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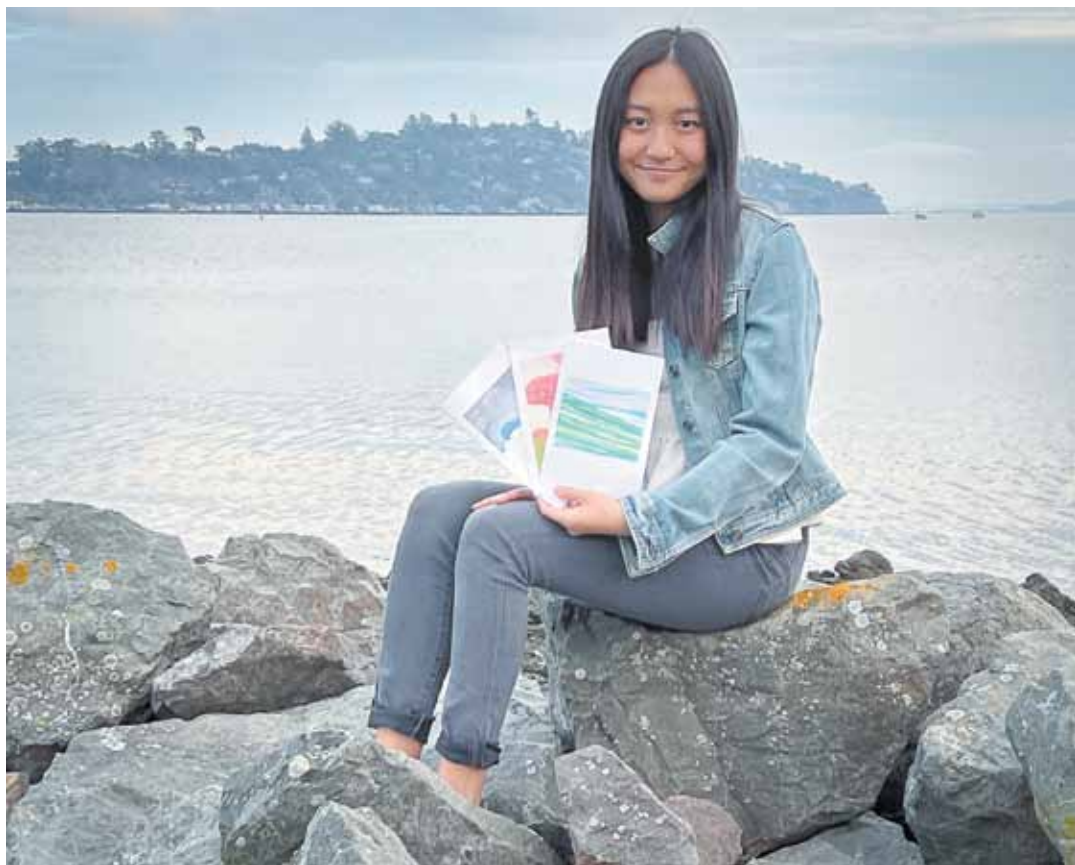
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Strawberry teen aids county program to support those struggling with mental health

Caring cards



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Strawberry teen Scarlett Goh is helping Caring Cards, a county initiative to send handwritten notes to hospitalized patients in Marin who are struggling with mental-health issues.

By SHAYNE JONES

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After a traumatic experience, the world can feel like a lonely place.

Strawberry's Scarlett Goh says that's why she's spearheading Caring Cards, a county program that sends handwritten notes to hospitalized patients in Marin who have been struggling with their mental health, suicidal ideation, substance abuse or other behavioral-health issues.

The program is an initiative of the Marin

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At public forum, Tiburon police offer tips to help prevent holiday break-ins

By SHAYNE JONES

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Tiburon police are urging increased vigilance as the holidays approach to prevent break-ins and property theft that typically increase this time of year.

The department hosted a Nov. 23 public-safety webinar for sharing tips residents can use to prevent being targeted.

Chief Ryan Monaghan said the department has amped up its officer patrols in neighborhoods, initiated more traffic stops on suspicious vehicles and used video surveillance collected by neighbors and residents while investigating a string of 11 residential burglaries

in town over the last six months.

Those incidents began in June when a Stewart Drive resident thwarted an attempted burglary when the subject shattered their rear glass door and the resident ran downstairs — startling the person, who then fled the scene. The next month, during the first week of July, a Via Capistrano resident returned from a weeklong vacation and noticed their back French door had been shattered. That same week, a Via San Fernando resident's alarm interrupted a subject as they were breaking into the house. Also that week, two Gilmartin Drive residents reported

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Survey asks Tiburon residents to weigh in on broadband connectivity

By DEIRDRE McCROHAN

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Tiburon is seeking residents' feedback on the quality of internet connectivity and accessibility in town, part of its ongoing work to develop a strategic plan to bring broadband service to every home.

The survey is online now at townoftiburon.org/385/broadband and will remain up for six to eight weeks. All residents are encouraged to take the survey; those who already have broadband and are able to take the survey on a desktop computer wired to their internet router are especially encouraged to do so, as they can provide additional technical data about the

speed and quality of their current broadband connection.

The survey is available in both English and Spanish and should be taken by the person in the household whose name appears on the broadband service account.

Its goal is to provide baseline information to Denver-based consulting firm Magellan Advisors, hired by the town in August to produce the seven-month strategic broadband study. The town will pay the firm \$93,450 for its work, with funding coming from its \$2.17-million share of federal coronavirus-relief aid.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

County official dishonest about fair-housing complaints against city

Green is not a human skin color. I believe the public should know that a claim by the social equity programs and policy coordinator of the Marin Community Development Agency, made publicly in a fair-housing presentation at November’s Belvedere City Council meeting, that there have been “many” complaints of Belvedere housing bias, has been completely refuted by the county’s own public records.

In response to a California Public Records Act request for copies of all submitted complaints over the past six years, the deputy county counsel has replied that there is no record of any Belvedere bias complaint.

This exoneration accords with my own impression that, when it comes to buying Belvedere real estate, the only color

that matters is the color green, as in the phrases “green backs” and “long green.”

— William Rothman, Belvedere

Parents, why are your kids riding at night with no lights, reflectors?

Now that it gets dark around 4:30 or 5 p.m., I am appalled to see young kids alone out on their bicycles that have neither lights nor reflective tape. Often the bicycles and the children’s clothing are dark colors, which are hard to see at night.

Parents, please put reflective tape on their helmets, bikes and clothing if your children are going to be out riding after dark. Let’s keep our kids safe!

— Mo Newman, Tiburon

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MEETINGS & AGENDAS

Public meetings of local interest

Through Jan. 31, California has suspended provisions of the state’s open-meetings law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, related to teleconferencing and in-person public access to meetings in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Public legislative bodies may temporarily hold meetings via teleconferencing and allow members

of the public to attend and address those bodies by telephone or otherwise electronically.

Tiburon Town Council: 4 tonight, Dec. 1, by Zoom teleconference. Members of the public may participate using meeting ID 846-2349-7615 or by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the meeting ID when prompted.

Tiburon Design Review Board: 6 p.m. Dec. 2, by Zoom teleconference.

Members of the public may participate using meeting ID 858-5425-4486 or by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the meeting ID when prompted.

Strawberry Design Review Board: 7:35 p.m. Dec. 6, by Zoom teleconference. Visit arkn.ws/StrawDRBAgendas ahead of meeting for agenda and connection details.

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Town parks board eyes two potential sites for a kayak launch

By **DEIRDRE McCROHAN**

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The Tiburon Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission is looking at the areas near Elephant Rock fishing pier or the intersection of Beach Road and Main Street to establish a kayak, canoe, sail board or paddleboard launch.

The commission at its Nov. 16 teleconference meeting voted 4-0, with Isaac Nikfar absent, to have its existing subcommittee on the issue continue looking at the two sites, which both come with caveats. Some commissioners expressed concern about the dangers of entering the water near Elephant Rock, and they noted placing a launch or dock near the seawall at the Beach Road and Main Street intersection is thought to be on Belvedere city property, so it would require Belvedere's cooperation.

There are a couple of existing launches around the Tiburon Peninsula, including at the beach at Blackie's Pasture and the

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CORRECTIONS

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Festival of Lights returns to Tiburon



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Residents celebrate the start of Hanukkah, which this year began at sunset Nov. 28, at Fountain Plaza in downtown Tiburon. Gina Bubbl Waldman of Paradise Cay spearheaded a fundraising effort to purchase a new 9-foot menorah to loan to the town for display during the Jewish holiday, which ends at nightfall Dec. 6; the previous menorah was no longer available after its owner moved out of town. While the town of Tiburon does participate with the purchase and installation of some holiday decorations, such as lights, it does not own or provide any religious decorations. The non-government Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce funds and holds the annual Tiburon Holiday Festival — this year set for 2-5 p.m. Dec. 11 — but it typically avoids overt religious language and symbols, such as a Christian nativity scene, in favor of secularized seasonal traditions, such as Santa Claus, gingerbread houses and horse-drawn carriages. In recent years, it has replaced the Christmas tree with a tree-like sculpture.

Hayward man is arrested after high-speed chase from Tiburon

By **SHAYNE JONES**

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A Hayward man was arrested last week after a 100 mph chase from Tiburon to Petaluma that ended when he attempted to flee and was hit by the car he had been driving. Daniel H. Zeru, 37, was booked into Marin

County Jail Nov. 22 on suspicion of evading police officers without regard for public safety and violating a felony warrant; his bail has been set at \$35,000.

Additional allegations of taking a vehicle without the owner's consent, being in possession of a stolen vehicle, being under the influence of a controlled substance, giving

false identification to police, driving under the influence and driving on a suspended license have been recommended, according to the Tiburon Police Department. The case is being reviewed by the Marin County District Attorney's Office for potential

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Tiburon Heritage and Arts Commission: 5:30 p.m. Dec. 7, by Zoom teleconference. Visit townoftiburon.org/280/Agendas-Minutes-Staff-Reports ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Diversity Inclusion Task Force: 5 p.m. Dec. 8, by Zoom teleconference. Visit townoftiburon.org/163/Town-Council ahead of meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Planning Commission: 6:30 p.m. Dec. 8, by Zoom teleconference. Visit townoftiburon.org/149/Planning-Commission ahead of meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Fire Protection District board of directors: 6:30 p.m. Dec. 8, boardroom, downtown Tiburon fire station, 1679 Tiburon Blvd. Visit tiburonfire.org/board-of-directors ahead of the meeting for agenda details.

Richardson Bay Regional Agency board of directors: 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9, by Zoom teleconference. Visit rbra.ca.gov/public-meetings ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Belvedere City Council: 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13, by Zoom teleconference. Visit cityofbelvedere.org/95/City-Council ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

846-2349-7615 or by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the meeting ID when prompted. The following items are on the agenda:

Belvedere Historic Preservation Committee: 5:30 p.m. Dec. 14, by Zoom teleconference. Visit cityofbelvedere.org/95/City-Council ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Reed Union School District board of trustees: 6 p.m. Dec. 14, staff development center, Bel Aire Elementary School, 277 Karen Way, Tiburon. Visit arkn.ws/RUSDagendas ahead of the meeting for agenda details.

Strawberry Recreation District board of directors: 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14, first-floor meeting room, Strawberry Recreation Center, 118 E. Strawberry Drive. Visit strawberry.marin.org/mtgagenda ahead of the meeting for agenda details.

Tiburon Town Council: 5 p.m. Dec. 15, by Zoom teleconference. Visit townoftiburon.org/163/Town-Council ahead of meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Town Council agenda

The Tiburon Town Council meets at 4 today, Dec. 1, by Zoom teleconference. Members of the public may participate using meeting ID

846-2349-7615 or by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the meeting ID when prompted. The following items are on the agenda:

- Adopt minutes of Nov. 17 meeting.

- Adopt resolution that would allow the town to continue to operate virtual board meetings in accordance with AB 361.

- Adopt resolution certifying the results of the Nov. 2 special municipal election and declaring Noah Griffin elected to the Tiburon Town Council.

- Adopt annual list of appointments.

- Adopt investment summary for month ending Oct. 31.

- Swearing in of council-member-elect Noah Griffin.

- Comments by outgoing Mayor Holli Thier and other councilmembers.

- Election of new mayor.

- Election of new vice mayor.

- Establish the 2022 town manager performance evaluation ad hoc subcommittee and appoint membership.

- Adopt ordinance making amendments to Chapter 26, Solid Waste Storage, Collection and Disposal, of the town's Municipal Code related to the implementation of SB 1383 provisions.

Tiburon fire district talks importance of vegetation management

By SHAYNE JONES

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The Tiburon Fire Protection District is working with the town to manage vegetation in the town's open spaces in an effort to alleviate fire risk and maintain a healthy landscape for residents to enjoy.

Deputy Fire Marshall Mike Lantier on Nov. 16 updated the Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission on the Marin County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, a comprehensive overview of fire risk in county jurisdictions. The plan was produced in 2016 by county fire districts and Fire Safe Marin, a nonprofit that educates residents about fire risk and helps them harden their homes against it and to help communities pinpoint and manage areas that are especially vulnerable to fire.

Lantier said the plan outlines projects each fire district should prioritize within its jurisdiction and ranks them according to cost and county-level fire-hazard ranking. Districts then must coordinate with their town or city councils to implement those projects. According to the plan, Tiburon's main

goal is fuel reduction, or removal of hazardous materials like fast-growing invasive plants, from its open spaces.

The town's Ring Mountain and Old St. Hilary's open space preserves are ranked in the plan as "moderate priority" projects that would include increasing fire road access, which wouldn't cost anything, and reducing fire hazard to nearby neighborhoods, which has no estimated cost. Those spaces are managed by Marin County.

The high-priority projects include fuel reduction on Tiburon's Middle Ridge open space, estimated at a cost of \$4,000, and Blackie's Pasture, with no cost estimated.

Chipper days, which cost about \$3,000, were also deemed high priority for fuel reduction. The fire district regularly hosts free woodchipper days for residents to dispose of vegetation in preparation for fire season; this year the district collected around 535 tons of material. Lantier said while the district will continue those projects, it's shifting its focus more to vegetation management in non-residential areas of town.

In order to do that, the district will

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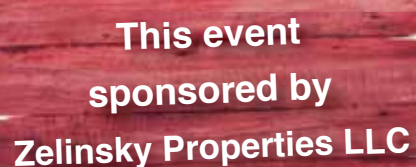
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This 4,204-square-foot four-bedroom, 3½-bathroom home on Beach Road in Belvedere recently sold for nearly \$11 million.

Tiburon 14 sales Median: \$2,525,000 Average: \$2,489,286 Per sq. ft.: \$1,047.81				
Address	Sale price	B/B	Sq. ft.	Built
388 Cecilia Way	\$548,000	3/2.5	1,553	1973
4 Janet Way #106	\$799,000	2/1	1,026	1963
14 Janet Way #146	\$879,000	1/1	993	1963
28 Marinero Circle #12	\$1,325,000	2/2	1,244	1961
86 Claire Way	\$1,532,000	3/1	1,006	1953
554 Virginia Drive	\$1,850,000	3/2	1,316	1955
765 Tiburon Blvd.	\$2,500,000	2/2	1,384	1953
42 Paseo Mirasol	\$2,550,000	4/3	2,681	1970
7 Saba Lane	\$2,630,000	3/2.5	2,111	1966
1965 Vistazo West St.	\$3,300,000	3/2.5	2,808	1991
90 St. Thomas Way	\$3,350,000	4/3	3,370	1998
199 Taylor Road	\$4,000,000	5/4.5	4,770	1995
2131 Paradise Drive	\$4,057,000	6/5.5	5,436	1951
21 Tara Hill Road	\$5,530,000	4/3.5	3,562	1978

Belvedere 5 sales Median: \$4,750,000 Average: \$6,401,000 Per sq. ft.: \$2,239.83				
Address	Sale price	B/B	Sq. ft.	Built
53 Alcatraz Ave.	\$1,925,000	1/1	641	1955
7 Britton Ave.	\$4,635,000	4/2.5	2,849	1963
3 Hilarita Circle	\$4,750,000	4/3	2,591	1942
401 Golden Gate Ave.	\$9,700,000	5/3.5	4,004	1925
330 Beach Road	\$10,995,000	4/3.5	4,204	1999
Strawberry 5 sales Median: \$2,200,000 Average: \$2,359,300 Per sq. ft.: \$977.18				
Address	Sale price	B/B	Sq. ft.	Built
46 De Silva Island Drive	\$1,796,500	2/3	1,898	2001
80 De Silva Island Drive	\$2,000,000	3/2.5	2,422	2001
123 Reed Blvd.	\$2,200,000	3/2	1,584	1949
139 Richardson Drive	\$2,500,000	4/3	1,827	1972
150 Chapel Drive	\$3,300,000	3/2.5	4,341	1996

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work with the Tiburon Department of Public Works, which is responsible for implementing a three-to-five-year plan outlining the priority-based projects it has independently identified to guarantee invasive-plant seeds aren't spread and that sensitive plant species aren't destroyed. The plan is part of the town's longer-range Open Space Resource Management Plan, published in 2010, that compiles a list of all invasive species within the town's limits and recommends certain mitigation strategies to keep them at bay.

The commission at its Nov. 16 meeting voted 4-0, with Isaac Nikfar absent, to support the short-term plan, which prioritizes vegetation management in the Middle Ridge Open Space, Mount Tiburon and El Marino Management Area, La Cresta Open Space Management Area, Atkinson Open Space and Mateo Drive Subdivision Open Space. The plan identifies French broom and Himalayan blackberry as two of the most invasive woody plant species, as well as pampas grass, bull thistle and several others as herbaceous invasive species that need to be managed.

Lantier said using this information and taking direction from the town on the projects it wants the district to tackle first will be a "win-win" for everybody because the town will be able to stick to its goal of managing invasive plants while the district can make sure the plants' fire risk is managed as well.

"My goal is to make sure Tiburon's plans meet the vegetation fire risk," Lantier said in an interview.

He noted, however, that there's a delicate ecological balance to keep in mind when handling the species. Lantier said the district doesn't want to "moonscape" the town's open spaces, because they're an important aspect of residents' daily life, so he's been consulting with botanists and scientists to make sure he's maintaining the plants correctly.

For example, he said, the old way to clear French broom was to pull it out by the roots during the wet season when the ground is at its softest. In his research, however, he's found

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Tiburon parks commission gives its support to five-year open-space management plan

Tiburon parks officials have given preliminary approval to a new five-year plan to better manage and maintain the town's 250 acres worth of open spaces.

At its Nov. 16 meeting, the Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission voted 4-0, with Commissioner Isaac Nikfar absent, to recommend the Town Council sign off on the plan, which focuses on reducing fire-fuel loads, removing invasive non-native species and protecting sensitive biological resources.

Commissioners didn't recommend any changes from its first review of the project

at its Sept. 21 meeting.

The Town Council first adopted an open-space resource management plan in November 2010, but staff felt it was outdated and, with limitations on staff and funding it was forced to pick and choose which problem areas to tackle, such as the maintenance of fire roads.

The town currently budgets \$120,000 yearly for open-space management, and the five-year plan intends to clarify priorities and schedule the work. For instance, it identifies individual invasive species and

recommends when they best be removed to avoid seed spread — French broom from January through April, blackberry from April to June and pride of Madeira from February to May — and when workers should use "extreme caution" or avoid working during those times completely because seed spread is unlikely to be contained.

To review the plan as proposed and the accompanying open-space parcel map, see the parks commission's Nov. 16 agenda at townoftiburon.org/281.

— Deirdre McCrohan

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that the plants have a formidable seed bank sitting at their bases, so disturbing the soil to rip out the plants works in their favor by replanting the seeds. Now, he's learned he has to clear the seedbed first and then cut the plant down.

"We're talking about the interaction with ecology more than we ever have before (in vegetation management)," Lantier said. "You can't just go out and do vegetation projects without thinking about the types of plants you're taking out."

Lantier said he looks forward to continuing to work with the town, its residents and the overall community to make sure everyone's goals are met.

One of the ways neighborhoods can

help mitigate their fire risk, he said, is by becoming Firewise certified. The national program prompts homeowners to work with fire officials to create a multiyear action plan that makes individual properties and whole neighborhoods more resilient to wildfires.

Earlier this year, Tiburon's Upper Sugarloaf neighborhood because the third Firewise community in the area, joining the Harbor Hill Homeowners' Association in Tiburon and the De Silva Island Homeowners' Association in Strawberry, according to the National Fire Protection Association, which administers the program. Firewise USA began in 2002 with 12 pilot neighborhoods and now has more than 1,000 active communities across 40 states.

Lantier said two more neighborhoods in Tiburon and unincorporated Tiburon have

expressed interest in becoming certified. The communities, Indian Rock Court and Turtle Rock Court, were developed at the same time by the same developer, but incorporated Tiburon's boundary line intersects the two neighborhoods. He said his district will be coordinating with the Southern Marin Fire Protection District to write a joint fire-risk assessment for the area.

He said as more communities become involved in programs like these, vegetation management for the town will become easier and everyone will benefit from the outcome.

"It's neighbors helping neighbors," Lantier said. "I applaud it, and I think it's great."

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

Griffin's council win official; to be sworn in tonight as members also pick new mayor

Candidate Noah Griffin is now the official winner of the Nov. 2 Tiburon Town Council special election, according to the final tally of votes, and is expected to be sworn into office tonight, Dec. 1.

The final election results, certified by the Marin County Registrar of Voters Nov. 19, show Griffin earned 48 percent of the vote, beating out Planning Commissioner Kathleen Defever, Heritage and Arts Commissioner Nora Noguez and investor and ranch owner Brian McCullough.

Defever earned 27 percent of the vote, while Noguez and McCullough received 13 percent and 12 percent, respectively.

Just 2,631 of Tiburon's registered 6,684 voters, or about 39 percent, cast a ballot, despite ballots being mailed to every registered voter in town.

When he is sworn in at tonight's council meeting, set to begin at 4 p.m. via Zoom, Griffin, a member of the town's Diversity Inclusion Task Force and public-affairs consultant, will become the first Black resident in town history to sit on the board.

He's replacing David Kulik, who moved out of town with his family. Griffin will serve the remainder of Kulik's term, through November 2024, and would then be eligible for re-election to a four-year term.

Tonight's meeting also will see the annual

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Tiburon's Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission has recommended the town buy up to 15 'lollipop signs' to place along the Old Rail Trail. The round, 17-inch, stake-mounted signs would be deployed seasonally and rotated to ensure they keep capturing the attention of cyclists. The recommendation has been forwarded to the Town Council for consideration.

Parks panel backs bright, seasonal bike-safety signs for Old Rail Trail

Colorful speeding and safety signs targeting cyclists could soon dot the Old Rail Trail under a recommendation from Tiburon's Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission.

At its Nov. 16 meeting, commissioners voted 4-0, with Isaac Nikfar absent, to recommend the town buy up to 15 "lollipop" signs in brilliant yellow, green, pink and orange with messages such as "use safe speeds," "don't block the path," "keep right, pass left" and "use lights at night."

The round, 17-inch, stake-mounted signs would be more permanent than A-frame speed signs placed along the trail but are intended to be deployed seasonally and rotated to

ensure they keep capturing the attention of cyclists and don't start to feel static.

Commissioners suggested they could be installed at the start of cycling season or school year and come down for the rainy season.

Other county agencies are already using the signs, including Marin County Parks and the city of Mill Valley, such as on the trail between Mill Valley Middle School and the Mill Valley dog park.

The signs would cost about \$15 each — \$225 for 15 — plus the cost of the stakes.

The plan will now be forwarded to the Tiburon Town Council for consideration.

—Kevin Hessel

Repairs coming to Moitoza Lane stairs and pathways

By DEIRDRE MCCROHAN
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A 740-foot stretch of stairs and unpaved walkways connecting Old Tiburon's Vistazo West Street and Esperanza Street is slated to get up to \$50,000 in improvements starting in mid-December.

The work to Moitoza Lane includes repairing two sets of stairways — one fork that connects Moitoza to Raccoon Lane and another that climbs the steeper terrain to Vistazo West. Rotted wood ties that serve as steps will be replaced, handrails will be sanded and a bicycle runnel will be installed, making it possible for people with bikes to roll them alongside instead of having to carry them as they descend the stairs.

Along the entire length of Moitoza Lane not covered by stairs, a crew will remove vegetation and rocks and fill in the ruts in the dirt path, which ranges from 4 feet to 6 feet wide. Signs will be placed at the entrances, so it's clear the trail is a public one.

The Moitoza Lane repairs come as the Tiburon Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission at its Nov. 16 meeting established a subcommittee to identify all the steps, lanes and paths in town, with the aim of ranking them in priority based on how much use they get and how much work they need.

Because the Moitoza Lane project is budgeted under \$60,000, it doesn't have to be put out to competitive bid, said Tiburon

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rotation of the mayoral duties, as Vice Mayor Jon Welner is expected to be elected mayor by fellow councilmembers, taking over for current Mayor Holli Thier.

Tiburon councilmembers typically hold the mayoral post on a yearly rotation

beginning each December. The town has a council-manager government system in which the mayor and vice mayor are nominated by the members of the elected, volunteer council. The titles are mostly ceremonial, as the board-hired town manager, Greg Chanis, acts in a CEO-like role to manage town staff and oversee the bulk of daily tasks. —Deirdre McCrohan



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Moitoza, from previous

Associate Engineer Dave Eshoo, who said recently retired Town Engineer Steve Palmer put the work in the queue for this year. The contractor the town has hired believes the project should come in well under the \$50,000 budget, Eshoo said. The town budget provides for \$25,000 for pedestrian improvements and \$25,000 for bicycle improvements; the funds for the project will come from those pots of money.

The Moitoza property in 1984 was developed as the Moitoza Lane subdivision, which became the Cazadero Lane neighborhood.

However, the Moitoza and Las Lomas pedestrian lanes both are believed to date to the 1890s. After 1964, the year the town incorporated, Tiburon took responsibility for maintaining the trails and built the wooden stairs.

In 2005, the town formally accepted the trails as public recreational trails, although officials and local residents also recognize their value as emergency evacuation routes.

The 2016 Tiburon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan named Moitoza Lane as a “top priority” project — even though it was fourth of five on a list of pedestrian improvements — but that plan called for the dirt path to be paved. The cost was estimated at \$100,000 at the time, which



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Tiburon Associate Engineer David Eshoo examines the upper Moitoza Lane stairs between Vistazo West and Esperanza streets on Nov. 19. The stairs are slated for repairs and improvements.

may have been one reason the rehabilitation plan was scaled back.

The path is named for Elvera “Vera” Moitoza, who owned the property adjacent to Old St. Hilary’s Landmark between Esperanza Street and Raccoon Lane for 73 years. Her modest one-story home reportedly sat amid an elaborate garden. She died in 2006 at the age of 100.

Locals frequently use Moitoza Lane, including those who live close by.

“It’s a great one for me when I want to go to a concert at Old St.

Hilary or if I want to go up hike in the open space,” said Piper Ross Berger of Raccoon Lane. She grew up just steps away from her current home, very close to the entrance to the lane. “It keeps you at the same elevation. There’s very little hill-climbing. The view is great, and I’m not having to dodge any cars.”

With the new bike runnel on the stairway portions, Moitoza Lane will become an even safer route to school for kids, she said.

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Design board sides with Straits View homeowner seeking landscape changes

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A Straits View Drive homeowner can take out an existing bocce ball court, remove several trees and make other landscaping changes to his property after the Tiburon Design Review Board rejected two appeals from neighbors seeking to stop the work.

The board at its Nov. 18 teleconference meeting voted 4-0, with member Cedric Barringer absent, to back a previous decision by staff to allow Pueo Keffer to make the changes to the grounds at his 1960 Straits View Drive home in the Hill Haven neighborhood, with a few conditions.

The board is expected to approve a formal resolution denying the appeals at its next meeting, scheduled for Dec. 2.

Keffer, a technology investor, purchased the 10,365-square-foot Mediterranean-style home in 2020 for about \$15 million.

He received approval from town planning staff to remove an existing bocce court and to remove three pine trees and three eucalyptus trees. He was also

approved to construct a level artificial-turf area, new retaining walls ranging from 3 feet to 6.5 feet in height, a 100-square-foot storage shed, and a stone patio and stairs and install downlit path lighting. Keffer also plans to replace multiple existing 6-foot fences on the property with one 6-foot chain-link fence that would create a uniform boundary at the property line.

Neighbors John and Kathleen Goodhart of 2311 Spanish Trail Road and Kathryn and Carol McKegney of 2243 Vistazo East Street each filed appeals.

Kathryn McKegney said she was very concerned about the lack of environmental review of the changes. She said one of the trees proposed for removal is on her property and had worries about the amount of proposed lighting and further terracing of the grounds.

Katherine Goodhart echoed comments made in the Oct. 20 appeal statement she and her husband submitted, expressing concern about preserving access to the water line utility

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Addition to Karen Way home wins support of Tiburon design board

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A Karen Way resident can add more than 1,000 square feet to his home, as long as he also adds “sizable” plants along the eastern side of the property to break up the house’s expanse.

The Tiburon Design Review Board at its Nov. 18 teleconference meeting voted 4-0, with member Cedric Barringer absent, to approve R.J. Suokko’s plans to add 1,177-square feet to his single-family home at 272 Karen Way.

The existing 1953-era home has three bedrooms and one bathroom. Suokko is remodeling the home inside and out, putting most of the addition on the south and east side, and also plans to build a new attached garage, fence, gate and patio and change the landscaping.

Other improvements include new windows and doors, a new roof with a skylight, new exterior lighting fixtures, fencing and a driveway expansion.

The additions would increase the size of the existing 1,263-square-foot home to 2,440 square feet. The proposed colors and materials include gray shiplap siding, stucco, fascia and trim; black aluminum-clad windows and sliding doors; and black and gray asphalt composition roof with a foam layer underneath.

The landscaping plan includes yew trees, Japanese maples, blue agave and dwarf cape rush.

The project earned the support of several neighbors who

submitted letters to the board ahead of the meeting.

During board deliberations, member Miles Berger complimented Suokko on building a garage instead of eliminating it, as so many people in the Bel Aire and Belveron neighborhoods have done when remodeling.

Suokko also provided spaces for two cars on the driveway apron.

Berger said he likes the design in general, but he encouraged Suokko to put house numbers on the house and to consider recessing the front door to create more of an entry.

He said the additions also put the house very close to the eastern property line. He suggested Suokko consider putting in some “sizable” planting elements to break up the expanse.

Board member James Malott called the design “handsome.” He praised the applicant for keeping the existing forms of the house “relatively intact.” He noted the house doesn’t appear to provide much storage and said he hoped that Suokko would find a way to provide some.

Board member Suzanne Kim complimented the color palette but said she didn’t like the way the addition on the eastern side “crashes” into the flat roof of the existing house.

Berger, Malott and Chair Bryan Chong said they didn’t agree with Kim.

The board ultimately approved the project with Berger’s recommendation of plantings along the eastern property line as a condition of approval.

Belvedere Planning board wants more changes to housing-design standards

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Review Belvedere’s draft design and development standards at cityof-belvedere.org/452. Comments may be submitted to Director of Planning and Building Irene Borba at iborba@cityofbelvedere.org or Senior Planner Rebecca Markwick at rmarkwick@cityofbelvedere.org.

The Belvedere Planning Commission wants to make another round of changes to a set of customized design and development standards before recommending the new housing rules to the City Council.

The commission at its Nov. 16 teleconference meeting once again reviewed the standards, intended to help the city streamline future high-density and multifamily housing projects, before voting unanimously to continue the item to a future meeting, saying there are still some sections that need tweaking.

Commissioners first reviewed a preliminary draft of the standards at their April 28 meeting, but they said the draft’s standards were too general and needed to be refined further to better align with Belvedere’s current policies.

The project subcommittee has since worked to revise the draft, discussing the major changes at a Nov. 8 subcommittee meeting. Among the initial complaints from commissioners was one about fence heights listed in the draft, which allows a maximum height of 10 feet versus the city’s current standards of a 6-foot maximum. That aspect of the draft did not change, but landscaping height maximums were added where there previously

weren’t limits and freestanding walls in one of the three zones are now limited to a 4-foot maximum instead of 8 feet.

The subcommittee also replaced references to carriage houses in the draft with accessory dwelling units. Carriage houses are buildings detached from the larger home on a property and are commonly used as second living areas — similar to accessory dwelling units — but committee members noted the draft shows a picture of a carriage house above a garage, which the city’s accessory dwelling unit ordinance does not allow.

Additional changes included removing subzones, or areas that can be designated only for specific uses, from every building zone, and reducing a 50-foot parking setback allowed for all zones in the city, as committee members noted they didn’t want parking on the lagoon side of certain lots and wanted the draft to align with the city’s current development pattern that has parking in the front of lots.

The subcommittee also changed fence heights for the rear of all lots to be a maximum of 4 feet versus the 8-foot-to-10-foot limit currently designated and made it optional instead of required for property owners to separately lease or sell off-street parking spaces in residences with four or more units. The draft standards require screening when parking areas are next to an alley, and the subcommittee added a footnote in the architectural-style section of the draft to state that roof decks are not permitted.

The Ark’s initial review of the changes also showed that multiplexes would now be deemed as allowable in “suburban neighborhood small” zones, while a significant number of new standards were added for exterior lighting, driveway access and public frontages such as sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks and bike facilities.

Ahead of the Nov. 16 meeting, Planning Commissioner Larry Stoehr wrote a letter to Director of Planning and Building Irene Borba outlining 61 specific line changes relating to maximum building heights and the number of stories allowed, screening heights and architectural elements, among other technical changes, that he wanted to see in the draft. He called for greater

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easement that will serve their home, as well as potential light pollution from new exterior lighting.

Other neighbors chimed in with support of the appellants. In their email to the board, Christine and Robert Miller expressed concerns about lighting, saying they don’t want lights on all night every night, and asked the board to reduce the proposed 12,000 square feet of fenced area. They said the town should not allow replacement of a wood fence in favor of a chain-link fence.

Ronald Stafford of Spanish Trail, who said he lived right below the house, said in his Sept. 21 email that “already this oversized house with outbuildings is a massive presence on the hillside.” He said Keffer doesn’t cut the vegetation on the open hillside, which he said was a fire hazard.

The neighborhood’s history was to keep properties open, without fences, so children could wander through the neighborhood, Stafford said, and he wanted the Keffers to adhere to that tradition.

“The massive fencing would bisect the open space and the wildlife corridor,” he said.

Anne Forell, another Spanish Trail resident, objected in her Nov. 14 email to the proposed perimeter fence, saying she was concerned the plans didn’t show the dimensions.

“Other than asserting ownership, the fence at this location serves no purpose to the occupants,” she wrote, urging the board to do an environmental biological assessment of the property and to reduce the area of enclosed fencing.

Keffer told the board the complaints were delay tactics from “people who don’t want my family to own property.”

“I want to put a fence up,” Keffer said. “I want to keep my family safe.”

Board member James Malott noted that, for a project of this scale, the drawings were “woefully inadequate.”

He objected to the absence of dimensions on the plans and said that in the future he would want “dimensioned plans” for every project.

Malott also said he was concerned about the amount of cut-and-fill to be excavated and said he would not have approved the proposed “chain-link fence.”

He also agreed with neighbors that a wildlife corridor should be a priority but was sympathetic to the Keffers’ desire to protect

themselves and their children with a fence.

“This cuts off a major chunk of access to open space,” he said. “We have worked mightily to get trails in other parts of town.”

He said the applicant could achieve that just by pulling the fence line back.

Board member Miles Berger suggested a fence with wood posts and caps would look nicer.

“I’d like to see a much nicer, better fence be put in here than chain link,” he said. “Chain link is not to the level of quality of this project.”

He noted that the Goodharts had fenced their own property.

“It’s sort of a right that many of the neighbors are allowed to enjoy is that they’re allowed to fence the perimeters of their properties,” he said. “I don’t think it’s my business. ... The first kid that rides down that open space and gets injured will sue the owner.”

Board member Suzanne Kim agreed with neighbor Ramona Alves that no construction should be allowed over the water utility line easement and that the fence material should be more “neighborly.” She also said the planting plan should stick mainly to a palette of native plants to reduce water

consumption.

“I do align myself with Miles and property rights,” Kim said. “If they leave that as open space, they’re liable.”

However, board member Bryan Chong noted the space isn’t in fact open space.

“This is someone’s backyard, someone’s private property that’s never been fenced before,” he said. “It’s not our job to say you’re not going to put a fence around your property.”

Chong said he also doesn’t consider what was proposed a chain-link fence and he considered the proposed lighting “reasonable.”

He also dismissed most of the other objections by neighbors and appellants.

“We’ve never said that you can’t put in a pool, that you can’t put in a flat area,” he said.

After some back-and-forth, the board agreed they would like to see a better perimeter fence design and materials, using black wire stretched between wooden posts and caps. No permanent structures are permitted on the water pipeline easement, and plantings must be low-water-using and approved by Marin Municipal Water District.

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attention to building-material standards, which he noted at the meeting are largely absent from the draft and could possibly open the door to manipulation by developers.

"I feel like we're really exposed to developers making this look terrible," Stoehr said.

Borba also received a letter from the Belvedere Land Co., which owns many residential lots in Belvedere and The Boardwalk Shopping Center on Tiburon Boulevard. In the letter, the company noted the Boardwalk lot is designated in the draft as a "suburban neighborhood small" and "suburban main street small" development zone, meaning the lot could potentially be used to add housing in the future due to its "central location and active commercial core."

The company pointed out, however, that the lot is split diagonally between Belvedere and Tiburon — running through Rustic Bakery, with Wells Fargo in Belvedere and Woodlands Market in Tiburon — so its first step toward adding more housing would be to seek an adjustment to the city limit to put the entire parcel in Belvedere. Such a move would require cooperation and agreement from the town of Tiburon and would likely be complicated by property- and sales-tax revenue implications.

From there, the letter noted, the company wants to work with the city to understand how the design standards would apply to the area.

Commissioners said they were grateful for the feedback they've so far received from businesses and residents, but Chair Peter Mark said he is still looking for broader feedback from the community about any glaring issues people want addressed in the standards.

The standards, which are also being rolled out in Tiburon and other communities across California, are meant to provide a clear review and approval process that would eliminate discretionary reviews of multifamily and mixed-use projects in the future. They also allow communities to add standards about preferred architectural form, style, color and other design elements that would make a housing project more palatable in their area.

The push to develop the objective standards was prompted by Senate Bill 35, a 2018 law designed to increase the supply of affordable housing throughout the state and limit city governments' discretion regarding their approval or denial.

Belvedere received the generalized version of the Marin County Objective Design and Development Standards packet in October 2020, after which it designated a board subcommittee to begin working with a Berkeley-based Opticos urban-planning group to help tailor the kit to Belvedere's needs. The work to develop the toolkit is being funded through a \$150,000 grant under SB 2, the Building Homes and Jobs Act.

Belvedere has few vacant or underdeveloped site options to build a new housing development. Borba previously identified a handful of properties that

could be redeveloped for multifamily housing in the future and would be subject to the objective-design standards. Those sites include the Tiburon Boulevard property currently occupied by Ground nursery and home-goods store and the private Mallard Pointe community, which consists of 22 housing units on Mallard Road, between Belvedere City Hall and the Belvedere Lagoon.

The latter's landowners, Mallard Pointe 1951 LLC, are seeking to redevelop the site with 42 units and 102 parking spaces in a mix of single-family homes, some with accessory-dwelling units, new duplexes and an apartment complex.

Opticos surveyed seven potential Belvedere development zones and zeroed in on three primarily residential areas with a mix of suburban and main-street-type buildings to use as models to troubleshoot existing objective standards and understand what scenarios could occur if the areas were developed.

Currently, Belvedere design standards regarding large sites allow for 3 acres of development. That threshold was dropped to 2 acres to protect against large-scale development, and a two-story maximum building height was added. The Planning Commission subcommittee also landed on an East Coast cottage architectural style for proposed projects, designed to emulate the character elements included in Belvedere's older buildings.

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Parks board considers improvements for two lanes

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The Belvedere Parks and Open Space Committee is planning to spruce up two of the city's walking lanes with new stairs, railings and landscape improvements.

The committee at its Nov. 10 teleconference meeting discussed the renovations planned for Hawthorne Lane, adjacent to Centennial Park atop Belvedere Island, and Park Lane, a public walking lane that connects Belvedere Avenue and Golden Gate Circle.

For Hawthorne Lane, the committee is working with San Anselmo-based Blasen Landscape Architecture to develop a plan to replace the weakening wooden stairs and prune plants surrounding the walkway. The committee is using \$25,000 awarded by the Belvedere City Council in its 2021-2022 fiscal year budget for the work.

Park Lane also needs its wooden stairs replaced, among other improvements. The committee is working with a \$20,000 budget for that project, money also awarded by the City Council in its 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

At the Nov. 10 parks meeting, committee Vice Chair Jena Watson said she met with an architect of the firm in October at Hawthorne Lane and assessed the state of the stairs, which she noted are not in great

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WEDDING

Kayla Rose and Christian Allen

Kayla Rose and Christian Allen exchanged wedding vows Oct. 9 in a ceremony and reception at the historic Belmont Manor in Ashburn, Va.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Bonnie Rose of Tiburon and the granddaughter of Judy and Fred Rose of Belvedere. She is a graduate of Redwood High School and Rhodes College in Tennessee and is currently pursuing her master's degree in statecraft and national security at the Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C. She is a program manager at the U.S. State Department's Overseas Security Advisory Council.

The groom is the son of Rick and Laura Allen of Auburn, Ala. He is a graduate of Lee-Scott Academy in Auburn and Rhodes College, where he met the bride. He is a financial analyst with USI Insurance Services in Falls Church, Va.

The bride's maid of honor was

her sister, Chelsea Rose of Washington, D.C. Her bridesmaids were her younger sister, Katie Rose of Tiburon, and Hayden Dean and Charlotte Montoya, both of Corte Madera.

The groom's best man was Luke Dulske of Madison, Miss. The groomsmen were the groom's brother, Justin Allen of Auburn, and Will Robichaux of Shreveport, La., and Nick Rocha of Memphis, Tenn.

The ceremony was officiated by the bride's uncle, Ted Hamilton of Escondido, senior pastor at New Life Presbyterian Church. The couple honeymooned in the Dominican Republic and plan to live in Arlington.

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Sausalito News, Dec. 3, 1921

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Mail parcels early; they may be marked "Do not open until Christmas."

Fairfax Chronicle Makes Its Appearance

In holiday attire, well written and illustrations of Fairfax's prominent buildings and residents, the Fairfax Chronicle made its first appearance and promises to be one of the leading papers of the county. The Chronicle is edited by F. E. Howell of Sausalito, an old newspaper man, who is familiar with all angles of the newspaper game.

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condition and end awkwardly at the street. She added a concrete vista spot at the top of Centennial Park that looks like a "too-small parking space" and isn't even connected to the stairs needs to be looked at to potentially add a bench or other amenity to make the

space usable.

Belvedere resident Steven Bauer, who's volunteered his time to help improve the space, said during public comment that Pacific Gas and Electric Co. "tore the daylight out of the park" while doing utility undergrounding, and the concrete vista is where those utilities are stored.

Committee member Anne-Marie Walker

said she believes it's important to maintain continuity in the space and look at replacing the stairs with concrete to match the PG&E utility area, though she noted it should be done in an artful way.

Colleague Carolyn Lund countered Walker's comments and noted the wooden stairs were put there originally to soften the look of the park because so much of it was already concrete.

"You have to consider the balance between nature and concrete," Lund said.

The committee agreed it would continue to weigh both options and return at its next meeting with more updates from the architect.

Watson said the stairs at Park Lane are also in poor condition and asked the committee for feedback on how the city should use a 200-square-foot triangle of land it was deeded by homeowners whose property abuts the lane on the northern side. She noted creating access to the piece of land would interrupt the stairs, but it would be a good landing place for a bench or viewing area.

Belvedere Public Works Director Robert Zadnik noted the next step for both sites should be to bring a land surveyor out to draw up boundary lines and prepare the site for the architects and eventual construction.

The city has long eyed improving its 17 public walking lanes. In 2017, it established a five-year program to revamp the lanes, with the city aiming to contribute \$100,000 and securing \$200,000 in donations to complete each project. However, it had to put that initiative on hold in 2020 due to coronavirus-related budgetary restraints. Ahead of that, the city had successfully revamped Golden Gate Lane, which runs from Golden Gate Avenue down to Belvedere Avenue, though the project ran about \$150,000 over budget. It has also continued to move forward with plans to create a walking lane at a swath of open space called Artist's View, which runs from Belvedere Avenue to a rocky beach at the city's southernmost tip, with officials noting the \$100,000 in city funding for that project had been set aside before the initiative was placed on hold.

However, the parks committee appears to be turning its attention back to the lanes, expressing a desire to install new railings and repair stairs at all the lanes around the city. Committee Chair Jean Bordon said the last report the committee received on the status of the lanes was from 2015 and therefore too old to use to identify the areas that need the most work.

Bordon told the committee members to walk the lanes during the weeks before the committee's next meeting in January and take notes on the ones that need extra attention so Zadnik will have an updated list in time to bring a budget report to the city to request funds for the project.

Donor recognition for Community Park

In other action at the Nov. 10 meeting, the committee voted 6-0, with member Mario Valente absent, to approve a plan to recognize those who donated at least \$1,000 to the Belvedere Community Park renovation in a commemorative plaque or engraving at the park.

Committee member Bryan Kemnitzer said the design for the plaque has not yet been decided, but he's looking at one \$6,500 option that would accommodate 100 or more names. Lund suggested it might be fun to engrave the names right into the concrete walkway of the park, and Zadnik noted Kemnitzer could reach out to the design firm for the renovation for ideas about how to do that.

The renovation, spearheaded by a group of local parents, will include adding a new boat, playhouse and shade sails to the playground in addition to replacing the existing sandbox with a pour-in-place rubber surface.

The work is estimated to cost about \$339,500; the parents behind the renovation have pledged to fund the majority of the project through private donations. The city has contributed \$80,000 for the new surface material.

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Hunting From Power Boat Expensive

Hunting of wild ducks is as a general rule expensive and more so when you are caught hunting them from a power boat by a fish and game deputy. Last Sunday, D. Moretti, T. Lazaretto, J DeMartini and Angelo, tried hunting ducks from a power boat in Richardson's bay and were arrested by Deputy Fish and Game Commissioner Roy Steele. Justice Helmore imposed a fine of twenty dollars each which they paid.

Girls' Basketball

Judging from the work done by the girls in the interclass games, Miss Bonner has chosen a basket-ball team to represent Tamalpais. The spirit of the girls selected was a point which was largely responsible for their being chosen. The school team is composed of Cornelia Hervers, Alice Cunningham, forwards; Josephine Garatti, Helen Cunningham, guards; Mildred Gunter, Edna May Lockwood, centers. ...

The girls played the first game of the season with the Dominican Convent team on their court Friday afternoon, November 18. They were defeated by the convent team, the score being 57-17. The convent team showed good team work which was lacking in the Tamalpais team. Better success can be looked to as previous to the game our team had little opportunity to practice together. — Tamalpais News.

Working Women Seek to Better Conditions

The recent agitation in San Francisco over the reduction of the minimum wage for women brings to mind that women are still classed as minors in several respects. The wages of women and minors were discussed in one and the same hour.

For fifteen years or more the working women have been organizing, quietly and patiently, to better their condition. One learns little from them except by seeking them out.

One item most interesting in the history of their organization is that women of means and social prestige have been among their leaders.

How little we see in the printed page about the world conference of working women recently in Geneva, the famous convention city of Switzerland. Our own Mrs. Raymond Robbins was there as presiding officer.

Those who are acquainted with the women's labor unions say these bodies are characterized by a rare nobility of purpose and spirit of mutual helpfulness and that these women do not flinch from making great sacrifices to accomplish their bit in enlarging life for each other and their families. — Mill Valley Record.

The Women's Trade Union League was created in 1903 and drew together educated women reformers, mostly white, Protestant and native-born, and young women workers, many of them immigrant Jews, Italians and Irish, to improve factory wages, working conditions and hours.

Collaborating with the suffragette movement gave the league the political and financial power to pass laws to regulate wages and working conditions.

Separate minimum wages for women were struck down by the Supreme Court in 1923.

Condensed California News

Vallejo. — Lieutenant Commander Ottorino Belilaqua November 25 jumped overboard from the U. S. S. Ramapo at Mare Island to save the life of Seaman R. Wilson, who was drowning after he slipped from a swinging scaffold on which he was working.

Sacramento. — Request that the people of California observe the period from December 4 to 10 as American Education Week, in conformity with the plans of the National Education Association and the American Legion, was made in a proclamation here by Governor Stephens.

Stanford University. — Stanford opens the 1921 basketball season with only one man, Captain Jack Stymes, missing from the Cardinal team which won the big series against the University of California last year. Gene Van Gent, who coached the football team, will have charge of basketball work.

Contributor Hillary Don, a Tiburon-Belvedere historian, began writing this column May 7, 1992 — and he hopes to one day include history from his birth year, 1932. Contact him at hdon@thearknewspaper.com.

POLICE & FIRE REPORTS

Nov. 17-23

Tiburon police log

Boxed out: 11:24 a.m. Nov. 17, a Reed Ranch Road caller reported someone had parked outside their house for 15 minutes and then drove down the street, parked in front of another house and started rummaging through boxes in his trunk. The caller noted the man was wearing a UPS shirt so he could be a delivery person, but he was "acting strangely." Officers determined the man was a UPS contractor delivering packages to the area.


Smashed: 12:34 p.m. Nov. 17, a Tiburon Boulevard caller reported someone had smashed their car's rear passenger window and back windshield, but they hadn't taken anything. A report was taken.

Boozing and cruising: 10:30 p.m. Nov. 17, a Tiburon Boulevard caller reported a car had crashed into the center median near the intersection with Mar West Street. Officers noted the vehicle was leaking fluids and advised the Tiburon Fire Protection District to come to the scene for clean up. The officers determined the driver, who declined medical attention, was on probation out of Monterey County for child endangerment and noted she was showing signs of intoxication. She was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving and booked into Marin County Jail.

Swerved: 9:03 p.m. Nov. 18, a Tiburon Boulevard and Rock Hill Road caller reported a Prius with no license plates was driving 90 mph in a 45 mph zone and was

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County Suicide Prevention Collaborative's youth action team, which includes 17-year-old Scarlett as a member. The team is one of six under the collaborative that works to raise awareness of and de-stigmatize mental health.

In November, the youth team worked with five community organizations and 12 schools

to write about 2,000 cards in English, Spanish and Vietnamese that were distributed to patients throughout the county by various organizations, including the county's Mobile Crisis Unit; MarinHealth Medical Center's Unit A; the National Alliance on Mental Illness; and the Veteran's Administration.

Scarlett is a member of the Marin County Youth Commission, which provides the Board of Supervisors with views on county matters affecting youth, and a

former member of the board's mental-health intern team. She says she and her peers on the youth action team got the idea for the card program after they attended a virtual seminar last summer that talked about the importance of follow-up care for recovering patients.

"It seemed like a lot of people seeking mental-health services go from being under full-time supervision to all of a sudden being completely isolated," Scarlett says. "The

effects of that sounded really scary to me."

She says she chose cards to lighten people's transitions back into their daily lives because often somebody struggling with their mental health feels they don't belong or are a burden to their community. Receiving a handwritten, personalized message from someone within that community, Scarlett says, could help the recipient remember that

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also swerving across the double yellow and white lines on the road. Officers were unable to locate the car.

Crossing the line: 10:48 p.m. Nov. 19, a Tiburon Boulevard caller reported someone was stalking them on social media and constantly sending them messages. The caller said they'd blocked the person several times, but each time the person makes another account. The caller didn't want to file a report but wanted to let an officer know because they were scared. An officer advised the caller to keep documenting all contact from the alleged stalker and not respond to them.

When one door closes...: 6:53 p.m. Nov. 20, a Diviso Street caller reported their son was home alone and found two doors to the house open. The caller noted all doors had been locked, and it looked to the son like they were forced open. Officers determined someone had forced the door open and entered the house, but it didn't appear that anything had been stolen. A report was taken.

Cat burglar: 2:16 p.m. Nov. 23, a Shepherd Way caller reported someone had stolen their car's catalytic converter sometime the previous week. A report was taken.

Belvedere police log

Stolen signs: 11:40 a.m. Nov. 21, a Tiburon Boulevard caller reported someone had stolen several Americans with Disabilities Act signs from a parking lot. A report was taken.

When the dog bites: 5:20 p.m. Nov. 22, a Lagoon Road caller reported their husband had been assaulted at a dog park after someone's dog bit her husband, and he kicked the animal away from him. The caller said the dog's owner then grabbed her husband and threw him to the ground. An officer noted they first spoke to the dog owner, who stated he didn't hurt the man and was just trying to keep his dog from being kicked. The officer

left a voicemail for the caller, and a report was taken.

House party: 10:38 p.m. Nov. 23, a Golden Gate Avenue caller reported there was a loud party going on at a nearby house. An officer spoke to the homeowner, who agreed to keep the noise down and make sure everyone got home safely.

Sheriff's log: Tiburon Peninsula

Screw you: 1:31 a.m. Nov. 17, a St. Thomas Way caller reported there were two people walking around with a screwdriver trying to break into cars in the area. Deputies checked the area and noted no cars appeared to be tampered with. They noted the caller was uncooperative and wouldn't come outside to talk. No further action was taken.

Bike bandit: 7:19 p.m. a.m. Nov. 18, a Vista Real caller reported someone had broken into their garage the night before and stolen two bikes worth about \$500. The caller noted the person had broken a small window on the garage door and then reached through it to release the emergency latch to open it. A report was taken.

Converting trouble: 2:14 p.m. Nov. 18, a Redwood Highway frontage road caller reported three men were under a car in a commuter lot and it looked like they were trying to steal the vehicle's catalytic converter. Deputies were unable to locate the men.

Shot in the dark: 5:12 p.m. Nov. 18, a Harbor Point Drive caller reported hearing a gunshot, but they said they weren't familiar with firearms so they couldn't describe the situation in more detail. A deputy spoke to several people walking in the area and most stated they didn't hear anything. One person said she did, but she wasn't specific about where she'd heard the sound. No further action was taken.

Hearing things: 4:26 a.m. Nov. 19, a Knoll Lane caller reported she thought someone was in her house because she heard someone try to jiggle a door handle. The caller noted

disaster preparedness tip

If you have to evacuate, know where you will be going. Have a plan worked out in advance with a friend or relative. If you have pets, know in advance which hotels in the area are pet friendly to save time when looking for a hotel.

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

an old roommate had come by earlier that day, and they could have accidentally left the downstairs door unlocked. A deputy checked the home and determined the caller was the only one there. No further action was taken.

Not fitting the bill: 3:53 p.m. Nov. 19, a Redwood Highway frontage road caller reported someone had tried to pay at a drive-thru with what appeared to be a counterfeit \$50 bill. The caller noted the person left after being asked for another form of payment. A report was taken.

Doggie down: 11:38 a.m. Nov. 20, a Tiburon Boulevard caller reported someone had hit a white poodle in the intersection with Blackfield Drive. A deputy notified Marin Humane of the incident, and it took over the scene.

Barefoot beauty: 5:48 p.m. Nov. 21, a Redwood Highway frontage road caller reported a barefoot elderly woman was walking in the road. Deputies were unable to locate the woman.

Gunning for you: 8:04 a.m. Nov. 22, a Redwood Highway frontage road caller reported their employee had found a firearm in his truck bed. They said their employee didn't know if the gun was placed there while he was inside or if it was put there overnight. A report was taken.

Huffing and puffing: 8:40 a.m. Nov. 23, a Strawberry Village Shopping Center caller reported a woman standing in the parking lot for over an hour seemed to be "out of it," and the caller wanted a deputy to check on her. Deputies noted the woman was exercising and her husband was coming soon to

pick her up. No further action was taken.

Tiburon fire district log

Hissed off: 8:52 a.m. Nov. 17, personnel responded to Golden Gate Avenue for a report of a resident hearing a hissing noise coming from their fireplace. Crews checked the residence with a gas monitor and found no evidence of gas in the house. They noted there was no hissing noise, and the resident confirmed they'd shut off the fireplace. All units were cleared from the scene.

Do your wires hang low: 9:26 a.m. Nov. 17, personnel responded to Bay View Avenue for a report of low hanging wires. Crews met with officers from the Belvedere Police Department, who noted the wires were low hanging but not arcing or sparking. The officers took over the scene as they waited for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. crews to arrive and secure the wires.

Into the woods: 4:34 p.m. Nov. 23, personnel responded to Lyford Drive for a report of a car wedged between two trees. The driver of the car, which sustained front-end damage, was able to get out on their own and declined medical assistance. Crews noted there was minimal damage to both of the trees, and the property owner was present. Crews disconnected the car's battery as an extra safety measure, and all units were cleared from the scene.

Southern Marin fire district log

Gassy: 10:47 a.m. Nov. 17, personnel responded to Cecilia Way for a report of a gas odor in the area. Crews determined a PG&E crew was at the scene conducting maintenance on gas lines in the neighborhood, and the smell would continue throughout the day. All units were cleared from the scene.

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Cards, from previous page

they do belong.

In their research on the potential effects of the cards, Scarlett and her peers found a 2021 pilot study published by the Veterans Administration in which veterans created cards that were sent to other veterans who had been recently discharged from a psychiatric hospitalization for suicide risk. The study noted when a card was sent to a patient one week post-discharge, recipients expressed positive experiences about them. The outpatient group in the study also had a higher percentage of patients that sought out follow-up psychiatric care compared with other clinic groups. According to 2017 Healthcare Effectiveness Data published by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, nearly 30 percent of patients do not complete a single outpatient visit in the first 30 days after inpatient behavioral health care in the U.S.

To further the community theme and localize the card program to Marin, the youth action team in September hosted a mental-health and suicide-prevention art-and-film showcase to help mark Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month. Youth ages 13-25 were asked to submit drawings, clay sculptures, paintings, graphic designs, films and dances that embody hopeful messages about mental-health journeys.

The team then selected four of their favorite submitted pieces to become the covers for the cards.

The letters include messages of empathy and compassion, Scarlett says, and each card-writer undergoes a sensitivity-training session led by Kara Connors, senior

crisis support

If you are in a crisis or worried about someone who may be suicidal, immediately call the Marin Suicide Prevention and Community Counseling Hotline at 415-499-1100 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255), which also has resources at suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

Additional help is available online at suicide.org; learn more about education and prevention programs through the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at afsp.org.

For those in a crisis who are more comfortable communicating by text message, you may also contact the Golden Gate Bridge/Bay Area Crisis Text Line by texting keyword GGB to short code 741741 for help.

program coordinator the Marin Suicide Prevention Collaborative, before they participate in the program.

"Mental health is a very stigmatized subject, but it's also a sensitive topic," Scarlett says. "It's important to understand how you should phrase certain things."

She added that the cards don't include the names or personal information of any of the recipients, which would violate patient-confidentiality guidelines.

Tiburon's 17-year-old Preston Lee, who previously worked with Scarlett on the mental health intern team, has been heavily involved in the Caring Cards program through Marin Catholic High School's Wildcat Wellness club, which educates students about teen mental health. He says he hopes to infuse the program into other clubs at other schools.

Preston showed his short film "Sonder" at the September showcase organized by the youth action team. He says the film exposes the vulnerabilities he feels in his own

get involved

The Suicide Prevention Action team invites young people aged 13-25 to help create awareness of suicide prevention in Marin through projects such as Caring Cards. Those interested can email Kara Connors at kconnors@marin-county.org.

mental-health journey by taking off a metaphorical mask he used to wear and letting his true self shine. He says talking about his struggles will help others realize they're not alone and that what they're feeling is valid.

Connors, the program coordinator for the county collaborative, noted one of the goals of the group and of the youth action team is to create an actionable strategic plan revolving around suicide prevention. One of the strategies in that plan is to increase mental-health education and outreach in local schools.

As a part of this strategy, the collaborative has established a Suicide Risk Assessment Team to create a tool to help schools identify students exhibiting risk factors and has conducted mental-health provider trainings addressing suicide risk for school employees. It has also given presentations to local schools about emotional intelligence, anxiety, pressure, leadership and substance use, among other topics.

Scarlett says the youth action team has been reaching out to high-school principals and the Marin Office of Education for participation in Caring Cards, in part because the team wants more teens to know what resources are available to them and to be comfortable talking about their mental health.

Growing up, Scarlett says, she was always taught about the importance of nutrition and

physical health, but conversations about mental health were virtually non-existent or focused on crisis resources like hotlines. She noted suicide hotlines are extremely important, but her goal is to figure out "how we stop the process before it gets there."

When she started researching mental health and realized there were more local resources available to people than just hotlines, Scarlett says she felt a personal responsibility to let others know what's out there, especially as discussions of mental health have become more prevalent due to recent world events and the ever-changing political and social climate.

During the pandemic was the first time Scarlett says she started hearing a lot about mental health from her teachers.

"That was a really delicate time for a lot of teens," she says, adding that isolation coupled with social movements like Black Lives Matter and hate crimes committed against Asian Americans over the last two years has increased depression and anxiety in young people trying to make sense of it all.

She says her own experiences with mental health and Caring Cards have galvanized her interest in pursuing mental-health work for her future career.

Connors notes the more people who get involved in the county's Suicide Prevention Collaborative and in the Caring Cards program, the better prepared the community will be to help prevent and handle mental-health crises going forward.

"It's everybody in our community acting as a first responder," Connors says.

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Tips, *continued from page 1*

a glass door on the side of each of their houses was shattered.

In August, someone smashed the rear French door of a Hillcrest Road home. In September, a Blackfield Drive resident reported their back window had been shattered. In October, a Reed Ranch Road resident stopped an attempted burglary when they chained their French doors shut and a subject trying to force their way in failed and fled. Then, in mid-November, a Stewart Drive resident reported someone had smashed a window in their garage and stolen a \$400 bike. Also that month, an Upper Cecilia Way resident reported their rear French door was shattered and someone had rifled through their belongings and stolen an unknown amount of jewelry and medications.

The most recent incident occurred Nov. 20, when a subject forced open the rear sliding door of a Diviso Street residence and entered the home but didn't take anything.

Monaghan said solving those types of incidents has been a challenge because

criminal teams and opportunists alike are catching on to police investigative tactics as fast as those tactics evolve.

He noted the department is sharing photos, videos and suspect descriptions with other local law-enforcement agencies to compare them with similar cases those agencies are handling.

"Many of these cases are connected," Monaghan said, adding that one of the most recent burglaries in Tiburon was similar to one that occurred in Strawberry, under the jurisdiction of the Marin County Sheriff's Office.

While the department continues to investigate past crimes, there are ways residents can harden their homes against criminal activity with the holidays approaching, officers said.

Tiburon Sgt. Rob Law said in the November burglary on Upper Cecilia Way, a teenager who lives at the home said they had posted on social media that their family was on vacation and was concerned that led to the break-in.

While social media is widely used and people tend to trust those they share their

lives with, it's important not to let others know when you'll be going out of town because that might just be the bait that brings a criminal into your home when you're gone, Law said.

He pointed out the department offers house checks, where an officer will drive by a resident's home while they're traveling to check for suspicious activity. If they notice any, they will do a search of the house.

He said another way residents can safeguard their homes is to let neighbors know when they'll be leaving so they can keep a watchful eye on the house. Beyond that, he said residents should stop their mail service while they're gone or direct it to another location, like an Amazon locker or a friend's address.

Law said the most typical time for break-ins is 7-9 p.m. When families are home, he said, that's usually when they're eating dinner or watching TV. If a house is dark during that time, it's a telltale sign no one is home. He suggested residents purchase timers that turn lights on intermittently throughout the night to make it appear as

though someone is inside.

Law also urged residents to maintain a working alarm system, especially one that detects glass breaks, because it's the quickest way for officers to be notified and respond to the scene and potentially catch a subject. He noted people can even link up their smart speakers like Amazon Alexa or Google Nest with their security system to detect noises in the house and notify an alarm company.

Finally, he said, if you have pets, leave them at home and have someone come check on them every day. He said he's never been to a burglary scene where a dog was at home, as the animals are effective deterrents for criminals because most bark loudly and yip at strangers.

Monaghan and Law said if residents see something suspicious, they should say something. If neighbors are looking out for each other, they'll be the first to notice when something doesn't look right, they said.

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Launch, *continued from page 5*

public dock on Harbor Cove Way in Strawberry, owned by the Strawberry Recreation District. There are also private docks on the Main Street waterfront and at local private yacht clubs.

The Town Council in 2015 explored the feasibility of putting a public launch along Shoreline Park in downtown Tiburon, an idea that garnered general support among councilmembers, though they requested more information on the scope and approach, according to a staff report prepared for the commission meeting. The idea did not come to fruition after it became clear there were limited options for providing a safe entry point because of tidal action and the presence of ferries.

At the time, the cost of putting in a dock was estimated at \$125,000, not including frequent upkeep, because the dock would be subject to battering from storm waves.

An estimated cost for a kayak launch this time around hasn't been established, and any project recommended by the parks commission would ultimately need Town Council approval.

However, there appears to be strong public support for the idea. In a survey on Tiburon's parks and open spaces conducted by the consulting firm helping the town update its 20-year blueprint for growth and development, nearly 70 percent of 123 respondents said they would like a launch area.

The parks commission subcommittee members tasked

with exploring the idea, Chair Chuck Hornbrook and Vice Chair Timothy Burr, identified several other possible launch points. Those include points along the Old Rail Trail waterfront, including the southern end of South of the Knoll Park, the beach across from Landmarks Art and Garden Center and the small beach at the Thompson pocket park at the north end of San Rafael Avenue. A couple points along Shoreline Park at the Tiburon ferry landing and the Railroad and Ferry Depot Museum embankment also made their map of possible sites.

However, all location suggestions except the Elephant Rock pier and the Beach Road-Main Street intersection were eliminated by the commission because of dangerous tidal action, proximity to ferry boats or because they're on Richardson Bay, which is closed to all in-water activity, including kayaking and paddleboarding, every Oct. 1 to March 31 so the waters can serve as a way station for migratory birds.

Town Associate Engineer David Eshoo also pointed out that if the town were to explore a launch at Shoreline Park, it might meet pushback from the residents of the adjacent Point Tiburon condominium complex. Deed restrictions on Shoreline Park, attached when the park was developed, give the Point Tiburon Bayside condominium association a big say in what can be built on the park.

At the commission's Nov. 16 meeting, Eshoo noted an additional risk with using the Elephant Rock fishing pier area is that a floating dock would probably have a lot of damage after heavy storms. He said one option would be to put in a ridged concrete slip ramp instead, but he noted that sea-level

rise could render the ramp unusable within a few years.

Eshoo said Paradise Beach Park at 3450 Paradise Drive also has a boat launch. Hornbrook said it would be preferable to have a location that is closer to the commercial district, so he deemed Paradise Beach Park "not a great location" but "not a bad location," either.

Burr said he too would like to find a location closer to downtown Tiburon, but the issue was finding a safe entry point.

Commissioner Park Allen said he's done some paddleboarding from the Strawberry Harbor Cove Way launch area, and he likes it because it's very sheltered and people can get in and out of the water easily.

Allen raised the idea of looking for a launch location in Belvedere Cove, which he said is also very sheltered.

"A lot of the safest options aren't in Tiburon and would take a joint effort," Burr said.

Commissioner Angela McInerney said she favored the Beach Road area, noting she was "scared to pieces" of having a launch near Elephant Rock pier.

McInerney said people trying to enter the water there, especially beginners, might not realize how strong the tidal action and currents can be. She feared it might lead to the need for more water rescues.

Hornbrook said that a launch at Elephant Rock fishing pier would have to be limited to people who are skilled at what they're doing.

"We'd have to be very careful about launching from that location," Burr agreed.

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

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Broadband, *from page 1*

about internet usage by all households and organizations in Tiburon, including where broadband access already exists, where there are gaps and what types of services our community stakeholders want and need,” Magellan spokesperson Devora Rodriguez said in a statement.

Over the past year and a half, Mayor Holli Thier and Vice Mayor Jon Welner — who is scheduled to succeed Thier as mayor at the council’s meeting tonight, Dec. 1 — have been discussing the possibility of trying to increase broadband availability and expand the local digital infrastructure as they followed the progress of Digital Marin, a county project to develop a digital-infrastructure strategic plan. Welner and Thier serve as the

council’s ad hoc technology subcommittee.

They recommended Magellan because it has extensive experience working with municipalities, utilities and regional governments — including in Marin — in planning, engineering, grant development, implementation and management of fiber and broadband networks. The company has worked with 400 municipal and utility clients, leading to the construction of 50 community networks.

Over the next few months, Magellan and the town plan to host focus groups with stakeholders. Magellan also will be ferreting out sources of funding that may be available from state and federal agencies for the project.

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

Chase, *continued from page 5*

formal charges.

Shortly after 7 p.m. Nov. 22, Tiburon’s automated license-plate readers alerted police to a vehicle with a stolen plate heading inbound toward downtown. Sgt. Rob Law found the car and began following it, but the driver allegedly made an illegal U-turn at Beach Road and began passing cars, going up to 65 mph in the 40 mph zone away from town.

Tiburon police spokesperson Laurie Nilsen said officers attempted to deploy spike strips on Tiburon Boulevard to halt the pursuit, but the driver evaded them and drove onto northbound Highway 101. Law and deputies from the Marin County Sheriff’s Office chased the driver until they reached the Sonoma County line at San Antonio Road, where officers from the California Highway Patrol took over the pursuit.

According to the Sheriff’s Office, the driver reached a top speed of 100 mph during the chase before hitting CHP spike strips on the freeway. The driver then took the Railroad Avenue exit north of Petaluma as the car slowed from its punctured tires. The driver got out of the car and started running away, but the rolling vehicle hit him in the back, pinning him underneath the car before he could escape.

The driver, identified at the scene as Zeru, was taken to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital to be treated for minor injuries. He was then taken to Marin County Jail, where he was placed under arrest by Tiburon officers.

The car, a Volkswagen Passat, was determined to have been stolen out of San Francisco and was reportedly also affixed with stolen license plates.

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FILED: July 15, 2021
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By: L. Vawter
Ark Legal 3907 Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2021

APN: 021-282-13 TS No: CA08000158-21-1 TO No: 210235723-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED October 6, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 27, 2022 at 09:30 AM, outside at the Southwest corner of San Rafael City Hall, 1400 Fifth Ave., San Rafael, CA 94901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on October 17, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0065063, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Marin County, California, executed by JACK R. COOK, AKA JOHNY ROY COOK AND JENNIE R. COOK, AKA REGINA COOK, TRUSTEES OF THE JACK R. COOK AND JENNIE R. COOK 2000 REVOCABLE INTER VIVOS TRUST, DATED 24, 2000, , as Trustor(s), in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: PARCEL ONE-BEGINNING AT THE NORTH COMMON CORNER OF LOTS 4 AND 5, AS SHOWN ON THE CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "PIEDMONT TERRACE, UNIT ONE, LARKSPUR, MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", FILED JUNE 13, 1961 IN BOOK 10 OF MAPS AT PAGE 110, MARIN COUNTY RECORDS, BEING A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF A CUL DE SAC SHOWN ON SAID MAP;THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN SAID LOTS SOUTH 29 DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST 85.0 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT IN SAID BOUNDARY;THENCE LEAVING SAID BOUNDARY SOUTH 60 DEGREES 15 MINUTES EAST 8 FEET;THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 45 MINUTES EAST 85 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4;THENCE WESTERLY ALONG

SAID NORTHERLY LINE ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT 8 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT ON BEGINNING.PARCEL 2:LOT 5, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "PIEDMONT TERRACE, UNIT ONE, LARKSPUR, MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", FILED JUNE 13, 1961 IN BOOK 10 OF MAPS AT PAGE 110, MARIN COUNTY RECORDS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL THE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:BEGINNING AT THE ANGLE POINT IN THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 5 CREATED BY COURSES "NORTH 1 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST" AND "NORTH 29 DEGREES 45 MINUTES EAST", RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 84.296 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT;THENCE ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY LINE WEST 75 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT;THENCE NORTH 42 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST 114.165 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 170 PIEDMONT CT, LARKSPUR, CA 94939 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$1,354,328.46 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for

any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address www.insourcelogic.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08000158-21-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 702-659-7766, or visit this internet website www.insourcelogic.com, using the file number assigned to this case

CA08000158-21-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date:November 22, 2021 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08000158-21-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Order Number 78728
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**CITY OF BELVEDERE
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED
ORDINANCE**

*NOTE: This is not an agenda.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting to be held at 6:30 PM, on December 13, 2021, via video conference on Zoom, the City Council of the City of Belvedere will vote on the second reading and adoption of the following ordinance:
ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELVEDERE AMENDING TITLE 5 "BUSINESS TAXES, LICENSES AND REGULATIONS" ADDING CHAPTER 5.17 "PROHIBITION OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN CITY PARKS." The City of Belvedere operates public parks for the use of the community including the Community Park adjacent to City Hall, and Tom Price, Centennial, and Land Company Parks. These public spaces are important public places in Belvedere that provide places for recreation, play, and community gathering. It is important to the City to ensure that all parks remain open for members of the public to enjoy, and that the character of parks remains public. Recently, there has been commercial activity in parks, including fitness classes, which conflicts with the public nature of City parks. To maintain the public character of the City's parks, staff recommends that the City Council adopt the proposed Ordinance Amendment prohibiting commercial activities in City parks. The proposed Ordinance continues to allow commercial activities

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From left, Barry Banks as Hades and Danielle de Niese as the title character in 'Eurydice,' broadcast live from The Met Dec. 4.

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PICKS OF THE WEEK

Artists host open studios in Sausalito

More than 75 artists, including a dozen from the Tiburon Peninsula, will participate in the Industrial Center Building's 2021 Winter Open Studios from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 4-5. The artists will open their workspaces to the public and be on-hand to do demonstrations, talk about their craft and sell their work. Local artists include Tina Kleinjan Setzer, Marine Strage, Anne-Marie De Rivera, Anki Gelb, Julie Harris, Aia Bower, Sharon Pastor, John Kunzweiler, Christa Grenawalt, Dana Spaeth, Beverly Mayeri and Ann Curren Turner. Admission is free. The Industrial Center Building is located at 480 Gate 5 Road in Sausalito. icbartists.com/open-studios-events.

Music, games at Mill Valley Winterfest

The Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce will host their downtown Winterfest 1-5 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Depot Plaza, at Miller and Throckmorton avenues. There will be activities and oversized games for kids such as Connect 4 and cornhole, a visit from Santa, food and drinks from local vendors and a giant slide. Live entertainment runs all day, with carols, music and dance from SingersMarin, Marin Conservatory of Dance, Happy Feet Dance School, teen singer-songwriter Natalia Batzler, RoCo Dance, the Tamalpais High School Holiday Ensemble and more. It all ends with the lighting of the holiday tree at dusk. The event is free. enjoymillvalley.com/winterfest.

'Eurydice' opera broadcast live from the Met in NYC

The Metropolitan Opera's new production, "Eurydice" by Matthew Aucoin, will be broadcast live 9:55 a.m. Dec. 4 at Lark Theater, 549 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur, and CinéArts Sequoia, 25 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. The opera, with libretto by Sarah Ruhl, was commissioned by The Met but its premiere delayed due to COVID-19. It tells the classic myth of Orpheus, who must descend into the underworld to rescue his beloved, Eurydice, but this time emphasizing her point of view in the story. An encore screening at the Lark Theater will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 8. Tickets are \$12-\$30. 415-388-1190 or arkn.ws/cinesequoia. 415-924-5111 or larktheater.net.

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Calendar



PAAM'S HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

1 Today

FILM

"House of Gucci." 3:50 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. CinéArts Sequoia. 6:30 p.m. Century Larkspur. Drama starring Lady Gaga, Adam Driver, Jared Leto and Al Pacino.

"Belfast." 4:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. CinéArts Sequoia. A coming-of-age drama set in late 1960s Northern Ireland, directed by Kenneth Branagh.

"King Richard." 6:45 p.m. Century Larkspur. Biopic about the father of Venus and Serena Williams starring Will Smith.

"Ghostbusters: Afterlife." 7 p.m. Century Larkspur. A supernatural comedy starring Paul Rudd, Carrie Coon and Finn Wolfhard.

"Encanto." 7:15 p.m. Century Larkspur. Animated Disney musical with songs by Lin-Manuel Miranda. *Contact theaters for additional dates and showtimes. Century Larkspur: 415-461-4849 or arkn.ws/centurylarkspur. CinéArts Sequoia: 415-388-1190 or arkn.ws/cinesequoia.*



'ENCANTO'

and 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 12. Studio Theatre, College of Marin, Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Laurel Avenue, Kentfield. A performance of the play by Jean Anouilh. \$10-\$20. 415-485-9385 or pa.marin.edu.

"Camelot." 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 19. The Barn Theatre, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross. The classic Broadway musical about King Arthur, presented by the Ross Valley Players and the Mountain Play. \$35; proof of vaccination required. 415-456-9555 or rossvalleyplayers.com.

2 Thursday

KIDS

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

ART

"Small Wonders." Noon-4 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays through Dec. 19. Marin Society of Artists, 1515 Third St., San Rafael. Smaller-sized works of sculpture, paintings and ceramics. Free. 415-454-9561 or marinsocietyofartists.org.



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3 Friday

ART

"Gifted." Noon-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 30. Seager Gray Gallery, 108 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. A group show of paintings and sculpture. Free. 415-384-8288 or seagergray.com.

STAGE

"Antigone." 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays

STAGE

"The Nutcracker." 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Nov. 4-5. Marin Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael. The holiday classic performed by the Stapleton Ballet. \$34-\$47. 415-473-6800 or marincenter.org.

"PAAM's Holiday Spectacular." 7 p.m. Dec. 4, 1 p.m. Dec. 5. Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon St., San Francisco. An original dance production by the Performing Arts Academy of Marin. \$30-\$50. palaceoffinearts.org.

MUSIC

"Free Range Beethoven." 4 p.m. Dec. 4-5. Mount Tamalpais United Methodist Church, 410 Sycamore Ave., Mill Valley. A performance by the Mill Valley Philharmonic including Beethoven and Walker. \$20, free for ages 18 and under; proof of vaccination required. 415-383-0930 or millvalleyphilharmonic.org.

Holiday Choral Concert. 7:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Dec. 5. Mission San Rafael Arcangel, 1104 Fifth Ave., San Rafael. Traditional and contemporary holiday music with the Marin Symphony Chorus. \$20-\$34; proof of vaccination required. 415-479-8100 or marinsymphony.org.

Cordovas. 8 p.m. Sweetwater Music Hall, 19 Corte Madera Ave., Mill Valley. Americana and roots music. \$15; proof of vaccination required. 415-388-3850 or sweetwatermusic hall.com.



CORDOVAS

5 Sunday

KIDS

Hanukkah Inside Out. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, 200 N. San Pedro Road, San Rafael. Story-telling, crafts and music. Free. 415-444-8000 or marinjcc.org.

Family Day. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, 500 Palm Drive, Novato. Hands-on art lesson for kids. Free; registration required. 415-506-0137 or marinmoca.org.

AUTHOR

Jim Holden. 4 p.m. Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera. The author discusses his book "Adventurous Lives, Dangerous Acts: True Stories

of the Famous and the Forgotten." Free. 415-927-0960 or bookpassage.com.

6 Monday

FILM

"The French Dispatch." 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., plus 1:30 p.m. weekends. Wes Anderson's latest film, starring Benicio del Toro, Adrien Brody, Lea Seydoux and many more.

"The Power of the Dog." 4:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., plus 1:15 p.m. weekends. A Western starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Jesse Plemons and Kirsten Dunst.

"Try Harder!" 7 p.m. A documentary on S.F.'s Lowell High School, followed by Q&A with director Debbie Lum.

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

ART

"The Essence of Landscape." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays through Dec. 31. Robert Allen Fine Art, 301 Caledonia St., Sausalito. Paintings on canvas and panel by John Maxon, Nance Miller and Kathryn Stotler. Free. 415-331-2800 or robertallenfineart.com.

7 Tuesday

ART

"A Language for the Commons." 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Dec. 7. Sarah Shepard Gallery, 2245 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur. Works in wood and paper reminiscent of quilting, by Lena Wolff. Free. 415-295-7791 or sarahsheperdgallery.com.

"Layer Upon Layer." 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Dec. 23. Desta Gallery, 100 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. Contemporary works by Greg Ragland and Robin Denevan. Free. 415-384-8762 or destagallery.com.

STAGE

"Georgiana and Kitty: Christmas at Pemberley." 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, 2 p.m. weekends through Dec. 19. Marin Theatre Co., 397 Miller Ave., Mill Valley. The third installment of the original sequel series to "Pride and Prejudice." \$50-\$60. 415-388-5208 or marintheatre.org.

4 Saturday

OUTDOORS

Old St. Hilary's Broom Busters. 9 a.m.-noon. Meet at Tiburon Peninsula Club parking lot, 1600 Mar West St., Tiburon. Help remove invasive plants from Old St. Hilary's Open Space Preserve. Free; RSVP required. 415-531-5320 or marincountyparks.org.

Aramburu Island restoration. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Richardson Bay Audubon Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon. Help improve Aramburu Island with Audubon and Marin County Parks. Free; RSVP required. haymar.lim@audubon.org or marincountyparks.org.

Learn to Pier Fish. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Paradise Beach Park, 3450 Paradise Drive, Tiburon. Learn to fish with a park ranger; poles available first come, first served. Free; RSVP required. ganderson@marincounty.org or marincountyparks.org.

MARKET

Holiday Craft Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Mill Valley Community Center, 180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley. Handmade arts and crafts for sale. Free. 415-383-1370 or arkn.ws/mv_calendar.

The Arts

Cast shines in Mozart's opera 'Così fan tutte'

By CAROL BENET

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When I was an undergraduate student, I took an opera appreciation course in which the professor said Mozart's "Così fan tutte" is the most perfect opera ever written. I took his word for it, and through the years have seen several productions. The San Francisco Opera has performed it 13 times since 1956; however, its current "Così" has to be the best.

The plot is based on a theory of Don Alfonso's (Ferruccio Furlanetto), here the manager of a posh American country club in the 1930s, who believes in "così fan tutte" — "So do they all," that everyone does naughty things when tested. He hypothesizes that when the fiancés of sisters Fiordiligi (Nicole Cabell) and Dorabella (Irene Roberts) go away, the sisters will follow their instincts and be unfaithful. The two fiancés, military officers Ferrando (Ben Bliss) and Guglielmo (John Brancy), are so sure of their constancy that they make a bet on it with Alfonso. This is the simple plot involving the small cast of four lovers, plus Alfonso and the maid Despina (Nicole Heaston), that plays out during this nearly 3½-hour masterpiece.

The opera opens with a short overture led by Hungarian conductor Henrik Nánási, who presents a lively urgency, a tempo he maintains for the entire opera. Immediately we are in the men's locker room of the country club, where Ferrando and Guglielmo are talking to Don Alfonso. They cavort and show their agility and spunk while getting



CORY WEAVER / SAN FRANCISCO OPERA

From left, Irene Roberts is Dorabella, Nicole Heaston is Despina and Nicole Cabell is Fiordiligi in the San Francisco Opera production of Mozart's 'Così fan tutte.'

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dressed, bantering with the club manager who tests his scheme by having them suddenly leave for military duty.

Sisters Fiordiligi and Dorabella are first seen in an art class where they are sketching portraits of their beloveds. They

swear their allegiance to them, while the audience already senses that is to be tested during the rest of the opera. Despina, their maid, has been brought into the intrigue

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U.S. film 'American Desert' wins top awards at Tiburon festival

"American Desert," a drama about a soldier struggling with PTSD, alcoholism and the Great Recession in 2010 after returning from the war in Afghanistan, has been named Best Film at the 2021 Tiburon International Film Festival's Golden Reel Awards. The film also earned the Best Director award for Adrian Bartol and Best Actor for Will Brandt.

The Golden Reel winners were announced Nov. 26 after the milestone 20th festival

wrapped up its online-only run Nov. 19-25. It featured more than 50 films from 25 countries, with a spotlight on Czech filmmakers. The remaining awards were:

• **Best Actress:** Sonka Vogt, for German entry "Two Is a Magic Number," about a tragic love triangle.

• **Best Documentary:** "My Childhood, My Country," from the U.K. and directed by Phil Grabsky & Shoaib Sharifi, following one Afghan through 20 years of war.

• **Best Screenplay:** Patrik Hartl of the Czech Republic for "Bet On Friendship," about a group of friends reflecting on their lives 20 years after high-school graduation.

• **Best Cinematography:** Ivan Zadro of Croatia, for "Fishing and Fishermen's Conversation," based on the book of the same name about a nobleman poet's three-day boat trip with local fishermen.

• **Humanitarian Award:** "The Price of Cheap," directed by Barry Stevens of

Canada, about modern slaves in textile-manufacturing supply chains and those fighting to help them.

• **Best Short Film:** "Confusion," directed by Aashuka Aryal of Nepal, about a suffering newlywed, forced to marry a stranger but attracted to her new sister-in-law.

• **Best Documentary Short:** "Shifting Sands," directed by May Thyn Kyi of

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7:19 am	7:45 am	7:54 am	8:12 am	8:18 am	8:34 am	8:41 am	8:53 am
7:45 am	8:05 am	8:27 am	8:46 am	8:53 am	9:09 am	9:16 am	9:28 am
8:26 am	8:55 am	8:59 am	9:18 am	9:28 am	9:44 am	9:51 am	10:03 am
8:46 am	9:02 am	9:27 am	9:46 am	10:03 am	10:19 am	10:26 am	10:38 am
9:18 am	9:34 am	- - -	- - -	10:38 am	10:54 am	11:01 am	11:13 am
9:46 am	10:02 am	10:08 am	10:20 am	11:13 am	11:29 am	11:36 am	11:48 am
10:20 am	10:36 am	10:43 am	10:55 am	11:48 am	12:04 pm	12:11 pm	12:23 am
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11:30 am	11:46 pm	11:53 am	12:05 pm	12:58 pm	1:14 pm	1:21 pm	1:33 pm
12:05 pm	12:21 pm	12:34 pm	12:46 pm	1:33 pm	1:49 pm	1:56 pm	2:08 pm
12:46 pm	1:02 pm	1:08 pm	1:20 pm	2:08 pm	2:24 pm	2:31 pm	2:43 pm
1:20 pm	1:36 pm	1:38 pm	1:54 pm	2:43 pm	2:59 pm	3:06 pm	3:18 pm
1:54 pm	2:10 pm	2:14 pm	2:30 pm	3:18 pm	3:34 pm	3:41 pm	3:53 pm
2:30 pm	2:46 pm	2:56 pm	3:18 pm	3:53 pm	4:09 pm	4:16 pm	4:28 pm
3:18 pm	3:38 pm	3:47 pm	4:08 pm	4:28 pm	4:44 pm	4:51 pm	5:03 pm
3:38 pm	3:58 pm	4:19 pm	4:40 pm	5:03 pm	5:19 pm	5:26 pm	5:38 pm
4:08 pm	4:28 pm	5:00 pm	5:28 pm	5:38 pm	5:54 pm	6:01 pm	6:13 pm
4:40 pm	5:00 pm	5:27 pm	5:48 pm	6:13 pm	6:29 pm	6:36 pm	6:48 pm
5:28 pm	5:48 pm	5:57 pm	6:18 pm	6:48 pm	7:04 pm	7:11 pm	7:23 pm
5:48 pm	6:08 pm	6:20 pm	6:43 pm	7:23 pm	7:39 pm	7:46 pm	7:58 pm
6:18 pm	6:38 pm	6:52 pm	7:10 pm	* = Most routes continue to the Redwood Highway frontage road at the Highway 101 north ramps.			
7:10 pm	7:26 pm	7:30 pm	7:55 pm				
7:55 pm	8:11 pm	8:14 pm	8:26 pm				
8:26 pm	8:42 pm	8:40 pm	9:00 pm				
Trips in bold type are timed to the weekday Golden Gate Ferry commuter ferry and make neighborhood stops. Look for buses marked "219F."							

Weekday Route 8 commuter bus: S.F. Financial District (effective July 2020)					
Tiburon & Main	Beach & San Rafael	Reed & Belvedere	Seminary & frontage	Battery & Pine	Perry & 4th
(suspended)					
Perry & 3rd	Pine & Battery	Seminary & frontage	Reed & Belvedere	Beach & San Rafael	Tiburon & Main
(suspended)					
MARIN & GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT HOLIDAYS: Use the weekend schedule on New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.					

GOLDEN GATE FERRY

goldengateferry.org

Weekday commuter ferry: S.F. Ferry Building (effective June 23)				*Via Sausalito
Depart Tiburon	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon	
7:55 am	8:45 am^	- - -	- - -	
- - -	- - -	4:25 pm	5:25 pm^	
5:25 pm	5:50 pm	6:00 pm	6:55 pm^	
(addt'l service suspended)				
Trips in bold type are timed to Marin Transit shuttles. Look for buses marked "219F."				
NO SERVICE: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.				

BLUE & GOLD FLEET

blueandgoldfleet.com

Off-commute, evening & weekend ferry: Pier 41 (through Nov. 28)				*Via Sausalito #Via Angel Island
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive Pier 41	
10:15 am	11:05 am#	11:15 am	12:15 pm^	
1:15 pm	2:05 pm#	2:15 pm	3:15 pm^	
5:30 pm	6:30 pm^	6:45 pm	7:15 pm^	
NO SERVICE: Thanksgiving and Christmas.				

SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL

The **Old Rail Trail**, from Blackie's Pasture to the downtown Railroad and Ferry Depot Museum at Shoreline Park, is part of the San Francisco Bay Trail — a 500-mile recreation corridor that, when complete, will provide a continuous network of biking and pedestrian trails linking 47 cities along the shoreline of all nine Bay Area counties. [baytrail.org](#).

TRAFFIC WATCH

Drivers should expect weekday school- and commute-related congestion on Tiburon Boulevard:

- **Mornings:** 7:45-8:45 a.m., outbound.
- **Afternoons:** 2-4 p.m., inbound.

MOON & TIDES

TIDES AT THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

DATE	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Wed, Dec 1	1:53 am 1.5	8:32 am 6.3	3:03 pm -0.1	9:44 pm 4.7
Thu, Dec 2	2:39 am 1.9	9:08 am 6.7	3:49 pm -0.9	10:45 pm 4.9
Fri, Dec 3	3:25 am 2.3	9:47 am 7.0	4:35 pm -1.4	11:44 pm 5.0
Sat, Dec 4	4:13 am 2.6	10:30 am 7.1	5:23 pm -1.7	- - -
	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Sun, Dec 5	12:41 am 5.1	5:03 am 2.9	11:16 am 7.1	6:13 pm -1.8
Mon, Dec 6	1:36 am 5.1	5:57 am 3.1	12:05 pm 6.9	7:04 pm -1.6
Tue, Dec 7	2:32 am 5.1	6:57 am 3.2	12:58 pm 6.5	7:57 pm -1.3
Wed, Dec 8	3:28 am 5.1	8:07 am 3.2	1:56 pm 6.0	8:53 pm -0.8

Dec. 1: Sunrise: 7:07 am, Sunset: 4:51 pm | **NEXT FULL MOON:** Dec. 18 | **NEXT EXTREME TIDE:** Dec. 1

Robin's Recipes

by Robin Scott Wray

Herb sauce for roasted salmon

Ingredients

1 cup sour cream
1 cup mayonnaise
¼ cup chives
1 bunch green onions, minced
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 bunch watercress
1 bunch parsley
1 tablespoon ranch dressing
1 small bag frozen peas
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

In a food processor, combine the sour cream, mayonnaise, chives, green onions, lemon juice, watercress, parsley and ranch, and pulse until mixed together. Place in a bowl, mix in the peas and season with salt and pepper. Enjoy!



ROBIN SCOTT WRAY / FOR THE ARK

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

What's Happening at The Ranch

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

Youth

Winter Registration: Registration for winter programs opens noon Dec. 6.

Teens

Friday Night Hangout: 7-9 p.m. Fridays at Dairy Knoll; \$8. Kids in grades 6-8 can play games, watch movies, eat snacks and more every Friday night.

Adults

Outdoor Tai Chi with Tom Maxon:

9:15-10:15 a.m. Tuesdays at the Belvedere Community Center basketball court; \$140 for 10 classes or \$16-\$18 drop in. This gentle form of exercise aims to help maintain strength, flexibility and balance. No equipment or prior experience needed.

Outdoor Zumba Gold with Beth Wolly:

9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Belvedere Community Center basketball court; \$140 for 10 classes or \$16-\$18 drop in. For active, mature adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity. All moves are low-impact with a focus on balance, stability and lengthening.

Submitted by The Ranch office manager Michelle Barsky.

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in City parks if an applicant receives the required permit from the City or "The Ranch," the Joint Powers Authority between Tiburon and Belvedere to provide recreational services. This Ordinance will become effective thirty days after its adoption. A certified copy of the full text of these proposed ordinances are available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk, 450 San Rafael Avenue, Belvedere, CA 94920-2336, (415) 435-3838.

/s/Beth Haener
City Clerk
Because of possible changes or extenuating conditions, these items will not necessarily be on the actual agenda. For additional information, please contact City Hall.

Ark Legal 3910 Dec 1, 2021

**TOWN OF TIBURON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
at 5:00 P.M.**

Teleconference Regular Meeting
Notice is hereby given that the Tiburon Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to consider Town-initiated amendments, as recommended by Planning Commission on October 27, 2021, to the existing Tiburon Municipal

Code, Title IV, Chapter 16 (Zoning) section regarding lot coverage requirement and associated development standards. Proposed text amendments include: Maximum lot coverage requirement. In R-1 and R-1-B zones, maximum lot coverage requirement would change from 30% to equal the maximum Gross Floor Area for one-story developments. Two-story or multi-story development would continue to have a maximum lot coverage of 30% Gross floor area exemption for garage and carport. In R-1 and R-1-B zones, the floor area exemption applicable to garage or carport on lots that are less than 7,500 square feet in size would change from '600 square feet' to '450 square feet.' Guiding Principles for Site Plan and Architectural Review applications. TMC § 16-52.020(H)(3) would be refined to provide clear review guidelines for two-story developments in neighborhoods consisting primarily of one-story homes. **The public hearing will be held as a teleconference on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. The meeting will begin at 5:00 P.M.** Consistent with Government Code section 54953(e), the Town Council meeting will not be physically open to the public and all Council Members will be teleconferencing into the meeting. To maximize public safety while still maintaining transparency and public access, members of the public can access the meeting by following the meeting live at

a video link or conference call number that will be provided on the agenda in advance of the meeting. The draft ordinance will be available for review on the Town of Tiburon website at www.townoftiburon.org prior to the Town Council meeting. A copy of the drafted ordinance will be available for review in the Community Development Department. Written comments are welcome and must be received by the Planning Division on or before the Monday prior to the meeting date. Questions should be directed to Dina Tasini, Director of Community Development at dtasini@townoftiburon.org. Contact Dina Tasini, Director of Community Development, at (415) 435-7373 for more information. Public comment is invited. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may send a letter to the Town Council at 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon CA 94920 or email your comments to the Town Clerk at lstefani@townoftiburon.org. **NOTICE OF LIMITATION ON LEGAL CHALLENGES** Pursuant to Section 65009 of the California Government Code, please be advised that if you challenge the Town's action on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town at, or prior to, the public hearing. **Ark Legal 3911 Dec 1, 2021**

Check it Out at the Library

The Belvedere-Tiburon Library remains closed to the public during expansion construction.

Curbside pickups are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays. Holds can be placed by logging into your account, searching the book and clicking the green “Place Hold” button. Call the library at 415-789-2665 to arrange pickup. Once outside, text your name to 415-969-4153 and the items will be brought to your car.

Browse new fiction, mysteries, nonfiction, children’s books, teen books, movies, craft kits and more at the library’s curbside table, set up outside during the library’s curbside pickup hours.

Books can be returned any time in the bins outside the library or in the drop box to the left of the entrance to Nugget Market at The Cove Shopping Center.

For more information, visit beltiblibrary.org/blog/curbside-service-available.

Fun for teens

For information on teen programs, for grades 6-12, visit beltiblibrary.org/teens or email teens@beltiblibrary.org.

Virtual Tech Workshops: Attend Zoom lectures to learn more about social media, streaming and other apps. The library is co-hosting workshops with Teens Teach Technology. Sign up online or call 415-789-2661.

Resources for adults

Find bestsellers: Search the catalog for “beltib bestsellers.” Most requested books recently include “The Last Thing He Told Me” by Laura Dave, “The Cellist” by Daniel Silva and “While Justice Sleeps” by Stacey Abrams.

Skip the wait: E-books have no waitlists in Hoopla and Freading. Find “Skip the Line!” copies of popular e-books in Libby and OverDrive. For details, visit beltiblibrary.org/go-digital/ebooks.

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Submitted by Belvedere-Tiburon Library Director Deborah Mazzolini.

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by Alfonso, and she plays a central role as she truly believes in the validity of “così fan tutte.”

The men reappear disguised as two Albanians who pursue the sisters, unsuccessfully at first. With a bit of buffoonery (this opera is classified as an “opera buffa”), one of the men swallows fake poison and collapses. A doctor, Despina in disguise, runs in to save him.

That is the first act, and the theme music of the opera is repeated throughout as an anchor reminding us that yes, indeed, “così fan tutte.” When the cat’s away, the mice will play.

Act II furthers the plot where the two sisters choose new lovers, switching their loyalties to each others’ original choices. All the while, Despina is encouraging them to enjoy life while they have this youth and freedom. Indeed they do. All the chaos ends, as in Shakespeare’s comedies, with the original love pairs restored to their right order.

Outstanding in the cast is Heaston as Despina — her voice matches her acting ability as she encourages the women to behave badly — and Roberts as Dora-bella. But everyone in the small cast is par excellence.

What also make this “Così” so enjoyable is the stage direction by Michael Cavanagh, who brings out every nuance of humor as well as pathos. As “buffo” as the opera is, there are many moments where Mozart reflects on the heartbreak of each of the lovers when they are betrayed.

Erhard Rom’s set and production design on the clever scrim places the action within an 18th-century building. Jane Cox’s lighting is brilliant when needed, and Constance Hoffman’s costumes, with many changes into rich party dresses, swim attire, military garb and disguises, make this a spectacular show.

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

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Myanmar, about the working conditions of factories on the outskirts of the country’s former capital.

- **Best Musical:** “The Last Tour,” directed by Douglas Pedro Sanchez of Puerto Rico, about a legendary singer retired to Florida who decides to take a final tour of South America but is overshadowed by two younger stars.
- **Best Comedy:** “Sweethearts,” directed by Rudolf Havlik of the Czech Republic, based on the best-selling novel about how everyone is connected and how even small things can influence others’ lives.
- **Best Animation:** “Mila,” directed by Cinzia Angelini of the U.S., a war story from the perspective of a child who loses everything but clings to hope.
- **Federico Fellini Award:** Guido Acampa of Italy, for “Inner Front,” the fictional story of coastal Italian city invaded by jihadist groups.
- **Orson Welles Award:** Christopher Owens and Alyssa Dann of the U.S. for “George Floyd,” a 7-minute music video for Chris Oledude’s single of the same name, illustrating the protests following Floyd’s murder in May 2020.
- **Best Music Video:** “The BlueStocking,” directed by Egor Gavrilin of Russia, a look at the stories of each of The BlueStocking band’s five members.
- **Best Student Film:** “Back to the West,” directed by Boris Hadzija of Germany, a 5-minute short on the absurdity of capitalism at Checkpoint Charlie, now a tourist destination.
- **Best Children’s Film:** “My Father Superhero,” directed by Darshan Ashwin Trivedi of India, about a 9-year-old girl’s attempt to establish that her dad is a superhero.
- **Best Children’s Short:** “A comme Azur,” directed by Chiara Malta and Sébastien Laudenbach of France, about 5-year-old Benjamin experiencing his first sentimental pain and growing up while on vacation, chronicled through the letters of the alphabet.

— Kevin Hessel

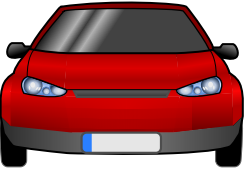
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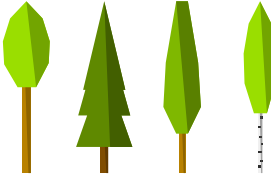
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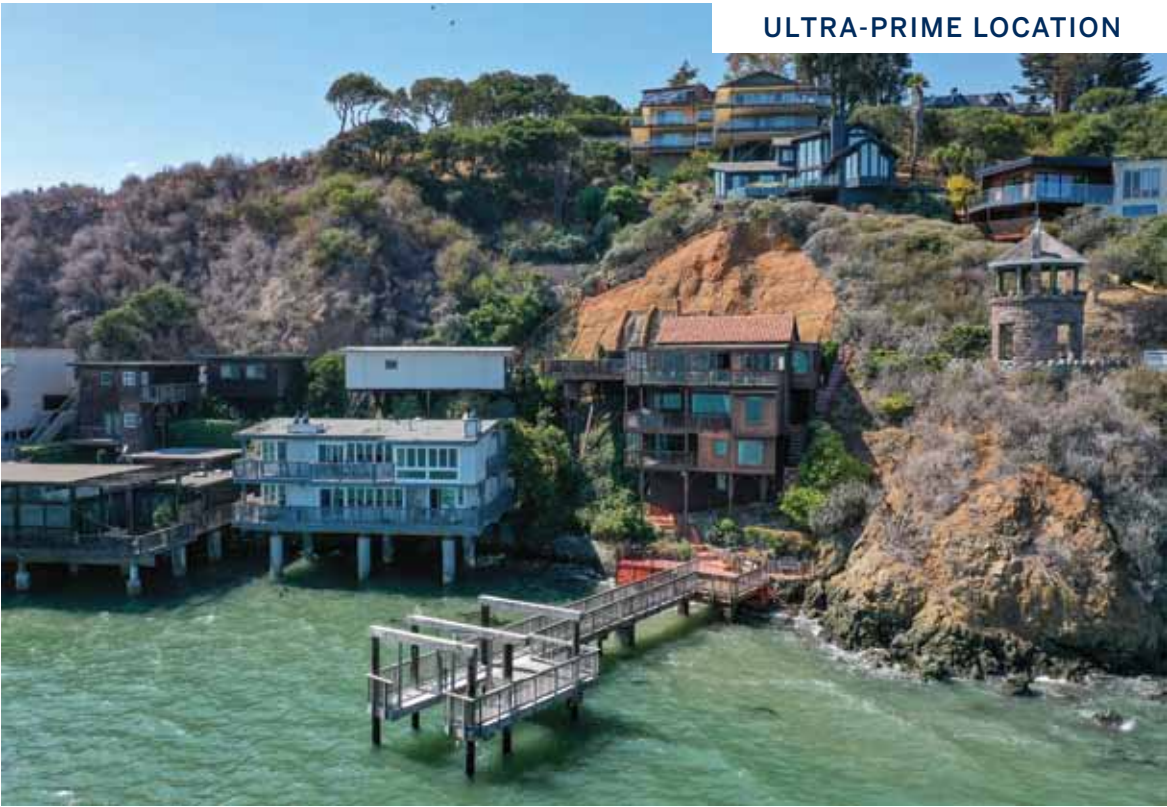


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