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Reed schools keeping outdoor-masking rule

Marin health officials downgraded mandate to recommendation on eve first day back, Aug. 19, amid lawsuit from Novato parent



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Michael Song, the new vice principal at Del Mar Middle School in Tiburon, directs arriving students to their assigned classrooms on the first day of the new 2021-2022 school year on Aug. 19. Students and staff are required to wear face coverings both inside and out on Reed Union School District campuses.

Also: Marin orders first responders to be vaccinated or tested weekly; FDA gives Pfizer vaccine full approval; Marin begins third-dose boosters for the immunocompromised

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Kids in the Reed Union School District will still need to wear face coverings outdoors while on campus, district officials confirmed last week, even after county public-health officials tweaked

guidance for schools to recommend the practice rather than require it.

Marin Public Health and the Marin County Office of Education earlier this month jointly debuted an updated 32-point safety plan for

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Belvedere bash to celebrate city's 125th birthday

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Belvedere is inviting its residents to celebrate the city's 125th birthday over Labor Day

weekend with a free party offering live music, food trucks, wine and a movie night.

The family-friendly event, set for 5-9:30 p.m. Sept. 4 at Belvedere Community Park, will feature

performances from musical duo Bruce Bill and Janet Lee and a song from the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church choir, along with a

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Slow Streets program won't extend into fall

Tiburon will look into reshaping closures of Main Street after mixed reviews

By **DEIRDRE McCROHAN**
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After receiving lukewarm support from residents and business owners, Tiburon's Slow Streets program won't be extended into the fall — though the town has pledged to explore ways to rework the initiative for next summer and come up with other ideas to make downtown more lively.

The Tiburon Town Council at

its Aug. 18 teleconference meeting voted 4-0 against extending the program, which closes lower Main Street to vehicle traffic Friday afternoons to Sunday evenings through October to allow for al-fresco dining and curbside shopping. The council has one vacancy.

Slow Streets debuted last summer to allow more outdoor activity during the pandemic and was met with near-universal support from residents, who have called for more or even permanent closures of lower Main Street to vehicles. The street is also blocked

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Chamber of Commerce unveils wish list to help invigorate downtown

Director says Tiburon should invest in car-free zones, shuttles, restrooms, lighting and signage

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The creation of pedestrian-only zones, new public restrooms, a free shuttle to take workers and residents from parking to shops and a bike-repair station are among the wish-list items in a Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce call to revitalize downtown Tiburon.

Chamber Executive Director DeAnn Biss outlined the list of improvements aimed at enhancing

the appearance and atmosphere downtown, particularly Main Street, in a presentation at the Town Council's Aug. 18 meeting; however, the council wasn't allowed to deliberate or take any action.

In focusing on public health and safety, infrastructure and employee assistance, Biss said the time is right: Highly anticipated restaurants are set to open downtown that will bring increased interest

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter mentioned at meeting did not reflect expert’s updated view

Belvedere’s City Council on Aug. 9 chose a poured-in-place playground surface containing, as previously noted in The Ark, chemicals designated by government safety agencies as being carcinogens and/or probable carcinogens (“Belvedere council affirms decision to keep rubber playground surface,” Aug. 18, pg. 5).

At two previous council meetings, as reported in The Ark, Carolyn Lund, a member of the Parks and Open Space Committee opposed to the surface,

illustrated her chemical-release safety concerns by showing photographs of its rapid, particle-releasing deterioration.

At the August meeting, Mayor James Campbell, responding to a resident asking whether experts viewed the surface as safe, referenced a supportive letter from Dr. Deborah Bennett, whose sentiments were expressed in a March 17 Ark letter.

However, although that support was her March view, it is, I believe, more than troubling that in referring to Dr. Bennett’s letter of support for the surface, Mayor Campbell chose to ignore the important fact that Dr. Bennett had, in a more recent June 25 letter that was forwarded to the council, expressed a

very different and concerning perspective about the surface’s safety, stating:

“I do not have any knowledge on the safety issues, and thus did not comment on those in my letter. I also do not know about how (poured-in-place surfaces) wear, and if they truly do wear that badly, it would be problematic. I have not seen studies on that.”

So now, are Belvedere children going to be exposed to a carcinogenic-particle playground surface simply due to the City Council having ignored Dr. Bennett’s more recent and much more cautionary view about poured-in-place rubber carcinogen dangers?

— William Rothman, Belvedere

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pandemic. Public legislative bodies may now hold meetings via teleconferencing and allow members of the public to attend and address those bodies by telephone or otherwise electronically.

Tiburon Planning Commission: The meeting scheduled for tonight, Aug. 25, has been canceled.

Southern Marin Fire Protection District board of directors: 7 tonight, Aug. 25, by Zoom teleconference. Members of the public may participate using meeting ID 343-578-8058 or by calling 301-715-8592 and entering the meeting ID when prompted.

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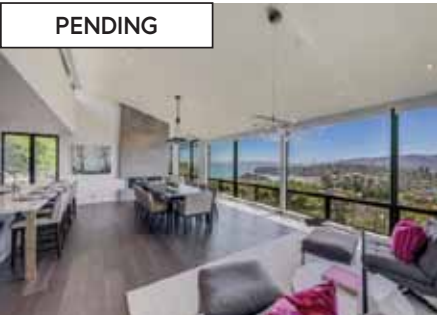
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Local crews deployed to help fight Dixie blaze

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Crews from the Tiburon and Southern Marin fire protection districts are being dispatched in waves to help fight the Dixie Fire, which started July 14 and has since burned more than 726,000 acres across Butte, Plumas, Lassen, Shasta and Tehama counties.

The fire — the second largest in state history behind last year's million-plus-acre August Complex on the North Coast — was 40 percent contained as of The Ark's press deadline. Fueled by high winds and dry sage and grassland, the fire has destroyed 1,259 structures and damaged 91. No deaths have been reported, but three firefighters were reportedly injured several weeks ago when a large branch snapped and fell on their crew. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, according to Cal Fire.

Local fire crews have joined the roughly 6,000 firefighters from across the state that are battling the blaze.

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Siblings draw on relationship for kids' book about epilepsy



PROVIDED BY THE DILENA FAMILY

Scott Dilena and sister Amanda, who has epilepsy, paired up to write and publish a children's book to help kids understand the condition and raise money for the Epilepsy Foundation.

Proceeds to boost pair's fundraising efforts ahead of SF Marathon

By EMILY LAVIN

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When Amanda Dilena signed up for the 2021 San Francisco Marathon, she knew she wanted to use the race to support the Epilepsy Foundation — but she also wanted to do more than simply set up an online fundraising page.

"I didn't want to just raise money for it but rather create something meaningful that would actually make an impact," says Amanda, 26.

She decided to team up with her younger brother, Scott Dilena, to write and self-publish a children's book, "When Mimi Gets the Shakes," which aims to teach kids about epilepsy and how they can help if someone has an epileptic seizure. The story is inspired by the relationship between the two siblings, who grew up in Tiburon and whose parents, Carolyn and Randy Dilena, still live in town. Amanda was diagnosed with epilepsy at age 12, and from a young age Scott took an active role in learning about and

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Tiburon OKs trash-rates hike despite contract complaints

By DEIRDRE McCROHAN

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Tiburon has signed off on a 2.49-percent hike to trash and recycling rates, the fourth increase in as many years.

After delaying a vote earlier this month amid concerns about high rates and the town's overall contract with Mill Valley

Refuse Service, the Town Council at its Aug. 18 meeting ultimately voted 4-0 to approve the company's requested rate increase. The council currently has one vacancy.

Under the approved increase, which would be paid by customers over a nine-month period starting Oct. 1, residents with one 32-gallon garbage can who live in a flat neighborhood will see their quarterly bill

increase to \$156.42 from \$151.38. A 32-gallon-can customer who lives on a hillside will see their rate rise to \$186.24 from \$180.27.

Those in flat areas with one 20-gallon garbage can will see a quarterly increase to \$138.66 from \$134.19, while 20-gallon customers in hill areas will see an increase to

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Tideline is following all local and CDC guidelines. We will require proof of vaccination to board the boat.

Meetings, *from page 3*

Tiburon Planning Commission: 6:30 p.m. Aug. 26, by Zoom teleconference. Members of the public can participate using meeting ID 860-8709-8428 or by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the meeting ID when prompted.

Tiburon Town Council: 5 p.m. Sept. 1, by Zoom teleconference. Visit townoftiburon.org/163/Town-Council ahead of meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Design Review Board: 6 p.m. Sept. 2, by Zoom teleconference. Visit townoftiburon.org/150/Design-Review-Board ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Diversity Inclusion Task Force: 5 p.m. Sept. 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. Sept. 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. Sept. 8, by Zoom teleconference. Visit tiburonfire.org/board-of-directors ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Belvedere Parks & Open

Space Committee: 4 p.m. Sept. 9, by Zoom teleconference. Visit cityofbelvedere.org/100/Parks-Open-Space ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Richardson Bay Regional Agency board of directors: 5:30 p.m. Sept. 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. Sept. 13, by Zoom teleconference. Visit cityofbelvedere.org/95/City-Council ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Belvedere Historic Preservation Committee: 5:30 p.m. Sept. 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. Sept. 14, staff development center, Bel Aire Elementary School, 277 Karen Way, Tiburon. Visit arkn.ws/RUSDagendas ahead of the meeting for agenda details.

Tiburon Police Living & Growing Together Series for all residents: 6 p.m. Sept. 14, Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Blvd.

Strawberry Recreation District board of directors: 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14, by Zoom teleconference. Visit strawberry.marin.org/mtgagenda ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Library will move forward with rooftop solar in expansion project

By **DEIRDRE McCROHAN**
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Officials have nixed a proposal to erect a solar-paneled carport as part of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library expansion project and will instead move forward with a plan to install a solar array on the roof of the building.

The Library Agency board at its Aug. 16 teleconference meeting voted 6-0 to solicit proposals for the 30-50 kilowatt rooftop system, estimated to cost \$125,000-\$150,000 — before extra charges for customized designs or any offsets for potential subsidies. Board member Larry Drew attended the meeting but was absent from the vote due to technical issues.

The solar panels are a late addition to the \$17.69-million library expansion project, which broke ground in fall 2019 and is expected to be completed early next year. The construction will add about 8,600 square feet to the existing building to enhance the children's, teen and adult libraries and create new administrative areas and a larger community room for meetings and guest lectures. It will also add a used bookstore and a cafe and build a civic plaza between the



PROVIDED BY THE BELVEDERE-TIBURON LIBRARY AGENCY

An artist's rendering shows a proposed 130-panel, 40 kilowatt solar-panel system as it would appear on the Belvedere-Tiburon Library after construction of the extension is complete.

curbside service suspended

There is no curbside pickup service at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library through Aug. 29 due to major electrical work that is part of the ongoing expansion project.

Book drops will also be closed, and no staff will be on site. Patrons should keep all books and materials they have checked out; the library does not collect late fees. Circulation will keep all holds an extra week so patrons can pick them up when the library reopens.

Curbside service is expected to resume Aug. 30 with regular hours, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays.

The library building remains closed during expansion construction.

The library's digital collection — including e-books and downloadable media — remains available and ready for browsing and checkouts on all devices.

For more information, visit beltiblibrary.org.

library and Tiburon Town Hall.

The library has been closed to the public since March 2020, when the initial countywide shelter-in-place order took effect, and has remained closed as construction

continues. In addition to its online resources, the library is offering curbside pickup and drop-off service, though that service was

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slated to be temporarily unavailable through Aug. 29 during major electrical work on the building.

Library Director Debbie Mazzolini said they could begin welcoming back patrons to certain spaces in the new addition in about six weeks. Last week's edition of the library's "In the Stacks" newsletter said the expansion should be ready for occupancy by September or October, allowing staff, and books, to move in so the existing building can be remodeled. The site work to move the parking lot and Zelinsky Park, and to create the new civic plaza, are also targeted for completion in September or October.

The Library Agency board has been mulling solar additions to the project for several months. Project Manager Glenn Isaacson previously presented three preliminary options for panels to the board, ranging in cost from \$115,500 to \$421,000. Isaacson had said the \$115,500 option was likely the most feasible, as it would give the library the most value for its money and wouldn't create any structural problems.

That option would consist of a 40-kilowatt system with 130 solar panels that would result in energy savings of about \$13,800 per year, about half the library's \$28,300 current energy costs — before the expansion — and would pay for itself in about eight years.

The board has also heard proposals from Marin Clean Energy for a 30-kilowatt system that would be purchased and owned by the library. The installed cost after Marin Clean Energy incentives and other credits would be \$125,196. The discounted payback term would pay for itself in 12.2 years, and the annual electricity savings with that system would be about \$13,337.

Discussion by the board has wavered between adding the panels to the carport, the building's roof or both. At the Aug. 16 meeting, Isaacson noted work on the parking lot is following the approved plans, without carport solar.

"If the agency were to decide it wanted a carport, it would have to stop that work (on the parking lot) entirely, and there would be months-long delays," Isaacson said. The project has already suffered construction delays that have pushed its target completion date from fall to February.

In contrast, the rooftop solar system could be installed during construction or after completion of the library, he said. Rooftop solar panels would not have to go through the local Design Review Board, though a solar carport would, Isaacson said.

He also noted the carport would likely be significantly more expensive, about \$205,000.

As a result, Isaacson said, he and the project team were recommending against the carport.

"We have a flow going," he said. "We thought it best not to disturb that flow."

He said the team also recommends moving ahead with construction of the concrete pad and enclosure for a back-up power generator but not to acquire the generator at this stage. He said the conduit for the generator has already been laid, so the generator, estimated to cost less than \$200,000, can be accommodated in future.

A diesel-powered generator would allow the library to stay open for the duration of a power outage or shutdown, as long as the diesel supply is available.

Board member Tom Cromwell said that while he views solar panels on a carport tucked behind the library as more visually appealing, he recognizes that option is cost and time prohibitive.

Board member Maureen Johnson, however, said she didn't think the carport would be aesthetically pleasing.

"I think the carport would have created more bulk and mass and visually might have been a problem for neighbors uphill," she said.

Notice of the request for proposals will be placed in newspapers and postings at the Builders Exchange. Entities that have already expressed interest also will be given notice, Isaacson said.

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

Crews extinguish vegetation fire near Tiburon Open Space

By SHAYNE JONES

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A vegetation fire off northbound Highway 101 near the Tiburon Ridge Open Space preserve snarled traffic and sent smoke billowing above the freeway Aug. 18.

About 8:45 a.m., crews from the Southern Marin Fire Protection district responded to reports

of a possible fire off the highway just north of the Tiburon Boulevard-East Blithedale exit, near Corte Madera.

Upon arrival, personnel reported there was a quarter-acre fire making a run up the hill, though no homes or buildings were threatened at the time.

Crews from the Marin County

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Tiburon man gets jail in hit-run of dad, toddler in fourth DUI conviction

By SHAYNE JONES

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A Tiburon real-estate developer has been sentenced to jail time for a drunken driving hit-and-run last September that injured a father and his toddler.

Charles Gustav Oewel, 78, was sentenced to 220 days in jail by Marin Superior Court Judge

Beth Jordan on Aug. 11 after accepting a plea deal for a felony hit-and-run charge, according to the Marin District Attorney's Office. He also received an additional 180 days for two pending misdemeanor cases — a 2019 hit-and-run in Tiburon and a 2018 DUI arrest on Hwy. 101 near

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and Central Marin fire departments arrived to help contain the blaze, halting the flames at a fire road that runs between the hillside and the Tiburon Open Space Preserve.

In an interview, Southern Marin fire district Battalion Chief Jason Golden said the cause of the fire is undetermined, though he noted it's likely that a car dragging a chain or something

similar sparked multiple sections of the hill next to the road and the fire spread from there. Golden said the fire was sparked in two places, and the wind helped it travel as it continued to burn up the hillside.

Two lanes of the four-lane north-bound highway were shut down for about 2½ hours as crews worked to extinguish the blaze.

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

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Sausalito — for a total of 400 days. Oewel's actual time in custody will be about half that, or roughly six months, under state sentencing practices.

Tiburon police officers arrested Oewel Sept. 17 after a caller reported someone in a white SUV had struck a man and a baby in a stroller, narrowly missing the woman with them, at the intersection of Tiburon Boulevard and Ned's Way, right in front of the Tiburon Police Department.

The driver reportedly drove over the curb and a hit a sign before striking the family as they were walking on the sidewalk. The driver then reportedly sped off, traveling more than 70 mph in a 40 mph zone before turning on Rock Hill Road, where an officer pulled them over.

The driver, identified at the scene as Oewel, was arrested after reportedly

failing a DUI field test and refusing a breath test. He was taken to the Tiburon Police Department for a blood draw, which registered his blood-alcohol concentration at 0.167 percent, more than twice the legal limit for drivers 21 and older, according to the complaint from the district attorney's office.

The 22-month-old toddler had a superficial cut on his forehead, and his father complained of an elbow injury and back pain. Medics took both to MarinHealth Medical Center, and the toddler underwent a series of follow-up tests at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland.

According to the Marin District Attorney's Office, Oewel was already on probation for previous charges of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in 1989, 2002 and 2011.

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

SPORTS SHOUT

Tiburon man places first in age group at Escape from Alcatraz triathlon

Tiburon resident **Nick Ghoussaini** took first place in the 40-44 age group and 22nd overall at the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon held Aug. 15. Ghoussaini is 39 but turns 40 later this year, and birth year determines the age category for the competition. He clocked an overall time of 2:36:51.

The Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon included a 2-mile swim from Alcatraz to Crissy Beach, an 18-mile bike ride between Marina Green and Ocean Beach and an 8-mile run from Marina Green to Baker Beach and back.

This is the sixth time Ghoussaini has competed in the event. He's also competed in one Ironman Triathlon in Sonoma and in the North Face Endurance Challenge, a 50-mile trail-running race held in the Marin Headlands.

Ghoussaini had his wife, Kristen, have lived in Tiburon since 2012 and have three children.

— *Deirdre McCrohan*

Sharks soccer rocks competition in Davis to win League One tourney

The Tiburon Peninsula Soccer Club's U10 boys Sharks Red team won the League One title

at the Davis Legacy Super Clasico Summer Edition tournament Aug. 14-15, going undefeated and outscoring opponents 37-5 over four games.

The boys started off with a 9-1 win over Sacramento followed by an 11-2 victory over Marin Football Club. The next day, they beat Placer United 11-0 before taking out Alameda 6-2.

Tiburon's massive wins contributed to every other team finishing with a negative goal differential.

The club's 2021 Fall Kickoff Tournament is set for Aug. 28-29 at McKegney Green for boys and girls U9 and U10 squads.

Registration open for Dipsea footrace, now scheduled for Nov. 7

Registration is now open for the 110th Dipsea Footrace, which is scheduled for Nov. 7.

The 7.5-mile trail race from downtown Mill Valley to Stinson Beach is the oldest in the U.S., first run in 1905. Traditionally held the second Sunday on June, last year's race was canceled and this year's was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The race is limited to 1,500 runners. Race applications may be completed at dipsea.org.

— *Kevin Hessel*

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Minor injuries in rollover on Golden Gate Avenue, cops say

A young woman reportedly sustained minor injuries after she flipped her SUV near the intersection of Golden Gate and San Rafael avenues in Belvedere on Aug. 21.

Shortly after 11:30 a.m., Belvedere police received a report about a single-car accident at the intersection, with one person trapped inside the vehicle.

Upon arrival, officers from the Belvedere and Tiburon police

departments helped remove the woman, who they determined to be the driver and only person in the car, which was upside-down in the street. The driver was taken to MarinHealth Medical Center with minor injuries.

Additional information, including the cause of the accident and how fast the driver was traveling, was unavailable by The Ark's press deadline Aug. 23. — *Shayne Jones*

GreenTeam seeks volunteers to help with invasive plants along bike trail

The Tiburon Peninsula GreenTeam is seeking volunteers daily through Aug. 27 to help it wrap up its work clearing invasive vegetation along a half-mile of the Old Rail Trail near Gilmartin Drive.

The Tiburon Department of Public Works is assisting by regularly removing piles of vegetation and debris, according to group

co-founder Jim Wood.

The workdays are being held from 8 a.m. to noon, but with volunteers asked to put in at least two hours. Tools and gloves will be provided, and a liability waiver given at the work site must be signed.

To volunteer, email group Wood at tiburonjimwood@gmail.com.

— *Ark staff*

Cleanup day at Centennial Park



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From left, Bryan Kemnitzer of the Parks and Open Space Committee, Alec Sievers, Adam Gavzer, City Councilmember Nancy Kemnitzer (obscured) and Kathy Pearson work to clear sprawling ivy vines, roots, weeds and other invasive overgrowth Aug. 19 at Centennial Park, adjacent to Hawthorne Lane atop Belvedere Island. The event was sponsored by the Parks and Open Space Committee, which will be discussing the possibility of organizing regularly scheduled community clean-up events, according to Chair Jean Bordon.

Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society seeks donations to help fund repairs to historic sites

The Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society is raising money to help fund repairs to its four landmarks and the work of digitizing its photograph and document collections.

Donations will go toward replacing the roof

on an auxiliary building at Old St. Hilary's Landmark, replacing rotting windows at the Railroad & Ferry Depot Museum and replacing the roof and repairing the front porch at the Art & Garden Center, all in Tiburon; and

replacing and repairing compromised pilings supporting Belvedere's China Cabin.

The organization will also use the money to continue digitizing and cataloguing its photo collections and oral histories.

Two of the organization's donors have offered a matching grant of up to \$27,000 for all donations made through Sept. 15.

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Community Night at Strawberry Rec



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From left, Ben and Sami Novak, along with Tinashe Chinongozo, try on masks at the Strawberry Recreation District's Community Night Aug. 17 at the district's facilities on East Strawberry Drive. The event offered free tennis and group exercise classes, followed by a community picnic with food trucks and vendors, community groups hosting booths and live music from local bands The Marinfidels and singer-songwriter Steve Taylor. For more information about the district and its programming, visit strawberry.marin.org.

100 YEARS AGO ...

Sausalito News, Aug. 27, 1921

500 Nurses Wanted

The Red Cross Nursing Service is making an active campaign through out the United States to secure 500 nurses to care for ex-service men in hospitals. Miss Lillian L. White, director of the Nursing Service in the Pacific Division of the American Red Cross, is calling for 75 enlistments from her territory in California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah.

Any nurse interested in getting into this field for service to the ex-service men can communicate with the Red Cross Chapter or the nearest local committee on Red Cross Nursing Service for the details of enlistment.

Nursing was at the core of the International Red Cross Movement at its beginning when Clara Burton, founder of the American Red Cross, first came to public attention as an amateur nurse who provided aid to soldiers during the Civil War.

During World War I and following the 1918 armistice, Red Cross nurses aided those affected by the hostilities, and they were at the forefront in caring for those afflicted in the Spanish flu epidemic. The American Red Cross recruited more than 15,000 women, including nurses

and others who had taken home nursing classes, to help care for flu victims in the U.S.

In 1930, the newly established Veterans Administration took over the responsibility for health care of veterans, although the Red Cross continued to provide social services.

Fire in Mill Valley Business District

Explosion of gas from accumulation of crude oil from a leaky oil burner in the Modern Bakery in Mill Valley started a fire destroying business property valued at \$2500 and threatened the destruction of the business section of Mill Valley. The poolroom and contents belonging to Muntz and Bagshaw was a total loss and part of Lockwood's laboratory was destroyed. Too much credit cannot be given to the Mill Valley Volunteer Fire Department for their efficient work in confining the fire and saving adjoining frame buildings.

California Pioneer Passes Away at Age of 91

Oakland — Grant Israel

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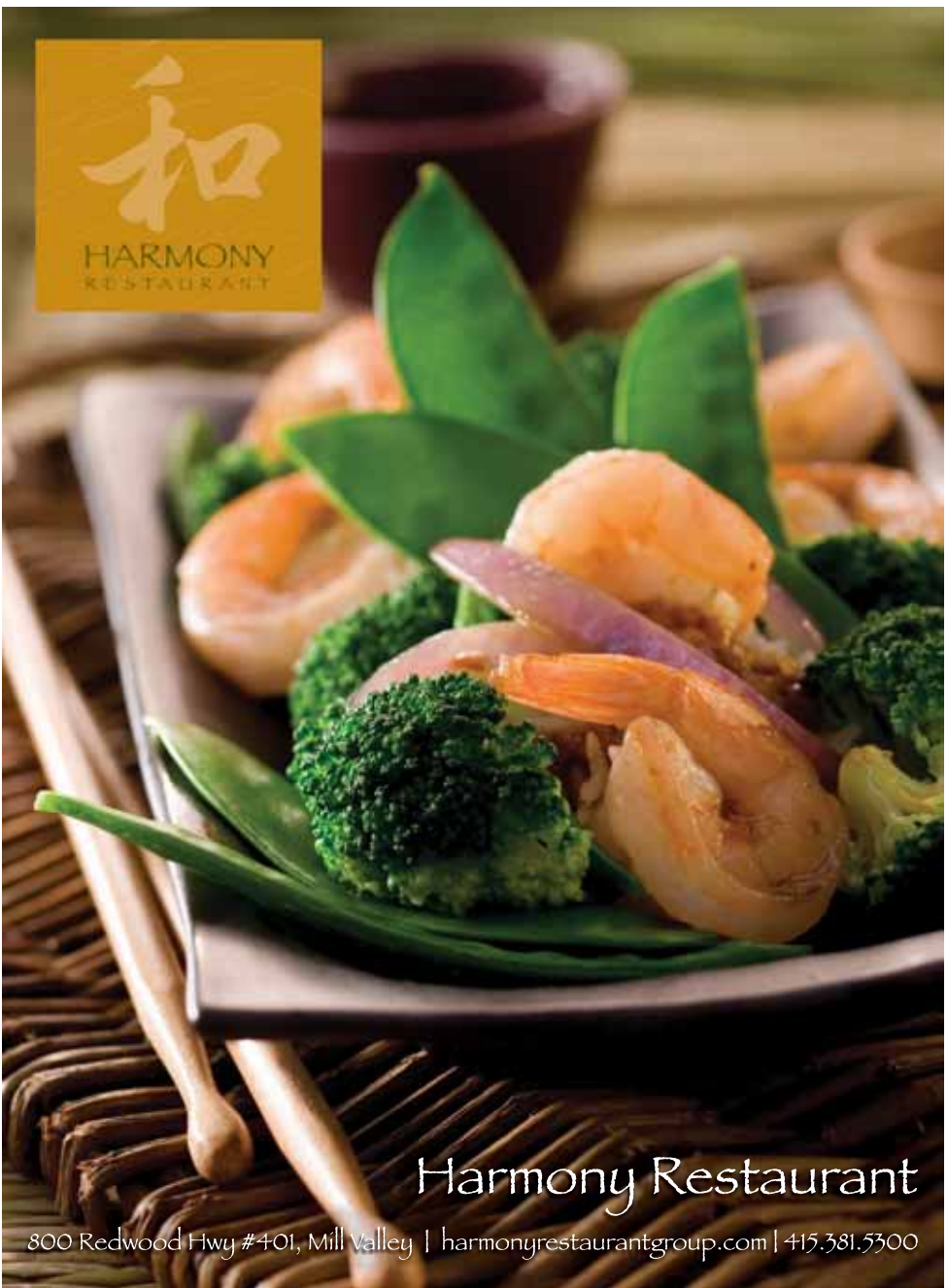
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The Key System was a privately owned company that provided mass transit in Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Emeryville and other East Bay cities from 1903 to 1960.

Golden State News

Marysville — There may be something in the old saw about killing two birds with one stone, but it remained for H. G. Cave of this city to demonstrate that it is possible to slay a brace with a single golf ball.

Cave makes no boast about sights on his driver, but when he teed off August 17, with a mighty swing, the ball zipped through a flock of linnets that was flying over the fairway and two birds dropped to the ground dead. Cave declared the drive was a “birdie.”

Oakland — Armed bandits August 20 held up and robbed R. T. Long 6531 Chabot Road, and a woman giving her name as Mrs. L. T. Jacks at Mountain Avenue and Seaview in Piedmont. Long lost a watch valued at \$125, \$5 in gold and three checks aggregating about \$100. Mrs. Jacks was relieved of her handbag. A large diamond ring valued at about \$2,500 she saved by turning the diamond, so the ring looked like her wedding ring.

The bandits took Long's keys, locked the car, and let the air out of the tires, and left him to summon help on foot.

San Francisco — Three automobile bandits shortly before 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, August 18, held up the automobile of George Beban and Walter Mayers, paying auditors of the American Can Company, robbed them of the company's payroll of \$9,600 and drove off in the stolen machine.

The bandits worked so fast that they got away before either Beban or Mayers, both of whom were armed with revolvers, could make any move to frustrate the act.

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 Aug. 11-17

Tiburon police log

Crying for help: 12:30 p.m. Aug. 12, dispatch noted a caller on Trestle Glen Boulevard was crying and was disconnected when someone in the background said “hang up.” Officers attempted to call back and were unable to leave a voicemail for the caller. An officer drove through the area and noted they didn't see anyone in distress.

Ultior motive: 6:20 a.m. Aug. 13, a Janet Way caller reported someone they hired to work on their car had stolen its catalytic converter. A report was taken.

Invasion of privacy: 9:33 p.m. Aug. 13, a Ned's Way caller reported someone had broken into their home when they were on vacation. The caller didn't know if the person had taken anything because they'd just returned from the airport and hadn't had a chance to review the security footage. An officer noted they would follow up once the caller watched the video. No further information was available.

Curb your anger: 1:28 p.m. Aug. 14, a Paradise Drive caller reported when she passed someone in her car, they pulled away from the curb into her path. The caller said she'd shouted “Hey!” and noted the other driver “took offense” and sped around her. Officers were unable to locate the driver.

Something's fishy: 7:34 p.m. Aug. 14, a Tiburon Boulevard caller reported a man was asleep in his car with food on his lap, and the caller noted he was “acting strangely” before he fell asleep. Officers

spoke to the man, who said he was tired from fishing all day. No further action was taken.

Speedy teen: 10:45 a.m. Aug. 15, an Old Landing Road caller reported their neighbor's teenage daughter often speeds through the neighborhood, and the caller requested advice on what they could do to “deter (the teen's) driving.” The caller noted they'd left notes for and called the girl's parent but hadn't gotten a response. An extra patrol was initiated in the area.

All over the place: 8:52 p.m. Aug. 16, a Pine Terrace caller reported a car was swerving, running red lights and recklessly passing other cars while driving toward Mill Valley on Tiburon Boulevard and had almost hit the caller head-on. Officers were unable to locate the driver.

Flagged: 9:54 a.m. Aug. 17, a Rock Hill Road caller reported a woman sped through one-lane traffic and nearly ran over two flaggers. Officers were unable to locate the driver.

Belvedere police log

In and out: 9:01 p.m. Aug. 13, a West Shore Road caller reported they saw someone on their neighbor's property via a security camera live feed and noted when they went over to check it out, they found the front door open. The caller said they did a perimeter check of the property and didn't see anyone there, but according to the surveillance video the potential trespasser might have been a woman who

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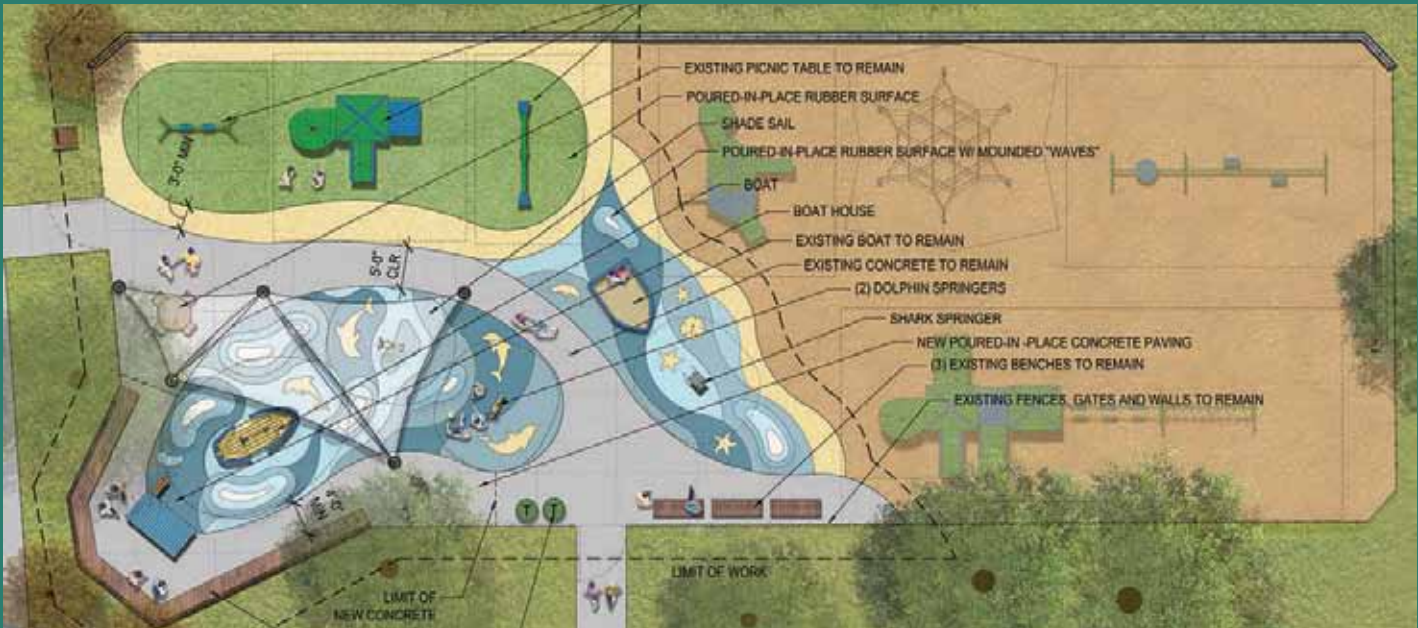
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walked in through the home's front gate to the pool and left on foot. Upon arrival, officers found no one on the property. The home was secured, and no further action was taken.

Auto-matically suspicious: 10:19 a.m. Aug. 14, a Crest Road caller reported there were eight cars parked at a house nearby and wanted to know if that was allowed. The caller noted they believe the homeowner is possibly running an auto business at the home and said they were also concerned about the noise that comes from the house. Advice was given.

ID please: 6:49 p.m. Aug. 16, a Crest Road caller reported they were loading up their car the night before when their neighbor ran over to them yelling and shoved the caller. The caller noted their neighbor demanded the caller's ID and threatened to punch them. The caller said they sustained no injuries but was afraid the incident would happen again. A report was taken.

Sheriff's log: Tiburon Peninsula

Hide and don't seek: 9 a.m. Aug. 12, an East Strawberry Drive caller reported her boyfriend had been missing for two months and she wanted file a missing-persons report. The caller said she believed her boyfriend might have been murdered "due to the crowd he spent time with" and said his last known location was at a homeless shelter in Marin. A deputy contacted the boyfriend, who said he did not want to be contacted by the caller.

Murder they wrote: 4:35 p.m. Aug. 12, a Belvedere Drive caller reported their relative had sent a Facebook message the night before that "suggested they would kill (the caller) and his wife." The caller said he didn't want to share his relative's name with deputies. Advice was given.

American Graffiti: 9:49 p.m. Aug. 12, a Reed Boulevard caller reported there were "a lot of teenagers and cars" outside the house "cussing and making a lot of noise." Upon arrival, deputies noted the area was quiet and they didn't see any teenagers.

That escalated quickly: 4:54 a.m. Aug. 14, a Redwood Highway frontage road caller reported a possibly drunk man was driving recklessly and had just pulled into a gas station. The caller noted the man told them someone had tried to attack him. Upon arrival, deputies cited the man after

allegedly finding meth and a pocketknife in his possession, but they noted he did not appear to be under the influence. Deputies noted the man said he was going back to his mom's house in Novato and would remain there the rest of the night. No further action was taken.

Hurling threats: 7:10 p.m. Aug. 14, a caller on the Reed Ranch Fire Road reported a man was blocking their path on the trail and had threatened to kill the caller and the caller's dog. The caller said he believed the man's threats were credible and feared for his safety. A report was taken.

Cat burglar: 12:41 p.m. Aug. 15, a Seminary Drive caller reported someone stole their car's catalytic converter the day before. A report was taken.

Campus security: 7:59 p.m. Aug. 16, a Paradise Drive caller reported a group of teenagers at the Estuary & Ocean Science Center at the Romberg Tiburon Campus were "picking things up and throwing them around." Upon arrival, a deputy advised the teenagers they were not allowed on the campus. The kids agreed not to return, and no further action was taken.

The naked truth: 2:36 p.m. Aug. 17, a Cecilia Way caller reported a man was standing on the side of the road with his genitals exposed. The caller said the man may have been masturbating because the caller saw him "messing with his pants and holding his penis" but couldn't be sure. A deputy found the man walking on the side of Tiburon Boulevard, and he told the deputy he was looking for a bus to take him home.

Tiburon fire district log

Drifters: 6:14 p.m. Aug. 11, personnel responded to Paradise Drive for a report of kayakers in distress between Tiburon and Richmond. Upon arrival, crews on Fireboat Tiburon helped bring the uninjured kayakers and their equipment to safety.

Branching out: 12:42 p.m. Aug. 17, personnel responded to Harbor Oak Drive for a report of a large tree branch that had fallen on a parked car. Crews cleared the branch and debris from the roadway. They left a voicemail for the property-management company and contacted the vehicle owner.

Southern Marin fire district log

No significant incidents were reported.

Compiled from public records by Shayne Jones. Items do not reflect all activity and should not be construed as findings of guilt.

Downtown, *continued from page 1*

from locals and tourists alike — as well as additional income for the town that can be supplemented with federal funding available for local infrastructure improvements.

Biss is seeking to improve health and safety with pedestrian-only zones, more public bathrooms that are cleaned more frequently, more frequent trash collection and more frequent street cleaning.

She said trash is currently placed street-side for Monday collection, sometimes 24 hours in advance on Sundays during peak pedestrian times, which she described as unsightly and unsanitary — often with overflowing cans and stains on the sidewalks.

"Having clean public spaces is important," Biss said, though she noted the town's Public Works crew is doing the best they can with the resources allotted to them. Tiburon Town Manager Greg Chanis noted the town allocated money in the current fiscal year budget to hire a new crew member who will work weekends and focus on janitorial work, such as cleaning the town's existing three public restrooms — located in downtown and on Old Rail Trail — and emptying trash receptacles in the public areas.

One of her suggestions was an electronic refuse hauler, estimated at a cost of \$30,000, to remove the trash at least once a day and take it to another, yet-undetermined site in Tiburon, where Mill Valley Refuse Service could pick it up.

Biss' plan also proposed creating pedestrian-safe zones where people can enjoy downtown activities like shopping and dining. It's unclear what that would entail, though such programs have typically focused on Main Street. Before the pandemic, the Friday Nights on Main Street festivals had been a fixture of summer, shutting down lower Main to vehicle traffic between Tiburon Boulevard and the Main Street Parking Lot turnaround. The chamber and town have also experimented with an afternoon farmers market.

Over the past two summers, the town has enacted a Slow Streets program, a popular solution nationwide to promote outdoor dining and shopping amid the pandemic. However, the council at the same meeting last week decided against extending through October this summer's program, which ran from mid-June through Aug. 1,

in part due to complaints from some local merchants that the program had a negative impact on their business.

Creating permanent pedestrian-only zones could also pose challenges for first responders, said Tiburon Fire Protection District Deputy Fire Marshall Mike Lantier. He noted the fire agency needs to maintain access to the buildings in event of a fire or other emergency.

"Those buildings are old, and they don't have sprinklers," he said.

Biss noted several restaurants are slated to open or reopen downtown in the near future, including The Caprice, which has been closed for more than a year while being renovated under new ownership; Bungalow Kitchen, a new restaurant from celebrity chef Michael Mina planned for the former Guaymas space; and Malibu Farm, which will be moving into the Main Street space previously occupied by Servino Ristorante, which has moved back to its original location on Ark Row. She also noted major downtown landlord ACV Argo Tiburon LP is finalizing a deal to bring a new restaurant to the old New Morning Cafe building — though she declined to name the restaurant.

She estimated those restaurants will increase Tiburon's town revenues by as much as \$300,000 a year. But, she said, restaurants are having trouble hiring enough help these days.

To attract and retain employees, she is proposing an employee shuttle and free employee parking downtown.

Because of the way Tiburon developed, the downtown Tiburon business district is lacking in critical infrastructure, Biss said.

"The last updates were done in the late 1990s and early 2000s," she said. "The time is now to provide the infrastructure needs expected of a town in 2021."

She recommended adding a bicycle-maintenance station downtown, perhaps at the Tiburon Fire Protection District headquarters; installing a water-bottle refill station at Fountain Plaza; and making streetlights on lower Main Street more functional.

Other proposed changes are resurfacing of lower Main Street with pavers, installing an electrical system for power to support special events and having removable vehicle-blocking bollards that are more attractive than the temporary large

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white plastic barriers now being used for street closures.

The plan also proposed new signs using standard international directional symbols to communicate information.

Chanis said the issues raised by the chamber are important ones, noting the town's role in making those improvements will need to be discussed over time.

"Any physical improvements to Main Street should be considered as part of a long-term plan as the result of carefully planning, because there is significant cost," he said.

The Town Council commended the presentation and called it "timely."

Councilmember Jack Ryan said he appreciated Biss' vision.

"The areas she identified — the restaurants coming online in the next six months and the federal funding, it makes it really important for us to think like that now," he said. "I think it's very timely for us to work on making the town what it can really be."

Mayor Holli Thier said she thought Biss' points dovetailed with a decision the council made earlier in the night to create a Downtown Vibrancy Committee, which would be tasked with finding a consultant to help the town reimagine its Slow Streets program and think up other ways to invigorate downtown.

Vice Mayor Jon Welner called many of Biss' ideas "innovative" and added he hoped she would be deeply involved with staff and newly created vibrancy committee to develop some of the ideas.

In interviews in the days after the meeting, several business owners said they were

receptive to new ideas for downtown.

Sam's Anchor Cafe co-owner Conor Flaherty said the ideas proposed by Biss on behalf of the chamber still need to be fleshed out, but that he thinks they should be done in a collaborative way, with the town, the businesses and the landlords.

Architect David Holscher, a member of the chamber board whose office is on Beach Road, said he was supportive of pedestrian-only zones.

"I just think having Main Street become a pedestrian street Friday through Sunday and have it be beautiful would be a big plus," said "I think 90 percent of people in town support it, too."

Nick Davoren, owner of Local Spicery on Ark Row, said he'd like to see initiatives that make people aware of Ark Row, including improved signage.

However, he noted, he thinks the city does a great job fulfilling its responsibilities, and he said it's up to business to "figure out what they need and pay for it."

"The only issue I have is when the city does something like Slow Streets that does a whole lot for the businesses on lower Main Street and nothing for us," he said. Several merchants on Ark Row have complained that the Slow Streets program, which doesn't extend to their stretch of Tiburon Boulevard, prevents visitors from rounding the corner to visit their shops.

Still, Davoren said, his outlook for the local business atmosphere is positive.

"I'm pretty bullish on Tiburon right now," he added. "Our numbers are where they should be."

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off at Tiburon Boulevard and the Main Street Parking Lot turnaround for summer staple Friday Nights on Main and, in the past, a farmers market and other street festivals.

However, the Slow Streets closure was criticized by a handful of businesses on upper Main Street, known as Ark Row, who say it harms their businesses because shoppers and diners don't round the corner and walk up the street.

As a result, this year, the council approved the program on a seven-week trial run, on weekends from June 18 to Aug. 1, saying it would then review the program's impacts before making a decision about its future.

Though it chose not to extend the program this year, the council did signal it would be open to bringing the initiative back in some form in the future. At the same meeting, it appointed a Downtown Vibrancy Committee, which Councilmember Jack Ryan and Mayor Holli Thier volunteered to serve on, and directed staff to return within 90 days with a recommendation for a consultant who could help them plan a successful Slow Streets program that has fewer negative impacts and explore other options for invigorating Main Street.

Despite the early support, reaction from the public on the Slow Streets program ultimately proved to be mixed. The council received seven letters ahead of last week's meeting, with all the writers but one opposed to its continuation, but six out the 10 people who spoke during the meeting

wanted to keep the program going.

Those against continuing the program included several local business owners who reiterated their concerns that the closure does more harm than good.

Both Renée Rivera Feld, owner of a hair-accessory boutique on Ark Row, and Karen Beale, owner of Trinity House Paintings gallery on Ark Row, said the program creates a division between the portion of Main Street that is closed and the portion that is not, where their businesses reside.

"Continuing this effectively cuts downtown Tiburon in half," Rivera Feld wrote in an email to the town. "While the intent was to increase foot traffic, it has done the opposite. Many people discover Tiburon by driving through Main Street and, with this continuing, they cannot see enough to encourage them to park and visit."

Beale echoed those concerns.

"Everyone has this magical vision of Slow Streets, based on other American or European towns," she said. "The Slow Streets pilot just conducted was far from this ideal ... creating a division in the downtown area for three days a week for what appears to be little upside to the majority of businesses downtown."


Crystal and Renzo Azzarello's Luna Blu restaurant sits along the portion of Main closed to vehicle traffic and was expected to benefit from increased foot traffic and street dining. However, they wrote in an email that Slow Streets had a negative impact on their business as well.

"Business definitely was flowing much better the past weekends post-Slow Streets," they wrote.

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schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic, which included a mandate that all staff and students wear face coverings both indoors and out while at school — a requirement health officers noted was stricter than overall county guidance, which only mandates masks indoors.

On Aug. 18, however, that guidance was updated to change the school outdoor masking requirement to a recommendation.

Despite the official change, the Office of Education and Public Health Department issued a joint press release the next day that called on families to adopt universal masking while on campus, even outdoors, with Public Health Officer Dr. Matt Willis noting face coverings are “among the easiest and most effective tool we have” to keep the surging Delta variant at bay.

A large group of school-aged kids — all those 12 and under — are not yet eligible to be vaccinated against the virus, and the

release noted the American Association of Pediatrics recommends universal masking in schools, both indoors and out. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also recommends masking outdoors for those who are unvaccinated and in sustained close contact, and most of the Bay Area's largest school districts, including the San Francisco, Oakland, Fremont, Hayward, San Jose and Santa Clara unified districts, all require face coverings outdoors as part of their return-to-school protocols.

In an Aug. 20 email, Reed district Superintendent Kimberly McGrath said the district would continue to require universal masking on its three campuses, which welcomed students back for the 2020-2021 school year on Aug. 19.

“This does not change anything for us,” McGrath said of the updated guidelines, noting Willis has been clear that masking indoors and out is currently the safest way for schools to operate.

The change to the county's 32-point plan came after a Novato Charter School parent

sought a temporary restraining order in Marin Superior Court to block county schools from enforcing the outdoor masking requirement.

In filing for the order, Juliana Makin said the county policy violated the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 7, of the California Constitution, which address arbitrary government actions and due process.

Willis, county Superintendent of Schools Mary Jane Burke, the Marin County Office of Education, the Novato Unified School District and the district's superintendent, Jan La Torre-Derby, were named in the complaint.

A judge on Aug. 19 declined to grant the order, noting the revised language in the county's guidelines and giving Makin the option to file an amended complaint by Aug. 27.

Willis has noted overall average number of daily new cases in Marin is higher today than it was at the start of school one year ago, at roughly 43 on Aug. 17 versus 12 the year prior, with no change in availability of

pediatric COVID-19 vaccinations and of significant long-term studies on the effects of the virus on children.

As of Aug. 17, more than 1,400 kids in Marin younger than 12 had been diagnosed with COVID-19, making up about 10 percent of all cases. Amid the Delta surge, but before the return to school, that proportion has increased to about 14 percent, with 89 kids diagnosed in the prior two weeks, or more than six new cases per day during that period.

Two Marin kids under age 5 have been hospitalized since the start of the pandemic, none ages 5-11, and there have been no deaths in either age group. Symptoms have generally been similar to those of vaccinated adults: runny noses, coughs and fevers.

Vaccine progress, boosters

The Food and Drug Administration on Aug. 23 gave full approval to the two-dose Pfizer vaccine for everyone 16 and older,

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Luna Blu has an encroachment permit that allows them to serve at a few tables on the sidewalk outside the front of the restaurant and on their neighbor's back deck.

General Manager Justin Flake and co-owner Paolo Petrone of the Waters Edge Hotel, which also sits on the closed portion of lower Main Street, said that if Slow Streets continues, improvements have to be made.

They noted during the closure, the bandstand had been placed facing the hotel, so music was blaring into the front guestrooms, and equipment for the street closure had been left propped up against the hotel's front wall afterward. The event prevented guests from parking their cars in front of the hotel to unload their luggage, resulting in the hotel having to hire a bellhop, they said, and passersby and visitors often dumped litter in the hotel's planters and hung out on its steps.

“A lot of our clients are older, and they have mobility issues,” Flake said. “Staying at the hotel should not only be a pleasant experience but a fair experience.”

Flake pointed out that Waters Edge adds 3,800 guests a year to Tiburon, and those guests patronize local restaurants.

Paradise Drive resident Rand Shulman said he stopped going to Main Street on weekends during Slow Streets because he couldn't find a parking space and, when on his bicycle, he had to “walk through an obstacle course of card tables and kids on skateboards.”

“Personally, I believe that you should take a long-term look at the use of the street for all your constituents — residents, merchants, tourists — and take a balanced approach to satisfying each over a period of time, one to 10 years,” Shulman said. He encouraged the town to develop a master plan for the event.

However, other businesses and residents expressed their support for the street closure and said they'd like to see it

continue.

“We went several times this summer to Slow Streets and ate outside, which was very enjoyable,” Sarah McNamara wrote to the town. “More live music would be a nice addition — it doesn't always have to be a big band. A solo guitarist or violin or cello would be amazing.”

Belvedere resident Petey Stein said she finds the atmosphere at Slow Streets “very positive and very electrifying.”

“You walk around a quiet corner and then there is all this going on,” she said, noting she favored continuing it on a probationary basis and making improvements to address negative impacts.

Sam's Anchor Cafe co-owner Conor Flaherty, Angel Island-Tiburon Ferry Co. owner Maggie McDonogh, The Caviar Co. owner Petra Bergstein, Yema co-owner Hawi Awash and Salt & Pepper restaurant owner Paulino Monteroso were among the local merchants who spoke in favor of the program.

Bergstein said she loves the energy and excitement created when the street closes and that the weekends since Slow Streets stopped on Aug. 1 have been among the slowest this summer.

During council discussion, Ryan said he remains in favor of the program. He noted the summer has been a relatively quiet one and said it would be nice to be able to further observe the program into the fall.

“I really like that businesses came and raised key concerns that can be addressed,” he said. “We can fix certain things to make this a better experience for them.”

Councilmember Alice Fredericks said the council still doesn't have the data it hoped for to make a decision about

whether to continue Slow Streets.

“Most of the issues are difficult to quantify,” she said. “I think we're stuck with making qualitative judgments.”

Vice Mayor Jon Welner said that to continue the program, “there has to be a solid set of data that it's an improvement.”

He said the town needs to zero in on how the program is executed, noting the times he was down on Main Street for Slow Streets, he found it to be pretty quiet and not particularly vibrant.

Thier said she thinks it's important that Slow Streets be beneficial for all businesses.

“This has been one of the most divisive issues in my time on the council,” she said. “I would like to see consensus on this issue.”

Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Executive Director DeAnn Biss said the chamber doesn't feel comfortable taking a stance on the program, given that there are diverse opinions among businesses about its benefit.

Ryan said the council could lead the charge on reshaping the program in an attempt to make it work for everyone.

“We could develop a vision and try to implement that. ... It requires a lot more community outreach, but we could do it,” he said.

Welner recommended hiring a consultant to help the town plan the event.

“Continuing the same thing isn't going to teach us anything. ... Instructing our staff to close the street and bring in some music is not a recipe for success.”

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balloon and bubble vendor for kids. Food trucks will pull up to the park with food for purchase, and donated wine will be free for adults. At 7:45 p.m., families can settle in for a screening of “The Princess Bride.”

“And at some point, we’ll be singing ‘Happy Birthday’ to Belvedere,” said event organizer Adam Gavzer.

Gavzer said invitations for the birthday bash were mailed to all residents in early August. Those planning on attending are asked to RSVP as soon as possible so organizers have a tentative head count, though RSVPs are not required. Those who do attend will be required to show proof of vaccination; children under 12, who are not yet

eligible for the vaccine, will need to wear a face covering.

The party will be funded in part by an \$8,000 donation from the city, and organizers are anticipating a contribution from the Belvedere Community Foundation as well. Gavzer said organizers are also seeking \$125 donations from the public.

Known as the Island with Six Names because of the different monikers it has held over the years, Belvedere was deeded to Irish immigrant John Thomas Reed by the Mexican government on Oct. 2, 1834, but for centuries before that, various indigenous groups made the peninsula their home. The Coast Miwok primarily dominated Marin County and southern Sonoma County, basing their subsistence around a hunting-and-gathering economy and living

rsvp to the party

Belvedere will celebrate its 125th birthday 5-9:30 p.m. Sept. 4 at the Belvedere Community Park. The event is free, but residents are asked to RSVP by emailing belvederebirthdaybash@cityof-belvedere.org with the number of people who will be attending.

in semi-permanent and permanent villages comprising circular, conical or domed huts, according to documents prepared for the city in 2009 as part of its General Plan update.

According to historical records, Europeans likely made first contact with the Coast Miwok in 1579, when Sir Francis Drake stopped to repair his ship somewhere in Point Reyes. For the next several centuries, missionaries in Marin and San Francisco colonized the Coast Miwok’s territory and

converted much of its population to Christianity. The island of Belvedere is first shown in the historic record as being part of the 4,460-acre Mexico-owned Rancho Corte Madera del Presidio, the land deeded to Reed in 1834.

After Reed’s death in 1842, the land was split between his four surviving children. When he was alive, Reed liked to call Belvedere El Potrero de la Punta del Tiburon, or the Pasture of Shark Point, because he saw Belvedere as a natural pastureland.

In 1855, Ohio farmer Israel Kashow, who was drawn to California during the Gold Rush, settled on the island as its only resident, called it Kashow’s Island and started a sheep-and-cattle ranch and fishery,

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The Tiburon Fire Protection District has deployed several strike teams to help with the fire since it began. On Aug. 4, Lt. Travis Terrell and firefighters Chris May, Matt Wilson and Tyler Cole headed to Chico in the district’s Type 1 standard engine and were quickly assigned to the Dixie Fire. A strike team with the district’s Type 3 wildland fire truck deployed to the Dixie Fire on Aug. 10, led by Lt. Dean Bonfigli with firefighters Grant Euleess, Nate Buck and Davis Pratt. Both teams are still deployed, said Tiburon fire spokeswoman Nicole Chaput.

Southern Marin Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Tom Welch said 18 members of the district have been deployed to the Dixie Fire over the past month.

Southern Marin firefighter-engineer Ian Hanson, who recently returned from his second deployment, said the most disheartening part of the effort is not always being able to slow the fire’s progress.

“We’re there to put the fire out, and when it doesn’t go our way, it’s frustrating for us,” Hanson said. “Sometimes there’s just nothing you can do.”

Hanson said his first deployment lasted nine days with 12-hour shifts; recently he has been working 24-hour shifts with alternating

24-hour rest days. He said his assignments vary every day, but the main goal to contain the fire is to create a fire break, using a bulldozer to clear a path through the brush for firefighters to come in with hoses and put the fire out. The breaks also help with creating quasi-boundaries for the fire, but Hanson said because the temperature is so high up in the trees, sometimes the timber catches fire before the flames have even reached it. Add wind to the equation, he said, and the challenges are compounded.

Welch said local firefighters are sent to help in statewide firefighting efforts through the state’s mutual-aid program, which Southern Marin Fire Chief Chris Tubbs

has credited as one of the best systems in the country.

“Our people take a lot of pride representing our district,” Tubbs said.

The Dixie Fire is the largest of 13 currently burning across the state as of The Ark’s press deadline. Those included the Monument Fire, burning in Trinity County and 20 percent contained; the McFarland Fire, burning across Shasta, Trinity and Tehama counties and 68 percent contained; and the Caldor Fire, burning in El Dorado County and 5 percent contained.

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opening the door to new vaccine mandates nationwide.

The vaccine remains available under emergency-use authorization for kids 12-15, as well as for administration as a third-dose booster.

Pfizer and Moderna both are in clinical trials for kids under 12, with Pfizer saying it expects to have data for kids 5-11 by the end of September for presentation to the FDA for review of emergency-use authorization. Pfizer makes the only vaccine authorized for kids 12-17.

For boosters, third doses are now being recommended for both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines at eight months after the second dose for most people and at 28 days after the second dose for those with severely compromised immune system.

Marin on Aug. 21 hosted a one-day mass clinic at Marin Center Exhibit Hall for those who are immunocompromised, including those who have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood.
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.
- Received a stem-cell transplant within the past two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency, such as DiGeorge syndrome or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome.
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection.
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress immune response.

The CDC estimates about 3 percent of the population is eligible, or roughly 10,000 residents in Marin.

covid-19 by the numbers

Indoor masking requirements for all residents, regardless of vaccination status, were reinstated Aug. 2 in Marin County.

Everyone 12 and older is eligible to be vaccinated for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Only the two-dose Pfizer vaccine is authorized for those 12-17; no vaccine is authorized for those younger than 12.

Third-dose Pfizer and Moderna boosters are recommended eight months after the second dose.

For details and appointments, visit getvaccinatedmarin.org.

Severely immunocompromised residents may receive third-dose boosters of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines 28 days after their second dose. For details, visit coronavirus.marinhhs.org/VaccineBooster.

The following data is per the county Department of

Health and Human Services as of 4 p.m. Aug. 23, unless otherwise noted, and compared with the week prior in parentheses. Full-protection projections are based on the percentage of an entire population that had completed their vaccine series two weeks prior.

Vaccine status

94920: 74.4 percent of Belvedere-Tiburon’s total population was projected to be fully protected (+0.3 points) as of today, Aug. 25. As of the most-recent data, Aug. 17, 90.7 percent of residents 12 or older had received at least one dose (+0.4) and 84.1 percent had completed the series (+0.4), per the California Department of Public Health.

Marin: 76.7 percent of Marin’s total population is projected to be fully protected (+0.4 points)

as of today, Aug. 25. As of Aug. 23, 95.4 percent of residents 12 or older had received at least one dose (+0.6 points) and 88.2 percent had completed the series (+0.6 points).

California: 54.3 percent of California’s total population is projected to be fully protected (+0.5 points) as of today, Aug. 25. As of Aug. 23, 75.6 percent of residents 12 or older had received at least one dose (+0.9 points) and 65.3 percent had completed the series (+0.8 points), per the California Department of Public Health.

U.S.: 50.5 percent of the total U.S. population is projected to be fully protected (+0.5 points) as of today, Aug. 25. As of Aug. 23, 71.1 percent of residents 12 or older had received at least one dose (+1.1 points) and 60.3 percent had completed the series (+0.9 points),

per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

World: About 23.1 percent of people had received at least one dose (+1.2 points) and 13.5 percent had completed the series (+2.3 points) as of Aug. 23, per the World Health Organization.

Virus status

Tiburon: 273 cumulative diagnosed cases (+9), 12 active (-3). The town has an overall rate of 2,985 cumulative cases per 100,000 residents.

Belvedere: 67 cumulative diagnosed cases (+3), four active (+2). The city has an overall rate of 3,140 cumulative cases per 100,000 residents.

Strawberry: 155 cumulative diagnosed cases (+7), 11 active (-6). The community has an overall rate of 2,525 cumulative cases per

100,000 residents.

Marin: 13,734 diagnosed cases (+294), 499 active (-27), 187 deaths (+0), 19 hospitalized (+4) and four COVID-positive patients in intensive-care-unit beds (+0) versus the week prior. The rolling seven-day average new-case rate was 15 per 100,000 residents overall (+0.3), 35.1 among the unvaccinated (+4.1) and 8.7 among the vaccinated (-0.7) as of Aug. 20; seven-day test positivity was 3.62 percent (-0.27 points) as of Aug. 18.

California: 4,123,250 cases (+89,591), 64,677 deaths (+483) as of Aug. 22, per the California Department of Public Health.

U.S.: 37.77 million cases (+1.05), 626,833 deaths (+7,269) per the CDC.

World: 211.73 million cases (+4.53 million), 4.43-4.36 million deaths (+70,00) per the WHO.

Eligible residents can visit coronavirus.marinhhs.org/VaccineBooster for more information.

First-responder mandates

Marin public-health officials also announced last week that effective Sept. 15, all first-responder agencies — including law enforcement and fire agencies like the Tiburon and Belvedere police departments and Tiburon and Southern Marin fire-protection districts — must verify the vaccination status of their personnel.

Those who are not fully vaccinated, or their status is unknown, will be required to

take a COVID-19 test at least once per week and provide the results to their employers.

Willis said the goal is to protect vulnerable populations in which first-responders may come into contact with them in high-risk settings, such hospitals, jails and nursing and congregate-care facilities.

“We’ve seen that outbreaks in high-risk settings, when they occur, are often sparked by infected staff or visitors who unknowingly bring the virus into the facility,” Willis said in a press release.

The county mandate builds in a state order issued July 26 that requires workers at such health-care and medical facilities to verify

their vaccine status or undergo routine testing, but didn’t extend that requirement to first responders.

In addition, all public-sector employers in Marin — including the town of Tiburon and city of Belvedere — must verify the vaccination status of their employees, though the routine-testing requirement for unvaccinated public employees doesn’t apply.

Reach Executive Editor Kevin Hessel at 415-435-2652, on Twitter at @thearknews paper and on Facebook at fb.me/theark newspaper.

Birthday, from previous page

employing more than 100 Chinese immigrants. He made the land his home for 30 years despite ongoing ownership disputes with the Reed family.

In the meantime, President Andrew Johnson claimed Belvedere in 1867, naming it a military post and variously calling it Peninsula Island and Promontory Island.

Capt. Edwin Moody, who founded the San Francisco Yacht Club in 1869, liked to call the land Still Island, derived from Stillwater Bay, the name given to what is now Belvedere and Tiburon coves.

Reed's heirs in the 1880s hired lawyer Thomas B. Valentine to settle its land disputes. In February 1885, Valentine got the U.S. government to issue a patent for the Rancho boundaries that included Peninsula Island and Little Peninsula Island, now known as Corinthian Island. He also won a court battle to finally evict Kashow as a squatter. In lieu of fees, Reed's heirs gave

Valentine Corinthian Island, which he called Valentine Island, and Peninsula Island, which he sold to the Belvedere Land Co. — the developer he founded in 1890.

The city's final name came that year, when "Belvedere" appeared on a subdivision map filed by the land company. The word means "beautiful view" in Italian and "a structure designed to command a view" in English.

The land company planned to develop the island as a residential park, which later included a nine-hole golf course and the Hotel Belvedere. By 1891, 150 residential lots had been purchased, mostly by wealthy San Franciscans, and on Dec. 21, 1896, the city of Belvedere was incorporated.

The city started out as a vacation spot for the San Francisco elite and, beginning in 1880, recreational living in California houseboats, known as arks, was popular with sea captains, artists, vacationers and wealthy San Francisco bachelors who found the cove to be a great place to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city across the bay.

What became known as Arktown or Ark

Cove was a neighborhood of floating houseboats that took shelter in the lagoon during winter. Each fall the Beach Road drawbridge would open to let them in, and in spring it would lift again to allow them back into the bay, becoming the origin of San Francisco Bay's annual Opening Day on the Bay celebrations in April to mark the start of the yachting season.

But changing times and economy ushered in a new way of life in the 1900s, with the 1906 earthquake destroying many San Francisco homes, making many of the arks and summer homes in Belvedere permanent residences. Mud was pumped into the lagoon to create landfill, the rickety drawbridge was locked and rebuilt as a permanent closed structure in 1930s and the arks departed, with the last removed from Belvedere Lagoon in 1946.

Some were placed on Tiburon's upper Main Street, locally known as Ark Row, and are now home to businesses.

In the meantime, Harry B. Allen in 1935 acquired controlling interest of the Belvedere

Land Co., still owned by his family.

Founders of the Corinthian Yacht Club and Corinthian Island Co. were some of the first to build homes on the island. In 1907, the club purchased what is now Corinthian Island with the goal of subdividing and developing the land for 97 residential lots. The homes that sprung up on the island set the architectural tone for the city, and that Mediterranean and villa-style character is still prominent in Belvedere's architecture today.

Throughout its 125 years, Belvedere has been home to actors, writers, entrepreneurs, land developers, musicians, athletes, artists and families who've lived on the peninsula for generations. Belvedere has made many names for itself — for good reason, wrote journalist Robert O'Brien in a 1947 edition of the San Francisco Chronicle.

"Belvedere is not on the road from anyplace to anyplace," O'Brien wrote. "It's a little world all its own."

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

Epilepsy, from page 5

administering seizure first aid.

All of the proceeds from the 25-page book, which is available as a paperback or e-book on Amazon, will go toward the Epilepsy Foundation as part of Amanda's current \$2,000 fundraising goal for the marathon, set for Sept. 19. Both siblings will run the race, with Amanda running as one of the foundation's official Athletes vs. Epilepsy ambassadors, a program that seeks to raise awareness and help fund the foundation's mission.

In addition to bolstering Amanda's fundraising efforts, the goal of the book is to demystify epilepsy and seizures, which can be a scary topic for younger children, says Scott, 22.

"The book is really just to kind of introduce children to the possible scenario of someone having a seizure and how to handle it in a calm manner," he says. "I'm really happy that we have the opportunity to do that, especially together and also echoing what we've been through together at the same time."

Amanda had her first seizure during a softball game; Scott remembers seeing adults rush to help her while he was playing in a nearby sandbox. She was diagnosed shortly after.

She notes she's lucky that her seizures are largely kept under control by medication — but that doesn't mean coming to terms with her diagnosis has been a smooth journey for her. She has suffered from breakthrough seizures, some of which have occurred at work; she's currently a real-estate investing associate at Morgan Stanley. She stopped driving about five years ago after a particularly scary incident in which she had a seizure just as she was about to drive herself and Scott out of the parking lot of the Strawberry In-N-Out Burger.

When she was young, she hoped she'd outgrow her seizures entirely.



PROVIDED BY THE DILENA FAMILY

At lower right, siblings Scott and Amanda Dilena finish together at the San Francisco Giants' annual Giant Race, which they've run several times. Next up is the San Francisco Marathon, where they're raising money for the Epilepsy Foundation. Amanda was diagnosed with epilepsy at age 12.

Though she's been seizure-free for about 1½ years, Amanda says she knows epilepsy is likely going to be a part of her life forever — and that's led her to a fresh approach to dealing with the diagnosis.

"I've held a lot of shame and embarrassment over the years with it," she says. "Every time I have a new seizure, it's like a reset button with it, it brings me into a new place: 'Where do I go from here? Is this going to be my whole life?'"

"I'm really trying to take back

control of that," she continued, "making it a strength rather than an embarrassment and a weakness."

Part of taking control has been getting more involved with the Epilepsy Foundation over the past six years. Amanda notes she started out making donations but wanted to get more involved, which led her to apply to become one of the organization's ambassadors.

She says she's long had the idea to write a children's book about epilepsy, but the idea really took shape

learn more

"When Mimi Gets the Shakes," by Amanda and Scott Dilena, is available on Amazon for \$12.99 in paperback and \$4.99 for Kindle.

Learn more about Amanda Dilena's fundraising efforts for the Epilepsy Foundation via arkn.ws/EpilepsyFoundation_DilenaFundraiser.

last year when she and Scott were home in Tiburon for the holidays. She had recently seen a video on TikTok that explained how to publish a children's book on Amazon.

"I was just like, 'Scott, do you want to write this book? It would be really cool to do,'" she says.

The two began tossing around ideas and drafted up the story in Scott's childhood bedroom, eventually finding an illustrator online to help complete the book.

Amanda says she wanted to address the top concern she gets from others when they learn she has epilepsy: "What do I do if you have a seizure?"

Scott, who learned the answer to that question when he was just 8 years old, notes there have been instances where he's been the only person with his sister during a seizure — and that can be daunting.

"It's just really important to bring awareness also to the effects that epilepsy has on the people around the person having the seizure," he says. "It can also be traumatic for them, as it has been for me."

Amanda also hopes the book can help normalize the condition. Some 3.4 million people in the U.S. have epilepsy, according to the Epilepsy Foundation, and one in 26 people in the U.S. will develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime.

"A lot of people have these invisible disabilities — it extends beyond epilepsy," she says. "I wanted to really communicate that everyone has a story."

Amanda has so far raised \$1,200 toward her \$2,000 goal ahead of the marathon. In the meantime, both she and Scott continue to

train for the race. Amanda has the edge there; she previously played lacrosse and has run in about a half dozen half-marathons. Together, the siblings have participated several times in the San Francisco Giants' annual Giant Race.

Scott says Amanda has put together a training document for the two of them, though he notes, "it's been a little difficult for me to follow it religiously."

The siblings don't often get the chance to train together, as Amanda lives in San Francisco and Scott lives in Santa Clara, close to his job doing tech sales for a security-camera startup in San Mateo. However, they do have a way of keeping each other up to date on their progress as the marathon gets closer.

"We have a tradition of sending each other pictures when we run," Amanda says. "A lot of times it's flowers or something we see or a selfie of however many miles we've done."

Amanda notes she's already gotten some good feedback on the book, including from people who say they've used it to explain their epilepsy diagnosis to their kids or others who say they've bought it for friends who are teachers and have epileptic students in their classrooms.

"If it can help one family or one teacher, that means so much to me," she says.

Scott says watching his sister manage her epilepsy has really helped him understand just how valuable life is, noting he feels grateful they're in the position to help others.

"It's not a hard decision to support her or this foundation," he says. "It's really just a testament to something that many, many people go through, and we're so privileged to be able to support in the small way that we are."

Reach Assistant Editor Emily Lavin, The Ark's youth and Strawberry reporter, at 415-944-3841.

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\$164.19, up from \$158.91.

The 2.49-percent increase is lower than the increase suggested by R3 Consulting Group, an independent consulting firm hired to periodically evaluate the refuse service's increase requests across its nine jurisdictions.

The firm's review of Mill Valley Refuse's 2021-2022 rate application for Tiburon identified a number of errors in the company's methodology, including one that overstated income from multiple-can customers, which resulted in a revised suggested rate increase of 3.4 percent.

However, Mill Valley Refuse said it would honor the 2.49-percent increase originally proposed.

Waste-collection rates are set to provide a fair return — 10-percent profit on allowable costs — to Mill Valley Refuse. The company can file a rate-increase application when it believes its current rates will not provide that fair return; it must file those requests simultaneously in all of its jurisdictions.

In the two years following an approved rate increase, the company can further

adjust its rates according to the Consumer Price Index, or it can file additional rate-increase applications to achieve a fair return.

In September 2020, the Town Council approved Mill Valley Refuse's request for a 9.36-percent nine-month rate increase over the objections of a chorus of residents who said the company's garbage and recycling pickup service didn't warrant higher bills.

The 2020 increase came on top of a 4.01-percent increase in 2019 and a 13.7-percent increase in 2018.

The Town Council, meanwhile, has been mulling whether it wants to cancel its contract with the company and find a new garbage collector, with several officials saying Mill Valley Refuse's lengthy commitments don't incentivize improvement.

The Town Council in June voted to amend its 20-year deal with the waste-management company. The contract was initiated in 2011, with a 10-year commitment followed by two automatic five-year renewals. Under the change, which required the agreement of Mill Valley Refuse Service, Tiburon can wait until June 2024 to tell the company whether it plans to cancel its next renewal or allow it to automatically extend for another

five years, from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2031. The company had otherwise required five years' advance notice.

When the council first considered the 2.49-percent increase at its Aug. 4 meeting, Mayor Holli Thier and Vice Mayor Jon Welner sounded off on the proposal, asking why Mill Valley Refuse Service's rates in Tiburon are higher than the other jurisdictions it serves and once again calling for the town to put its garbage contract out to bid. The vote that night split 2-2 on approving the increase, with Thier and Welner dissenting, so the council agreed to continue discussion over to its next meeting. The delay was largely symbolic, as the council is required to approve the rate increase under the terms of its contract with Mill Valley Refuse, and the council had time to delay because the increase isn't set to go into effect until October.

At the Aug. 18 meeting, councilmembers heard from Hill Haven resident David Becker, who said the council should use the hearing as an opportunity to equalize the different rates that hillside and flat-neighborhood residents pay. He also asked that the next rate increase be brought to the Town Council before it is vetted by rate analyst firm R3.

"That would provide people with more assurance that it's been approved only after due diligence," he said.

Welner said he had discussed the contract with Tiburon Town Attorney Ben Stock and learned definitively that the town cannot change the contract terms for five more years, when it's up for renegotiation.

"I would like to reiterate my frustration with this contract, the way it's written, the way rates can increase without the council's control," he said. "We should modify this contract as soon as possible."

Thier echoed Welner's frustration.

"Part of the problem is that we're always at the 11th hour where we have to approve the rate increase," she said, noting she liked Becker's suggestion the rate increase come to the council as soon as it's proposed by the company.

Thier also said the town should bid out the refuse-collection contract when the time comes.

"Healthy competition allows for different services to be offered and different ways of managing trash collection," she said.

Reach Deirdre McCrohan at 415-944-4634.

Legal Notices

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NOVATO, CA 94945
ANTHONY GROTJAHN
7075 REDWOOD BLVD. SUITE I
NOVATO, CA 94945
This business is conducted by an individual

/s/Anthony Grotjahn
7075 Redwood Blvd. Suite I
Novato, CA 94947
FILED: June 23, 2021
Shelly Scott
Marin County Clerk
By: J. Gilardi

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517 PINEO AVE.
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This business is conducted by a corporation

/s/Jon Black
517 Pineo Ave.
Mill Valley, CA 94941
FILED: June 21, 2021
Shelly Scott
Marin County Clerk
By: J. Mannion

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201 SEMINARY DRIVE
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ALL SEASONS CATERING LLC
201 SEMINARY DRIVE
MILL VALLEY, CA 94941
This business is conducted by a limited liability company

/s/Janet Boddington, Managing Member
P.O. Box 916
Inverness, CA 94937
FILED: July 21, 2021
Shelly Scott
Marin County Clerk
By: J. Gilardi

Ark Legal 3841 Aug 11, 18, 25, Sept 1, 2021

TOWN OF TIBURON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Wednesday September 8, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

Teleconference Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Tiburon Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an application (CUP2021-002) filed by J5 Infrastructure Partners, representing AT&T Wireless, to modify an existing Conditional Use Permit issued for wireless communication facility (WCF) on a NC (Neighborhood Commercial) zoned property located at 1620 Tiburon Boulevard.

The proposed modifications involve replacement of two (2) existing panels antennas on the roof of the commercial building with four (4) panels antennas and new screen enclosures, removal of four (4) existing remote radio units (RRUs) in the existing equipment area on the ground, relocation of two (2) remote radio units (RRUs) from the equipment area onto the roof of the commercial building, installation of six (6) remote radio units (RRUs) on the roof of the commercial building, and removal of four (4) tower mounted amplifier (TMAs) on the roof of the commercial building. The facility is used for the transmission of Personal Communications Services (PCS) signals utilized by personal communications devices. The Marin County Assessor's Parcel Number for the project site is 059-101-03.

The public hearing will be held as a teleconference on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M.

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Information on this item is available for review on the Tiburon Community Development Planning Division website at <https://www.townoftiburon.org/357/Projects-Under-Review>. 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 Christy Fong, Senior Planner at cfong@townoftiburon.org

Public comment is invited. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may send a letter to the Planning Division at 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, CA 94920 or email your comments to Kris Bernard at kbernard@townoftiburon.org.

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/s/Stanley E. Vail, Managing Owner
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Mill Valley, CA 94941
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Marin County Clerk
By: J. Mannion

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323 DU BOIS ST.
SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901
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/s/Ashley David
323 Du Bois St.
San Rafael, CA 94901
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Marin County Clerk
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INVERNESS, CA 94937
ANDY'S ON THE BAY, LLC
12938 SIR FRANCIS
DRAKE BOULEVARD
INVERNESS, CA 94937
This business is conducted by a limited liability company

/s/Janet Boddington, Managing Member
P.O. Box 916
Inverness, CA 94937
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Shelly Scott
Marin County Clerk
By: J. Gilardi

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Teleconference Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Tiburon Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider marking a recommendation to the Town Council regarding an application (PZ2021-001), filed by the Jacqueline Bos and Eric McCrath Revocable Living Trust, to prezone four unincorporated parcels of land totally approximately 10.45 acres located at and in vicinity of 4916 Ranch Road within the Tiburon Planning Area and Town of Tiburon Sphere of Influence to RO-2 (residential open) zoning district, in anticipation for the annexation of the properties by the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) into the Town of Tiburon. The project site consists of Marin County Assessor Parcel No. 038-053-17, 038-061-14, 038-061-30 and 038-061-27.

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Ark Legal 3843 Aug 25, 2021

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Ark Legal 3844 Aug 25, 2021

Notice of Public Sale

A public sale by auction will be held at Valley Wine Warehouse, located at 175 Tower Road, American Canyon, California, on September 17, 2021, at the hour of 10:00 AM for the purpose of selling the following goods under the account of **Wendell Laidley, Colette Wines, Belvedere, CA:**

180 cases and 7 bottles 2012 Les Grands Vins Colette Durrell Chardonnay 12/750
48 cases 2013 Les Grands Vins Colette Durrell Chardonnay 12/750
19 cases of Assorted Realm Cellars library wines, vintages 2004-2009

This notice of sale is given pursuant to the provisions of section 7210 of the California Commercial Code to enforce the statutory lien owed to the undersigned, as warehouse, for charges arising out of the storage of the above described goods, including expenses necessary for their preservation and expenses reasonably incurred in their sale.

H.P.D. Consolidation, Inc. dba Valley Wine Warehouse
Paul Dumerauf, Assistant General Manager (707) 927-1519

Ark Legal 3845 Aug 25, 2021

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JONATHAN D. HULL PR. 2102648

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will, or estate, or both of JONATHAN D. HULL. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by STEVEN B. POPE in the Superior Court of California, County of Marin. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE request that SANDRA CONKLIN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on OCTOBER 4, 2021 at 9:00am in Department J, located at 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, Ca 94903

Mailing address 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, Ca 94903, Room: For Zoom information go to the court's website www.marincourt.org.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal

delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner: Dylan J. Recht
802 B Street
San Rafael, CA 94901
Filed: July 20, 2021
James M. Kim
Court Executive Officer
By: C. Lucchesi, Deputy

Ark Legal 3846 Aug 25, Sept 1, 8, 2021

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MARIN NO. CIV2102246 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME PETITION OF FATUUMA ALIMIRAH TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner FATUUMA ALIMIRAH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name FATUUMA ALIMIRAH to FATUUMA ALIMIRAH that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: September 22, 2021. Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept: A, Room:

b. The address of the court is 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 113, San Rafael, CA 94903.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county (The Ark newspaper).

FILED: July 21, 2021
s/s JAMES T. CHOU
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
James M. Kim, Court Executive Officer, MARIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
By: J. Chen, Deputy

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'The Lego Batman Movie' will be playing at the drive-in presented by the Lark Theater at the Village at Corte Madera Aug. 28.

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PICKS OF THE WEEK

Modern art show looks at 'Oasis'

Two new exhibitions at Seager Gray Gallery examine our current mindsets. Sixteen mostly Bay Area artists are participating in "Oasis," running through Sept. 30, with contemporary works contemplating what makes a place soothing. They include figurative works, sculpture, monotypes, oil paintings and mixed media. In the second gallery is "Dinner Plates" by Renee Bolt, combining two delicate types of items important in the past: fine patterned china and handwritten letters. The gallery is located at 108 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley, and is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays and noon-4 p.m. Sundays. The show is free. 415-384-8288 or seagergray.com.

Live music at beer garden in Mill Valley

The Junction Beer Garden and Bottle Shop, at 226 Shoreline Highway in Mill Valley, is hosting live music several times a week in its outdoor beer garden through September. Up first, on Aug. 26, Paige Clem and the Clementines will play Americana from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 28, indie rock band Casual Coalition performs, followed by Scott Guberman and Friends covering the Grateful Dead and more 2-5 p.m. Aug. 29. There is no cover charge. Proof of coronavirus vaccination received more than two weeks prior is required for attendees 12 and older; those under 12 must wear a mask. 415-888-3544 or thejunc.com.

Two different takes on Batman at Lark Theater drive-in

The Lark Theater's drive-in series will have back-to-back Batman this weekend, though they couldn't be more different. At 8 p.m. Aug. 27, the drive-in will show the 2008 action epic "The Dark Knight," starring Christian Bale and Heath Ledger in an Oscar-winning performance. At 8 p.m. Aug. 28, the film will be 2017's "The Lego Batman Movie," the fast-paced animated comedy starring Will Arnett as a decidedly selfish and grumpy Batman. Tickets are \$15 solo drivers, \$30 for two or more per car, advance sales only. The drive-in is on Redwood Highway across from Nordstrom at the Village at Corte Madera. 415-924-5111 or larktheater.net.

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Calendar

'REMINISCENCE'

25 Today

FILM

"Respect." 4 p.m. and 7:25 p.m. CinéArts Sequoia. Biopic of Aretha Franklin starring Jennifer Hudson.

"Free Guy." 4:15 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. CinéArts Sequoia, 7 p.m. Century Larkspur. Ryan Reynolds stars as a character in a computer game.

"Stillwater." 6:30 p.m. Century Larkspur. Matt Damon stars as a father trying to prove his daughter's innocence.

"Reminiscence." 6:40 p.m. Century Larkspur. Neo-noir sci-fi thriller starring Hugh Jackman.

"The Night House." 7:10 p.m. Century Larkspur. Atmospheric horror film starring Rebecca Hall.

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.

MARKET

Farmers Market. Noon-5 p.m. Town Center Corte Madera, 100 Corte Madera Town Center Drive. A weekly farmers market for fresh produce and more. Free. 415-924-2961 or marincommunityfarmersmarkets.org.

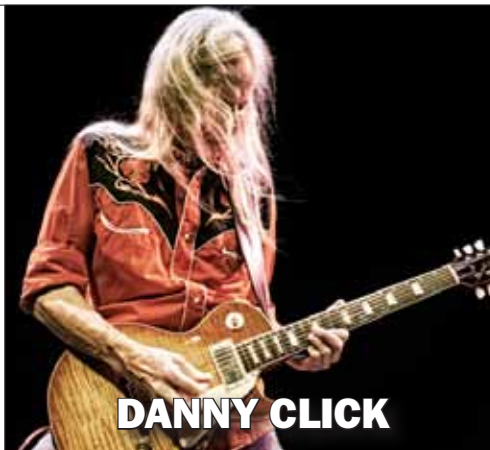
26 Thursday

FILM

"Candyman." Opening 7 p.m. Century Larkspur. A sequel/reboot of the horror film, written by Jordan Peele.

Contact theaters for additional dates and showtimes. Century Larkspur: 415-461-4849 or arkn.ws/centurylarkspur.

"Trolls World Tour." 8 p.m. Village at Corte Madera across from Nordstrom, Redwood Highway, Corte Madera. Drive-in showing of the 2020 animated musical starring Anna Kendrick and Justin Timberlake. \$15 solo drivers, \$30 for two or more per car, advance sales only. 415-924-5111 or larktheater.net.



DANNY CLICK

27 Friday

FILM

"Finding Nemo." 6 p.m. Tent at Marin Country Mart, 2257 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur. A screening of the 2003 Pixar film about a fish searching for his lost son. Free. 415-461-5700 or marincountrymart.com.

TOUR

"Tours and Tales of Throckmorton Theatre." 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 4. Throckmorton Theatre, 142 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. A guided tour through staged rooms for behind-the-scenes stories. \$25. 415-383-9600 or throckmortontheatre.org.

28 Saturday

MUSIC

Weekend Sounds. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. weekends through Oct. 31. Strawberry Village Shopping Center, 800 Redwood Highway frontage road, Strawberry. A variety of live music outdoors. Free. strawberryvillage.com.

STAGE

"Twelfth Night." 2 p.m. weekends and Labor Day through Sept. 6. Old Mill Park amphitheater, Throckmorton Avenue and Cascade Drive, Mill Valley. Performance of Shakespeare's comedy by Curtain Theater. Free. curtaintheatre.org.

ART

"Continuous Clay: Trends and Innovations." 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesdays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends through Sept. 5. Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, 500 Palm Drive, Novato. Works by nine Bay Area ceramic artists along with "Dialogues," works by Gary Marsh and Donna Wallace-Cohen and "Invincible," art on Latinx themes. Free. 415-506-0137 or marinmoca.org.

"On Board." Reception 4-6 p.m., exhibition 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 23. O'Hanlon Center for the Arts, 616 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. Works by members of the O'Hanlon Center's board of directors. Free. 415-388-4331 or ohanloncenter.org.



'THE LOST LEONARDO'

29 Sunday

OUTDOORS

Food trucks. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Marin Country Mart, 2257 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur. A variety of food trucks for outdoor dining. Free. 415-461-5700 or marincountrymart.com.

ART

"Visible/Invisible." Noon-4 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays through Oct. 2. Marin Society of Artists, 1515 Third St., San Rafael. A group show on the seen and unseen. Free. 415-454-9561 or marinsocietyofartists.org.

MUSIC

The Sam Chase. 1-3 p.m. Town Center Corte Madera. Folk rock, part of the Summer Music Series. Free. shoptowncenter.com.

Danny Click and the Heck Yeahs. 5-6:30 p.m. Piccolo Pavilion, Menke Park, Redwood Avenue and Montecito Drive. Rock and blues, the last of the summer's Corte Madera Summer Concerts series. Free. cortemaderacomunityfoundation.org.

30 Monday

"Ailey." 4 p.m. A documentary on groundbreaking dancer/choreographer Alvin Ailey.

"White as Snow." 7:15 p.m. A modern take on "Snow White" starring Lou de Laâge and Isabelle Huppert.

"The Lost Leonardo." Opening Aug. 27. The story of the most expensive da Vinci painting ever sold and its shady history.

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

31 Tuesday

ART

"A Sense of Knowing." 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 18. Desta Gallery, 100 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. Abstract works on aluminum and paper by Stephanie Weber. Free. 415-384-8762 or destagallery.com.

"Journey of the Line: Selected Works." 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 14. Sarah Shepard Gallery, 2245 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur. Knotted works by fiber artist Windy Chien. Free. 415-295-7791 or sarahsheperdgallery.com.



THE SAM CHASE

The Arts

SF Opera returns to the stage with beloved 'Tosca'

By CAROL BENET

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It was glorious to be back at the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco after a 20-month closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The beloved "Tosca" was performed live on the stage in front of an enthusiastic audience that showed proof of vaccination and donned face coverings to enter. Among the patrons were 500 health-care workers who received discounted \$10 tickets to see one of the most beautiful operas ever written.

The San Francisco Opera has performed "Tosca" 188 times over 41 previous seasons starting in 1932. The current production could not be better, with a cast of marvelous choristers and soloists. The excellent orchestra was wonderfully conducted by new director Eun Sun Kim. The stage direction by Shawna Lucey enlivened the show

if you go

"Tosca" plays through Sept. 5 at the San Francisco Opera, 301 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco.

Evenings: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27 and Sept. 3.

Matinees: 2 p.m. Aug. 29 and Sept. 5.

Tickets: \$26-\$360.

Info: sfopera.com or 415-864-3330.

with believable drama. Robert Innes Hopkins designed the production, with gorgeous scenes in the church where it opens, the luxurious apartment of Scarpia and the site of the execution. And as usual, the chorus conducted by Ian Robertson, who will retire from the troupe after this season, was exceptional.

Puccini was inspired by Sardou's 1887 play "La Tosca" that starred Sarah Bernhardt in the title role. The original opera premiered in 1900, garnering as much fame as the play. It tells the story of the love and tragedy of popular opera singer Floria Tosca. Tosca is sung and acted by the multi-talented Ailyn Pérez, a former Merola Opera training program participant in 2005. Her duets with her lover, the artists Cavaradossi (played by the equally stellar tenor Michael Fabiano), are splendid. Alfred Walker's portrayal of the wicked chief of police Scarpia was not as strong as the pair of lovers, whose solos and duets were incomparable.

The story starts in the church where Angelotti (Soloman



CORY WEAVER / SAN FRANCISCO OPERA

Ailyn Pérez is Tosca and Michael Fabiano is Cavaradossi in Puccini's 'Tosca,' the first production of the San Francisco Opera's 99th season and first opera at the War Memorial since the pandemic shutdown.

Howard), a fugitive from prison, is seeking safety. Tosca comes to meet Cavaradossi, and a delightful scene of amour and jealousy ensues with cheerful major-scaled music and amusing antics by the sacristan, played by Dale Travis. When the evil Scarpia enters looking for Angelotti, the music turns dark and falls into the minor keys, ending in a huge choral procession of church worshippers singing "Te Deum."

The second act takes place in Scarpia's apartment, where he tries to seduce Tosca as well as find out the hiding place of Angelotti. The scene ends in Tosca stabbing Scarpia. Act III is the most somber of all because Tosca thinks

Scarpia has ordered a false execution of Cavaradossi and arranged passage to freedom for the lovers. When the artist is really shot and killed, the despondent Tosca throws herself to her death.

This compact plot has riveted theater and opera audiences for more than 100 years, and the current production of "Tosca" at the San Francisco Opera ensures the show will endure for another century.

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.

September Arts Preview

'Princess Bride,' 'Apollo 13' to show with live music at SF Symphony

By CAROL BENET

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There are plenty of concerts, plays and museum exhibits to look forward to next month during the transition from summer to fall.

Music

San Francisco Opera: Puccini's "Tosca" continues with performances on Sept. 3 and 5. The beloved opera tells the story of the singer Tosca (Ailyn Pérez) who comes to meet her lover Cavaradossi (Michael

Fabiano) only to be foiled by the evil chief of police Scarpia (Alfred Walker).

The opera plans to recognize its return to live concerts after more than a year of pandemic-related closures. On Sept. 10, the opera will perform a live homecoming concert featuring soprano Rachel

Willis-Sørensen, mezzo-soprano Jamie Barton and the opera orchestra. The same night, the show will be simulcast as part of Opera at the Ballpark, a free event at Oracle Park in San Francisco.

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6:18 am	6:30 am	6:38 am	6:53 am	7:43 am	7:59 am	8:06 am	8:18 am
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
10:55 am	11:11 am	11:18 am	11:30 am	12:23 pm	12:39 pm	12:46 pm	12:58 pm
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1:20 pm	1:36 pm	1:38 pm	1:54 pm	2:43 pm	2:59 pm	3:06 pm	3:18 pm
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2:30 pm	2:46 pm	2:56 pm	3:18 pm	3:53 pm	4:09 pm	4:16 pm	4:28 pm
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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

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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^	5:15 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.				

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Off-commute, evening & weekend ferry: Pier 41 (effective June 23)				*Via Sausalito #Via Angel Island
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive Pier 41	
10:15 am	11:15 am#	11:30 am	12:30 pm^	
5:45 pm	6:15 pm	6:30 pm	7:30 pm^	
(addt'l service suspended)				

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	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Wed, Aug 25	1:43 am 5.6	7:54 am 0.4	2:42 pm 5.4	8:22 pm 1.7
Thu, Aug 26	2:31 am 5.1	8:29 am 1.0	3:12 pm 5.4	9:12 pm 1.6
Fri, Aug 27	3:24 am 4.6	9:06 am 1.7	3:44 pm 5.4	10:06 pm 1.5
Sat, Aug 28	4:28 am 4.2	9:46 am 2.3	4:19 pm 5.4	11:07 pm 1.4
Sun, Aug 29	5:52 am 3.9	10:37 am 2.8	5:02 pm 5.3	- - -
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Mon, Aug 30	12:15 am 1.3	7:37 am 3.9	11:47 am 3.3	5:53 pm 5.3
Tue, Aug 31	1:22 am 1.1	9:03 am 4.1	1:06 pm 3.4	6:52 pm 5.4
Wed, Sep 1	2:21 am 0.8	9:57 am 4.4	2:12 pm 3.4	7:51 pm 5.5

Aug. 25: Sunrise: 6:34 am, Sunset: 7:49 pm | NEXT FULL MOON: Sept. 20 | NEXT EXTREME TIDE: Sept. 4

Robin's Recipes

by Robin Scott Wray

Meyer lemon primavera

The lemon flavor is a tasty addition to this lovely pasta.

Ingredients

Lemon gremolata:
1 cup toasted panko breadcrumbs
4 Meyer lemons, zested
3 tablespoons butter, softened
2 tablespoons parsley, minced
Pasta:
1 pound spaghetti
4 ounces zucchini, diced
4 ounces yellow squash, diced
2 tablespoons butter
½cup cream
3 cloves garlic, crushed
3 tablespoons parsley
1 cup white wine
1 pound prawns
3 Meyer lemons, sliced paper-thin

Directions

Mix the gremolata ingredients together and set aside. Cook the pasta according to the directions and set aside. Sauté the zucchini and yellow squash in 2 tablespoons butter. When soft, add the cream, garlic, parsley and white wine. When all the liquid has evaporated, add the prawns and cook for about 2-3 minutes.



ROBIN SCOTT WRAY / FOR THE ARK

When ready to serve, combine the mixture with the lemons with the spaghetti and place in shallow bowls. Top with the gremolata. Enjoy!

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.

Tots

Toddler and Pre-K Programs: Fall classes for ages 9 months to 5 years old include toddler play group, taekwondo, gymnastics, ballet, music and Pee-Wee All Ball.

Youth

After School Club: 2:40 p.m. or 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays at Dairy Knoll beginning Aug. 30; \$1,025 for seven weeks. Children in K-2 will be picked up by The Ranch's staff from Reed Elementary and be brought to the Dairy Knoll Center. Each day will include free play and a variety of structured activities like arts, crafts, science, sports and more. Sign up for the whole week or by the day.

Teens

Friday Night Hangout: 7-9 p.m. Fridays beginning Aug. 27 at Dairy Knoll; \$8. Kids in grades 6-8 can play games, watch movies, eat snacks and more every Friday night.

Adults

American Mah Jongg for Beginners with Janie Kimball: 3-5 p.m. Fridays beginning Sept. 10 at the Belvedere Community Center; \$90-\$95 for five weeks. Come learn this stimulating rummy-like game that is played with tiles. All the basics will be explained in simple terms including setting up, dealing and selecting hands.

Beginning Bridge Part 1 with Henry Kingdon: 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Belvedere Community Center; \$150-\$159. Players will learn and practice basic bridge techniques for declarer play, defense and bidding. Every lesson contains several hands that students will play to demonstrate each new concept. Students will take turns as declarer and defender.

Drop-in Duplicate Bridge with David Blohm: 1000's 10:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thursdays, 2000's 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Fridays at the Belvedere Community Center; \$10-\$12 per session. Weekly duplicate bridge games sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League. The game is stratified. Come with a partner or call 415-272-8329. Proof of vaccination required.

Yoga for Body and Mind with Diane Green: 5:45-6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Belvedere Community Center; \$16-\$18 drop-in or \$140 for 10 classes. Achieve strength, flexibility, improved alignment, and, not least, peace of mind. Class ends in a deep relaxation. Please bring light weights and a yoga mat.

Submitted by The Ranch office manager Michelle Barsky.

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Check it Out at the Library

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

There is no curbside pickup service at the library this week due to major electrical work that is part of the project. The on-site book drop will also be closed.

Curbside pickups are set to resume Aug. 30 with regular hours, 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 kids

For more information, visit beltiblibrary.org/kids.

Children’s Summer Reading Program: Pick up a summer reading kit that includes a reading log, craft activity and other goodies. Each week there will be a new virtual event, and each month there will be a new craft kit.

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.

Borrow a device: Check out Wi-Fi hotspots, Roku streaming devices pre-loaded with Kanopy and Hoopla, and Nook

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Do research: Search the library’s EBSCO article database, which can be found in the “Do Research” tab on the library’s website. Online resources include Consumer Reports, Morningstar and Value Line for financial information, LinkedIn Learning and O’Reilly Learning for classes on new technology, Ancestry.com for genealogy and more. For details, visit beltiblibrary.org/do-research.

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Submitted by Belvedere-Tiburon Library Director Deborah Mazzolini. Reach the library, located at 1501 Tiburon Blvd., at beltiblibrary.org or 415-789-2665.

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Info: sfopera.com or 415-864-3330.

San Francisco Symphony: Catch screenings of the 1987 cult classic “The Princess Bride” Sept. 22-23 and the 1995 blockbuster “Apollo 13” Sept. 24-25, with the symphony performing the scores live.

Info: sfsymphony.org or 415-864-6000.

Opera Parallèle: Stream “Everest,” a graphic-novel opera from this innovative and excellent ensemble.

Composed by Joby Talbot and librettist Gene Scheer, this one-act opera follows the true-life stories of Rob Hall, Doug Hansen and Beck Weathers, three of the climbers involved in the 1996 Mount Everest disaster.

The show premiered in 2015 under the baton of Opera Parallèle’s Artistic Director Nicole Paiement at the Dallas Opera, which

commissioned the original work.

Info: operaparallele.org.

Theater

San Francisco Playhouse: “Starting Here, Starting Now,” a musical revue featuring 24 songs with lyrics by Richard Maltby Jr. and music by David Shire, runs through Oct. 2. The cast consists of three singers who tell about love, the lack of it and the longing for it. David Shire is the son of big band leader Irv Shire, who was the piano teacher to many of my friends when I was growing up in Buffalo, N.Y.

Info: sfplayhouse.org or 415-677-9596.

Museums

Contemporary Jewish Museum: “Experience Leonard Cohen,” a series of four solo exhibitions that present works by contemporary artists inspired by the life and work

of the late Cohen, continues this month.

Info: thecjm.org or 415-655-7800.

De Young Museum: “Judy Chicago: A Retrospective” runs through January and exhibits 130 paintings, drawings, ceramic sculptures, prints, ephemera and videos of this innovative feminist artist. She’s perhaps best known for her installation “The Dinner Party,” created in San Francisco in 1979, that featured a huge display of ceramic place settings for important female figures through history, such as Hildegard von Bingen, Georgia O’Keeffe and Emily Dickinson.

Info: famsf.org or 415-750-3600.

Jessica Silverman Gallery: Judy Chicago is also the focus of an exhibit at this Chinatown gallery. Chicago’s “Human Geometries” runs through Sept. 25.

Info: jessicasilvermangallery.com.

Berkeley Art Museum: The museum has two exhibits of interest on view in

September. “The Enduring Mark” tracks the history of European and American drawing from the 15th century to the 20th century, featuring works from artists including Peter Paul Rubens, Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, Paul Klee and Joan Miró.

The second exhibit, “Kay Sekimachi: Geometries,” includes more than 50 works that highlight the different materials Sekimachi has used throughout her career. Sekimachi is known for using monofilament, thread, paper and other objects to create art that combines American and Japanese traditions.

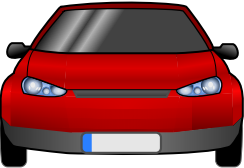
Info: bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-642-0808.

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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