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The Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water) is a voter-approved, 15-year program to implement the community's priorities for the present and future water resources of Santa Clara County.

Notice of Public Hearing

What: Public Hearing on Proposed Modifications to the Nitrate Treatment System Rebate Program and the Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Project

When: April 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Where: District Headquarters,
Board Room
5700 Almaden Expressway,
San Jose, CA 95118

Modifications to the voter-approved program require a public hearing. Two changes are currently proposed.

Nitrate Treatment System Rebate Program

The proposed modification is for Project A2, Key Performance Indicator (KPI) #3, the Nitrate Treatment System Rebate Program (Nitrate Rebate Program). The Nitrate Rebate Program provides funds to reimburse private well users for the costs of installing a nitrate treatment system to improve water quality and safety.

The proposed modification will reduce the maximum program funding to align with the demand for the Nitrate Rebate Program. This reduced program funding level includes the funds spent to date to develop, administer and advertise the program, along with an annual amount of \$4,000 prospectively, which will be used for rebates through the project's completion date of 2023. This will help ensure continued assistance for well users that want to take advantage of this opportunity to reduce nitrate levels in their drinking water. The remaining funds would be reallocated to another project within the Safe, Clean Water Program.

Proposed modification to Key Performance Indicator #3:

Reduce number of private well water users exposed to nitrate above drinking water standards by awarding 100% of eligible rebate requests for the installation of nitrate removal systems; up to \$30,000 for all rebates.

Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection (Coyote Creek to Dorel Drive – San José)

The proposed modification is for Project E4, the Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Project. The primary objective of the project is to reduce the risk of flooding to homes, schools, businesses and highways in the Upper Penitencia Creek Watershed located in San José.

The proposed modification would reduce the scope of the Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Project to the planning phase only through FY19, and would reallocate the remaining funds to complete flood risk reduction along 9 miles of Coyote Creek, from Montague Expressway to Tully Road. The proposed modification would address the urgent demand for flood risk reduction along Coyote Creek. Completing the planning phase for the Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Project would position the District to be able to pursue additional funding for design and construction in the future as grant opportunities and other funding sources may become available.

Proposed modification to the Key Performance Indicators:

1. Complete a planning study report for a flood protection project to provide up to 1% flood protection to 9,000 homes, businesses and public buildings.



Map of the Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Project area. Shaded blue areas indicate the 1% flood areas.

For more information

The board agenda memo regarding this hearing will be available on March 30, 2018 at www.valleywater.org. For more information on the public hearing, contact **Jessica Collins** at jcollins@valleywater.org or (408) 630-2200.

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Potential council candidates submit early paperwork

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

With November elections still more than seven months away, there's already been interest expressed from some new faces that may premiere in Menlo Park's 2018 council elections.

"I think the conversation about district elections has got people energized. (They) want to at least start getting organized early," said Clay Curtin, Menlo Park's interim city clerk.

This year, three council members' terms are up: Rich Cline, Mayor Peter Ohtaki and Kirsten Keith. Mr. Ohtaki and Ms. Keith have confirmed they plan to run again; while Mr. Cline told The Almanac he does not intend to run again.

■ MENLO PARK

So far, three people have filed preliminary forms showing "intention" to run in November, Mr. Curtin told The Almanac on March 23: council incumbent Kirsten Keith, and newcomers George Yang and Sarah Staley Shenk. The Candidate Intention Statement or "501" form signifies that a candidate may intend to run, and permits fundraising and spending up to \$2,000.

District openings

The matter of who will ultimately even be able to run, and how the dynamics of candidates' campaigns operate, may change dramatically with the introduction of districts in this year's November elections.



Photo by Michelle Le
Peter Ohtaki



Photo courtesy city of Menlo Park
Kirsten Keith



Photo by Damion Hamilton
Sarah Staley Shenk

Following recommendations from the city's advisory districting committee, the City Council voted March 20 that three of the city's five districts would be up for election: District 1, which covers Belle Haven and the city east of U.S. 101; District 2, which covers the Willows, Suburban Park and Flood Triangle; and District 4, which covers downtown Menlo

Park, Allied Arts and a southern segment of El Camino Real. That leaves out District 3, which would have no representation until 2020, and District 5, which would have two representatives: council members Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton, who were both re-elected in 2016.

Peter Ohtaki and Rich Cline both hail from District 4, while

Kirsten Keith is in District 2.

Of the other potential candidates, Ms. Staley Shenk lives in District 2, and Mr. Yang lives in District 1. Jennifer Wolosin, a resident of District 3, has filed the candidate intention form but won't be eligible to run until 2020.

Incumbents

Mr. Ohtaki said he's looking forward to running again.

"I actually have very much enjoyed and continue to enjoy serving on City Council," he said in an interview. "We don't agree on everything, but we do get things done, and I think that's important."

When asked how he might campaign differently for a district versus an at-large election,

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Worries about Facebook's 'Willow Village': traffic, school, jobs and housing ratio

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Facebook's latest proposed project, which the company is calling "Willow Village," would be a 3.4 million-square-foot mixed-use complex on 59 acres in eastern Menlo Park southeast of the Dumbarton rail line and Willow Road.

The company proposes to build 1,500 housing units, nine office buildings, a grocery store, pharmacy, food and beverage retail space, a 200-room hotel and a culture/visitor's center; plus 5,319 parking spots and 18 acres of open space.

During a lengthy study session with the Menlo Park City Council on March 27, many preliminary questions were raised about the project, including a number of serious concerns about the proposed development's potential impacts to schools, traffic and the city's ratio of jobs to housing.

The event signaled the launch of what will likely be many such conversations. Because Councilwoman Kirsten Keith is out of the country, and Councilwoman Catherine Carlton is recused from Facebook-related matters, an immediate follow-up study session will be planned within the next couple of months, when Ms. Keith can attend.

In short, to quote Menlo Park

Mayor Peter Ohtaki: "All the fun is just beginning."

Depending on who you ask, the proposed development will address some problems and worsen others. The company's proposal to build 1,500 housing units - 225 of which would be for rent below market rate - has been hailed by some as exemplary for taking the initiative as a tech company to build housing units. And during a presentation to the council, project architect Shohei Shigematsu of OMA Architecture said he thought the proposed development is unique because "the master plan and design is basically focused on providing great amenities for the community, which is quite rare for a master plan initiated by one company." But others in the community say the proposed development— Menlo Park's largest ever — comes with a slew of unanswered questions.

High school district apprehensive

Representatives from the Sequoia Union High School District and Menlo-Atherton High School — the public high school that would serve the residents of Facebook's proposed 1,500 new housing units — expressed frustration in public comment that they hadn't been consulted by Facebook on the project previously.

Over the last couple of weeks, District Superintendent Mary Streshly sent a letter to Facebook and the district did meet with officials from the company to discuss the proposed development.

Parents of students at Menlo-Atherton High School then launched a letter-writing campaign to urge Facebook to work with the district. District board president Chris Thomsen handed the council a stack of what he said were 166 signed copies of the petition. He said he thought the addition of new housing, especially affordable housing, could be helpful to recruit and retain teachers to the area, but that the potential downside of the project is school overcrowding.

The district's chief facility officer, Matthew Zito, said he's "wedged a building on every part of the property" at the high school campus and felt there is "no more room to develop" student space there.

Menlo-Atherton High School Principal Simone Kennel said 1,300, or more than half, of the 2,400 students who attend Menlo-Atherton High are Menlo Park residents. She asked the council, "Work with us. Don't forget about us. Remember that we're here."

"These are your students," she said. "The future cannot fall on the backs of parents to support."



Image courtesy Facebook/OMA Architecture/city of Menlo Park

A map of the proposed layout of Facebook's "Willow Village," a 3.4 million square foot mixed-use development with office buildings, apartments, retail space, a hotel and a cultural or visitor's center.

Traffic worries

Councilman Mueller expressed reservations about the proposed development because he said the city hadn't yet spent the time to figure out what infrastructure would be needed to support all the new workers and residents, and who would pay for that infrastructure — criticisms he's held since he opposed approving the city's general plan update in November 2016.

In public comment, former mayor Mickie Winkler recommended requiring a solid

transportation plan before the development plan is approved. "I am not squeamish about development," she said. "I am squeamish about traffic."

One question councilman Rich Cline raised is: how seriously are Facebook officials talking with SamTrans about the Dumbarton Corridor?

The proposed development is right along the abandoned Dumbarton rail line that stretches from Redwood City to the

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Woodside residents commit \$20 million to Children's Hospital Stanford

Donation to help complete main building, continue construction

Marley Arechiga
Palo Alto Weekly

Woodside residents and philanthropists Tad and Dianne Taube have committed \$20 million to help offset the costs of the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford's new "Main" building and support the continued construction of other parts of the facility.

"We believe that it's important to invest in the children of today, because they are our citizens and leaders of the next generation," Tad Taube, chair of Taube Philanthropies, said in a press release.

In honor of the donation, the

building south tower has been renamed the "Tad and Dianne Taube Pavilion," which is equipped with operating rooms, imaging suites and intensive care units. The Taubes' most recent contribution will support the continued design, construction and purchase of equipment for the Children's Hospital Main building, which will add 149 patient beds for a total of 361. The hospital began accepting patients last December after a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the opening.

Dedicated spaces for cancer and heart programs are being created on the hospital's first and fifth floors, and the

hospital's surgery center, scheduled to open later this year, will feature six state-of-the-art operating suites, bringing the hospital's total to 13. The hospital's West building will also expand its center for expectant mothers and babies.

The Taubes have funded several other initiatives in recent months which address the treatment and prevention of addiction during adolescence; advance education, care and research to protect children from concussions; and support interdisciplinary research on pediatric

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WILLOW VILLAGE

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East Bay. Facebook has funded a study by SamTrans that evaluates potential options to deal with congestion on the Dumbarton corridor. Reinvigorating the rail line is one such option. SamTrans has confirmed it is in talks with the company about some kind of partnership to speed up improvements to the corridor.

Facebook representative Lewis Knight told the council that the company "remains in conversations" with SamTrans and maintains a goal to "accelerate Dumbarton corridor mobility from Redwood City to the East Bay."

Romain Taniere and Luis Guzman of East Palo Alto asked that the council consider the needs of residents of Kavanaugh Drive in East Palo Alto, which borders the south side of the proposed development. Mr. Taniere recommended more sidewalks and ADA-compliant crosswalks be installed.

In addition to the other worries raised about potential impacts to the high school, Ms. Kennel noted that increased traffic can have a major impact on students' ability to get to school all over town. M-A students who live in East Palo Alto and Belle Haven already have to spend a lot of time on the bus getting to and from school, she said, and when it comes to local elementary schools, roads like Ringwood Avenue or Middlefield Road are already jammed at school drop-off and pick-up. "It can't get worse," she said.

More questions

Few discussed the problems Facebook is facing outside of Menlo Park as the company grapples with the public revelation that a political data firm hired by President Trump's 2016 election campaign, Cambridge Analytica, got access to more than 50 million Facebook users' private information.

Menlo Park resident Karen Porter was one to bring up the subject. "Facebook is simply not acting like a good corporate citizen," she said. "I believe now is not the time for business as usual."

Other questions, such as the following from Councilman Mueller, remained unanswered:

■ What happens when more than one council member can't participate in Facebook-related

council business? For instance, Councilwoman Carlton is recused from all Facebook matters for about a year, and, when the city transitions to district elections, there's a chance that the representative elected to the district east of U.S. 101 might live too close to vote on the matter.

■ Will the proposed development worsen the city's job-housing balance?

■ How many trips will be generated from the development? Some raised concerns about Menlo Park becoming a "company town." Resident Jennifer Wolosin asked that the city consider "life after Facebook," and recommended the council "make sure this development can outlive Facebook if needed."

Herbert Stone suggested Facebook simply start its own city.

"Another concern, raised in public comment by Britt von Thaden, is that there are reportedly parts of the project area that cannot be developed for residential use until environmental contaminants on site

are mitigated. Facebook Director of Campus Facilities Fergus O'Shea acknowledged this, and said the company is developing a mitigation plan for the contaminants. According to Vice President of Global Facilities and Real Estate John Tenanes, the area was initially used as a manufacturing site for Hiller helicopters.

City planner Kyle Perata said that staff is aware of the problem and that it will be studied further during the environmental review process. A fiscal impact analysis is also planned for the project.

The next step in the process is the start of the proposed development's environmental review, which begins with what's called the release of a "notice of preparation." After that is released, which is expected to occur in mid-April, the public will have a chance to give feedback on what potential environmental impacts they'd like to see evaluated in an extensive environmental impact report.

A spokesperson from Facebook responded to this story with the following written statement on March 28: "We're working with the community to ensure our presence is a benefit. We know the community wants housing as part of Willow Village and we're discussing how to mitigate any impact of that development with public officials." ■

'Facebook is simply not acting like a good corporate citizen. I believe now is not the time for business as usual.'

KAREN PORTER,
RESIDENT



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Complaint against Ravenswood superintendent alleges discrimination

Reassigned principal claims Hernandez-Goff has created 'hostile' workplace

By Elena Kadvany
Palo Alto Weekly Staff Writer

The sudden mid-year removal of a principal credited with turning around a long-struggling elementary school in the Ravenswood City School District has triggered a discrimination complaint against Superintendent Gloria Hernandez-Goff, whom the principal alleges is retaliating against him.

Todd Gaviglio, a longtime Ravenswood educator who was appointed principal of Belle Haven Elementary School in 2015, was reassigned to a district office position last week days after filing the complaint.

In a message notifying staff and parents about his removal, Ms. Hernandez-Goff said vaguely that Mr. Gaviglio was being reassigned to work on "important instructional projects" at the district's curriculum and instruction department, a decision she made "after careful consideration of both the school needs at Belle Haven and the demands" of the department. She appointed Maria Sevilla, who had been filling in for Mr. Gaviglio while he was on parental leave, as principal for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Gaviglio — a former school board member who successfully ran on a reform slate in the early 2000s — believes that the superintendent's reasons for his removal are unfounded and retaliatory, a response to what he describes as his whistleblowing.

In a statement provided to the Weekly by the district's public relations firm, Ms. Hernandez-Goff said that Mr. Gaviglio was moved to the district to help with a "routine" federal program audit. The Federal Program Monitoring is described on the California Department of Education's website as an "overall determination of whether the local educational agency (LEA) is meeting statutory program and fiscal requirements for categorical programs," including proper use of Title I funds. Mr. Gaviglio received training in August on the compliance review, which will affect all sites but "focus heavily" on Belle Haven and Costano Elementary School, Ms. Hernandez-Goff said.

"Because of his newly acquired background, and his intimate knowledge of Belle Haven, he was selected for special assignment to support the district on these efforts," she said.

The district did not make Ms. Hernandez-Goff available for an



Photo by Veronica Weber

Gloria Hernandez-Goff is being accused of discriminating and retaliating against longtime educator Todd Gaviglio.

interview for this story, despite multiple requests.

Mr. Gaviglio said that the superintendent never discussed with him the possibility of changing roles to federal compliance monitoring.

Mr. Gaviglio is part of a growing chorus of community members calling on the school board not to renew Ms. Hernandez-Goff's contract when it expires in June. In addition to his complaint of discrimination, he's accused Ms. Hernandez-Goff of the misuse of funds, nepotism, the divulgence of confidential information and the falsification of compliance during an inspection.

He has filed a separate complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and is now pursuing legal action to fight "discriminatory persecution" he alleges he and other staff have experienced under Ms. Hernandez-Goff.

Mr. Gaviglio said he was informed of his removal as Belle Haven principal on Wednesday, March 14, when Ms. Hernandez-Goff notified him during a meeting with Gina Sudaria, the district's director of human resources, that he was being reassigned back to a classroom teaching position for the remainder of the school year. Just five days later, on Monday, March 19, Mr. Gaviglio was again called to the district office, where Ms. Sudaria gave him a letter from Ms. Hernandez-Goff notifying him of his reassignment instead to the district office.

One reason provided for his removal as school principal was a written reprimand, issued on March 12, for his handling of an unauthorized pull of a fire alarm at Belle Haven in September.

During the incident investigation, Mr. Gaviglio warned about two dozen students that police and fire department personnel could identify the culprit,

including by looking for fingerprints, Ms. Hernandez-Goff wrote in the reprimand. The vice principal and two classified staff then began a fake "fingerprinting" of the students, the reprimand states.

Mr. Gaviglio described the activity as a harmless "bluff," an explanation she strongly condemned.

"You completely failed to exercise appropriate and ethical leadership of other staff members and students in this situation, and you failed to identify and use appropriate behavior management and intervention techniques with the students," she wrote. "At any point in this situation, you could have recognized how wrong-headed your scare tactics and the 'fingerprinting' exercise were, stopped, and regrouped with a strategy consistent with district goals and values."

At the March 14 meeting, Ms. Hernandez-Goff also faulted Mr. Gaviglio for problems with Belle Haven's compliance with a court-ordered special-education mandate, known as the Ravenswood Self-Improvement Plan (RSIP). Mr. Gaviglio contends Belle Haven had a lower number of negative "findings" than other schools and was working with "limited staff" to meet the court-ordered requirements for a high population of special-needs students.

She also accused him of speaking ill about the district and criticized the fact that a parent and student complained that two Belle Haven employees had been transferred, according to notes Mr. Gaviglio took and emailed to himself.

But Mr. Gaviglio questions the delayed timing of the reprimand. He said that he and Belle Haven's vice principal were assured by Ms. Hernandez-Goff at the time of the fire alarm incident that "everything was OK regarding this incident."

Gaviglio said the reasons the superintendent gave for his reassignment are flimsy at best, "hobbled together, way after the fact, to justify her decision to release me from my position for other actual motives, which are not legal."

Instead, Mr. Gaviglio said, Ms. Hernandez-Goff discriminates against administrators with babies, including by making "derogatory statements" and engaging in "practices to negatively impact their employment

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by Monica Corman



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Menlo Park council considering a 'charter' city ballot measure

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park City Council may yet bring before voters a proposal to create fundamental shifts in how the city runs, but it wasn't yet ready March 27 to approve the text of a potential ballot measure that could change Menlo Park from what's called a "general law" city to a "charter" city.

City Attorney Bill McClure agreed to bring back for council consideration three options for a potential charter that, if approved, could be brought before voters in November: one with little specific information, but that would grant broad charter powers to the city; one which more carefully laid out which areas of city governance the city

would be interested in altering as a charter city; and a third that falls somewhere between.

"We'll bring back something that may not achieve that goal, or it may," he told the council.

A charter city?

General law cities, which is what Menlo Park is now, follow a standard template of what kinds of laws and ordinances can be implemented. Charter cities generally have more freedom to customize how they practice and implement their laws — though how much depends largely on how courts are trending on issues of local control, according to Assistant City Attorney Cara Silver.

Because the city would be on a tight timeline to put together, bring through public review and

approve a charter document to bring to voters at the November election, Mr. McClure brought up the possibility of passing an "enabling charter," which would convert the city to a charter one but wouldn't lay out what would change — that could be decided later. Some residents expressed concern that the lack of specificity could give too much power to the council.

Without the template of "general law" prescriptions, cities run the risk of being too prescriptive or restrictive, according to the staff report.

Council members raised concerns that the optics of switching to a charter city from a general law city now could look bad, and that the move could open the city to new liability.

Councilman Ray Mueller said the timing of the transition might "look like we're trying to get around the [California Voting Rights Act]." One of the main reasons advocates have been supporting the switch to a charter is because doing so could create the possibility of a "hybrid" voting system, which would use some forms of district elections and some forms of ranked-choice

or cumulative voting. However, those alternatives don't protect the city from the threat of a California Voting Rights Act lawsuit; only changing the entire city to district elections offers that protection, according to staff.

In an interview, Mr. Mueller said he didn't see much appeal in rushing the process and would rather see it as a multi-year process to gather public input before bringing the matter to voters. Doing so, he said, could be a "tremendous opportunity to go ahead sit down with stakeholders and figure out the values as a city we would want to put in a charter."

During council deliberations on the matter, Mayor Peter Ohtaki asked, "If our intention was really to have the provision on elections, do we really need to get into all of the other issues, and is that best left for a future council to add that as a charter provision?"

But there are also a number of practical reasons a city might wish to make the transition, according to a staff report. Charter cities have more flexibility when it comes to city affairs like construction and maintenance

contracting, land use, city finances, city governance structure and elections.

In addition to the possibility of being able to explore alternative voting systems, a charter could allow the city to be more selective with its contracting practices, amend its general plan more frequently, and implement a documentary transfer tax.

When it comes to topics of "statewide concern" — as defined by the Legislature and courts — state law preempts policies of general law or charter cities. "Given the current encroachment into local control by both the legislature and courts, the distinctions between general law and charter cities is probably at an all-time low," writes Ms. Silver in the staff report.

Next, staff will bring back the three potential draft charters at another public hearing scheduled for May 8. If the council moves forward with one of those options, there will be another 21 days' notice before a third public meeting June 5. The final ballot measure would have to be submitted to the county clerk by Aug. 10 to make it on the Nov. 6 ballot. ■

Atherton council approves civic center plans

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Five years after forming a Civic Center Advisory Committee to help plan a new complex with town offices, a police station and library, Atherton's City Council on March 21 approved the final construction plans for the civic center and began soliciting bids for construction.

The bids are to be returned by May 22, and the council

is expected to approve a bid from one of four pre-qualified general contractors — Swinerton Builders, Lathrop Construction, Hensel Phelps, or C. Overaa & Co. — on June 6. A ceremonial groundbreaking will be held near the end of June.

The project includes a new city administration/police building, a new library, a renovation of the historic town hall, and corporation yard site work. ■

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he said he'd probably "focus on my particular district," noting, "I hope the council representatives from the different districts will continue to work like this council."

In a written statement, Ms. Keith said, "I look forward to working with all residents to continue to make Menlo Park a great place to live, work and play." Her priorities, she said, are working on the Dumbarton Corridor plan to reduce traffic congestion, and supporting new affordable housing, bike infrastructure and environmental advancements.

Mr. Cline, who is currently in his third term, said he ended up running again in 2014 because he wanted to see the projects he'd

been working on through. By now, he said, the gig comes with a sense of déjà vu, and he feels he's done "what you never want to do" — become an institution. "It's counterproductive to what a new group of active community members wants," he said.

Serving on the council, he said, is a "good amateur job. It should be preserved that way."

Council race?

Sarah Staley Shenk, a resident of Suburban Park who characterizes herself as a working mom, said in an interview that she hasn't yet decided if she will run for council, but filed the initial paperwork to be transparent and compliant with the campaign process. She's currently conducting a "listening tour" to hear from District

2 residents and is planning to decide whether or not to run in the next month.

People interested in talking to her can contact her at sarah@staleysash.com.

"I love Menlo Park," she said, noting she is "increasingly concerned ... that what we value about Menlo Park is eroding nearly to the point of (an) unrecognizable landscape."

When asked how she might feel about running against Councilwoman Keith, she said, "Kirsten has demonstrated an incredible resume of dedication to the city of Menlo Park. ... It appears to me she comes to this with true heart for the city."

George Yang, a member of Menlo Park's Sister City Committee, could not be reached for comment by press time. ■

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neurodegenerative diseases.

"This commitment to Packard Children's Hospital aligns with our priority of providing the best resources for health care for the youth in our greater community," Dianne Taube said in a press release.

The contribution brings the couple's total gifts to the Children's Hospital and the child health programs at Stanford

University School of Medicine to more than \$35 million. The Taubes now rank among the top five individual donors in the hospital's 26-year history.

"We planned every detail in our new hospital to provide the best care for children," Dennis Lund, interim president and CEO, and chief medical officer, of the hospital and Stanford Children's Health, said in a press release. "We are honored that Tad and Dianne Taube chose to make a difference in the lives of our

patients and families through their visionary investments."

The couple head Taube Philanthropies, which has supported educational, research, cultural, community and youth organizations in the Bay Area, Poland and Israel for more than 30 years. The organization was founded by Tad Taube in 1981.

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status,” he alleged in his complaint.

“This includes bullying, denying promotions, removing people from their current jobs, and making people feel bad about having children,” Mr. Gaviglio wrote.

Mr. Gaviglio, who recently adopted a baby, said Ms. Hernandez-Goff called him into her office in February before he was set to take parental leave. She asked if, since he now had a child, he would resign, suggesting that it would help the district with personnel cuts the district was making due to a budget deficit, Mr. Gaviglio said.

Mr. Gaviglio said he asserted that retaining him wouldn’t create an “excess” of school administrators because another principal was set to move to the district office and that school’s vice principal could replace her. The superintendent responded that the vice principal “could not be the principal because she had a baby,” Mr. Gaviglio said in his complaint.

“Leaving the meeting, I felt that she was discriminatory against administrators with babies,” he wrote in contemporaneous notes

he emailed to himself.

His complaint offers four other examples of administrators with babies against whom he felt Ms. Hernandez-Goff had discriminated. One of those administrators, who has since left the district and asked to remain anonymous for fear of retaliation, told the Weekly that the superintendent had suggested to her that “you’re first a mother and then a principal” and that “you can’t do both” jobs. The former administrator said she was notified while she was on maternity leave that she was being reassigned for the next school year.

“Overall, her discriminatory practices have created a hostile workplace where people are afraid of retaliation and bullying,” Mr. Gaviglio wrote. “Renswood employees need an assurance that this discrimination will stop.”

Hernandez-Goff’s reprimand letter and Mr. Gaviglio’s counter-complaint this month weren’t the first times the two have made accusations against one another. Mr. Gaviglio alleges that he emailed Ms. Hernandez-Goff about the misuse of Title I funds for student achievement on Oct. 26 and Jan. 24 but that she replied to neither email. As a

consequence, he emailed a list of concerns about Ms. Hernandez-Goff to San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools Anne Brown on March 9, a list that included charges of “corruption and illegal activities.” Brown and her office are currently monitoring the district as it navigates a fiscal crisis.

Last year, Ms. Hernandez-Goff identified concerns she had about Mr. Gaviglio’s performance in a detailed memorandum. It cites several incidences as examples. She states that Mr. Gaviglio failed to maintain confidentiality by inappropriately sharing a parent’s email to the superintendent and Mr. Gaviglio with the president of the teachers union, who teaches at Belle Haven. Mr. Gaviglio said he forwarded the message after receiving a text message from the union president, who was meeting with Ms. Hernandez-Goff, stating that the superintendent could not locate the letter.

The memorandum also criticizes Mr. Gaviglio’s handling of a problem involving parents and a teacher at Belle Haven, including not conducting a “fair and thorough investigation” and “failing to follow her (Ms. Hernandez-Goff’s) directives” in the incident.

Mr. Gaviglio wrote a response

to the superintendent’s memorandum at the time he received it but decided against providing it to the district for fear of retaliation.

After receiving the memorandum again this month as a reason for his transfer, he submitted his response to the district to be included in his personnel file.

The March 19 letter reassigning Mr. Gaviglio directed him to report to the district office the following morning and to “refrain from any communications with staff, parents and students regarding your change in location as principal.”

At a board meeting last month, parents, staff and others spoke in support of Mr. Gaviglio and urged the board to reverse the superintendent’s decision.

Bronwyn Alexander, a teacher on special assignment at Belle Haven, credited Mr. Gaviglio with raising student achievement levels and stemming the formerly high rate of teacher turnover.

The percentage of Belle Haven students meeting state standards in mathematics and English language arts, though still low, has steadily gone up since the 2014-15 school year. Belle Haven also went from having the lowest attendance rate in 2014 to the third-highest in the district

this year. Mr. Gaviglio started a now-popular “parent university” program to engage parents on topics from homework and the transition to middle school to healthy eating and sleeping habits. About 200 parents attended a session earlier this month.

“To remove a dedicated principal who has accomplished all of those things is illogical,” echoed fourth-grade teacher Lauren Macorwitz. “If he is removed permanently our students, teachers and community will suffer.”

Alexander said that a group of parents plan to protest Mr. Gaviglio’s removal next week by keeping their children at home until he is reinstated.

In a short meeting with Belle Haven staff, Ms. Hernandez-Goff bristled at their questions about the sudden change in leadership, according to a transcription of an audio recording provided by a teacher and corroborated by others who attended the meeting.

“I’m not here to answer questions,” she told the teachers. “I’m here to tell you what I’m doing, and that’s my prerogative as the superintendent.”

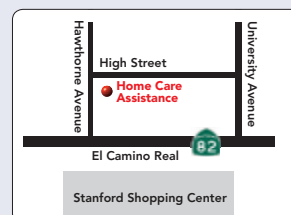
After further questions, she told the teachers bluntly: “This is not a democracy. This is your job. And I get to make those decisions.” ■

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Commercially cultivated marijuana gets green light on split vote

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

In a rare split decision, the Portola Valley Town Council on March 28 voted 3-2 to approve an ordinance, recommended by the Planning Commission, to govern personal and commercial cultivation of marijuana on residential properties in town.

The vote starts a two-step process to adopt an ordinance. The council must vote again and if approved a second time,

the ordinance becomes law in 30 days.

Voting for the regulations were councilmen Craig Hughes and Jeff Aalfs and Councilwoman Maryann Derwin. Voting against were Mayor John Richards and Councilwoman Ann Wengert.

The regulations would allow commercial cultivation of up to 12 plants on any residential property in town. The plants must be sold wholesale to a distributor, without curing or further processing. The grower would need permits from

the state and the town, whose "cannabis permit" process would include a hearing before the Planning Commission.

The grower has to live on site, provide security and on-site parking, allow unlimited inspections and notify the town of negative developments, the ordinance says. Neighbors and the applicant could appeal to the council any commission decision on a cannabis permit.

The ordinance forbids retail sales in town, meaning any marijuana that's been processed, Town Attorney Cara Silver told the council. Growers can sell cut plants to distributors — not neighbors — and residents can have marijuana products delivered at home, she said. Residents may grow and process up to six plants for personal use, indoors or out.

Processing and outdoor growing cannot take place in unincorporated San Mateo County because the Board of Supervisors passed a moratorium, expiring in December 2018, that restricts commercially-grown marijuana to land zoned for agriculture.

Residents can grow up to six plants indoors for personal use. The moratorium forbids "without limitation," manufacturing,

testing, micro-businesses and retail sales on county land.

Town values

Planning Commission Chair Nicholas Targ explained the commission's reasoning to allow small-scale commercial cultivation in Portola Valley. "If somebody wants to be a hobbyist or wants to have a very small boutique grow operation where they're doing something really special, we should be mindful of that opportunity and those values that are in the general plan," he said.

The 12-plant limit came in part from a discussion with a county narcotics official and Fire Marshal Denise Enea of the Woodside Fire Protection District, Mr. Targ said. Growing more than 12 plants elevates the risks for fire and nuisance odors and the interest of organized crime, Mr. Targ said he learned.

Twelve plants is also the studied limit in Colorado, he added. "We found that to be compelling," he said.

One plant can generate 16 to 24 ounces of cannabis, Mr. Targ said. With personal plants included, a single residence could produce 27 pounds. Citing the magazine "Marijuana Business Daily,"

Town Manager Jeremy Dennis said processed marijuana is selling for about \$1,300 a pound. A pound yields about 450 joints and requires some 480 gallons of water in a growing cycle of between 8 weeks and six months, he said.

Pro and con

George Andreini, the only non-government-associated resident in the audience, opposed the ordinance's commercial angle. "Why do we need to add exposure of narcotics to our children?" he said. "The commercial aspect, at least, is something you shouldn't even be talking about."

Councilwoman Wengert pondered what problems the commercial provisions would solve; whether they answer needs, concerns or requests of residents; and whether it passed a "test of reasonableness."

The ordinance makes unreasonable demands to attend to the letter of the law, she said. "It would be so difficult, costly and complex for somebody to really want to move forward (with 12 plants) and actually have it work as we intended," she said. "It's way too complicated."

Given the county's ban on processing, Councilman Aalfs said, perhaps testing and some processing should be allowed in Portola Valley. "It feels like we're taking a local issue and creating a burden somewhere else," he said. "I don't think that's good governance."

The town, Ms. Wengert replied, "is taking on a set of risks with no return, even to our residents who might be interested in what you're saying. ... They're not going to apply for all those permits. They're going to probably cut it down and dry it on their site," she said, adding that crime and fire could be the result.

"It's a lot of work for 12 plants," Ms. Derwin said, "and then he can only sell the plant in its plant form to a wholesaler. You know, if it were me, I just wouldn't get a permit."

Mayor Richards noted more than once that six plants grown for personal use would probably meet the residents' needs, and that he's not heard of demands beyond that.

The ordinance is imperfect and may not generate applicants, Councilman Hughes said, but he was against discouraging people from asking about commercial growing.

One problem he said the ordinance may address: residents whose property is not amenable to marijuana cultivation and who might form limited-liability corporations with neighbors with more suitable land. "As long as it's simple enough and small scale," he said. ▀

Marjorie Ann Posthauer

July 24, 1926 – March 16, 2018

Marjorie Ann (Stitt) Posthauer, 91, of Palo Alto, CA, peacefully passed away March 16, 2018.

Marge was born July 24, 1926 in Elberfeld, IN, to the late William Roscoe and Irma (Voelker) Stitt. She received her elementary education in a one-room schoolhouse joined by her older sister and younger brother, and then graduated from Elberfeld High School. She attended Purdue University where she was a member of the Delta Delta Gamma sorority and the Mortar Board honor society. Marge met her future husband, John Posthauer, at Purdue and graduated with honors in Home Economics in 1948.

Marge and John were married in 1950 and moved to Cleveland where Marge taught high school Home Economics. Upon moving to St. Louis, Marge worked for the Gardner Advertising Agency, running their test kitchen and developing recipes for clients. Marge and John were blessed with the birth of their son, John in 1956. They fulfilled their dream of living in California in 1959, when they were transferred and moved to Arcadia. Shortly after their daughter Nancy was born in 1960. Six years later, they moved to Menlo Park and built their home where Marge delighted in entertaining friends and family and nurturing a lovely garden.

Marge volunteered at Allied Arts for years, which was her entrée to floral design. She graced Menlo Country Club weekly with beautiful arrangements and holiday décor. Word of her expertise spread. Marge and her dear friend, Peggy Gregg started a floral design business exquisitely fashioning weddings and parties.

Marge was devoted to her faith, a member of St. Bede's Episcopal Church for 52 years where she served on the Altar Guild. She was an inspired, accomplished cook and enjoyed sharing delicious meals. She loved her community and was a loyal friend to many. Above all else, Marge was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. John and Marge were married for 64 years. "Nana" adored her grandchildren and took abundant joy and pride from attending as many of their events and milestones as possible.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband John Posthauer, her siblings, William Stitt and Marilou Madden. Marge is survived by her loving children John Posthauer (Carla) of Menlo Park, CA, and Nancy Deline (Kenneth) of Avon, CO, ; and her grandchildren Cassidy DeLine (Nicholas Markman), David DeLine, Callan DeLine, Jack Posthauer and Joe Posthauer.

Marge genuinely loved life, friends and family. Her kindness and grace were remarkable and her family will miss her dearly and love her always. A memorial celebrating her life will be held at St. Bede's Church, 2650 Sand Hill Rd., Menlo Park on Saturday, May 12 at 2pm. A reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to support spinal cord research to The Reeve-Irvine Research Center, 1105 Gillespie Neuroscience Research Facility, 837 Health Sciences Rd, Irvine, CA 92697-4265.



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Virginia Rooke Closs

February 18, 1923 – March 19, 2018

Virginia, or Gini, was born in Steubenville, Ohio. As a child she moved with her family to Pasadena as a teenager she even marched in the Rose Parade. She went on to earn a degree in International Studies from Stanford University, and joined the Chi Omega sorority. During World War II she volunteered for the Women's Air Raid Defense, or WARD, and was stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. There she met and wed the love of her life, Bill Tom Closs, a Marine lieutenant from Texas.

Returning from the war, Bill started playing professional basketball in the newly formed NBA, and Gini became adept at raising her young family while moving between Indiana, Philadelphia and Texas. Later they moved to California where Gini worked hand in hand with Bill to start their first business, a sporting goods distribution company. This led to a new chapter in their lives with international travel and new friendships when Bill became an Adidas distributor.

In retirement Gini and Bill spent much of the year at their home on Flathead Lake in Montana. As avid sports fans, they provided scholarships for numerous athletes at their alma maters, Stanford, and Rice University. They were cofounders of an innovative housing development for seniors in downtown Palo Alto, The Hamilton, where they happily spent their final years. Bill passed away in 2011 after 65 years of marriage.

Gini was a vibrant, beautiful and inspiring presence in our lives. She is survived by her daughters, Linda Hovis and Libby Hatfield, and her son William Closs. Her 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren will cherish their memories of their fun and supportive "Gigi." Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to EPATT, the after school tennis and tutoring program held at Stanford.



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PV school board refining facilities master plan

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

With the goal of making a decision by the end of June about the size and scope of a bond measure that could be put on the November ballot, the board of the Portola Valley School District is scrambling to refine a facilities master plan detailing possible updates for the district's two campuses.

Superintendent Eric Hartwig said emergency repairs on several district facilities make the need for the facilities plan and a bond to pay for projects more urgent.

A draft master plan presented to the district's board in September showed projects totaling \$30.2 million at Ormondale School and \$42.2 million at Corte Madera School. But polling done last fall showed public support for a bond measure is much more modest, about \$40 million for both schools.

Since the draft plan was produced, the five-member school board has gained four new trustees: Jeff Klugman, Karyn Bechtel, Brooke Day and Mike Maffia. The new board members asked the architects who prepared the facilities plan to look at some alternatives, including features board members liked in nearby schools such as Woodside Elementary's new Sellman Pavilion and maker space.

"We're trying to be responsive to everything we learned last fall (from polling and other public input)," Mr. Hartwig said. In addition, the plan is being tweaked because "the new board has a slightly different vision" than the old board, he said.

But a series of recent emergency repairs that had to be undertaken by the district pointed out other

problems, the superintendent said. "Our buildings have been well-maintained," he said, but many of them are between 30 and 60 years old. "They've endured incredible use and provided great service, but they need major investment," Mr. Hartwig said.

The district's insurance will pay some of the costs of the recent repairs, but "we are going to be on the hook for hundreds of thousands of dollars," he said.

According to Superintendent Hartwig, among the recent emergency repairs are:

■ A 40-year-old galvanized pipe buried beneath Corte Madera's multi-use room failed, but the problem went undetected for nearly a month. The gym floor was saturated from below and asbestos tile on the slab had to be replaced, putting the building out of commission for at least 10 weeks.

■ Mold was found behind vinyl wallpaper and ductwork in two classrooms at Corte Madera School built in 1964. The original design of the buildings did not direct water away from the walls, and they had no flashing.

■ In both district schools, a number of heating and air conditioning systems housed in closets have failed in close succession, producing mold and rust.

■ At both schools, despite repeated repairs, the fire alarm systems frequently malfunction and need replacement.

"It's been an 'exciting' year," Mr. Hartwig said.

The deadline to get a bond measure on the November ballot is early August. Superintendent Hartwig said he plans to have a proposal ready for the board to discuss in early June, with a resolution ready for a vote by the end of June. ■

Atherton tops list of wealthiest communities

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

It makes a certain amount of sense — Atherton, the town repeatedly found to have the most expensive real estate in the country, also has the highest average household income in the country, at least according to Bloomberg.

The media and data company said in March that for the second consecutive year Atherton is in the number one spot on its list of the wealthiest communities in the country, with an average family income of \$443,400, over \$53,000 more than the second place community of Cherry Hills

Village, Colorado.

The Bay Area had 14 communities in Bloomberg's top 100 list, including two other cities in the top 10: number four Los Altos Hills, with an average family income of \$373,800, and Hillsborough at number six with an average family income of \$350,900.

Menlo Park is number 88 on the list, with an average family income of \$204,100.

According to Bloomberg, it created the list using U.S. Census data for 2016, considering only those communities with 2,000 or more households.

See the Bloomberg story at is.gd/B_wealth. ■

Arthur E. Flegel

August 6, 1917 – March 16, 2018

Arthur E. Flegel, longtime resident of Menlo Park and founder of Flegel's Home Furnishings, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on March 16, 2018, surrounded by friends and family. Arthur was 100 years and 7 months

old when he died. Arthur was the devoted husband of the late Cleora (Cleo) Reuscher Flegel, loving father of three sons, Robert, Mark and John, and their wives, grandfather of nine, great-grandfather of fifteen, and great-great grandfather of five children. His strong faith in God, love for his family, high intelligence, beautiful voice, interest in his German-Russian heritage, and strong work ethic and drive produced many successes throughout his life.

Arthur was born on August 6, 1917, in Bentley, North Dakota, to Johan and Julia Flegel, immigrant German-Russians. He was the ninth of ten children of whom six achieved adulthood. All of his siblings predeceased Arthur.

Arthur's earliest years were spent in Kansas and Greeley, Colorado. His father died in 1929 when Arthur was twelve years old, and at a young age he worked to help to support his mother and younger sister during the Great Depression. After graduating from Loveland High School, he worked at the local J.C. Penney Department Store. In March 1937 he was transferred to Stockton, California, where he moved with his mother and younger sister. There he became manager of the shoe department and in 1940 he was promoted to manager of the men's clothing department. From 1942 to 1945 Arthur held management positions at the J.C. Penney stores in Alameda, Napa and Vallejo.

It was while in Stockton that Arthur met and married his wife, Cleo Reuscher, on April 27, 1940. They remained happily married for sixty-nine years until Cleo's death in 2009. Arthur served in the US Army during World War II, and was honorably discharged in 1946. He and Cleo and their first two sons then moved to Burlingame, California, where he joined his brother-in-law, Don Vowel, in Don's furniture business. In 1954 Arthur and his family moved to Menlo Park where he and Cleo opened Flegel's Home Furnishings on Santa Cruz Avenue. The business started small, but with Arthur's hard work, leadership and ability, the store quickly became a great success. The store which is now owned by Mark and managed by Mark's son, Brian, remains one of the major retail businesses in Menlo Park and high-end furniture stores in the Bay Area.

Once in Menlo Park, Arthur and his family joined the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder, taught Sunday school, and sang in the church choir. Because of his distinctive baritone voice, he was asked to sing solos during church worship services, weddings and other special occasions. During the 1960s and 1970s under the ministries of the Menlo Park Church and World Council of

Churches, Arthur chaired their resettlement committees and assisted more than 200 refugees from China, Korea, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Cuba and Vietnam to settle in the Bay Area. In June 1965 he served as a delegate to the national Presbyterian Church's General Assembly meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

From the very start Arthur was active in the Menlo Park community. In 1962 he became president of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce and in 1979 he served as president of the Menlo Park Rotary Club. For many years, Arthur enjoyed playing Santa Claus in Menlo

Park's annual Christmas parade and many other community events.

In the 1960s researching his family's genealogy became Arthur's life work. In 1968 he was instrumental in the creation of the organization known as the American Historical Society of Germans From Russia (AHSGR), which principally focuses on the emigration of Germans from their villages in Germany to Russia, and their subsequent immigration to the United States. In 1971 he and Cleo assisted in starting the Golden Gate Chapter of the AHSGR organization and for almost fifty years the chapter's monthly board meetings were held in their home. From 1981 to 1984 he served as the Society's fourth international president. In the 1970s Arthur researched, wrote and published the family histories for both his and Cleo's families. He became a Certified Genealogist, and in 2007 he was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his genealogical work. In 2005, Arthur finished his last book entitled "Extended Relationships of the Kulm, Leipzig, Tarutino Communities in Bessarabia, Russia," which was published by the North Dakota State University in Fargo. During his research, library studies and extensive travels to Germany and the Soviet Union, Arthur amassed a substantial library of source materials. In 2014 Arthur donated his personal library to the AHSGR headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska, where it is preserved as the Arthur and Cleora Flegel Library. In 2010, Arthur and Cleo provided major funding for the filming of "It's All Earth and Sky," a Prairie Public Broadcasting documentary about the legacy of the Germans from Russia settling in North Dakota in the 1800s. The documentary is available to be viewed on the internet.

Arthur was laid to rest during a private ceremony on March 19, 2018 at Alta Mesa Cemetery next to Cleo. There will be a Memorial Service in memory of Arthur on May 4, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., at the Menlo Church, 950 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Arthur to the Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation, or The Arthur E. and Cleora Flegel Living Legacy Fund within the endowment of the International Foundation of the American Historical Society of Germans From Russia.

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Gun violence protesters take to streets during ‘March for our Lives’

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Handmade posters aloft, an estimated 150 people took to the streets of Menlo Park around noon on Saturday, March 24, to protest gun violence and as part of the national “March for our Lives” event.

The group gathered at Art Ventures gallery at 889 Santa Cruz Ave. and walked along Santa Cruz Avenue to Hillview Middle School and back.

The event was organized by gallery owner Katharina Powers, who said she wanted to organize something in Menlo Park that would be easier for local families to access than events in other cities.

She’s also asked mayors across the Peninsula to consider launching a gun buyback program. The logistics of such programs are tricky, Ms. Powers said — there are careful protocols to follow to guarantee safety, protect against weapon theft and offer safe weapon storage — and she’s been told that such events probably can’t be arranged until near the end of the year, she said.

As a student growing up in Germany, she said, she participated

in weekly demonstrations. She said it was important to “Stand up. Don’t sit back. Be persistent.” As a mom of four kids, she said, it’s hard to send them to school, given fears about gun violence. “We have to do something,” Ms. Powers said.

Reasons they marched

While on the streets — in many cases, eliciting car honks of support — participants gave different reasons for what led them to join the march.

One family out walking had three generations represented: grandpa Don Albers, mom Lisa Silberman and kids Hannah and Max. Hannah, 8, said she was marching because of “the guns. They’re not good.” Ms. Silberman said she hopes the nationwide activism will be “a turning point” and noted that, while she’s wary of talking about guns with her kids, they have had lockdown drills in schools.

“I don’t think assault rifles have any place in a civilized society,” said Becky Fischbach.

Rita Popat, a Menlo Park resident who has a daughter who attends Menlo-Atherton, said she was participating because, while the 17-minute National Walkout



Photo by Kate Bradshaw/The Almanac.

Participants in a “March for our Lives” event in Menlo Park walk on Santa Cruz Avenue on Saturday, March 24, to protest gun violence.

event was “a good place to start,” it’s “not enough.”

Naomi James, 8, said she was marching because, “We want peace, to help this community.”

Her attending grown-up, Noelle Thurlow, said she was marching because she wants “sensible laws to protect our children.”

Caleb and Nathan, fifth-graders at Encinal Elementary, said they were walking to protest gun violence. Caleb said his cousin

was killed in a school shooting in Connecticut at age six.

Neve, a seventh-grader who lives in Mountain View and goes to school in Palo Alto, held a poster that said “As a girl, I hope to have as many rights as a gun one day.”

“I think there shouldn’t be gun violence,” she said. “I want to show support for people who lost people they love.”

Her mom, Vera Cheng, said that she encouraged her daughter

to learn more about the youth activism and the problem of gun violence.

Art in the making

Lin Evola, an artist who has strong local ties to the area — she attended Santa Clara University and the San Francisco Art Institute — also participated in the march. In 1992, she founded the Peace Angels Project, which collects street weapons, weapons of mass destruction and stainless steel from decommissioned missiles, melts them down, and turns them into metal art sculptures intended as symbols of peace.

She’s currently working on projects to build 64-foot-tall sculptures in New York City and Los Angeles, each of which is intended to be made from 1 million decommissioned weapons. She and her group are in the process of collecting weapons.

She announced she is also planning a third 64-foot sculpture in Silicon Valley, and is looking for a site for the sculpture to stand. She’s open to suggestions — people can contact her at linevola@peaceangels.com.

Ms. Evola is scheduled to show her work at Art Ventures Gallery in May. ▀

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Atherton now has public clay tennis court

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton now has one more claim to fame — a clay tennis court available for public use.

The new clay court, paid for with a donation from the Rajaram family, was unveiled on March 11. The court was dedicated in honor of Tyler Nii, a 27-year-old coach for Player Capital Tennis who died in a skydiving accident in New Zealand in January. Player Capital manages the park's tennis program for the town, and also operates from the Peninsula Community Center in Redwood City.

The court, said Player Capital Director Michael Jessup, is “an opportunity for our community to experience a different side of tennis filled with graceful sliding and longer points, allowing us to experience what we see at the French Open.”

In a report to the City Council, Mr. Jessup said the clay court offers several

advantages over a more conventional court. The clay surface makes the tennis game a little slower, he said, “making it great for beginners and senior players alike.” The surface is also easier on the player's body, he said.

The court will give junior players a chance to practice playing on clay before competing on it, he said. Mr. Jessup also noted that “no other public facility offers a clay court to its residents.”

The courts are available to the public through the purchase of a tennis key for the annual cost of \$50 a year for residents and \$200 a year for non-residents. Mr. Jessup has asked to raise the key costs for residents by \$50 a year to help pay the costs of maintaining the clay court, estimated to be about \$1,000 a year more than conventional courts at \$2,500 annually. An increase has not yet been approved by the council.

Residents with tennis keys will be able to use the court — at no additional charge — from



Photo by Ross Marlowe

Holbrook-Palmer Park's new clay tennis court was unveiled on March 11, with the public getting a chance to try out the special surface, which allows a slightly slower tennis game with less wear and tear on the player.

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to sunset. Non-residents with keys will pay \$30 an hour to Player Capital to use the court at other times, when it is not being used by Player Capital.

The court also requires the

use of an estimated 1,400 gallons of water a week, which will come from wells in the park.

Natasha Rajaram, the daughter of donors Tamara and Gokul Rajaram, trains on the Atherton courts with Player Capital and is a top-ranked

national junior player, Mr. Jessup said. She recently won a national sportsmanship award, he said.

The court was designed by Chris Kummerer & Associates architects and installed by Saviano Co., Inc. ■



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11-story Hotel Nia opens in Menlo Park

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Nearly eight years after voters agreed to allow it, Menlo Park Mayor Peter Ohtaki took a pair of oversized ceremonial scissors and snipped a ribbon signaling the formal opening of Hotel Nia, an 11-story, 250-room hotel at 200 Independence Drive.

The project, he announced, was “nearly 10 years in the making.”

In 2010, the Menlo Park City Council approved the Bohannon Companies' “Menlo Gateway” project — three office buildings and a hotel — 4-1, but the council voted to bring the final approval to voters.

The ballot measure, Measure T, passed with 65 percent of the vote in 2010. At the time, the proposed hotel was to be a 30-room, seven-floor hotel, with a 4,285-square-foot restaurant and a 70,000-square-foot fitness club, alongside a complex of three office buildings and parking garages. Then in 2015, the city approved a conditional development permit allowing the expansion of the hotel project to its current

status: 250 rooms, about 24,000 square feet more of space at the hotel, and a health and fitness facility that's 28,000 square feet smaller than originally planned.

The “Menlo Gateway” project, as it's called, is being done in two phases. The first phase includes the hotel and one of the office buildings. That office building has already opened, and is being leased by Facebook. The other two planned offices have not yet started construction and are also planned to be leased by Facebook.

At the opening ceremony, the hotel's general manager, Simone Harms, called it an “oasis from the stress of Silicon Valley” and noted she thinks the hotel has an innovative design, with features that emphasize natural lighting.

Rooms will likely run \$300 to \$400 a night and up on weekdays and in the mid-\$200s on weekends, she said.

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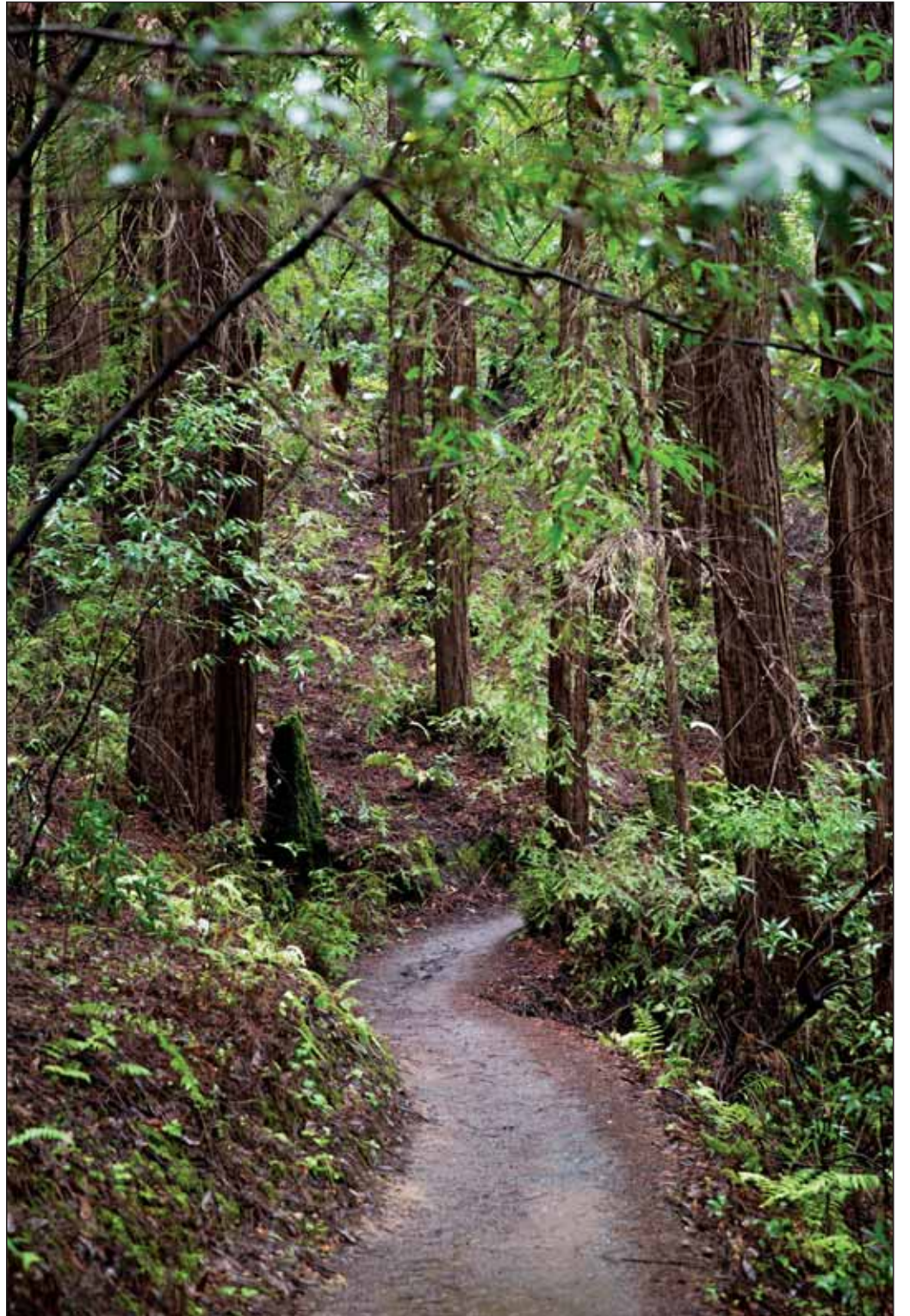
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Clockwise from top: An Oregon junco gazes across the species boundary at specimens of a creature not unlike itself — binocular vision, a mouth, two legs — but louder and with strange nesting habits. **Redwood trees** and ferns line the trail with greens and browns. **Healthy forests** have agents of decay such as this fungus, on the job recycling the remains of a fallen tree. **As plants** go, ferns are old, dating from about 360 million years ago when frogs, salamanders, scorpions and centipedes ruled the land.

On the cover: American mustang “Little Spit” and its rider Malcolm Barnwell of Redwood City in Wunderlich Park on a rainy Wednesday afternoon in Woodside.



A walk in the park

Wunderlich County Park in the spring celebrates green and brown

By Dave Boyce | Photos by Michelle Le

Spring has come to Wunderlich County Park in Woodside in a celebration of the colors green and brown, the park not being home to showy flowers or brightly-colored migrating birds. Animals live there, but quietly and mostly out of sight.

The park's trails traverse a redwood forest, an open meadow and chaparral. There are expansive views. Animals include jackrabbits, deer, squirrels, chipmunks, lizards and banana slugs. Among the birds are quail, jays and wrentits.

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The park entrance is located at 4040 Woodside Road and opens daily at 8 a.m. Closing times vary with the season.

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Soldiers from town's adopted Army unit visit Atherton

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

The Encinal School Eagles had a visit from some very different eagles on Friday, March 23, when five members of Atherton's adopted Army unit — the Baker Company of the 101st Airborne, 506th Infantry, known as the "Screaming Eagles" — stopped by the kindergarten to fifth-grade school.

Students at the school, with help from librarian Denise Healy, had made holiday cards for the unit, which is stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in December.

Encinal students entertained the soldiers with a dance and musical performances, but the highlight was probably a basketball game that pitted Staff Sgt. Joshua Carson, Sgt. Stephen Pynn, Sgt. Rishaun Vieth, Cpl. Zackery Conyers, Spc. Franklin Smith and Spc. Eduardo Gomez against the fifth-grade boys basketball team.

With students, teachers, administrators, members of the Atherton Police Department and Atherton City Council member Elizabeth Lewis looking on, the Encinal Eagles squeezed out a victory over the soldiers, 17-15.

"They were having fun and being competitive," said Atherton Police Department Detective Jason Bollendorf, who is

Atherton's Adopt-A-Unit coordinator.

The Encinal visit "was amazing — the energy between the soldiers and the kids," Detective Bollendorf said. "It's hard to tell who had more fun."

After the visit to Encinal School, the soldiers visited the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton. There they had lunch, and got a chance to ride some of the club's horses.

It was all part of a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the city of San Mateo adopting the Vietnam unit of Sgt. Joe Artavia, who had asked his older sister Linda if she could do something to help raise the morale of his unit at a time when much of the country had turned against the war. Linda convinced her hometown of San Mateo to adopt the unit just three weeks before Sgt. Artavia was killed in action.

Linda traveled to Vietnam to personally give the members of her brother's unit commemorative medals the city had made declaring each one an "adopted son" of San Mateo. There she met Lt. Steve Patterson, whom she later married. The Pattersons started a now-national organization, America Supporting Americans, that promotes the adoption of military units by communities.

Along with San Mateo and Atherton, Burlingame, Hillsborough, Foster City, Millbrae, Belmont, San Bruno and San



Photo courtesy Menlo Park City School District

Encinal School's fifth grade boys basketball team took on soldiers from Atherton's adopted Army unit, the Baker Company of the 101st Airborne, as part of the unit's recent visit.

Carlos have all adopted units of the 101st Airborne.

In addition to 50 members of the units who attended the 50th anniversary celebration, 40 Vietnam veterans from Joe Artavia's unit were there, along with Linda and Steve Patterson, who now live in Southern California.

Events included a parade in San Mateo on March 24, and a commemorative service and the laying of a wreath on the grave of Sgt. Artavia at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno. "Everybody involved, the

soldiers, the community members, everybody who met these guys — it was an incredible experience," Detective Bollendorf said.

He said the town will continue to provide for the members of its unit, which is on standby for deployment. "It's going to be hard work to take care of these guys, make sure they have what

they need when they go out in the field," he said.

To learn more about Atherton's adopt-a-unit program, or to make a donation, email aau@ci.atherton.ca.us or call 650-752-0556.

The website for America Supporting Americans, <http://www.asa-usa.org>, has more information about that program. ■

Complete streets commissioners seek to sunder group

Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

It began as an experiment about a year ago, to save staff time and promote a multimodal approach to transportation planning.

But the merging of Menlo Park's Bicycle and Transportation commissions into the Complete Streets Commission has mostly left those involved feeling frustrated and wishing things back to how they were, Menlo Park Complete Streets Commissioner Bianca Walser reported during a quarterly update to the City Council on March 27.

The commission has voted 8-1, with Commissioner Adina Levin opposed, in favor of splitting the merged group back into the original groups. "I'm not sure splitting would solve the problem," she said.

Some of the reasons given were that meetings are long with nine members, and commissioners in the advisory group

have sometimes felt their feedback is disregarded, according to commissioner Katie Behroozi. She expressed frustration in particular that the commission's recommendations to not allow Draeger's to use Menlo Avenue as a loading zone were not carried forward as strongly

as she would have liked to the Planning Commission at its recent discussion of a three-story building planned at 840 Menlo Ave.

"We felt as though our time was being wasted," she said.

The council took no action on this item. ■

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U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry dressed casually for his 30 minutes or so of remarks to some 350 government employees at the SLAC National Accelerator Lab in Menlo Park.

Rick Perry praises SLAC employees during visit to national lab

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

If you're a scientist at the Department of Energy's SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, you have the potential to change the world, according to Rick Perry, the former governor of Texas and presidential candidate and current head of the energy department.

"Not everybody can say that," Mr. Perry noted in brief and mainly inspirational remarks to about 350 SLAC employees gathered in the campus auditorium on Wednesday, March 28. "One of the reasons I'm really proud to be associated with men and women like you is because the young scientists, in particular, could be working in a lot of different places."

Within a 30-mile radius of SLAC are some "pretty cool" companies to be working for and you could be making a helluva lot more money, most likely, than working in this place," he said. "The collaboration that goes on at an institution like this, the people that you get to rub elbows with ... is invaluable. You're making a difference."

Super-computing is a particularly important area of national laboratory research, he said.

SLAC is one of 17 national laboratories overseen by the energy department. Mr. Perry has been touring the labs in the western United States, including those in Livermore and Berkeley.

Over the past five years, SLAC

scientists — and the engineers who design their special-purpose tools — have used their X-ray laser, powered by their accelerator, to watch a virus preparing to infect a healthy cell; to test a device that could reduce the environmental costs of producing hydrogen for vehicle fuel; to prepare a form of carbon that improves battery storage capacity; and to develop a protein that disrupts the process by which cancers spread.

In 2017 alone, they used the laser to sustainably produce ethanol from carbon dioxide; to decipher the atomic structure of an intact virus; to help uncover the blueprint of a vaccine for a hemorrhagic fever virus; and to create a stretchable plastic electrode from a substance used to thicken soup, among other uses.

A cool job

While being the energy department secretary is not the best job he said he's ever had — that honor goes to his 14 years as governor — it is, he said, the coolest job he's ever had. In his 40 years in government, he said he's found no other place with more passion on the part of its employees.

During his remarks, Mr. Perry recalled, without apology and to the amusement of his audience, his 2013 efforts as governor of Texas to run ads in California aimed at persuading California-based companies to relocate to Texas.

At the time, Gov. Jerry Brown dismissed Mr. Perry's campaign

as insignificant, but to his SLAC audience Mr. Perry described the governor as still "a little bit raw about me coming over here to recruit businesses from California and take 'em to Texas. I get that. Competition's a good thing, whether you're a governor of a state or a scientist."

"We're working together but we're also competing," he said. "Because, God knows, in the world we live in today, we're competing. We're competing with some countries that really are good at what they do. We need to get it right and we need to be first," including in super-computing, he said.

Mr. Perry took two screened questions, one of which asked for his views on long-term energy security. It's a mix of renewable energy and fossil fuels, he said. "The world is going to burn fossil fuels. How do we do it in the cleanest way possible?" he said. "I'm very comfortable that the science for that is going to come from a university that's working with DOE."

Asked about regulation and its effect on consumers, Mr. Perry said a key to effective government regulation is to look out for unintended consequences. "The point is, we gotta take care of our environment, whether it's our economic environment, whether it's the environment we breathe, whatever it is, government has to take care of that," he said. "Can you do it in a way that is economically feasible and doesn't cost you more than what the benefit is?" ■

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'The Bridges of Madison County' TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents the Tony Award-winning musical "The Bridges of Madison County," based on the 1992 best-selling novel by Robert James Waller about love both lost and found. It will be directed by TheatreWorks artistic director and founder Robert Kelley. April 4-29, times vary. \$40-\$100. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

Concerts

Palo Alto Philharmonic Austrian Masters The fourth orchestra concert of the 2017-2018 season features baritone vocalist, Andrew G. Manea in Mahler's Songs of a Wayfarer and Bruckner's monumental Symphony No. 4. April 7, 8-10 p.m. \$22, general; \$18, senior; \$10, student. Cubberly Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. papil.org/performances

Talks & Lectures

Adrian Nicole LeBlanc/Slow Journalism: Resisting the Pull of Immediacy Stanford Humanities Center presents Adrian Nicole LeBlanc, an independent journalist who is best known for her 2003 nonfiction book "Random Family: Love, Drugs, Trouble, and Coming of Age in the Bronx," which chronicles the struggles of two young women as they deal with love, growing families, poverty and prison time. April 5, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Levinthal Hall, Stanford Humanities Center, 424 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu/events

Elaine Elinson and Stan Yogi The Menlo Park Library will host authors Elaine Elinson and Stan Yogi, who wrote the book that inspired the exhibition "Wherever There's a Fight: a History of Civil Liberties in California," on display through the end of May. April 4, 7-8 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/liberties

SRI Organon Toastmasters SRI Organon Toastmasters helps community members become better public speakers and leaders by providing a supportive, positive environment for practicing communication and leadership skills. Guests are welcome to visit and join. Tuesdays, year-round. April 10, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. First Baptist Church, 1100 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. sriorganon.com

'Zouping Revisited: Change and Continuity in a Chinese County' Zouping County was the first rural site in China where foreign scholars were given official access to conduct research in 1984 after China's Opening and Reform. The late Professor Michel Oksenberg spearheaded the effort. This year, the Oksenberg Conference will be organized around "Zouping Revisited: Adaptive Governance in a Chinese County," recently published by Stanford University Press. A panel of China specialists with deep personal and scholarly connections to Zouping will provide insights into the surprising changes China has experienced since the 1980s and how academic research and fieldwork has also changed over time as seen through this window in rural Shandong. Book sales will follow the conference. April 5, 2-5 p.m. Free, RSVP online. Mackenzie Room, Jen-Hsun Huang Engineering Building, 3rd Floor, 475 Via Ortega, Stanford. aparc.fsi.stanford.edu

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The Wonder of Trees The Wonder of Trees will be an evening of learning, community and trees. During a dinner in a new venue, guests will enjoy a three-course meal, award-winning local wines and time to connect with one another. April 7, 6-9 p.m. \$250-\$1000. Hotel Nia, 200 Independence Drive, Menlo Park. canopy.org/gala2018

Family

April Free First Friday The San Mateo County History Museum continues with its "Free First Fridays" which will include a pre-school craft program at 11 a.m. and an adult tour at 2 p.m. April 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. historysmc.org/free-first-fridays

Storyteller John Weaver: 'Strange Journeys' The Menlo Park Library will present a

performance by professional storyteller John Weaver, sharing tales of "Strange Journeys" specifically for listeners in elementary school and above. April 5, 4-4:15 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/storyteller

Museums & Exhibits

Art Exhibit: 'In Dialogue: African Arts' "In Dialogue" represents the vibrant and dynamic arts of the continent and its diasporas. Drawing primarily from the Cantor's own collection, it considers the arts of Africa to be rooted in a deep and rich history that is locally, as much as globally, connected. Ongoing until May 5, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays; open until 8 p.m. Thursdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Art Exhibit: 'Rodin: The Shock of the Modern Body' This exhibition celebrates Auguste Rodin's relentless pursuit to convey complex emotions, diverse psychological states and pure sensuality through the nude. Ongoing, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Closed Tuesdays; Thursdays open until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Art Exhibit: 'The Matter of Photography in the Americas' Featuring artists from 12 different countries, this exhibition presents a wide range of creative responses to photography as an artistic medium and a communicative tool uniquely suited to modern media landscapes and globalized economies. Ongoing, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Closed Tuesdays; Thursdays open until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

The Bay Bridge: An Engineer's Perspective Image pairs that demonstrate the evolution of San Francisco while highlighting the permanence and artistry of the Bay Bridge will be shown. Charles Knedel's photos during his time as a civil engineer on the original construction of the Bay Bridge have never been on display for the public. April 10, 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. makintoshphotography.com/engineersperspective

Dynamics of Transformation: New Show at the Gallery House Gallery House will showcase the work of three artists: Anne Lamborn, Michael Endicott and Anita Boraworking in the three different dimensions of light, fiber and earth. Ongoing until April 24; Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays noon-8 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-3 p.m., closed Mondays. Free. Gallery House, 320 S. California Ave., Palo Alto. galleryhouse2.com

Portola Art Gallery Presents Misako Kambe's 'Beauty of Wood Fire, Vol. 3' The Portola Art Gallery presents "Beauty of Wood Fire, Vol. 3" - carved ceramic creations by Misako Kambe of Berkeley. April 2-30; Mondays-Saturdays 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Lessons & Classes

Clay and Chardonnay Participants will be taken on a step-by-step lesson on creating a clay masterpiece while drinking wine. Supplies, aprons and wine are all included. April 10, 6-8 p.m. \$25-\$30. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. penvol.org/littlehouse

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SFO airplane route changes slightly

Sue Dremann
Palo Alto Weekly Staff Writer

Planes flying to San Francisco International Airport from the south started taking a slightly different route on Thursday, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Under the new route, residents of East Palo Alto could find planes overhead more frequently.

The FAA updated the San Francisco arrival route known as SERFR to improve safety and operations. Now called SERFR3 — for the third iteration of the route — the path is taken by planes flying up from the south and inland from the coast, crossing the mountains near Santa Cruz and over Palo Alto,

Menlo Park and East Palo Alto before heading north to San Francisco International Airport.

Planes on SERFR3 will then connect to paths, known as instrument approaches, to land at SFO.

“Aircraft that are on these instrument approaches may be approximately 1/4-mile east of the current MENLO waypoint when they pass over East Palo Alto,” an FAA spokesperson stated in an email.

Planes flying along the SERFR3 route will be allowed to glide rather than have to throttle back to slow down, which creates more noise. Known as an optimized profile descent, it is no different than how planes fly using the current SERFR2.

Jets coming in to airports must fly on routes and at

certain altitudes by reaching specific “waypoints” along the path. The entire SERFR3 travel path is within the highly controlled, existing Class B airspace around San Francisco International Airport. Classes of airspace can be restricted to certain uses — such as commercial or military — and pertain to spaces between certain altitudes in which planes may fly.

The FAA did raise altitudes for flights at certain points west on SERFR3, where planes from the south cross land after flying over the Pacific Ocean, an agency spokesperson in an email.

Aircraft noise opponents have sought to move the MENLO waypoint near the border of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto or have planes fly over at a higher altitude as part of requested revisions to the FAA’s NextGen program, a modernization of the air-travel system mandated by Congress.

Residents along the NextGen routes nationwide have complained about unbearable levels of noise and air traffic.

Even with flight routes such as SERFR3, air traffic controllers occasionally decide to send some aircraft off the published SERFR3 and instrument approaches for safety and sequencing purposes, according to the FAA. This can happen when flights stack up on their approach to the airport, for example.

The SERFR3 update is unrelated to the proposal to return flights to the Big Sur arrival route, which is part of a potential revision the FAA is looking into to ease noise issues, the FAA stated. ▀



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■ POLICE CALLS

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ATHERTON

Residential burglary: A resident of Irving Avenue came home to find the glass smashed on the double doors to the first-floor master bedroom and a 450-pound tan-colored safe stolen. In the safe were jewelry and documents, police said. March 17.

WEST MENLO PARK

Auto burglary: A thief smashed a window on a vehicle parked at Alpine Road and Piers Lane — the Stanford Dish parking lot — and stole clothing and cash. Estimated loss: \$2,900. March 1.

Theft: Someone stole a package from in front of a house on Cedar Avenue. No estimate on losses. March 6.

MENLO PARK

Impersonation: At the Rosewood Hotel on Sand Hill Road, police arrested a 53-year-old Palo Alto man alleged to have purchased badges to portray himself as someone he was not: a San Francisco police officer and/or an FBI agent. The man wore the badges so they could be seen, spoke with patrons as if he were an officer, and used the badges "to meet women," police said. March 22.

Dog bite: A pit bull residing on Sevier Avenue escaped containment in the backyard, came out to the front of the house and bit a mail carrier in the thigh as the carrier was walking up the driveway to deliver the mail. The dog's owner was home at the time, police said. Medics treated the mail carrier for a puncture wound. The Peninsula Humane Society is reviewing the case. March 16.

Commercial burglaries:

■ Thieves broke a window in the kitchen at the Allied Arts Guild on Arbor Road and stole food, wine and beer from the kitchen and a nearby storage unit, which was also broken into. They also broke into an office in an adjacent building and stole a laptop computer. Estimated losses: \$5,650. March 28.

■ Two women carrying black shopping bags walked out of Walgreens pharmacy on Santa Cruz Avenue with about 40 boxes of allergy medicine that they hadn't paid for. Police are looking for two black women in their late teens to early 20s, one wearing a black puffy jacket, gray jogging pants and a red bandanna in her hair, and the other wearing a black zip-up sweatshirt and black tights with a white stripe down the side. Estimated loss: \$1,600. March 25.

Thefts:

■ Someone cut a lock at a construction site on Facebook Way and stole three spot welders. Estimated loss: \$8,100. March 17.

■ A thief made off with a wedding ring from a home on Noel Drive. Estimated loss: \$3,800. March 29.

■ A thief stole a bike from a storage area at an apartment complex on Haven Avenue. Estimated loss: \$1,400. March 15.

■ Police arrested and booked an employee

of Petco at 515 El Camino Real on theft charges. The employee allegedly admitted to police the theft of \$1,291.75. March 21.

■ A laptop computer was stolen from a desk at Redlock Inc. on Jefferson Drive. No estimate on loss. March 27.

■ Police arrested and booked an employee of the Jack in the Box restaurant at 1401 Willow Road on theft charges. The employee allegedly admitted stealing around \$980, police said. March 24.

■ Someone stole a leaf blower from the back of a truck parked on Pope Street. Estimated loss: \$900. March 16.

■ A motorized bike was stolen from the basement of an office building in the 1000 block of El Camino Real. Estimated loss: \$600. March 28.

■ A man left his cellphone unattended at a location on Bohannon Drive and it was gone when he returned to retrieve it. Estimated loss: \$287. March 28.

■ A locked bike was stolen from a bike rack on Elder Avenue. Estimated loss: \$200. March 20.

■ A thief entered an unlocked vehicle parked on Middle Avenue and stole a multi-tool, a paper pad and a key. Estimated loss: \$52. March 21.

■ Police arrested two juveniles on suspicion of having stolen cosmetics from the CVS pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real. Police recovered the cosmetics. One suspect was released to her mother; the other, a runaway from a receiving home, was booked into Juvenile Hall. March 26.

■ Someone stole two bottles of spa cleaner from the front porch of a home on

Ringwood Avenue. Estimated loss: \$40. March 22.

Auto burglaries:

■ The owner of a vehicle parked in the 500 block of El Camino Real found a side window smashed on her car and a backpack stolen from the floorboard inside. In the backpack were her wallet, a book, paperwork and an iPad. Estimated loss: \$1,192. March 16.

■ A thief entered a locked vehicle parked on Oak Grove Avenue by means unknown and stole the owner's gym bag, a pair of boxing gloves, a pair of shin guards, elbow pads, shoes, a first aid kit and several CDs in a case. Estimated loss: \$470. March 27.

■ Someone smashed a window on a vehicle parked at Bedwell Bayfront Park and stole a jacket, two dresses and a kitchen mat. Estimated loss: \$295. March 19.

Fraud:

■ A resident of Sharon Park Drive told police that someone claiming to be with Apple tech support called her and advised her that her computer and her cellphone had been hacked, and that to repair them required her to buy \$250 in Apple gift cards and provide the card numbers to the caller, which she did. March 22.

■ A resident of Felton Drive told police that someone used a fraudulent PayPal account to purchase something from the resident, and that the fraud wasn't discovered until after the package had been sent. March 25.

■ A resident of Monte Rosa Drive told police that someone had hacked into her Facebook account to request that her friends send her money. No loss. March 20.

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7/9 – 7/13	Sewing (AM and PM)
7/16 – 7/20	Knitting/Crochet (AM)
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Research of best practices driving curriculum ideas for new school

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

TIDE Academy, the new magnet high school under construction in the light industrial area of Menlo Park, will likely have a strong component of social and emotional learning underlying the college- and career-oriented pathways to be built into the curriculum.

Social and emotional learning is effective even if the context is not academic, Michael Kuliga, TIDE Academy's principal, told the Sequoia Union High School District board recently in an update. It is "highly correlated with academic success," he said.

The school at 150 Jefferson Drive is scheduled to open for the freshman class in the 2019-20 school year. Over the following years, TIDE is expected to reach full enrollment at 400 students, with enrollment determined by lottery.

Mr. Kuliga has been speaking with experts and investigating programs that might be suitable for the school. Among the institutions he cited: Boston-based nonprofit Jobs for the Future, SRI International in Menlo Park, and Valor Collegiate Academy in Nashville, Tennessee.

According to the Chicago-based Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, another of Mr. Kuliga's resources, social and emotional learning has five components: self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship skills, and social awareness.

He cited an analysis of 31 social and emotional learning programs involving 271,000 students that showed an 11 percent gain in achievement after schools adopted these programs.

At TIDE, Mr. Kuliga said, the primary mission is to prepare all



Photo by James Tensuan/The Almanac

The framework for TIDE Academy, a three-story magnet high school set to open for the 2019-20 school year, rises at 150 Jefferson Drive in the light industrial area of Menlo Park east of U.S. 101. When fully enrolled, the school will have around 400 students, chosen by lottery.

students for college and career success, to create "a supportive school community that helps all students reach their full potential, with individual attention in a small environment" and deep learning that is "personal, collaborative and authentic."

He described possible components of the curriculum:

■ At least one college English and college math course for all students, either taught at the high school or at a community college. The program would include summer courses, goal-setting and regular check-ins with the students to make adjustments to their goals, Mr. Kuliga said, noting that it "won't work without copious support."

■ A backstop for students at risk of failing a college-level class. The proposal would have students at risk stay in the same classroom with the same teachers, but shift to high school level instruction. Whereas a college-level student in the same class may be writing a 10-page paper, the high school level student may be writing six pages. It's a methodology that "keeps that

cohesiveness," Mr. Kuliga said. "It doesn't ostracize anybody and continues to provide that support."

■ Project-based learning as a methodology would be used in all four years at TIDE, starting with smaller projects and working up to a senior seminar. An academic year would likely include several projects, at least from 10th grade on, and all would include a focus on social justice, he said.

■ Crafting internships that include feedback loops between industry and school staff to avoid outsourcing education to non-educators. While research on the efficacy of high school internships is non-existent, Mr. Kuliga said, research on a college level shows a relationship between internships and employment opportunities. One thing missing, and something that TIDE could address: collaboration skills, he said.

■ Developing communication skills as a priority. Mr. Kuliga said that when he asked employers what they most wanted in entry-level employees, technical skills were not high on the list but communication skills were. He cited a 2015 study by Harvard University Professor David J. Deming, noting that Mr. Deming considered social and emotional skills as communication skills.

■ Preventing tracking in classes such as math and world language that are vulnerable to students informally segregating themselves based on academic ability, and taking steps to address it. Among those steps: direct instruction from teachers, working in groups, computer-based learning, and reassessing students every three to four weeks and reforming the groups based on student learning needs. ■

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An old family photograph shows George and Mary Fabbro with three of their children.

Restaurateur family celebrates its last supper after 80-year run

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Tucked behind the dim lights, white tablecloths and elegant wood panels of the dining room at John Bentley's along El Camino Real is a purple door to the building's colorful past.

For more than 80 years, the Redwood City institution has been a special-occasion eatery for its devotees — from 1933 to 2002 through three generations of the family-run Fabbro's, and since then as John Bentley's — but it's hiding more secrets than just recipes.

You'd never notice the purple door, for instance, until a family member points it out. It's got a camouflaged wood panel that opens into a small window, now covered with an elaborate grate.

"I think it used to be bigger," said Joi Ferrando, descendant of "one of the bootleggers," explaining that Maria Fabbro, Italian matriarch and head chef of the former Fabbro's restaurant, used to serve day workers who couldn't afford to patronize the sit-down restaurant through the window — the original fast food.

The story of the door, and a plethora of other reminiscences and stories, were the focus of a private dinner held in the upper floor of John Bentley's on Saturday, March 24, where generations of the Fabbro family gathered in the same space some of their family members grew up in. Over an informal family cocktail hour, Fabbro

family members talked about their years working at the family and community institution.

A rich history

The restaurant, says Mike Fabbro — who ran the business from 1997 to 2002 — first formally opened its doors for business in 1933, after Prohibition was lifted.

Mike took over the restaurant from his father, Frank, who took over from his father, George Fabbro.

George was well-known as a bootlegger and speakeasy proprietor.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, he and his wife Mary ran a speakeasy out of their home before shuttering it and buying the 2915 El Camino Real building.

In 1933 they opened it as a restaurant and bar downstairs and lived in the apartment's upstairs with their children. The site quickly became a Peninsula hotspot, Mike Fabbro said.

George, remembered one relative, was known as a "bon vivant" who went by the nickname "Big Red." According to the Chronicle, the living room in the upper apartment was home to the first off-track betting machine in the state. Customers could reportedly walk up from the bar to place bets. Eventually the machine was moved to a red shed out back when authorities objected to its living-room location.

Deana Fabbro, who spent time working as a waitress at the restaurant, talked about some of her experiences and those she heard

from her mother, who worked as a waitress there for about 40 years. When it started, the restaurant was exclusively open to men — it probably didn't allow women "in the front door" until the late 1960s, she said.

The restaurant was well-known for its marinated cracked crab, and offered the "best cheesecake in town," she added. Steak was served with both pasta and potatoes.

Among its frequenters were many of the judges and lawyers of San Mateo County, she said.

Fabbro's also hosted annual fundraisers for the Catholic Youth Organization, consisting of a golf tournament followed by a steak dinner at Fabbro's, she said.

John Fabbro, older brother to Mike and son of Frank, worked in the kitchen for a few years in the 1980s. He said he started working at the family restaurant around the time he was 13, and helped run the business as an adult.

John Bentley took over the site in November 2002. Mike Fabbro said he sold the business to him partly because Mr. Bentley's dad was a dedicated restaurant customer, Mike Fabbro said.

Their cocktail hour over, Fabbros and friends took their seats in Grandpa George's former gambling apartment — since converted to a private dining room — and broke bread together at their "last soiree."

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

FOUR SEASON DAY SPA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276865
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Four Season Day Spa, located at 160 W. 25th. Ave.
San Mateo, CA 94403, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
GOLDEN OX 2018 LLC
160 W. 25th. Ave.
San Mateo, CA 94403
State of California
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
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 1, 2018.
(ALM Mar. 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 2018)

BARRELHOUSE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276921
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Barrelhouse, located at 305 California Dr., Burlingame, CA 94010, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
JNUL, LLC
305 California Dr.
Burlingame, CA 94010
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/2005.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 6, 2018.
(ALM Mar. 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 2018)

VINYL ROOM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276922
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Vinyl Room, located at 221 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
AGSJ, INC.
221 Park Road
Burlingame, CA 94010
California
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/7/2006.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 6, 2018.
(ALM Mar. 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 2018)

STERLING & WOLFE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276867
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Sterling & Wolfe, located at 253 Nevada St., Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County; Mailing address: P.O. Box 1171, Redwood City, CA 94064.
Registered owner(s):
MARY ELLEN SZMAGAJ
253 Nevada St.
Redwood City, CA 94062
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 1, 2018.
(ALM Mar. 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 2018)

DMV KWIK
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276933
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
DMV Kwik, located at 90 17th. Ave., San Mateo, CA 94402, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
CAYABYAB AGENCY, INC.
90 17th. Ave.
San Mateo, CA 94402
California
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/7/18.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 7, 2018.
(ALM Mar.14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 2018)

LOVELY COMPANY CLEANING SERVICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276904
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Lovely Company Cleaning Service, located at 950 Main St. #303, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
CECILIA FRANCO AVILA
950 Main St #303
Redwood City, CA 94063
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 5, 2018.
(ALM Mar. 21, 28; Apr. 4, 11, 2018)

KEATS BEADS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 277017
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Keats Beads, located at 231 Erica Way, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
MARYELLEN MCCABE
231 Erica Way
Portola Valley, CA 94028
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/17.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 14, 2018.
(ALM Mar. 21, 28; Apr. 4, 11, 2018)

HURTADO MAINTENANCE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 277069
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Hurtado Maintenance, located at 245 E. Okeefe St. Apt. 11, Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
BENITO HURTADO
245 E. Okeefe St. Apt. 11
Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2012.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 16, 2018.
(ALM Mar. 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2018)

SMALL TOWN CLOTHING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276883
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Small Town Clothing, located at 2535 Hazelwood Way, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ERIK TAYLOR
2535 Hazelwood Way
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/2/2018.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 2, 2018.
(ALM Mar. 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2018)

A&D AUTO REPAIR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 277103
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
A&D Auto Repair, located at 2303 Spring St., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
BINH ANDY TRUONG
2832 Akino Ct.
San Jose, CA 95148
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 20, 2018.
(ALM Mar. 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2018)

INVITING SPACES BY KIM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 277190
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Inviting Spaces By Kim, located at 947 15th Avenue,

Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
Kimberly Beber Perimutter
947 15th Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 2008.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 27, 2018.
(ALM Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018)

GOLD STAR RACING CLUTCHES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 277213
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Gold Star Racing Clutches, located at 295 Old County Rd., Unit 10, San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
GUY APPLE
121 Somerset St
Redwood City, CA 94062
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/27/18.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 28, 2018.
(ALM Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018)

997 All Other Legals

T.S. No. 063502-CA APN: 070-330-150-7
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/8/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 4/11/2018 at 12:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/13/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-217137, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: LAWRENCE I. WOLFE AND CHARLOTTE A. WOLFE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: AT THE MARSHALL ST. ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AND RECORDS, 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 180 ELENA AVENUE ATHERTON, CA 94027 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$3,285,147.76 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 18CIV01224
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: JEFFREY KENNETH VASQUEZ
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
JEFFREY KENNETH VASQUEZ to JEFFREY EDMOND VASQUEZ GUZMÁN.
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 court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: April 26, 2018, 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.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
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Date: March 14, 2018
/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Mar. 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2018)



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