

Upcoming Events at Michaan's!

Free Appraisal Event

Wednesday, February 18th; 9 am - 12 pm

Wednesday, March 4th; 9 am - 12 pm

February Annex Auction Starts Tomorrow!

Mon, Feb. 9th; Tues., Feb. 10th; Wed., Feb. 11th | 9 am

Preview:

Sun, Feb. 8th; 10 am - 5 pm;

Mon, Feb. 9th & Tues., Feb. 10th; 9 am - 5 pm;

Wed., Feb. 11th; 9 am - end of auction

February Gallery Auction

Friday, February 13th; 10 am

Preview:

Sunday, February 8th; 10 am - 5 pm

Thursday, February 12th; noon - 5 pm

Friday, February 13th; 9 am - end of auction

Victorian Shell Cameo, 10k Yellow Gold Brooch



Nancy Willard (American, 1926-2017) Collection of 120 wooden, glass, and/or plastic eggs



George Nelson for Herman Miller Rosewood Thin Edge Dresser and Nightstand



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Illegality of gambling doesn't stop bets

Daily fantasy sports websites and millions of Californians ignore AG's official opinion

By Susie Neilson

STAFF WRITER

To write this story, I had to commit what is arguably a crime. It wasn't hard.

I spent a few hours watching YouTube videos and listening to

podcasts to prepare. The upside was high — I could earn thousands of dollars by tapping my phone a few times, if the TV ads enticing me to commit this transgression were to be believed — and, in the short term at least, the downside was mini-

MORE INSIDE

Republican politician promotes alternative halftime show. **A12**

How do careers of QBs Darnold, Maye stack up against each other? **B1**

Scott Ostler's hoping for a hero, not a goat. **B1**

Columnists make their case for who will win. **B3**

mal. I might lose a little money, but my odds of getting in trouble with the authorities were slim.

The offense: I placed two parlay bets on Sunday's Super Bowl in Santa Clara through online platform PrizePicks, both of which require the Seahawks to outperform the Patriots in hyper-specific ways. I'll more than quintuple my initial stake if I win both — or I'll expense the 25

bucks I lose.

Each year, millions of Californians do what I just did, a form of sports betting the industry calls "daily fantasy." Collectively, we spend an estimated \$200 million annually on this genre of betting, which is, again, ostensibly illegal — at least, according to an argument by the state's highest-ranking law enforcement

Gambling continues on A12

Pittsburg, named for industrial roots, seeks rebound after mill closure



Photos by Bronte Wittpenn/S.F. Chronicle

Smokestacks from the now-retired Pittsburg Power Plant loom over a neighborhood in the former steel town.

Former steel town tries to forge new identity

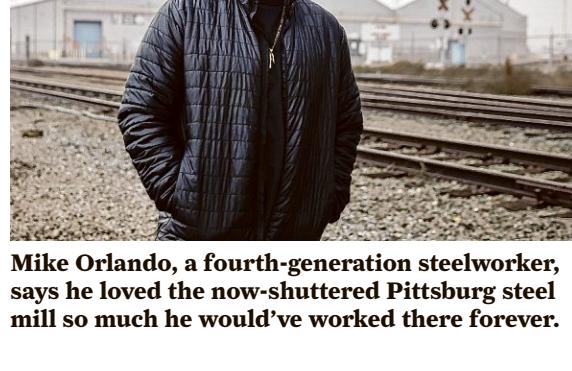
By Connor Letourneau

STAFF WRITER

Mike Orlando stood outside the shuttered steel mill where he'd worked for decades, gazing at chipped paint, faded signage and rust-covered fencing.

"It's eerie being back here," he said.

For well over a century, that 450-acre facility along Suisun Bay was what locals lovingly called Pittsburg's "heartbeat": a bustling plant that supplied well-paying jobs, many of the tin plates used in the U.S. canning industry,



Mike Orlando, a fourth-generation steelworker, says he loved the now-shuttered Pittsburg steel mill so much he would've worked there forever.

and an unmistakable source of community pride. Named after the Pennsylvania steel capital, this working-class suburb about 40 miles northeast of San Francisco came to embody the mill's blue-collar ethos.

More than two years after that plant closed, Pittsburg has now reached an inflection point. With the idled steel mill's sprawling waterfront site recently under new ownership, and Dow Chemical — the city's other large industrial employer — ramping down its presence there, this east Con-

Pittsburg continues on A8

CCA took big risk on campus expansion — and lost

By Kate Talerico

STAFF WRITER

In the summer of 2022, the California College of the Arts broke ground on a pair of new buildings above a tiered plaza, the centerpiece of a decades-long campus expansion in San Francisco.

For more than a century, CCA had been one of California's most prominent arts schools, serving 1,500 students in fine arts, architecture and design. Its leaders hoped the San Francisco expansion would elevate the school's size and status, allowing it to grow enrollment and align CCA more closely with the Bay Area's tech economy.

CCA said it had raised \$123 million through a philanthropic campaign for the 2-acre addition, known as Double Ground. What it did not say in its public messaging was that it was borrowing heavily.

The college had taken out a \$40 million loan for the project, adding to \$95 million the school had borrowed in 2019 for a new dormitory and dining hall across the street, not to mention another \$30 million.

CCA continues on A14

Mother's ashes take a fittingly wild ride home

By Annie Vainshtein

STAFF WRITER

Barbara Offenhartz lived her 89 years on Earth with an itinerant spirit, taking her family around the world on "budget

adventures" — from tent camping in African national parks to living in Japan for a year — simply because they could.

Her last adventure ended in San Francisco, where, last month, a box of her cremated re-

mains traveled from her son's porch on Potrero Hill to a homeless shelter below an underpass, for reasons that, even to her children, remain unclear.

The saga began last month, shortly after Offenhartz, who

was living outside of Boston, died. Potrero Hill resident John Offenhartz, Barbara's son, who was handling her remains with the help of a funeral home back east, had expected the box con-

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