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ATT lines cut for copper in Multiple places

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Yesterday we discovered we had no internet or land line service because crooks had stolen the copper wire from ATT's main lines opposite Rural Lane (off Alpine) They did the same thing in Portola Valley, along Sand Hill road, and in Woodside. I am typing this on a very old computer at Little House. We were told we'd have no internet or land line service until Feb. 27.!! Also, Alpine Road has flag men and is blocked off. I hope the sheriff catches them. The damage by Rural Lane involved a pole about 50 ft. high and they they must have accessed the pole by climbing down from Stanford Hills because the polet is located at the base of a very high hill.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE LACK OF PROTECTION

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SHERIFF OFFICE ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL?**Emergency Services' Useless Alerts:**

In January during the rains, people in at least Stanford Weekend Acres were woken up twice in the middle of the night by inane Alerts: (1) for some crisis in Monterey County, and (2) for a mythical "flash flood" in Ladera that would have been physically impossible.

SO's Lack of Knowledge of ATT Internet Crash/Traffic Chaos:

Wednesday, **2/11 a.m.** The computers were not functioning. Tearing apart the router proved fruitless. Trying to access Alpine road was near impossible, plus the road was blocked by huge cranes, multiple trucks, dangling wires, and total chaos. Apparently during Tuesday night (**2/10/26**) crooks had scaled the huge poles opposite Rural Lane and stolen all the ATT copper wires. ATT service rep. said that service would only be restored **2/27/26!** The workmen reported **2/13** that other significant thefts had also occurred along Alpine Road in Portola Valley along Sand Hill Road, and in Woodside, even while they were repairing the lines on Alpine.

I texted the SO to report the outage. **Feb. 12** Mark Myers responded that he showed *good coverage* in the area, and that no one had reported an outage. **Feb. 13** he texted me that ATT made a report to the SO and that coverage would be back "in a few days!" ATT told us *perhaps* service could be restored **Feb. 18! Eight days after the theft.**

In addition to individuals' need for secure internet coverage (especially at tax time) presumably PGE relies on it for remote reading of utility meters, and SFPUC apparently uses it to control/monitor water flow through the 8ft. diameter Hetch Hetchy pipeline that bisects our property. Some elderly people living alone rely on a land line for emergency help. There is still no coverage as of **2/14/26.**

There were reports that **BART was shut down** for some days because crooks dug up all the copper lines those cars relied on.

The Daily Post **2/13/26** reported on page 8 that, according to Lt. Craig Lee, last weekend burglars broke into 3825 Fabian Way in Palo Alto and removed copper wiring, causing over \$100,000 damage.

Earlier this week a couple of fire engines from Station E4 were frantically trying to reach an emergency somewhere up Alpine Road. The intersection at Junipero Serra/Alpine was totally blocked. The west side of Alpine was blocked by equipment and traffic in both directions was one lane. The fire engines

were trying desperately to get to the emergency by using the bike lane on the west side of Alpine but it was completely blocked by traffic coming from 280 that could not move out of the way.

UPDATE SATURDAY FEB. 14

No work being done on Alpine road equipment and no internet service. My husband spent ages on the cell phone with ATT to check status. Apparently the thieves took other equipment that is not in stock with ATT and they have to order replacements. If this equipment arrives, ATT might be able to restore internet service on Wednesday Feb. 18: 8 days after the theft!

This is a totally unacceptable situation, especially in tax season. What do you plan to do to safeguard critical infrastructure, and to ensure that the SO and other agencies are up to coping with emergencies, which they obviously are not at present.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why no notification of outage to SO by ATT?**
- 2. Why no automatic system of notification by ATT to SO?**
- 3. Why no traffic support by SO/CHP if and when drivers complained?**
- 4. Who is buying all this copper?**
- 5 Given the number of incidents why no interagency Task Force in operation?**
- 6. Why no ALERT so commuters having internet connection, could alter route?**
- 7. Why is critical infrastructure not secure?**
- 8. Why was the ATT coverage depicted as “good” when it was nonexistent?**
- 9. What if anything is going to be done to rectify these failures?**



Inappropriate Measure K requests

From Janet Davis <jadjad@sbcglobal.net>
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CONTINUAL INAPPROPRIATE MEASURE K FUND REQUESTS

The Measure Priorities touted in the election materials and recently re-emphasized, were listed as:

- **Housing & Homelessness**
- **Seniors, families & children**
- **Emergency Preparedness**

BOS Agenda Item 12: \$50,000 to Build a Steel Bridge

This bridge gets only 33 crossings/day and is listed as being in a serviceable condition. It is proposed to build it using steel (in the middle of a redwood forest) on land owned by Save the Redwoods League.

The **State Fish and Game Dept. response to the “Mitigated” Negative Declaration (NOT attached to this request) was highly critical of this project (pp 24-31) because of its NEGATIVE impact on the environment and it further stated that there was NO NEED for the second bridge.**

BOS Agenda Item 13: \$25,000 to the HMB Chamber of Commerce for Signs

This has no apparent connection to any priority whatsoever and serves only the business community, who one would suppose, could look after their own interests without handouts from the taxpayers.

BOS Agenda Item 14: \$22,698 for a San Carlos School Crossing Guard

While this is related to children, there is absolutely nothing to demonstrate (a) which of the many district schools require this; (b) what hazard requires a crossing guard to safeguard children (c) If this is necessary for safety why this is not covered by the \$334.60/parcel tax imposed on all buildings throughout the school district.

There are so many needs in District 3 that DO fit the priorities and DO need to be addressed yet the Discretionary Measure K requests are often frittered away on relatively frivolous trivia such as meditation on the cliffs or renovating an old street car.

The result is that the discretionary funds often appear to be slush funds that cater to special interests. At the very least the requests listed on the BOS Agenda should be transparent as to the basis for the request.



YSC Study Session

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Honorable Supervisors,

On December 9, 2026 you received a presentation from Johanna Rasmussen, chair of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC) and I will tell you that for the first time in years, those of us who are deeply involved in the juvenile legal system, felt heard! We thank you for your questions, your comments and your promise to hold a study session.

We understand that there are other pressing issues that you are faced with addressing.. That said, although the members have changed, this board has been receiving annual inspection reports from the JJJPC yearly all along. These same issues have been brought up in all of these inspection reports, year after year and they honestly have been ignored completely.

These kids matter to I and I believe to you and although the larger community may not recognize it, how they are treated makes a huge difference in how they return to our community. Everyone wants to be safe, that is something I know you all hear regularly. Let's do what we can so that these kids have healthy food, much needed mental health services, and the basic care and 'respect' they deserve.

We need this study session to happen so that the problems facing our detained youth are addressed with the urgency and attention they deserve. Please see that is it scheduled ASAP and if at all possible, please schedule it for evening so that the JJJPC members themselves, family members of incarcerated youth, and the general public is able to attend what is supposed to be an open to the public session.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your service.

Becca Kieler

 For All...

“It’s easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.” Fredrick Douglass

"The greatest driver of violence is shame" Dr. Gilligan



Public comment on non-agenda item Feb 24 Board meeting

From Nancy Tierney <nhtierney@gmail.com>

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Board Members,

I am Nancy Tierney, a resident of Pacifica. For more than a year I have worked with a broad coalition of people throughout California to promote a Climate Superfund act, otherwise known as Make Polluters Pay. Modeled after legislation in New York and Vermont, the act holds the major fossil fuel companies responsible for the climate damage their industries cause. Statewide over 130 elected officials have signed a petition. Neighboring San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties have adopted resolutions. Many of us have introduced resolutions to our city councils—I in Pacifica and others in San Mateo, Burlingame, Hillsborough, Half Moon Bay. As our state faces a serious budget deficit, this act provides revenue to pay for climate harms and to build resiliency. I urge you to adopt an ordinance supporting Make Polluters Pay, joining our cities and legislators. Our broad coalition of old and young advocates is in this fight for the long haul.