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San Mateo Wine Walk canceled

Downtown efforts focused on assessment district

By **Bill Silverfarb**
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF

San Mateo's Wine Walk will not take place this year, a surprise to merchants and city officials who said the annual event is one of the city's best marketing tools for downtown businesses.

"Multiple circumstances prevent us from producing it again this year," Rob Edwards, executive director of the Downtown San Mateo Association wrote yesterday in an email to the Daily Journal.

DSMA board member Raffat Haddad, owner of 3 Bees Coffee on East Third Avenue, was opposed to canceling the annual event, however.

"I'm not proud of this decision," Haddad said. "It is a signature event for downtown and was very successful for my business. It creates a big buzz."

The plan is to retool the event and bring it back next year, Edwards said.

Last year's 15th annual event in late June drew about 6,000 people to San Mateo's downtown on a Friday night and raised about \$25,000 for holiday

events during Halloween and Christmas.

"I'm kind of shocked," said Misty Megia, owner of Play N Trade on B Street and former secretary of the DSMA. "The event brings so many people downtown and really raises our awareness."

The DSMA got off to a late start with organizing this year's event, Edwards said, and has not started the necessary groundwork of securing corporate dollars and sponsorships, winery participation and the proper permits.

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ERIK OEVERNDIEK/DAILY JOURNAL FILE PHOTO
Last year's 15th annual Wine Walk in late June drew about 6,000 people to San Mateo's downtown on a Friday night and raised about \$25,000.

National wave of euphoria

Not everyone believes bin Laden is dead

By **Robert Burns and Calvin Woodward**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Knowing there would be disbelievers, the U.S. says it used convincing means to confirm Osama bin Laden's identity during and after the firefight that killed him. But the mystique that surrounded the terrorist chieftain in life is persisting in death.

Was it really him? How do we know? Where are the pictures? Already, those questions are



Osama bin Laden



REUTERS

Bob Mika, left, and Liam Kolb react to the death of Osama bin Laden at the construction site of the former World Trade Center towers in New York.

Bin Laden's demise: U.S. rejoices after a decade

By **Adam Goldman and Chris Brummitt**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After nearly a decade of anger and fear, America rejoiced Monday at the demise of Osama bin Laden, the terror mastermind behind the horrific 9/11 attacks. Navy SEALs who killed the world's most-wanted terrorist seized a trove of al-Qaida documents to pore over, and President Barack Obama laid plans to visit New York's ground zero.

Bin Laden, killed in an intense firefight in a daring raid at his fortified hideout in Pakistan, was hunted down based on information first gleaned years ago from detainees at secret CIA prison sites in Eastern Europe, officials disclosed.

His body was quickly taken away for burial at sea, but not before a DNA match was done to prove his identity. A U.S. official said there also were photos showing bin Laden with the fatal wound above his left eye, a gunshot that

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The death of Osama bin Laden

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Step forward for shared police records, dispatch

By **Heather Murtagh**
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Burlingame officials are interested in saving money by sharing police records and dispatch services with San Mateo while upgrading technology and moved forward last night to further study it and

create an implementation plan.

"I think this is something we'll have to do in the future so we might as well take a look at it," said Vice Mayor Jerry Deal.

The Burlingame City Council is beginning the discussion of sharing dispatch and records,

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Home invasion suspects on loose

Suspects posed as construction workers; victim assaulted

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A group of three men, one wearing a yellow hard hat, forced entry into an elderly woman's home in San Mateo early yesterday afternoon, ransacking it before making off with some of the victim's valuables, according to police.

The victim was assaulted, suffered a visible injury and was treated at the scene, said San

Mateo Deputy Police Chief Mike Callagy.

The three men, posing as construction or utility workers, came to the victim's front door and rang the bell at about 1:25 p.m., Callagy said.

The victim, in her 80s, did not answer the door, however, and the three men entered the home on the 400 block of Portola Drive in the

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