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Bank robber is caught in camera's eye – twice

Rabobank bandit shown in video footage at local branch and shopping at area market

By **CHRISTIAN KALLEN**
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Just after noon on Tuesday, July 25, a man who appeared to be masked in a woman's stocking walked up to the teller

at Sonoma's Rabobank branch and, pretending that he had a weapon in his pocket, demanded money.

According to video footage from bank surveillance cameras, he was wearing a green, long-sleeved shirt with a design on the front, and appeared to be of average height.

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The bank robbery suspect was seen on video at an area grocery store.

■ EDUCATION ■

Meet the new boss



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From UCLA to the University of Florida to the Sonoma Valley Unified School District: Chuck Young is more than prepared for his latest gig.

Chuck Young shares the to-do list for his 'interim period' as head of Sonoma Valley schools

By **LORNA SHERIDAN**
INDEX-TRIBUNE EDUCATION EDITOR

It has been a tumultuous six months for the Sonoma Valley Unified School District.

In May, a hostile workplace complaint was filed by a district staffer, since re-

tired, against one school board trustee. Then in June, popular district Superintendent Louann Carlomagno resigned to take another post, citing grievances with the board.

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Help wanted: La Luz seeks 'crisis' coordinator

Position will manage efforts to counter deportation fears, actions

By **CHRISTIAN KALLEN**
INDEX-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

It was just one of many ads posted this week on Craigslist, under > northbay > jobs > non-profit. Along with Counselors, Program Associates and Volunteer Coordinator listings, there was this: "Immigration Efforts Coordinator (Sonoma)."

"For this position, we're keeping an open mind. Hopefully they're from the Valley, that's preferred," said Juan Hernandez, executive director of La Luz in Sonoma. And of course, being bilingual is almost mandatory. "But we're open to anybody who is open to the cause – and has

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'This is nuts': Oakmont turmoil continues

Association president resigns as pickleball fallout bounces on

By **KEVIN MCCALLUM**
THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

The political turmoil in the Oakmont retirement community deepened Tuesday with the resignation of Oakmont Village Association board President Ellen Leznik, who blocked construction of a pickleball court and faced a backlash over her leadership.

Her resignation is the latest in a string of departures that have roiled the 55-and-older community that is home to about 4,500 residents. The

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Taylor, shown here with local student Alessandra Lupo, sporting their 'Never Give Up' wristbands.

John Taylor lives his mantra: 'Never give up'

Two years after debilitating accident, former NFL lineman spreads message of hope and resilience

By **NINA SHERIDAN**
SPECIAL TO THE INDEX-TRIBUNE

Two years ago this Aug. 21, John Taylor, a former 49ers offensive lineman and Sonoma businessman, was involved in a head-on collision on his drive back from an event in Santa Rosa. Doctors initially gave him a 1 percent chance of survival. And if he did survive, the odds he'd ever walk or talk again were slim.

Now, two years after the accident and with extensive physical and speech therapy, Taylor

has far surpassed his doctors' expectations. He's back at work, once again a familiar fixture in town -- with his attention turned to a new project in the hopes of inspiring others with his story and his mantra: "Never Give Up."

"He really is a miracle man," said his son Allen Taylor, who graduated from Sonoma Valley High in 1999 and Princeton University in 2003. "He has one of the most amazing attitudes and spirits."

Just before his accident, Taylor ordered 20,000 wristbands with the words "Never Give

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■ OUTDOORS ■

August news for earth and sky

Themed hikes for young learners, eclipse chasers

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Get a head start on August with a 1.4-mile nature hike along Sonoma Creek at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, on Saturday, July 29. The hike starts at the visitors center at 10 a.m.; the hike leader will teach about the plants, animals and aquatic life of Sonoma Creek. Similar hikes are on Saturdays throughout August. (The Aug. 19 hike is bi-lingual, Spanish and English.) No fee, but parking charges apply.

Lace up your hiking boots on Saturday, Aug. 5 for a moderately paced, 7.5 mile summertime hike to Fern Lake in Jack London State Park. The route will wind through the historic orchard to the lake (just outside the Park boundary) and then up the Asbury Creek Trail. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water, poles, snacks, cameras, binoculars, sunscreen and bug repellent. Meet in the Ranch parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Admission is \$15 per person and includes parking; \$10 for those with parking pass and free to park volunteers.

The Sugar-Hood Shuttle will run between Sugarloaf and Hood Mountain Regional Park on Saturday, Aug. 12, and Sunday, Aug. 13, between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Make a reservation and then ride to the other end of the trail, or hike and ride back. The distance is about 7.4 miles with approximately 2,300 foot vertical climb, and should take between 3.5 to 4.5 hours. Suggested donation of \$10.

Young learners will enjoy the Aug. 12 “Nature’s Palette” hike, taking a fun look at the roles of color and pattern in the plant



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Sheri Cardo, front, and Wendy Eliot of Sonoma Land Trust hike the headwaters of the creek near Hood Mountain Regional Park and Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, in Sonoma Valley.

and animal kingdoms at Jack London State Historic Park. Trail activities and games will teach science to pre-K to second graders on this nature walk, including discussion on how humans like to use color. The walk leaves at 10 a.m. from the Beauty Ranch Meadow and ends back in the meadow at an outdoor art studio, where kids can create water color paintings from the inspiration they gather along the trail. Park entry fee of \$10 per vehicle is due at the gate but participation in events is free.

Take a Twilight Nature Hike on Friday, Aug. 18,

leaving from the Vallejo Home at 7:30 p.m. See how nature transforms in the early evening with interpretation focusing on nocturnal animals. This is a 1-mile, slow-paced hike with minor elevation change that should take about an hour. Sturdy shoes and water recommended. All ages, free of charge, no reservation needed. Meet at the parking lot, 363 Third St. W. in Sonoma.

The popular Bill and Dave Hikes will venture out of the Valley this

month, with a Saturday, Aug. 19 hike at the Sonoma Coast, from Shell Beach up to the top of Red Hill and

ly four hours. For details contact Bill Meyers at fmi@sonic.net.

This month’s Star Party on Saturday, Aug. 19 is one of two events at Robert Ferguson Observatory the same weekend. The Star Party is from 8 p.m. until it’s over – usually but not always by midnight. The Observatory’s three main telescopes are open for viewing, and docents set up additional telescopes in front of the building. Cost is \$3, under 18 free, plus the parking fee of \$8 per vehicle.

The other event? That

would be the Solar Eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21, for which the observatory will be open for special solar viewing. The eclipse will reach totality in a wide band from Oregon to Georgia, but in the Sonoma area it will be 82 percent eclipsed – still a significant event if short of totality. RFO’s president Steve Smith will be on hand to instruct viewers on safe methods of seeing the eclipse and other scientific information about the phenomenon.

The eclipse lasts from 9:01 to 11:37 a.m., with maximum eclipse at 10:15 a.m. It’s free, except for regular \$8 parking fee.

...kids can create water color paintings from the inspiration they gather along the trail...

then down to the Pomo Campground for lunch, then return via the Pomo Trail.

It’s a moderately strenuous 7-mile hike, with an elevation gain of 1,200 feet, and will last approximate-



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At the Sonoma Valley High School registration last year, Bryan Kelly, Senior Project Coordinator, talks with Brianna Gorman, 16, about what subject she’d chosen for her senior project.

SVHS registration dates set

Frosh check in Aug. 7, other classes later same week

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Sonoma Valley High School has set dates for registration, school pictures and class schedules. Parents are encouraged to attend back-to-school registration with their student, which will be held in Pfeiffer Gym and the pavilion.

Registration packets for all grade levels and sport packets will be available at the SVHS main office starting Tuesday, Aug. 1. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4p.m. Packets will also be available after hours outside the main lobby doors.

Freshmen should report for registration from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 7; juniors and seniors from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 8; and sophomores from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

All students will have their school ID photo taken in the pavilion.

Parents and students will turn in their completed grade level packet forms and emergency cards, sign up for school communications, and seniors will collect information about Senior Project in Pfeiffer Gym.

New this year, freshman, sophomores and new students will pick up their Chromebook on Monday, Aug. 7, and Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Also at registration, parents and student will have the opportunity to obtain information and paperwork for school athletics and cheer, join the SVHS Boosters Club, purchase spirit wear and PE clothes, and register for Grad Night. Transportation and Food Services will also be present to collect forms on Monday, Aug. 7, and Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Parents can save time by bringing all paperwork from the packet to registration, and filling out all required paperwork before they arrive. Reminder that students must be cleared of all book and equipment fines from last year in order to receive their current class schedule.

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Feathered friend



Marie W. strokes the soft feathers of Scarlet, a female eclectic parrot, as Lyon Ranch's Robin Lyon looks on. Marie is a resident of the Nazareth Agua Caliente Villa, an assisted-living facility in Fettes Hot Springs. The Lyon Ranch brings therapy animals and birds to facilities such as this on a regular basis in order to provide some diversity, affection and comfort to the residents.

Free eclipse glasses for sky-watchers

Pick up at regional library branch while supplies last

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A total solar eclipse will occur on Monday, Aug. 21, with the band of totality passing through Oregon and points east. A partial eclipse will be visible in Sonoma County starting at 9:01 a.m., peaking at 10:15 and ending just after 11:30.

The Sonoma Valley Library will be providing free eclipse glasses to promote safe viewing of the so-called "Great American Eclipse" of Aug. 21. Eclipse glasses will be handed out at all library locations starting on Monday, July 31, and they will be available while supplies last.

"Libraries and science museums all over the country are giving out eclipse glasses to encourage safe involvement in this rare astrological event," said branch manager, Lisa Musgrove. "It's an opportunity to learn a little about science and see a really neat thing!"

The glasses are free and available to all. The library is located at 755 W. Napa St., Sonoma. For more information contact librarian Lisa Musgrove at 996-5217 or lmusgrove@sonoma.lib.ca.us.

School supply drive underway for Health Fair

**Donations accepted until
Aug. 7 at Staples,
Community Health Center**

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In preparation for the third annual Back to School Health Fair on Saturday, Aug. 12, the Sonoma Valley Community Health Center and its partners have announced that donations are being accepted for the school supply drive, to provide supplies for all Sonoma Valley students.

The Health Fair will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sonoma Charter School, focusing on school health readiness for children and youth

in Sonoma Valley. There will be a variety of health services and activities during at the Fair including fluoride treatment, TDAP vaccine, health education and health snacks, vision and scoliosis screenings, and a “Fun Zone” for kids, in addition to the school supply giveaways.

The event is bilingual and is open to all Sonoma Valley students, who must be present to receive school supplies.

The school supply drive runs through Monday, Aug. 7. Pens, pencils, highlighters, notebooks, binder paper, graph paper, crayons, color pencils and other school essentials are welcome. Donations can be dropped off at Sonoma

Valley Community Health Center, 19270 Sonoma Hwy., or at Staples, where a collection bin is located at 977 W. Napa St. Anyone interested in donating school supplies can call 939-6070 ext. 112, or email events@svchc.org.

The Health Fair is organized in partnership with Sonoma Valley Hospital, La Luz Center, Dragones Latinxs, The Club, Sonoma Valley Unified School District, Valley of the Moon Lions Club and Sonoma Charter School.

For more information on the Health Fair or school supply donations please call SVCHC Outreach & Event Coordinator Maricarmen Reyes at 707-939-6070 Ext. 112 or email at events@svchc.org.



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Oscar Orozco-Garcia of the Ohtli Yolilitzli Aztec dancers may perform again this year at the annual Sonoma Valley Community Health Fair on Aug. 12.

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Young

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In an effort to steady the ship, former longtime UCLA Chancellor Charles Young was lured by district officials to step in as interim district superintendent, giving trustees a bit of breathing room while they seek out a permanent superintendent to guide the future of Valley schools.

In this interview, “Chuck” Young, 85, describes what he considers to be the three prongs of his new role: running the district and making any changes he deems necessary; assisting with the search for a permanent superintendent; and helping to guide the school board toward better effectiveness going forward.

What would you have said if someone had told you a decade ago that you would one day be the superintendent of a small school district in Sonoma?

I would’ve said they were smoking something.

What do you see as your role as interim superintendent?

I will tell you what I told the people at the University of Florida when I went there as interim president (after having retired from UCLA): I’m not the interim president, I’m the president for an interim period. Therefore I have all the power and responsibility and authority of the president. Don’t try to pretend or think I’m not the boss – that I’m not going to be doing things.

I’m not just here to get Sonoma Valley’s school board working more effectively. I’ve found that there’s some things substantively in the district that I can perhaps talk about, modify, and help to try to improve.

I’ll be making changes. I would be afraid not to make changes if change is warranted.

You served on the Sonoma Valley Education Foundation’s board for more than five years. What did you take away from that experience?

The Ed Foundation didn’t just give the district money to spend. We gave them money for particular programs.

I have been heavily involved in what I thought SVEF should raise money for, like preschool for all; third grade reading levels; the transition into the mid-

YOUNG BY THE NUMBERS

Chuck Young began work on July 11. His contract is for 89 days of service over the next 11 months and will pay \$74,400. If he works more than 89 days, he’ll be paid \$836 a day. He has said that even though the contract is for about two days a week, he’ll do whatever it takes to get the job done.

dle schools; and freshman teams in high school. I’m very proud of all that we have achieved.

We worked in concert with the district. We said, “Would you like to do this? We would like to do something along these lines. Does it make sense to you? Would you do it if we gave

students in the Latino community to do well – it means we have to work hard to make sure that they succeed. If they succeed the other students are going to succeed because the whole process is going to be better.

I feel strongly that UCLA made its greatest strides academically, and in its reputation, during the period we became more diverse. It made education for all better.

Students were being educated in an environment which was like the world they were going to be living in. When we are doing affirmative action properly we are not doing it for them, we are doing it for all of us. Every student at UCLA came out a better lawyer, a better doctor, a better teacher, a better engineer in that environment than they would have without it.

That big area, which may end up involving a lot of little things, is something I’m going to work very hard on.

What’s the current tenor of the school board?

I have talked now extensively with every member of the board and we’ve focused our discussion on what the board is, what the board is supposed to do, what the board has been doing, the problems that have been created by the

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‘I’ll be making changes. I would be afraid not to make changes if change is warranted.’

– Chuck Young

you the money to do it?”

I also learned that it is difficult to determine how well an education program is succeeding and we are very serious now about figuring out the most effective ways to evaluate these programs.

What are some strengths of the district?

I’ve found a very strong and dedicated staff and faculty – who maybe need more help than they get, so they have time to consider other things. All of the people here in the district office, the principals with whom I’ve talked, are first-rate and dedicated. They have just bent over backward to welcome me, to help me learn.

I’m particularly impressed by the effect that we are getting from pre-school education, as well as the summer literacy programs.

And one major strength of the district is its partnership with the private sector via the Ed Foundation.

What lies ahead for that relationship?

The relationship between the district and the Education Foundation was and is very strong. It should be even stronger now because I’m now on the other side of the equation. I still sit on the Ed Foundation board by virtue of my role as a superintendent.

I think, despite the fact that the district has to make budget cuts this year, we’re working hard to see that those cuts can be reduced and we’re seeing some positive developments in that regard.

What is one key area you are looking at now?

The differences that make it tougher for

Hernandez

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some coordination skills.”

The “cause” Hernandez is talking about is helping residents of Sonoma Valley who may feel at risk, threatened or just uneasy about the changing priorities coming from Washington, D.C., since Jan. 20. “After the election we really started to get a sense of fear from the community,” said Hernandez. “February and March was a really hard time for us, because a lot of people were coming in with immigration questions.”

In response, La Luz launched what they called the Crisis Fund, with a goal of \$100,000 to support immigration efforts in the Valley. They’re reached about the three-quarter mark, sufficient to hire a part-time, temporary coordinator to oversee such programs as the rapid-response team, neighborhood information meetings, distribution of red “What to do if ICE comes to your door” cards (in Spanish and English, of course) and other services and programs.

The program is essentially creating a “network of support in case there’s a deportation,” said Hernandez. Legal observers are being trained to be witnesses to any threatened deportation or arrest by ICE, the Immigration Customs Enforcement, to observe the action in such a way that it is admissible in a court. Training is underway currently for these observers.

In addition, immigration services help provide a network of support for families who are affected by deportation, or the threat of deportation. Some will go to the family members’ house in coordination with FISH to make sure that family has food for the day, that the kids can get picked up from school, and the like.

And some will see that the family and the accused have lawyers, to make sure that person gets legal representation, wherever he’s at in the process.

Though there hasn’t been a “raid” per se in the Valley recently, there is a pervasive fear of what Hernandez called “random targeting.” He said the new administration has opened up the scope of who is deportable, which can include any one who is undocumented.

That is particularly threatening to local families who are of mixed status. As Hernandez explained it, “Somebody



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La Luz board president Marcelo de Freitas, left, and executive director Juan Hernandez at the Tuesday Farmers Market giving away a ‘We Are All Immigrants’ T-shirt with each donation of \$20.

might be a legal resident, their kids might be born here, but dad might be undocumented. Or vice versa. Maybe the younger kids are born here and have legal residency, but both parents are

undocumented. There’s a lot of mixed statuses that we see in our families.”

If the Trump Administration is hoping to encourage immigrants go back to their home country – “self-deport,” as 2012’s Republican candidate Mitt Romney put it – that’s not what’s happening. “What we’re seeing is fear, as people start pulling back,” said Hernandez. “People are just on pins and needles – it

might not seem like it to people who don’t have this pressing situation, but there’s a lot of people who are thinking that at any moment, life could change for them.”

Even ordinary outings to the supermarket or into Santa Rosa might seem too risky to some. “They say, ‘No, let’s not do that, we’re afraid. Don’t expose yourself.’ And we don’t want that in the community.”

Hernandez hopes the new coordinator position can provide a useful service in organizing La Luz’s efforts to combat this atmosphere of fear, with practical organizational steps to prevent and correct disruptive and possibly illegal action. “The new person that’s getting hired is going to help coordinate, and call these meetings, and make sure everybody is pushing in the same direction,” said Hernandez.

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Life Tributes

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Daniel Albert Mac Donnell
February 18, 1973 - June 7, 2017

After waging a fierce battle against cancer with determination, grace, and the steadfast support of family members at his side, Daniel Albert Mac Donnell passed away at home in Mountain Grove, Missouri. The youngest of three siblings, Dennis Jr. and David, Dan was the only one born in Novato, CA. Dan attended the Essential School in Novato before transferring to Our Lady of Loretta School, in Novato. He attended St. Vincent High School in Petaluma from which he graduated in 1991. He was active in sports, which included baseball and soccer prior to high school, where he participated in football and baseball. He attended Santa Rosa Junior College, graduating with an Associate of Arts degree. Following high school, Dan played for the Novato Knicks baseball team for several years. Dan went to work for the Party Center in San Rafael. He progressed within the company until he oversaw scheduling, delivery and making certain everything went well. During his travels, he met the love of his life, Nikki Hart. They were married in 2005 at a beautiful site at Buck Eye Point in China State Camp Park in July 2005. Their daughter, Casey Marie, was born on January 16, 2009. In August 2015, Dan and



family moved to Mountain Grove, Missouri and settled on a ten acre farm. In February 2016, Dan was diagnosed with terminal cancer and began treatment. His struggle ended on June 7, 2017 with his family by his side at home. There will be a public gathering of Dan’s friends and family at Brewster’s Beer Garden and Restaurant on Friday, July 28, starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and share stories about Dan. Also, we ask that anyone who can, please write down one of your favorite stories of Dan’s life. These stories will be put in a memory book for his eight year old daughter so that she can know all about her Dad’s life. There will be a memorial Mass for Dan at the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Petaluma at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 29th, followed by a gathering at the family home in Novato, CA.

Virginia Van Winkle Weisel
1923-2017

Virginia Weisel, an accomplished ceramic artist and sculptor in the Pacific Northwest for many decades, died in Sonoma, CA on June 28, 2017 at the age of 94. Her bright, witty, irreverent, creative spirit will be long remembered by her special Sonoma friends, two cousins, five surviving nieces and their families, and her many dedicated caregivers of the past ten years.

Virginia moved to Sonoma in the early 1980s with her partner Aurilla Doerner. Together they built their home on Plum Tree Court with a studio for Virginia to continue to make sculpture in wood, stone and metal. They were both volunteers at Quarryhill Botanical Garden and active in the community. After Rilla’s death in 1996, Virginia continued to live at Plum Tree Court until her move in 2015 to Bella Vista Village on Sonoma Highway, where cousin Thula Weisel and niece Pat Snyder of Seattle, were frequent visitors. A graduate of the University of Washington, Virginia received her M.A. in ceramics from Mills College in Oakland, CA, and enjoyed a long career as a ceramic artist and sculptor in the northwest. She had a loyal following, garnered many awards and had her work exhibited at art galleries and



museums in Seattle, Portland, Oakland and San Francisco. Several of her ceramic pots are on permanent display at the Cascadia Art Museum in Edmonds, Washington where her work will be highlighted in a group show of mid-20th century Pacific Northwest artists in January 2018. The family wishes to thank Virginia’s many caregivers over the years, the team from Hospice By the Bay, and especially Dana Folse and Leslie Rundall who enriched Virginia’s life with their laughter, fun, and deep unconditional love. Donations may be made in Virginia’s memory to the Cascadia Art Museum which will be permanently honoring her legacy of Pacific Northwest art. Go to www.CascadiaArtMuseum.org/donate.

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Sports



**Hunting
&Fishing**
Bill Lynch

North to Alaska - Part II

*There are strange things done
in the midnight sun
By the folks who moil for trout
The glacier creeks have their
wading geeks
Who cast flies 'till they get the
gout
For the biggest of fish I made
my wish
But this time the salmon were
late
So on the banks of the creek by
the end of the week
I was tempted to switch to bait
(— with apologies to Robert
Service)*

From a thousand feet up, miles from roads and the nearest Starbucks, the Yentna looks like any other glacier-fed river in the wilderness. A dozen or more glaciers relentlessly grind down distant peaks and canyons mixing their sandy dregs with summer snow melt forming massive grey-brown flows that run hundreds of miles to the sea.

Little float planes carrying anglers like me and Dottie fly over them. Salmon have to swim all the way.

We could see snowcapped mountains, including the cloud-shrouded Denali, looming in the distance. Below us were miles of green forests marked by small lakes and streams visible for as far as you can see. We were west of Sarah Palin's hometown of Wasilla, but still couldn't see Russia.

Casey, our pilot, banked the little plane sharply to the left and we made a perfect low-altitude strafing run over the treetops before gently touching down on a wide section of the Yentna.

We were greeted by Hunter Green, who was to be our guide for the week's stay at Wilderness Place Lodge. We loaded our bags into his aluminum boat and motored across the wide, swift-flowing river, entering a small tributary.

Our first surprise of the trip was that this "wilderness" was a lot more crowded than we expected. Several lodges and private cabins stood nearby. In addition, day-tripping anglers from cruise ships can fly in, fish until early evening, and fly back before dark. In July, dark never really comes.

What I thought was Clear Creek looked a lot smaller than the photos on the lodge's website. Some years ago, a major flood changed its course so it no longer flows by the lodge. All that's left is a small side channel of skinny water that allows boats to pull in. I was hoping for a beautiful stream filled with big rainbow trout.

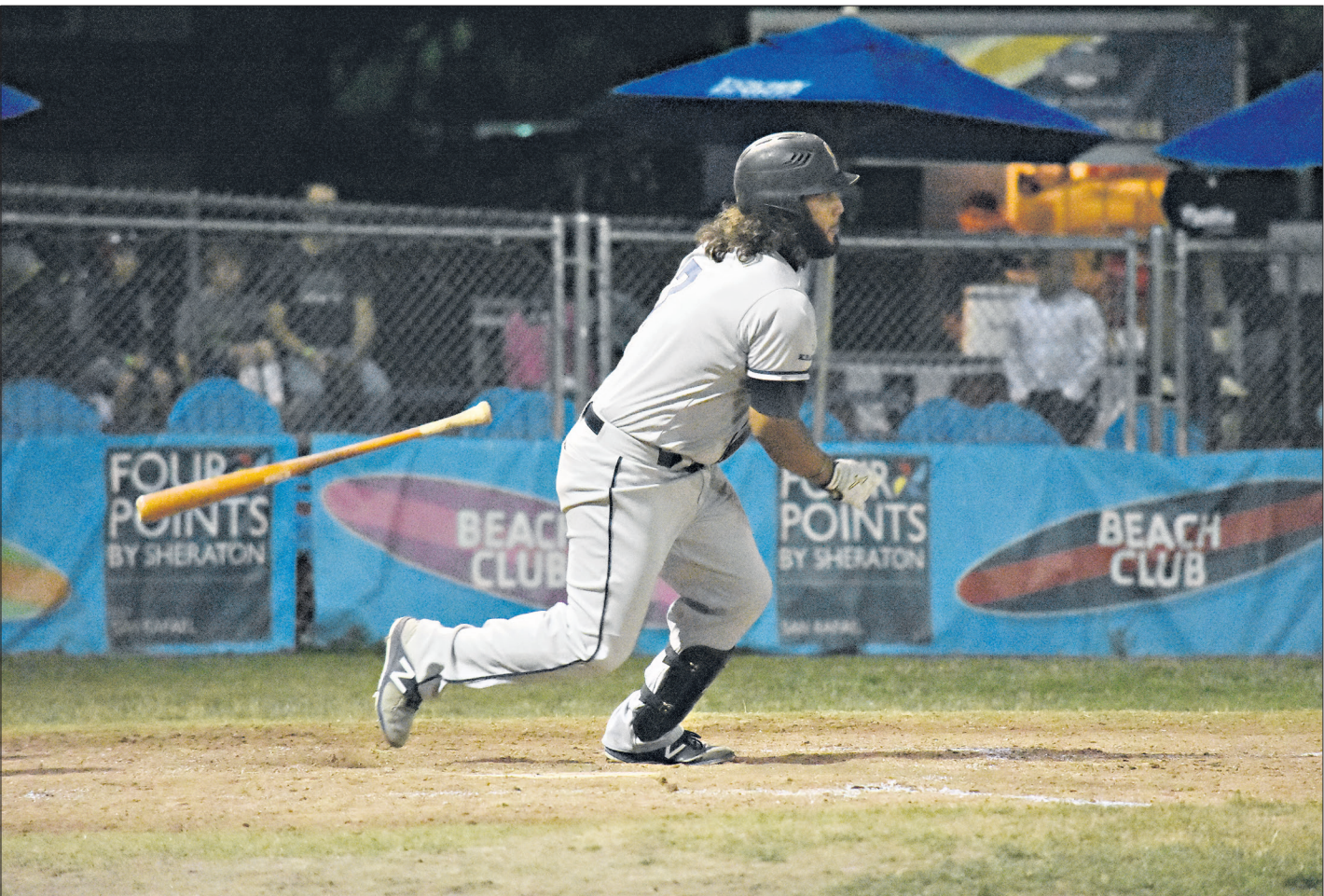
Our second surprise was that the real Clear Creek is a vigorous, hour-long trek away. We had to wade across side streams, over boulders and scramble along a narrow path through tall, thick forests of ferns and thick stream-side bushes. It would have been a pleasant hike were we not wearing waders and heavy boots, which made it more like doing laps in leaded sauna suits.

On the way, we saw a beaver swimming toward a dam he was building across one of the streams.

The harsh winters followed by the break-up of the ice in late spring give streams like Clear Creek a wild, unruly look. Log piles, snags and half-drowned trees limit wading and casting.

It was surprisingly crowded with anglers from other lodges, all competing for the best fishing spots. Some riffles held trout. I hooked three, landed

Stompers streak ends at nine



JAMES W. TOY III / SONOMA STOMPERS

Joel Carranza went 2 for 4 with three RBIs in the July 25 trouncing of the San Rafael Pacifics, 8-3, at Albert Park.

Diamonds hold on to win, Pacifics next home foe

By HAYLEY SLYE
SPECIAL TO THE INDEX-TRIBUNE

The second half of the 2017 Pacific Association season began pretty much the way the first half did – with a promising winning streak for the Sonoma Stompers, currently sitting atop the league standings.

That streak, nine games in all, ended on Wednesday night with an 8-7 loss to the Pittsburg Diamonds on the road, but the Stompers are still 11 games ahead of second-place Diamonds, who managed to reach the .500 second-half mark in Wednesday's game.

Stompers starter Taylor Thurber has been dominant this season, coming into Wednesday's game 3-0 with a 1.38 ERA, having not allowed more than two runs in an outing so far. He delivered again on the mound through four innings before the Pacifics ruined his numbers, shaking five combined runs out of him in the fifth and sixth.

"Thurber competes every time he's up there. Tonight probably wasn't his best stuff, but he still competed all the way until he got pulled out," said right fielder Marcus Bradley.

For the Stompers, veteran Yuki Yasuda knocked his third extra base hit in three days and went 3 for 4 on the night. Bradley walked three times, got two hits

and scored two of the Stomper runs. "I was just trying to get on base. I was the two-hole hitter, so that's my job, to let the big bats do theirs," Bradley said.

Bradley and the Pacifics' Demetrius Moorer have drawn 44 walks apiece this season, 11 more than the next-best player in the league.

The game was tied in the seventh inning when Daniel Baptista roped a double to center to bring in Yasuda and give the Stompers the lead. But it wouldn't last long, as the Pacifics' roared back with two runs in the eighth to make the score 8-7, and the Stompers couldn't get a run across in the final inning.

On Tuesday night the winds were blowing in the Stompers favor, and their 8-3 victory kept the second-half streak going. Yasuda set the offense ablaze with a second-inning solo home run off of Pacifics starter Max Beatty. It was Yasuda's second home run in as many games and his fifth of the season.

Meanwhile, Stompers starter Tyler Garkow pitched five innings of one-run ball, then handed the game to reliever Ryan Richardson. Garkow's strong showing gave him the win, improving his record to 5-1.

Richardson struck out the side in the sixth before Dominic Topoozian came to the mound in the next frame with the

bases loaded. At the plate was the tying run and the Pacifics' most powerful offensive threat, Jake Taylor. Taylor leads the Pacific Association with 14 home runs, four more than reigning Most Valuable Player and 2016 home-run king, Joel Carranza.

"Obviously he's a great hitter," said Tapoozian. "My mentality was just attacking him with my best stuff, really trying to get ahead and that's what I did." He induced a groundout double-play to end the inning.

Topoozian came to the Stompers earlier this month, after an 11-0 season at Fresno State. "Ever since I stepped foot in the locker room these guys have been nothing but good to me," Topoozian said. "It's fun being with them. I'm glad I came to a great organization."

The Stompers face the Pacifics in a series-deciding matchup on Thursday at Albert Park at 7:05, results not available at press time. Their next home game is Friday night, when they open a three-game series against San Rafael at Arnold Field, 6 p.m. first pitch.

Tickets are available online at stompersbaseball.com or at the fan shop, at 234 W. Napa St. Tickets will also be available at the box office on game days, beginning 30 minutes prior to the game.

Giants honor Piagno, Whitmore at 'Girls Day'



JAMES W. TOY III / SONOMA STOMPERS

Stacy Piagno, Kelsie Whitmore, Theo Fightmaster and Takashi Miyoshi (not in frame) of the Sonoma Stompers stand alongside the Women's Deaf National Soccer Team during a pre-game ceremony honoring women athletes at AT&T Park on Sunday, July 22.

Fishing *Continued from A5*

two, both in the 12- to 16-inch range. Dottie landed one.

A pair of eagles leered at us from a stream-side tree, clearly disappointed in our efforts.

It's all about timing. Like the eagles (and bears), trout and the anglers who fish for them are entirely dependent upon the salmon. At least five different species swim hundreds of miles from the ocean to spawn in little creeks all over the state. In mid-July, sockeye salmon normally arrive in huge numbers, sometimes in schools so thick they carpet the bottom. If you are there when that happens, the action can be hot and heavy, perhaps too heavy if the bears are fishing near you.

In our case, no sockeye (or bears) and very few trout were present.

Undaunted, we found interesting alternatives. Big, nasty-looking pike on nearby lakes ambushed flies we cast between shall-

low water weeds.

We caught lots of five- to six-pound pink salmon by fly-fishing where the creek flows into the Yentna.

Meanwhile, back in the Bay Area, salmon are being caught in San Francisco Bay off Tiburon, and off the Sonoma Coast near Bodega Bay. Capt. Rick Powers of Bodega Bay Sportsfishing says the salmon are finally here and his clients are bringing home limits, plus limits of rock fish and many ling cod. Call Rick at 875-3344 to book a trip.

Keith Fraser at Loch Lomond Bait Shop in San Rafael says this weekend offers excellent tides for halibut, stripers and salmon in the bay. He says there is an unusually high number of halibut biting now, many are undersized, but the action is hot and heavy. Give Keith a call at (415) 456-0321 to book a bay party boat.

Coming next Friday: North to Alaska Part III, a semi-wild experience.



Alaska guide Hunter Green holds one of the big toothy pike that Dottie and Bill Lynch caught fly-fishing on a lake a few miles from Wilderness Place Lodge near Skwentna, Alaska this July.



MIKE FINNEGAN

A drag racer's ride shoots flames as it screams down the track at the 2016 NHRA Sonoma Nationals at Sonoma Raceway.

Dragsters roar into Sonoma this week

NHRA weekend features vintage drags, car show, and a Pliny or two

By **PETER FOURNIER**
FOR THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

Northern California fans get their chance to watch the hot rods of the NHRA visit the Sonoma Raceway drag strip this weekend for the 30th annual Sonoma Nationals.

Touting boisterous engines with up to 10,000 horsepower flying down the drag strip, cars will fly down the track at more than 300 miles per hour on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday's events will be held in the late afternoon into the night, under the lights.

Daily tickets start at \$55 and a weekend pass ranges from \$135 to \$145 depending on the seat location. For more information, visit SonomaRaceway.com or call 800-870-7223. First responders and military can save 20 percent on general admission tickets at the gate.

Around the track

Cacklefest is being held on Friday night, where nostalgic drags will light up the night sky before Nitro qualifying. The dragsters, some dating back to the 1930s, are part

of the eighth annual Nostalgia Get-Together, which will feature 45 vintage dragsters showing off in the paddock garage. Admission is free.

The raceway will also host the seventh annual "Blast on the Grass" car show, located on the Piccinini Plaza lawn behind the staging lanes. Fan-owned hot rods, muscle cars, rat rods and other exotics will be on display.

Locals racing this weekend

Two Petaluma residents will be racing at Sonoma this weekend in the sportsmen divisions. Jeffrey Butcher will race in Super Gas and Matthew Woodard in Super Comp.

Antron Brown is in town

Defending Top Fuel champion Anton Brown, a 41-year-old New Jersey native who currently resides in Indianapolis, has a smile that could stretch from his hometown to his current residence.

"All I do is I aim, point and steer, and I'm kind of the quarterback of the team," Brown said of his role on the Matco Tools Top Fuel team. That's a humble brag for someone who drives a 300-plus-mile-per-hour dragster down a quarter-mile track.

He's coming to Sonoma, one of his favorite dragstrips, this week-

end. A four-time Sonoma Raceway champion, Brown is also riding the high of winning at the MOPAR Mile-High Nationals in Colorado this past weekend, which catapulted him to second in the points standings for the NHRA's fastest category of dragsters.

He recorded his fourth win of the year and clinched a playoff berth, his 10th postseason appearance in a row.

"Sonoma has always been good to us," Brown said. "It's a fast race-track. You've always got to be on your toes, but you have to be able to adapt from where it can be really fast or it can be really hot, to where it can be really slow. Sonoma is a very tricky racetrack."

But Brown won't just be focused on racing this weekend. He's looking forward to a visit to the Russian River Brewing Company in downtown Santa Rosa, an annual tradition he partakes in with his crew, a handful of whom love their IPAs, he says.

Brewery owners Vinnie and Natalie Cilurzo usually expect him to visit the taproom when he visits Sonoma County. Natalie is a huge drag-racing fan, Brown said.

"I've been down there every year," Brown said.

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To illustrate, we did the numbers for a typical Sonoma Home Owner. Here's what we assumed and what we discovered:

OUR ASSUMPTIONS:

- Our family owns a 3BR, 2 Bath Home in Sonoma County,
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- Assume the home owner paid \$20,000 of cash up-front

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Oakmont *Continued from A1*

association’s general manager, attorney, information technology coordinator, treasurer and several volunteer newsletter reporters have all resigned, several citing challenges of working with the new board.

Leznik said she stepped down from the board because a “very loud group” had made it impossible for her to continue her work, and she wanted peace restored to the community.

“Oakmont is a lovely and beautiful place and it is very, very unfortunate that recent events have upset the tranquility of

our community,” said Leznik, a retired Silicon Valley attorney. “I am just very hopeful that all these problems will be resolved in a much more neighborly and friendly manner and people can get back to enjoying their lives.”

The OVA board manages the community’s common facilities including pools, tennis courts, health facilities and Berger auditorium.

Leznik ran for the board in 2016 to block a \$310,000 pickleball complex many felt was an unnecessary extravagance, arguing converting existing tennis

courts would be far cheaper.

The April election, which required a recount, brought in a board majority that agreed with her, and the project — construction of which had just begun — was scuttled.

Blowback from former board members and pickleball supporters was fierce, at one point leading Leznik to appoint a sergeant-at-arms to keep order at association meetings.

There were calls for her to resign at the last meet-

ing, but Leznik said that had nothing to do with her decision.

“I think the issue, while pickleball is at the heart of it, goes much deeper than that,” Leznik said.

The real issue is wealth disparity within Oakmont, with longtime residents on fixed incomes trying to keep association costs down while newer, wealthier residents are less concerned about the prospect of increasing dues, she said.

OVA members pay \$58

per month per person. Many pay another \$220 per month, on average, per household to various sub-homeowner associations in the community. Al Medeiros, who ran unsuccessfully for the board this year, said OVA dues are modest and stable and small increases shouldn’t be a concern to most residents.

“You’ve got to wonder, if you’re that close to the edge, why are you living here?” Medeiros said.

Association manager Cassie Turner, who resigned earlier this month claiming she was being shut out of key decisions, said the unrest was unprecedented.

“This is nuts,” Turner said Wednesday. “In 30 years of managing communities I’ve never seen this kind of dysfunction.”

Turner said Leznik’s departure “signals a needed change” that will restore a sense of teamwork on the board.

Leznik’s departure leaves Vice President Ken Heyman as acting chairman until the remaining six board members approve a successor. The board will then have 30 days to fill the vacancy or Oakmont residents will vote on a replacement.

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Taylor *Continued from A1*

Up” emblazoned across – with the intent to distribute them at school fundraisers across the county.

The year’s theme soon turned personal for him and his staff. When the event rolled around, Taylor was still in the hospital, but his employees stepped up to share his story and pass out more than 12,000 wristbands.

“The reaction was unbelievable,” said Taylor. “Entire schools were wearing the wristbands.”

The reception inspired Taylor and his family. They started handing out wristbands to doctors, nurses, patients and parents at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, then to Taylor’s own speech and physical therapists at Sonoma Valley Hospital and Parkpoint Health Club.

“Everywhere I went in Sonoma, I would always have bags of a 100 or so wristbands,” said Taylor. “I have handed out more than 2,000 wristbands in town.”

Taylor, a Southern California native, landed in Sonoma more than 25 years ago, lured to the town by his old college roommate Hank Marioni. After attending El Camino Junior College for two years, he transferred in 1973 to



Taylor was an offensive lineman in the mid 1970s for the New York Jets and the San Francisco 49ers.

the University of the Pacific on a football scholarship, where he roomed with Marioni, now the owner of the Swiss Hotel, who would one day introduce him to the small town.

Taylor’s rookie year in professional football was 1975, when he played for the Portland Thunder in the short-lived World Football League. From there Taylor moved to the New York Jets and then signed with the San Francisco 49ers before being released in 1979 following a major knee surgery.

“In the 1970s-era, most guys played for competition, teamwork and loyalty to your team. Not just for the money,” said Taylor. “My first year I was 20 years old — the youngest player on the team. We earned \$500 per game, plus a percentage of the net receipts per game... which due to small crowds was zero dollars!”

After his career in

professional football came to an end, Taylor became involved in fundraising for public schools, and eventually founded his own company, Valley of the Moon Fundraising, which he sold earlier this year.

“Our garage and shed were always filled with

prizes and the things that were going to be given out this year,” recalled Allen Taylor. “The idea of giving out wristbands has been a part of his life for a long time. It was a natural continuation.”

With his company under new ownership, Taylor

is gearing up for a new project. He is thinking of founding a “Never Give Up” foundation, and when his speech gets better, he hopes to become a motivational speaker. “I’m so excited about my future and

to help people,” he said.

His road to recovery is challenging one, but his mood is high. He says, “No matter how bad it gets or how hard your future looks, you have to remember to never give up.”

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The masked robber, shown here at Rabobank around noon on Tuesday; he reportedly pretended to have a weapon in his pocket.

Robbery

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He left on foot a few moments later, with the cash, walking hurriedly south on First Street West from the corner of Maple Street where the bank is located. The Sonoma Police Department was called about the robbery at 12:05 p.m. Upon arrival at the scene, officers asked pedestrians in the area if they had seen the man but no one remembered having done so. They also checked into two suspicious vehicles near the scene of the crime, but nothing further was turned up. The suspect reportedly was initially described



CHRISTIAN KALLEN/INDEX-TRIBUNE

The Rabobank branch at First St. West and Maple St. in Sonoma, victimized by a walk-in robbery on July 25.

as an African-American male adult wearing a long

sleeved olive green T-shirt or sweater with a yellow emblem, baggy blue jeans and a mesh black mask. He was further described as about 5 foot 9-inches or 5 foot 10-inches tall, 180 to 200 pounds, 30 to 35 years old.

The description was later updated to indicate the suspect was possibly Hispanic, wearing an olive green, long sleeve shirt with a darker design with wings and stars – not a yellow design as previously reported – and a dark-colored baseball cap and a mesh mask over his face.

Even though no gun was seen, the perpetrator would probably face felony charges, said Sgt. Spencer Crum of the

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. "It's felony robbery regardless of the amount because it was taken by force or fear."

Subsequently, detectives found other video surveil-

lance in the area and located an image of him in an area market just prior to the robbery. He was seen leaving the market in what appears to be a grey Subaru-type station wagon.

If anyone has information on who the man might be, they are asked to call Sheriff's Detectives at 565-2185.

"We'd really like to catch this guy," said Crum.

Email Christian at christian.kallen@sonomanews.com.

'It's felony robbery regardless of the amount because it was taken by force or fear.'

- Sgt. Spencer Crum

PUT UP YOUR HANDS, SONOMA!

Bank robberies in Sonoma Valley are rare, but not unheard of. In 2014 an armed man walked up to the counter of the WestAmerica Bank in Glen Ellen and walked out with a substantial amount of cash. Despite an extensive search involving Huey One surveillance and multiple patrol cars, a suspect was not located.

In 1995, a bank robbery gone wrong at the Bank of America on West Napa resulted in the shooting death of two including a Loomis armored car guard and one of the robbers, William Filmore Crouch. His cohort in crime, Joan Carrafa of Glen Ellen, was subsequently captured and charged with capital murder.

That same branch was robbed at gunpoint in 1999, presumably by a suspect later charged with several bank robberies state-wide. It was robbed again in 2002 with a metal box the robber said was a bomb. It wasn't, and the perpetrator was later convicted in a series of false-bomb robberies throughout Northern California.

— Christian Kallen



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1. Recess with a vault
5. The final frontier
10. Very large
14. Bread-loaf part
15. General drift
16. One who raised Cain
17. Nice thought
18. Satellite brand name
19. Crouton, maybe
20. Put money into going into orbit?
23. Org. for Bruins and Devils
24. Kitten's comment
25. Big name in Russian ballet
29. "___ pales in Heaven the morning star"; Lowell
31. City of Japan
35. Lined up single-file
37. Fed. of sheikdoms
39. "Charlie's Angels" Lucy
40. Very rarely
44. Like a bairn
45. Amusingly ironic
46. Toughest to find
47. Zeal
50. Govt.-issued ID
52. Takes a chance with
53. Batman's garb
55. Recently bought by Verizon
57. Lying on the beach for example
64. "My Brother ___" (Grateful Dead hit)
65. Non-clerics
66. Just for the fun ___
68. Dodge City gunslinger
69. "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" playwright
70. Valentine's Day gift
71. Fix, as a feline
72. Patrons
73. Where Japan is

Down

1. Some sushi tuna
2. Mani-___
3. In view
4. Height, abbr.
5. Synonymous rhyme for cache
6. Pounding tool
7. Oxidant starter
8. Polenta base
9. Backspace over
10. Parakeets' kin
11. Supt. of school's responsibility
12. Kottor of classic TV
13. Stock page heading
21. Poem dedication
22. Nanki-___ ("Mikado" role)
25. Kicking Bird's people
26. Word preceding "tube" or "sanctum"
27. Thumped fast, as the heart
28. The Columbia R. forms much of its northern border
30. California diner chain
32. Plants that yield a soothing balm
33. Tourist info spot
34. Bee and Em
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54. Rice dish: var.
56. Enthusiastic assent
57. Medium grades
58. "This is a priority!"
59. Olympian Lipinski
60. Contemptuous comment
61. Rail bird
62. E.T.'s vehicles?
63. Not final, in law
67. Jetsam of 1773

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board getting involved in things that, in my opinion, they ought not to be doing... and them making it harder and more difficult for the district to do what it needs to do.

While it will not be easy I also think it can be done and can be done, I think, more quickly than I might have thought.

If we don't do that – if I don't succeed in that – I will have failed.

Given the recent headlines, what are the chances of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District attracting a top-notch permanent superintendent?

Not good right now. I'm going to advise that they not get into this now. Prospective candidates will have to be convinced

that things have changed and that's going to take a while. The board problems need to be fixed or they're not going to find the person they ought to get.

I think by January, February, we should be working as a great board, and then I think people are going to be beating on the door to get in.

What's on your calendar this week?

I'm meeting with some opponents of the proposed high school stadium today.

New and improved facilities, all together, make the schools better for the students and for the alumni, for the neighbors and the parents and the people in this community.

People come to live in communities that have

great schools and because they know that the students that the school is educating are going to be educated and they're going to be efficient and effective citizens.

Thankfully, Sonoma has great support from people who didn't go to school here, people who didn't have children in school here, people who make financial and other contributions because they believe a great community needs great schools.

It sounds like you are working hard. Do you have any regrets about stepping forward?

I'm having fun. I get up in the mornings and, gosh – I've got all these wonderful things to do today.

Email Lorna at lorna.sheridan@sonomanews.com.

SUDOKU

Today's puzzle solutions

By MYLES MELLOR AND SUSAN FLANAGAHN

Rules:
Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box. There is only one unique solution for each puzzle.

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EDITORIAL

MACs a promising step for Valley communities

Springs and Glen Ellen would have stronger voice through ‘advisory councils’

By JASON WALSH

Municipal Advisory Councils have been around since 1971, when state legislation called for such bodies of “local citizens elected by the citizens or appointed by the board of supervisors (to form) with the purpose of representing the community to the board.”

It’s taken 46 years, but Sonoma County is finally hopping aboard the MAC truck, as the Board of Supervisors on July 18 approved plans to allow unincorporated communities to establish their own advisory councils. The councils would consist of five to seven members, appointed to two-year terms by their county supervisor and would serve in an advisory role only.

While MACs are new to Sonoma, their concept isn’t. Redevelopment advisory

Unincorporated communities have struggled to find an impactful voice in the land-use and planning of their local neighborhoods.

committees predated such councils – but since Gov. Brown dissolved state redevelopment agencies in 2012, unincorporated communities have struggled to find an impactful voice in the land-use and planning of their local neighborhoods.

Some ad hoc groups rose to fill the void. The Springs Advisory Committee, for instance, carried enough weight to advance that area’s own version of a general plan, aka the Springs Precise Plan. Others – such as the Sonoma City Council-appointed Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission, which offers guidance from a Valley-wide perspective – has enjoyed more official standing, though it’s remained somewhat city-limit specific.

But MACs are a step forward – they’ll adhere to county policies on meeting regularity and length and provide annual reports to supervisors. Plus, they’ll be trained in public meeting decorum, to recognize conflict-of-interest situations and no-doubt take up time and resources from county staff. In other words, they’ll involve bureaucracy.

Which is another way of saying they’ll be a part of county government – their own self-government. And that’s something for which Valley communities have been clamoring.

The Springs Advisory Committee has been resilient in its efforts to guide a vision for the Highway 12 corridor. Whether it would remain as a companion to a possible Springs MAC is somewhat dubious. Perhaps SAC members would fold into a would-be Springs MAC, perhaps not – those details will be worked out.

Glen Ellen residents, meanwhile, have recently formed the Glen Ellen Forum to respond to such community issues as traffic, tourism, emergency response and the future of the Sonoma Developmental Center lands (the SDC is set to close in 2018). Our “village” to the north is ripe for a municipal advisory council.

According to the plan the Board of Supervisors approved, the MACs will be

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“Get off Sessions! We don’t want weenies like you on this train!”

CALIFORNIA FOCUS

Federal cuts could leave state shaken, or worse

Trump budget looks increasingly vengeful against California

By THOMAS D. ELIAS

Is it political vengeance or merely a Republican President trying to make budget cuts on everything that’s not military?

That’s the real question about Donald Trump’s first budget as it moves through congressional committees en route to becoming reality. It’s a question that reverberates especially on the West Coast, where not just California, but Oregon and Washington, too,

Cutting the federal contributions to these systems would be a classic case of being penny-wise and pound-foolish...

voted heavily against Trump in last year’s election. The mid-Pacific state of Hawaii also strongly opposed Trump.

The latest proposed budget victim coming to light is the life-saving tsunami detection system that gives early warning to all four of those states (and Republican Alaska) whenever a major earthquake strikes anywhere around the Pacific Rim’s so-called “Ring of Fire,” where those quakes sometimes produce enormously destructive tidal waves thousands of miles from the epicenters.

Before the system of 39 deep-sea sensors and floating, tethered buoys existed, a tsunami measuring at least 20 feet tall slammed into Crescent City, near the California-Oregon state line in 1964 with very little warning. It decimated the city’s harbor and killed 11 persons who could not escape the city’s harbor in time.

The early-detection system was in place by 2008 when a tsunami of similar size struck the same place. No one died because there was ample warning.

Now Trump seeks to cut most of the \$12 million federal contribution to maintaining the warning system, reducing staff from 40 full-time positions to 15 and cutting out one of the two tsunami warning centers. He also would end \$6 million in safety grants to tsunami-prone states.

This proposal comes at the same time Trump seeks to eliminate the \$10 million annual federal contribution to an under-construction earthquake early-detection system that could provide between 30 second and two minutes of notice before large quakes, thus potentially saving hundreds, perhaps thousands of lives.

Both these systems have had strong backing from both Republican President George W. Bush and his Democratic successor Barack Obama and it’s looking like a House committee may

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PULSE OF THE PUBLIC



Don’t leave Bowser ‘trapped in a car on a blistering summer day,’ says letter writer.

‘Metal coffin on wheels’

EDITOR: You love your dog. You provide the best food and veterinary care. You exercise your pet and arrange fun activities to keep your companion happy and engaged in life.

Then you take your dog for perhaps its last ride, a “quick” trip to the store.

Try this experiment. On a hot Sonoma day, park your metal box, otherwise known as your car, on the street or simply leave it in your driveway. No shade permitted, which matters little anyway. Get in, crack the windows a couple of

Possibly you are now becoming frantic by the excessive heat that envelopes you.

inches and sit there as the car quickly heats up. Minutes pass as you are inhaling more air than can be replaced by the small window openings. You are not allowed to drink any water. It would not help that much anyway. You’re now becoming more uncomfortable breathing faster, perspiring, perhaps feeling light-headed.

You may become nauseous and are very thirsty. By now you’ve been in your vehicle less than 15 to 20 minutes. If you own a small or dark-colored car the effects are even worse. Possibly you are now becoming frantic by the excessive heat that envelopes you.

But wait! You can open the car door and exit, saving yourself from heat stroke or death. Your precious dog or cat does not have that opportunity. Age and any medical problems increase all side effects of animal overheating.

People, use the most basic common sense and leave your beloved pet at home. You may not have a cool house or air conditioning but your overheated home is still much cooler than this metal coffin on wheels. Trapped in a car on a blistering summer day is a most violent

and entirely preventable death. Prove by your actions that you really do love your cherished canine or feline companion. Please heed and pass on this heartfelt advice.

Sue Weingarten
Sonoma

The will of the people

EDITOR: I read with interest James Cribb’s letter regarding the City Council trying to reshape the Planning Commission (“Council Trying to Reshape Planning Commission,” July 18). My concern about the letter is less the politics that may be at play in City Hall, and more with a comment about how the City Council is doing its job properly when it comes to reviewing the EIR of the Hotel Project Sonoma.

The General Plan 2020 for the City of Sonoma is dated October 2006. Since then a number of economic changes have occurred, as well as business models that are very different 10 years later. AirBnB puts huge pressure on the availability of affordable housing. Tasting rooms for wineries that have no facilities proliferate in an area that once serviced the community, and there is intense tourism-based pressure on Sonoma, very little of which the 2006 General Plan addresses. Sure, the pressure of rentals, wineries, and tourists have always been a part of Sonoma, but not like they have in the last few years.

The General Plan likely represents the direction our community should take in 2006. Eleven years later, our priorities have changed, the business models exerting pressure on Sonoma have changed and, hence, the accuracy of the General Plan’s alignment with the citizens’ will has changed.

It is no affront to the Planning Commission that the City Council is questioning the project’s EIR. They represent the people in Sonoma, not the paperwork that was created a decade ago, and it is their job to ensure that the projects which are approved today, meet the will of the people today.

Tom Fogle
Sonoma

EIRs flawed

EDITOR: Steve Page knows all the tricks on how to get a very flawed Environmental Impact Report through the system. Fabulous lobbying, all kinds of “smoke and mirrors.” Steve is employed by Speedway Motors, owned by 90-year-old Bruton Smith, the father of Speed-

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GLASS FULL

Holly Hill was a miniature poodle who passed away last April at the ripe age of 16, or a gob-smacking 112 in people years.

“During her lifetime she brought nothing but joy and happiness to everyone who met her,” reports her human pal David Hill.

Holly was a certified therapy dog and was trained in senior care facilities and hospitals. But she found her true “calling” working with kids. For several years, Holly could be found afternoons at the Sonoma Valley Regional Library helping youngsters learn to read by listening as they read aloud to her. (True



fame came when the I-T did a feature story on the story-loving pooch in 2012.) More recently, she volunteered at a Pets Lifeline summer camp, continuing on in her read-to-a-dog program path.

“As a reward for reading to her,” writes David, “Holly would do a short ‘agility’ demonstration for the kids, after which they all gathered around and wanted to give her treats.”

When Holly died, the Hills and few other neighbors donated to the Pets Lifeline scholarship fund in Holly’s memory.

“A good example of love coming back to ‘bite you,’” quips David.

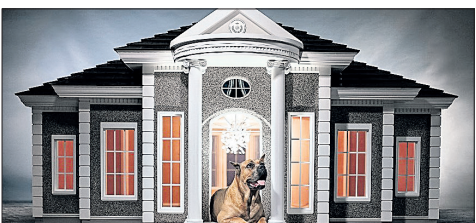
Woof.

GLASS EMPTY

“Why is it that during a time when a dog is considered to be a family member can’t a dog also have its own dog mansion equal to its owner’s?”

That’s the question we found atop our inbox one recent morning – the query posed by British “luxury dog manor” company Hecate Verona, which followed with such other philosophical quandaries as, “Why shouldn’t an architect design a house for a dog?” and “Why wouldn’t a dog house be as elegant and beautiful as its owner’s?”

As much as the housing-depleted Valley surely needs dog manors featuring air



conditioning, heating, cameras, food and water feeding systems, treat dispensers, TVs and a dog-to-owner conference calling system (we kid you not), we figured there’d be no way Sonomans would be swizzled by such an obscene, morally questionable use of \$40,000 to \$200,000. But still, we figured it would make a good Glass Empty just to be sure.

— Jason Walsh

Have you witnessed any random acts of kindness? Or perhaps a moment of shocking rudeness? “Glass Full/Glass Empty” wants to know who to cheer – and who to jeer – in Sonoma. Tell us your tale at jason.walsh@sonomanews.com. Names may be changed to protect the innocent.

Focus

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restore all the funds. That would not change Trump's intent.

Before Trump, there was a realization that even if a state went strongly against the eventual winning presidential candidate, the same state nevertheless contained millions of voters who went for the winner. That was how it went in California last year, when almost 4.5 million state residents voted for Trump, even though Democrat Hillary Clinton carried the state by the widest margin since the Franklin Roosevelt in 1936. Trump's losses in Washington, Oregon and Hawaii were almost as wide.

There is, of course, no plan for quake warnings on the East Coast, where almost no such shakes occur, but the tsunami warning system does cover

Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia, all states with low-lying coastal areas, and all of which went Democratic last year.

Cutting the federal contributions to these systems would be a classic case of being penny-wise and pound-foolish, if a natural disaster should hit without warning and destroy many lives along with billions of dollars in property. Spending by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, even under Trump, would likely dwarf the less than \$28 million involved here. That spending could be cut substantially if there were sufficient warning for vehicle owners to get their cars and trucks out of tsunami zones or place valuable but fragile possessions in safe places before an earthquake arrives.

Unless, of course, Trump should decide that residents of the states involved are not as Amer-

ican as other citizens and decline to issue post-disaster emergency declarations that free up grant money.

Meanwhile, California would be hit harder than other states if Trump's much larger planned spending cuts on things like Medicaid, public education and homeland security grants are ratified by Congress. The putative Medicaid cuts alone could lop \$24 billion a year worth of California health care, an amount the state's recent budget surpluses cannot make up.

It's still too early to say for sure that all this is pure political revenge for voting against the President. But the more Trump presses cuts in programs that disproportionately affect states like California, which voted against him, the more plausible become suspicions of vengeance.

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Editorial

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appointed by the supervisors; it's a condition that's already drawing heat from some community members who say the neighborhood councils should be elected by their communities in order to have some independence from the supervisors. It's a legitimate question, since state law apparently allows for it.

For the time being, the plan for the first year in 1st District areas, is that Su-

pervisor Gorin will solicit nominations and, from there, make appointments.

The process to initiate municipal advisory councils has only just begun. We hope the Board of Supervisors will move quickly to clear any additional hurdles so Glen Ellen and the Springs can create their own MACs and re-establish a greater voice in the direction of their communities.

Email Jason at jason.walsh@sonomanews.com.

Pulse

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way Children's Charities, which helps Smith ingratiate his Speedway Motors raceways into communities like Sonoma. Steve certainly has been an ideal employee for Mr. Smith. He is a major success in Sonoma; loved by the community for all his "public service." Few of our dear citizens know that that is what he is paid for to curry the favor of hospitals and other charities. Former Supervisor Cale was made grand marshal as a reward for his support of the \$35 million expansion some 17 years ago. Now the public suffers from gridlock and long delays on all highway leading to our Valley because of the raceway's flawed EIR. The raceway is too large to be serviced by two-lane roads. But this major issue of traffic was glossed over just as this is being done for

Darius Anderson's hotel project! Both Darius Anderson and Steve Page share much in common; they love the term "world class" and have very different values than those of us who wish to maintain a healthy Sonoma and support values other than an extravagant and unsustainable lifestyle. I hope our City Council will take note and not be intimidated by Mr. Darius Anderson's powerful presence in not only Sonoma County but in the state of California. He is very well-connected politically and economically and could make trouble for those with different values. Our town has bone well past the tipping point. I agree with last week's letter ("We Have Become Disneyland for Wine Drinkers," July 11). We need to learn to say enough is enough. But will we?

Marilyn Goode
Sonoma

Online poll: How did you meet your mate?

Readers share their 'meet cutes'...

In our most recent online poll, we asked readers how they met their mates. We offered a few choices, but what we were really after were the stories behind the hook...er, meet ups. Still, we found it interesting that nearly 20 percent of respondents said they'd met their paramour online. Who says Sonoma doesn't move with the times?

Here are the tales of romantic intrigue:

■

Needing to make up a studio class at Cal, I went to the next available session. Not intending to stay for the entire three hour studio, I asked around for who was the smartest in the class so that I may complete the work and leave. After meeting that person we hit it off immediately and continued talking for not only the entire three hours, but we stayed after and continued our conversation. Two years later we were married. The studio session took place on the Hayward fault at the entry of the Cal football stadium during a Geology class.

■

We met at a little jazz bar in Petaluma. I told her I was playing there on Sunday. She said, "Isn't Sunday for watching football and drinking beer?" I said, "Please tell me you play the cello and speak Spanish." She replied, "Well, I can learn the cello and me llamo Rachel." The rest is history.

■

My wife was a singer in a band and I was in the audience. I went back to the Sheraton to watch them for four nights in a row because the band was great and she was so cute.

■

I met him while I was

Question: How did you meet your mate?		
Choices	Percentage	Votes
We met at work or in school	<div><div></div></div> 29.79%	14
None of the above	<div><div></div></div> 23.4%	11
We were introduced by mutual friends	<div><div></div></div> 21.28%	10
Through an online dating service	<div><div></div></div> 19.15%	9
I've known him/her forever (or it seems like it)	<div><div></div></div> 6.38%	3

driving and he was standing on a street corner in Petaluma. I was 16 and told my passenger, "I will marry that guy someday." Here we are almost 30 years later.

■

It's somewhat of an urban legend that one can find love in Sonoma post-35 years old, with a Sonoman, and as a Sonoma native. And yet we did. It was the front patio of the Swiss Hotel, sometime after 11 p.m. on a warm night in May. I was not interested. He found me annoying. One hour later, everyone there (like a dozen people) used a new iPhone app called Bump to exchange info. One month later, invites me to a party via email. I decline as I don't remember him at all. Eventually, we become friends. We chat, but nothing earth shattering or romantic. Even more months later, he kisses me and my earth doth quake. I decide he shall be my boyfriend and so it is. Now he is my husband. We've experienced sickness, health, richer, poorer -- all the normal and not normal things. Love that man and thankful for him, the Swiss Hotel, and Sonoma.

■

We met initially online, back before it was popular and it was actually still weird. He was deployed in the Middle East and I was bored in Marin County.

His new orders were bringing him to Petaluma, so when he returned home we met up and the rest is history.

■

(Through an online dating service) We just met for sex, but hit it off and now we're married!

■

At a swimming (pool), he asked me over to his house, for a glass of wine. And the rest is history.

■

I was a PPD cop walking a beat around the downtown area. Nancy was a cashier at the California Theater. On my rounds each evening I would stop and talk to her. That was 50 years ago, in February 2018, we will celebrate our Golden Anniversary!

■

We met in eighth grade, his family moved out of the area until ninth grade and we picked up where we left off. Then his family moved again that summer and it took 30 years for us to get back together, all good now!!

■

We met at Marioni's. In the bar. I took his cowboy hat. For reals.

■

We met outside my parents' house while my neighbor and him were doing some gardening.

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'Ti ho incontrato per caso, ti amero' per sempre.' Nuff said!

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MOHAMAD TAGHI NAJMABADI aka HAJI TAGHI NAJMABADI Case No. 090558

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will, or estate or both, of: MOHAMAD TAGHI NAJMABADI aka HAJI TAGHI NAJMABADI.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Esmail Najmabadi in the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma. The Petition for Probate requests that: Esmail Najmabadi be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

X The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

X The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: SEP 21 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 12, located at 600 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 56(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (FORM DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code §1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

FILED: JUL 18 2017
ERIC S. GULLOTTA, ESQ.
232 West Napa Street
Sonoma, CA 95476
TELEPHONE NO.: 707-938-7234
Attorney For Petitioner

2782300 - Pub. July 25, 28, Aug 1, 2017

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA 3055 Cleveland Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95403 Case No. 090510

Petition of: GREGORY WILLIAM MCNERTNEY for change of name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner GREGORY WILLIAM MCNERTNEY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: GREGORY WILLIAM MCNERTNEY to GREGORY NEWMAN GREENE.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why this 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
AUG 31 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept 12, located at 600 Administration Dr. Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each 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 Sonoma Index Tribune.

Dated: JUL 06 2017
BRADFORD J. DEMEO
Judge of the Superior Court

2781835 - Pub. July 21, 28, Aug 4, 11, 2017

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2017-02122

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1) Geo's Pool Company, 2) Geo's Pool Service, 3) Geo's Pool Construction & Remodeling, 4) Geo's Spa Company, 5) Geo's Pool Spa & Solar Company, 6) Geo's Solar Company located at 19480 Eighth Street East, Suite 5 Sonoma, CA 95476; Mailing Address P O BOX 423 Vineburg, CA 95487 Sonoma County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Geo's Pool Company, Inc. 19480 Eighth Street East, Suite 5 Sonoma, CA 95476

This business is conducted by: A CA Corporation

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names above on 1984.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: Jean Noel, Secretary

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SONOMA COUNTY on 06/26/2017

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

WILLIAM F. ROUSSEAU
Sonoma County Clerk
By /s/ Darrell Light
Deputy Clerk
SEAL

2780820 - Pub. July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2017-02016

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Sonoma Wholesale Auto located at 1475 Felder Road Sonoma, CA 95476 Sonoma County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cary Weltken 1475 Felder Road Sonoma, CA 95476

This business is conducted by: An Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: Cary Weltken - Individual

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SONOMA COUNTY on 06/15/2017

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

WILLIAM F. ROUSSEAU
Sonoma County Clerk
By /s/ Alma Roman
Deputy Clerk
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2780699 - Pub. July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that Storage Sonoma will sell at Public Auction the abandoned personal property, household, or tool goods described below:

Sophia Beltran	Unit A19
Tamara Hudson	Unit A20
Silvina Hernandez	Unit A23
Donna Weber	Unit B15
Maria Rojas-Liera	Unit F7

Sale will be competitive bidding at at 1:45 PM on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 where property is stored at 208 Siesta Way, Sonoma, CA 95476

Purchase must be paid for in cash only. Items are sold as is and must be removed by 6:30PM on the day of the sale. Management reserves the right to bid on contents. The named tenants have until 10am the day of sale to settle their account in cash. This sale is subject to cancellation without notice.

Auctioneer is Storage Auction Experts, Bond #5860870 Phone 209-667-5797

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2017-02307

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

County Roadside located at 21684 8th Street East #600 Sonoma, CA 95476; Mailing Address 129 Lunado Way SF, CA 94127 Sonoma County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Skylark Wine Company Inc. 21684 8th Street East #600 Sonoma, CA 95476

This business is conducted by: A CA Corporation

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: Robert Perkins, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SONOMA COUNTY on 07/10/2017

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

WILLIAM F. ROUSSEAU
Sonoma County Clerk
By /s/ Darrell Light
Deputy Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2017-02313

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Little Boat located at 21684 Eighth Street East, Suite 600 Sonoma, CA 95476; Mailing Address P O Box 10787 Napa, CA 94581 Sonoma County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Arcana, LLC 21684 Eighth Street East, Suite 600 Sonoma, CA 95476

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: William Knuttel, Managing Member

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SONOMA COUNTY on 07/11/2017

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

WILLIAM F. ROUSSEAU
Sonoma County Clerk
By /s/ Alma Roman
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that at Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the following locations on **August 15, 2017: 19240 CA-12, Sonoma, CA 95476 @ 2:00 pm.**

127 Martin Gutierrez: Household Items, **301 Amber Elliott:** Household Items, **207 Dale Nichollet:** Household Items, **230 Carlyn Kryger:** Household Items, **615 Robert Geiger MD:** Household Items, **714: Ma De Lourdes Juarez De Ponce:** Clothing, Mannequins, Clothing Racks.

Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid. Sale is subject to adjournment.

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Jasper O'Farrell arrived in San Francisco, eventually acquiring Estero Americano and Canada de Jonive, some of best land in Sonoma County. The area in west part of county is later known as Analay Township.

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Valley Life

Music: Annex nixed
Fond farewell to a cozy live music venue. **B2**

Film: ‘Dunkirk’
Christopher Nolan hits the beach in blockbuster WWII film. **B3**



Food&Wine
Kathleen Thompson Hill

Buena Vista history progressive dinner

According to George Webber, aka the Count of Buena Vista, the Buena Vista Winery presents a Progressive History Dinner tonight, July 28 with local actors performing as Count Agostón Haraszthy and his two sons, Arpad and Attila.

For the “dinner performed in three acts,” Chef Victor Scargle will make appetizers of truffled devilled eggs, and Petrossian caviar blinis, and sautéed Sting Ray. Dinner will be sautéed foie gras with garden berries and arugula brioche, followed by Akaushi beef striploin with wild mushrooms and baby carrots, and gougères with époisse and fig jam, all with Jean-Charles Boisset’s best wines. Should definitely be interesting and fun. \$120 public, \$100 club members. 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets at 800-325-2764.

‘Retro food’ at Museum of Art

Yes, to accompany their SVMA Summer of Love Art Night with live music by Beatles tribute band Rubber Soul, staff will be serving “Marmalade Skies” courtesy of Sonoma’s Prohibition Spirits, along

Their ‘retro foods’ will include Ruffles with onion dip, Chex Party Mix, orange sunshine Jell-O, fruit salad and brownies without the funny stuff...

Diamond Dogs in the rough

Dan Morgan’s youth league is bringing baseball back to the sand lot

By **WALT WILLIAMS**
SPECIAL TO THE INDEX-TRIBUNE

The need was a simple one: more summer baseball playing time for Sonoma youth. Dan Morgan saw this as an opportunity to build a new league and thus was born the Diamond Dogs.

Caught in his playhouse at Peoples Home Equity Ballpark at Arnold Field, after a Thursday Diamond Dogs hitting practice, the only way to talk with Morgan is to surprise him because he’s not a huge talker, especially about himself. That’s Morgan, gruff exterior, humble inside.

Morgan not only created the Diamond Dogs this year – think of the movie “The Sandlot” but with Sonoma kids – but he has been a major fixture in the church of the round ball for many years.

“Baseball teaches so many life lessons,” he said. “How to lose and get back up. It can be a humbling game, like loving a girl who doesn’t love you back.”

Morgan is more than the pretty face behind the barbecue at Arnold Field. He is on the Sonoma Valley Athletic Club and Babe Ruth boards, he has been a longtime coach for the Babe Ruth team the Cubs, and he is a huge cheerleader for the Sonoma Stompers.

“The Stompers have improved Arnold Field and provide such a great night out for the community. It’s great for the youth to be inspired by

the Stompers. The new ownership connects the community and we are now able to have a beer legally,” he said as he fist bumped two shirtless Stompers players coming onto the field for some batting practice.

Morgan feels blessed: about what he is able to provide, about what he has been given, and about the opportunities he has created. He immediately called after we talked to tell me about the people who help

him on the daily: Zach Pace, Mario Alioto, Mike Mertens, Teak Mack, Vicki Handron, Dave Stagnoli, Michael Hernandez, Dave Stoddard. Dan Morgan’s village is large.

Morgan is third generation Sonoma; grandma was born in one of the first wooden houses on Spain Street. His dad, Dan and son Cole all call Arnold Field home. Morgan remembers when the infield was dirt and there was no

clubhouse.

“It was a very different time, guess I’m trying to bring some of that back,” he said.

The Diamond Dogs always play doubleheaders (more practice) against teams as far away as Cloverdale. Morgan’s goal is to continue in the fall once the kids have adjusted to their school schedules. Then grow the league as long as the interest remains.

“The job of the varsity coach is to win, but here we want to develop good citizens of the community,” he said.

See Diamond, B6



Dan Morgan, with son Cole, is doing it for the love of the game.



The Diamond Dogs are making youth baseball fun again.

‘(Baseball) can be a humbling game, like loving a girl who doesn’t love you back.’

– Dan Morgan

with arts and crafts on Friday, Aug. 4. “Groovy threads and moves encouraged.”

Their “retro foods” will include Ruffles with onion dip, Chex Party Mix, orange sunshine Jell-O, fruit salad and brownies without the funny stuff, pigs-in-a-blanket, and stuffed celery. \$25 includes nibbles and two drinks. 6 to 9 p.m. 551 Broadway, Sonoma. More info contact mmaynard@svma.org.

See Food & Wine, B4

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Food Truck Friday
Break up with your oven on Friday night, and let the food trucks at Sebastiani Winery do the cooking instead. Offering up a panoply of international delights, there’s a little something to satisfy whatever flavor you crave. Throw in the jazzy swing of the Jami Jamison Band, and you’ve got a sure thing to start your weekend.
Friday, July 28, Sebastiani Winery, 6 to 9 p.m. www.sebastianiwinery.com Free.

Cannonball!
The weatherman is calling for big heat over the weekend, and if you’re desperate to dunk, head up to Morton’s Warm Springs. Old school family fun in a pristine natural setting, with three geothermal pools and a wide lawn to spread out on. Bring the in-laws, the out-laws, the kids and their friends.
Tuesdays-Sundays, 1651 Warm Springs Road, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.mortonswarm-springs.com \$6 to 10.

Rainbows and Popcorn
LGBT seniors and the people who love them are invited to Vintage House for a Sunday matinee. “Flawless,” starring Robert DeNiro as an ex-cop whose life is upended by a crime, forges an unlikely alliance with Philip Seymour Hoffman, his meddlesome transsexual neighbor. It’s not Casablanca, but it’ll make you feel good.
Sunday, July 30, Vintage House, 4 to 6 p.m. www.vintage-house.org \$5

Gawkers at the Gatehouse
The reinvigorated di Rosa is pushing the envelope, and interviews with featured artists is just one of the ways. Join artists Diane Flyr and Lynn Hershman in discussion with curators, and discover how working artists capture their magic.
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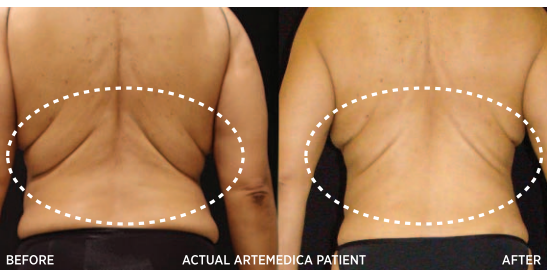
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Entertainment



The French Oak Gypsy Band will parks its caravan Sunday at Madrone Estate Winery.

THE SET LIST

- **ANNEX WINE BAR**, 865 W. Napa St. Sonoma, 938-7779

Tonight, July 28: Peace of G. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 29: Don Trotta. 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 30: "Final Day Blowout" with Calvin Ross and Friends, Full Circle, Wildflower Weed, Sonoma Sound Syndicate and the Mark Larson Band. 3 p.m.

■ **B. R. COHN WINERY**, 15000 Sonoma Hwy, Glen Ellen, 800-330-4064

Sunday, July 30: Lorin Rowan. 2 p.m.

■ **FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET**, Depot Park, 270 First St W. Sonoma

Today, July 28: Stewart Degner. 9:30 a.m.

■ **HOOD MANSION LAWN**, 389 Casa Manana Rd. Santa Rosa, 833-6288

Tonight, July 28: Funky Fridays with the Poyntlyss Sisters. 7 p.m.

■ **HOPMONK TAVERN**, 691 Broadway Sonoma, 935-9100

Tonight, July 28: Timothy O'Neil. 5 p.m. the Aqua Velvets. 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 29: Smorgy. 1 p.m. Dawn Angelosante and Tony Gibson 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 30: Nate Lopez. 1 p.m.

■ **LARSON PARK**, 329 DeChene Avenue, Sonoma, 539-8092

Sunday, July 30: Springs Farmers Market with Jeffry Hellman. 4 p.m.

■ **MADRONE ESTATE WINERY**, 777 Madrone Rd. Glen Ellen, 939-4500

Sunday, July 30: French Oak Gypsy Band. 1 p.m.

■ **MURPHY'S IRISH PUB**, 464 First St. E. Sonoma, 935-0660

Tonight, July 28: Four Shillings Short. 8 p.m.

■ **MUSCARDINI CELLARS**, 9380 Sonoma Hwy, Kenwood, 933-9305

Saturday, July 29: "Simmer
- Down Saturday" with Full Circle. 6 p.m.

■ **OLDE SONOMA PUBLIC HOUSE**, 18615 Sonoma Hwy. Boyes Hot Springs, 938-7587

Tonight, July 28: Ryan Tatarian and Matt Silva. 6:30 p.m. Reggae Night with Byron Borges. 8 p.m.

■ **THE REEL FISH SHOP AND GRILL**, 401 Grove St. El Verano, 343-0044

Tonight, July 28: the Carl Green Band. 7:30 p.m.

■ **SEBASTIANI WINERY AND VINEYARDS**, 389 Fourth St. E. Sonoma, 933-3230

Tonight, July 28: the Jami Jamison Band, also "Food Truck Friday." 6 p.m.

■ **SONOMA COMMUNITY CENTER**, 276 E. Napa St., Sonoma, 938-4626

Sunday, July 30: Kitchen Concert Series with Judy Bowles and special guest Jessica Terwilliger. 6:30 p.m.

■ **SONOMA SPEAKEASY AND AMERICAN MUSIC HALL**, 452 First St. E. ste. G. Sonoma, 996-1364

Tonight, July 28: T Luke and the Tight Suits. 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 29: Kerry Daly Band. 5 p.m. the Fabulous 45's. 8 p.m.

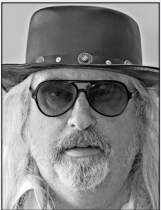
Sunday, July 30: Acoustic Soul 5 p.m. Acoustic Blues Jam. 8:30 p.m.

■ **VIANSA WINERY**, 25200 Arnold Drive, Carneros, 995-4740

Saturday, July 29: Pacific Standard. 12 p.m.

Sunday, July 30: Craig Corona. 12 p.m.

If your gig isn't in my column, you didn't tell me about it. jmberry@sonomamusic.com.



J.M. Berry

Sonoma live scene in musical limbo

Quality acts exist, but is Valley willing to support them?

By JAMES MARSHALL BERRY
INDEX-TRIBUNE MUSIC WRITER

This weekend marks the closing of another music venue in Sonoma Valley – the Annex Wine Bar will close its doors for good on Sunday, July 30, after failing to come to terms of a lease with the new owners of the property. (Note: the adjoining Community Cafe is not affected by the closure of Annex.)

The Annex provided a venue for just about anyone to perform, a step up from an open-mic, but not really a big stage. The venue wasn't the highest paying in town, as a wine bar open for four hours a day, the budget wasn't large enough to bring many established acts into the venue, but many acts enjoyed the "living room" vibe created by owner, Margie Brooke and would play there for much less than other venues. More than one act got their start there and many more solo performers got to prove that they were in fact good enough to play in front of an audience. We can say from experience, that many a show there was quite extraordinary – and, with apologies to Billy Joel from "Piano Man," often we heard "Man, what are you doing here?"

The weekend finale starts tonight, July 28, with Peace of G which features members of Ten Foot Tone, Plan Be and more, kicking off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, it's Don Trotta playing rock, reggae and blues, also at 7:30 p.m. The finale is scheduled for Sunday, July 30, when the venue opens early at 3 p.m. and the day kicks off with Calvin Ross and Friends, followed by Full Circle at 4 p.m. and Wildflower Weed at 5 p.m. Wrapping up the evening will be a combination of bands that will include Sonoma Sound Syndicate, the Mark Larson Band and a possible reunion of the DaveEdJohn Quartet, who all kick off at 6 p.m. The evening will end at 9 p.m. as they literally have to move



The welcoming, cozy atmosphere of the Annex Wine bar has been a haven for Sonoma musicians. It all comes to an end July 30.

everything out of the venue by midnight. Thanks Margie for making a place for music to happen, and happen it did.

Which begs the question: What exactly is happening with the live music scene in the Valley? In the 10 years we've been writing for the *Index-Tribune* we've seen ebbs and flows but in the end, it never seems to change. There are a handful of

Theatre, which boasted a packed house just last weekend for Sean Carscadden's farewell concert. Unfortunately, for proprietor Roger Rhoten to remain competitive in the movie market and keep first run movies on his screen, he needs to show movies most every Friday and Saturday night.

Sonoma Valley music lovers also have a dislike for cover charges for live music like something we've never seen. We all know money talks and perhaps it's time to start to place value on a musical performance like we do with movies, plays, art showcases, wine tasting and other things we gladly shell out \$10 for without blinking. If there is the potential for someone to actually get paid, maybe the venues create themselves. There are also challenges within the city limits with the city noise ordinance. Maybe it's because we tend to hang with a musical crowd, but it seems most people we know like live music, and many venues are packed with like minded people enjoying live music every weekend.

Maybe it's time to take live music seriously, or not.

The choice seems to be up to you, the listener.

Which begs the question: What exactly is happening with the live music scene in the Valley?

venues that could be considered actual music venues, with a stage, lights and sound provided – but most still just move some tables out of the way and plug the band in to a circuit that may or may not be the same one as the blender.

God forbid we be anything like Napa, but in that time, Napa has added the Uptown Theatre, the Blue Note Cafe, Silo's and more that all bring name-brand talent to that valley. Why can't we have that here? The reasons are too endless to even go into in this small piece. Where would these acts play? The most obvious would be the Sebastiani

Four Shillings Short sings for its supper at Murphy's

Celt-folk duo brings 30-instrument arsenal to Sonoma

INDEX-TRIBUNE STAFF REPORT
That Cork-California

musical crossing rears once again July 28 at Murphy's Irish Pub, when Celtic duo Four Shilling Short take the stage for an evening of folk and world music at its finest.

Four Shillings Short is the husband and wife duo of Aodh Og O'Tuama from Cork, Ireland and Christy Martin from California – who will perform traditional and original music from the Celtic lands, medieval and Renaissance Europe, India and the Americas. The band performs on an array of more than 30 instruments including hammered and mountain dulcimer, mandolin, mandola, bouzouki, tinwhistles, recorders, Medieval and Renaissance woodwinds, North Indian sitar, charango, bowed psaltery, banjo, bodhran, guitar, percussion, vocals and even a krumhorn.

Four Shillings Short



They may be Four Shillings Short, but they've got their share of instruments to offer.

has toured the U.S. and Ireland for nearly 20 years, performing 150 concerts a year. They've released 12 recordings and describe themselves as "full-time troubadours traveling from town to town performing at music festivals, theaters and performing arts centers, folk societies, libraries, house concerts and schools."

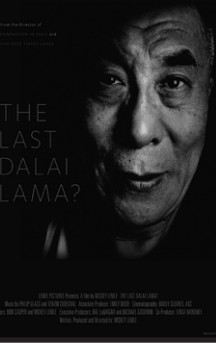
According to the musicians, Aodh Og O'Tuama grew up in a family of poets, musicians and writers

and received his degree in music from University College Cork, Ireland. He sings in English, Gaelic and French.

Christy Martin grew up in a family of musicians and dancers and studied North Indian sitar for 10 years, five of them with a student of master Sitarist Ravi Shankar. She sings in English, Irish, Spanish and Sanskrit.

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FILM REVIEW

That ‘Dunkirk’ spirit!

Christopher Nolan makes another daring directorial escape from emotion

By KIRK MICHAEL
INDEX-TRIBUNE FILM CRITIC

Watching “Dunkirk,” one is struck by how sensible it is that Christopher Nolan has made a World War II film, because the last person to take himself as seriously as Mr. Nolan does was probably Hitler.

Nolan, almost single-handedly responsible for the current vogue of comic book flicks in which ultra-dour men in capes grimace at and beat on each other for two and a half hours, turns to another fitting subject, the Second World War. It would be inappropriate to smile even once amid the foggy slaughter on Dunkirk, so upper lips stay resolutely stiff.

This film has been lauded for its technical achievements and, indeed, the hyper-reality of the cinematography is notable. The issue is that such praise is more appropriately applied to virtual reality headsets than an alleged work of art. The film serves mainly to remind us of things with which Nolan remains unfamiliar: sufficient outdoor lighting

DUNKIRK
“Dunkirk” is showing at the Sonoma 9 Cinemas. Rated PG-13. Running time 1:47. Visit www.cinemawest.com.

and human emotion. “Dunkirk” tenuously weaves three storylines that cover one week on the ground, one day on the sea and one hour in the air. Events begin under the thunder of never-seen German guns. Propaganda leaflets rain down with



Just another day at the beach, British stiff-upper-lip style.

hard to make them out from the mumbles of the soldiers or the patches on their mucky coats. Nolan, in his sagacity, recognizes there is nothing more sentimental than creating a character when you can just present a face.

The boys are watched over by Commander Bolton (Kenneth Branagh, straining to bring Shakespearean weight to the couple dozen words he is allowed to speak). He tells one joke and thank good-



‘Dunkirk’ focuses on three storylines from the renowned evacuation – from land, sea and air.

The last person to take himself as seriously as Mr. Nolan does was probably Hitler.

depictions of a tightening Axis noose around the beaches on Dunkirk (situated on mainland France, just across the Channel from England).

On the sands, there are three very similar looking white privates running around like prizes in a shooting gallery: Tommy (Fionn Whitehead), Alex (Harry Styles) and Gibson (Aneurin Barnard). Their names are best learned through Wikipedia, as it’s

ness it isn’t funny enough to make anyone laugh, though his second, Colonel Winnant (James D’Arcy), manages a wince.

Through their binoculars, they see a vision of home churning across the Channel, in the form of civilian ships sent over to help evacuate the troops. Mark Rylance and Mark Rylance’s very concerned eyes play Mr. Dawson, a Weymouth boatman who brings along his son Peter

(Tom Glynn-Carney) and his friend George (Barry Keoghan) on the rescue mission. They scoop up a shivering unnamed soldier (Cillian Murphy) from an overturned ship’s hull bobbing in the water. He is less than thrilled to be motoring back to Dunkirk.

In the air, shot by an agile camera and shot at by the Luftwaffe, are Royal Air Force pilots Collins (Jack Lowden) and Farrier (Tom Hardy), the latter an into-the-sunset hero if ever there was one. Farrier

clears the sky of many a Jerry fighter — but it’s impossible to say whether he cracks a laconic grin behind his goggles and oxygen mask.

The film leans on the sonic assault by composer Hans Zimmer, intent on shellshocking your eardrums with deafening metronomic sound effects ripped from 60 Minutes. All the ticking in the score really makes you aware of the passage of time. Then again, so does the Ke\$ha song “TiK ToK.”

As the activities cre-

scendo, the film turns to the famous words of Winston Churchill, who was, if nothing else, a better screenwriter than Christopher Nolan. As the prime minister’s speech is intoned — “We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight in the hills, we shall fight at the box office, etc.” — we see images of the quiet shoreline. Empty helmets cling to the sand like barnacles, like the sticky idea that we can still bask, proudly, in the reflected light of a good war.

‘Flawless’ screening to support LGBT program

De Niro and Hoffman team up in crime-comedy at Vintage House

INDEX-TRIBUNE STAFF REPORT

Nothing’s flawless — but this event comes close. Vintage House’s LGBT senior program is putting on its latest Sunday Afternoon at the Movies on July 30, offering a screening of the 1999 Robert De Niro and Philip Seymour Hoffman comedy “Flawless.”

The film, written and directed by Joel Schumacher stars De Niro as a tough New York City cop who suffers a debilitating stroke and forms an unlikely friendship with drag-queen neighbor (Hoffman) who assists him in regaining his speech.



Philip Seymour Hoffman and Robert De Niro ham it up in the odd-couple buddy comedy ‘Flawless.’

But troubles arise when drug pushers come to the apartment complex where they live to recover a stash of stolen money.

The film runs from 4 to 6 p.m. Admission is

\$5. Proceeds support the expansion of LGBT programs at Vintage House. Light refreshments will be for sale. Vintage House is at 264 First St. E. Call 996-0311.

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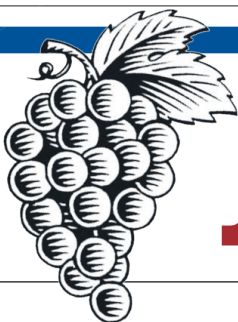
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Lee and Elsa Briggs Celebrated 70th Wedding Anniversary

Our parents, Lee and Elsa Briggs, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on July 2, 2017. The 53-year Sonoma residents, now 94 and 91, met on a blind date in 1947, and after a four-month courtship, were married at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa. Their union gifted them with the five of us--Lynn, Julie, Dan, Mike, and Tish. And as time progressed, the Briggs clan continued to expand with daughters-in-law, Patty and Susan, and son-in-law, Pat, ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mom and Dad, your enduring marriage is inspiring and undoubtedly a testament to your unwavering commitment and love for one another. Because of the exemplary way in which you have lived your lives, every one of us has two wonderful role models, a crowning achievement for you both! We owe much to you and for this, we would like to say thank you.

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A Taste of

Cocktails to pour at Oso

Swizzle sticks a-twirling as East Napa Street eatery seeks liquor license

By KATHLEEN HILL
INDEX-TRIBUNE FOOD & WINE EDITOR

Oso chef and owner David Bush confirmed that he will soon be serving cocktails at the fun and artsy Oso.

Bush told me, “We are very excited to start a craft cocktail program to go along with our delicious food. So many customers, including many locals, have been telling us since we opened that they would really like it if they could have a cocktail when they come in. It seems that everyone wants cocktails in

Watch for his cocktails in a few weeks, which would go perfectly with his deviled eggs...

wine country, so I decided to acquire a full license to better round out the experience we offer our customers.”
Bush graduated from the California Culinary



David Bush will be mixing ‘craft cocktails’ soon at Oso.

Academy, earned a degree in history from Sonoma State and worked at the Girl and the Gaucho and the Fig Café. He got another break when he became executive chef at St.

Francis Winery, which he elevated to “Best Restaurant in America” as voted by Open Table users, even though the winery didn’t really have a restaurant license.

Watch for his cocktails in a few weeks, which would go perfectly with his deviled eggs topped with crab, grilled bread, poutine, hummus or cheese plates, cheese-

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Annadel Estate for sale

The historic Annadel Estate Winery on Highway 12 at the southern tip of Santa Rosa across from Oakmont is for sale for a mere \$7,750,000, according to local real estate agents familiar with the listing. Online records show that the winery was listed by Sotheby’s in 2016 for \$8,900,000.

A motorcycle lover of some renown and a former Marin County Harley-Davidson dealer, Annadel proprietor Dean Bordigioni told the Kenwood Press that “If I don’t get my price I’m not selling.”

Annadel consists of a restored late 1800s home, a 5,000-case winery, Annadel Flower Company, 33 acres with nine acres planted to vines, and apparent county approval to build a new 60,000 case winery with public tasting and events up to 30 per year. Already they book several weddings.

Bordigioni was also the hopeful purchaser of the Kenwood Restaurant property where many locals had hoped Olive & Vine would relocate, but the deal fell through.

Actually, it seems as if everything is for sale at the right price.

Annex Wine Bar to close

While Community Café and Sushinoma’s Friday and Saturday night pupus continue to thrive, Margie Brooke emailed she was

“sad to announce that Annex has lost its lease despite our best efforts to negotiate with our landlords.” Sunday, July 30 will be their last day of business. The email went on to say, “Almost everything in Annex is for sale,” including furniture. Email offers with a photo of the item you want to buy to margieofl@gmail.com. Email offers for artwork to Susan Loesch at sloesch@gmail.com.

More lobster walk and talk

Corner 103 will throw a Lobster and Wine Lunch at Suite D on Saturday, Aug. 5 to include lobster, shrimp, mussels, clams, housemade sausage, and “delicious sides,” along with Lloyd Davis’s Corner 103 wines. If you missed the Boys & Girls Clubs’ lobster feast catered by Lombardi’s of Petaluma last Saturday, try this one prepared by John Toulze and crew. \$95 or \$85 for wine club members and Suite D Social Club. 1 to 4 p.m. 21800 Schellville Road, Sonoma. Reserve by Aug. 2 at 931-6141.

Santé to host winegrower dinner

This one could be fabulous. Santé Chef de Cuisine Andrew Cain and Phil and Sam Coturri will host a four-course dinner on Wednesday, Aug. 16.

Phil Coturri is famous for pioneering organic vineyards and forwarded the idea that organic grapes make better wines.

The evening will begin with a can-

apé reception at 6:30 featuring forest mushroom “cigars,” Sonoma foie gras mousse as a profiterole, and Maine lobster with English cucumber vol au vent.

Dinner at 7 p.m. starts with marinated Heirloom tomatoes from the Patch, compressed summer melons with burrata, pan-seared Diver scallops with pearl pasta paella and mussels, Manila clams, chorizo and lobster Bordelaise, followed by a roasted rack of Colorado lamb with tomato curry, Romano beans and chickpea panisse.

The final delectable course will be Bellwether Farms’ fromage blanc, cabernet sauvignon-poached peaches, cabernet glace and a pain d’Epices tuile, all paired with Coturri wines. \$150. 6:30 p.m. Reservations at 939-2407.

SmashMallows a smash

SmashMallows, one of Jon Sebastiani’s latest ventures via his Sonoma Brands, is selling \$1 million or 500,000 units a month, growing three times faster than his Krave jerky did before he sold that company to Hershey in 2015, according to Businessinsider.com. Watch for the Krave jerky tasting salon on West Napa in the Sonoma Index-Tribune building. Since Krave is now owned by Hershey, will it be called Hershey Jerky?

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Saperstein and Vogler, shown at last year's Big Gay Wine Cruise, will be toasted by the Golden Gate Business Association this weekend.

Out in the Vineyard founders honored

Gay Wine Weekend raised \$48K for AIDS nonprofit

By KATHLEEN HILL
INDEX-TRIBUNE FOOD & WINE EDITOR

The Golden Gate Business Association of San Francisco will honor Out in the Vineyard founders and organizers Gary Saperstein and Mark Vogler, who just finished hosting Gay Wine Weekend two weeks ago here in Sonoma.

Gay Wine Weekend is annual three-day event featuring winery tours, music and dancing and a champagne brunch and

wine auction. This year's event featured guest Jim Obergefell, lead plaintiff in the 2015 Supreme Court

July 16 raised \$48,000 for Face to Face, a nonprofit dedicated to "ending HIV in Sonoma County."

Saperstein and Vogler will be guests at a celebration tonight, Friday, July 28 at Lambert Bridge Winer in Healdsburg.

Saperstein said in an email, "We are truly honored to be recognized for our work in support of our LGBTQ community here in Sonoma County." The event is from 4 to 6 p.m.

Free to GGBA members, \$25 public. 4085 West Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg. info@ggba.com.

'We are truly honored to be recognized for our work in support of our LGBTQ community...'

– Gary Saperstein

case that legalized same-sex marriage.

The Gay Wine Weekend "recovery brunch" on

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in Kenwood Plaza just debuted its new Wine and Chocolate Pairing in addition to the regular tasting menu. Customers will taste through six wines, then re-taste the last three, including malbec, cabernet sauvignon and syrah, each with a different chocolate truffle specially designed for the individual wine.

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The chocolate truffles are made by Anette's Chocolates in Napa and American Canyon. Chocolate and wine tastings \$23, with \$15 refunded with wine purchase. 8910 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood. 282-9143.

Eco Terreno certified biodynamic

Mark Lyon, who served for more than 30 years as winemaker at Sebastiani Vineyards & Winery, owns Eco Terreno Vineyards, lives in Sonoma, and was one of the first gay winemakers to come out (in fact in this column.)

Lyon bought the 120-acre Eco Terreno Vineyards in Alexander Valley in 1980 with his father, Rusty Lyon. Mark took time out after leaving Sebastiani to care for his now late



Mark Lyon's Eco Terreno Vineyards has been certified 'biodynamic.'

father, showing his personal family priorities.

He just announced that his vineyard, originally planted in the 1970s, has just received the designation of Certified Biodynamic by Demeter USA and by Stellar Certification Services, making it the "largest biodynamic single vineyard operation in Sonoma County."

"The conversion process to biodynamic has been a journey for us as we embraced this more ecologically friendly farming. We have had expert stewardship under Daphne and Demeter USA to get to this milestone of certification, and look forward to being the leader in Alexander Valley fostering biodynamic and organic farming," noted Lyon at a celebration in the vineyard last month.

The first wine to be released with the certified biodynamic, organic grapes will be the Alexander Valley

2017 "Cuvée Acero" Sauvignon Blanc in the late spring of 2018. All wines from the 2017 vintage on will be made with 100 percent biodynamically, organically certified estate fruit from Eco Terreno Vineyards.

Mayo Family Winery has a new chef

Mayo Family Winery Chef Sam Frumkin has decided to move on and Chef John Locker will move in to cook at Mayo's Reserve Room. According to Jeff Mayo, Locker worked at the General's Daughter, Equus at Fountaingrove Inn, Viansa, Beringer, Chateau St. Jean, Mazzocco, Chateau Souverain, and for Elaine Bell. He was opening chef at Prelude Restaurant at the Green Music Center, and then moved to Ft. Lauderdale to teach at Miami's branch of Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School for a year. 1301 Arnold Drive at Highway 12, Glen Ellen.

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back. We can connect as a team and work on things." Cole is the unofficial color commentator for the Diamond Dogs and is very happy about the differences to other teams he has played on.

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Mariachi master at Green Music Center

SR Symphony joins Jose Hernandez for free concert

By DIANE PETERSON

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT

The Santa Rosa Symphony and Sonoma State University will present a free, community concert featuring Mariachi Sol de México de José Hernandez at 7 p.m. July 30 at SSU's Weill Hall and Lawn at the Green Music Center.

Principal Pops Conductor Michael Berkowitz will lead the orchestra in the concert, which pays tribute to the rich, musical heritage of mariachi music. José Hernandez is a fifth-generation mariachi musician who has taken mariachi music all over the world, and his band, Sol de México, has been nominated for many Grammy Awards and played at the inaugural Latin Grammy Awards.

Although the concert is free, tickets are required and are now available. Reservations may be made in advance at the Symphony Patron Services Office at 546-8742 or the Green Music Center box office at 866-955-6040. Spanish speakers can make reservations at 707-546-7007.

Seating choices include inside the hall, outside at terrace tables or on the lawn. Concert-goers may bring in food and enjoy a picnic on the lawn or at the table, but no beverages are permitted. Food and beverages also can be purchased at the venue, and water bottle filling stations will be available.

The gates open at 5 p.m. and the lobby opens at 6 p.m. For more information, visit srsymphony.org.



Mariachi Sol de México will let it blare July 30.

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The bestselling titles at Readers' Books, the week ending July 23

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Spirituality

RELIGION BRIEFS

First Baptist Church events this week

At First Baptist Church on Sunday, Pastor Ryan Rindels will be speaking about “The Use of the Parables” (Matthew 13:34-35).

Jesus speaks in parables, practical stories that illustrate a spiritual truth with the intent purpose of revealing to some and concealing from others. Jesus draws out dimensions of the scripture that change the course of people’s lives in a radical and unforeseen ways. Jesus also changes the way we look at the Bible and makes it a living, breathing word to us.

Worship begins at 10:30. Bible study begins at 9:30. Jim Sparks leads the adult class in the study of Exodus 3, “Objections Overruled.” Visitors are welcome at both events. Children are taught by Nancy Seeley.

On Wednesday night at 7:30 there will be a movie TBA at the pastor’s home. Enjoy the discussion that follows. First Baptist Church is

located at 542 First St. East. Please call 996-3443 for further information or to speak with the pastor.

Open house at Sonoma Shambhala center

There will be an open house introduction to the Pema Chödrön Summer Series, with Shastri Joanne Martin Braun, next Thursday, Aug. 3 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sonoma Shambhala Meditation Center.

These informal events serve as an introduction to the center, and this particular evening will introduce a special Summer Series event to feature the teachings of Pema Chödrön titled, “Making Friends with Yourself.”

The cost is for the series is \$100 for the 6- week series, paid in advance; or \$20 per session paid at the door. More info about the series at sonoma.shambhala.org/program-details/?id=319040.

For more information about the Sonoma Shambhala Meditation Center visit www.sonoma.shambhala.org.

REFLECTIONS

Lonely, loved Little G

By REV. CURRAN REICHERT
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SONOMA

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from (our) Creator?”
Matthew 10:29

This past week, a dear person told me a beautiful story. She was getting into her car when she noticed something very small on the black-top. She approached with caution to discover a tiny bird. Determining it was a fledgling house finch, she called the local bird rescue center and told them that a tiny bird had fallen from its nest. They said she could bring it in.

My friend looked up and noticed that other tiny birds just this one’s age were practicing flying and surmised that this one simply didn’t have the strength to do so.

She named him “Little G,” assuming he was the son of two

neighborhood House finches whom she’d earlier named Garfield and Griselda.

She scooped the tiny creature into a box and having been told not to talk to the bird, lest it bond with her voice, she decided to send the creature sweet thoughts.

“Little G, you are a good little

The shelter received the bird and told her that he likely had an eye infection that prevented him from seeing and could therefore not trust where his wings might take him. They told her to call in two days’ time if she wished to know what came of the little bird.

For two days she sent her message to the precious little bird. “Little G, you are a good little bird, a strong little bird, I love you and God loves you.”

My friend called the shelter two days later to see what had happened to her little bird.

She found out that the infection in his eyes was terminal, and so he was gone. He was gone, yes, but he was loved.

We are lonely, we are tried, we are desperate sometimes and we need to be reminded that we are also deeply loved.

It’s complicated and it’s clear – we may be lost but we are also found.

‘Little G, you are a good little bird, a strong little bird. Little G, you are a loved little bird.’

bird,” she thought, “a strong little bird. Little G, you are a loved little bird.”

And then the thought came to her that God loved this little bird. Now, my friend is not someone to throw the God word around lightly, but there it was clear as a bell in her mind. “Little G”, she thought, “I love you and God loves you.”

RELIGION NEWS

The Index-Tribune wants items about Sonoma Valley religious life, such as services, confirmations, lectures, concerts, special events and other news about your congregation.

Items not emailed, should be typed and sent to: Religious Briefs, Sonoma-Index Tribune, P.O. Box C, Sonoma, 95476.

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Deadline: noon Tuesday for Friday’s religion page.

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Water agency has received 8 applications

INDEX-TRIBUNE STAFF REPORT

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Monday, July 31, for board-appointed members of Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) advisory committees in Petaluma Valley, Santa Rosa Plain and Sonoma Valley groundwater basins.

The advisory committees will provide input and feedback on policies, programs and projects to the boards of the regional GSAs. The agencies were formed to

meet the requirements of California’s historic Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which went into effect in 2015.

The Sonoma Valley Advisory Committee consists of 12 members, six of whom will be appointed by the Sonoma Valley GSA board. The board is seeking one rural residential well owner, one agricultural representative, one environmental representative, one business representative and two “at-large” community representatives (preferably one who is a hydrogeologist or geologist

and one can represent disadvantaged community interests). The Sonoma County Water Agency has received eight applications from Valley residents who want to sit on the board.

“We need communicators to serve on the advisory committees. A key role of committee members will be sharing what they learn with the broader community, so that people who live in the basins understand what is happening and why it’s happening,” said Susan Gorin, Chair of the Sonoma Valley GSA board.

Advisory committee

members are expected to communicate with the stakeholders they represent what they are learning and how decisions will be made regarding groundwater management.

Committee members should expect to spend several hours reading materials and preparing for meetings, which will be held every other month and last for two or three hours. Terms will be two years after initial staggered terms.

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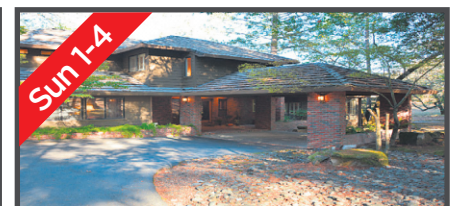
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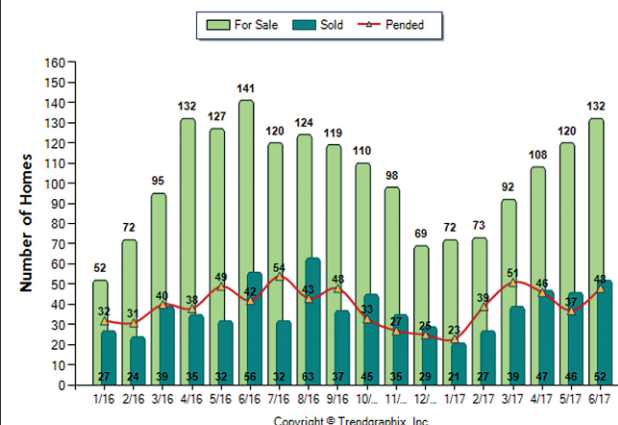
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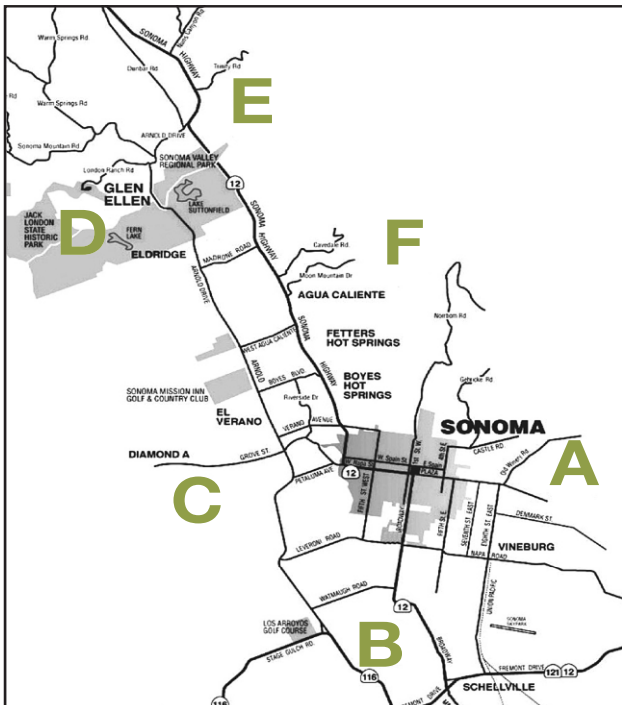
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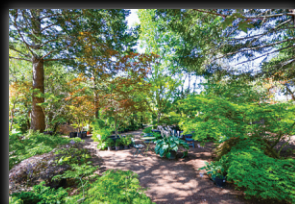


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Wine Country Real Estate Trends in June 2016 and for the 1st Half of 2017

Sonoma Valley: The number of available homes and condominiums for sale (132) at the end of June in the Sonoma Valley (Sonoma, Glen Ellen and Kenwood) was 6% below the inventory in June 2016 (141) and it was 10% ahead of the inventory of last month (120). There were 48 new sales for the month. This is 14% ahead of the pace of sales in June 2016 (42) and it is 30% ahead of the pace of last month (37). There is a 2.8 months supply of inventory in Sonoma based on the current pace of sales. 64% of the inventory in the Sonoma Valley is priced at \$1,000,000 or above while 35% of the new sales (17) were priced at \$1,000,000 or more. The high-end quartile (top 25%) of inventory in the Sonoma Valley at the end of June started at \$2,900,000 last month (up from \$2,700,000 in May). 16 homes closed in the top quartile in the past twelve months compared to 16 in the twelve months prior to that. There were 33 homes available in this quartile in June compared to 25 a year ago. There was one new sale in the top quartile in June. Based on just one sale, there is a 33 months supply of inventory in the top quartile. I expect that more than one home will sell in this price range next month, so this should change.

Sonoma County: The inventory of homes and condominiums available in Sonoma County rose to 879 and is up 14% from the inventory last month (774). It is 7% below the inventory in June 2016 (945). Inventory typically peaks for the spring season at the end of June and declines for the balance of the year. We'll see if this pattern continues this year. New sales (537) in June were about equal to the pace of last month (530) and were also about equal to the pace of June 2016 (524). Sales also typically peak in June and decline through the balance of the year. As with listings, we'll see if this pattern holds up for this year. There is a 1.6 months supply of inventory in Sonoma County based on the existing sales pace. The time it takes to

sell a home in the various areas of Sonoma County (Days on Market) varies from 31 (Sebastopol) to 118 (Coastal Sonoma) days. For the purpose of our MLS (BAREIS) "Days on Market" represents the time from when the property is first listed in the MLS to the date the property goes into "pending" (all conditions removed) status. On average, it can take anywhere from 0 to 30 additional days for properties to close after going pending. The average Days on Market for the County as a whole is 51 days. The median price of homes closed in June in Sonoma County was \$607,000. This is a 7% increase over the median price in June 2016 (\$565,000). The current median price of homes closed in June is 3% above the peak median price for the County (\$589,000) recorded in June 2005.

Sonoma County – 1st half of 2017: There were 1,624 homes and condominiums closed in Sonoma County in the first half of 2017. This is 5% fewer homes closed than in the first half of 2016 (2,413). The total value of the homes and condominiums closed in the first half of 2017 in Sonoma County was \$1.624 billion dollars. This compares to \$1.567 billion dollars in the first half of 2016 – a 4% increase. The average price of homes and condominiums closed in the first half of 2017 (\$710,853) was 9% higher than the average for the first half of 2016 (\$649,482).

Sonoma County Luxury Homes: About one quarter of the inventory in Sonoma County can be characterized as Luxury Homes (listing price in excess of \$1,500,000). There has been a 20% increase in the number of Luxury Homes closed (219) from 7/1/16 to 6/30/17 compared to 182 from 7/1/15 to 6/30/16. The pace of new sales (26) in June this year was equal to the pace of a year ago (25). There were 216 luxury properties in inventory at the end of June compared to 205 last month and 202 a year ago. The Days on Market for Luxury Home closings was 90

days this June compared to 48 days a year ago. This compares to 51 Days on Market for all closed properties in the County in June. There is a 8.3 months supply of inventory of luxury properties based upon the current sales pace compared to a 1.6 months supply in the overall Sonoma County market. On a statistical basis, it continues to be a "Buyers Market" in the high end.

Oakmont: There were 13 homes in inventory in the community of Oakmont at the end of June. This is 19% lower than in June 2016 (16) and it is slightly below the inventory last month (15). There were 17 new sales for the month. This is 21% ahead of the sales pace of a year ago (14) and 19% below the pace of last month (21). There is a 0.8 months supply of inventory based on the current sales pace. The community clearly needs inventory. The median price for homes sold in Oakmont in the past year has ranged from the mid-\$500,000's up to \$675,000. The median price was \$589,000 for the 15 closings last month.

Napa County: The inventory of homes and condominiums available for sale in Napa County at the end of June (346) is 7% below the inventory in June 2016 (373) and it is 8.5% higher than the inventory last month (319). New sales (152) were 2% ahead of the pace last year (149) and 6% ahead of the pace of last month (144). There is a 2.3 months supply of inventory based on the current sales pace. The Days on Market for homes closing in Napa County is currently 69 days. For the purpose of our MLS (BAREIS) "Days on Market" represents the time from when the property is first listed in the MLS to the date the property goes into "pending" (all conditions removed) status. On average, it can take anywhere from 0 to 30 additional days for properties to close after going pending. The median price of the 142 homes closed in June in Napa County

(\$645,000) was 7.5% ahead of the median price of a year ago (\$600,000). The median has generally ranged between \$580,000 and \$660,000 over the past year. The current median price remains just 2% below the peak median price for the County (\$675,000) recorded in June 2006 so, as in Sonoma County and south through Marin into San Francisco and the Peninsula, the home equity lost in the great financial crisis (2007 to 2011) has been regained.

Napa County – 1st half of 2017: There were 670 homes and condominiums closed in Napa County in the first half of 2017. This is 2% more homes closed than in the first half of 2016 (657). The total value of the homes and condominiums closed in the first half of 2017 in Napa County was \$584 million dollars. This compares to \$573,091 million dollars in the first half of 2016 – a 2% increase. The average price of homes and condominiums closed in the first half of 2017 (\$872,103) was essentially equal to the average for the first half of 2016 (\$872,284). So, the market in Napa County seems to have stabilized at the macro level.

Napa County Luxury Homes: If one takes the highest quartile (25%) of available inventory as the "Luxury Market", the Luxury Market begins at \$2,400,000 in Napa County at this time. Last month, the top quartile started at \$2,200,000. The number of closings (58) of Luxury Homes (sales price in excess of \$2,400,000) in Napa County is about equal for the period 7/1/16 to 6/30/17 compared to 7/1/16 to 6/30/17 (57 homes). There were 84 luxury homes in inventory at the end of June 2017 compared to 88 at the end of June 2016. There were 4 Luxury Home new sales last month resulting in a 21 months supply of available Luxury Homes based on the current sales pace compared to 2.3 months supply for the County as a whole.



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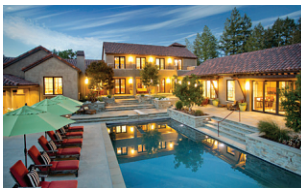
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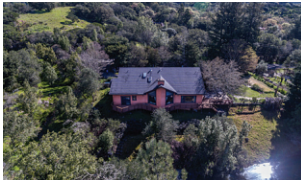
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SANTA ROSA | OPEN SUN 1-4
4752 Hidden Oaks | \$975,000
Bennett Valley views, open plan 2+bd/2ba. Approx. 1.37 acres near town. HiddenOaksRd.com
Tina Shone 707.933.1515



SONOMA | OPEN SUN ??
946 Boccoli Street | \$899,000
Leddson-built home with charm and character. 3bd/2.5ba, chef's kitchen, marble baths, hardwood floors. Maria Lounibos 707.696.4070



SONOMA
\$729,000
Single story country charmer on a quiet cul-de-sac near the Plaza. Large lot, mature redwoods, fruit trees. Kristin Land 707.338.3010



SONOMA | NEW LISTING
\$704,000
Beautiful Garden Paradise in Creekside. Plan 2, 2 bd/2ba. Many upgrades throughout home. Vince Bienek 707.787.8661



SANTA ROSA | NEW LISTING
\$699,000
3bd/2ba home, approx. 12,000 sq.ft lot with pool and large metal building used as workshop. Brenda Brooks 707.935.2298



GLEN ELLEN | NEW PRICE
\$699,000
Classic 3bd/2.5ba plus office/den home on cul-de-sac. Room for pool. 918JaneCtGlenEllen.com
Maria Lounibos 707.696.4070



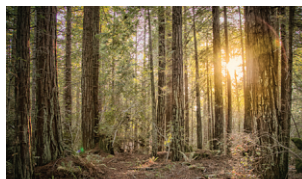
SONOMA | OPEN SUN 2-4
18186 Macfarlane | \$599,000
2bd/2ba home with separate studio on a large approx. 0.25 acre flat lot. Private and serene. Terry Crisler 707.509.9533



PETALUMA | NEW LISTING
\$385,000
Immaculate 2bd/1ba in desirable Diamond Head on Westside. Ground floor unit, stainless steel appliances. L.Capurro, T. Little 707.935.2506



THE SEA RANCH
\$117,500
Located on the Sea Ranch Golf Links, with views, near trails. Level, approx. 0.24 acre lot. UBL 35B-0-81 Kathleen Ball 707.322.8112



THE SEA RANCH
\$39,500
Approx 0.35 acre lot among grand redwoods. Ideal location with commons on 2 sides. UBL 5-3-19 Kathleen Ball 707.322.8112