and I feel reasonably good about my mastery of the issue when I’m called to vote,” he said. “I couldn’t be farther

from being an expert on this.”

He also said it opens up a larger question of “what distant geopolitical events should we weigh in on?” He pointed out that Russia shelled hospitals in Syria when they intervened in that civil war, and the town didn’t take official action then, nor did it take action on recent events closer to home, such as attacks throughout the Bay Area and country on Asian Americans.

“I just feel it’s beyond the scope of what we should be doing,” he said of the Ukraine resolution. “As a public official, I’m happy to add my support to Ukrainians and their fight against the Russians. I just don’t think it’s in our remit to take that on our plate.”

Mayor Jon Welner said he understood Fredericks’ and Ryan’s views.

“On the other hand, I do think this is an egregious situation where it has just stunned the world order and is an example of a horrific evil, and I feel very comfortable supporting this resolution on behalf of the town.”

In lending his support to the resolution, Councilmember Noah Griffin referenced

the U.S. Civil Rights movement, noting that those efforts would have gone nowhere if people had chosen to sit on the sidelines.

“This is as moral a situation as you’re going to find,” Griffin said. “There’s right and there’s wrong, and we need to stand up for right wherever it is. And I would certainly hate to see us standing on the sidelines or voting against this resolution, so I think it’s very important that we do what we can where we can, to speak out against evil. And if this isn’t evil, I don’t know what is.”

Welner asked to make an amendment to the resolution, removing a statement that read in part, “American-Ukrainian relations have long served as an example and a foundation for security, freedom, the development of democracy and human rights in Eastern Europe and across the globe.”

Welner said he has no basis to talk about the past history of American-Ukrainian relations and that “there have been some complicated things that have happened there.”

The resolution was ultimately approved with that change.

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change the game and make it less fun. “It was very difficult to police,” Hotchkiss said. Nikfar noted that the overwhelming majority of the 80-plus pieces of

correspondence the town had received on the subject were in favor of allowing pickleball and wondered aloud if the commission was overanalyzing it. Judge said she favored recommending a trial period and thinks town officials need to take the need for noise mitigation seriously. “What the commission heard is that

the pitch of the noise makes a difference,” she said. “That’s what’s come up in these national lawsuits.” Noise solutions recently have been taken up by city councils in Berkeley; Portsmouth, R.I.; Punta Gorda, Fla.; and Ridgewood, N.J., where the mayor padlocked courts in July after neighbor complaints. West Linn, Ore.,

and Port Moody, British Columbia, Canada banned the sport on public courts earlier this year. The Los Angeles Times recently published a story about how the noise had led to lawsuits all over the country.

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required by March 1 to get their first dose of vaccine or be fully up to date if eligible for the booster, and employers were separately required to ensure personnel were complying. County health officials argue that first responders are at the highest risk for work-related exposures — six of Tiburon’s 15 full-time and reserve officers have contracted COVID-19 — and can in turn expose colleagues and vulnerable populations, including the medically frail most at risk of severe illness and death. It pointed to unvaccinated first-responders as the source of several ongoing, preventable large outbreaks in jails, shelters and skilled-nursing facilities. The new order intended to drop the previous “verify or test” mandate for first responders issued in January, which required personnel to prove they’d been boosted or undergo weekly testing. However, it carried no teeth for the March 1 deadline, as it allows those not up to date to continue working with the public and in high-risk settings as long as they wear fit-tested N95 masks and are tested for COVID-19 twice a week. Also, when practicable, the latest revision requires personnel avoid using indoor break rooms or eating or sleeping indoors when others are present. Consequences for not complying with the order kick in April 15, when first-responders still not up to date must be sidelined from working with the public.

According to documents obtained by The Ark via California Public Records Act requests, seven of the 15 officers weren’t up to date at the time the health order was issued. Two officers received boosters Feb. 28 and March 1 to comply with the new order. Both had been eligible for several months but had

been opting for weekly testing in lieu of the booster under the earlier health order. Three more were fully vaccinated but unboosted and recently contracted COVID-19, so they were given 90-day postponement eligibility. All had been eligible for the booster for at least seven months before being diagnosed but had also opted for weekly testing. Postponement for two of them will end before April 15, the third on April 18. An additional two officers were fully unvaccinated as of March 16. The health order allows medical or religious exemptions, but in its Feb. 23 response to a preliminary Ark request, the town had initially listed the two officers were exempt for distinct third “undisclosed” reason, which appears to be out of compliance with the county health order. The Ark later sought updated compliance records as of March 1, including clarification on whether the officers have a qualifying exemption, but the town’s new data of March 16 had removed all indication of whether the two officers received an exemption at all. It is no longer clear whether those officers have obtained a qualifying exemption, though Monaghan says the town is complying with the health order. Tiburon was the only agency in its records-request response to assert it legally “may not provide information that would disclose an employee’s medical information, which includes vaccination status,” under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Employment and Housing Act, while arguing that it determined the employees’ individual interests outweighed that of the public. The Ark also queried Belvedere, the Tiburon Fire Protection District and the Southern Marin Fire Protection District. In the newspaper’s records requests, it argued that it was not seeking the medical records of individual employees but of raw, non-identifying data. Despite the town’s

medical-privacy assertion in its response, Tiburon indeed provided the non-identifying vaccination status of all 15 of its full-time and reserve officers — including that two are entirely unvaccinated. The town did not respond to repeated requests to clarify how it determined under medical-privacy rules that it could disclose the vaccination status of those two unidentified officers but not the exemption status of the same two unidentified officers. Further, the paper asserted that the county order requires first-responder vaccination for the very purpose of public health and safety and that officers not up to date by April 15 are considered to pose an unacceptable health risk warranting their removal from public interaction, so the public has the right to know whether unvaccinated first-responders have requested or received legitimate exemptions or face removal from working with the public. That consequence poses its own potential public-safety risk: The county notes first responders “must be protected from COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible to ensure adequate staffing.” Town Manager Greg Chanis and Tiburon Mayor Jon Welner did not respond to whether they believed it was a matter of public health that local officers were not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations or of public safety that a third of officers could face removal from the field in the coming weeks. Monaghan did not respond to repeated Ark requests to be interviewed by phone, but he said by email he did not want to “speculate on the what ifs” of public interest, noting it’s his responsibility to ensure adequate staffing and police coverage. He also he’s “not an infectious-disease specialist and cannot garner an opinion on” whether unvaccinated officers or those not up to date pose a health risk to the community. More than a quarter of Tiburon residents are older than 65, with age being a primary

risk factor for severe outcomes from COVID-19, including hospitalization and death. Public agencies including Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation, known as The Ranch, as well as Strawberry Recreation have mandated vaccination specifically in an effort to protect clients who are among the town’s most vulnerable residents — older seniors and, at least for a period, children too young to be vaccinated; eligibility was expanded to kids 5-11 in November. Monaghan said the town did not consider its own policy to require vaccinations.

Belvedere police and local fire agencies

In Belvedere, all five members of the Police Department are fully vaccinated, but two were unboosted as of March 1 and must be by April 15 to avoid reassignment, according to City Manager Craig Middleton. In the Tiburon Fire Protection District, all 31 staff are fully vaccinated but five are unboosted, about 16 percent, according to records provided by the Marin County Counsel’s Office. While four of those five had tested positive for COVID-19 within 90 days of March 1, it was unclear at The Ark’s press time whether their postponement window would be closed by the April 15 requirement to be fully up to date. County counsel representing the Southern Marin Fire Protection District notified The Ark on March 11 that it expected to complete its search and legal review of records for the vaccination status of personnel at Station 9 headquarters in Strawberry by April 1. Among other regions, the fire district serves Strawberry and northern Tiburon west of Trestle Glen Boulevard.

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The developer’s application was designed for expedited approval, submitted under Senate Bill 330 rules — the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 — so it can’t be subjected to the normal design-review process. The act aims to prevent local governments from rejecting projects or placing burdensome conditions on them if the project includes very low-, low- or moderate-income housing, and once the application is accepted, it can be subject to only five public hearings. The developer filed its application in January, but Belvedere deemed it incomplete last month. It requested a range of revisions and additional information; the developer has until May 25 to resubmit its plan to the city, which would kick off another 30-day review to determine completeness. According to the city, the plans fail to include a comprehensive resident-relocation plan, needs more photo simulations and a story-pole plan and must address issues

raised by several outside organizations, including the Belvedere Lagoon Property Owners Association, the Marin Municipal Water District and Sanitary District No. 5 of Marin. Additionally, the city said the plan needed more affordable units to qualify for requested waivers. The developer has included a density-bonus application in its plans, which would make the redevelopment eligible for several waivers and concessions — among them the ability to get height and setback waivers, as well as the ability to put an apartment complex in an R-2 zone. Lawyers are already taking positions on whether Belvedere’s own zoning allows apartments at the site, but approval of a state density-bonus waiver could render those arguments moot. To be eligible for the bonus, however, 5 percent of the total units proposed for the project — excluding any units planned through density bonuses — must be very-low-income units. The Mallard Pointe proposal includes four deed-restricted

more info

Learn more about the proposed development at cityofbelvedere.org/443.

affordable units: two for very-low incomes and two for moderate incomes, or roughly \$63,950-\$143,600 for a couple. But for a 42-unit project, that calculation works out to 2.1 units, which the city says needs to be rounded up to three very-low-income units. Mallard Pointe has previously described the project as being 39 units — with 5 percent being 1.95, or two very-low-income units — plus three accessory dwelling units. Bruce Dorfman, the project lead, said in an interview his team designed the original proposal with four affordable units but knew that was always going to be subject to discussion with the city. He said those discussions are still ongoing. Under SB 330 replacement-housing requirements, the developer must conduct an income survey and provide the results for

all existing units to determine which ones are protected. While all current Mallard Pointe units are market rate, if any unit was occupied in the past five years by a tenant that had income qualifying them for low- or very-low-income housing — regardless of rent paid — an equal number of replacement units must be protected. The developer would also be required to provide relocation benefits to those qualifying tenants and first right of a refusal on a comparable unit at the new complex at an affordable rent; as all current Mallard Pointe units have two bedrooms, the tenants would be eligible for two-bed replacements. Further, because Marin and Belvedere do not have rent-control laws, the protected unit would have to be deed-restricted at an affordable rate for at least 55 years. Dorfman said they have replacement units planned for existing residents of the site who qualify as low-income, but the team is still conducting an income survey, which it will

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serving,” she said.

Officials at City Hall did not respond to phone calls seeking a copy of Block’s resignation letter.

Block was elected to the council alongside James Lynch and incumbent Nancy Kemnitzer in a four-way race for three seats

in November 2020. He was appointed vice mayor by his colleagues in December.

The retired attorney does pro-bono legal work for Marin groups, including nonprofits 10,000 Degrees, the Canal Alliance and Marin Legal Aid. He also serves a Belvedere block captain and as a trustee of the Belvedere Community Foundation.

He first moved to Belvedere in 1998 and retired in 2004 to help raise his two sons as

they attended Reed Union School District schools and Redwood High School. He currently lives with his wife, Dana.

After receiving his bachelor’s from Cornell University, Block earned a law degree from University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1989.

He worked briefly as an associate attorney for Latham & Watkins in New York before taking over as the chief financial officer and

general counsel of a home-textiles company he helped found in 1984.

From there, Block led a small venture-capital firm focused on early-stage companies in technology and e-commerce. He then worked in carpentry for two years before his retirement in 2004.

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include in the updated application.

Eric Hohmann, a principal on the project, noted the team suspects some current residents do qualify for deed-restricted replacement units. Those units would be categorized under very-low, low or moderate-income levels.

“The controlling thing may be the units we have to reserve as deed restricted (at an affordable rate) for 55 years, but we’re still figuring that out,” he said.

Dorfman said of the 22 existing units, about 25 percent — or about five units — have been occupied for less than or about a year. He noted his team has signed five new leases since they bought the property a year and a half ago. Another group of residents, making up about 50 percent of the occupied units — or about 11 units — have lived at the site for one to five years. The remaining 25 percent have been there for more than five years; Dorfman said one resident has been in their unit for 40 years.

If the developer can’t provide the income levels of all existing units, the city would rely on Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy data, which shows that 23.3 percent of renters in Belvedere are very-low income and 18.6 percent are low income. Based on that data, at least six units in the plan would need to be affordable to very-low-income households, up from the current two in the plans, and at least four must be affordable to low-income households, up from zero in the current plans.

Such an expansion of affordable units appears unlikely, however. Hohmann noted the average rent for current tenants is about

\$6,000. He said that requires an annual income of \$200,000 to qualify, and most tenants greatly exceed that.

Dorfman also said all tenants, regardless of projected status, will be provided with \$6,500 in relocation funds and the right to return, and given another \$7,500 if they come back.

Dorfman noted the project proposes increasing the site by 20 units, 12 of which are going to be leased at rental rates less than half of what’s currently on site — about \$3,000-\$3,200. As a result, he said, there is already going to be a greater stock of affordable housing at the site than before.

He also noted the project calls for a wider range of one- and two-bedroom units that will “be implicitly more affordable” due to their size. Dorfman said one bedrooms will be about 700 square feet, two-bedrooms will be about 1,100 square feet and accessory dwelling units will be somewhere in between.

The city also asked the developer to provide a comprehensive resident-relocation plan for housing during project construction. Dorfman said they would not have to implement that plan until about nine months prior to the start of construction, tentatively targeted in 2024, “so we’re quite a ways from that, but we’ll have a plan in place that everyone can look at.”

Dorfman said the team will provide an outline of that plan that will include information from residents who have second homes and plan to live there during construction and from other landlords who might be interested in renting out their property in or near Belvedere, “but we’ll have to canvass the market when we’re further along to see

what’s available.”

In deeming the developers’ application incomplete, the city also pointed toward comments from the Belvedere Lagoon Property Owners Association requesting more information about whether the site’s existing bulkheads would be replaced, repaired or remain as they are.

In a letter to the city, the association board’s President Ken Johnson noted the application didn’t address issues of subsidence, or the gradual caving in or sinking of an area of land, with the bulkhead. He said the site’s bulkhead should be designed as a single comprehensive bulkhead supporting the entire property and be installed as part of the site preparation for the overall project.

Hohmann said the developer team “100 percent want(s) secure bulkheads,” and while it doesn’t yet have an engineered solution, the team will be meeting the property owners association and its engineers to come up with a solution that works for everyone.

“This is a multimillion dollar project. It’s paramount that the bulkheads be secure,” Hohmann said. “And we’ll follow what the engineering tells us.”

He noted most of the geotechnical issues pointed out in Johnson’s letter, like seismic risk and demolition impacts to neighbors, will be addressed later in the process, once the team has its permit drawings and entitlement to move forward with the project.

He said he’s still working with the design team to figure out what needs to be included in the updated application and declined to go into specifics.

However, he said all the homes currently existing on the lagoon are built in the same, or in some situations more extreme,

geotechnical condition as the design team is working with for the project, so they’re looking at a design that would prevent further settlement and impacts on neighbors.

The city identified several supplemental applications that were missing from the plans, including a demolition permit, a subdivision map application, a permit application for each accessory dwelling unit, a revocable license and a request for a construction-time-limit extension, required because the project is expected to last more than the 18-month limit imposed by the city.

The developer has said it would seek an extension on the time frame for demolition to six months after design-review approval, up from three months, and that it would seek an extension on the construction time limit to 24 months, up from 18 months. Mallard Pointe officials have said they expect construction to last two years, until 2026.

The city also requested the developer submit more photo simulations of the project, including a variety of vantage points and aerial view in lieu of a scale model. That request includes a plan for story poles that, when erected, would help demonstrate the bulk and mass of the project. Other requests included clarification on the overall proposed height for the apartment complex and a management plan for the site’s sewage system.

Dorfman said these details are largely technical in nature and although the team has not yet ironed all of them out, he’s confident it will address them by the time it resubmits the updated application to the city in May.

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FILED: February 4, 2022
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By: L. Vawter
Ark Legal 3972 Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MARIN NO. CIV2200507 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME PETITION OF ANA MARIA ROJAS TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner ANA MARIA ROJAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name ANA MARIA BATZ TAJIBOY AND ANA MARIA NAVARRETE MORALES to ANA MARIA ROJAS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: April 25, 2022. Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept: E Room: E
b. The address of the court is 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 113, San Rafael, CA 94903.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county (The Ark newspaper).
FILED: February 28, 2022
s/s ANDREW E. SWEET
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
James M. Kim, Court Executive

Officer, MARIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
By: N. Johnson, Deputy
Ark Legal 3973 Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022

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FILED: March 7, 2022
Shelly Scott
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By: J. Gilardi
Ark Legal 3978 Mar 16, 23, 30, Apr 6, 2022

CITY OF BELVEDERE SUMMARY OF THE ADOPTED ORDINANCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 14, 2022, at a regular City Council meeting held via video conference on Zoom, the City Council of the City of Belvedere adopted Ordinance number 2022-03, entitled:

1. ADOPTION OF A REGULAR ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELVEDERE REPEALING CHAPTER 8.08 "GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL" AND REPLACING WITH CHAPTER 8.08 "SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL" OF TITLE 8 "HEALTH AND SAFETY." Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383, the "Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act") requires all California jurisdictions to adopt a mandatory organic recycling ordinance to be effective January 1, 2022. The main goals of SB 1383 are to reduce organic waste disposal by 75% of 2014 levels by 2025 and increase edible food recovery by 20% by 2025. Broadly, SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to adopt an ordinance ensuring that all residents and businesses have access to recycling programs to capture organic waste including food scraps and landscaping waste, and also requires that local jurisdictions have the ability to compel residents and businesses to recycle their organic waste. Pursuant to SB 1383, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery ("CalRecycle") has drafted regulations to achieve the organic waste reduction mandates. Each individual jurisdiction is responsible for complying with the requirements of SB 1383 and its implementing regulations. The vote of the Council was as follows: YES: Steve Block, James Campbell, Jim Lynch, Nancy Kemnitzer, and Mayor Sally Wilkinson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
This ordinances will become effective thirty days after its adoption. A certified copy of the full text of this proposed ordinance is available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk, 450 San Rafael Avenue, Belvedere, CA 94920-2336, (415) 435-3838.
/s/Beth Haener
City Clerk
Ark Legal 3979 Mar 23, 2022

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MARIN NO. CIV2200626 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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Nominees Kodi Smit-McPhee and Benedict Cumberbatch in best-picture nominee 'The Power of the Dog.'

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PICKS OF THE WEEK

Carnival, egg hunt in Belvedere Park

The Ranch, Tiburon and Belvedere's joint recreation agency, will hold its Spring Carnival and Egg Hunt 10 a.m.-1 p.m. March 27 at Belvedere Community Park. The event will feature three eggs hunts divided by age — one at 10:30 a.m. for kids ages 2 and younger, one at 11 a.m. for kids ages 3-6 and one at 11:30 a.m. for kids ages 7 and older — plus a carnival, a visit with the Easter Bunny and a bubble show. Nonrefundable all-inclusive tickets for each egg hunt must be purchased online in advance. The cost is \$20 per child ages 3 and older, \$12 for children 2 and younger. 415-435-4355 or theranchtoday.org/community-events.

Writer talks about Sylvia Plath novel

Lee Kravetz will discuss his new novel, "The Last Confessions of Sylvia P.," at 1 p.m. March 26 at Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera. The book is a fictionalized look at Sylvia Plath, her battles with mental illness, her poetry, the writing of "The Bell Jar" and how Plath's work still resonates today. Kravetz, a journalist and psychotherapist, previously wrote the nonfiction book "Strange Contagion: Inside the Surprising Science of Infectious Behaviors." He will be in conversation with Janis Cooke Newman, who has also written biographical fiction, including the award-winning "Mary: Mrs. A. Lincoln." The event is free. 415-927-0960 or bookpassage.com.

Oscar-night viewing party returns to Lark Theater

The Lark Theater, at 549 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur, will host its annual Academy Awards party March 27. The event begins at 4 p.m. with a reception on the outdoor Gilardi Marquee Terrace, with hors d'oeuvres from Left Bank along with wine and champagne. At 5 p.m., the red carpet arrivals and awards ceremony will be live on the big screen, hosted by Jan Wohl. This year's awards are back in the Dolby Theater in Hollywood after a stripped-down event last year due to the pandemic. "The Power of the Dog" leads the pack with 12 nominations, followed by "Dune" with 10 and "Belfast" and "West Side Story" with seven each. Tickets are \$60. 415-924-5111 or larktheater.net.

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Calendar



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23 Today

FILM

"The Batman." 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Century Larkspur, 7 p.m. CinéArts Sequoia. Gritty retelling starring Robert Pattinson.

"Death on the Nile." 6:45 p.m. Century Larkspur. Murder mystery based on the Agatha Christie novel starring Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot.

"Uncharted." 7 p.m. Century Larkspur. Action adventure starring Tom Holland.

"The Outfit." 7:20 p.m. CinéArts Sequoia. Drama about a tailor starring Mark Rylance and Zoey Deutch.

Contact theaters for additional dates and showtimes. Century Larkspur: 415-461-4849 or arkn.ws/centurylarkspur. CinéArts Sequoia: 415-388-1190 or arkn.ws/cinesequoia.

MUSIC

Mill Valley Philharmonic. 7:30 p.m. Mount Tamalpais Methodist Church, 410 Sycamore Ave., Mill Valley. Classical music including pieces by Arrieu, Bozza and Chopin. Free; reservations required. 415-383-0930 or millvalleyphilharmonic.org.

24 Thursday

KIDS

Story time. 11 a.m. Copperfield's Books, 2419 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur. Outdoor story time for kids. 415-870-9843 or copperfieldsbooks.com.

FILM

"The Lost City." Opening 6:30 p.m. Century Larkspur. Comedy adventure starring Sandra Bullock and Channing Tatum.

Contact theaters for additional dates and showtimes. Century Larkspur: 415-461-4849 or arkn.ws/centurylarkspur.

"David Gulpilil: Between Two Worlds." 7 p.m. Rafael Film Center, 1118 Fourth St., San Rafael. Screening of "Charlie's Country," the finale of a series exploring performances by the Australian Aboriginal actor. \$9-\$12.50. 415-454-1222 or rafaelfilm.org.

25 Friday

ART

"Fiber Art." 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays though



'ANYTHING GOES'

April 21. O'Hanlon Center for the Arts, 616 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. A group show exploring the expressiveness of cloth and fiber. Free. 415-388-4331 or ohanloncenter.org.

"Portraits." Noon-4 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays through March 26. Marin Society of Artists, 1515 Third St., San Rafael. Society members explore the theme of portraiture. Free. 415-454-9561 or marinsocietyofartists.org.

MUSIC

Illegals. 9 p.m. Sweetwater Music Hall, 19 Corte Madera Ave., Mill Valley. Tribute band playing the music of The Eagles. \$25. 415-388-3850 or sweetwatermusic-hall.com.

26 Saturday

FILM

"Don Carlos." 9 a.m. CinéArts Sequoia, 25 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley or Lark Theater, 549 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur. The epic Verdi opera, live from the Metropolitan Opera in New York. \$12-\$30. 415-388-1190 or arkn.ws/cinesequoia; 415-924-5111 or larktheater.net.

"The Automat." 7 p.m. Rafael Film Center, 1118 Fourth St., San Rafael. Advance screening of the documentary starring Mel Brooks, featuring a Q&A with the producer. \$9-\$12.50. 415-454-1222 or rafaelfilm.org.

OUTDOOR

Grassland restoration. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Trail at the end of Westward Drive, Ring Mountain Open Space, Tiburon. Volunteer team pulling invasive plants and restoring grassland. Free; pre-registration required. marincountyparks.org.

ART

"Bearers of Good News." 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through April 9. Desta Gallery, 100 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. Contemporary works by Dariusz Labuzek, Dina Angel Wing and Mary Oros. Free. 415-384-8762 or destagallery.com.

27 Sunday

OUTDOORS

Food trucks. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Marin Country Mart, 2257 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur. A variety of food trucks for outdoor dining. Free. 415-461-5700 or marin-countrymart.com.

MUSIC

Doobie Decibel System Duo. Noon. Sweetwater Music Hall, 19 Corte Madera Ave., Mill Valley. Brunch show with Roger McNamee and Jason Crosby, featuring Reid Genauer and Matt Gilmour. Free. 415-388-3850 or sweetwatermusic-hall.com.

Quartet San Francisco. 5 p.m. Mount Tamalpais Methodist Church, 410 Sycamore Ave., Mill Valley. Chamber music concert of tango pieces, presented by the Mill Valley Chamber Music Society. \$40. 415-381-4453 or chambermusic-millvalley.org.

ART

"Material Matters." Noon-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Sundays through April 10. Seager Gray Gallery, 108 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. Works by 19 artists pushing the boundaries of their mediums. Free. 415-384-8288 or seagergray.com.

FILM

"Anything Goes." 1 p.m. Rafael Film Center, 1118 Fourth St., San Rafael. The classic musical filmed onstage at the

Barbican in London. \$10-\$15. 415-454-1222 or rafaelfilm.org.

28 Monday

ART

"Landscape Reimagined." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays through April 29. Robert Allen Fine Art, 301 Caledonia St., Sausalito. Paintings on canvas and panel by Susan Adamé, William Leidenthal and Victoria Ryan. Free. 415-331-2800 or robertallenfineart.com.

FILM

"A Song for Cesar." Documentary on Cesar Chavez, focusing on the music of the farm-workers' movement.

"Apollo 10½: A Space Age Childhood." Animated film by Richard Linklater about childhood dreams of being an astronaut.

"The Torch." A documentary about blues great Buddy Guy and a young guitar player he has mentored.

"The Worst Person in the World." Oscar-nominated Norwegian film.

Contact theater for additional dates and showtimes. Rafael Film Center, 1118 Fourth St., San Rafael. \$7-\$12.50. 415-454-1222 or rafaelfilm.org.

29 Tuesday

KIDS

Sing and Stomp. 10:15 a.m. Outdoor amphitheater, Mill Valley Public Library, 375 Throckmorton Ave. Drop-in music and movement time for ages 2-5. Free. millvalleylibrary.org.

ART

"Energy and Form." 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through April 12. Sarah Shepard Gallery, 2245 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur. Mixed-media photography by Johnna Arnold. Free. 415-295-7791 or sarahsheperdgallery.com.



'APOLLO 10½'



'DON CARLOS'

The Arts

Hear the best of Rodgers & Hammerstein at 42nd Street Moon



By CAROL BENET
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The small and dedicated 42nd Street Moon theater troupe is in the business of keeping the American musical alive. Musical comedy is one of our country’s most important and beloved contributions to the world, maybe as important as the Apple computer and much more enjoyable.

The troupe’s current show, “A Grand Night for Singing,” is a musical review of songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Oscar Hammerstein II has been in the news most recently because he was a mentor to Steven Sondheim, another one of America’s greatest, who died last November.

Rogers and Hammerstein contributed such classic works as “South Pacific,” “The King and I,” “Oklahoma,” “The Sound of Music” and “Carousel.” Excerpts of 32 songs from all 11 of their shows are presented in this delightful performance.

A cast of three women and three men sing the songs and put them into context while two video screens behind them show people in love or living their lives according to the lyrics provided by Hammerstein. The photos, chosen by Cindy Goldfield, Richard “Scrumby” Koldewyn and Mark Mendelson, are themselves works of art, whether

From left, Edu Gonzalez-Maldonado, Alison Ewing, Jasmine Cook and Jaqueline De Muro star in the 42nd Street Moon production of ‘A Grand Night for Singing,’ which features the songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

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Script shines in ‘Packrat Gene’ from Ross Valley Players

By ROSINE REYNOLDS
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The Ross Valley Players have been producing non-traditional local works under their Ross Alternative Works program since the troupe began performing in the 1930s. The present offering, “The Packrat Gene,” is a fully staged production of an intelligent script that allows the audience to feel invested.

The play’s title is taken from the surprises that come from cleaning out an elderly parent’s apartment and discovering bits of family history among the rubbish, as playwright Margy Kahn did in her own mother’s home. Old grudges are discovered there too, as well as possibilities for harming the present.

“The Packrat Gene” is about Esther, an

if you go

“The Packrat Gene” plays through April 3 at the Ross Valley Players’ Barn Theatre at the Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross.

Evenings: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Matinees: 2 p.m. Sundays.

Tickets: \$15-\$25.

Info: rossvalleyplayers.com or 415-456-9555.

elderly New York mother who is showing signs that she should not live alone anymore. Her daughter Leah (she goes by Leigh now) lives out west and has no interest in moving back home to care for mom. Worse, Esther has already contacted Rachel, Leah’s daughter, and invited her to

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From left, Maya Rath as Leigh, Marsha Van Broek as Esther and Julie Ann Sarabia as Rachel in ‘The Packrat Gene.’

VIA ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS

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6:12 am	6:38 am	6:38 am	6:53 am	7:43 am	7:59 am	8:06 am	8:18 am
7:19 am	7:45 am	7:54 am	8:12 am	8:18 am	8:34 am	8:41 am	8:53 am
7:45 am	8:05 am	8:27 am	8:46 am	8:53 am	9:09 am	9:16 am	9:28 am
8:26 am	8:46 am	8:59 am	9:18 am	9:28 am	9:44 am	9:51 am	10:03 am
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2:30 pm	2:46 pm	2:56 pm	3:18 pm	3:53 pm	4:09 pm	4:16 pm	4:28 pm
3:18 pm	3:38 pm	3:47 pm	4:08 pm	4:28 pm	4:44 pm	4:51 pm	5:03 pm
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4:40 pm	5:00 pm	5:27 pm	5:48 pm	6:13 pm	6:29 pm	6:36 pm	6:48 pm
5:28 pm	5:48 pm	5:50 pm	6:18 pm	6:48 pm	7:04 pm	7:11 pm	7:23 pm
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Depart Tiburon	Arrive S.F.	Depart S.F.	Arrive Tiburon
6:45 am	7:15 am	7:20 am	7:50 am
8:00 am	8:30 am	8:40 am	9:30 am
9:40 am	10:10 am	10:30 am	11:00 am
11:10 am	12:00 pm	12:10 pm	12:40 pm
1:10 pm	1:40 pm	1:50 pm	2:45 pm
2:50 pm	3:20 pm	3:35 pm	4:05 pm
4:15 pm	5:05 pm	5:15 pm	5:45 pm
5:55 pm	6:25 pm	6:30 pm	7:00 pm

Weekend & holiday ferry			
Depart S.F.	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive S.F.
9:20 am	10:10 am	10:20 am	10:50 am
11:00 am	11:50 pm	12:00 pm	12:30 pm
12:40 pm	1:10 pm	1:20 pm	2:10 pm
3:10 pm	3:40 pm	3:50 pm	4:40 pm
4:50 pm	5:20 pm	6:15 pm	7:15 pm

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~10:15 pm	~11:00 pm

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DATE	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Wed, Mar 23	3:21 am 5.9	10:15 am -0.2	5:37 pm 4.0	9:46 pm 2.9
Thu, Mar 24	4:14 am 5.8	11:27 am -0.2	7:15 pm 4.0	11:07 pm 3.3
Fri, Mar 25	5:22 am 5.6	12:45 pm -0.3	8:36 pm 4.3	- - -
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Sat, Mar 26	12:48 am 3.3	6:40 am 5.5	1:57 pm -0.4	9:31 pm 4.6
Sun, Mar 27	2:10 am 2.9	7:57 am 5.5	2:57b pm -0.6	10:14 pm 4.9
Mon, Mar 28	3:13 am 2.4	9:06 am 5.6	3:48 pm -0.6	10:51 pm 5.1
Tue, Mar 29	4:06 am 1.8	10:06 am 5.6	4:31 pm -0.5	11:24 pm 5.3
Wed, Mar 30	4:53 am 1.3	11:00 am 5.6	5:10 pm -0.2	11:56 pm 5.5

March 23: Sunrise: 7:09 am, Sunset: 7:25 pm | NEXT FULL MOON: April 16 | NEXT EXTREME TIDE: April 18

Robin's Recipes

by Robin Scott Wray

Tahini Caesar salad

I made this, and it was delicious. You can use croutons, candied walnuts or pecans.

Ingredients

Dressing:
2 anchovy fillets, chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons tahini paste
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon Dijon
½ cup olive oil
½ cup parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
Salad:
1 cup walnuts
¼ cup honey
2 heads baby romaine
3 radishes, sliced thinly
Parmesan for serving

Directions

Heat oven to 400 F. In a bowl, combine the dressing ingredients. Spread the walnuts on a baking dish, drizzle with honey and toast in the oven for about 5 minutes. Spread the romaine leaves on a serving platter and drizzle with some of the dressing. Sprinkle with the walnuts, radishes and Parmesan. Enjoy!

Tiburon native Robin Scott Wray operates a local catering company; reach her at rscott@thearknewspaper.com or 415-297-6991. Her recipes can be found in the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society cookbook.

What's Happening at The Ranch

The Ranch, Tiburon and Belvedere's joint recreation agency, is housed at the Dairy Knoll recreation center at 600 Ned's Way, Tiburon. Classes are held there, at the Tiburon Community Room in Tiburon Town Hall at 1505 Tiburon Blvd. and at the Belvedere Community Center at 450 San Rafael Ave., unless otherwise noted. For details or to enroll, visit theranchtoday.org or contact the agency at 415-435-4355.

Youth

Group Piano Lessons (Grades 3-5) with EnBRIDGEment: 2:35-3:35 p.m. Mondays at Bel Aire Elementary School; \$342-\$362 for 10 weeks. A beginning piano class; key-boards will be provided.

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teamwork for each game.

Adults

Beginning Bridge A-B with Jim Cohen: 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays beginning April 12 at the Belvedere Community Center; \$110-\$117 for six weeks. This class will cover the basics of bidding, scoring, play and defense.

Intermediate Bridge E-F with Jim Cohen: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning April 12 at the Belvedere Community Center; \$110-\$117 for six weeks. This class is for the player who has the basics, including common conventions, but is looking to improve their game. Explore advanced topics in declarer play and defense and review tactics including safety plays and active versus passive defense.

American Mah Jongg for Beginners with Janie Kimball: 3-5 p.m. Fridays beginning May 6 at the Belvedere Community Center; \$90-\$95 for three weeks. Come learn this rummy-like game that is played with tiles. All the basics will be explained in simple terms including setting up, dealing and selecting hands. This game is a great social and engaging activity for both young and mature adults.

Submitted by The Ranch office manager Michelle Barsky.

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PETITION OF KRISTINE BERNARD TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner KRISTINE BERNARD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name KRISTINE BERNARD to KRISTINE WYEK that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: April 29, 2022. Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept: E Room: E
b. The address of the court is 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 113, San Rafael, CA 94903.
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FILED: March 14, 2022
s/s ANDREW E. SWEET
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By: N. Johnson, Deputy
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Reach the library, located at 1501 Tiburon Blvd., at beltiblibrary.org or 415-789-2665.

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they express the emotional states of the people or nature scenes. With "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top," a series of classic cars from the '50s and '60s, some of them huge muscle cars, make a sly comment on the "Surrey" of the title. Gay couples illustrate "Alone in Our Secret." "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair" has an image of applications for dating sites, as if to make a comment on the ease of finding another man.

Goldfield's direction and choreography are brilliant, as she moves the actors across the stage in different combinations. Lynden James conducts the three-piece orchestra while he plays the piano with great expertise and energy for the 90 minute, intermission-less show. This musical review appeared in New York in 1993 at the Roundabout Theatre Co.

The cast is an inclusive one. The handsome Keith Pinto often accompanies the

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"A Grand Night for Singing" plays through March 27 at the Gateway Theatre, 215 Jackson St., San Francisco.

Evenings: 7 p.m. March 23-24; 8 p.m. March 25; and 6 p.m. March 26.

Matinees: 3 p.m. March 27.

Tickets: \$20-\$70.

Info: 42ndstmoon.org or 415-255-8207.

lithe and accomplished Alison Ewing in the love songs. Jasmine Cook sings songs of longing as does Joel Chapman, whose gorgeous voice rings out. Jacqueline De Muro is the elder actress whose song reflects her past and present attractiveness. Edu González can perform songs of all sentiments. This talented group holds our attention throughout with the delightful songs.

Arts writer Carol Benet, a Belvedere resident since 1969, earned a Ph.D. in comparative literature from UC Berkeley. She has been contributing to *The Ark* since 1975.

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stay in New York with her. Three generations and a load of history are about to shake up the moving process.

Khan's family is Jewish, and much of the drama revolves around possession and care of an old menorah that has been brought with Esther from France. Musical intervals from Edith Piaf accompany every scene change, not always to theatrical advantage but always a pleasure to hear. And though multiple boxes are filled up and stacked around the set, nothing seems to be packed or relocated. Esther refuses to go gently, though she might have already been evicted. Rachel is more interested in building her own life around a serious new boyfriend.

In the show, directed by Michael R. Cohen, Julie Ann Sarabia plays the

sympathetic role of Rachel, needing to pay attention to the past while she's presently more future-focused. Maya Rath plays her mother, a woman responsible in too many directions and to too many family members. The difficult Esther is beautifully portrayed by Marsha Van Broek.

Both the direction and quality of the performances are fully professional. Could anything be changed? Yes. The title suggests comedy, and this is not a comic production. A different title would improve its face. And Piaf needs her own performing space. French music applies only to the menorah and its origin. It might not even be necessary here.

Overall, the Ross Alternative Works program has matured nicely. Keep going.

Rosine Reynolds, second-generation humorist and ham, has been an Ark contributor since 1996.

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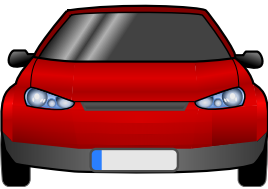
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