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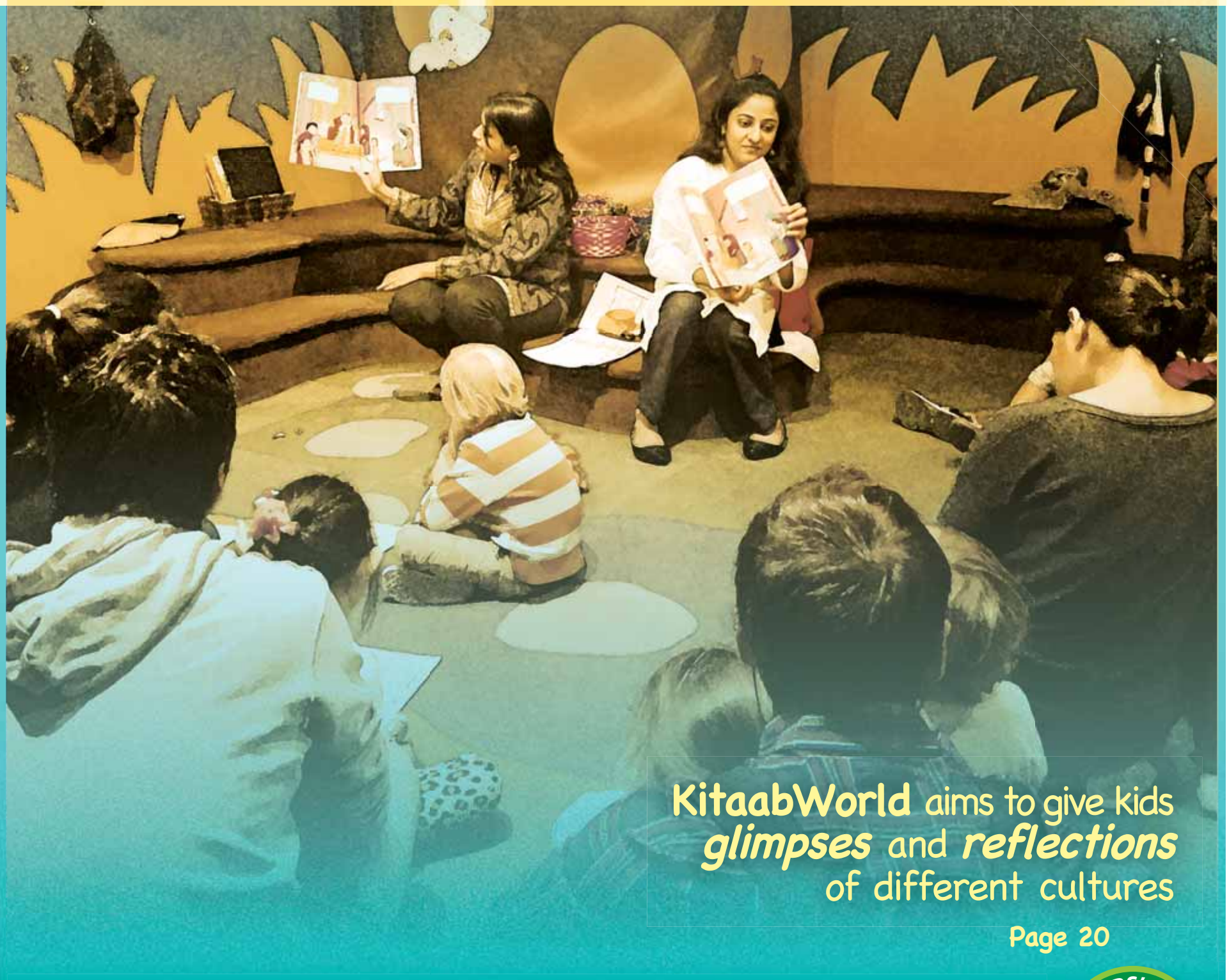
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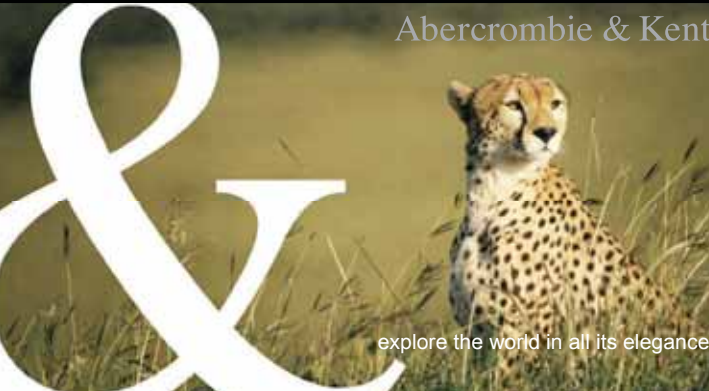
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## East-west bike route trial moves forward

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park City Council heard more than an hour's worth of contentious public comments stretching into the wee hours of Wednesday, April 19, before deciding shortly after 1 a.m. to move forward with an existing schedule for an east-west bike route in town.

The one-year pilot program is intended to test whether new bike lanes on Oak Grove Avenue and other streets will provide safer routes for bicyclists traveling between Menlo Park's downtown and schools east of El Camino Real.

The pilot program, approved last December, would add painted bike lanes, with a minimum 18-inch buffer, or "sharrows" (painted markings on the roads that remind drivers to share the road with cyclists) along a route intended to give cyclists a clear path through downtown Menlo Park.

The bike route will start at Menlo-Atherton High School, run westbound along Oak Grove Avenue past El Camino Real to Crane Street, and then continue left with a mild jog across Santa Cruz Avenue, right on Live Oak Avenue, and continue left again on University Drive to Middlefield Avenue. The Crane Street bike route would continue northbound to connect with Valparaiso Avenue.

### Lost parking spaces

A total of 168 on-street parking spaces are planned for removal during the pilot project, according to Michael Tsai, assistant transportation engineer. Twenty-five are on Oak Grove Avenue near downtown, 78 are on Oak Grove east of El Camino Real, and 70 are on University Drive, he said.

Parking to be removed on University Drive will be on both sides of the street, and the parking removed on Oak Grove Avenue will be on one side only, with the exception of the first 400 feet east of El Camino Real, where parking would be removed on both sides, Mr. Tsai said.

The initial contract for the project design had a price tag of \$236,000, but a \$54,000 contract extension with Alta Planning &

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Design is needed for the trial evaluation, according to city staff. The total budget for the project is \$316,000, and includes an \$18,000 upgrade to the traffic signal on Laurel Street so that northbound and southbound drivers turning onto Oak Grove Avenue won't have to turn with oncoming traffic approaching.

By not pursuing a project redesign, or opting to split the addition of the bike lanes into two phases, the city will not have to spend an additional estimated \$15,000 to \$40,000, according to a staff report. The amount falls within what has already been budgeted for the project, according to city staff.

### Some business owners opposed the parking removal and said they felt excluded from the process.

The plan to install the bike lanes originated in citywide concern with providing safe ways for kids in town to get to school by bike. The council intensively studied a proposal to add bike lanes on El Camino Real, before it was decided that the plan was too controversial for the time being, and turned its attention instead to developing a safe east-west bike route to connect Menlo Park's downtown to schools east of El Camino Real. The route was developed by city staff and the bicycle commission.

A report by Joint Venture Silicon Valley and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition released in February showed that between 2011 and 2015, Menlo Park is the only jurisdiction among its neighbors (including Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Jose, Mountain View, Stanford, and the counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara) to experience an increase in the number of annual bike collisions and a decrease in the percent of people who bike to work.

At least 20 people spoke at the April 18 council meeting, arguing fiercely for and against the pilot program. Many of the speakers had waited through

hours of the meeting that dealt with other matters, including the controversial issue of whether Menlo Park should become a "sanctuary city." Opponents complained about the loss of 168 on-street parking spaces, which may make parking difficult for people who go to Nativity Church or shop downtown.

While the number of those arguing for and against the pilot was split about evenly during the meeting, Mayor Kirsten Keith said she received before the meeting about 10 emails against the project and 66 in favor.

In a change to the pilot program, the council agreed to allow Nativity Church to use street parking on weekends during church services until a sidewalk is built to connect the church and the school. The council also agreed to allow the church to have street parking for big events for up to 15 days a year. City staff was directed to work with Greenheart Land Co. to restrict its construction on Oak Grove Avenue during peak student commute times.

### Two abstain

Three council members favored the motion to move ahead with the pilot; two council members, Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton, abstained.

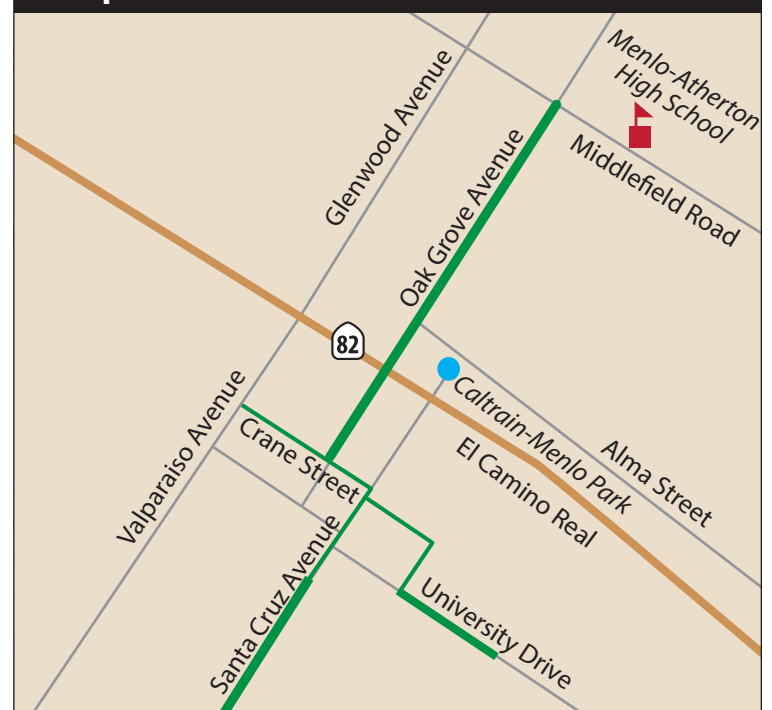
Mr. Mueller said he did not support the motion because it is not known yet if street parking will be allowed along the Oak Grove Avenue portion of the Greenheart Land Co.'s development at 1300 El Camino Real. If street parking is allowed there, he said, children will only have a car-free bike lane on one side of the street, which could create confusion for kids near three potential hazards: El Camino Real, the Caltrain tracks, and the Greenheart construction site.

He said he did not support the motion because safety for bicyclists would not be assured without the complete elimination of street parking there.

Ms. Carlton said she didn't think the trial was designed to be as safe for bicyclists as it should be.

"I'm not saying this trial is poorly designed, but it could be safer," she wrote in an email. Outreach and planning for the project were also lacking, she said, and she opposed the decision to limit street parking at

### Proposed bike routes in Menlo Park



Map courtesy city of Menlo Park.

The bike route pilot program would connect Menlo-Atherton High School along Oak Grove Avenue to downtown Menlo Park and existing bike lanes on Santa Cruz Avenue. Thick green lines represent areas where full bike lanes will be installed (or already exist, as on Santa Cruz Avenue) and thin green lines represent areas where "sharrows" or bicycle symbols will be painted on the road to remind drivers to share the road with cyclists.

Nativity Church to 15 events during the year because it seems arbitrary and could create parking trouble for people seeking to attend events such as funeral services at the church.

Downtown business owners Kerry Hctor of Village Stationers, Matt Levin of The Refuge and Ciya Martorana of Carpacio said they felt excluded from the public outreach process and opposed the parking removal.

Another frequently cited concern was that Oak Grove Avenue is often lined with the cars of Menlo-Atherton High School students. Where those cars will go when street parking is removed did not appear to be resolved.

Councilman Rich Cline expressed doubt that the students who drive to school will switch to biking with the addition of bike lanes. "They're in high school," he said. "They'd much rather drive."

Councilman Rich Cline said that the parking lot owned by SRI International at the end of Ravenswood Avenue on Middlefield Road could perhaps subleased to allow high school parking.

By sticking to the current schedule, the bike lane and sharrows painting on the road will likely be completed in August, according to a staff report.

### Atherton

At its April 19 meeting, the Atherton City Council reluctantly approved a bid for \$520,544 for bicyclist and pedestrian improvements that will connect to the Menlo Park project. The bid was 50 percent higher than a consultant's estimate of the cost, but council members said they did not want to put the project out for bid again and end up delaying the project for another school year.

Atherton will add bike lanes on Oak Grove and make improvements at the intersection of Oak Grove and Middlefield Road, including traffic signal modifications, accessible curb ramps, upgraded pedestrian push buttons, pavement improvements, and improved pedestrian and bike paths.

The town received a grant of \$124,200 from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. ■

Barbara Wood contributed to this report.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Fire station at 1467 Chilco St. On the left is a residential property the district has been considering acquiring.

## Fire district holds meeting on future of Belle Haven station

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

When dozens of residents of Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood showed up March 21 to protest the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's plans for a new fire station in their neighborhood, the fire district's board and chief quickly put a hold on the plans — and prom-

ised a public meeting to talk about the station's future.

That meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at the fire station at 1467 Chilco St.

The future of fire- and emergency-response services in the Belle Haven and the M-2 (industrial) areas of Menlo Park will be the focus of the meeting, the fire district says.

Fire Chief Harold

Schapelhouman said he will talk about how the fire district currently supplies emergency services in Belle Haven and the importance of the existing location of the Chilco Street station.

He will also discuss the impacts on fire district services of current and future development in the industrial area, and why fire station location options are limited.

Attendees will learn how to get involved and give feedback to the district about the future of local emergency and fire services delivery, the district says.

More than 50 people attended the March 21 fire board meeting, which had on its agenda a hearing on an environmental impact report on plans to expand the district's Chilco Street station.

Many speakers were upset that one of the area's most beloved families, the Hoermanns, could be displaced by the expansion. The plans for the new station showed the Hoermann's 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.

Several speakers suggested instead of enlarging the fire station, the district build a new station in the industrial area, where most of the additional need for services is originating.

Speakers also protested plans to access the rebuilt station via Terminal Avenue, a street with a 25 mph speed limit and speed bumps, and the main access to the neighborhood's community center and a school.

The fire district was considering using eminent domain to acquire at least two of the residential properties identified

in the fire station plans. After the outcry, the board voted to drop the idea of using Terminal Avenue to access the expanded station.

Although the district is no longer planning to acquire the Hoermanns' property it is still considering acquiring a residential property on Chilco

**Chief Schapelhouman says the district has not ruled out using eminent domain to acquire properties in the area.**

Street and the station's current site, which the district is leasing from the city of Menlo Park. Chief Schapelhouman has said the district has not ruled out using

eminent domain to acquire both properties.

Residents were also upset about the way they, and the property owners who could be displaced, had learned about the project. The first notice of the environmental report, and the plans for the station, came on Feb. 17.

The owners of the affected properties also first heard from the fire district around that date, receiving notices that the "project may require the acquisition of your real property" along with a brochure about the eminent domain process, which allows a public agency to force a landowner to sell his or her property.

The chief's report on the project for the March 21 meeting said it would "require the acquisition of residential properties to allow for the station expansion, parking, and site access." ■

## Atherton approves study examining options for fire service

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton's City Council has given the go-ahead to a study of fire services in town, something that has soured the relationship between the town and Menlo Park Fire Protection District since it was first proposed in September.

The council voted unanimously April 19 for City Manager George Rodericks to negotiate a contract with Matrix Consulting Group, a management consulting firm based in Mountain View.

The study will look at the costs and benefits of its existing fire and emergency services provided by the fire district, and at other options for providing fire services to the town.

Although the president of the fire district's governing board, Peter Carpenter, had sent an email urging Atherton

residents to protest the study, only one member of the public was at the meeting for the item. The town received two emails opposing the study, one of them from someone who does not live in the town or the fire district.

In an e-mail with the subject "A need for citizen outrage - note from Peter," Mr. Carpenter called the proposed study "nothing but a greedy and selfish attempt to take property tax revenues from the Fire District to pad the coffers of the Town."

"The net result of this effort would be to diminish the ability of our Fire District to respond to our less affluent neighbors in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto," he wrote. "This is a greedy and selfish proposal."

Mr. Carpenter later told the Almanac that he had written the email as a private citizen, not as president of the fire

board, although the email does not state in what capacity he is writing.

But council members, especially council fire board liaison Cary Wiest, said the town needed the study so it would have the basic information to make knowledgeable decisions about fire and emergency service.

"This is one of the steps that we have to take," Mr. Wiest said.

Councilman Rick DeGolia expressed the only skepticism. "I hear the same comments that everybody else hears from our residents," he said. "The fire district's tax level is basically twice what (the town's) is. What will we get from (the study) — I'm not really clear about it."

Mayor Mike Lempres said he had done some preliminary figuring based on information the fire district had given the town about the 2015-16 fiscal year. During that year, the fire district received \$11.8 million

in property tax revenues from Atherton and responded to 517 calls from the town. The calls ranged from 93 false alarms to 103 "general service" calls (such as for water, smoke, odor and animal problems) and eight fire calls.

"They're averaging \$23,000 per call in Atherton which is a pretty astonishing number," Mr. Lempres said.

Councilman Bill Widmer asked for one change in the consultant's proposed work plan: to hold public meetings about the study after it has been completed, not before. The council approved that change.

The proposal from Matrix is for \$49,500 and suggests looking at two fundamental questions:

- What are the costs, locally generated revenues, and benefits of service from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District?

- What is the financial and service feasibility of the

town creating a municipal fire department?

To answer the first question, the consultants propose looking at what taxes and fees from Atherton residents go to the fire district, how much it costs the fire district to provide services to the town, and if the revenues exceed the costs.

To answer the second question, the consultants propose looking at options for providing fire service to the town, including a municipal fire department, contracting with another fire service or creating a joint powers agreement with other regional agencies.

The Matrix team that will be conducting the study includes two former fire chiefs and a project manager who has conducted more than 150 fire and emergency medical services reviews nationwide.

The proposal shows the study taking 14 weeks to complete. ■

# Karen Peterson to be inducted into high school hall of fame

Woodside High School will honor alumnus and long-time volunteer Karen Peterson, inducting her into the school's Hall of Fame at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at the Performing Arts Center at 100 Churchill Ave. in unincorporated Woodside.

Her activism for the school renders Ms. Peterson "a force of nature," said Donna Losey, a Woodside High alumnus along with her husband and their four children.

"We all know that Karen is a Woodside High School graduate, but who knows which year because you could never guess her age by her physical appearance in her 'orange and black and white' wardrobe and her 'ever ready bunny energy,'" Ms. Losey said. (Woodside High's



**This is Karen Peterson's 1965 Woodside High School senior class photo.**

school colors are orange and white.)

Among her many activities, Ms. Peterson has participated in the Athletic Boosters, the PTSA, the Drama Boosters, the Music Boosters and the Shared Decision Making Council, Ms. Losey said.

"She is just about a one woman Alumni Association, giving tours to all the alumni reunion groups that request one and organizing the alumni basketball event," she said.

Ms. Peterson was named the 2016 volunteer of the year for the Sequoia Union High School District. "Her generosity, thoughtfulness, and attention to detail may sometimes go unnoticed, (although her spirited wardrobe never does) because she's moving so fast!" the award statement said. "Congratulations to you, the original Lady in Orange!"

## School district may create preschool

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Noting that studies find early childhood education can help disadvantaged students succeed in school, the Menlo Park City School District is considering a fee-based preschool program that would offer scholarships to needy families, helping the district work toward eliminating an achievement gap.

At an April 18 meeting, board members were told that, if approved, the program would not begin until fall 2018. The plan is to pay all the costs of the preschool program with parent fees, with the amount set high enough to enable up to a quarter of students to receive full scholarships.

Superintendent Maurice Ghysels said there is an "overwhelming amount of evidence" on the value of early childhood education.

Assistant Superintendent Erik Burmeister said the tentative plan is to start in the fall of 2018 with 48 students in two classes operating five days a week, full-time and year-round.

The program would probably start at the Laurel School Lower Campus (95 Edge Road in Atherton), which has the best access, location, configuration and capacity, said Ahmad Sheikholeslami, the district's chief business and operations officer.

The preschool would give priority for admission to students

living in the district, and siblings of students from East Palo Alto and Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood who attend the Menlo Park City School District schools as part of the Tinsley program. Next priority for admission would go to children of staff not living in the district.

A board subcommittee made up of board members Joan Lambert and Terry Thygesen, plus Mr. Burmeister and Mr. Ghysels, visited preschools including

**Students who could afford tuition would pay; others could get scholarships.**

Bing Nursery School at Stanford University, a San Carlos School District preschool, All Five in Menlo Park and Educare in San Jose.

Mr. Burmeister said they were told the San Carlos program is loved by the community and prepares students for success in the school district. "They have a waiting list," he said. "This is a win/win for everybody."

He said research has shown that work to close the achievement gap between disadvantaged students and other students needs to start at ages 4 or 5.

"We do have pockets of poverty and we do have pockets of academic need" in the district, Mr. Burmeister said. About 6

percent of the district's students are considered economically disadvantaged.

The district could hire a preschool director during the 2017-18 school year using funds that have been set aside for one-time use for early childhood education, he said.

Carol Thomsen, founder of the All Five preschool in Menlo Park, told the board she thinks the plan is "very, very exciting and forward thinking."

"I think it's really important, and I think it's really hard (to do)," she said.

Ms. Thomsen said the district should be sure it has a very high quality program, with a teacher-to-student ratio of no more than one to eight. She also warned that if the district wants to attract the families in the Tinsley program, transportation will be a problem because many parents won't put young children on a bus.

Board member David Ackerman suggested the district try to pay the preschool teachers on par with its other teachers, which is more than usual. "It would allow us to steal the very best preschool teachers around," he said.

After the meeting, board member Joan Lambert said the district has been discussing opening a preschool for years. In late 2015 the board adopted as one of its strategic direction goals: "Design and develop programs that add value for future MPCSD

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# Eshoo goes after Trump on tax-return secrecy

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

President Donald Trump's tax returns and his refusal to release them was topic No. 1 for Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, who took questions for about two hours Saturday, April 22, during a town-hall-style meeting in a gymnasium at Canada College in Woodside.

A bill written by Ms. Eshoo would require this president and all future presidents to publicly disclose their tax returns. Since Democrats are in the minority and cannot shepherd the bill through committee to the floor for a vote, they are circulating a petition seeking 218 sponsors to bring it to the floor without a committee vote. So far, 119 Democratic representatives and four Republican have signed on, House records show. (There are 193 Democrats and 237 Republicans in the House.)

At Ms. Eshoo's town-hall meeting, attended by about 200 people, most of the questions concerned the challenges facing Democrats, as minorities in both the House and the Senate, in confronting the Trump administration.

During his campaign, Mr. Trump claimed that because he was being audited, he could not release his tax returns. "There's no such thing as being under audit and not being able to put your tax return out," Ms. Eshoo told her audience. "It's just a fib. A big fat fib." The Internal Revenue Service, according to Reuters, has said that "nothing

prevents individuals from sharing their own tax information."

Mr. Trump owns 564 business entities worldwide, and while he has put his assets in a trust, it's not a blind trust, Ms. Eshoo said. Tax returns "really give a profile of the person," she said. "We're really swimming in conflicts of interest here ... but we don't hold the keys to the majority."

"Public sentiment is everything," she said, quoting Abraham Lincoln. "The decency of the people. They're outraged over these conflicts of interest. That's what's going to change things."

## Where to begin?

Over two hours, Ms. Eshoo fielded questions that covered many of the major topics in the news, including recent bombings by U.S. forces in Syria and Afghanistan, climate change, health care, money in politics, the Supreme Court and women's rights.

Commenting on the investigation by the House Intelligence Committee into alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 election, Ms. Eshoo noted that all 17 federal intelligence agencies agree that there was interference by a foreign government — which is not to say that Mr. Trump was not legitimately elected, she added.

She said she is hoping for a tough, fair, intelligent and undramatic investigation, adding that Republicans may be slow to act until they're up for re-election.

"This is very, very serious," she said. "If we don't take it as

**Rep. Anna Eshoo authored a bill that would force presidents to disclose their tax returns.**



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

"We're really swimming in conflicts of interest here," Rep. Anna Eshoo said of the Trump administration at a town hall meeting at Canada College in Woodside.

seriously as we should, then I don't know what happens to our democracy. This is a direct attack on a major pillar of our democracy: our elections. So who did this? Who are the people that did this? Were there U.S. persons involved with the Russians? And how far up does it go? The president (is) a master at diversion on this."

On health care, the GOP's bid to replace the Affordable Care Act would have increased the number of people without health insurance by 24 million people by 2026, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The bill was 28 hours in committee debate, and Ms. Eshoo said she was there for all of it, bathroom breaks aside.

The bill was "immoral (and) collapsed of its own weight," she said, adding that public sentiment was the key to its downfall.

## Foreign workers

A software engineer, unemployed and no longer young but with a resume full of "cutting-edge projects," asked Ms. Eshoo to comment on his having sent out dozens of applications and receiving next to no responses while the same companies may be hiring younger foreign workers.

American companies that say they can't find Americans to fill jobs have some legitimate complaints, she said. Mr. Trump campaigned on addressing problems with the H1B visa program — to his credit, Ms. Eshoo said. "I agree that there are abuses. I am doing what I can about it, and we're waiting for the administration to come out with their policy," she said.

On aircraft noise above local communities, she said she is waiting for the Federal Aviation Administration to comment on recommendations by the recently

concluded Select Committee. "We're running out of patience" she said. One idea: an airport round table as is done in San Mateo County. When the FAA responds, "my constituents are going to know," she said. "We'll make wallpaper out of it. I'm on it like white on rice."

As for fighting climate change, "there is significant damage that is taking place at the hands of the administration," Ms. Eshoo said. "An attack on science, in my view, is an attack on America. Science is fundamental. It is absolutely fundamental."

She belongs to the Climate Solutions caucus, a nonpartisan group with membership kept even between Democrats and Republicans. The goal is 50 members and there are currently around 36, Ms. Eshoo said. "It's quite an achievement, actually," she said. ■

## Youth mental health clinic opens

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

More than four months ahead of schedule, SafeSpace, a youth mental health center, has opened in Menlo Park.

SafeSpace has offices at 1166 El Camino Real in Menlo Park, above Feldman's Books, and will soon open a meeting/classroom space next door in the offices that formerly housed Gentry Magazine.

SafeSpace is planned as a self-sustaining nonprofit modeled on the Australian clinics called "headspace." Since starting in 2006 with 30 clinics, headspace now has more than 100 Australian clinics.

In October, Stacy Drazan

of Woodside, Susan Bird of Menlo Park and Liesl Moldow of Atherton told the Almanac they wanted to open SafeSpace by the end of August. They plan the Menlo Park clinic to be the first of many in the U.S.

SafeSpace will serve young people from ages 12 to 26, and involve youth in everything from designing the clinic interiors to publicizing it and referring friends who may need help.

The clinic has formed a youth advisory board with students from Menlo-Atherton, Woodside, Menlo School and Sacred Heart Prep high schools, and is forming student groups at local schools. Online counseling and advice will also be available.

SafeSpace CEO Chris Tanti was for 10 years, until his

resignation in June, the CEO of Australia's headspace. The group has also partnered with the Bay Area Children's Association, which has allowed SafeSpace to take medical insurance. BACA's head, Tom Tarshis will be SafeSpace's clinical director. The BACA clinics plan to eventually become SafeSpace clinics.

Ms. Bird said the clinic started receiving phone calls two minutes after plugging in its phone.

At SafeSpace.org learn more about the clinic, or call (650) 304-3906 for an appointment.

## ■ POLICE CALLS

*This information is from the Menlo Park and Atherton police departments 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.*

### PORTOLA VALLEY

**Theft:** A resident of the 3900 block of Alpine Road showed a "soccer challenge coin" to someone that the resident did not know and later realized the person "left without returning the coin." Estimated loss: \$5,000. April 7.

### ATHERTON

**Thefts:**  
■ Someone stole a package of prescription cat food from the driveway of a house on Fair Oaks Lane. The empty packaging was found in unincorporated Redwood City. Estimated loss: \$200. April 7.  
■ A thief cut a lock on a security fence surrounding a home on Stevenson Lane and stole a pipe-threading machine. Estimated loss: \$2,500. April 15.

### MENLO PARK

**Fraud:** Police say that someone used an ATM machine to steal \$23,000 from the bank account of a resident of Marsh Road. April 7.

**Residential burglary:** Someone entered the underground parking area of an apartment complex on Noel Drive and stole a package containing an Easter basket. Estimated loss: \$100. April 14.

### Auto burglaries:

■ A thief smashed the passenger side window of a vehicle parked in the 900 block of El Camino Real and stole a backpack, a tablet computer, headphones and a thermos bottle. Estimated loss: \$670. April 10.

■ Someone broke into a locked tool box on a truck parked on Pine Street and stole power tools and tool sets. Estimated loss: \$344. April 14.

### Thefts:

■ A thief stole a baritone euphonium, a large brass musical instrument, and its case from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 500 block of Laurel Avenue. Estimated loss: \$1,640. April 20.  
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# Menlo Park officers get 'mindfulness' training

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

## ■ MENLO BRIEFS

About 25 Menlo Park police staff have returned from a 16- to 20-hour "resilience and mindfulness" training in Bend, Oregon, held April 7 to 9. The group was the first of three to go through the training. The plan is to send the department's entire police staff through the training, at a total cost of \$177,000.

The training was recommended by Mayor Kirsten Keith last June. Police Chief Robert Jonsen went through the training first. The Oregon program is reportedly unique in its training specific for law enforcement personnel.

It teaches law enforcement officers routines and exercises, such as yoga and meditation, that can help them stay calm and focused, Chief Jonsen said.

He called it the "most re-energizing training I've been to in my entire career."

## Ten named to city commissions

The Menlo Park City Council has filled four city commission and committee seats and reappointed six commissioners.

Newly appointed are: Ester Bugna, Library Commission; Nevada Merriman, Housing Commission; Sarah Staley Shenk, Parks and Recreation Commission; and Ron Shepherd, Finance and Audit Committee.

All eligible incumbents who wanted to continue serving were reappointed by the council April 18.

Reappointed were: Katherine Strehl, Planning Commission; Deborah Martin, Environmental Quality Commission; Bill Kirsch and Cindy Welton, Complete Streets Commission (the city's bicycle and transportation commissions are merged in a one-year trial); Michelle Tate, Housing



Photo by Robert Jonsen

**Police sergeants, corporals, officers and professional staff** at "resilience immersion training" held in Bend, Oregon. The course was taught by Richard Goerling (far left front) and Brian Shiers (far right front).

Commission; and Christopher Harris, Parks and Recreation Commission.

All appointments are for four-year terms that expire April 30, 2021, except for the Finance and Audit Committee appointment, which is a two-year term expiring April 30, 2019.

## Pause on pay hike

A proposed 25 percent pay

raise for a vacant city position — sustainability manager — was temporarily rejected April 4 by the Menlo Park City Council.

Under the proposal, the new annual pay range for the position, recently vacated by Heather Abrams, would be from \$110,963 to \$138,704, up from a range of \$92,114 to \$111,081. The raise would match the salary for the city's closest comparable

job, the housing and economic development manager.

Council members suggested it seemed too high and asked staff to do more research, but did approve two new positions on the citywide salary schedule: a senior accountant at a salary range of \$94,022 to \$113,221, and an enterprise applications support specialist at a salary range of \$89,498 to \$107,888. ■

# Menlo Park council shows support for 'sanctuary' ordinances

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Amid the threat by the Trump administration to cut federal funding to "sanctuary cities," the Menlo Park City Council is examining options for how the city will deal with undocumented immigrants.

The council has taken a number of steps, including adopting a "Welcoming City" resolution and authorizing Mayor Kirsten Keith to send a letter of support for California Senate Bill 54, which would make the state a so-called "sanctuary" state.

The council also agreed at its April 18 meeting to set up a subcommittee composed of its two lawyers, Ms. Keith and Ray Mueller, to iron out the language of two prospective ordinances that will come before the council, likely at its May 23 meeting.

One ordinance would ban the use of city resources to collect sensitive information about a person's immigration status. The other would prohibit the police department from cooperating with federal immigration officials on "civil detainer requests."

According to a staff report, civil detainer requests can be issued by federal immigration officials to ask that a person in the custody of a local law enforcement agency be kept

longer than he or she would otherwise be detained, typically up to 48 hours. Unlike criminal warrants, these requests are not issued by a judge and are not based on a finding of probable cause, according to Assistant City Attorney Leigh Prince. Local jurisdictions are not obligated by law to honor such requests, she said.

Police Commander Dave Bertini said that, to his knowledge, no such requests have been made to the Menlo Park Police Department in the last few years. The department doesn't often interact with federal immigration authorities because the city doesn't have a jail, he said.

## Funding threats

The "elephant in the room" during the discussion, acknowledged Ms. Prince in a presentation to the council, is the question of how severely such action could affect Menlo Park's bottom line, since President Trump threatened in an executive order to withhold federal funding from so-called "sanctuary" cities.

When all federal funding for the 2016-17 fiscal year was tallied, she said, the city received about \$1.1 million: about \$413,000 went to community services, \$700,000 to public works, and \$70,000 to the police department. On average, the city gets about \$665,000 in federal

funds each year, a staff report said.

There is still ambiguity as to exactly how much federal funding is at stake. Ms. Prince and Mayor Keith attended oral arguments at the recent Santa Clara County v. Trump hearing, she said, and noted that while San Francisco and Santa Clara counties interpreted the threat to mean that all federal funding could be at stake, President Trump's attorney claimed only federal grants from the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice would be withheld from sanctuary cities.

Using this year's budget as a reference point, that would mean that the equivalent of about \$70,000 from the police grant might be at stake in future years.

Menlo Park has signed an amicus brief in support of the Santa Clara County lawsuit. Thirty-three other jurisdictions around the U.S. have asked that the executive order be halted.

City Attorney Bill McClure pointed out that what constitutes a "sanctuary city" is not well-defined. Menlo Park's current policies, plus a resolution that the council passed unanimously on Jan. 24, declaring that the city is committed to a "diverse, supportive, inclusive and protective community," may already put Menlo Park in

the eyes of the federal government in terms of being a "sanctuary" jurisdiction, he said.

## Community response

More than 20 people, including several kids and teens, spoke in favor of the ordinance during the public comment period of the April 18 council meeting.

Marcus Tjernlund, an eighth-grader at Hillview Middle School, said he has been part of a Spanish immersion program and has a friend whose parents are undocumented. "Don't assist deportations, please," he said.

Dorothy Fadiman, a Menlo Park documentary filmmaker, said she has interviewed hundreds of immigrants who crossed the border illegally into the U.S. "From personal

experience, these people want work, they want education and they want to be treated humanely," she said.

Menlo Park residents and the Rev. Diana Gibson and the Rev. Geoff Browning expressed support for the ordinance, as did San Mateo County Poet Laureate and Menlo Park resident Lisa Rosenberg.

Also in favor of the ordinance were a teacher-student pair — Betty Achinstein and 10-year-old Desmond — who quoted from Langston Hughes' "I Dream a World." He recited:

"A world I dream where black or white,

Whatever race you be,  
Will share the bounties of the earth

And every man is free." ■

## PRESCHOOL

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families prior to their children entering kindergarten including the pursuit of early learning education options and resources for children ages zero to five."

"We realized that if we were going to be serious about trying to close the achievement gap we really needed to do something before kids enter kindergarten," she said. The district already has a summer preschool program for incoming kindergartners who need extra preparation.

"We wanted to do as much as possible to have all kids be ready, socially and academically, for kindergarten," she said.

A preschool program was always meant to be self-sustaining, she said. "It was always intended not to encroach on the general fund," she said.

Parents have also asked for a preschool. "If we have excess space in our facilities ever, we want to use that in ways to best serve the community," she said. "I think it's very tough for parents around here now" to find preschools, she said. ■

# How 'right to die' law is working locally

By **Kate Daly**  
Special to the Almanac

"I barely knew him," said Nancy Meyer of Portola Valley, who was there when her client took prescribed drugs to exit life peacefully, just as he wished.

Ms. Meyer is one of a dozen volunteers who works in Northern California for Compassion & Choices, a national nonprofit focused on end-of-life care.

The organization advocated for the passage of the End of Life Option Act in California, which became law in June 2016. Right-to-die laws also exist in Oregon, Washington, Vermont, Colorado and Montana.

In November the group's California medical outreach manager, Stefanie Elkins, met with more than a dozen people at Ms. Meyer's home to talk about the law. At the time, Ms. Elkins noted, there were "50 anecdotal cases statewide" of patients having gone through the process to end their lives.

Ms. Meyer has volunteered for seven years to sit at bedsides, help clients make choices, and write advance directives to provide instructions on end-of-life health care. "All of our roles have changed a bit with the new law in place," she said.

Referring to her recent client, she said she met him on a Friday. On Monday they had a follow-up conversation about scheduling and logistics.

On Tuesday with Ms. Meyer, another volunteer, and a nursing aide present, "he took the medicine, and it took 15 minutes" for him to die, she said.

He chose not to have a family member there.

In another situation a client had his family there and decided not to take the drugs.

"They called us in that day needing help to take the meds," Ms. Meyer said. After going over the choices, "we had a conversation with his family, he changed his mind, and sent everyone away."

The law was written to give California residents 18 and over who are mentally competent and diagnosed with a terminal illness and a prognosis of six months or less to live, the choice to die by a self-administered drug.

The law requires two oral requests made to doctors at least 15 days apart and a written request, plus multiple forms involving two physicians and two witnesses, only one of whom can be family.

A question persists about implementing the law, namely how difficult is it to find local doctors willing to practice physician-assisted-death.

**Dr. Periyakoil believes in 'early engagement of palliative care, as soon as diagnosis (occurs), because suffering is something that builds up over time.'**

"It's early days," said Dr. Vyjeyanthi Periyakoil, director of palliative care education and training at Stanford University School of Medicine. "It's a very sensitive topic."

Some people object to physician-assisted death for religious or spiritual reasons.

"It's too new," she said. "I think many feel uncomfortable and worried about viable options," such as pain management, hospice care, and voluntary stopping of eating and drinking.

She said she believes in "early engagement of palliative care, as soon as diagnosis (occurs), because suffering is something that builds up over time."

Usually, a doctor who knows the patient best, such as a primary care physician or oncologist, gets a request from a patient for physician-assisted death.



Photo by Chris Meyer

"All of our roles have changed a bit with the new law in place," says Nancy Meyer of Portola Valley, who volunteers for Compassion & Choices, a nonprofit focused on end-of-life care.

Under Stanford's policy, after such a request is made, the ethics department of the School of Medicine gets involved, and the second required physician must be a palliative care specialist.

A doctor may opt out of helping a patient and another physician can be found.

Stanford will not accept new patients solely for physician-assisted death, and does not allow for the procedure to take place on Stanford Health Care premises.

At Kaiser, according to Dr. Michelle Caughey of Woodside, associate executive director of

the Permanente Medical Group, physician-assisted death "is such a rare thing, an unusual option."

"Doctors have no obligation" to comply, she said. "In our organization, we've had to make it available to members."

"We have about the same participation rate as in Oregon; it's unusual, but people are opting for it. Some just want to have that as an option, but don't necessarily follow through," Dr. Caughey said.

Oregon Health Authority reports in 2016, 204 people received prescriptions under the

state's Death with Dignity Act. As of Jan. 23, a total of 133 people died from ingesting them, including 19 who received their prescriptions in prior years. Most of the people were cancer patients 65 years and older.

"The law is very detailed and requires a lot of reporting which is very good," she said. "You really need that string of custody. These drugs shouldn't be out and about."

Kaiser pharmacies deliver the drugs, usually a barbiturate such as Seconal, in capsule form.

The drugs reportedly cost anywhere from hundreds to thousands of dollars and often aren't covered by medical insurance. Physician-assisted death is not considered suicide and therefore doesn't affect life insurance.

Compassion & Choices has observed that in states where physician-assisted death is legal, patients use hospice care more.

Here on the Peninsula, Ms. Elkins said, Mission Hospice & Home Care is "super supportive" of the new law.

She described her job as reaching out to medical providers and educating them about physician-assisted death, to "normalize this addition, expand the care and choices at end of life."

On the website, [endoflifeoption.org](http://endoflifeoption.org), doctors, pharmacists and patients can find more information. ■

## Gordon named to Sempervirens board

Rich Gordon, a Menlo Oaks resident and former state Assemblyman with 24 years of experience in elected office, has been named to the board of the Sempervirens Fund, a nonprofit working to protect the redwood forests of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

"Healthy forests provide a critical component of a clean

fresh water supply for people and wildlife," he said. "With drought as our new normal, conservation, in all respects, must also be our new normal."

Mr. Gordon has said he plans to run in 2018 for a seat on the state Board of Equalization, which administers and collects taxes, including sales, property and use taxes.




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# Menlo Park burglary: Man, 21, faces up to 11 years in prison

A 21-year-old East Palo Alto resident faces up to 11 years in state prison after pleading no contest to one felony count of residential burglary in Menlo Park and one felony count of assault while at the San Mateo County Maguire Correctional Facility in 2015.

Under a plea deal, Carlos Saavedra Yepez could face that sentence, in part because of a previous felony conviction for

residential burglary, prosecutors said.

During the afternoon of June 23, 2016, Mr. Yepez was seen by Menlo Park police officers driving on O'Connor Street in the Willows area of Menlo Park, making short forays down driveways while a passenger got in and out of the car. Police recognized him as a parolee, prosecutors said. Mr. Yepez was previously convicted of

residential burglary in 2014.

When approached by police, Mr. Yepez drove off and hit a parked car and unmarked police car, according to prosecutors. He then got out of the car and ran away.

Later, while police were searching the area, he and an accomplice were seen emerging from a home on O'Connor Street carrying two computers and a screwdriver, according to prosecutors.

Mr. Yepez allegedly dropped the equipment but was apprehended by police.

A resident later reported two stolen computers and pry marks on her door.

Mr. Yepez on April 14 pleaded no contest to felony assault during a gang fight in October 2015 that broke out between the Norteno and Sureno gangs at the San Mateo County Maguire Correctional Facility after

a technician at the jail accidentally activated a cell door release mechanism reserved for emergencies. Mr. Yepez is a documented Norteno gang member and was involved in the fight, according to San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

He remains in custody on \$450,000 bail. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for Friday, June 9.

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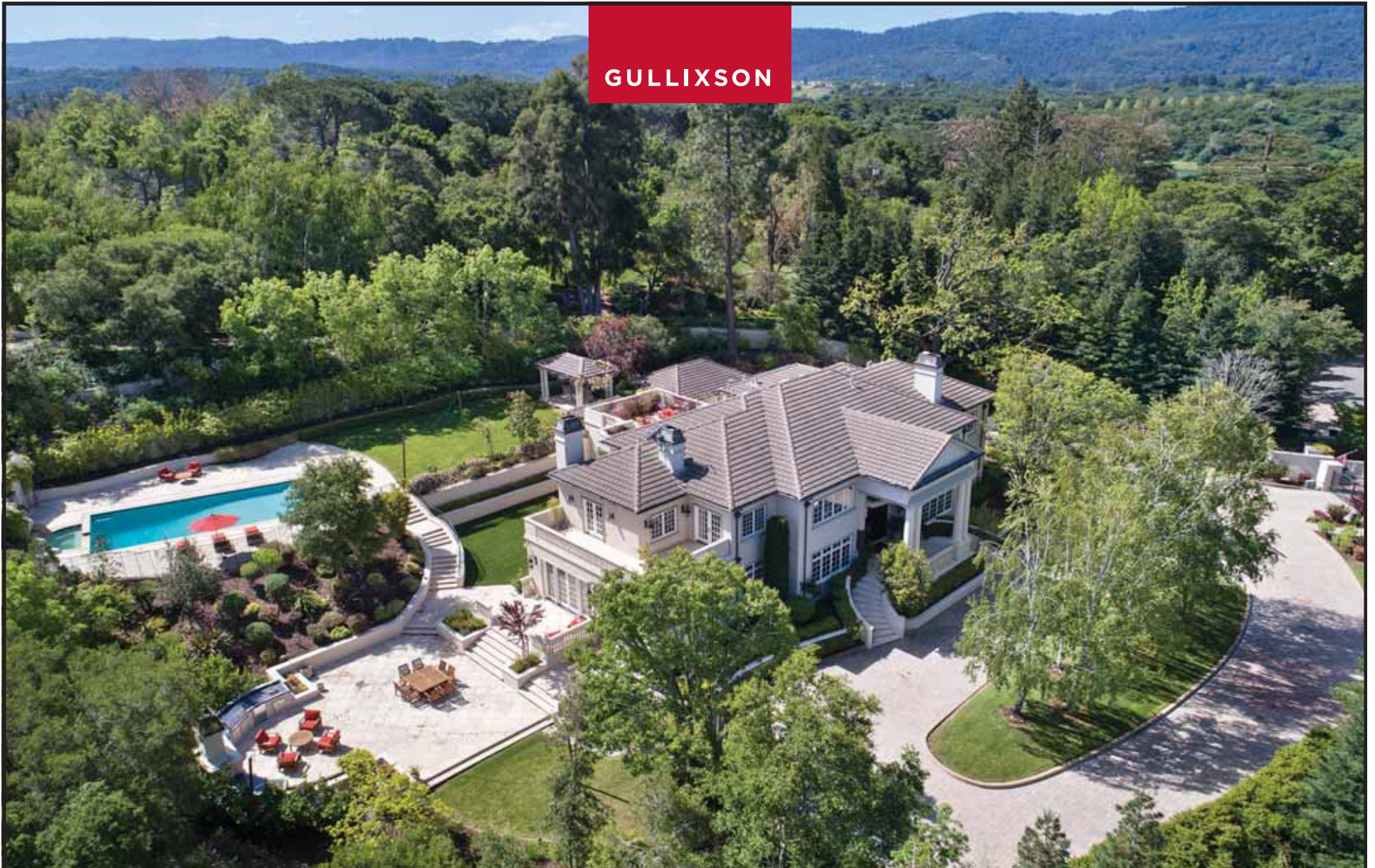
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Questions may be addressed at the non-mandatory **PRE-BID MEETING**, which will be held at the office of the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027, at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017.

SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027, **until 11:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on Tuesday, May 16th, 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 **SERIES CIRCUIT STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (Project # 56080)**", along with date and time of bid opening.

**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY  
NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Town Council Chambers (Historic Schoolhouse), 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California on the following:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF TITLE 18 [ZONING] OF THE PORTOLA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO SECOND UNITS**

The Town Council will review proposed modifications to the Second Unit Ordinance in accordance with Government Code Section 65852.2 which mandates greater flexibility for the creation of second units or accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Proposed modifications include increasing the size limit of ADUs, reducing parking requirements, and applying owner occupancy/short term rental restrictions on new units.

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. If you challenge a proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a Public Hearing(s) described above, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).

Information pertaining to the proposal may be viewed at Town Hall Building and Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Town Council to be heard at the time and place mentioned above.

Dated: April 28, 2017  
Debbie Pedro, Planning Director



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**At Kepler's Books** on April 18, Chelsea Clinton signs her book, "It's Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired and Get Going," for Eastside College Preparatory School student Aniyah Carson.

**Chelsea Clinton draws large crowd**

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Chelsea Clinton, former First Daughter and the closest person to date to earning the title from both parents, came to Kepler's Books in Menlo Park on April 18 to promote her own work and to sign copies of her book, "It's Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired & Get Going!"

The 432-page book deals with global problems such as poverty, homelessness, food insecurity, education access, gender equality, climate change and disease, and suggests actions that kids can take to start addressing those problems.

According to Jean Forstner, executive director of Kepler's Literary Foundation, the

bookstore sold 1,100 copies of her book and estimates that between 1,800 and 2,000 people were in attendance. The event was Ms. Clinton's largest in the U.S. on her book tour so far, Ms. Forstner said, with the largest attendance and greatest number of book sales.

Ms. Clinton credits her own early volunteerism to her reading as a kid a book called "50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth." As a Stanford student, she volunteered as a reading and writing tutor and at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, according to her biography. She currently works as vice chair of the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation.

Seven Eastside College Preparatory School students who

were visiting Kepler's on a field trip had the chance to meet Ms. Clinton first. Each took her or his turn asking a question, and she replied in a softspoken manner, so this reporter couldn't pick up on what was said.

According to Judy Wong-Chen, a chaperone who works as student services coordinator at the school, the book's message ties into some of the school's goals of promoting student advocacy and volunteer work (and encouraging students to read nonfiction).

Eastside student Aniyah Carson told the Almanac afterward, "Knowing someone of her background acknowledges the struggles we go through (as a minority kid) — that she's not ignorant of what's going on — is comforting to me." ■

**Local impact of sea-level rise:  
Comment sought on report**

Public comment is sought on a 291-page draft report on San Mateo County's vulnerability to rising sea levels. The report was prepared by the county with funding and cooperation from the California Coastal Conservancy.

Using various scenarios of sea level rise, the report analyzes impacts on the county's beaches and wetlands, public health infrastructure, homes, businesses, schools, airports, wastewater treatment plants and police stations.

The report says it "aims to increase awareness of the issue countywide and to provide a foundation for planning and projects that increase resilience and reduce risks."

Sea Change San Mateo County will hold a community meeting

**BRIEFS**

on the report at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Ted Adcock Community Center, 535 Kelly Ave. in Half Moon Bay.

Go to [seachangesmc.com](http://seachangesmc.com) for links to the draft report.

Go to [is.gd/sea55](http://is.gd/sea55) to submit comments on the draft report, due before the close of business Friday, May 5.

**Anton Menlo**

Applications to live in one of the 37 "below market rate" apartments in the Anton Menlo apartment complex are being accepted. The complex allows some pets and has studios, one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units. Applications

are due to Anton Menlo's onsite leasing office by 5 p.m. Monday, May 8.

Go to [is.gd/Anton685](http://is.gd/Anton685) for more information.

**Riekes fundraiser**

The Riekes Center for Human Enhancement will host its ninth annual scholarship fundraiser, "Rally for Riekes," from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the center, located at 3455 Edison Way in North Fair Oaks.

Scholarships help fund participation in Riekes Center programs in athletics, fitness, nature education and creative arts.

The casual-dress event includes cocktails, dinner and an evening program. Tickets are \$175. Sponsors include the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation, the Vettel, Wagner and King families, Kris and Ken Moore, Intuit and Avid Bank.

Go to [is.gd/Riekes29](http://is.gd/Riekes29) for more information.

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## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

## ARTICLE 1 INVITATION TO BID

- 1.1 Notice Inviting Bids:** Owner will receive sealed Bids at the **Town Hall**, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until **2:00 P.M.** on **Thursday, May 4, 2017** for the following public work:

## TOWN OF WOODSIDE

## 2017 Road Rehabilitation Project

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- 1.2 Project Description:** The work will include the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary or required to perform AC dig-outs, AC swale, AC Overlay, trail overlay, Concrete curb, Concrete gutter and striping & pavement markings on various Town roads.
- 1.3 Procurement of Bidding Documents:** Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. Bidders may examine a complete hard-copy set of the Bidding Documents at the Town's Public Works Department, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062. Bidders may download a complete set of Bidding Documents at <http://www.woodsidetown.org/rfps> at no cost. Bidder is responsible for printing any and all of Bidding Documents.
- 1.4 Instructions:** Bidders shall refer to Document 00 2113 (Instructions to Bidders) for required documents and items to be submitted in a sealed envelope for deposit into the Bid Box in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 no later than the time and date set forth in Paragraph 1.01 above.
- 1.5 Project Schedule:** All work shall be completed within **60 working days** from Notice to Proceed and no later than October 15, 2017.
- 1.6 Bid Preparation Cost:** Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their Bids.
- 1.7 Reservation of Rights:** Owner specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, to re-bid, or to waive inconsequential defects in bidding not involving time, price or quality of the work. Owner may reject any and all Bids and waive any minor irregularities in the Bids.

## ARTICLE 2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Required Contractor's License(s):** A California "A" contractor's license is required to bid this contract. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract.
- 2.2 Required Contractor and Subcontractor Registration**
- A. Owner shall accept Bids only from Bidders that (along with all Subcontractors listed in Document 00 4330, Subcontractor List) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.
- B. Subject to Labor Code Sections 1771.1(c) and (d), any Bid not complying with paragraph A above shall be returned and not considered; provided that if Bidder is a joint venture (Business & Professions Code Section 7029.1) or if federal funds are involved in the Contract (Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)), Owner may accept a non-complying Bid provided that Bidder and all listed Subcontractors are registered at the time of Contract award.
- 2.3 N/A**
- 2.4 N/A**
- 2.5 Substitution of Securities:** Owner will permit the successful bidder to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract. Should the contractor opt for this option please contact the owner to obtain the form.
- 2.5 Prevailing Wage Laws:** The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents. Copies of the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the Contract, as determined by Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, are on file at the Town's Public Works Department, may be obtained from the California Department of Industrial Relations website [<http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.htm>] and are deemed included in the Bidding Documents. Upon request, Owner will make available copies to any interested party. Also, the successful Bidder shall post the applicable prevailing wage rates at the Site.
- 2.7 Prevailing Wage Monitoring:** This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

## Kepler's joins Facebook's Small Business Council

Kepler's Books announced it has been selected to join Facebook's 2017 U.S. Small Business Council. It is one of only 11 businesses in the U.S. selected out of a pool of 5 million businesses that advertise on Facebook, Kepler's said.

Nicole Hughes, Kepler's director of special projects at Kepler's Literary Foundation, and Praveen Madan, Kepler's community engagement officer, spent two days at Facebook headquarters and met with the company's marketing and product staff to receive instruction on how to better use the social media platform's products for the Kepler's bookstore, literary foundation and subscription-based "GiftLit" program.

"Small businesses, like Kepler's, are the backbone of our economy and the heart of our communities



Courtesy of Kepler's Books and Facebook

**Praveen Madan and Nicole Hughes** at Facebook's "Hacker Square" on April 6.

— so when they succeed, everyone wins," said Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer of Facebook and a Menlo Park resident.

## Science Night at Encinal School

Encinal School's Science Night on Friday, April 28, will feature cooking demonstrations from the school's new Charlie Cart mobile kitchen classroom, plus creative science projects from many of Encinal's 630 kindergarten to fifth-grade students.

A community grant from the Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula allowed Encinal School to be the first Peninsula school with a Charlie Cart.

The mobile kitchen uses cooking and food preparation to teach math, science, social studies and English language arts lessons aligned with the Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards.

Encinal's Spanish immersion kindergarten is the first class to use the Charlie Cart kitchen classroom with lessons emphasizing cultural understanding.

Encinal Principal Sharon Burns said the Charlie Cart teaches children how to make healthy choices while learning math and science. "The Charlie Cart gives us another approach to teach, away from traditional desk/lectures, and connects learning through cooking to our long-established, successful gardening program."

Encinal School's annual PTO-sponsored Science Night is a community affair with more than 100 children's science project displays; demonstrations by the Menlo-Atherton High School science, robotic and Leo clubs; hands-on interactive science sessions from the Lawrence Hall of Science; and a Bubble Festival. Pizza and baked goods

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will be on sale by the Girl Scouts and the Encinal PTO.

— *Stacey Wueste, Encinal parent volunteer*

## STEAM night at Oak Knoll School

Oak Knoll School will hold a STEAM night on Wednesday, April 26, with hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and math projects for the whole family.

The event runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 1895 Oak Knoll Lane in Menlo Park.

Adults and children will be able to build rockets, fly parachutes, solve digital problems, explore and envision constellations, design earthquake proof structures, build Rube Goldberg machines, create animations, dive into a cup and stick challenge, construct with Keva Planks, engineer with duct tape and more.

Videos of family-constructed Rube Goldberg machines preparing breakfast will also be featured. Teachers will run all projects so entire families can participate.

## School Maker Faire

Projects created by inventors, tech enthusiasts, hobbyists, crafters, artists and DIYers of all kinds will be featured at the Portola Valley School District's first Maker Faire on Friday, April 28,

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# Polynesian food truck arrives in town

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

After spending 25 years as a biotech engineer, Keke Lepulu, 47, of Menlo Park, says he was weary of being a cog in the Silicon Valley startup cycle: working hard for a startup until it gets acquired, and then finding himself in search of a job again. This time, he said, he decided to pursue something different.

Luckily for local tastebuds, that something was to expand the gastronomic offerings in town to include Polynesian food.

On March 9, after about a year of careful planning and hard work, he debuted Umu, a food truck serving Polynesian food from Samoa, Tonga, Fiji and Hawaii, at Kelly Park, located in the Onetta Harris Community Center complex in Belle Haven.

Sales have gone well so far, he said, noting that the truck sold out on its first day.

Umu (the word used to describe a traditional Polynesian earthen oven), started out as just an idea about a year ago, he said.

Since he decided to pursue the business concept in earnest, he has acquired an old truck, designed a full kitchen for its interior, taken it to a shop in Fresno to have the kitchen

built, worked with a designer to develop the exterior of the truck, created the menu and gotten trained and licensed in food preparation through the San Mateo County Health Department.

He also did his own market research, surveying his two sons (a junior and senior at Menlo-Atherton High School) and their friends to figure out what menu items would be “hip” and would generate buzz on social media. As for the market itself, he pointed out, there is a significant Polynesian community in eastern Menlo Park and East Palo Alto, yet to his knowledge, the only places to buy Samoan food in the Bay Area are in San Francisco, San Jose and Newark.

While this may be his first foray into the restaurant business, Mr. Lepulu says he’s spent his entire adult life cooking large quantities of traditional Samoan food. He’s from a large Samoan family — he’s the youngest of nine kids — and has many extended relatives in the area, who gather often to share meals.

“I’m a cook by default when the family gets together for big gatherings,” he said.

During the early days of his business, he said, he plans for family to be a core part of his staff. During the first few days, his wife and sons helped him staff the truck. Family will likely

**‘I’m a cook by default when the family gets together for big gatherings.’**

KEKE LEPULU

continue to help out, he said, at least until he can hire other employees.

To start, he said, the food truck will operate on Thursdays

through Sundays, since he works as a consultant Mondays through Wednesdays.

Although the food truck is registered with Off the Grid, Mr. Lepulu said he’s hoping to make a go of the eastern Menlo Park location before he begins moving around. He said he lives down the street from the site and sees it as a hub for the local Polynesian community.

For visitors to the truck seeking an authentic dining experience, he says he recommends the palusami, a dish prepared with coconut milk, taro leaves and

corned beef. The food truck also offers a sampler plate that offers servings of all four of the truck’s main dishes for \$20, which will give the customer ample food for two people, he said.

The food truck will operate at the Onetta Harris Community Center parking lot (100 Terminal Avenue in Belle Haven) on Thursdays through Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Follow the food truck on Instagram at [umufoodtruck](#), on Facebook at [facebook.com/umufoodtruck](#) or Twitter at [@umufoodtruck](#). ■



Instagram photo courtesy Umu food truck

**People line up** at the Umu food truck serving Polynesian food in the Belle Haven area of Menlo Park. According to owner Keke Lepulu, the designs on the truck were inspired by traditional Polynesian tribal patterns.

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at Corte Madera School.

The event, which will include projects made by kindergartners to eighth-graders, staff and parents, is open to the public, but pre-registration is required.

At [pvdsd.us/pvmaker17](#) the pre-registration form can be found online.

Many of the projects were designed and developed in the

Ormondale and Corte Madera Makerspaces, which were funded through the 2015 Portola Valley Schools Foundation’s Fund-A-Need program.

The free, family-friendly festival “reflects the energy that our community has for creating, sharing and learning while having fun,” said Jason Borgen, the district’s director of learning and innovation. “Many exhibits are hands-on and attendees of all ages can learn something new.”

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# Windows & mirrors

By Kate Bradshaw | Photos by Michelle Le

Most anyone who's been a kid or spent time around kids recently knows that there are a few staples when it comes to bedtime stories, among them Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and H.A. Rey's "Curious George."

Now, a Menlo Park-based online bookseller, KitaabWorld, is working to give families a chance to more easily access those classics (and other books) with a South Asian twist. Picture "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" with Bengali, Urdu, Punjabi or Gujarati translations, or Curious George eating kebabs and pizza in "It's Ramadan, Curious George."

KitaabWorld, a for-profit online bookseller co-founded by Gauri Manglik of Menlo Park and Sadaf Siddique of Foster City, launched last fall.

Both women are mothers of young kids and longtime friends — their husbands went to kindergarten together — and say they found it difficult to find children's books that they felt reflected the experiences of growing up in the U.S. with a South Asian heritage.

Ms. Manglik comes to the business after spending more than a decade as a corporate lawyer, and Ms. Siddique has a background in multimedia journalism.

On the whole, they say, children's literature should be more diverse, and, when it comes to stories of South Asia and the South Asian diaspora, such books do exist but can be hard to find.

According to the Cooperative Children's Book Center, out of 3,200 children's books published in the U.S. in 2016, only about 21 percent were about people of color and only 12 percent were written and/or illustrated by people who are African American, American Indian/First Nations, Asian Pacific/Asian Pacific

American or Latino/Latina. The Cooperative Children's Book Center is a library affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Education and has been tracking such statistics since 1985.

Proponents of diversity in children's literature argue that stories can create "mirrors," or narratives that reflect a child's own experiences back at him or her, and in other cases, "windows," or scenarios that enable a child to peek into the life of someone who is different.

Ms. Manglik and Ms. Siddique have a goal to curate books to help kids from South Asian cultures have positive "mirror" experiences and provide all kids with entertaining stories and "window" moments. "Our mission is really to spread and share the South Asian culture for kids growing up in America in a fun, engaging way," Ms. Siddique said.

Even within their scope of South Asian literature, they point out, there's a rich range of nations, cultures and religions to draw stories from. Countries represented in their collections include 20 languages across Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka, and religions like Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism and Sikhism.

Many of those languages share the same word for book, which is "kitaab" — the bookseller's apt namesake.

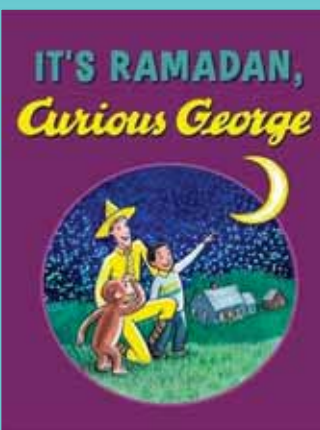
One story collection of Sufi folktales presents stories similar to Aesop's Fables, and some come with different moral takeaways. For instance, instead of the protagonist jumping into battle with a scary dragon, as might be expected in a Western fairy tale, one of the Sufi fables has the protagonist talk to the dragon to try to understand why it's behaving so cruelly, Ms. Siddique said.

KitaabWorld aims to give kids glimpses and reflections of different cultures

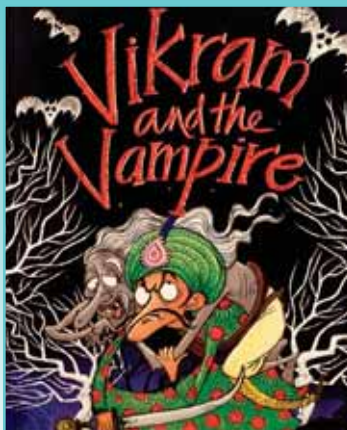


**KitaabWorld co-founders** Gauri Manglik of Menlo Park (left) and Sadaf Siddique of Foster City launched in January a campaign called "Countering Islamophobia through Stories" to sell and distribute children's books that have Muslim characters and depict Islamic traditions in a kid-friendly way.

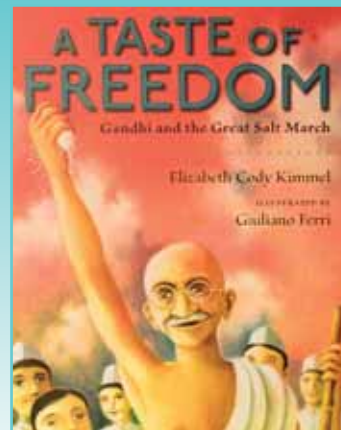
## KitaabWorld Book Recommendations



**"It's Ramadan, Curious George"** by A.H. Rey and Ms. Hena Khan. Curious George celebrates Ramadan with his friend, Kareem, who explains in child-friendly rhyme the key concepts around Ramadan: fasting, charity and, finally, feasting. \$7.99.



**"Vikram and the Vampire"** by Natasha Sharma. A modern and hilarious update on the story of king Vikram and the talkative corpse in the guise of a vampire that he must carry back to his kingdom. \$9.95.



**"A Taste of Freedom: Gandhi and the Great Salt March"** by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel, illustrated by Giuliano Ferri. This book, told through the eyes of a child, is a recounting of Mahatma Gandhi's Salt March, which paved the way for India's nonviolent struggle against the British for independence. \$17.99.



**“We’re a young company** still evolving,” says Sadaf Siddique (right). Currently, they sell books online, host story times and lessons in classrooms and at public events, and advise teachers seeking to increase representations of South Asian diversity in their lessons. Go to [kitaabworld.com](http://kitaabworld.com) for more information.

An important part of the books sold at KitaabWorld, Ms. Manglik said, is the concept of “casual diversity.” That means that diverse books should not just talk about Muslim or Hindu holidays, she said, but depict children of color, and of South Asian heritage, going about daily life.

Tracking down the books themselves has required sourcing texts from all over the world, they said, and in at least one case, has saved a book from premature retirement. They keep most of the books in Ms. Manglik’s garage for now, but are looking into leasing warehouse space.

### Community

In addition to sourcing and selling books, Ms. Manglik and Ms. Siddique have been working to get their books into the hands of classroom educators.

Right now, they’re planning to work with parents, teachers, museums and other institutions to distribute the stories they’ve curated as widely as possible.

“The point is to just get (the books) out there. We don’t care how,” Ms. Siddique said.

One way they’ve done that is through a campaign they launched on Martin Luther King Jr. Day that is called “Countering Islamophobia through Stories.” The pair curated four book lists, such as “Muslim Kids as Heroes,” that tell stories about Muslim

protagonists, and then gave discounts on the books, thereby trimming their profit margins, they said. They also interviewed authors and posted online stories and essays that people submitted about their experiences with Islamophobia.

**‘Our mission is really to spread and share the South Asian culture for kids growing up in America in a fun, engaging way’**

SADAF SIDDIQUE,  
KITAABWORLD CO-FOUNDER

The pair hosts story time sessions with local schools such as the Peninsula School and GeoKids, a preschool near the U.S. Geological Survey offices in Menlo Park. They’ve hosted activities with the Palo Alto Arts Center, and with the Menlo Park nonprofit Art in Action.

At the Peninsula School in Menlo Park, Masa Tasovac, a teacher of 7- to 9-year-olds and who co-chairs the school’s diversity committee, said that students found the lesson engaging. The lesson told a story about refugees, and was done in a “sensitive, age-appropriate” way, she said.

Afterward, students were asked to do an art project about what they learned, and words like “freedom,” “liberty” and “equity” popped up in their projects.

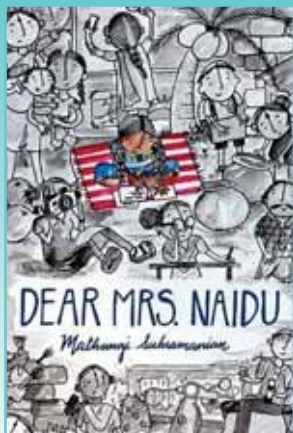
So far, Ms. Manglik said, some teachers in other states who have bought books from KitaabWorld have reported positive responses from students. One teacher, she said, told about a second-grade girl who was very excited about one of the books. “I’ve never seen a book with a girl in a hijab,” she reportedly told her teacher.

“These small things make a difference in the lives of kids,” said Ms. Manglik. As an example, she said, she went into her 7-year-old son’s classroom at Oak Knoll School to talk about Diwali, a Hindu holiday.

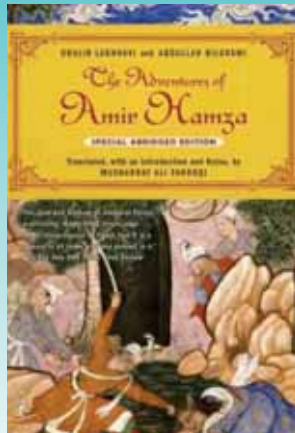
After her presentation, she said, “I could see my son had a sense of pride in his own culture,” she said. He felt like the class “expert” on the holiday, she said.

In addition to local outreach, the booksellers are looking for other ways to encourage diversity and inclusion in children’s literature. During April, they are celebrating Autism Awareness Month by curating a list of South Asian picture books for kids with autism, and publishing an online guide to help parents pick picture books for kids with autism.

On June 3-4, they plan to participate in the Bay Area Book Festival in Berkeley. ■



**“Dear Mrs. Naidu”** by Mathangi Subramanian. A SABA (South Asia Book Award) winner, this multilayered story is about a young girl using the Right to Education Act in India and getting her entire community to work toward creating a better school. \$11.99.



**“The Adventures of Amir Hamza”** by Abdullah Bilgrami and Ghalib Lakhnavi, translated by Musharraf Ali Farooqi. A seventh century epic popular across South Asia, it is considered a literary treasure in much of the Islamic world. \$18.00.

## TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Town Council Chambers (Historic Schoolhouse), 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California on the following:

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY DELETING CHAPTER 5.48 REGARDING VENDING MACHINES, AMENDING SECTION 18.04.065 REGARDING BASEMENTS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 18.58 REGARDING SPECIAL SETBACK LINES.

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. If you challenge a proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a Public Hearing(s) described above, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).

Information pertaining to the proposal may be viewed at Town Hall Building and Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Town Council to be heard at the time and place mentioned above.

Dated: April 28, 2017  
Debbie Pedro, Planning Director

## Lyman C. Wear

July 22, 1919 - April 13, 2017

Described by all who knew him as a true gentleman, Lyman was a decorated WWII veteran and successful businessman, active in community service, and a loving father and husband. He will be greatly missed.



Lyman was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, and moved to Palo Alto, California, with his family when he was 16. He attended Stanford University, where he majored in journalism and joined the horse-drawn artillery of ROTC. Pearl Harbor interrupted his studies at the Harvard Business School. While training at Fort Lewis, Lyman surprised himself by proposing marriage in the middle of a letter to his sweetheart, Jean Simmons. They were married in December 1942, before Lyman shipped out to war.

On D-Day plus five, First Lieutenant Lyman Wear landed at Utah Beach with the F.A. 188th, VII Corps, of the First Army. He flew in a Piper Cub over battle lines as an observer, directing artillery, through France, Belgium and Germany. Major Wear received two air medals for flying 98 missions and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

After the war, Lyman returned to Stanford and completed his MBA. He and Jean settled in Menlo Park, and Lyman went to work at Macy’s California in San Francisco. The young couple were early members of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. They supported building the new church, led the youth group, and held church offices for many years. Their family grew with daughters Charlene (1946), Nancy (1949) and Virginia (1953).

Lyman and Jean were co-founders of the Menlo Atherton Cooperative Nursery, and later led the Hillview School and Menlo Atherton PTAs. Lyman was active in the California Republican League, Toastmasters International, Kiwanis, and chaired the Menlo Park Library Board which renovated and expanded the library. In 1988, Lyman and Jean received the city’s Golden Acorn Award for their community service. After Lyman retired as Macy’s Controller, he volunteered for the Small Business Administration advising local entrepreneurs. Jean died in 1994, lovingly cared for by Lyman.

In 1995, Lyman moved to the Sequoias in Portola Valley and became active in the affairs of the community. At the Sequoias he met and married Densye Peach, who predeceased him in 2016.

Lyman is survived by his three daughters; grandchildren Paul and Brian Evans, Dana and Sheri Simmons, and Rose Caplette; and, great-grandchildren Lazare Saadia, Karis Desai, and Thomas, Marian and Peter Evans.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Sequoias in June.

The family requests that charitable donations in Lyman’s memory be made to the National Parkinson’s Disease Foundation or KQED.

PAID OBITUARY

## Woodside High auction benefits school foundation

The Woodside High School Foundation is holding a fundraising auction online April 22-27 and a spring auction event at the Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club on Saturday, April 29.

Theme of the auction is the Roaring 20s. Among the items up for bid are a vacation at the Silverado Resort and Spa in Napa Valley, and a dinner for 20 at Harley Farms in Pescadero.

Funds raised will benefit educational programs at Woodside High School.

Tickets for the April 29 event will be available through Friday, April 21, and will not be sold at the door.

Online bidding closes at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27.

The auction includes a fund-a-need item aimed at raising \$75,000 to transform the school library into "a contemporary space, expanding and improving the learning environment" for all Woodside High students.

For more information, contact Mary Jo Kloezeman at auction@whsfoundation.org.

### 5K run benefits M-A athletes

The 11th annual 5-kilometer Big Bear Run, open to runners and walkers of all ages, is set for 9 a.m. Sunday, May 7, starting at Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton.

The race traverses the flat Atherton neighborhood

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of Lindenwood and ends by returning to M-A.

Race proceeds benefit M-A athletic programs. The M-A Athletic Boosters organization estimates it needs \$150,000 a year to fund the basic needs of the school's more than 900 athletes.

Race entry fees are \$33 for adults and \$23 for students 18 or younger when registering by mail, office drop-box or online. Fees rise to \$40 and \$25 for registration after May 3, including at the race.

Skates, scooters, bikes, headphones and dogs are not allowed.

Same-day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the main gym. Racers can pick up T-shirts and race bibs on Friday, May 5, between 2:30 and 6 p.m., in the gym parking lot off Ringwood Road.

Go to [is.gd/bear55](http://is.gd/bear55) to register online.

### Gatehouse tours

Tours of the historic Barron-Latham-Hopkins gatehouse in Menlo Park will be conducted Saturday, May 13, hosted by the Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula.

According to the Junior League, the gatehouse is the oldest existing structure in Menlo Park and the last surviving gatehouse in the state of California.

One of three buildings in Menlo Park to be listed on the National Register of Historic

## Saturday: Folk music concert in Ladera

An evening of folk music and storytelling is coming to the Ladera Community Church in Ladera on Saturday night, April 29.

The "Staying Connected Concert" brings back former Portola Valley residents Iris Harrell and Ann Benson with the band "More Joy!" to perform songs made famous by Bob Dylan, the Dixie Chicks, Loggins & Messina and others. The band's repertoire includes Scottish folk ballads, yodeling, gospel music and Texas humor.

The musicians are: Ms. Benson on guitar and vocals, Spike Connor of Redwood City on electric bass and vocals, Paula Filseth of Santa Cruz on violin and fiddle, Ms. Harrell on vocals, and Ginger Walmsley of Menlo Park on keyboard and percussion.

The church is at 3300 Alpine Road in unincorporated Ladera at the border with Portola Valley. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (for a suggested donation of \$10) are available at the door. Proceeds go to the Global Fund For Women, which pursues gender equality and defends the rights of



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**More Joy!** is the name of a band led by Iris Harrell, left, and Ann Benson, both former residents of Portola Valley who will be playing in a folk music concert on Saturday, April 29, at the Ladera Community Church at 3300 Alpine Road in Ladera.

women and girls.

The concert is also a homecoming of sorts. Ms. Harrell and Ms. Benson were married in the church in 2008, according to an Almanac story from August 2008.

The women have been together since they met in 1979 at a coffee house in Fort Worth, Texas. Ms. Harrell, who was planning to sing, noticed Ms. Benson on stage

singing Hank Williams songs. Ms. Harrell "is a fool for Hank Williams," Ms. Benson told Almanac reporter Selena Simmons-Duffin at the time.

In Texas, they formed the duo More Joy! and 38 years later, they're still together, though for a while music took a back seat to their remodeling business. Both women have since retired and live in Santa Rosa.

Places, the gatehouse has been leased by the Junior League to use for its office since the mid-1990s.

The gatehouse, built in 1864 by William Eustace Barron, was once part of a 280-acre estate

with a 40-room mansion. The mansion was costly to maintain and the estate buildings were removed by 1942, with the exception of the gatehouse.

Tours will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 555 Ravenswood Ave. in Menlo Park. Tickets are \$9 per person.

Go to [is.gd/tour628](http://is.gd/tour628) to purchase tickets.

### Auditions for 'Annie'

Woodside Community Theatre is searching for a young talented actress who can sing, dance and steal hearts as the lead of "Annie," the musical the amateur group will be staging this fall.

For its annual production, WCT is also looking for a handful of girls between the ages of 6 to 13 to play the parts of orphans. There are some roles for teenage boys as well as many adult parts to fill, such as Daddy Warbucks and Miss Hannigan.

Auditions will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. on three dates: May 7, 8 and 9 at Woodside Village Church in Woodside, with callbacks scheduled for May 10 and 13.

Go to [woodsidetheatre.com](http://woodsidetheatre.com) to sign up for time slots in advance. Advance sign-up is required.

Candidates are advised to bring head shots and resumes to their audition, and arrive prepared to read and sing.

The musical is set in New York during the Great Depression and features songs such as "Tomorrow" and "Hard Knock Life."

Gary Stanford Jr. of Woodside directed WCT's "Ragtime" last year and is back directing and choreographing this show, which will be staged at Woodside Performing Arts Center at Woodside High in late October.

### Free screenings

The Menlo Park Library at 800 Alma St. in the Civic Center is hosting free screenings of international films at 6:30 p.m. on these dates:

■ Tuesday, May 9: "Lucky," a South African drama about an orphaned 10-year-old boy who leaves the security of his remote Zulu village for the big city. The movie is in Zulu, Hindi and English, with English subtitles.

■ Tuesday, May 23: "Welcome," a French drama about a young Kurdish refugee who plans to swim across the English Channel to be with his girlfriend. The movie is in French, Turkish, and English, with English subtitles.





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- Call 650-349-3000

Saturday, April 29, 2017  
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
Arrillaga Family Recreation Center  
700 Alma St.

# Menlowe Ballet performs 'Floraïson' in Atherton

By **Kate Daly**  
Special to the Almanac

■ ARTSCENE

This spring Menlowe Ballet is showcasing its own blossoming talent with "Floraïson," a program devoted to works created and performed by the professional ballet company and students at the Menlo Park Academy of Dance.

The title is French and translates to "flowering," a theme that will be reflected in the four performances taking place the weekend of April 28 at the Center for Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton High School in Atherton.

"We decided to focus on the talent we have in the company and nurture it," said Lisa Shiveley of Atherton, executive director of Menlowe Ballet, a Menlo Park-based company founded in 2011.

Citing a recent article in the New York Times about the lack of female choreographers in major ballet companies around the world, she said she is pleased to see Menlowe Ballet encouraging company dancers Stefanie Maughan and Ali McKeon to make their professional choreographic debut this month.

Ms. Shiveley said Artistic Director Michael Lowe recognized their "creative voices and fabulous contemporary backgrounds" and invited them to choreograph a ballet for the program. The end result is "In Medias Res," a contemporary work featuring 11 company members. The Latin title translates to "in the middle of things."

Due to many requests, Associate Artistic Director Sarah-Jane Measor is bringing "Portraits" back to the stage for the program. She comes from the U.K. and choreographed a contemporary piece last fall to honor the courage and spirit of important female figures in British history: Lady Jane Grey, the Bronte sisters, an English Channel swimmer, and two suffragettes.

Ms. Shiveley gave several reasons the premiere of that ballet was so popular. The choreographer, seven company dancers and costume designer are all women, the staging incorporates video, and there's a surprise ending.

"The music is stunning, and with the story of these women challenging adverse circumstances, people were crying at every performance," she said.

The company originally

performed "Portraits" right before the November election. Ms. Shiveley found the piece timely then and "very timely" now as "more and more women are sensitive and in touch with the challenges that they face."

"Floraïson" will also feature dozens of Menlo Park Academy of Dance students performing various works. As the company's official school, the academy attracts young dancers from all over the Peninsula.

The program will close with 11 of the older students sharing the stage with 13 company members in the world premier of "Facets." Choreographed by Mr. Lowe and Ms. Measor, the neoclassical ballet is set to the music of contemporary composer Philip Glass. Ms. Shiveley describes the music as "haunting."

She said the teenage performers are very committed to ballet, spending most of their weekends in the studio and dancing 20 to 25 hours per week. "It's a lot of blood, sweat and blisters."

And she should know. Her daughter, Leighton, is one of 24 students who just returned from competing in the Youth America Grand Prix dance competition finals in New York.

Local students performing in "Floraïson" are Leighton, Lucida Fu, Kate Hammond and Sophia Taylor of Atherton; Emma Bogomilsky, Lindsey Chao, Annie Crousore, Hailey Feldman, Helena Hoermann, Greta Hoffman, Leben Kawaguchi, Storie Lynch, Jessica Nelson, Madeline Oliver, Theadora Park, Cecily Parks, Sabrina Sanchez Delope and Henry Shane of Menlo Park; Tess Gabrielson, Vivienne Gilbert, Julia Law and Brisa Vaughan of Portola Valley; and Berkley Stenson of Woodside.

■ PERFORMANCES

Performances are scheduled for Friday, April 28, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 29, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 30, at 2 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton. Go to [MenloBallet.org](http://MenloBallet.org) or call (800) 595-4849 to buy tickets. Prices range from \$28 to \$55.



Photo by Eric Raeber

**Menlowe Ballet** dancers, from left, Patience Gordon, Christina Schifano and Demetria Schioldager will reprise their roles as the Bronte sisters in a performance at the Center for Performing Arts in Atherton.

**TOWN OF WOODSIDE  
2955 WOODSIDE ROAD  
WOODSIDE, CA 94062**

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
May 3, 2017  
6:00 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING

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| 1. | Heath and Carrie Lukatch<br>303 Grandview Drive | XSET2017-0003<br>Planner: Corinne Jones, Assistant Planner |
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Planning Commission review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a Setback Exception to construct an addition to an existing legal nonconforming deck located within the required side setback. The existing deck is 40 feet from the side property line, and the addition would be 30 feet from the side property line, at the closest point.

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| 2. | Samuel Maslak<br>941 High Road | No File Number (Policy Decision)<br>Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director |
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Planning Commission review of a property owner's assertion that the Stream Corridor Designation at 941 High Road, as shown on General Plan Map CV1 (Watersheds and Streams), should be removed from this site.

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| 3. | Scott and Kelly Altick<br>1281 Cañada Road | ASRB2017-0005; XSET2017-0001; NCOU2017-0001<br>Planner: Corinne Jones, Assistant Planner |
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Planning Commission review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal to demolish an existing single-family residence; construct a new two-story single-family residence with a partial basement and an attached garage; remodel an artist studio/garage into an artist studio/storage building; install a spa; and, reconfigure the existing driveway to create a parking bay. In addition to Design Review, the project requires Planning Commission review of a Setback Exception, to reduce the southeast side setback, and review of the proposed change of use for the accessory structure because the structure is nonconforming (located within the rear and side yard setbacks).

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.



Photo by Kate Bradshaw/The Almanac

## Earth Day

Sam Mitch plays in a pile of mulch on Earth Day at Bedwell Bayfront Park in Menlo Park. Local environmental group Grassroots Ecology hosted a volunteer event to spread out the mulch to control weed growth.



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## WATER EFFICIENT EDIBLES

This FREE workshop will cover how to incorporate organic maintenance techniques into seasonal vegetable gardening, including use of compost and cover crops/green manure.

Bring gloves, a 6" minimum diameter plastic, acrylic or glazed ceramic pot and take home your own planting.

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Saturday, May 6, 2017  
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
Arrillaga Family  
Recreation Center  
700 Alma St.

## CALENDAR

Go to [AlmanacNews.com/calendar](http://AlmanacNews.com/calendar) to see more local calendar listings

### Theater

**'Narnia: The Musical'** Guests will follow the four Pevensie children through the wardrobe into a magical land where animals talk, winter is eternal and an evil White Witch holds the kingdom in her grip. The Bay Area Educational Theater Company brings the magic of C. S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" to life with this production starring child performers. April 20, 21, 27 and 28, 7:30 p.m.; April 23, 29 and 30, 2 p.m. \$0-\$20. Canada College Main Theatre, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Woodside.

### Music

**Charged Particles with pianist Christian Tumalan** Charged Particles performs blends of jazz and elements of Latin music, funk, classical music and other genres. Christian Tumalan is the co-founder or pianist in the Pacific Mambo Orchestra, which won a Grammy Award in the Best Tropical Latin Album category in 2014. April 29, 2 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

**"Class Warfare: The Unending Struggle for Equality"** features filmed interviews with three people who have experienced India's caste system. One's caste determines one's job, who one marries, what one eats and even how one dresses." April 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. [vimeo.com/](http://vimeo.com/)

**Mariachi: El Trio De Guitarras de Mexico** performs April 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton.

**Music Time with Mariela Herrera** Interactive, bilingual musical performance. April 29, noon. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

### Talks & Authors

**Scott Westerfeld** discusses his new book, "Spill Zone," a twisty sci-fi graphic novel adventure set in the very near future. May 3, 7-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

**Shannon Hale with LeUyen Pham** Newbery Honor author Shannon Hale and illustrator LeUyen Pham have joined forces in this graphic novel, "Real Friends," about how hard it is to find your real friends and why it's worth the journey. May 2, 4-6 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

**USGS Lecture** "Potential Corrosivity of Untreated Groundwater," by Kenneth Belitz, chief of groundwater assessment, National Water Quality Assessment Program. These non-technical lectures are intended for a general audience. April 27, 7-8 p.m. Free. U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. [online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/](http://online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/)

### Family

**Library Mini Golf** Players will get to know the different areas of the library with a round of mini golf. Family-friendly event. April 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton.

**Rock Painting with Rachel** Celebrate Dia de los Ninos (Day of the Children) with Rachel Palacios, who uses her artistic talents to

inspire the child and artist in everyone. April 26, 3:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

**Woodside Library One-Year Anniversary Celebration** Drop by for refreshments, to talk to the staff and join in a variety of performances and activities throughout the day. April 29, noon-5 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

### Museums & Exhibits

**Art Exhibition** Nora Reza, longtime painter based in France and the Bay Area, shows her color-oriented, geometric abstract oil paintings in the exhibit, "Geometric Fields of Light and Color." April 11-21, 8 a.m. to closing. Free. Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

**Dreams Happen Playhouse Display at Stanford Shopping Center** The 13 Dreams Happen playhouses, designed by local and notable architects, designers and builders, will be on display at Stanford Shopping Center. April 22-June 9, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto.

### Lessons & Classes

**Master Class in Memoir Writing** for those working on a memoir, wanting to write a memoir and don't know where to start, or are stuck in the middle of one and need to get a jump start. Author Tamim Ansary discusses memoir writing using his book "Road Trips" as a guide. April 27, 7-8:30 p.m. \$40, includes book, class size limited to 40 people. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

**Senior Peer Counseling Training** Six-week series for those interested in becoming a senior peer counselor, offering supportive listening and understanding to seniors facing challenges such as loneliness, depression, grief, social isolation, loss and life changes. Mondays and Saturdays, April 29-June 3, 6-9 p.m., Wednesdays; 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays. Free. Fair Oaks Activity Center, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City.

### Health & Wellness

**Stanford Healthy Brain Aging Study** Stanford Alzheimer's Disease Research Center is seeking individuals over the age of 70 to participate in dementia research. The study seeks those who are healthy -- without memory issues or in the early stages of Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Lewy Body Disease or mild cognitive impairment. 650-721-2409. Free. Stanford University, 213 Quarry Road, Stanford. [med.stanford.edu/adrc.html](http://med.stanford.edu/adrc.html)

**Zumba** This class aims to take the "work" out of workout. It mixes low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Latin and world rhythms accompany the workout, which is often called exercise in disguise. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. \$12-\$15. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [pervol.org/littlehouse](http://pervol.org/littlehouse)

## Governor appoints Suzan Carmichael

Suzan Carmichael of Menlo Park has been reappointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to the California Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee.

Ms. Carmichael, 50, who has been on the committee since 2015, is a professor at the Stanford University School of Medicine in the Neonatal and Developmental Medicine Division.

She has worked at the March of Dimes Foundation as a medical researcher and at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as an epidemic intelligence service officer.

She holds a Ph.D. in epidemiology from U.C. Berkeley and a master's degree in international agriculture development from U.C. Davis.

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## ARTS, CULTURE, OTHER CAMPS

**Art and Soul Summer Camps** **Palo Alto**  
Art, cooking, tinkering, Yoga and mindfulness. We celebrate multiple perspectives and recognize the many ways for our children to interpret their world! Summer Unplugged! Ages 5-13 years. Walter Hays School  
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[www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org) **650.917.6800 ext. 0**

**J-Camp at the OFJCC** **Palo Alto**  
With options for every age, schedule and interest, J-Camp has you covered. Traditional camps focus on variety and building friendships, while specialty camps include fantastic options like Robotics, Ceramics, Ocean Adventures, Food Truck Challenge, TV Studio Production and more. We're looking forward to our best summer ever and want your family to be part of the experience.  
[www.ofjcc-jcamp.com](http://www.ofjcc-jcamp.com) **650.223.8622**

**Pacific Art League** **Palo Alto**  
Dive into creativity this summer! Sign up now to reserve a seat in our week-long half- and full-day camps for youth and teens ages 9-16. Topics include painting, printmaking, cartooning, anime, digital art, animation, photography, ceramics and more! Scholarships available!  
[www.pacificartleague.org/classes](http://www.pacificartleague.org/classes) **650.321.3891**

**Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC)** **Palo Alto**  
PACCC summer camps offer campers, grades 1st to 6th, a wide variety of fun opportunities! We are excited to announce all of your returning favorites: Leaders in Training (L.I.T.), PACCC Special Interest Units (S.I.U.), F.A.M.E. (Fine Arts, Music and Entertainment), J.V. Sports and Operation: Chef! Periodic field trips, special visitors and many engaging camp activities, songs and skits round out the fun offerings of PACCC Summer Camps! Open to campers from all communities! Come join the fun in Palo Alto! Register online.  
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[www.AthenaAcademy.org/Summer](http://www.AthenaAcademy.org/Summer) **650.543.4560**

**TheatreWorks Silicon Valley** **Palo Alto Menlo Park**  
Kids who love to act have fun, put on a show, and learn from pros at the acclaimed TheatreWorks Silicon Valley camps for budding theatre enthusiasts. Spring Break camps for K-6. Summer Camps for K-12, plus special teen programs.  
[www.theatreworks.org/learn/youth](http://www.theatreworks.org/learn/youth) **650.463.7146**

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[www.iDTech.com/Connection](http://www.iDTech.com/Connection) **1.844.788.1858**

**Castilleja Summer Camp for Girls** **Palo Alto**  
Casti Camp offers girls a range of age-appropriate activities including athletics, art, science, computers, writing, crafts, cooking, drama and music classes each day along with weekly field trips.  
[www.castilleja.org/summercamp](http://www.castilleja.org/summercamp) **650.470.7833**

**Harker Summer Programs** **San Jose**  
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[www.summer.harker.org](http://www.summer.harker.org) **408.553.5737**

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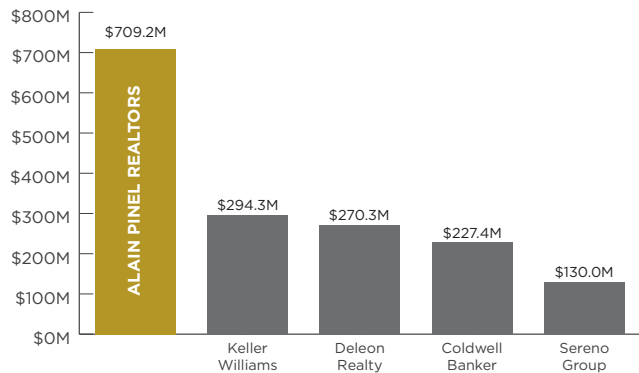
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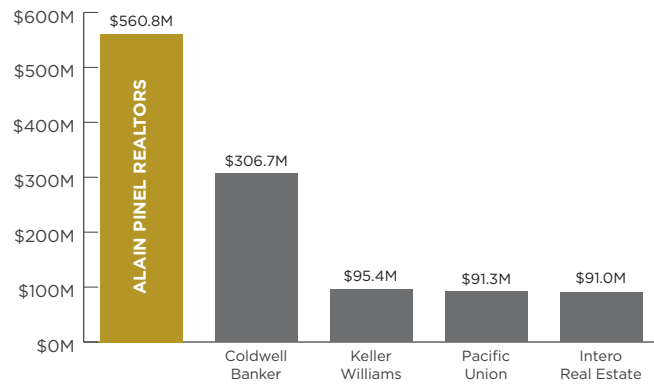
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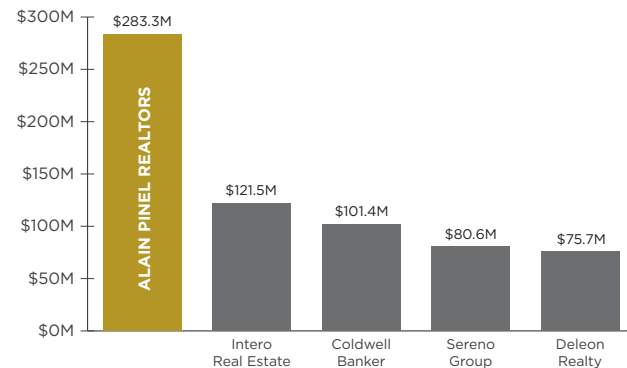
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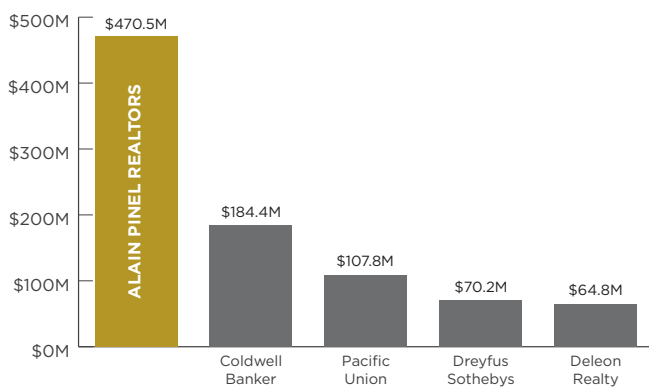
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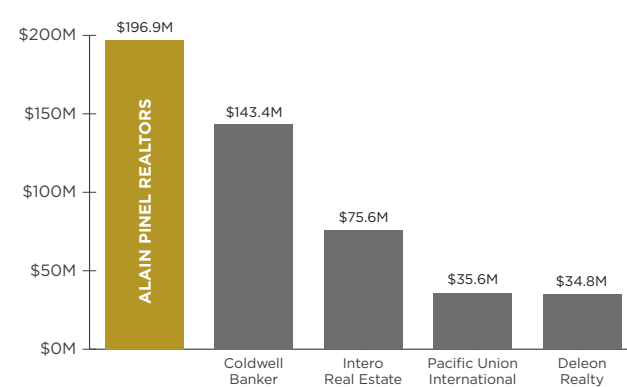
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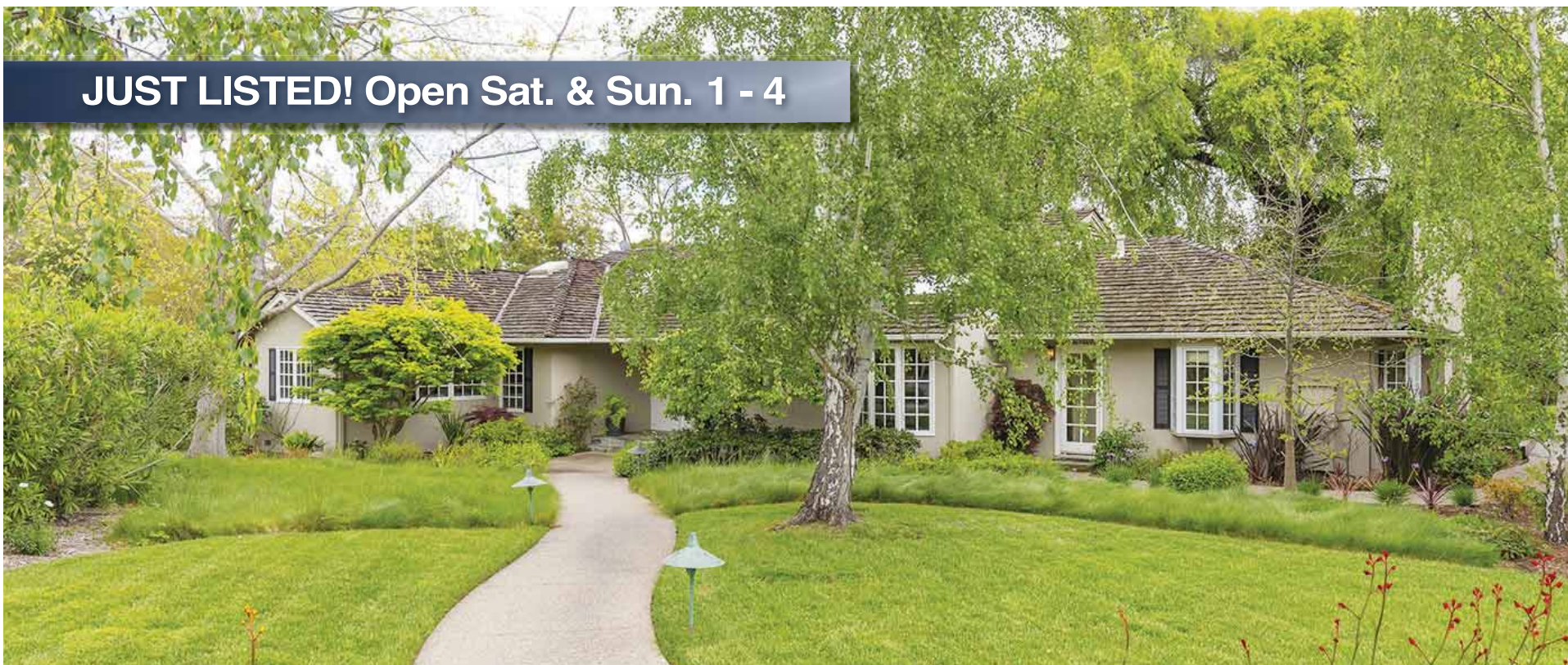
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Bid Date: April 27, 2017 @ 2:00pm  
Estimated Budget: 3.1M  
Schedule- May 7,2017- September 19,2017

Project-Phase 2 Monta Loma Elementary School Classroom Modernization  
Location: 460 Thompson Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043  
Bid Date: April 27, 2017 @ 2:00pm  
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**995 Fictitious Name  
Statement**

RIDE UP LIMO  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 272911  
The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
1.) Ride Up Limo, 2.) Swift Cab, located  
at 1362 Kingfisher Way #9, Sunnyvale,  
CA 94087, Santa Clara County.  
Registered owner(s):  
RAJESH KUMAR  
1362 Kingfisher Way #9  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087  
This business is conducted by: An  
Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on 03-27-2017.  
This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo  
County on March 27, 2017.  
(ALM Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017)

GoldenHearts  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 272921  
The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
GoldenHearts, located at 70 Serrano  
Drive, Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo  
County.  
Registered owner(s):  
FRAUKE JANSSEN  
70 Serrano Drive  
Atherton, CA 94027  
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 27, 2017.  
(ALM Apr. 12, 19, 26; May 3, 2017)

LITTLEST ANGELS PRESCHOOL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 272924  
The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
Littlest Angels Preschool, located at  
1095 Cloud Avenue, Menlo Park, CA  
94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF  
MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA  
1095 Cloud Avenue  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
California  
This business is conducted by: A  
Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on June 17, 1996.  
This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo  
County on March 27, 2017.  
(ALM Apr. 12, 19, 26; May 3, 2017)

S. SILVERMAN STUDIO  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273084  
The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
S. Silverman Studio, located at 8 Robert  
S Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San  
Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
SUSAN H. SILVERMAN  
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This business is conducted by: An  
Individual.  
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business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the  
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County on April 10, 2017.  
(ALM Apr. 19, 26; May 3, 10, 2017)

S AND G PROPERTIES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273223  
The following person (s) is (are) doing  
business as:  
S and G Properties, located at 822  
Bayview Way, Redwood City, CA 94062,  
San Mateo County.  
Is (Are) hereby registered by the follow-  
ing owner(s):  
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822 Bayview Way  
Redwood City, CA 94062-3913  
SOPHIA H. FONTI  
822 Bayview Way  
Redwood City, CA 94062-3913  
This business is conducted by: Married  
Couple.  
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business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on 2001.  
This statement was filed with the  
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County on April 19, 2017.  
(ALM Apr. 26; May 3, 10, 17, 2017)

UPS STORE 5639  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273248  
The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
UPS Store 5639, located at 3130 Alpine  
Rd., Ste. 288, Portola Valley, CA 94028;  
Mailing address: 2851 Cutler Ave.,  
Fremont, CA 94536, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
TIJK INC.  
2851 Cutler Ave.  
Fremont, CA 94536  
This business is conducted by: A  
Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on 09/05/2005.  
This statement was filed with the  
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County on April 21, 2017.  
(ALM Apr. 26; May 3, 10, 17, 2017)

**997 All Other Legals**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE  
OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY  
OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 17CV01246  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: JENNIFER VELA, JOSEPH VELA  
filed a petition with this court for a  
decree changing names as follows:  
JOSEPH MAXIMUS VELA JR to MAXIMUS  
JOSEPH VELA.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons  
interested in this matter appear before  
this court at the hearing indicated  
below to show cause, if any, why the  
petition for change of name should not  
be granted. Any person objecting to the  
name changes described above must  
file a written objection that includes the  
reasons for the objection at least two  
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should not be granted. If no written  
objection is timely filed, the court may  
grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING: Thr. May 11, 2017,  
9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, of the Superior Court  
of California, County of San Mateo,  
located at 400 County Center, Redwood  
City, CA 94063.  
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shall be published at least once each  
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(ALM Apr. 12, 19, 26; May 3, 2017)

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