

Coronado’s housing element has reached a final update

Since a new housing cycle started in 2021, Coronado had been struggling to meet the new state-mandated housing allocation of 912 units.

BY MADELINE YANG
The Coronado News

Coronado’s affordable housing controversy has finally been resolved after more than three years of litigation and fighting with the state and San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). The city had until April 16 to figure out how it would provide for additional state-mandated affordable units in the housing element of its general plan. A week before that date, in a special meeting on April 9, the City Council approved a housing plan that would allow for 912 units to be built on the island. The decision does not necessarily mean that many units will be built. Rather, the city identified locations that purportedly could accommodate that many residences. It would be up to property owners and developers to determine whether they choose to construct affordable dwellings. Since 1969, California has required city and county governments to meet affordable housing needs within their jurisdictions. Key to that process is approval of a general plan element that fulfills the obligation. The general plan is a blueprint for the city’s future growth. The housing allocation requirement of 912 units was given to Coronado by SANDAG, a regional planning organization for San Diego County, a few years ago when the new cycle of housing restarted in 2021. Every eight years a new housing cycle starts and the state tells cities how many homes they must plan for to accommodate people of varying income levels, according to Coronado’s Planning Division. However, Coronado’s previous housing allocation was only 52 units.

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A special city council meeting on April 9 saw the final update of the housing element. Staff photo by Madeline Yang.

THE CORONADO FLOWER SHOW



The Coronado Flower Show has earned the title of the largest tented flower show in the nation. Photo courtesy of Joel Ortiz.

Celebrating over a century of artistic creativity

The Coronado Flower show celebrates its 102nd year returning to Spreckels Park as the largest tented flower show in the nation and Coronado’s longest standing tradition.

BY KYLIE CAPUANO
The Coronado News

The Coronado Flower Show was founded in 1922 in the midst of trouble on the island. Residents came together to create a show that celebrates the artistic creativity and beauty of the community during a time when many needed a reminder. 102 years later, the show will return to Spreckels Park as the largest tented flower show in the nation and Coronado’s longest standing tradition. This year’s theme is called “Ocean of Flowers” and will span from April 20-21. The event will pull together a variety of floral competitions, landscape designs, live entertainment, educational lectures, demonstrations, food, shopping and a beer and wine garden featuring locally crafted beers from Coronado Brewing Company. Originally founded in 1922, the flower show was conceptualized by Coronado resident Maude Taylor and her husband, Harold Taylor, in an effort to unite the local community. During that time, the island was divided over political debates regarding business factions. The famous Spreckels family, referred to as Coronado’s “first family,” and Wilmot Griffiss – a Coronado banker and former mayor – were at odds over development issues and many Coronadians were picking sides. The feud was so prominent on the island that local papers were even reporting on it. The Taylors saw the festival as a way to repair neighborly tensions by reminding them of their town’s beauty. The community assisted them in their effort, with local schools loaning desks and typewriters, the Hotel del Coronado providing trellises and tables and



Exhibitors from a past festival posing with their entries into the rose section. Photo courtesy of Joel Ortiz.

the boy scouts camping in the park during the festival to provide security. Since then, the Coronado Floral Association (CFA) has relentlessly kept the annual festival alive, only pausing in the midst of World War II and the COVID-19 pandemic. “It’s so much more than a flower show, it’s a festival of celebrating spring and celebrating what we have here as a community,” said Sara Stillman, president of CFA. “We do the same thing in the park as we did as a community back in 1922.” The only difference 102 years later is how much the festival has grown. Around 5,000 people attended the 2023 flower show, some of whom traveled from out of state. Organizers are gearing up for a

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Coronado’s Lauren Gilhooly sets track school records

Lauren Gilhooly excels in the 100 and 200 meter dash races breaking Coronado High School sprint records, ranks among top runners.

BY JULIETA SOTO
The Coronado News

Coronado High School junior Lauren Gilhooly has completed a series of recent outstanding track performances, including breaking school records, but nothing may compare with her first-place finish in the 100-meter dash at this year’s presti-

gious Arcadia Invitational. Competing in a meet that has featured more than 200 Olympians over the years, Gilhooly turned in a time of 11.70. The 16-year-old now ranks 7th among California high school girls in the 100-meter race, and has the fastest wind-legal time in the San Diego CIF Section. “It was a surreal moment being like, ‘Oh, my gosh, I actually made it through and I actually won,’” Gilhooly said. “I hit another gear at the end and followed through because I knew I just had this desire... internal power.”

Though sprinting is an individual endeavor, Gilhooly said she has a community to thank for her achievements. “I’m very grateful for my family, my coaches, my friends, they’re very supportive and very encouraging,” Gilhooly said. “It’s nice to have that kind of support system behind me.” During a team practice in April, coaches recognized Gilhooly with two gold-colored star patches. “The stars I received at the beginning



Lauren Gilhooly. Photo courtesy of Coach George Green.

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this week

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The Friends of the Coronado Public Library (FOL) will host their annual membership meeting in the Winn Room. The meeting, which is open to all current members and new members, will be held from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The event will include a meeting with the FOL Board of Trustees, an amendment to the FOL bylaws, and a special program featuring the Super Book contest award. All are invited to attend the meeting and enjoy light refreshments.

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The Coronado Roundtable meeting will feature a presentation from VADM Charles Martoglio, USN (Ret) at 10 a.m.

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The Coronado Public Library will host the next installment of its “Spice it Up, Coronado!” series, featuring Moroccan cuisine. Participants will have the opportunity to cook with the Moroccan spice blend ras el hanout. The Zoom link to the meeting will be sent via email the day before the event, and participants will receive an email about when to pick up their spice sample and a couple of recipes. Register for the event on the library's website.

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THINGS TO DO

CoSA’s classical and contemporary dance will take the stage in May

Coronado News staff

The Coronado School of the Arts (CoSA) Conservatory of Classical and Contemporary Dance invites audiences to “Mobilize,” an engaging performance that combines the power of the arts with activism to promote social change. The show, a collaboration with Emerald Keepers, takes the stage May 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. at the Coronado Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at <https://cosasandiego.com/>. “This evening of dances is inspired by, concerned about and aimed at protecting our most valuable resource, our planet,” said Gina Bolles Sorensen, CoSA dance director. “CoSA Dance is pleased to collaborate with Emerald Keepers, the only civic non-profit organization in the City of Coronado whose sole purpose is to address local needs

related to environmental stewardship and sustainability.” According to Cate Gregory, a dancer with CoSA, the performance embodies the idea of “activism,” which blends the words of “art” and “activism.” “Activism is a common form used in dance as a way to bring attention to issues in our world through dance,” said Gregory. “We are doing this in CoSA, by bringing attention to a variety of environmental issues ranging from climate change and plastic pollution to sustainable farming.” The collaboration with Emerald Keepers allows the performers to expand the reach of the show, according to Abigail Pearson, a dancer with CoSA. “By collaborating with Emerald Keepers, we will have greater and more effective outreach,” said Pearson. “Furthermore, this will provide our audience with access to statistics and other reality check-ins as we transport them into a more abstract and emotional mode of thought. Finally, with this collaboration, our audience will be able to take action toward defeating environmental challenges immediately after witnessing our performances, eliminating any intermediary steps.” Sorensen says that one notable piece in the program is called “Landing Place,” which features the full 17-member CoSA Dance ensemble in an exploration of sustainable farming practices. The concert also celebrates CoSA Dance’s graduating seniors with five spotlight solos. “It makes sense that the arts and activism go hand in hand, as a creative expression is often an effective means to cultivate awareness, generate conversation, and inspire change,” said Sorensen.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Mei and Cheeto

PAWS of Coronado

Introducing Mei, the delightful two-year-old female mixed breed with a heart full of love and a shy but sweet demeanor. Mei’s journey may have started off a bit timid, but once she warms up to you, she’s an absolute delight. This charming pup may be initially shy, but once she gets to know you, she blossoms into the most affectionate and exciting companion. Mei’s gentle nature and loving personality make her a wonderful addition to any family seeking a loyal and devoted furry friend.

old male lab mix bursting with curiosity and charm! With his playful nature and wagging tail, Cheeto loves to explore the world around him, whether it’s chasing after tennis balls or cuddling up for nap time. This lovable pup is always up for an adventure and is sure to bring joy and laughter to his forever home. All of the animals at PAWS are spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and up-to-date on flea-preventative. Adoptions are by appointment only. If you are interested in adopting Mei, Cheeto, or other animals, please visit www.pawsofcoronado.org.



Mei.



Cheeto.

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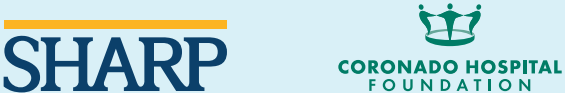
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I had recently moved to a golf cart community and purchased a cart of my own, after installing the best and most powerful system available, the concept of installing Solar Panels on golf carts was conceived.

We began spreading the word to our friends who owned electric carts and began installing Solar Panels on their carts in our spare time out of our garage in Oceanside, CA. Due to the publicized acceptance and popularity in Beach Communities of San Diego County, we decided to expand the business even further. Many beach cities have permitted the use of golf carts in 35 mph zones and are expanding Bike Lanes to 7 feet wide to accommodate their use.

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We took the concept of Green Solar Energy and put it to practical use to lessen the carbon footprint.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Richard Stachowicz
Ride All Day Solar Carts
Owner and Coronado Resident



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- Federal grants
- State and local utility tax credits
- Rebates

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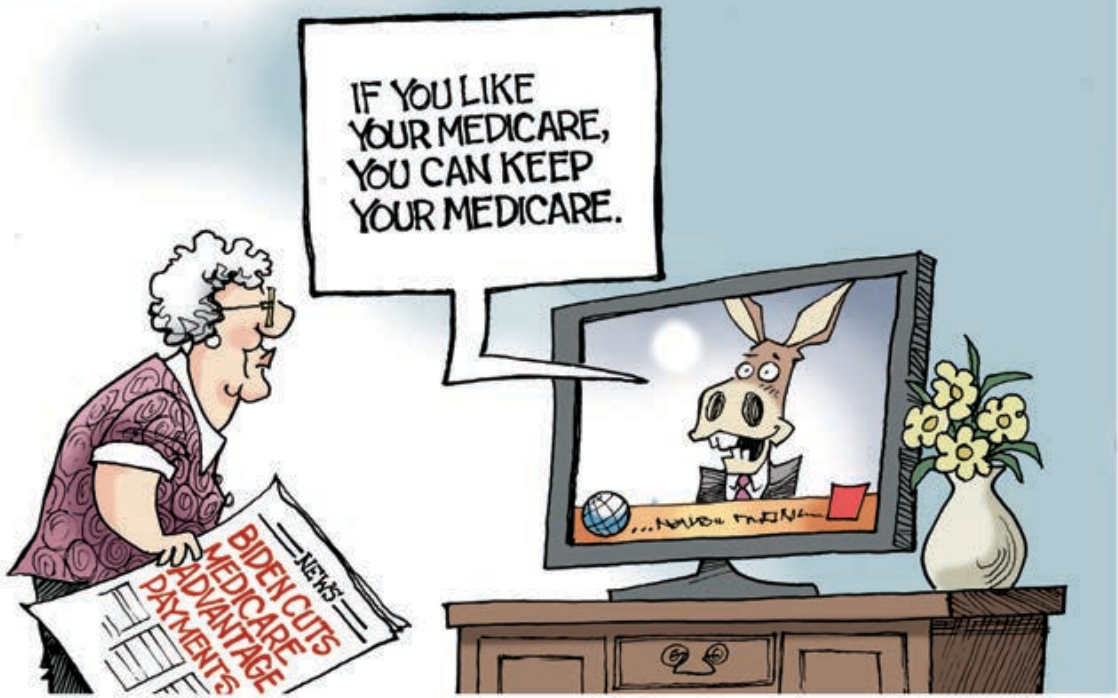
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MotorCars on MainStreet will take over Orange Avenue with over 400 novelty vehicles. Photos courtesy of Karla Robles-Puig.

MotorCars on MainStreet to return for 35th annual show

The prestigious car show will display over 400 restored antiques, classics, rods, customs and trucks on April 28.

BY KYLIE CAPUANO
The Coronado News

Orange Avenue will be taken over by novelty cars and enthusiasts alike on April 28 as MotorCars on MainStreet prepares to celebrate its 35th annual show.

The prestigious car show will display over 400 restored antiques, classics, rods, customs and trucks. This year’s event will highlight lowriders, exotics and electric vehicles through special exhibits.

The lowrider display holds a special role this year as it will contribute to the World Design Capital San Diego Tijuana 2024, a program that showcases the design achievements of the San Diego Tijuana region at the San Diego Central Library in April and May and then at Friendship Park in Tijuana in July and August. The San Diego/Tijuana program holds the title of the first binational design capital in history.

Characterized by their shiny rims, whitewall tires, candy coat paint and hydraulics that allow the vehicles to bounce and go three-wheeling, lowriders became widely popularized in the 1940s and 50s in Southern California and across the border. The San Diego United Lowrider Coalition will be showcasing around 30-35 cars at the event.

Fast Lane Drive will be contributing to this year’s exhibits as well with their 2023-2024 exotics, including Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Bugattis and more. Unique to this year, MotorCars on MainStreet will be adding a family-friendly attraction with comic-style cars, such as the vehicles from Batman and Green Goblin.

Anyone with a car manufactured in 1975 or older is welcome to register their vehicle to be showcased in the event. Registration costs \$50 if done before April 20 and includes a free t-shirt, raffle tickets and dash plaque. Cars can also be registered on-site on the day of the event between 7-10 a.m. for \$60. Around 10,000-14,000 spectators are expected to at-



This year’s categories includes antiques, rods, customs, classics and trucks. Photo courtesy of Karla Robles-Puig.

tend from all over Southern California. All while taking in the display of vehicles, attendees can enjoy live music from Tommy Price and the Stilettoes who are coming all the way from Arizona to perform.

There will also be 100 prizes given out throughout the day from raffle drawings, including a 1-2 night stay at one of Coronado’s iconic hotels – the Hotel del Coronado, Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa, Loews Coronado Bay Resort and the Glorietta Bay Inn, as well as a chance to win a bike from Holland’s Bicycles or gift cards to a local restaurant.

Hosted by community non-profit Coronado MainStreet, the showcase will be supporting the

economic vitality of the island. While the event is free for spectators, proceeds from the registration fees will go toward the multitude of events Coronado MainStreet puts on throughout the year, such as Sip n’ Shop and the End of Summer SideWalk Sale.

“Everything we do is to create events that attract people and maintain Coronado,” said Karla Robles-Puig, director of Coronado MainStreet. “Coronado is beautiful, attractive, unique and we want people to have a great time, stay in town and shop local.”

MotorCars on MainStreet is co-sponsored by Discover Coronado, Precious Metals and City of Coronado. The show will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 28 across Orange Avenue.

The Coronado Flower show celebrates its 102nd year, over a century of creativity

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similar number of attendees this year, and have even introduced some new elements, including a brand new food court pavilion with food from Garage Buona Forchetta, Clayton’s Bakery & Bistro, Gelato Paradiso and more.

Event-goers are encouraged to participate in the festival by entering into one of the competitions, organized into five divisions – horticulture, design, special exhibits, youth and botanical arts. Whether an amateur gardener or professional florist,

the Coronado Flower Show wants to see everyone’s green thumb. Criteria and details are outlined on the show schedule.

There will also be a fundraising event held by the 1922 club – an organization that pays homage to the flower show’s founding year – after event hours on Saturday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The theme of the party this year is called “Ocean Electric,” and will feature food and cocktails from local eateries, as well as a chance to enjoy live music under the stars. Tickets can be purchased for \$125.

The 1922 club event, as well as partnerships from local organizations like the City of Coronado, the Hotel del Coronado and the Bridge & Bay Garden Club all make the annual event possible, according to Stillman.

“This whole town takes a pause for this weekend to really celebrate [the] community. We have so many serious things that are affecting our conscience in so many ways, but I think it’s easy to overlook community and the importance it holds over us,” said Stillman.

Entries into the floral competitions

must be submitted on Friday, April 19 from 4-6 p.m. or Saturday, April 20 from 7-9 a.m. An award ceremony for the competition winners will be held on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. Local awards will be given out to 69 recipients, as well as 21 National Garden Club awards. There will also be three “most popular” awards voted upon by attendees.

Entry into the competitions is free, but admission into the event itself costs \$10 at the door. The festival will run from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

CORONADO

Laura McNeal dives into her newest novel “The Swan’s Nest”

Local author Laura McNeal is coming to the Coronado Public Library on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. to share and discuss her recently published book “The Swan’s Nest.”

BY ELAINE ALFARO
The Coronado News

The research started at the Coronado Public Library.

Among the books, Laura McNeal checked out a biography about Elizabeth Barrett. An old college friend had sent her a recorded lecture on Facebook about the origin of poets Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning’s love story. And from there, McNeal started her work.

“I was interested in their story because it was true. It really happened. I wanted to understand how it could’ve happened, why it happened and who they were,” McNeal said. “Robert Browning was a great artist and a great person and so was Elizabeth. I wanted to write about that.”

McNeal dove deep into the web and came across more research and letters that helped tell Barrett and Browning’s story. She said there are approximately 10,000 letters alone that are relevant to their lives, in addition to the body of work left behind by both poets.

She had to balance the facts and her creative inspiration.

McNeal said her hope for the upcoming Coronado Library event is to share more about these two poets and the impact they left on each other and the literary world.

“These two people lived up to a very high ideal of community, friendship, love, family and their art,” McNeal said. “I think we can make those kinds of stories exciting and interesting too. I think that’s why people read Jane Austen over and over again. I hope people take away from this that art can make us feel better and be better people.”

She said figuring out who would be in scenes, where they would be and how the moments would lead to the climax were all a part of the writing process.

“I revised a lot as I looked for the right way for



Laura McNeal will be presenting her new book at the Coronado Public Library. Photo provided by Laura McNeal.

all those things to happen,” McNeal said. “Probably the biggest moment was when I introduced a character who didn’t exist. She’s inspired by people in the 19th century that I read, but I made her up so she could go anywhere I needed her to go and do anything I needed her to do.”

Unlike the straight-facts documents like letters and biographies that carried her research, with this novel she wanted to add back in the humanity and love that was integral to their story.

“Feelings, thoughts and dialogue have to be revelatory in a novel in a way that doesn’t have to be like a biography,” McNeal explained.

The resulting novel, “The Swan’s Nest” balances historical fiction with truth to tell the unlikely love affair between Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett — a love story that shocked Barrett’s conservative, close-knit family and the literary world. It was published in March.

McNeal’s desire to know stories and explore history is a part of McNeal in a way that inspires but also extends beyond book research.

“I’m really curious about how people in the past interacted and created the things that we have now,” McNeal said. “The art that we have, the literature we have, the buildings, and the ideas. I really like the past better than the present. I love antiques and old buildings. I feel more at home in those kinds of places. And an airforce town is not like that. It’s very transitory. It’s very practical and it’s very much so in the present. I think I was longing for that sense of [a] very rooted and continuous place.”

McNeal grew up hopping from town to town with her family. Her dad was an Air Force pilot and her mom was a home economics teacher. Both instilled in McNeal her love of literature.

“We went to the library in every town we lived in. I carried the books with me. [They were] kinda my constant,” McNeal said.

Her mom’s home-ec philosophy of making things from scratch left an impact on McNeal.

“She taught me to sew, to cook, to preserve things. I think those skills helped me in my writing,” McNeal said.

“The Swan’s Nest” is not her first novel. She’s written 10 books throughout the course of writing journey. She’s co-written four books with her husband, Tom McNeal. And, as Coronado local since 2005, she’s found community in another military town among people who love books.

The upcoming book event for “The Swan’s Nest” will happen in the Winn Room at the library on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. Copies of the book will be available for sale by Bay Books Coronado and McNeal will also sign books after the event.

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Higher gas and rents keep US inflation elevated, likely delaying Fed rate cuts

Associated Press

Consumer inflation remained persistently high last month, boosted by gas, rents, auto insurance and other items, the government said in a report that will likely give pause to the Federal Reserve as it considers how many — or even whether — to cut interest rates this year.

Prices outside the volatile food and energy categories rose 0.4% from February to March, the same accelerated pace as in the previous month. Measured from a year earlier, these core prices are up 3.8%, unchanged from the year-over-year rise in February. The Fed closely tracks core prices because they tend to provide a good read of where inflation is headed.

April 10th's figures represent a disappointment for the White House. Republican critics of President Joe Biden have sought to pin the blame for high prices on the president and use it as a cudgel to derail his re-election bid. Polls show that despite a healthy job market, a near-record-high stock market and a decline in inflation from its peak, many Americans blame Biden for high prices.

The March figures, the third straight month of inflation readings well above the Fed's 2% target, provide concerning evidence that inflation is stuck at an elevated level after having steadily dropped in the second half of 2023. The latest numbers threaten to torpedo the prospect of multiple rate cuts this year. Fed officials have made clear that with the economy healthy, they're in no rush to cut their benchmark rate despite their earlier projections that they would do so three times this year.

The report "pours cold water on the view that the faster readings in January and February simply represented the start of new-year price increases that were not likely to persist," Kathy Bostjancic, chief economist at Nationwide, said in a research note. "The lack of moderation in inflation will undermine Fed officials' confidence that inflation is on a sustainable course back to 2% and likely delays rate cuts to September at the earliest and could push off rate reductions to next year."

On Wall Street, traders sent stock prices tumbling and bond yields rising, reflecting fear that the Fed may delay interest rate cuts indefinitely. The broad



Gas prices are seen at a gas station in Riverwoods, Ill., Monday, April 1, 2024. On Wednesday, April 10, 2024, the Labor Department issues its report on inflation at the consumer level in March. AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh

S&P 500 stock index was off about 1% in late-morning trading.

Chair Jerome Powell has stressed that the Fed's policymakers need more confidence that inflation is steadily slowing to their target level before they will support a rate cut. Powell's stance has elevated the profile of the monthly inflation data in determining when the Fed might start cutting rates. Lower rates would lead, over time, to reduced borrowing costs for businesses and consumers.

Overall consumer prices rose 0.4% from February to March, the same as in the previous month. Compared with a year ago, prices rose 3.5%, up from a year-over-year figure of 3.2% in February.

The persistence of elevated U.S. inflation complicates Biden's claims to be making steady progress against higher prices. The president has argued that further improvement would be possible if Republicans in Congress would back his policies.

"My agenda is lowering costs for prescription drugs, health care, student debt and hidden junk fees," Biden said in a statement.

The costs of owning a vehicle were a key reason why prices jumped last month: Auto insurance surged 2.6% in March and are up a dramatic 22% from a year ago. That increase reflects, in part, the rise in new-car prices over the past two years.

Average auto repair costs increased 1.7% from February to March and are up a sharp 8.2% from a year earlier. And the price of gas to power most vehicles surged 1.7% last month. Prices for new and used cars, though, fell slightly.

Clothing costs jumped 0.7% in March, the second straight month of sizable increases, though they have barely risen over the past year. Grocery prices, though, were unchanged last month and are just 1.2% higher than they were a year ago, providing some relief to consumers after the huge spikes in food prices in the previous two years.

The chronically elevated inflation so far this year does suggest that American consumers, on average, remain confident enough to keep spending despite steady price increases, said Laura Rosner-Warburton, senior economist at MacroPolicy Perspectives, a consulting firm. Likewise, she said, the surge in auto insurance and repair costs reflect the previous sharp increases in auto sales prices.

"It means that the consumer's in good shape and accepting price increases still," Rosner-Warburton said.

Though inflation has plummeted from its peak of 9.1% in June 2022, average prices are still well above where they were before the pandemic. This has meant hardships for many lower-income families, whose wages may not have fully kept up with rising prices.

Derrick Chubbs, president of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, said his organization is providing 300,000 meals a day, even more than the 250,000 it supplied in November 2022. The people his organization serves, he said, increasingly include homeowners. And most of them are employed.

Chubbs said the beneficiaries typically live paycheck-to-paycheck and are vulnerable to any sharp change in their financial circumstances. Most are still struggling to recover from the jump in costs over the past three years, including in rents, child care and car ownership — practically a necessity in a region with limited public transportation.

"If anything throws them off, it's going to take them a while to recover," Chubbs said. "Just because things get better, that doesn't mean that I've caught up with everything."



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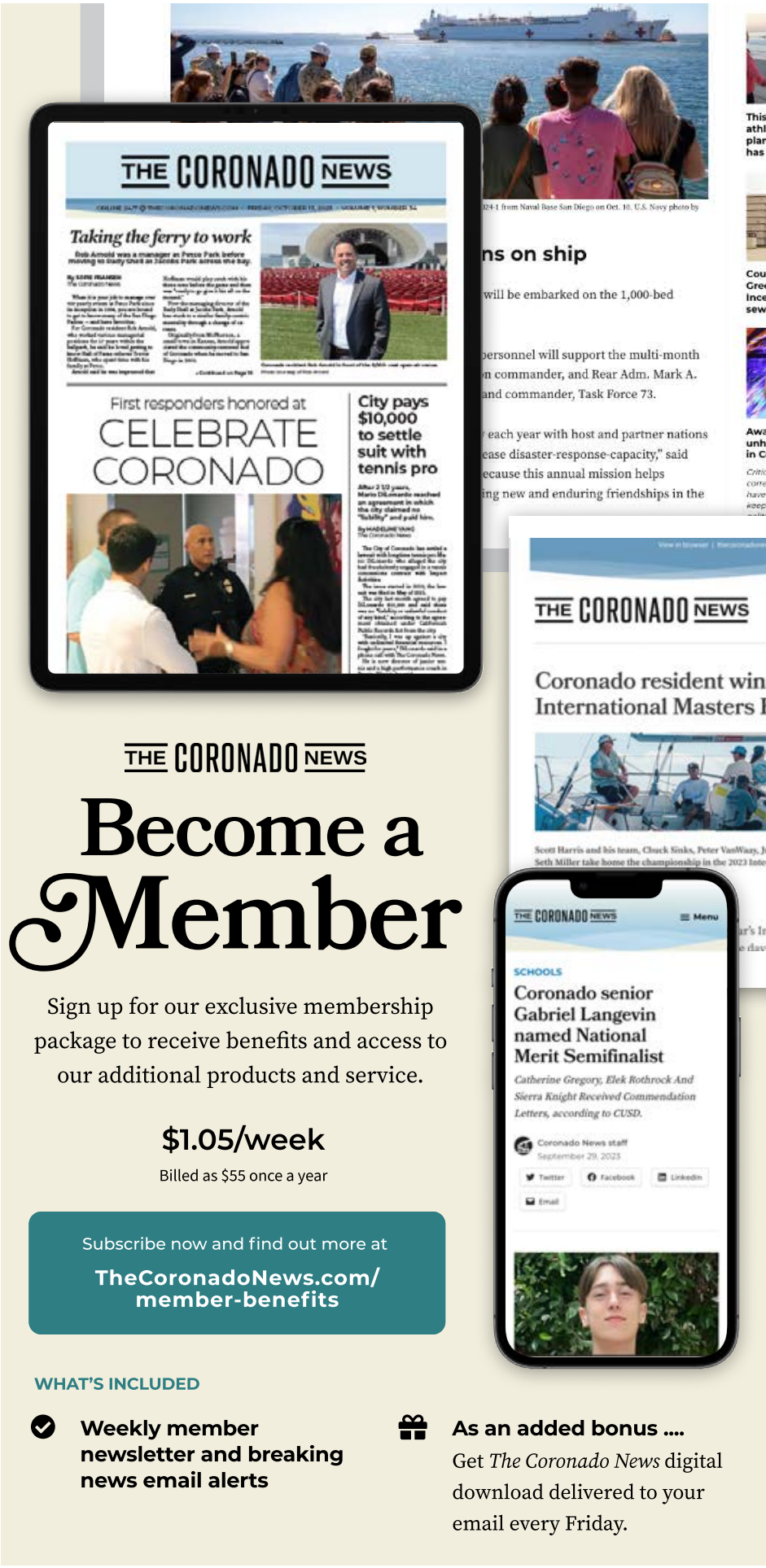
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"We have to. The consequences of not doing it are so much worse," Grunow said. "We're going to ac-



The final housing element update has been passed on a special city council meeting on April 9. Staff photo by Madeline Yang.

Coronado News staff

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Naval Air Station North Island’s USS Abraham Lincoln returns to homeport

U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Victoria Armstrong.



April 11, 2024, Gunner's Mate Seaman Ozzy Hammond, from Tooele, Utah, fires a shot line on the fantail of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) in San Diego. Abraham Lincoln is currently moored pierside at Naval Air Station North Island.



Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Yerson Zamora, from Houston, handles line on the fantail of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.



Sailors handle line on the fantail of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln is currently moored pierside at Naval Air Station North Island.



Seaman Dax Harper, from Singer, La., handles line on the fantail of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Bob Woodruff Foundation: Where billionaires, celebrities, and the NFL go to support vets

Associated Press

When billionaire philanthropists, celebrities, global embassies, and the National Football League want to lend a helping hand to American veterans, they increasingly turn to one source: the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

Formed in 2006 to serve post-9/11 veterans and their families after ABC news reporter Bob Woodruff was injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq, the organization has become a celebrity favorite with its annual comedy fundraiser — headlined by the likes of Jon Stewart, Tracy Chapman, and Bruce Springsteen — raising \$84 million since it was founded and \$14 million last year alone.

Yet the Bob Woodruff Foundation has gained a reputation beyond its star-studded appeal. Through data savvy, niche grantmaking, and a membership network of over 100 veterans charities, it has become a go-to grantmaker for those looking to support veterans and military families.

“They know the field, and they could do a far better and faster job than I ever could,” said Craig Newmark, founder of Craigslist and one of the country’s most prominent philanthropists, who tapped the foundation to help dole out \$100 million in grants for veterans groups last year.

Newmark isn’t alone in his enthusiasm for the organization’s approach. MacKenzie Scott donated \$15 million, no strings attached, in 2022. Since 2018, the Qatar Embassy has provided over \$10 million earmarked to help vets cope with the effects of Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Harvey. The NFL regularly leans on the foundation to distribute millions for its Salute to Service program, including the launch of a wheelchair football league in 2020.

What’s the Bob Woodruff Foundation’s secret? Is it just star power and savvy? Not entirely.

In 2018, the organization greatly expanded its network when it acquired Got Your 6, the largest nongovernmental coalition of veteran-serving charities in the United States. Originally founded by an Army vet in 2012, Got Your 6 (a military phrase for “got your back”) comprises 130 member organizations, including tiny workforce training centers and statewide veterans affairs agencies, reaching nearly every military family in the United States.

Woodruff’s organization regularly surveys its Got Your 6 members, many of whom are also grantees,



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to understand the gap between what veterans need and the extent to which local groups can meet those needs. It then uses that information — combined with the expertise of the foundation’s researchers, military families, and charities on the ground — to pinpoint the issues that government agencies or other grant makers might be leaving behind.

“We’re always careful that what we invest in complements what’s federally available. We won’t be redundant with the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Defense unless there are capacity challenges,” says Margaret Harrell, chief program officer at the Woodruff Foundation. “We don’t do something that’s already been done.”

In its latest survey, the organization found several gaps between what charities and government agencies can offer and what veterans need to protect their mental health, aid their families, and handle financial emergencies. In recent years, the nonprofit has placed particular focus on family issues by paying for fertility treatments for veterans — many of whom struggle with infertility as a result of their service — and funding children’s mental health services.

While data show a significant demand for child care, children’s mental health services, and spousal and intimate partner relations among military

families, few charities are currently equipped to meet that demand.

Organizations, even small ones, can have an outsize impact on the population they serve by focusing on issues that others aren’t funding, says Kathleen Enright, president of the Council on Foundations: “It’s always great when a foundation recognizes what the scale of their resources is best positioned to do and calibrates that intentionally.”

The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation, for example, focuses exclusively on spinal cord injuries, while the Andy Warhol Foundation directs all of its resources toward experimental visual artists. That kind of specialization can ultimately “help philanthropy listen better” to grantees and their causes, says Enright.

To enhance its understanding of veteran-serving groups, the Bob Woodruff Foundation often hosts gatherings of policymakers, military families, and experts around specific issues, like financial assistance or PTSD. Those meetings often lead to new grant programs — but they also act as a crossroads for collaboration.

“I am often struck by the people we bring to the table who don’t already know one another when I think they should,” says Harrell of the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

Around five years ago, when the NFL broached the idea of funding a football program for injured veterans, the Bob Woodruff Foundation reached out to Move United, a Got Your 6 member and the largest provider of adaptive sports programs in the United States. At the time, the country had no competitive league for wheelchair football.

So, “we went to the drawing board,” says Glenn Merry, executive director of Move United, who developed a proposal for what would later become the USA Wheelchair Football League, in which players across the country compete under the name of their local NFL team.

With the support of the Bob Woodruff Foundation and the NFL’s Salute to Service partnership, more than 850 athletes and coaches — including 315 veterans — have competed in the league since 2020.

“We use the power of sport to push what’s possible for all of our athletes,” says Merry. The opportunity to “play as a team toward a single purpose” can help wounded veterans build both physical and mental resilience when they come home, he says.

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SPORTS

Beyond family, the Dunn sisters share a devotion to Lacrosse

Two local sisters lead Coronado High School's lacrosse team in goals and assists, and they have the secret advantage of sisterhood.

BY JULIETA SOTO
The Coronado News

Below a dimmed crescent moon at Coronado High School, bleacher chants could be heard cheering on two teams leading in the San Diego Girls rankings for lacrosse.

April 11 marked a second season loss for the Coronado High School Varsity Girls Lacrosse team in an anticipated home game against their season's biggest competitor, Torrey Pines.

With the end of the third quarter, pressure for both teams increased and after the fourth quarter the Islanders fell four points behind them to what ultimately resulted in a 12-16 final score.

What started as a strong lead through the first two quarters, with the home team above a couple points as the minutes passed, the third quarter saw the visiting Falcons score increase with their twelve point bringing the teams to a tie.

This point, scored in the matter of seconds marking the end of the quarter, brought contrasting perspectives as people considered its validity.

"In women's lacrosse, as long as the shot is in motion prior to the horn sounding, the goal will count," sports official Jennifer Frapwell said. "In this case, we cannot determine when that happened. So our suggestion to the home team was to provide an air horn at the bench. You can blow that horn and then it's clear to the officials on the field."

Following this turning point in the game, the visiting team continued with four additional points in the last quarter, during which the Islanders missed promising goal shots in several instances.

"They've got a ton of talent. They've got two very special sisters," Torrey Pines coach Kaitlin Doucette said post game. "We were game planning for them because they're special players...We've been working on a defense all season and this was the perfect opportunity to throw it out there and see how it went."

Torrey Pines won the 2023 CIF Open championship, and five of the school's players have committed to colleges in the next two years.

But Coronado High, with mostly younger players, is also a top seed in the conference.

Last year, the Islanders won their regular season game against Torrey Pines, but suffered a close loss in the CIF Open Division championship game.

"Sydney and Breck are great players and most teams will side to them early and focus on them," CHS head coach Caroline Carlson said. "We still have a great chance this year to focus on winning the championship."

The recent game started with an offensive explosion by the Islanders. Sophomore Sydney Dunn, #10, scored in the first two minutes and soon after, assisted with a second goal. She then added two more scores and another assist to younger sister Breck Dunn, #22, who scored the fifth goal of the first quarter.

Then Torrey Pines completely turned things around, scoring six total goals by the end of the second quarter and then doubling that tally in the third quarter.

"Once we got the go-ahead goal, it became slow everything down and win," said Doucette. "We had to take some time off the clock because...they were showing they could score like that."

Moving from being No. 2 at the beginning of their season, the Islanders pushed to their current rank, No.1, and hold a 10-2 record after their match against Torrey.

"Tonight we let Torrey beat us... Great for it to happen now and not in May," said Carlson. "It's a good learning moment and more fuel to the fire for us to work hard."

Midway through the season, Carlson echoed the team's position to fight for an open division championship.

"We're in a good spot," Carlson said at the time. "Everybody's meshing well, from the attackers, the midfielders, defense is playing great as well. As a team, we're excited."

Part of that success story can be traced to the Dunn sisters, who chanced into lacrosse not long after they moved to Coronado in 2018.

"We were just driving in Coronado when we saw people playing lacrosse on the field, and we thought it looked really fun," said Breck. "So we bought a couple sticks and we went back to our house and my dad was teaching us how to play."

Soon, the sisters were playing for the Coronado Lacrosse Club (CLC) with many of their best friends who also are on this year's Islander team.

The sisters manage busy schedules, finding time for soccer and lacrosse, as well as classes.

"When we come to the field, we're just ready to play," said Sydney, whose athleticism makes her stand out as she glides across the field.

The Dunn sisters, who lead their team in goals, assists and caused turnovers, said they have a secret advantage: sisterhood.

"When you're taking the draw, you're trying to



Sydney Dunn (left) and Breck Dunn (right) are midfielders on the Coronado High School Varsity Girls Lacrosse team. Photo courtesy of Alisa Dunn.



Sydney Dunn (left) and Breck Dunn (right) win their first lacrosse tournament hosted by Adrenaline Lacrosse in 2019. Photo courtesy of Sydney Dunn.

direct it, but Breck doesn't have to tell me where it's going," said Sydney. "We just know where each other's going to put it."

Sydney made the open division championships as a freshman last year. And this year freshman Breck looks to follow in her sister's footsteps.

"They have that sister connection where they like to work with one another and they're very good at reading each other," Carlson said. "She [Sydney] made such a huge impact [as a freshman]...Watching her now with her sister is fun."

For two games in March, each of the sisters scored five points totalling half of the points in a first game against Poway and more than half of the final score in a game against Cathedral.

In the first 10 games of the season, the Dunn sisters have scored 72 goals and 33 assists, according to their mom Alisa Dunn who volunteers at a table beside the field with another parent to keep track of score throughout games.

Alisa said there are many parent volunteers like



Sydney Dunn (left) and Breck Dunn (right) at the Coronado Christmas Parade in their first year of lacrosse. Photo courtesy of Sydney Dunn.

herself who also help as announcers, the clock and scoreboard as well as the music that can be heard each time one of the players scores.

Apart from team dinners that alternate between players' homes, the 14 and 16-year-old say they bond with their team all season and in the seconds leading up to the start of a game with music that sharpens their focus like Eminem's acclaimed 'Lose Yourself.'

"We're all really good friends in school, so it helps translate to the lacrosse field because you know them so well and their strengths and you can talk to them and you can direct them and give them suggestions easily," Breck said. "We have such good chemistry. And the team dinners really help with that because they're really fun, our coaches go and it's just bonding."

"My favorite part is playing a sport with my best friends, so it just makes it super fun and I'll play with them till I graduate," added Sydney. "That's my first memory, just stepping on the field with my elementary school friends."

SPORTS

Mix of experience and youth leads Coronado boys golf season in 2024

Head coach Stuart Gordon has high expectations this year for a varsity golf team that is showcasing considerable talent.

BY CADE CAVIN
The Coronado News

Stuart Gordon, the head coach of the Coronado boys golf team, is in the middle of his 21st season coaching for the Islanders and his expectations for this year's varsity squad are high.

The varsity team is showcasing considerable talent, according to Gordon, and his goal is for the team to compete in the San Diego Section for this year's CIF title.

"We are waiting to hear from CIF about one player to be approved to play this year who went to boarding school on the East Coast for the whole of his sophomore year," Gordon said of Diego Vargas. "Once approved we will become one of the strongest teams in the San Diego region. At present we lie in eighth position in the county and over the next three weeks we play three of the top schools above us."

Gordon suspects the whole team should qualify for the Sectional Region at Steele Canyon and Torrey Pines in May.

Two standout players for the team are freshman Ty Smock and an already established contributor Senior Liam Weaver. Weaver won the Saints Golf Tournament last March after shooting a 73 on a par 72 course. Weaver and the team repeated as Saints Golf Tournament champions this year, shooting 71 on the same course.

"The game of golf has always been more than just my sport; it's my lifestyle," Weaver said. "Team golf here at Coronado High School has only broadened that lifestyle and has turned it into the most memorable experience of my life."

While Weaver has Division I —and even professional— golf aspirations, he and his teammates lean on the experience of Gordon for guidance and direction throughout the season.

"Coach Stuart has been coaching high school team golf for a very long time and he uses his experiences to help push us in the correct direction," Weaver said.

Gordon explained that through his years of coaching he has learned to focus less on player's drives, and



Freshman Ty Smock (L) and senior Liam Weaver (R) are key contributors for the 2024 Coronado golf team. Staff photo by Sofie Fransen.



Coronado freshman Ty Smock shot 35 on March 26. Staff photo by Sofie Fransen.

more on their putting and chipping.

"Many of them get upset with their mishits which mentally affects them for several holes. For some, I suggest they hit the green rather than go for the pin on difficult pin positions," He said, "I have also learnt which players to watch from a distance and which

do not feel under pressure when I am close to them."

As the season progresses and the Islanders continue to compete, Gordon will look to channel both the experience and talent of this squad as they take on the rest of the San Diego Section.

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- Liam Weaver, Senior, Coronado Boys Golf

Coronado's Lauren Gilhooly sets track school records, ranks among top runners

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of practice were for the all-time school records I broke (the girls 100-meter and 200-meter)...I decided I wanted to use the same letterman jacket my mom had so I added my patches on there." Gilhooly said.

Gilhooly is on course to compete in the San Diego City Conference championships next month, and is expected to qualify to compete in the CIF divisionals.

"She has talent and she's driven and she has a work ethic," head coach Cameron Gary said. "We're proud...I know what she can do so I expect her to break records."

This year's Arcadia Invitational, presented by Nike, welcomed nearly 4,000 athletes from 37 states as well as three Canadian provinces. And the event has seen 36 national records and 203 U.S. Olympians, according to their online page.

For this reason, Gary said it is extremely difficult to get into this invitational.

This year, Gilhooly was the only Islander to qualify for entry into the 2024 Arcadia Invitational, which took place on April 6. Besides winning the girls seeded section of the 100-meter dash, Gilhooly placed third in the fourth section of the open 200-meter dash, according to Runnerspace.com.

"It was cool to represent Coronado on my own and make it through," Gilhooly said. "I knew I had to perform and kept that in mind and made sure... that I set myself up for the best race possible."

A transfer student from Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach, Gilhooly has successfully established her name in the San Diego Section in her first year competing with CHS.

"I grew up playing soccer," Gilhooly said. "Freshman year soccer was just not really my passion anymore...I tried out for [the] track team...I just kind of

found my sport."

Leading up to Arcadia, Gilhooly claimed CHS's 200-meter record, beating the seven-year school record set by Alysah Hickey in 2017.

Gilhooly's 200-meter time decreased more than a half-second – from 25.07 at the beginning of the season to 24.46 during the Elmer Runge Invite at Patrick Henry High School on March 16, according to the Islander Track Girls' 200 Meter Record website.

Gary said Gilhooly struggled in the Arcadia 200-meter race, finishing third in her heat and 11th overall in the Open Division.

Gary noted that the races' sequence was a departure from what Gilhooly is accustomed to given that in most high school meets, the 100-meter dash precedes the 200-meter dash.

Still, Gilhooly proved herself in the evening 100-meter event where Gary said five states—Arizona, Nevada, Georgia, Mississippi, and California—were represented among the competitors.

Gilhooly's time of 11.70 seconds displaced another school record set by Hickey (11.87 seconds) in 2018.

"Lauren got a good start and was in second place at the halfway point of the race," Gary said. "She then passed the leader and went on to pull away from the field, winning the race by about half a meter."

Gilhooly said runners in the middle lanes usually are the faster ones.

"I just always emphasize to the kids, 'Forget about what lane you're in, you're going to run the same distance everyone else is, so just focus on your race and the outcome will be the outcome and will have nothing to do with what lane you're in,'" CHS sprint coach Quentin Anderson said.

Gilhooly said she felt motivated and was focused on a personal record.



(L-R) Coronado High School Track & Field coach Cameron Gary, junior track athlete Lauren Gilhooly, and sprint coach Quentin Anderson share a moment at the 2024 Arcadia Invitational. Photo courtesy of Cameron Gary.

"In my head, I was like, 'I'm not losing this race, I'm going to make it through,'" she added.

Now with hopes of pursuing track in college, Gilhooly finds herself preparing for faster times and looking forward to this month's 64th Mt. SAC Relays before the City League Varsity Finals on Friday, May 3.

SPORTS

Before murder charges tarnished his legacy, O.J. Simpson was one of the NFL's greatest running backs

Associated Press

Long before the Bronco chase gripped a national television audience and the “Trial of the Century” captivated the country, O.J. Simpson was making his mark on the football field.

The Juice was the best running back of his era during an 11-year NFL career mostly played with the Buffalo Bills. He won a national championship and a Heisman Trophy in college and set records in the NFL. But Simpson's accomplishments on the field were overshadowed and his image was forever ruined by charges that he killed his former wife and her male friend in 1994. Though he was acquitted of murder, Simpson was later found liable for the deaths in a separate civil case.

Simpson's tarnished legacy resulted in a muted reaction to news of his death on April 11. He wasn't acknowledged publicly by the NFL, the Bills or the San Francisco 49ers, where he played his final two seasons.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame issued a statement attributed to its President Jim Porter that said: "O.J. Simpson was the first player to reach a rushing mark many thought could not be attained in a 14-game season when he topped 2,000 yards. His on-field contributions will be preserved in the Hall's archives in Canton, Ohio."

Simpson's name remains on the Bills' Wall of Fame, which rings the inside of Highmark Stadium, known as Rich Stadium during his playing days. That could change in a few years when the Bills move into a new stadium set to open across the street in 2026. Fans previously petitioned the team to remove Simpson's name from the wall.

Otherwise, there are very few reminders of Simpson's time playing in Buffalo. No statues. Many of his teammates and friends have moved away or died.

“He and I had a bumpy start and then we had a great relationship throughout,” former Bills defensive back Booker Edgerson told the AP. “Because he was a celebrity. And in his ways, he just didn’t understand. He was a young guy. He didn’t understand the game of professional football and what all the guys went through. He just didn’t react to the veterans as I thought he should have. Like, disrespect and everything. But once we got to know each other



Buffalo Bills running back O.J. Simpson (32) has his jersey pulled by Baltimore Colts linebacker Mike Curtis, during the second quarter of an NFL football game in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1975. Simpson, the decorated football superstar and Hollywood actor who was acquitted of charges he killed his former wife and her friend but later found liable in a separate civil trial, died Wednesday, April 11, 2024, of prostate cancer. He was 76. AP Photo/File.

and everything, and then eventually when we became roommates for that one year, from that point on, he and I had a very good relationship.”

After his success at USC, Simpson didn't initially live up to the hype and expectations of a No. 1 overall draft pick. He averaged 642 yards and four touchdowns in his first three seasons with the Bills and some thought he would be a bust.

Then the arrival of coach Lou Saban in 1972 changed the trajectory of Simpson's football career. Saban built Buffalo's offense around Simpson's skills. That led to his breakout.

The 6-foot-2, 212-pound Simpson ran more with grace than power, though he could push through defenders for that extra yard or two. He danced and jukeed, dodged and eluded tacklers, using his instincts to find open space that allowed him to use his speed to outrace the defense into the end zone.

Simpson rushed for 1,251 yards and six TDs in Saban's first year in Buffalo. He followed up with one of the greatest seasons in league history, rushing for 2,003 yards and 12 scores in 1973 while earning the NFL Most Valuable Player award.

Simpson accomplished that remarkable total in

14 games and his record of 143.1 yards rushing per game still stands. Simpson topped 1,000 yards in each of his next three seasons and 1975 was his best all-around effort.

He rushed for 1,817 yards and 16 TDs and had 426 yards receiving and seven more scores that year. A knee injury ended his season early in 1977 and Simpson finished his career in San Francisco, where he grew up.

The five-time All-Pro was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1985.

By then, he was already a fixture on television as an actor, pitchman and football analyst. Simpson first appeared in an ad for Hertz in 1975, and legions of sports fans knew him as the former player who dashed through airports wearing three-piece suits and holding a briefcase while hurdling railings on his way to the rental counter to secure his car.

Simpson began acting during his time at USC, appeared in various roles on television shows while in the NFL and co-starred in several movies after retiring. His promising on-screen career and everything else was halted following the murder allegations.

Hall of Fame guard Joe DeLamielleure was a rookie with the Bills during Simpson's record-breaking season and became an important member of an offensive line known as "The Electric Company" that paved the lane for Simpson to run free.

Simpson had matured as a teammate by the time DeLamielleure met him, aided by guidance he received from Edgerson and other veteran players who helped him find his way.

“He was like a star to us, even back then,” DeLamielleure told the AP. “He was like an icon even back then. ... But I’ll tell you what, he was never cocky. He worked hard in practice. ... He was just one of those guys who was bigger than all of us. But he hung with everybody. Very humble to football players and very respectful to the offensive line because he’s a guy who shined a light on the offensive linemen throughout the league. He was a special person, a special player. ... I watched Pete Maravich play. I also saw Muhammad Ali box. ... Holy cow. But I was privileged to play with him.”

In the end, however, Simpson is remembered more for the murder trial than his football accolades.

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