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Angora goat Boots is ready to work

Eagle Scout Troop 810 working in the Campolindo Garden

Photos Vera Kochan

Eagle Scouts and Angora goats tend Campolindo Garden

By Vera Kochan

A small patch of land between Campolindo High School's stadium and parking lot has been designated the Campolindo Garden for nearly nine years. Surrounded by a fence, the garden currently contains a small bed of flowers along with six beds of beans, cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, beets and kale.

According to project lead Justin Seligman, who teaches video production, art and photography classes, "Quality veggies are shared with students and the community. Veggies that aren't up to snuff are composted or offered to the goats." Although not a crop, the garden also boasts a chicken coop with approximately seven egg-layers.

Normally tended by Campo's Environmental Club with help from the Leadership Club, Seligman

stated, "On Mondays, there would usually be students out here, but it's been difficult with COVID." That's when Walnut Creek's Eagle Scout Troop 810 decided to pitch in and help with path clearing and upgrading the irrigation system. Scout Master Bruce Lezer's troop will earn community service merit badges for their efforts.

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Police make progress after recent spate of robberies



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Plywood, recently painted, covers broken windows following a Feb. 23 robbery at Moraga Ace Hardware and Lumber.

By Sora O'Doherty

Police in Lamorinda have been busy following a recent

spate of robberies. Several of the incidents. According to Lafayette Police Department Sgt. Charlene Jacquez, a breakthrough resulted in the arrest of the suspect during the commission of another commercial burglary in Sacramento.

The suspect had been identified for a series of commercial burglaries over six days beginning Feb. 17 that included at least nine burglaries, five attempted burglaries and three bicycle thefts. In addition, the suspect is believed to have taken multiple credit cards from the businesses and used them to make fraudulent purchases. The burglaries were linked by a common method, the premises were breached by use of a crowbar.

Jacquez credits diligent citizens, cameras and busi-

ness footage for helping police to identify two suspects. The information developed mostly linked a male suspect to similar crimes in Orinda, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Benicia, Sacramento, and Butte County, operating with the assistance of a local female. The suspect was detained on Feb. 27 but fled on foot. He was captured on March 6 while committing another burglary in Sacramento and is currently in custody in Sacramento County.

The suspect's name is not being released at this time, but it is known that he is from out of state. He is a white male adult in his 30s. The female suspect is a white female in her 30s. Jacquez said it was "definitely very frustrating for businesses going through so much with [the]

pandemic, suffering so much, to be victimized in that way, it was horrible." Jacquez added that the authorities are very pleased to put a stop to the activity and hope to see justice through the judicial system, adding that there is no nexus to the burglary of the Moraga Ace Hardware store when an SUV rammed into its front glass door on Feb. 23.

Lieutenant Brian South of the Moraga Police Department reported that the investigation of that incident is ongoing. Two unidentified masked suspects loaded power tools into a shopping cart and fled the scene. The incident appears to be unrelated to another a day earlier, when rototillers were stolen from the storage area of the nearby Moraga Garden Center.

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