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NOTICE IS GIVEN that the District Board of West Bay Sanitary District will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the District's Board Room located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider a proposed increase in sewer services charges for fiscal year 2017/2018. Additional information is available through the District's website (www.westbaysanitary.org) and on the official notice that was mailed to every parcel address that pays District rates.

The annual sewer service charge will increase from \$1,031 per single family residence to \$1,072 in fiscal year 2017/2018. Approximately 68 homes in the Portola Valley area (located within the On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone) who pay higher charges for the maintenance of their STEP or Grinder Sewer Collection Systems will increase from \$1,312 per single family residence to \$1,364 in fiscal year 2017/2018. Non-residential rates will increase proportionately according to loading characteristics. The increased charges are required to fund needed maintenance and reconstruction to the sewer system and to the Silicon Valley Clean Water regional wastewater treatment plant.

Protests against the proposed rate increase must be submitted in writing by 4:00pm on May 10, 2017, and signed by the property owner, must identify the owner(s) of the property for which the protest is entered, and must include the property address and assessor's parcel number (APN).

/s/ Phil Scott
Phil Scott, District Manager

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Community outcry torpedoed fire station plan

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Usually the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's governing board meets in a nearly empty room.

On Tuesday night, March 21, however, residents of Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood filled up the room and spilled out the door.

They were protesting the district's plans to expand its Chilco Street fire station, especially the part of the plan that would displace one of the area's most beloved families, the Hoermanns. Their 3,000-square-foot home and a rear cottage on Terminal Avenue, built with lots of sweat equity over the past 10 years and occupied by two teachers, four children and an engineer, were to be replaced with a driveway.

The residents spoke during a public hearing that was supposed to be on an environmental impact report on a plan for

replacing the fire station at 1467 Chilco St. The fire board was scheduled to approve and adopt the report, and to approve the conceptual design for the fire station.

The environmental report considers three residential properties, one on Chilco Street and two on Terminal Avenue, as part of the project to expand the fire station.

Chief Harold Schapelhouman said after the meeting that one of the Terminal Avenue property owners had been willing to sell his property, and that the district has not yet heard from the owners of the Chilco Avenue property.

Residents received their first notice of the environmental report, and the plans for the station, on Feb. 17. The owners of the affected properties also heard from the fire district around that date, receiving notices that the "project may require the acquisition of your real property" along with a



Photo by Barbara Wood

More than 50 people crowded into the Menlo Park fire district's meeting room on March 21 to protest a plan that would have turned the property owned by one of the Belle Haven neighborhood's most beloved families into a driveway.

brochure about the eminent domain process, which allows a public agency to force a landowner to sell his or her property.

After hearing speakers, some of them leaving most in the room wiping away tears, the board voted unanimously to

send the plans back to the drawing board. They also voted to

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Fire chief: Mistakes were made

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

The day after the Menlo Park Fire Protection District agreed to go back to the drawing board with its plans for expanding its Chilco Street fire station, district Chief Harold Schapelhouman readily admitted mistakes had been made.

"We were process-driven instead of being people-driven," he said of what led to more than 50 residents of the Belle Haven neighborhood showing up at a March 21 fire board meeting to

protest the plans.

The residents were especially angry that the district had notified a neighborhood family that the Terminal Avenue home they had spent the last 10 years building was being considered for acquisition.

The fire chief said the district's actions were done in "the legal way you have to do things," but added that the district may have been remiss in "the people part."

Chief Schapelhouman and other district officials said, however, that although they have abandoned the plan to

acquire two Terminal Avenue properties, they are still considering acquiring a residential property on Chilco Street and the land they are currently leasing from the city of Menlo Park. The chief said the district's board has not ruled out using eminent domain to acquire both properties.

On March 14 board President Peter Carpenter, in an email to the chief and the district's legal counsel, suggested sending Menlo Park a "Notice of Decision to Appraise," the first step in acquiring a property, whether by eminent domain or

a mutual sales agreement.

Chief Schapelhouman admitted that no one from the district had visited the Terminal properties in person. They used Google Earth "to look at all the properties and how and where they intersected the station property," he said. "Obviously, that only gives you one perspective and it doesn't tell the human side of how this family is beloved in the neighborhood and has spent years remodeling their own home," he said after the meeting.

"Those are people who live in those homes," he said.

Mr. Carpenter said he had been asked who was responsible for the plan resulting in

the public outcry — "who's the evil person here, who should be fired?"

"The letters regarding Eminent Domain were sent in error because the responsibility for doing so was unwisely delegated to an outside individual," he said in a statement. "As Board President I accept full responsibility for that inappropriate delegation of authority and for the subsequent letters."

The letters were signed by Chief Schapelhouman, but were sent by the firm hired to do the appraisals, J Kaeuper & Company, San Francisco commercial real estate appraisers.

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Portola Valley council approves plan to install license plate readers

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

When summer arrives in Portola Valley, if things go as planned, license plate-reading cameras at the town's borders will be photographing the front and rear of every vehicle entering and leaving

town. They'll be mounted on poles — probably brown poles, the preferred color for roadside features in a community that puts an emphasis on having the built environment be subordinate to the natural one.

The photos will be available to deputies from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and potentially to

any other law enforcement agency with access to a database operated by the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center. The center is a cooperative funded by the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative and one of 78 so-called fusion centers located around the country.

The Town Council voted 4-0

on March 22, with Councilman John Richards absent, to approve an ordinance that includes an agreement with Vigilant Solutions of Livermore for cameras and service, a memo of understanding with the intelligence center for its database and investigation services, and the spending of up to \$265,000 for the purchase and installation of the cameras.

Installation, including poles and electrical and wi-fi connections, is expected to take about 11 weeks, Town Manager Jeremy Dennis told the council.

The council's decision reflects the sense of alarm that came to the community following two brutal and unprecedented home-invasion robberies last year, one in June and another in October.

Residents have set up at least 10 neighborhood watch groups, and sheriff's deputies have attended community meetings on home security. The town's Architectural & Site Control Commission is considering revisions to the residential design guidelines to

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remove from consideration the acquisition of the properties on Terminal Avenue, prompting sighs of relief, and then parking lot celebrations, from those at the meeting.

The staff report from Chief Harold Schapelhouman laid out why the district needs to expand the station: a massive increase in planned and approved development in the nearby industrial areas. "Station 77 does not have sufficient space for apparatus, equipment and firefighters needed to serve this new development and increased service population," the chief's report said.

The report also explained why the property belonging to Whitney and Alex Hoermann was included in the environmental report on the new fire station. "As presently designed, the proposed Project would require the acquisition of residential properties to allow for the station expansion, parking, and site access," the chief's report said.

The report did not explain why the Hoermanns were not notified until just a month ago, when the environmental report was ready for review, about the proposed taking and use of their property.

"I find it appalling that the fire department would seek to acquire my property and my neighbors' (property)," said Alex Hoermann. "I object to this project and in particular to the demolition of homes on Terminal Avenue," he said.

The street, he said, has a 25 mph speed limit and speed bumps, and is the main access to the neighborhood's community center and a school.

The mailed notification that his family might lose "the home my family spent years designing and building ... leaves us (in) a sort of emotional limbo," he said. His children have asked him where they would live and what schools they would end up attending.

"If you want to acquire this property, let me know now and we'll get on with the legal fight," he said. "If you don't want to acquire my property, let us know now and we'll get on with our lives."

He said they have spent \$5,000 on attorneys but "there's simply an emotional toll that's being extracted here."

Rose Bickerstaff, who has lived in Belle Haven for 45 years, said she was angry. "This is the most thoughtless, reckless, irresponsible proposal you could put together," she said. She called the way the neighborhood and the homeowners

had been treated "downright disrespectful."

"You should be ashamed of yourself, because you care absolutely nothing about the community" the fire station is in, she said. "You intend to take someone's home," Ms. Bickerstaff said. "You wouldn't take this (plan) to any other neighborhood. They'd run you out on a rail."

"You take this proposal and you go back to the drawing board and you figure out what you can do, but stay out of the neighborhood," she said.

Two young men spoke about how the Hoermann family had changed their lives.

Jack Pine said the family is "a pinnacle of this community. They have done many things to change the way things are done," he said, including starting a neighborhood block party seven years ago. The home they built, doing much of the work themselves, with the help of friends and family, "is not just a house. It is a work of art. It has been built with blood, sweat and tears," he said.

John Contreras said he had lived in the neighborhood for 23 years, but after two years in the Marine Corps came home troubled. "I owe my life to these people," he said of his neighbors, the Hoermanns.

He said they have helped him turn his life around to the point that he had just learned he has been admitted to the University of California in Santa Cruz.

"I really hope you guys make the right decision here," he said.

After hearing from 18 Belle Haven residents, Chief Schapelhouman said the district could figure out how to expand the station without using the Terminal Avenue properties. "We don't want to impact people in terms of taking their homes or leaving them hanging," he said. "We don't need to get on Terminal. I think we can pretty much take that off the table."

The district had planned to use the driveways from Terminal Avenue "to make it safer for the firefighters," he said. "Procedurally, we could have done it differently," he admitted.

Board President Peter Carpenter promised the speakers the district will hold meetings on the future of the fire station in their neighborhood before making any new plans. "I think it's important this evening that we remove the threat of eminent domain from the families on Terminal," he said.

The board voted unanimously to return the plans for the fire station's future to its staff and consultants, but remove the possibility of acquiring property on Terminal Avenue from consideration. ■

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Menlo Gateway hotel named; projected opening in January

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK BRIEFS

The 11-story hotel that is part of the Bohannon Development Corporation's "Menlo Gateway" project has officially been christened "Hotel Nia." The building is scheduled to have its highest beam laid by the end of March, and is expected to open in January 2018.

According to Brian Ehrlich of Ensemble Real Estate Investments, "As you drive down the Peninsula ... you really sort of hit Silicon Valley when you hit Menlo Park."

He says his investment company is hoping the development, when the hotel and offices are completed, will signal from U.S. 101 the "epicenter of probably the most significant industry that we have in California, and probably the world, with the most cutting-edge technologies being introduced here."

The hotel will be part of Marriott's "Autograph Collection," and will have 250 rooms, including 43 suites, indoor and outdoor meeting spaces, and,

accessible to the public, a coastal Mediterranean restaurant, a cafe/ice cream bar and a cocktail bar.

The hotel will be managed by Sage Hospitality. The hotel is owned and developed by a joint venture of AECOM Capital and Ensemble Real Estate Investments with construction financing provided by ACORE Capital.

Pacific Biosciences

Through a nondescript set of doors in the auditorium of the new Menlo Park headquarters of biotech company Pacific Biosciences, located at 1305 O'Brien Drive, you'll find what Tarlton Properties Chief Operating Officer Ron Krietmeyer calls the "beating heart" of the building. It's the room the entire remodel of the former warehouse on the site was designed around, he says.

No, it's not a lab or a manufacturing space, though there are many of those scattered



Rendering courtesy Sage Hospitality

A rendering of what the hotel under construction at 200 Independence Drive in Menlo Park is expected to look like when complete.

throughout the floor plan.

It's a room dedicated entirely to competitive ping pong.

Why? Company employees participate in competitive ping pong tournaments with other Peninsula companies, and apparently it was a priority for them to have a practice space in their new home.

In addition to the ping pong room, an internal gym and yoga room, the converted

manufacturing building will house more than 300 employees of Pacific Biosciences, who had previously been split among five or six buildings.

The renovation reportedly took 200,000 man-hours over 13 months to complete, and the company hosted its grand opening at the site on March 23.

Menlo Park Mayor Kirsten Keith thanked the company for keeping jobs and revenue in the

city and extended an offer: "If we can do anything to help you move along permits, you know who to call."

Spring classes

Spring classes at the Onetta Harris Community Center begin April 3. Classes include karate, yoga, weight training, Zumba and self-defense. Call (650) 330-2250 for more information. ■

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Mr. Carpenter said the district was following laws governing public acquisition of property.

Fire district legal counsel Lauren Quint said the district had to comply with California's Environmental Quality Act before attempting to acquire a property. The laws controlling property acquisition require an appraisal as the first step, Ms. Quint said, which is why the notices of intent to appraise were the first contacts with the property owner.

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Chief Schapelhouman said the district has so far spent \$97,000 on the Chilco fire station project: \$29,000 for the architect, \$58,000 on the environmental documents and \$10,000 to the appraiser.

He estimated it would cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 to change wording on the environmental document.

Some fire board members want to consider leaving the

Chilco Street station, which is only 22 years old, as is and building another station in the industrial area of Menlo Park where most of the new development is taking place. If the district does rebuild the Chilco Street station, it will require extensive approvals from the city.

A memo prepared for the City Council's March 28 meeting says that if the fire district acquires a residential property, it must then apply to amend the city's general plan and rezone the lot from residential to public facility. "These are legislative acts that require a significant public process, including noticed public hearings and a recommendation by the Planning Commission prior to any decision by the City Council," the memo from the city attorney said.

The original project would also require a conditional use permit, architectural review, a lot merger and heritage tree removal permit.

"There is no certainty that the project as conceived by the Fire District will be approved by the City," the report says. ■

LICENSE PLATE READERS

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reflect greater concern for home security.

The council debated the question of license plate-reading cameras several times before the robberies occurred, always choosing to wait and see, given a lack of evidence of the cameras' effectiveness in helping to solve crimes. But the two robberies, particularly the October incident in which a resident was reportedly injured, changed things.

After that robbery, Mr. Dennis surveyed residents with a one-question poll: "Do you support the purchase of automatic license plate readers (ALPRs) for use in Portola Valley?" Of 742 responses, 583 (78 percent) were in support of the cameras, Mr. Dennis said at the time. One hundred, thirty-seven residents answered "no," and 14 did not express an opinion, he said.

Mr. Dennis' staff report proposed up to four cameras: at the border with Woodside, at Alpine Road and Westridge Drive, at Alpine and Arastradero roads, and at Arastradero and the original Alpine Road that runs behind Los Trancos Creek and connects to Creek Park Drive.

Two of the cameras might not be needed. Ladera sits between

Portola Valley and Interstate 280, and Ladera residents have expressed interest in a camera. Putting one on Alpine Road between the town and I-280 would capture traffic into and out of both communities, making a camera at Westridge and Alpine unnecessary. The county would pay for it, reducing Portola Valley's costs by about \$71,000.

The camera planned for Arastradero and Alpine roads will be sensitive enough to also capture traffic entering and leaving the intersection at old Alpine Road, Mr. Dennis said.

How long is too long?

The council agreed to allow the intelligence center to retain Portola Valley's photos for its recommended period of one year, up from six months as proposed in the staff report by Mr. Dennis and Mayor Craig Hughes, and way up from the report's 30-day ideal retention period, were the enabling technology available.

Of the 10 members of the public who spoke, eight urged the council to opt for a yearlong policy.

A newcomer to town said he would ask residents advocating for a shorter period how many armed robberies the town had experienced in its first 55 years. "My guess is there (weren't) any," he said.

"So that's some perspective."

"This blows my mind," a woman said, "to see people be afraid to be on camera."

Resident Bob Pierce said he was confident that the cameras would make people "a little leery" about coming to town. His neighborhood watch group "has signs all over the place that say, 'Come here at your own risk,'" he said.

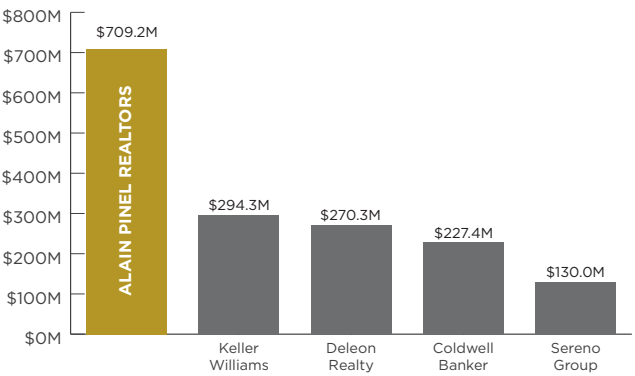
Resident Andy Browne dissented. "One of the reasons (Portola Valley) is so great is this feeling of openness that we have here," he said. The cameras will "give us that modicum of security at a high cost ... an erosion of this feeling of openness that makes living in Portola Valley so nice."

"We keep hearing that law enforcement is saying this is what they need," said resident Craig Taylor. "They actually don't know what they need. ... It's not clear what this data's going to do. That's my biggest concern. I think we are trading liberties for potentially something and potentially nothing. We don't know."

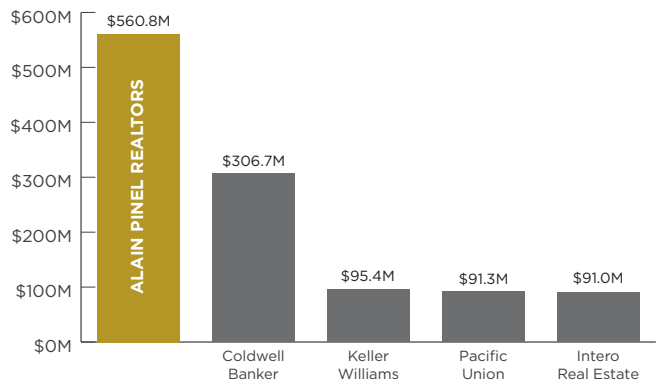
Councilwoman Maryann Derwin remarked on Mr. Browne's comment. "I thought what he said was lovely," she said. "But when we had armed men walk into a house and hold our residents at gunpoint, that ship sailed, and we've got to do this." ■



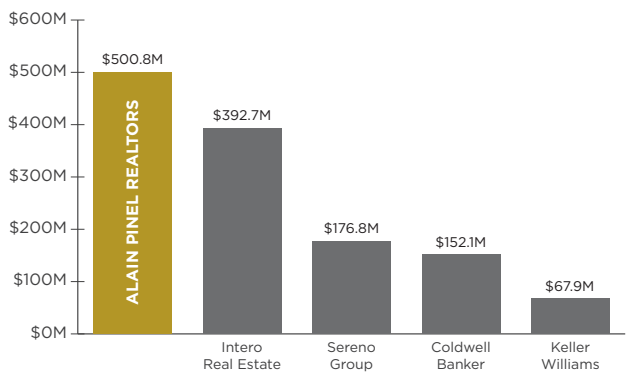
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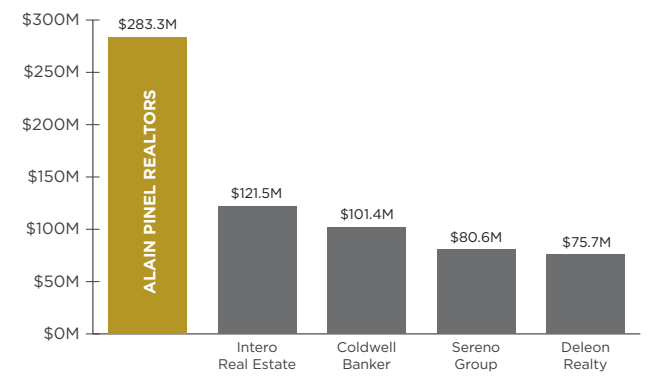
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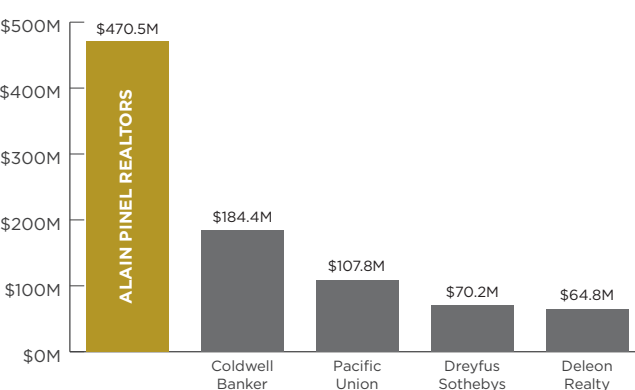
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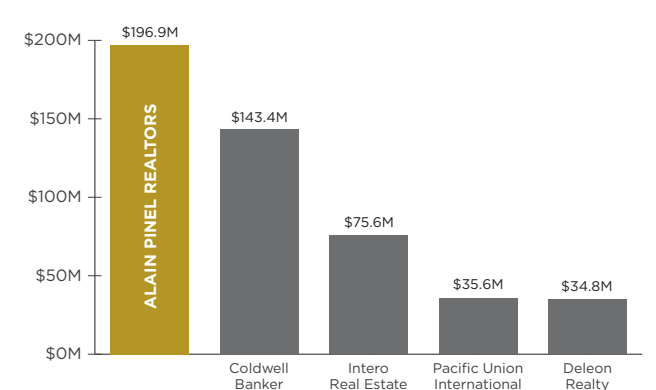
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Public hearing held on Stanford's major Menlo Park development

Priority on the apartment leases will be given to Stanford University faculty and affiliates

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Stanford's revised plans to build 459,000 square feet of mixed-use development in Menlo Park faced a round of civic reckoning on Monday, March 27, when the project was the subject of a public hearing about environmental impacts and a study session by the Planning Commission.

The meeting was held after the Almanac's press deadline. Go to AlmanacNews.com for the latest report from the meeting.

The university has proposed to build 215 rental apartments (305,000 square feet), 144,000 square feet of office space, and 10,000 square feet of retail space at 500 El Camino Real — an 8.4-acre site of former car sale lots situated between the Stanford Park Hotel and Big 5 in Menlo Park.

People wishing to give feedback on the draft environmental impact report may submit written comments to Menlo Park Senior Planner Jean Lin by email at jplin@menlopark.org, or by mail to: Jean Lin, City of Menlo Park, Planning Division, 701

Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025. The deadline to receive such comments is Thursday, April 13. Responses to the comments will be included in the final environmental impact report.

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The project

Stanford proposed its first version of this project in 2012, when the university asked to build 229,500 square feet of office and medical use and 135 to 152 apartments.

Since then, there have been a number of changes to the plans, which have resulted in the reduction of office space, the elimination



Stanford's proposed residential buildings, which would be leased out with priority for Stanford faculty and staff, are expected to have DIY bike repair stands, a community space for people to work on hobbies or projects, a pool, an interior courtyard, and rooftop terraces. Most units would have private decks or patios, according to a staff report. Rendering courtesy of Stanford University

of medical office space, and an increase in the number of proposed units. Further changes to the plans were announced at the end of February that involved modification of the shape and location of some buildings.

The development is designed to be split into five buildings: one with a mix of retail and office space, two other office buildings and two residential buildings. There would be 960 parking spaces, all but 50 of which would be in an underground garage.

Priority on the apartment leases will be given to Stanford faculty and affiliates. The office and retail spaces are planned for lease by outside businesses and retailers, according to Jean

McCown, Associate Vice President of Government and Community Relations at Stanford.

Since Stanford University is a tax-exempt educational institution, any building it occupies for academic purposes, including apartments that are rented out to Stanford faculty and staff, are not subject to property taxes, Ms. McCown said. That exemption will not apply to retail or office space that is leased to outside companies, she said, and so are expected to generate property taxes for Menlo Park. Any apartments that are not leased to Stanford affiliates will also be subject to taxation, she said.

The university did not conduct a fiscal impact analysis on the

project, she said. But, she added, "In total, the taxes and fees to be paid by the Middle Plaza project will be significantly greater than the current tax generated from the site and Stanford will also be subject to all of the typical fees applied to development projects by the city."

Public perks

Also proposed for the development is a half-acre public plaza — Middle Plaza — that would be privately maintained. The space would be roughly the size of Redwood City's courthouse square. Plans indicate that the plaza would connect to a bike and pedestrian over- or underpass of the Caltrain

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M-A seniors take stage for annual fashion show

By Sheri Baer
M-A fashion show volunteer

It's 7:40 p.m. on a Monday evening, and a few dozen Menlo-Atherton High School students are lining up in groups of five on the Performing Arts Center stage.

The vernacular of junior year — SATs, ACTs and Subject Tests — is behind them. What they hear now is: "Pose right. Pose left. Pivot. Turn. Step back. Step forward. Pivot. Turn."

These are the sounds of the 35th annual Senior Fashion Show, coming to the Performing Arts Center stage on campus for three performances — at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. — on Saturday, April 1.

The show is guided by choreographer and model director Charleston Pierce, with partner Hannah Rose Johnson at his side.

This is Mr. Pierce's sixth time

at the helm, getting nearly 200 students performance-ready. "It blows the roof off when they all come together," he said during a break from practice.

Leigh Anne Reichow and Taylor Perkins are co-chairs of this year's show, which has the theme, "M-Ake your Mark."

Glancing back at his classmates leaving the PAC, senior Casey Morris reflected that this year's theme is right on target.

"I feel like the mark I've made is just building so many great relationships with all the people here," he said. "Strength in diversity is our motto and I think that's been a huge part of my high school experience. I think the fashion show encapsulates all that."

As students go through the paces of Model 101 classes and dance practices, they come casually decked in cut-off shorts, jeans, flip flops and



Photo by Leigh Anne Reichow

M-A seniors, from left, Brett Levenson, Max Prichard, Matt Levenson and Griffin Kardos strike poses at fashion show practice.

sneakers. When they officially walk the runway on April 1, they'll be styling fashions from 23 stores ranging from Tommy Bahama, Macy's and Vans to local businesses such as Gitane

and Alys Grace.

Go to is.gd/mafashion to buy tickets for the fashion show, which is a major fundraiser for the school. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. The

school is at 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton. ■

About the author: Sheri Baer of Menlo Park is a Menlo-Atherton High School parent and fashion show volunteer.

Menlo Park district's Ginny Maiwald awarded state's top special ed-administrator prize

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Ginny Maiwald, the Menlo Park City School District's director of student services, has won the California Special Education Administrator of the Year award from the Association of California School Administrators, it was announced on March 23.



Ginny Maiwald

Ms. Maiwald's nomination papers, submitted by the district's school psychologists, program

specialists and the department's administrative assistant, say that although Ms. Maiwald has been with the district only since 2013, she has transformed the district's culture in that time.

A letter accompanying the nomination from district Superintendent Maurice Ghysels says Ms. Maiwald has "influenced and inspired teachers, support staff and members of her team." In addition, it says, "parents feel and truly believe they are a partner in a place where their children's needs are genuinely considered and met."

Before winning the state award, Ms. Maiwald was named the Special Education Administrator of the Year for San Mateo and San Francisco counties by

the administrators' association.

At a presentation at the district's March 14 school board meeting, Ms. Maiwald was at first at a loss for words.

"I speak three languages and none of them seem to work right now," she said.

She praised her team and the school psychologists. "The work we do is hard. We have the hardest cases," she said. "We get through it with laughter and fun."

Ms. Maiwald accompanied her words with sign language, and the reason soon became clear. Her adult daughter, who is deaf, was there. "She's my inspiration," she said, as is her son, who is also deaf. "This is what we do, this is why I love you all," she said. ■

suggestion has stuck.)

At an open house for the project the university held March 16, a Stanford representative said that the university is likely to hire a third-party property manager, who could oversee what programs and performances happen at the public plaza.

The development would also widen the sidewalks on El Camino Real to 15 feet. Even though the sidewalks won't be designed specifically for bikes, they probably could be used by cyclists to

travel short distances as a safer alternative to El Camino Real under its current configuration, according to Ms. McCown.

Of 79 trees on or near the site, Stanford proposes to keep all but two of 42 street trees on El Camino Real, and transplant eight non-heritage and 1 heritage tree on the site. Twelve non-heritage and 11 heritage trees would be removed, according to the staff report.

Go to is.gd/build721 to access the full draft environmental impact report. ■

'Understanding Islam' series aims to dispel misconceptions, 'create a better understanding'

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian is looking to increase the public's knowledge of Islam and Muslims through a free speaker series with regional leaders that will launch in Palo Alto next month.

Mr. Simitian, a former state senator, is collaborating with the Commonwealth Club for an "Understanding Islam" series of talks that starts April 3.

"We're lucky to live in one of the most diverse places in the country," Mr. Simitian said in a press release. "But without understanding the diverse cultures around us, misconceptions abound. Our goal is simple: to create a better understanding of Islam among the general public."

"I've been feeling for some time it's important to have these discussions, the more I listen to what's happening on the national level," Mr. Simitian said in an interview.

The first panel discussion on April 3 will focus on meaning of being Muslim.

The following forum, on May 9, will be about politics and current events that affect how the United States understands Islam and Muslims.

The series will finish on May 22 with a talk on the meaning of being a Muslim woman and how Islam ties with gender today.

"We encourage Silicon Valley residents to attend these

events, and invite their friends and neighbors as they provide a unique opportunity to hear and learn from some of the region's Muslim leaders," Zahra Billoo, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations' San Francisco Bay Area chapter, said in a press release.

The scheduled panelists are Sumbul Ali-Karamali, author of "The Muslim Next Door"; Jihad Turk, president of Bayan Claremont, an Islamic graduate school; and Maha Eleghnaidi and Ameena Jandali from the nonprofit Islamic Networks Group.

Commonwealth Club President and CEO Gloria Duffy said in a statement: "Not only will it lead to a greater understanding of the various interpretations of Islam, but it will create a beneficial dialogue between those of the Muslim faith and others in our community, at a time when open and respectful communication in our society is most needed."

Each 90-minute discussion starts at 7 p.m. at the Rinconada Library's Embarcadero Room at 1213 Newell Road in Palo Alto.

Mr. Simitian will moderate each panel discussion; they will be free to the public, but seating will be limited. RSVPs can be made at commonwealthclub.org or by calling Mr. Simitian's office at 408-299-5050.

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tracks at Middle Avenue, and that there would be movable picnic tables, chairs and umbrellas, a stage for small-scale entertainment events and a grassy area.

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Haunting obsessions

Michael Shewmaker reflects on the craft of poetry

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

One Saturday morning about 20 years ago, Texas teenager Michael Shewmaker lay on his bed staring up at the fan, when he was struck with the thought: “Everything I believe, I believe because someone has told me to believe that thing.”

After that moment, Mr. Shewmaker says, he was never the same.

Today, at 36, Mr. Shewmaker says he’s still haunted by that moment, and he continues to grapple with concepts of faith, doubt and death in the form of poetic expression. Now he

is a Ph.D.-carrying poet who teaches in Stanford’s Creative Writing department, and has

just published his first book of poetry, “Penumbra,” which won the Hollis Summers Prize.

Riddles

Though this may be Mr. Shewmaker’s first published book of poetry, he discovered the

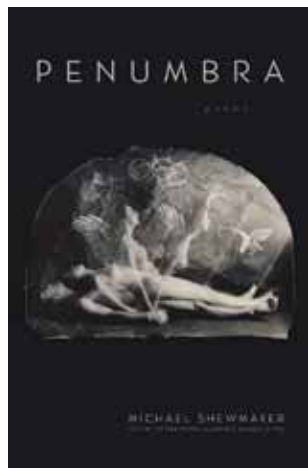


Image courtesy Michael Shewmaker

The image on the book cover of “Penumbra” is a photograph that has been a favorite of Mr. Shewmaker’s for years.

magic of language from an early age. Mr. Shewmaker says he grew up in a Texas home full of the poetry of music and the Bible. His dad played keyboards in bands of various genres. His family switched from Catholicism to a charismatic nondenominational church during his childhood, and many of his friends were Baptist, so he was exposed to varied communities within the Christian tradition.

One formative experience for him, he says, was that his

grandfather often gave him riddles that he was left to puzzle over.

“It was my first exposure to language saying one thing, but meaning something slightly different at the same time,” he says.

At around age 10, he says, he discovered Robert Frost’s poetry collection “Mountain Interval” on that grandfather’s bookshelf, and experienced a similar sensation when he read “The Telephone.”

“There was something about the language that was musical and more exciting to me,” he says. “From that moment, I was interested in exploring the musicality of language in a way that I hadn’t before.”

Robert Frost is still one of his favorite poets. To round out his top poets list today, he says he’d add W.B. Yeats, Elizabeth Bishop and Gwendolyn Brooks.

Mr. Shewmaker would later go on to pursue a master of fine arts degree from McNeese State University and a doctorate from Texas Tech University in creative writing. He found his way to Stanford in 2015 as a Wallace Stegner Creative Writing Fellow. He and his wife, Emily, currently live in Menlo Park.

‘Penumbra’

Personal experience, history and the imagination are blended within the rhythmic lines of the poems of “Penumbra,” according to Mr. Shewmaker.

For instance, he says, he became inspired to write what later became “The Orchard” one morning when he woke up with the question “Where has all the windfall gone?” stuck in his head. His grandmother had recently died from dementia, so to develop the poem he fused his experiences of her illness with the phrase and a narrative of what might cause someone to ask that question.

Usually, his ideas for poems typically come from noticing or feeling some sort of juxtaposition.

In his poem “The Curlew,” his inspiration came from a biography he read about John James Audubon. The famous avian naturalist apparently used to shoot the birds and



Photo by Hobbs-Minor Photo

Michael Shewmaker, above and on the cover, at a poetry reading and book signing held at Cafe Zoe in Menlo Park on March 9.

then arrange them in a flight position to depict them as if they were alive. To fund his work, he would paint portraits on commission. One such commission came from the father of a girl who had died two weeks previously and was already buried. They dug up the girl’s body and Mr. Audubon was tasked with depicting her as if alive.

Later, while reviewing Audubon bird drawings, he noticed that the only bird that was actually shown as dead was the Eskimo Curlew. That juxtaposition inspired him to write a poem to explore the tensions Audubon’s work raised about art, nature and death.

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The Orchard

Where has all the windfall gone?
she asks in my recurring dream.
I lead her by the arm. Her gown,
lined in a bronze light, glides above

the lawn. Her feet are wet with dew.
I want to answer with the truth,
but know that she is hungry — and
afraid. Instead, I clench my teeth.

She’s forgotten the fruit’s name,
and thinks that I’m my father — last
of her two sons and daughter. Time
is relative among these trees

that stretch as far as we can see,
smoldering like Eden in the sun.
Before I wake, she asks again,
Where has all the windfall gone?

Ink

Is there a canvas crueler than the body?
The ink is permanent. The skin is not.
I have no patience for the lover’s gaudy
heart — swollen, pierced — a hackneyed blot
beating against the odds. I’ve seen them all:
straddled by seraphim, or torn apart —
on women, men, the lesser parlor’s wall —
hallmarked MOM, or skewered by a dart
from Cupid’s quiver.
But enough of love.
I work in monochrome. I deal in skulls.
Behind each piece, a brief, familiar story.
It ends in bones — the sort of plot that dulls
the point. My needle’s steadiest above
a stinging script that reads:

Memento Mori.

Garden club celebrates 'The Arts of the Garden'

By Kate Daly

Woodside-Atherton Garden Club this weekend hosts "The Arts of the Garden," a free event showcasing examples of beauty and excellence in floral design, horticulture, photography and conservation.

Dozens of entries will be on display in two rooms at Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park; the show is open to the public on Friday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WAGC is one of 200 Garden Club of America organizations spread out across the country. Only GCA members may enter the show.

Given the freshness factor, most of the floral design and horticulture entries are coming from local gardens, but some of the photography participants live in the Midwest and on the East Coast.

GCA judges are coming from

as far away as Hawaii to critique the entries and give out awards.

The competition is divided into 20 classes, with a wide range of specifications. One class called "Wild Abandon" features miniature floral designs no taller than 5 inches; they will be judged on design, scale and proportion, creativity, conformity, interpretation and distinction.

Another class includes a wooden box to grow plants in a pattern inspired by Spanish tiles like the ones found at Allied Arts Guild.

A photography class, "Celebrating Early California Architecture," zeros in on details of Spanish Colonial style, again thematically linking to the Guild, a complex built in that style.

Sharing a room with the photography exhibit will be a diorama representing where many WAGC members volunteer to restore native habitat along the San Francisco Bay. Live plants

brought in from Save the Bay's Palo Alto Baylands Native Plant Nursery will be paired with taxidermic animals from the nearby Environmental Volunteers EcoCenter to depict life in the transitional zone along the shore there.

WAGC members Heidi Johnson and Abby Wilder of Woodside are co-chairing the flower show.

"We are delighted to be sharing beautiful specimens of everyone's talents and knowledge in such a charming location," Ms. Johnson says.

Ms. Wilder adds: "We also feel like-minded philanthropic ties with the community. The Guild Auxiliary supports Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford and we, too, support many civic projects such as local school gardens and the Woodside Library Native Plant Garden."

— Kate Daly is a member of Woodside-Atherton Garden Club.



Michelle Le/The Almanac

Heidi Johnson, left, and Abby Wilder of Woodside are co-chairing "The Arts of the Garden" flower show at Allied Arts Guild.

HAUNTING

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Obsession

As a creative writing professor, Mr. Shewmaker says that there are a few pieces of advice he gives his students:

First, he wants them to forget the conventional advice they may have received to "Find your voice."

"Find your voice" is a terrible thing to tell young writers," he says. Better advice, he suggested, is to "find the voice of the poem." Focusing too much on refining one's authorial voice, he says, shifts the writer's mindset to the self, rather than the work of crafting a poem.

Another misconception he finds among his students is that one can be "done" writing about a topic after a poem or two. Historically, he said, some thought that poetry should be written only about three things, or their absence: love, death and God. While he says he doesn't entirely agree, he argues that writers shouldn't be afraid of grappling with their "obsessions" throughout the body of their work, even if it may feel repetitive. Rather than finding lots of new topics to write about, he suggested, poets should seek instead to treat a familiar topic from different vantage points.

If artists run from their obsessions, "then there's a real chance they're running away from what

could be their most compelling work," he says.

Another thing he's learned is that inspiration can't be sparked on command.

"When I was young, I used to feel like I had to go on quests for those sparks because I was so eager and I wanted to be writing all the time," he says. Trying too hard to force poems into existence wasn't effective for him, he says. "It was like I was strangling the things before I would even let them come alive."

"The things that came alive for me on the page were the things that I couldn't overlook even if I wanted to. They happen to you, and then they haunt you, whether you want them to or not."

When asked whether he's worked out answers to the questions that roiled up for him while staring at that fan, he says, "I think that if I had worked these things out, I wouldn't be writing poems about them anymore."

"Penumbra" (Ohio University Press, 2017) is available for purchase on Amazon or via Ohio University Press. Go to is.gd/penumbra31 for more information.

Mr. Shewmaker will be performing a reading of his poems at Stanford on April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of Margaret Jacks Hall.

Go to is.gd/read582 for more information. ■



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MIDDLEFIELD ROAD COMPLETE STREETS INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Performing of traffic signal modifications, providing accessible curb ramps, upgraded pedestrian push buttons, countdown style pedestrian heads, improved pedestrian and bike paths and removing barriers along the pedestrian path.

Plans & Specifications may be obtained at <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/bids.aspx> at no cost. The Contractor shall be responsible for any addendums that may be posted on the Town's website.

SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027, **until 10:30 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time on **Monday, April 11, 2017**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be for the entire work, and shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked: "Bid of (Contractor) for **MIDDLEFIELD ROAD COMPLETE STREETS INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**", along with date and time of bid opening.



Photo courtesy Menlo Fire UAV/Drone Program

A bird's-eye view

A drone operated by Menlo Park Fire Captain Tony Eggiman captures photographs of construction at the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's new station being built at 700 Oak Grove Ave. in downtown Menlo Park. The district expects the two-story station to be completed by the end of the year. Go to is.gd/fire218 to watch a drone-created video demonstrating the construction work.

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PUBLIC HEARING

4. Erica and Creed Stary XSET2016-0005
215 Highland Terrace Planner: Corinne Jones, Assistant Planner

Planning Commission review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a Setback Exception for a proposal to construct additions and remodel (up to a complete demolition) a nonconforming main residence that encroaches into the rear setback.

5. Town of Woodside ZOAM2017-0003
Town-wide Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Review and Approval/Denial of a Resolution of Intention and Recommendation to the Town Council to Amend Chapter 153 (Zoning) of the Woodside Municipal Code to allow Paved Area and Surface Coverage and setback exceptions for Accessibility Ramps that comply with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and for minor additions to existing nonconforming features that are attached to existing buildings.

6. Town of Woodside ZOAM2017-0004
Town-wide Planner: Corinne Jones, Assistant Planner

Planning Department update on a Zoning Code Amendment to reorganize Chapter 153 (Zoning) of the Woodside Municipal Code.

7. Town of Woodside GPAM2017-0001
Town-wide Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Review and Approval/Denial of a Recommendation to the Town Council to Amend Land Use Element Policy LU1.3.b.7 (Strategies for Scenic Corridor architectural standards), special 200-foot setback from State scenic road right-of-ways, to be consistent with the recent Town Council approval of Ordinance No.2017-581.

All application materials are available for public review at the Woodside Planning and Building Counter, Woodside Town Hall, weekdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Woodside Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.

Man charged with attempting to kill police officer at Menlo Park hotel

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A man working for a vendor performing maintenance at the Stanford Park Hotel has been charged with the attempted murder and assault of a police officer after he rushed at a group of officers with a large kitchen knife outside the hotel at around 2:50 a.m. on Monday, March 20.

Police officers used two tasers to subdue and handcuff the man, later identified as Silverio Posada, a 37-year-old Richmond resident, according to San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

According to police spokesperson Nicole Acker, police responded to a call from the Stanford Park Hotel in the early hours of March 20 reporting that a man working on the grounds was holding a large kitchen knife, was making comments about hurting himself, and appeared to be hearing voices.

When police arrived, Mr. Posada left the hotel around the back and approached the police officers carrying a large knife, walking quickly, Ms. Acker said. One officer drew a taser and gave warning, and another shot three beanbag rounds from a "less lethal launcher" weapon at Mr. Posada, one of which hit him in the chest. Those appeared to have

have little effect on slowing him, Ms. Acker said.

Mr. Posada continued to move toward the officer who had used the beanbag weapon, and had raised the knife when two other officers discharged tasers at him.

He fell to the ground, dropped the knife, and was handcuffed without incident before being taken to the county hospital in San Mateo, where remaining barbs from the taser were removed by doctors, Ms. Acker said.

Mr. Posada's family has since said he suffers from schizophrenia and is not on medication, according to Mr. Wagstaffe. According to his family, Mr. Posada has a delusion that someone is out to kill his brother, and he believed that the police were there to kill his brother, the District Attorney's Office reports.

He reportedly worked at the hotel as part of the night cleaning staff, Mr. Wagstaffe said.

Hotel manager Patrick Lane later confirmed that Mr. Posada had been hired by an outside maintenance vendor and was not employed by the hotel.

Two doctors have been appointed to evaluate Mr. Posada for competency to stand trial. The case has been continued until May 4, according to the District Attorney's Office.

He is in jail and remains in custody on no-bail status. ▀

Richard 'Hardtack' Mesak

Raised in Woodside, enjoyed trail riding

A celebration of the life of Richard "Hardtack" Edward Mesak will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road in Woodside. Mr. Mesak died March 11 at his home in Pescadero of appendix cancer. He was 59.

Born in Oakland, Mr. Mesak was raised in Woodside and graduated from Woodside Elementary School in 1972 and Woodside High School in 1976.



Richard Mesak

OBITUARIES

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

He attended Sacramento State University and graduated from Canada College, where he received a degree in business. He worked for the California Water Service company for nearly 30 years after earlier stints in real estate and construction.

In September 1992, he married Susan Shadek, whom he met on the trails in Woodside. He had many passions and interests, say family members, including cooking, trail riding, and many outdoor sports. He supported several charities, including Special Olympics and Ronald McDonald House.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter McKenna; stepmother Ada Mesak; brother-in-law John Shadek, and several cousins.

Kenneth Broome

Engineer and community leader

Services are planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church in Portola Valley for Kenneth Reginald Broome, who died March 11. He was 92.

Mr. Broome lived on Skyline Boulevard with his late wife, Heather, for many years until 2010, when he moved to



Kenneth Broome

Woodside Terrace in Redwood City. In Woodside he was active with the Rotary Club, the World Affairs Council, the South Skyline Association, the League of Women Voters of the Peninsula, and Our Lady of the Wayside parish. He became president of the Residents Association at Woodside Terrace.

A native of England, Mr. Broome attended St. Dunstan's College in London and then St. John's College, Cambridge University, where he met his wife, Heather. He obtained a master's degree in engineering and began a lifetime of engineering projects.

In 1952 he and his family immigrated to the United States, where he worked in the aerospace industry in Southern

California and Florida. In 1964 he moved to the Bay Area to work for the Bechtel Corporation. In 1971, before "start-ups" became commonplace, he joined an effort based out of Indiana that focused on prefabricated houses.

He moved back to California after 20 years in Pennsylvania, where he had worked on water power and other energy-related projects. Far from retiring, he patented his small-scale hydro-power idea and formed Aquajet.

He is survived by his six children: Claire Broome of Berkeley, Stephanie Broome of Palo Alto, Rosemary Broome of Woodside, Jenny Broome of Santa Cruz, Elizabeth Broome of San Diego, and Martin Broome of Newbury Park; and seven grandchildren.

Sacramento murder suspects captured in Menlo Park after chase

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

Following a high-speed car chase that ended in Menlo Park, two people suspected of shooting and killing a 53-year-old woman in a Sacramento motel the previous night were arrested around 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20.

Shortly after 11:45 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department responded to a 911 call reporting a gunshot in the 3200 block of Auburn Boulevard in Sacramento. Deputies searched the Surf Motel at 3204 Auburn Blvd. and found the body of 53-year-old Leonora Montoya, who was pronounced dead on the scene from a gunshot wound to the head.

The two suspects in the homicide, James Martin Baca, 37, and Rebecca Irene Temme, 35, of Sacramento, allegedly fled the scene by stealing Ms. Montoya's car.

Detectives believe that there was prior animosity between Ms. Montoya and the two now suspected of killing her; they believe the ill will "led to the robbery and murder,"

according to the department.

Ms. Montoya's car, with the two suspects in it, was reportedly spotted in Redwood City the day after the killing. Law enforcement officers from multiple agencies pursued the car, leading to a high-speed chase. The stolen car entered Menlo Park at the Marsh Road exit of U.S. 101 and reportedly crashed at the 100 block of Constitution Drive, according to a Menlo Park Police Department spokesperson. After the car crashed, the suspects ran away on foot but were captured.

The effort involved law enforcement officers from the California Highway Patrol, the Menlo Park Police Department, the Redwood City Department and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Temme was arrested on suspicion of robbery, murder and violation of "post release community supervision," and Mr. Baca was arrested on suspicion of robbery, murder and violation of parole.

The two are not eligible for bail and were scheduled to be arraigned in the Sacramento County Superior Court on March 22.

■ POLICE CALLS

This information is from the Menlo Park Police Department and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.

MENLO PARK

Commercial burglary: Five computers and two computer monitors were stolen from a Coldwell Banker office in the 1300 block of El Camino Real after someone smashed a window. Estimated loss: \$7,900. March 21.

Residential burglary: Someone entered a home on Del Norte Avenue and stole clothing. The burglar's means of entry is unknown. Estimated loss: \$1,170. March 19.

Auto burglaries:

■ Thieves broke into two vehicles parked at the Stanford Park Hotel at 100 El Camino Real and stole a laptop computer and a backpack from one of the vehicles. Nothing was reported taken from the second vehicle. Estimated loss: \$1,150. March 23.

■ Someone entered a vehicle left in a carport on Oak Grove Avenue with its windows not fully closed and stole a jacket and two pairs of prescription sunglasses. Estimated loss: \$995. March 19.

Thefts:

■ A thief stole two tablet computers used to place food orders at the Trellis Restaurant at 1077 El Camino Real. Estimated loss: \$2,000. March 21.

■ A man shopping at the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real told police that someone stole a cellphone from inside a bag he'd brought into the store. Estimated loss: \$1,100. March 22.

■ A man walked into the Metro PCS cellphone retailer at 824 Newbridge St. and stole a phone after first destroying a secured phone in a failed attempt to steal it. The man left the store with the second phone and headed north on Newbridge. Estimated loss: \$549 for the stolen phone. March 19.

■ A thief stole an unlocked bicycle from a carport in the 1000 block of Santa Cruz Avenue. Estimated loss: \$400. March 21.

■ Someone entered an unlocked vehicle parked on Van Buren Road and stole a speaker system, shoulder bag, personal papers and \$10 in coins. Estimated loss: \$270. March 17.

■ A thief stole a bicycle sitting unlocked outside a market while the bike's owner was inside shopping. Estimated loss: \$195. March 18.

■ A man told police that someone stole his unattended cellphone from his table at the Subway sandwich shop on Santa Cruz Avenue after he left the table to throw away trash. No estimate on losses. March 21.



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Theater

'Caeneus & Poseidon' "Caeneus & Poseidon" is a world-premiere play in verse about a transgender hero from Greek mythology. Caeneus begins his life as Caenis, assigned female at birth. After the sea-god Poseidon grants his wish for a new body, Caenis — now Caeneus — feels compelled to hide his former identity from all but his closest friend, Hippodamia, as he seeks the acceptance of his kinsmen and community. "Caeneus & Poseidon" is a world premiere originally written for the 2012 San Francisco Olympians Festival. Thursday-Saturday, through April 8, 8-10 p.m. \$15-\$35. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

Film Series: Surrealist Cinema In conjunction with the exhibition "The Conjured Life: The Legacy of Surrealism," this four-part film series will explore the tradition of Surrealist cinema, spanning from the movement's origins in 1920s France through the 1980s and encompassing a mix of genres and styles including experimental narrative, found footage, essay films, animation and collage. Fridays, Feb. 10-March 31, 1 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Concerts

Cal Arte Ensemble: Masterworks Series The Cal Arte Ensemble presents the first in a new season of performances. Internationally acclaimed pianist, Tamami Honma and friends will be performing masterworks by Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms including Mozart's Violin Sonata in E minor, Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata, and Brahms' Horn Trio. April 2, 3:30-5 p.m. Suggested donation, \$20. Ladera Community Church, 3300 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. tamamihonma.com/cal-arte-spring-series

Lowiczanie's Classical House Concert Benefit This intimate and casual evening of live classical music will benefit the Polish dance and cultural group, Lowiczanie. Some tea and wine will be available, but it will be BYOB as well to ensure there is enough. The concert will

be performed by the Polish classical pianist, Joanna Roewska. April 1, 7-9 p.m. \$20. SU Villa, 333 Raymundo Drive, Woodside.

Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra Program 3 This concert features a selection from Leyendas, An Andean Walkabout; Dvorak Serenade in D minor for 10 winds, cello and bass; Debussy Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun; and Mozart Symphony No. 35 in D major. April 1, 8-10 p.m. \$25. Valley Presbyterian Church, 945 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Music

Musical Presentation: Fort Point Garrison Brass Band The San Mateo County History Museum will present the Fort Point Garrison Brass Band, which will play Civil War Era music. The performance will take place in restored "Courtroom A." The program is free with the price of admission to the Museum. April 1, 1-2 p.m. \$6, adults; \$4, students and seniors. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. historysmc.org

Unlocking the Mystery of Music: New Findings on How Music Heals and Relieves The program, titled "Unlocking the Mystery of Music: New Findings on How Music Heals and Relieves," features a filmed interview with Sarah Johnson, a neurologic music therapist. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss how music can help them accomplish personal goals. March 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany, 1095 Cloud Ave., West Menlo Park.

Talks & Lectures

Campus Conversations: Race in the 21st Century Haas Distinguished Visitor and President Emerita of Spelman College, Beverly Daniel Tatum will offer perspectives on race relations on campuses and across the nation. Tatum is the author of several books including "Can We Talk About Race?" and "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" April 5, 5 p.m. Free, but RSVP required. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Jacqueline Winspear Jacqueline Winspear, the author of the New York Times bestselling Maisie Dobbs series, discusses Maisie Dobbs' latest mystery as she tracks down a murderer who escaped occupied Belgium 23 years ago.

April 5, 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$40. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Jane Mayer, Dark Money in Politics 80 percent oppose Citizens United, the court ruling that solidified the free flow of dollars from corporations and political interest groups into elections. Investigative reporter Jane Mayer follows the money to the media groups, academic institutions, think tanks and courthouses influenced by the plutocrats' dollars and power. April 3, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10-\$40. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Khaled Hosseini and Ellen Grace O'Brian: Literacy of the Heart Khaled Hosseini and Ellen Grace O'Brian will talk about the ways reading, writing and listening can bring forth profound questions, surprising graces and the palpable presence of radical hope. Khaled will read from "And the Mountains Echoed," and Ellen will read from "The Moon Reminded Me." March 29, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$10-\$30. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Medicare for All in California Medicare for All in California is the subject of a current bill being considered in state Legislature. This talk offers a perspective by a leader in single-payer health care. April 5, 7-9 p.m. Free. Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road, Redwood City. smcdfa.org/calendar

Family

National Pencil Day The pencil has been used by the likes of author Roald Dahl who used yellow pencils to write his books, starting each day with six sharpened pencils. In honor of National Pencil Day, visitors to the library are encouraged to ask: "Where's the sharpener?" to library staff and receive a free pencil. March 30, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. smcl.org

Museums & Exhibits

The Conjured Life: The Legacy of Surrealism Featuring dozens of works dating from the 1920s to the present day, this exhibition demonstrates the deep currents Surrealism sent through the international art world beginning in the first half of the 20th century. Ongoing, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesday. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Fashion as art: Artful Fashion This lecture, led by Elizabeth Kessler, Ph.D. and lecturer in Stanford University's Program in American Studies and Department of Art and Art History, will explore the representation of fashion in art, the adoption of art for the promotion of fashion and the use of fashion as art. Additionally, this lecture will explore how fashion photographers must negotiate the tension between the need to present details of garments with a desire to evoke something more elusive. March 23 and 30, 4-6:30 p.m. \$50, member; \$60, non-member. Cantor Auditorium, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford.

Folger Stable Carriage Room Museum The Carriage Room Museum at the Folger Stable will be open each Saturday, sharing exhibits about the history of the Folger property and the surrounding area, as well as the horse heritage of Woodside. Saturdays, ongoing, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Wunderlich Park, 4040 Woodside Road, Woodside. huddartwunderlichfriends.org

Lessons & Classes

ESL Conversation Club The English as a Second Language Conversation Club meets on Wednesdays to practice English conversation skills with other language learners. This event is sponsored by Project Read-Menlo Park. Wednesdays, ongoing, 5 p.m. Free. Downstairs Program Room, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Spring Break Improv Camp at Dragon This half-day morning camp which takes place during spring break week finishes with an opportunity for students to showcase their newly developed skills and talents in a student improv show for family and friends on the last day. April 3-7, 8:30 a.m.-noon. \$200-\$250. The Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

Technology Coach For those struggling to learn new technology, this drop-in class offers a relaxed and welcoming tutoring session during which technical questions will be answered during one-on-one help. Monday, ongoing, noon-1 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton.

Health & Wellness

Mat Pilates for Beginners Pilates for Beginners is a formal introduction to the Pilates Method. It is structured around the body's

powerhouse, and it engages one's muscles and helps improve one's core. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-9:30 a.m. \$20 per class, members; \$24 per class, nonmembers. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. penvol.org/littlehouse

Memory Workshop at Little House Developed by UCLA psychiatrist Dr. Gary Small and published by the National Institutes of Health and American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, Jumbo Memory Training can help people conquer the most common memory challenges. It's proven effective in up to 95 percent of participants for up to five years. Wednesdays in April, 10 a.m.-noon. \$99-\$115. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. penvol.org/littlehouse

Pilates MVe Chair For those looking for something new to add to their fitness routine, they are encouraged to consider Pilates MVe. Structured around the body's powerhouse, it engages muscles and helps improve the core. Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m. \$20 per class, members; \$24 per class, nonmembers. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. penvol.org/littlehouse

Outdoor Recreation

The Arts of the Garden The Arts of the Garden is a judged Garden Club of America flower show displaying excellence, beauty and knowledge in floral design, horticulture, photography and conservation. Woodside-Atherton Garden Club is hosting the free event of exhibits and a diorama of Bay wetlands restoration. March 31, 10 Free. Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

Teens

Laini Taylor in conversation with Jandy Nelson Laini Taylor, critically-acclaimed author of the "Daughter of Smoke & Bone" trilogy, will be at Kepler's. All are invited to fall into a mythical world of dread and wonder, moths and nightmares, love and carnage with her new epic fantasy. March 30, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Science Night Science Night is an evening of fun and exploration aimed at adults, teens and elementary school-aged children alike. March 30, 6:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/

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Summary of the Home

- Main House Living Area: 4,020 sq. ft.
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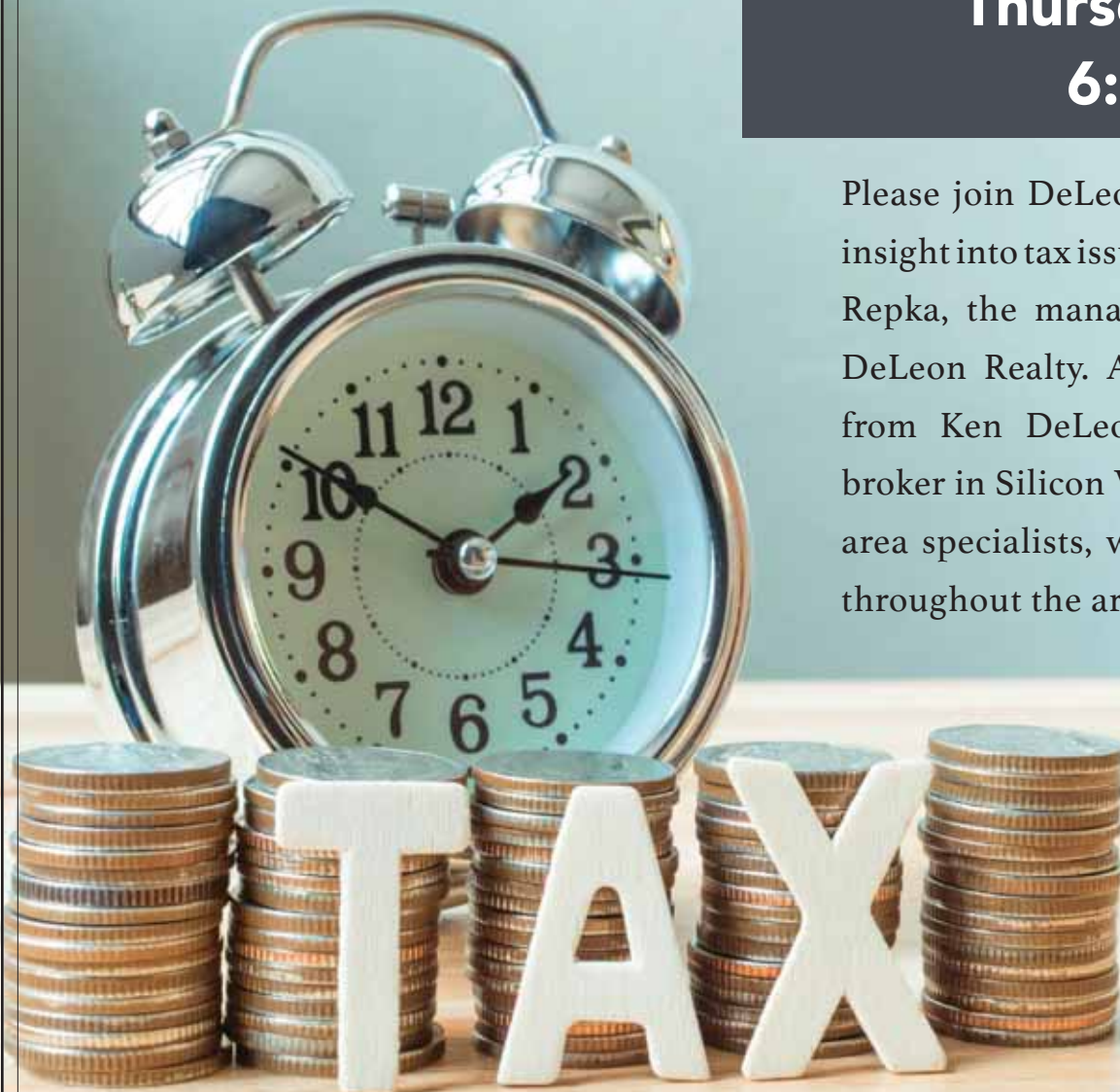
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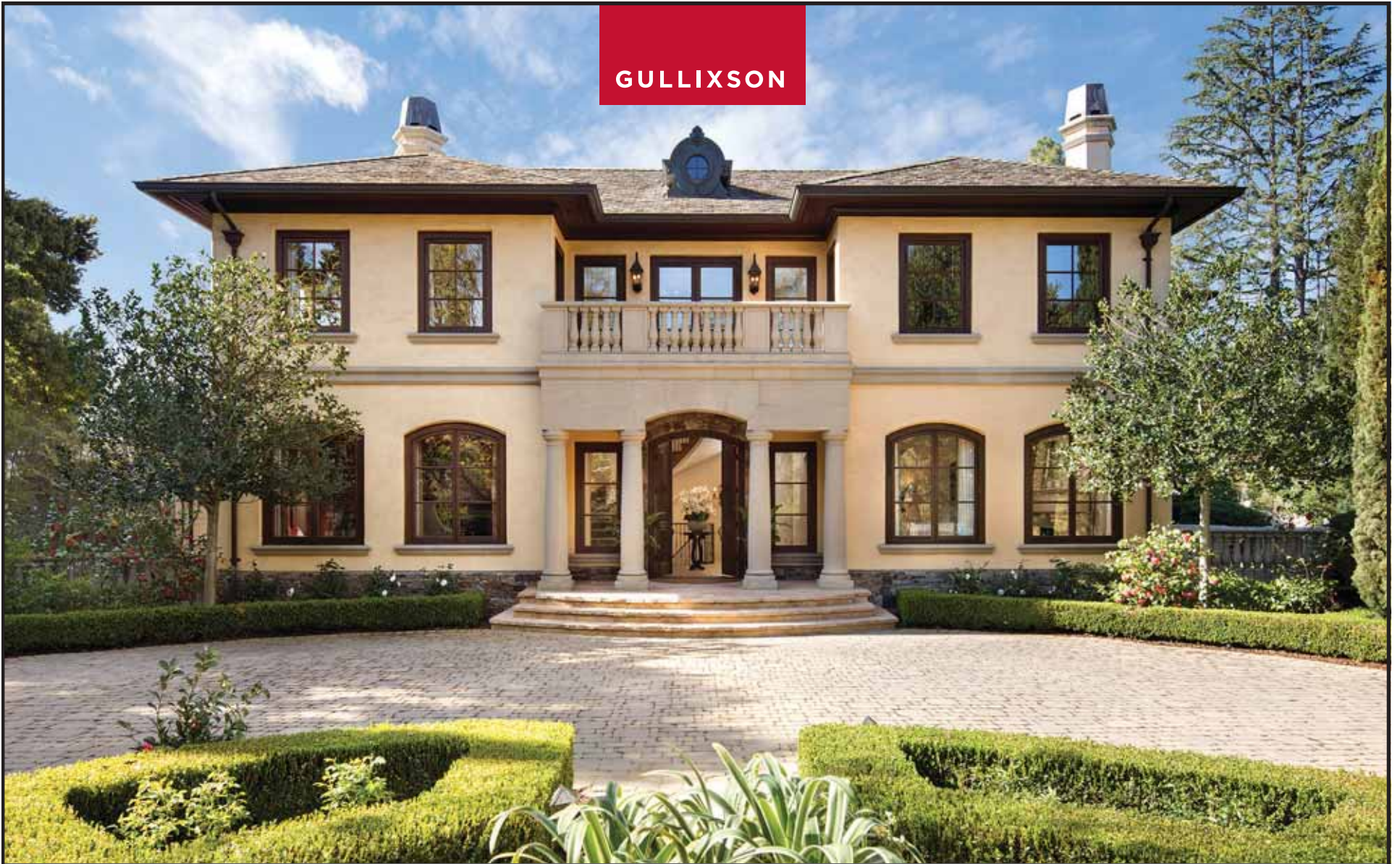
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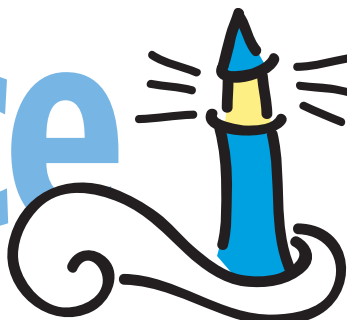
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This business is conducted by: A Trust. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2-27-2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 27, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

RaverSwag

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 272548

The following person (persons) is (are)

doing business as: RaverSwag, located at 88 Claremont Avenue, #8, Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

ELEONORA BABAYANTS

88 Claremont Avenue, #8

Redwood City, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/10/2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 24, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

CLOUD PRINCIPALS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 272579

The following person (persons) is (are)

doing business as:

Cloud Principals, located at 503 Iris St., Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

JOSE PEREZ-ZAMARRON

503 Iris St.

Redwood City, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Feb. 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 28, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

MENLO LABS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 272427

The following person (persons) is (are)

doing business as:

Menlo Labs, located at 2107 Camino de los Robles, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

ROBERT KRAUSE

2107 Camino de los Robles

Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 14, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

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LITTLE SKY BAKERY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 272628

The following person(s) is (are) doing

business as:

Little Sky Bakery, located at 915 Arnold Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

TIAN TIAN MAYIMIN

915 Arnold Way

Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/3/2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 3, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

ARYA STEAKHOUSE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 272606

The following person (persons) is (are)

doing business as:

Arya Steakhouse, located at 885 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

ARYA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

19930 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Cupertino, CA 95014

CA

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/12/17.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 2, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 2017)

DARIO PETER BERNARD

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 272603

The following person (persons) is (are)

doing business as:

Dario Peter Bernard, located at 1120 Albemni St., E. Palo Alto, Calif. 94303-1008, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

DARIO PETE BROWN

1120 Albemni St.

E. Palo Alto, Calif. 94303-1008

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/03/2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 2, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 2017)

RODERICK BRUCE TYLER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 272605

The following person (persons) is (are)

doing business as:

Roderick Bruce Tyler, located at 2572 Annapolis St., East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

TYLER RODERICK BRUCE

2572 Annapolis St.

East Palo Alto, CA 94303

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 2, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 2017)

MAYFIELD TRANSPORT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 272695

The following person(s) is (are) doing

business as:

Mayfield Transport, located at 139 Crescent Avenue, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

TURCHET TRANSPORT, INC.

139 Crescent Avenue

Portola Valley, CA 94028

California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 3, 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 10, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 2017)

i2eye Media Group

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 272643

The following person(s) is (are) doing

business as:

i2eye Media Group, located at 149 Plymouth Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

Open Transaction Professional Services, Inc.

149 Plymouth Avenue

San Carlos, CA 94070

California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 6, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 2017)

LITTLE AGES CHILDCARE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 272650

The following person (persons) is (are)

doing business as:

Little Ages Childcare, located at 1407 Hill Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

LISA BORLO

1407 Hill Ave.

Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Jan. 2013.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 7, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 2017)

QUO AXIOM

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 272750

The following person (persons) is (are)

doing business as:

Quo Axiom, located at 61 Cove Lane, Redwood City, CA 94065, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

VINCENT SMITH

61 Cove Lane

Redwood City, CA 94065

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 2, 2017.

(ALM Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 2017)

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