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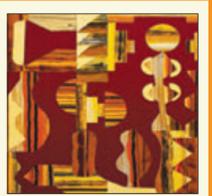
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Museum Features Island City Sports

Brian McDonald

After a five-year hiatus, the Alameda Museum welcomes the Alameda Sports Project back to its gallery for the fourth Alameda Sports Exhibit. The exhibition, which will run through Sunday, July 31, features photos and memorabilia that highlight various aspects of the Island City's sports history with alumni and teams from Alameda, Encinal and St. Joseph Notre Dame high schools. This year, Alameda High School (AHS) football historian Shirley Sachsen (AHS class of 1974) contributed a display on the early years of football at AHS.

Back again, and substantially expanded, is a display of photos and programs from the storied Alameda Elks Charity All-Star baseball game. The contest pitted major and minor league stars every October from the 1930s through the 1950s. Rarely seen photos of the DiMaggio brothers, Dick Bartell and dozens of other major leaguers representing the Alameda Elks will also be on display.

Since the last exhibition in 2011, a new team called Alameda home. In the summer of 2013, the 34th America's Cup, an international sailing regatta and the third-most-watched worldwide sporting event, played out on San Francisco Bay. The various racing syndicates established base camps at local waterfront locations. Most were in San Francisco, but the Swedish contender, Artemis Racing, had its base camp at Alameda Point.



Dennis Evanosky

Dewey St. Germaine has helped create a comprehensive collection of Alameda sports history memorabilia. See the exhibit on display now at Alameda Museum.

The team was deeply embedded in the Alameda community with about 150 team members and their families living in town for nearly two years. Their children attended local schools. They were among us and one of us. They got involved in community groups, and patronized local restaurants and watering holes. The

design and fabrication teams along with various administrative groups, are still here.

When one of their racing yachts capsized, tragically taking the life of crewmember Andrew "Bart" Simpson, the Island lived up to the banner hung from the hangar next door to Artemis Racing: "We are all Swedes Today." Artemis Racing has kindly loaned a couple of items to this year's exhibition, including skipper Paul Cayard's racing helmet. Cayard is a Bay Area native who had Alameda connections decades before his association with Artemis. As a youngster he participated in youth races at the Encinal Yacht Club.

"I am always happy to help put this exhibit on to showcase the island's rich sports history to the larger Alameda and Bay Area community," said one of the event's coordinators Dewey St. Germaine. I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy a little slice of Alameda sports history and to support the local museum.

For more about Alameda sports history, visit www.alamedasportsproject.com. The Alameda Museum is located at 2324 Alameda Ave. (between Park and Oak streets). The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

News in Brief

Sun Staff Reports

Daysog to hold office hours

Councilman Tony Daysog will hold his regular this evening, Thursday, June 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Blue Danube Café, 1333 Park St. He will be available to answer questions and offer comments on city issues. He will also be at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. You can reach Daysog at 747-4726 or tdaysog@alamedaca.gov.

Migration talk rescheduled for tonight

Throughout history, specific events have caused waves of population to crash onto Alameda's shores. Whether Gold Rush settlers, World War I and II veterans or recent tech transplants, certain groups

have arrived at various times to change Alameda's population significantly. Through the discussion of 12 historic waves of immigration, local historians Dennis Evanosky and Eric J. Kos will discuss events that transpired around the world to move people to Alameda.

The talk takes place at Rhythmix Cultural Works, 2513 Blanding Ave. at 7 p.m. tonight.

Alameda Island Poets Release New Anthology

On Wednesday, July 6, from 7-9 p.m., contributors to the 2016 Poetry Workshop Anthology will read their work at the Mariner Square Athletic Club, 2227 Mariner Square Loop.

Copies of the Alameda Island Poets 2016 Poetry Workshop Anthology will be available for sale. This event is free.



Mike Lano

Alameda Gets Artsy

Sun Staff Reports

For the second year now, local gallery owners Wes and Jessica Warren of Studio 23 have organized an Alameda-based celebration of art and artists. The Summer Art Fair took place last Sunday outside Studio 23 near the intersection of Oak Street and Encinal Avenue. Visitors to the fair were treated to live art demonstrations, live music, food and drink and many other fun and creative activities. Children could create their own sculptures and paintings at particular booths while others featured open art studios and even a live printing press. Among the works on display were lifelike renderings of David Bowie, Prince and Muhammad Ali in chalk and acrylic. Also participating were Alameda-based art venues: the Rhythmix K Gallery, Redux Studios, Autobody Fine Arts, PopUp Gallery, Gary Francis Art, Kistic Home Studio, Starbaby, Alameda Art Association along with local eateries. Visit Studio23Gallery.com for more information.

Council Waits on Rent Call

Ekene Ikeme

City Council decided not to implement a funding plan that would have determined how to allocate the cost of the Rent Review, Rent Stabilization and Limitations on Evictions Ordinance at its meeting on June 21.

The rent ordinance, which came into effect March 31, is projected to cost \$1.95 million annually, according to Alameda Community Development Director Debbie Potter and SCI Consulting Group, a Fairfield-based consulting firm that assists public agencies with establishment and administration of taxes, assessments, fees and other special levies.

There were six public speakers at the meeting, representing both landlords and tenants, and they all were not in favor of the funding plan.

"The only people who benefit are the renters," said Melinda Samuelson, a landlord. "We're the ones paying the property tax. You have created a monster that will cost \$2 million."

Renters were just as strongly against the plan.

"Don't implement this plan," said Alameda renter Carrie Rosenbaum. "I recommend we have a rent cap and a just-cause ordinance."

Councilmembers were also skeptical of the plan. Councilman Tony Daysog questioned what the methodology was for coming to the \$1.95 million figure.

Potter said majority of the costs would come from hiring 10 "full-time equivalent" employees. They would be administrative staff that would track rent increase notices, scheduling hearings and other tasks, and hearing officers tasked with settling landlord/tenant rent price disputes.

Vice Mayor Frank Matarrese asked if the \$1.95 million cost and number of rental units is accurate. SCI representative John Bliss said with more research maybe these figures could possibly change. Council then decided that holding

off for six months would be the best course of action.

Currently, the ordinance is being paid for by the General Fund. The Council already allocated \$793,000 from the fund to finance the ordinance through the end of the year.

The plan would have placed the tenants and landlords on the hook for the costs. SCI's study revealed there are 14,899 rental units in Alameda. Landlords would be responsible for the cost under the plan. That would amount to \$131 a year per unit. However, the plan would have allowed landlords to pass up to 50 percent of this fee on to its tenants. That would amount to \$65.50 a year, or \$5.46 a month, to be paid by the landlord and tenant — the \$131 fee would come from the city to the landlord, while the landlord would collect the \$65.50 fee from the tenant.

The plan would include an additional fee for tenants and landlords who wish to take a rent dispute to a neutral hearing officer. If a landlord increases a rent by more than five percent the Rent Review Advisory Committee (RRAC) would make a decision on if the rent increase is allowable or not, or they can make their own recommendation. If the tenant or landlord does not agree with the RRAC they can bring their case to a neutral hearing officer, who will have the final say. Under SCI and Potter's study, they believe each hearing would cost \$4,705 — \$4,500 of that going to the officer at \$300-an-hour for 15 hours.

If the tenant asks for the hearing, they would have to pay five percent of the \$4,705 fee or \$235. If the landlord asks for the hearing they would have to pay 10 percent of the fee, or \$471. The rest of the cost would be apportioned to all the owners of the non-exempt rental units the following fiscal year.

Potter will make a revised recommendation at a council meeting in December.

Doolittle Raider Passes

Dennis Evanosky

America lost a hero last week when one of the two surviving Doolittle Raiders passed away in Missoula, Mont. David Thatcher's death at age 94 left only one surviving member of that elite team. Eighty Doolittle Raiders boarded the USS Hornet CV-8 in Alameda on their way to surprise Japan. They departed on April 2, 1942; 16 days later they were flying 16 B-25 Army bombers over enemy territory.

Sgt. Thatcher served as a gunner and engineer with Crew No. 7 aboard the bomber dubbed *The Ruptured Duck*. The B-25 got its name after its tail had scraped the ground during training exercises for the mission. The plane's pilot,



United States Air Force

David Thatcher

Lt. Ted Lawson, later recalled that after the mishap someone had written "ruptured duck" in chalk on the plane's fuselage. Lawson asked

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Local Deaths

Robert Harold Follrath Sr.

June 13, 1936 – June 17, 2016

Lifelong Resident of Alameda, Former Alameda Police Officer

Robert Harold "Grandbob" Follrath Sr., passed away peacefully in his home after a long and courageous battle with normal pressure hydrocephalus. He was surrounded by his loving wife, Jean, his daughter, Beverly Johnson, her husband Michael, his son Gregory Follrath, and his grandchildren Geoffrey and Katherine Johnson. Robert's family is especially grateful to the Pathway Hospice nurse who was also at his bedside to support Robert and his family.

Robert was born in Alameda, on June 13, 1936, the eldest of two children of the late Harriet and Benjamin Follrath. He attended Porter, Mastick and Washington schools and graduated from Alameda High School in 1954. Robert met the love of his life, Jean Ann Swanson, during high school. They married on July 3, 1956.

He continued his education at Oakland City College (Laney) and earned his adult education teaching credential at UC Berkeley Extension. Prior to his career as an

Alameda Police Officer, he worked doing several jobs, including dental technician, United Parcel Service, and in his father's business, Ben's Radio and Television.

Robert served his country in the California Air National Guard from 1956 through 1959 and joined the Alameda Police Department in 1965 and proudly served until his retirement in 1987. While working as a police officer he also taught classes at Alameda Adult School.

Robert was involved in many civic and community organizations including Junior Chamber of Commerce, Eagles, Native Sons of the Golden West, The Societe De Camaraderie, Alameda Elks Lodge 1015 (47 years). He was a member of Saint Philip Neri Parish. Robert served on the City of Alameda Pension Board.

He loved fishing, photography, RV camping, and knew where to get donuts and ice cream. Robert was very artistic. He loved painting, drawing, doing woodwork and

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