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Supes advise Stanford: No skimping on housing dollars

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

It's a \$362 million two-part question: How much should Stanford University have to pay to cover the extra housing demand that will be created as the university proceeds with its ambitious campus development plans between now and 2035? And, crucial to Stanford's northern neighbors, where should that money go?

Those questions have raised tensions for San Mateo and Santa Clara counties as their supervisors grapple with how to push the university to carry its weight to house — or pay the counties to help house — the lower-income workers its proposed development would bring to the area. Stanford University is under Santa Clara County's jurisdiction; San Mateo County is adjacent to the university and encompasses a hefty portion of its land.

Stanford University's main campus sits right on the border of San Mateo County, between Menlo Park and Palo Alto. The university is seeking to add 2.27 million square feet of academic space and 3,150 housing units or dorm rooms to its roughly

4,000-acre campus in a general use permit application set to run through 2035.

At a May 1 hearing, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors debated whether to levy a fee of \$143.10 per square foot of new academic space and \$69.10 per square foot of new student and faculty housing, but held off taking action on it until its meeting on Tuesday, May 8.

According to consulting firm Keyser Marston Associates, that's how much money Stanford would need to pay to cover the below-market-rate housing needs of the people the university's proposed development would attract to town.

The study estimated that the university's expansion plans would translate into demand for an estimated 2,172 housing units. An estimated 55 percent of those households might be able to afford market rate rent (which the study does not address), but the rest of the housing demand — about 964 units' worth — would come from households that earn less than 120 percent of the area's median income, or about \$136,000 for a family of four, in Santa Clara County. Those are the households that

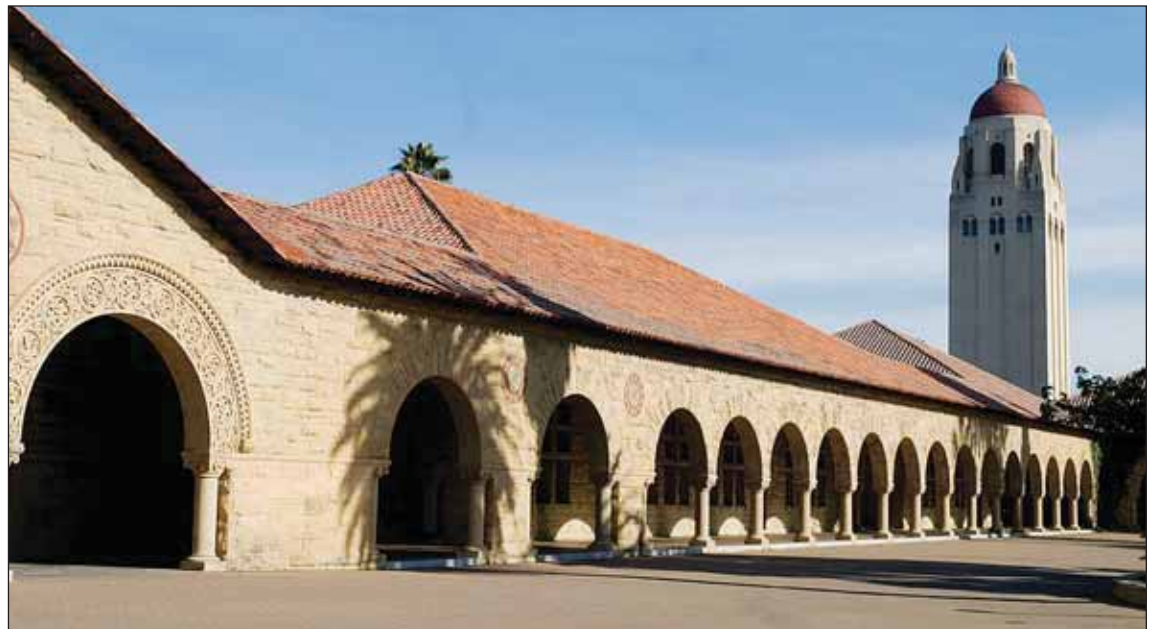


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Stanford is seeking approval for a new general use permit to govern development on its 4,000-acre campus — an area roughly the size of the city of Campbell — between 2018 and 2035.

require subsidies to afford housing in the area and that the affordable housing fees would be intended for.

The consultants then calculated how much it would cost to build those 964 units for rent by tenants in each income category (38 households in the extremely low income category; 108 in the very low income category; 429

in the low-income category; and 389 in the moderate-income category), and came out with recommendations for two per-square-foot fees: \$143.10 per square foot of academic space and \$69.10 per square foot of faculty and academic housing.

David Doezema, principal at the firm, told the Santa Clara County supervisors that his

firm opted for several conservative assumptions in the calculations upon which the recommendations are based.

Too much?

Stanford University officials, including President Marc Tessier-Lavigne, expressed surprise at

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Menlo Park council members call for review of city's travel policy

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

In light of "several inquiries from our greater community," Menlo Park Councilman Rich Cline requested a review of the city's travel policy for council members by email Tuesday. He said he made the request on behalf of himself and Vice Mayor Ray Mueller, and asked Mayor Peter Ohtaki to add the matter to an upcoming council agenda for discussion.

The Almanac recently reported that Menlo Park Councilwoman Kirsten Keith traveled to Chengdu, China in late March on a trip she said she expected to be funded by the U.S. Asia Innovation Gateway, a nonprofit corporation that promotes economic opportunity and investment in the U.S. and Asia and funds trips for local elected officials to travel to China, according to its website. While in Chengdu, she attended a signing ceremony that appeared to solidify a business deal for former Mountain View Councilman Mike Kasperzak.

Mueller told The Almanac, "I can't say definitively the agenda request was because of what happened during Councilmember Keith's trip to China, because she has not yet spoken about the trip at a City Council meeting. However, it would be disingenuous to say the questions that arose from the trip didn't prompt the best practices discussion. Current events almost always trigger best practices discussions."

All council members have traveled internationally on city business, noted Cline in an interview.

"This council, I think, has been on the road more than any other council I can remember," he said.

"Some are very clear, ceremonial invitations," Cline said. "There are a few that feel like they're trials, or meetings-of-the-mind-type things (that) didn't feel directed or formalized."

He said the city does already have clear policies around what types of travel can be

reimbursed by the city, and when council members should travel at their own expense.

Fuzzier reasons to travel — where there's nothing on paper, and it's up to the council member to determine what the purpose is, Cline said — are "just a mess waiting to happen." Specifically, he said, he's requesting from the city attorney clarification "regarding the circumstance when third parties pay for travel."

"To make it clear, I don't think Kirsten did anything wrong. There's nothing on paper to say it's wrong," he said. "We can be better as a council to make it clear. And we will, hopefully."

Councilwoman Kirsten Keith told The Almanac in a written statement, "It is an excellent idea to have this discussion about best practices for council travel. I appreciate Rich Cline and Ray Mueller bringing this issue forward. Ray Mueller has done an outstanding job proposing new and innovative policies. Although we may have existing policies in this area, it's



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Menlo Park Councilman Rich Cline (left), mayor at the time, in Galway, Ireland with Galway Mayor Frank Fahy at a ceremonial "Sister City" event in 2016.

good to review and update them periodically."

The lack of clarity can leave residents feeling like they don't understand the purpose of a council member's travel, can

lead to trust issues, and can also be unfair to the council member, he said. "The less ambiguous we all are, the better."

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Atherton looking for place for officers, dispatchers to sleep between shifts

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

It's nearly impossible to make the math work.

Add five-hour round-trip commutes to 12-hour work shifts and there's barely seven hours left to sleep, eat and bathe before it's time to head back to work, Atherton police officers and dispatchers told the City Council at a May 2 meeting.

In 2014 the town found a solution to that conundrum when it allowed police department

employees to sleep between shifts in an unused town-owned home in Holbrook-Palmer Park. Speakers at the meeting said they had as many as seven officers and dispatchers (divided between day and night shifts) daily using the three bedrooms and other places to sleep in the house.

But the agreement with the Atherton Police Officers Association allowing the use of the house has now ended because the town needs the house back.

At the suggestion of the council, Police Chief Steve McCulley moved into the house while he and his wife tried, without luck, to find an affordable local rental, City Manager George Rodericks said. He said the chief and his wife were sharing the house with the dispatchers and officers, but some issues arose "that made the continued shared use not feasible." The council then offered the residence to the chief and his wife as their home for a \$24,000 a year reduction

in salary. After a 30-day notice, the dispatchers and police officers could no longer use the house effective April 30.

Sgt. Jeff Rickel told the council that he probably would not have taken a job with the Atherton Police Department if sleeping at the town-owned house was not an option. He has a three-hour round-trip commute, and tries to arrive a half-hour early for his 12-hour shifts. "That would be a 15.5-hour day," he told the council. The home was often "packed" with officers and dispatchers using it between shifts, Rickel said.

Now, he said, he's pondering his options. "I'm thinking of buying a camper to put on the back of my pickup truck," he said. "It's definitely a conundrum for me."

Officer Harris Smiler, a new Atherton police officer, had a similar story. In a letter to the council he said he used the town-owned home at least two or three nights a week — and sometimes as many as five when working overtime — to avoid the commute to his home in Oakland.

"The Gilmore House was a sanctuary and safe haven to me," he wrote.

Plus, Smiler wrote, staying in town gave him time to do off-shift duties such as organizing the property room, instructing others in using Tasers and serving as treasurer of the Police Officers Association.

Others said that even if they don't need it, having a place for fellow officers to sleep makes everyone safer in a job involving firearms and split-second decisions. Officers also sometimes have to stay beyond their shifts to appear in court, they said.

Janelle Miller, a dispatcher and

records clerk who has worked for Atherton since 1997, lives in Brentwood. It takes between 90 minutes and 2.5 hours for her to drive the 70 miles. "There isn't much time to sleep," she said.

Erica Johnson, the town's community services officer, said that staying in the town-owned house instead of making exhausted drives home allowed her husband and 10-year-old daughter to know "I was somewhere safe, with people who kept me safe."

Council members were sympathetic and asked Rodericks to explore possible resolutions, including offering McCulley a stipend so he could afford to pay higher rent and return the house to its previous use.

"It's absolutely critical that we provide some kind of place for them to rest," said council member Rick DeGolia.

Council member Elizabeth Lewis said she feared the town's proposal to convert two rooms in another park building to sleeping quarters was not enough. It is, she said, like trying to "put a tiny little (surgical tape strip) on a wound that needs stitching up."

Lewis said the town might consider eliminating 12-hour shifts, and could look into renting a house in a nearby community for the officers and dispatchers to use.

"There may be other solutions we haven't thought of yet," said council member Mike Lempres.

Other ideas posited by council members included turning an entire park building into short-term living quarters and exploring the legal ramifications of Atherton residents offering housing in their homes or guest houses. ■

Park James Hotel slated to open doors in July

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A new 61-room boutique hotel being built at the corner of Glenwood Avenue and El Camino Real in Menlo Park, to be called the Park James Hotel, is preparing to open in July.

Along with it a new restaurant, called Oak and Violet, will open to the public, said developer Jeff Pollock of Portola Valley-based Pollock Financial Group.

"Even though this is lodging for anyone all over the world, it's going to have a very local flavor," Pollock said. That local flavor is rooted in the names of both the hotel and its restaurant, he explained.

The "James," Pollock said, is intended as a nod to the city's Irish history, after Dennis "James" Oliver, one of the ranchers who gave Menlo Park its name. The name doubles as an homage to his father, James Moore Pollock, who has developed over 80 real estate projects since the 1960s, mainly in the Bay Area, he said.

Oak & Violet draws its name from the designated city tree and city flower, respectively. The restaurant is expected to offer "California"-style cuisine, with locally-sourced and organically-grown fresh food and craft cocktails.

A soft opening is planned in early July, with a grand opening slated for later that month. ■



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how large the proposed fees were.

“We were taken aback by the fee recommended: an overnight sevenfold increase that vastly exceeds that of any other employer,” he told the supervisors in a public comment at the May 1 hearing, comparing the \$143.10 fee to the \$20 per square foot contribution the university had proposed.

The university already provides and continues to build housing on campus that’s subsidized for tenants, said Catherine Palter, associate vice president for land use at Stanford. Whitney McNair, Stanford director of land use planning, said the university provides housing reduced 20 to 40 percent from market rate. Currently, about 40 percent of Stanford staff, students and faculty are housed in Stanford-affiliated housing, including the campus, Palo Alto and Los Altos, she told the supervisors. The university has also received approval for a mixed-use development at 500 El Camino Real in Menlo Park, set to include 215 rental apartments.

Under the university’s current general use permit, Stanford can either pay \$35 per square foot in affordable housing fees or build one affordable housing unit per 11,763 square foot of academic space, split evenly between being affordable to very low, low and moderate-income tenants. Cash contributions go to Santa Clara County’s affordable housing fund and support the creation of housing within a six-mile radius of the university campus, with priority for tenancy given to Stanford employees, according to the Keyser Marston study.

One point the Santa Clara County supervisors discussed is why Stanford should have a fee so much higher than what other companies pay, despite reportedly generating fewer jobs. (Palter said that the university’s academic space generates about a third fewer jobs than typical office space.)

Supervisor Ken Yeager pointed to the valuations of Google, Apple and Facebook, noting that Stanford’s endowment is smaller. The cities that permit job growth from those and other companies in the region aren’t requiring the same levels of contribution to help with affordable housing as the county is proposing to require of Stanford, he argued.

Deputy County Executive Sylvia Gallegos said this discrepancy likely has to do with the fact that cities are under more pressure than counties to attract economic development to fund operations. City governments are often told that developers and businesses will leave the

city if fees become too high, she noted.

Care to share?

While the question over what Stanford should pay in affordable housing impact fees falls in Santa Clara County’s court, a parallel question has been brewing across the border in San Mateo County: What about us?

At an April 24 meeting, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 (with Supervisor Dave Pine opposed) to send its southerly counterpart a letter urging the adoption of the maximum fee set forth in the study, and the designation of “an appropriate portion” of those fees to fund affordable housing efforts in San Mateo County near Stanford.

Ongoing analyses of how Stanford’s impacts could affect the broader community evaluate territory within a six-mile radius of the campus, a significant amount of which is in San Mateo County, the letter points out.

“Stanford happens to be in Santa Clara County by accident of where the boundary lines are drawn,” said San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley. “But the fact of the matter is that at least half of the impacts occur in San Mateo County.”

“I think that Stanford really has avoided obligation to San Mateo County for a number of years,” he continued. “I think it’s time that we hold them accountable for those impacts.”

The university has never made a contribution to affordable housing in San Mateo County that he knows of, said John Nibbelin, chief deputy at the county counsel’s office, in response to a question by Supervisor David Canepa.

Supervisor Warren Slocum said he opposed giving Stanford “wobble room” in the letter’s wording, and noted that a recent meeting with Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian left him discouraged about the possibility of receiving funds. “We can hope for receiving some but I didn’t leave that meeting with a real warm and fuzzy feeling,” he said.

San Mateo County currently has affordable housing impact fees set at \$5 per square foot for retail development, \$10 per square foot of hotel development and \$25 per square foot of office development in unincorporated areas. For single-family projects more than five units, the fee is \$15 per square foot, with reduced rates for smaller developments.

For single-unit projects, fees apply only to the portion of the unit that exceeds 2,500 square feet, according to the Keyser Marston study.

Those fees are only a third

or a quarter of the maximum amount the county could have charged, said Supervisor Dave Pine, who predicted that Santa Clara County would also not charge the maximum amount.

“Every time I’ve seen a nexus study in every county around San Mateo, no one ever goes to that extreme,” he said. “But I definitely agree Stanford needs to get money into this county for housing. They should have put money in last time. They’ve got to put it in now.”

Fee plea

Several Stanford undergraduates and workers said they supported the full fee. “The thousands of people added to Stanford’s campus in the coming years have to live somewhere, and if sufficient funds aren’t set aside to provide them housing, rest assured that they will come knocking in other districts throughout the county,” undergraduate Amulya Yerrapotu said to the Santa Clara County supervisors.

Stanford undergraduate Nani Friedman described the fee as a “vital mechanism to hold Stanford accountable for the housing crisis in the long run.” The proposed fees represent a minuscule fraction of the university’s annual operating budget, she said. “I think it’s a fallacy to say this would come out of financial support for students.”

Yerrapotu and Friedman identified themselves as members of advocacy group “Stanford Coalition for Planning an Equitable 2035” (or SCoPE, for short).

Erica Knox, spokeswoman for SCoPE, told The Almanac that while the university does provide housing at affordable rates to students and faculty, the local SEIU chapter, which has more than 1,200 workers at Stanford, reports that only a handful of workers — more than two and less than five — have ever been chosen from the university’s waitlist for Stanford housing.

Simitian added he’d like to see a provision in a policy that stipulates that if the university builds the requisite affordable housing, it would not have to pay fees.

The board is now faced with three options, he summarized: adopt a fee that fully addresses the housing demand the university’s expansion would create; ask taxpayers to fill in the difference through public funding of affordable housing; or do nothing, and allow even more new jobs without affordable housing opportunities.

“I don’t know how you can pick up a newspaper, go online, or talk to a friend or colleague and think that the status quo is OK,” he said. “The time for tepid incrementalism is long since past.”

MONTHLY REAL ESTATE UPDATE WITH MANDY MONTOYA

April 2018



This April was a busy month for listings in Portola Valley and Menlo Park and a slower month for new listings in Atherton and Woodside. Interestingly, average sales prices compared to the same month last year didn’t change a lot. The exception is Woodside and that is because there were only two sales in April 2017.

The spring market is in full-swing right now and much of the active inventory will be in contract by the beginning of June. Contact me for more information and guidance if you’re thinking of buying or selling a home.

	April 2017		April 2018	
	# of Active/ # of Sold Homes	Average Sales Price	# of Active / # of Sold Homes	Average Sales Price
Atherton	37/9	\$6,112,111*	28/7	\$6,927,143*
Woodside	40/2	\$1,257,750*	29/6	\$3,209,167*
Portola Valley	7/6	\$3,262,500*	16/4	\$3,271,250*
Menlo Park	25/34	\$2,967,306	43/33	\$2,931,697

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RELEASE DATE: April 26, 2018

WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO HOST COUNTY WIDE WILDLAND FIRE DRILL IN WOODSIDE MAY 16th, 2018

(Woodside, CA) – Fire Departments from all over San Mateo County will be converging on Woodside May 16th to conduct a day long training drill on wildland firefighting.

The Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) hosted the same type of drill last year and crews from many outside agencies gained valuable hands on training. This year Huddart Park, Runnymede Farm and the Mounted Patrol Grounds on Kings Mt. Rd. are the sites selected for crews to hone their wildland firefighting skills.

“This drill provides ideal training and familiarization for firefighters from different cities who are not accustomed to our problematic narrow streets, hillside neighborhoods and abundance of fire-prone vegetation,” said Fire Chief, Dan Ghiorso.

Fire crews will simulate an aggressive wildfire in Woodside. They will stage near Lawler Ranch Rd. and proceed to various locations in Woodside. SMC ALERT will be utilized to notify Woodside residents on the day of the drill. This year a training module on large animal familiarization and evacuation, hosted at the Mounted Patrol Grounds, will also be incorporated into the drill. No live fire will be utilized in the drill but residents should anticipate an abundance of fire engines in the area. The SMC Sheriff’s Office, CERPP, Cal Fire, and other San Mateo County Fire agencies will all be in attendance.

WFPD prides itself in proactive operational and emergency preparedness, CERPP training for its firefighters and residents. “Wildfire is a constant and looming threat in California with larger and more intense fires erupting closer to San Mateo County each year. “Late spring rains have assisted the growth of annual grasses and vegetation in our area which will intensify the risk to our community. Fire Season is now determined to be all year instead of the traditional summer months” warns Fire Marshal, Denise Enea. “The Woodside Fire Protection District is primed for a wildland fire with its steep, brush filled hillsides dotted with many homes constructed with wood siding, wood decking and aging wood shake roofs.”

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Challengers square off against an appointed incumbent for sheriff

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

VOTERS' GUIDE

Until late April, the race for sheriff of San Mateo County had been a two-man affair — between appointed incumbent Sheriff Carlos Bolanos and Deputy Mark Melville. The Almanac interviewed them both at length and they both had a chance to respond to the others' comments.

The lateness of write-in candidate Deputy Heinz Puschendorf's entry into the race limited the amount of details The Almanac was able to include about his candidacy and positions in this story.

Incumbency

Bolanos, the sheriff since he was appointed by a majority on the Board of Supervisors in July 2016, includes as his highest priorities: keeping the county safe, helping jail inmates prepare for a successful transition back into society, and maintaining the cooperative relationships with other first-responder agencies in the county.



Carlos G. Bolanos

Melville's top issues are ending human sex trafficking, respecting immigrant rights in dealing with immigration enforcement agents in a sanctuary state, and recruiting and retaining qualified deputies.

The two candidates agree frequently, including on the importance of equal opportunities for women, the need for more face-to-face visiting areas in the women's jail, the rationale for approving permits to carry concealed weapons, voting rights for eligible inmates and calls to reform of the money bail system.

As for challenging an incumbent, Melville said he believes that potential challengers "feel the incumbent is entrenched and can't be beat."

"The county machine is a well-oiled machine," he said. Melville's website lists nine endorsements. "The political machine in this county is pretty tough to crack."

An incident that continues to



Mark D. Melville

dog Bolanos occurred in 2007, when he and then-sheriff Greg Munks were detained by Las Vegas police in connection with an FBI sting operation involving illegal brothels. Police found Munks inside a brothel. Bolanos told The Almanac that he did not enter the brothel. Both men were detained, but neither was charged with a crime. Bolanos was serving as undersheriff at the time.

When he was president of the deputies union, Puschendorf said, he was "directly ordered" not to talk about Las Vegas or to mention it.

Melville, recalling the appointment that gave Bolanos incumbency after Munks' retirement, noted a letter by Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Hillsborough, and Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, encouraging the supervisors to seek more candidates, saying that they knew of people willing to apply, and arguing that Bolanos' incumbency would leave competitors "severely disadvantaged" in an election.

"Her comments were right on the money," Melville said of Speier.

Bolanos, with a list of 479 endorsements that includes

many Peninsula elected officials, said he disagreed with Melville's characterization. "I believe that they are endorsing the person they feel is the most qualified and experienced to be sheriff," he said.

Melville "has had every opportunity to go out and get endorsements if he chooses to and if people are willing to endorse him," Bolanos said.

Late entry

Heinz Puschendorf, a write-in candidate for sheriff, is a full-time deputy with 21 years of service with the Sheriff's Office, and the former president of and negotiator for the union representing deputies.

Puschendorf said the April 25 League of Women Voters forum between Melville and Bolanos left him feeling embarrassed, attributing his embarrassment to candidate responses to questions that, from the perspective of a Sheriff's Office insider, could have been much more forthcoming.

"Watching that debate made

me sick to my stomach," he said. Of particular concern, he added, was what he considered an intimidating line of Sheriff's Office executives seated along a wall and positioned to face Melville.

Puschendorf, like Melville, said he is frustrated with sheriff's races that have been uncontested. He said he will have achieved something if people vote for anyone but the incumbent. He wants voters who are accustomed to abstaining in off-year elections to "break the habit," he said.

"I think the people deserve (an election) and I want to make San Mateo County stronger, better," Puschendorf said.

Among his concerns is what he calls the abuse of mandatory overtime, and the understaffing of the property crime unit and over-staffing of the homicide unit.

Puschendorf is on disability as a result of injuries sustained in 2014 in an encounter with a disruptive inmate in the county jail, he said. His name remains on the employee roster, but he is not being paid, he said.

The Sheriff's Office has not yet responded to a request for comment. ■



Heinz Puschendorf

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As for when the topic will get discussed, Cline said he would leave the matter to the discretion of the mayor and city manager.

Mueller said he hoped the review will “clarify for all of us when it’s appropriate to be using the city name and logo. I think it’s important to respond to the public, who’s been asking questions about that.

“I think it’s the perfect time to sit down with the city attorney and go over best practices over issues related to council travel,

and do that in a public and transparent manner,” he said.

2017 travel spending

In 2017, the city of Menlo Park reimbursed council members for at least \$13,994 in travel costs. The city issued \$7,474 in travel reimbursements to Catherine Carlton, \$6,196 to Kirsten Keith, and \$324 to Peter Ohtaki.

Carlton’s 2017 reimbursed travel expenses included registration, meals, airfare and hotel costs for the National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference; airfare and hotel

costs for the League of California Cities Womens’ Caucus; hotel and parking costs for two meetings of the League of California Cities Policy Committee; registration, parking and hotel costs for the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo; and hotel and registration costs for the Progress Seminar.

Keith’s reimbursed travel expenses in 2017 included hotel, meals, flight, hotel costs for the National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference; registration, airfare and hotel costs for the United States Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting; registration, hotel, meal costs for the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo; and registration for the Progress Seminar.

Ohtaki’s reimbursed travel expenses were for registration and parking at the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo.

In 2018, as of late March, Keith had been reimbursed \$1,323 in registration and airfare for the National League of Cities Conference and Peter Ohtaki was reimbursed \$1,571 for attending the Silicon Valley Leadership Group’s Washington Advocacy Trip, according to assistant to the city manager Clay Curtin. ■

June 5 election will have new voting format

By **Barbara Wood**
Almanac Staff Writer

The June 5 primary election will be unlike any other election ever held in San Mateo County, with every voter receiving a ballot in the mail and the choice of either voting by mail or in person at a limited number of voting centers.

Several jurisdictions in the county have held similar elections in the past, but this will be the first such countywide election.

Those who regularly vote by mail shouldn’t notice much difference in the upcoming election, but others may have to make some adjustments, as most local polling places will no longer be open.

Voters may drop off completed ballots in drop-off boxes located in each community or mail them in the provided postage-paid envelope.

Local drop-off locations, open during business hours, are Menlo Park City Hall, 701 Laurel St.; Atherton Town Hall, 91 Ashfield Road; Woodside Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road; and

Portola Valley Town Hall, 765 Portola Road.

The nearest 24-hour outdoor drop-off locations are the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division, 40 Tower Road in San Mateo, and the East Palo Alto Government Center at 2415 University Ave.

Find a map and complete list of drop-off locations at smacre.org/post/ballot-drop-box-locations.

Voters may also vote in person at voting centers that are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Election Day, when they are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Four centers are open beginning May 7, Monday through Friday (including Memorial Day), and on the weekends of May 26 and 27 and June 2 and 3. They are the Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder’s office, 555 County Center, first floor in Redwood City; the YMCA City Room at 550 Bell St. in East Palo Alto; the county Registration & Elections Division; and South San Francisco’s main library at 840 West Orange Ave.

Five additional voting centers will open on May 26 and be open daily (including on Memorial Day) through Election Day. They are the North Fair Oaks Community Center, 2600 Middlefield Road in Redwood City; the Emergency Operations Center at 537 Kelly Ave. in Half Moon Bay; Skyline College, 3300 College Drive, Building 1 Gallery in San Bruno; the Boys & Girls Club, 200 North Quebec St. in San Mateo; and Daly City’s City Hall at 333 90th St.

On June 2, voting centers open in each community and remain open daily through Election Day. Local voting centers are located at the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center Juniper Room, 700 Alma St. and at the Onetta Harris Community Center, 100 Terminal Ave. in Menlo Park; Menlo College’s El Camino Hall, 1000 El Camino Real in Atherton; Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road in Woodside; and at the Historic Schoolhouse at 765 Portola Road in Portola Valley.

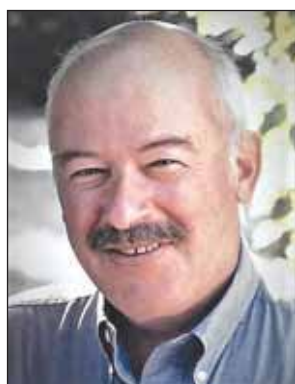
See a complete list and map of the voting centers at smacre.org/post/vote-center-locations.

The voting centers will have accessible voting machines, paper ballots, election materials in numerous languages, and bilingual assistance. Voters can also receive replacement ballots, register to vote or update registration information through Election Day at the center. ■

John Hofman Hessel

April 24, 1934 – April 26, 2018

John Hofman Hessel, age 84, of Portola Valley, California died April 26th at Stanford Hospital after a lengthy illness. John grew up in Woodmere, New York attending Woodmere Academy as did both his parents Sidney A. Hessel and Beatrice Hofman Hessel before him. After graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire he received a degree in biology from Harvard.



John was a Renaissance man at an early age and his love of science was fostered by and with his father. Together they pursued and collected Lepidoptera discovering previously unidentified species of butterfly and moth. John’s moth, *Automeris iris hesselorum*, was identified in Southern Arizona while working on his PhD at the University of Arizona. His research continued at Stanford University on a post-doctoral fellowship. He was highly involved in the ecological movement of the 1970’s educating students and the general public about the negative effects of unregulated human activity on the planet.

Between college and grad school, John taught 8 years at prep schools in New England co-founding a school with a group of colleagues which exists today. Back in California, he continued his interest in population biology which led him to the organization Zero Population Growth (ZPG) illustrating the need for family planning. He then co-founded the non-profit Family Planning Alternatives (FPA), taking significant personal risk standing up for a woman’s right to choose.

John was an avid Stanford athletics fan and a sportsman at heart. When he officially retired from the non-profit world he pursued his passion for fly-fishing spawned from his summer fishing expeditions in the Colorado Rockies while doing research for Stanford. The fly fishing bug turned into a passion for building custom fly rods. The Hessel Rod Company was established where he built beautiful custom fly rods, many of which are still in the hands of fishermen and family members today.

When John could no longer fish at the level he wanted to, he decided to become a wildlife photographer. He and his wife Aileen traveled many times to Africa. On the last trip they were able to locate and photograph one of the rarest animals on the continent, a scaled mammal called a Ground Pangolin.

Another passion of John’s life was promoting access to higher education, which came from his own fortunate experience of being educated at his beloved Exeter Academy. He created a scholarship fund at Exeter to provide funding for promising kids. Recently one of the scholarship students from the class of ‘92 decided to “pay it forward” by establishing his own scholarship fund crediting John.

He is survived by his wife of forty-two years, Aileen; his children Doug Hessel (Teri) of Aptos; Geoffrey Hessel of Redwood City; Stephen Hessel of Mill Valley; Lucy Hessel of San Carlos; step-son Gregory Wimmer of San Francisco, step-daughter Diana Bariteau of Menlo Park; sisters Mary Dodge of Portola Valley and Sue Hessel of Lyme, Connecticut; additionally he left seven grandchildren.

Services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Phillips Exeter Academy Hessel Innovation Fund* and mailed to Phillips Exeter Academy, Office of Donor Relations, 20 Main Street, Exeter, NH 03833 or a charity of your choice.

*A fund allowing innovation and experimentation for students pursuing science.

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**PLANNING COMMISSION
May 16, 2018
6:00 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Town of Woodside CUSE2018-0004; CEQA2018-0002
2300 Woodside Road (Drainage Easement) Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Presentation and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal to rehabilitate an existing storm drain facility at the northeastern edge of the Menlo Country Club that is partially located within a designated stream corridor. Prior to taking action on the project, the Planning Commission will consider adoption of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

4. Caitlin and James Rozzi VARI2018-0003
320 Hillside Drive Planner: Alex Byrd, Assistant Planner

Planning Commission review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a Variance for a proposal to allow one vehicular gate pylon, and associated fencing, within the Town Right-of-Way.

5. Fiona Bensen VARI2018-0002
35 Martin Lane Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Planning Commission review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a Variance for a proposal to allow a swimming pool within the required rear yard setback.

6. Town of Woodside ZOAM2018-0002
Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director

Second Study Session to discuss adding Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) regulations to Chapter 153, Zoning, of the Woodside Municipal Code.

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

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Waddell and Magee vie for county superintendent of schools

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Two employees of the San Mateo County Office of Education, Deputy Superintendent Gary Waddell and Associate Superintendent Nancy Magee, are vying to take over their boss's job this June after Anne Campbell declined to run for a third term as the county's superintendent of schools.

The county superintendent is far from a figurehead, managing a \$90 million budget and a staff of 450 while overseeing the 23 school districts in the county. As of 2016, Campbell had a total salary of more than \$240,000, the Transparent California website reports.

Both candidates live on the Coastsides — Waddell in Pacifica and Magee in Half Moon Bay — and both have long tenures in education.

Magee, 58, told The Almanac in an email that she is running “as a passionate advocate for all students, to support our educator workforce, and to ensure students get an excellent education and graduate with relevant skills.”

Waddell, 55, said in an email that he chose to run “because

I have spent my entire career — as a teacher, counselor, principal, deputy superintendent, and statewide curriculum leader — in the service of equity.”

On April 28, the two candidates met in a League of Women Voters forum in Redwood City.

Waddell told the audience that he was the first in his family to go to college, ending up with four degrees, including a doctorate.

“Education and service are in my bones,” he said.

“What is in the best interest of children ... is what gets me up in the morning,” he said. “Sometimes it is what keeps me awake at night.”

Magee said she has been serving the needs of youth since starting her own business at 13 as a swim instructor. “I honed those skills and I went on to be a successful high school teacher

and high school leader for 20 years,” she said.

“Starting at the age of 13, I’ve been a lifelong advocate for students, driven to get better outcomes for them,” she said. “I lean in, I listen, I learn and I lead with impact.”

Retaining and housing teachers

The candidates were asked how local schools can retain quality teachers in an area where the cost of housing and cost of living is 40 percent higher than in other parts of California.

Waddell said changing the pathway to becoming a teacher could help. “We have to make that easier,” he said. The county should also help those looking to change careers, and those who work for schools but aren’t teachers, get teaching credentials, he said.

“I think we have to think outside the box ... set aside our preconceived ideas and think about what we can do,” he said.

Magee said that while a teacher shortage is widespread, “the housing in San Mateo County is really a serious crisis,” with teachers leaving jobs in the county because of housing costs.

She suggested local partners

could offer short-term help. Real estate professionals, she said, could help new teachers find places to live.

She also suggested working with state legislators to take a “look at barriers to credentialing in the state,” and working with youth to get them interested in teaching as a career.

She also said educator wellness programs are important. “We need to address their everyday health needs. It’s a very stressful career,” Magee said.

Technology in schools

Magee said one of her priorities is to expand career and technical education. “The world is changing quickly. We need to prepare our students to live in a world that doesn’t look like the 20th century,” she said.

Waddell said he sees technology as an opportunity to reach all students, not by replacing interaction between teacher and child, but by deepening it. “I believe we have a great opportunity to go to our partners and our tech sector here,” he said.

Career and technical training

Waddell said that it is more important to give students a

look at a lot of different careers than to train them for just one. “Career interest really stabilizes in mid-20s to 30s, typically,” he said. “So preparing children for one career when they’re in high school may help them for a couple years, but really isn’t what they need long term.”

Magee said she wants “to expand career education so every student — whether attending college or not — has a pathway to the best jobs of today and tomorrow.”

The county office is working with the building and trades union in the hopes of growing its two-year apprenticeship program to serve more students, she said.

Biographies

Magee has been involved in a wide range of civic and volunteer activities including the San Mateo Leadership Alumni Engagement Committee, YMCA Civic Engagement Advisory Council, Coastsides Democrats, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, San Mateo County Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities, and the Student

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Gary Waddell



Nancy Magee



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Contact Person: Matthew Zito, Chief Facilities Officer

The Citizens Bond Oversight Committee has issued its report for calendar year 2017 on the

\$265,000,000 Measure A bond approved by the voters on June 3, 2014. Members of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee are pleased to report to the community the bond funds are being spent in accordance with the bond language approved by voters. Complete financial information is available on the District website at www.seq.org.

Sequoia Union High School District contracted with Chavan and Associates to perform the required Proposition 39/Measure A audit report. The audit covered fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 which was reviewed by the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee on March 13, 2018. The audit examined internal control over financial reporting, and other matters to include verifying that the bond proceeds were deposited in the District's name, that they were invested in accordance with applicable legal requirements, and tested approximately 85% of the calendar year 2017 expenditures to ensure they were valid, allowable and accurate. The audit determined that the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the Proposition 39/Measure A bond program for the fiscal year ending, June 30, 2017.

Construction projects currently underway this period:

- Menlo-Atherton STEM Classroom and Kitchen Building
- New Small High School (TIDE Academy) at 150 Jefferson Drive, Menlo-Park (15 classrooms)
- Redwood High School Classroom and MPR Building (school reconstruction project)

Construction and Renovation projects completed:

- Carlmont New Classroom Building (10 classrooms)
- Carlmont Weight Room Addition
- Menlo-Atherton New Classroom Building (21 Classrooms)
- Menlo-Atherton Soccer Field Renovation w/Lights (synthetic turf)
- Sequoia Music Building Renovation
- Sequoia Practice Field Renovation w/ Lights (synthetic turf)
- Sequoia Pool Light and Shade Structure (canopy over bleachers)
- Woodside New Classroom Building (10 Classrooms)

Construction and renovation projects planned are:

- Sequoia Library and Kitchen Renovation
- Woodside Ceramics Renovation
- Various infrastructure and capital repair projects District Wide

The \$265M million is being issued in conformance with the district's timeline for construction projects. The first bond proceeds were received October 22, 2014 in the amount of \$112,000,000. The District sold its second series of bonds in November 22, 2017 in the amount of \$120,000,000. The remaining bond authority is \$33,000,000.

John Violet, Chair of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee will present a report to the Sequoia Union High School District's, Board of Trustees on April 25, 2018 regarding the committee's proceeding and activities. That report is available at www.seq.org for calendar year 2017.

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Location of covered horse arena drives controversy over equestrian project

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

After a third conceptual design review, a formal review by Woodside's Architectural and Design Review Board — if the applicant asks for one — is likely the next step for a controversial proposal to create an equestrian complex on a 14-acre property near the entrance to Wunderlich Park.

The owner of the property at 3793 Woodside Road is Akiko Yamazaki who, according to The New York Times, is married to Yahoo co-founder Jerry Yang. The proposal on the table is to demolish an existing house, garage and stable and put in a new house, five barns, a groom's cottage, one covered arena, one open arena, gallop trails and fenced pastures, according to a staff report.

The controversy centers around the location of the covered dressage arena — a 30 feet high, 200-foot-long building that would be located 50 feet from the property line of Matt and Marcia Messmer, according to their attorney Jeffrey Judd, who spoke at a Feb. 5 board meeting. The proposed location would block sunlight filtering through the trees from the west and dominate the Messmer's western view, he said.

The applicant had asked for feedback from 21 neighbors and some responded with letters of support, the staff report says. The applicant has studied "all potential locations" for the covered arena, found two that were viable, and put up story poles for them both, the report says.

The Messmers don't object to the project and expect it would be responsibly run, Judd said. But

the covered arena is an issue and swapping the locations of the two arenas is "the ideal arrangement," he said, according to the meeting minutes. Dust from the open arena is preferable to the impact on the view from the covered one, he said.

Roberta Drive resident Virginia Bamford told the board that the proposed location for the covered arena would also affect her view. In defense of the Messmer's situation, Bamford said that placing the covered arena as proposed "would be like having an airplane hanger right next to her house."

A proposed skylight running nearly the length of the roof of the arena would also present a problem in that it would "emit a lot of light," Bamford said, according to the minutes.

Neighbor Steve Bennett, who lives on Woodside Road, said that while relocating the arena would help the Roberta Drive residents, it would "greatly (and) negatively impact four owners on the north side of the property," according to the minutes.

Woodside's Planning Director Jackie Young said she stood on the proposed site for the covered arena and could not see the Messmer property through the trees, according to the minutes. Marcia Messmer countered that light comes through the trees and that the building would present a solid structure along the entire length of her property.

So, where to put the covered arena? The meadow along Woodside Road abuts a scenic corridor and is "significantly steeper," according to a report by Blackburn Architects of San Francisco and commissioned by

the review board. Intentions to preserve several mature oak trees and "other large specimens studying the property ... restrict the (site's) development potential," the report adds.

Senior Planner Sage Schaan, recalling a third conceptual design review at the subsequent board meeting April 16, told The Almanac that the applicant "studied" swapping the locations of the covered and the uncovered arenas.

The applicant also proposed moving the covered arena further to the north, burying part of a retaining wall along its east side to reduce visibility, and installing a cedar shingle roof rather than clay tiles on the arena, Schaan said.

Yamazaki noted in February that she has "very amicable relationships" with neighbors at their mostly equestrian facility on Runnymede Road, adding that it is operated with minimal use of water and minimal generation of dust, according to the minutes. She said she respects the "rural character and horse friendliness of Woodside ... and earnestly hope(s) to find a solution that is acceptable to everybody," the minutes say.

The board voted 3-1 to accept the project at the April meeting, with members Dick Brown, John Carvell and William J. McSherry in the majority, member Thalia Lubin in dissent and board Chair Scott Larson absent, Schaan said. The next hearing is not scheduled since a formal design review has not yet been applied for. The need for grading will likely send the project to the Planning Commission for further review, the report says. ▀

Portola Valley Horse Fair trots into town on May 12

By Kate Daly
Special to the Almanac

This Saturday, May 12, "local horse lovers — pony clubs, riding stables, open space and trail groups, vaulters, horse artists and friends," invite the public to share their love at the Portola Valley Horse Fair at Town Center

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Portola Valley resident Mary Hufty goes on to describe the annual event as "grass-roots," and hands-on. A vet will be using her Icelandic ponies to give anatomy lessons, and people will have a chance to paint directly on a horse.

There will also be horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides, a petting zoo, crafts, and a food truck.

Sponsored by the PV Trails & Paths Committee, the fair will be held at 765 Portola Road in Portola Valley. Admission is free. ▀

SUPERINTENDENT

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Programs and Services Steering Committee of the California County Superintendents Education Association (CSEA).

Waddell is a former therapeutic foster parent for children with special needs, a volunteer with Equality California and a former volunteer trainer for the Child Abuse Prevention Center. He is the former chair of California's Curriculum and

Instruction Steering Committee (CISC) and current chair of the state Visual and Performing Arts Committee.

He worked for a short time as a drama teacher and also held jobs as a school counselor for 15 years, a school principal and an adjunct graduate university professor in education.

Magee was a high school English and AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) teacher for 20 years, a coach for swim and dive and water

polo teams, a teacher leader and mentor, an accreditation coordinator, a high school librarian and an adult school site administrator.

Waddell has lived in the Bay Area for 15 years and while he is a foster parent of special needs youth, he has no other children. Garywaddell.org is his website.

Magee has lived in San Mateo County for eight years. She has two adult sons, Travis and Noah, who live in San Diego. Vote-nancy.org is her website. ▀

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Taylor announces council candidacy

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

It's official: Belle Haven resident Cecilia Taylor plans to run for City Council this November.

Ms. Taylor ran for an at-large council seat in 2016 and lost to incumbents Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton. Her platform then was focused on providing representation for the city's Belle Haven neighborhood. It has been at least 30 years since a resident of the historically majority-minority and lower-income neighborhood had a representative on the council. Since then, Taylor founded Belle Haven Action, an advocacy organization working on projects to improve safety and quality of life in the neighborhood.



Cecilia Taylor

She told The Almanac in a written statement that if elected, her priorities as a council member would be education, safety for school children, infrastructure, transportation and traffic.

City Clerk Judi Herren confirmed that Taylor has pulled paperwork indicating intent to run for office.

In 2018, the three council seats that will be open are Districts 1, 2 and 4, which roughly cover the areas of Belle Haven, the Willows/Suburban and Flood parks and downtown/Allied Arts, respectively. Candidates who have either filed paperwork or confirmed they intend to run are:

- For District 1: Taylor and George Yang, a member of the city's Sister City Committee.
- For District 2: Kirsten Keith.
- For District 4: Peter Ohtaki.

Not running

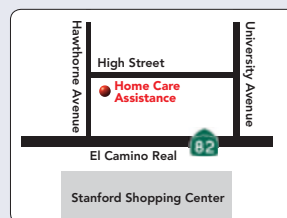
Recently, Suburban Park resident Sarah Staley Shenk informed The Almanac that, after considering a November council run for the seat for District 2, she has decided not to run. "It is a decision that does not come lightly — and I believe we need others to join this race — but I don't have the capacity to give this role the 100 percent that it deserves right now," she said in an email. She said she wants to focus on work, family and continuing to serve on the city's Parks & Recreation Commission. ■

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GLIMPSE OF HISTORY

Lindenwood artifacts of grand Flood Estate offer a look into the past

Story by Barbara Wood
Photos by Natalia Nazarova



E.W. Hopkins built this home in Lindenwood, along with two others, for his daughters when they married. The three houses are known as the Three Sisters.

Passersby who happen to pause to peer through the opening in the fence fronting Marion and Bob Oster's property in the Lindenwood neighborhood of Atherton may get more than they had bargained for — a glimpse into the Midpeninsula's opulent past.

What can be seen through that opening is a gleaming fountain, 20 feet tall and 24 feet in diameter, presided over by a water nymph and four seated maidens. The cast iron and zinc fountain was produced in 1878 by J.W. Fiske in New York and restored — from the top of the nymph's head to the tiled basin — by the Osters in 2017.

Long before it was part of a suburban garden, the fountain was a feature of the grand estate built by silver baron James C. Flood, said to once have been the richest man in all of California.

Behind the brick walls that now border the Lindenwood neighborhood's 480 homes was Flood's country estate, its crowning jewel a home named Linden Towers. While the Oster's fountain could be seen from the windows of Linden Towers, it was vastly overshadowed by a much larger fountain that stood in front of the home. That fountain was 60 feet tall, with life-sized bronze statues and a marble basin.

LINDEN TOWERS

Histories of the estate say construction of the three-story home — topped by a 150-foot-tall tower that led some to call it "Flood's Wedding Cake" — began in 1878. It had at least 40 rooms and an elevator, a library, game room, smoking room and several dining rooms.

Rooms were paneled in rare and expensive hardwoods. There were marble fireplace mantles, stained glass windows and frescoes painted by Italian artists on walls and the 18-foot-high ceilings. Bathrooms had sterling silver faucets

and marble tubs. The handmade billiard table's cues were inlaid with mother of pearl.

There were 36 acres of lawns that took three days to mow with horse-drawn mowers, extensive outbuildings — including a racetrack favored by Leland Stanford — and two lavish barns, where the horses had stalls paneled in rare woods and silver and gold tack.

Water for the estate was supplied by a reservoir filled by an underground river, which also fed a lake at the rear of the estate.

There was also a swimming pool and reflecting pond near what is now Juniper Drive off Flood Circle.

Although the home was demolished in 1936, in addition to the Oster's fountain other remnants of the estate still exist throughout Lindenwood, including the two entry gates at James and Linden Avenues and the brick wall along Middlefield

Road. One barn was remodeled into a home on Larch Drive.

Of the home's main fountain, nothing remains but a couple pieces of granite that formed its edge. One theory is that it was melted down for its metals during World War II.

RAGS TO RICHES

Histories show James Clair Flood was what could be considered the quintessential American success story. Born in 1826 to Irish immigrant parents in Staten Island, New York, Flood first sailed to San Francisco in 1849 during the Gold Rush. After returning to New York, he married Ireland native Mary Emma Leary. The couple spent a short time farming in the Midwest before making their way back to San Francisco.

Flood worked as a carriage builder and then opened what some historical records refer to as a "saloon" and others as "a

bar and grill" called the Auction Lunch. After the success of that business led to moving to steadily better quarters, Flood and the Auction Lunch ended up near the Stock Exchange. There, stock tips from patrons convinced him to invest in mining stocks. Success there led to a partnership with William S. O'Brien, John Mackay and James Fair that controlled the Consolidated Virginia Silver Mine near Virginia City.

In 22 years of operation, that mine and the partnership's associated nearby California Mine yielded more than \$150 million in silver and gold and paid out \$78 million in dividends, according to a 1996 history of the 100 wealthiest ever Americans, "The Wealthy 100" by Michael Klepper and Michael Gunther.

Flood and his partners were called the "Bonanza Kings."

Flood diversified into banking, founding the Bank of Nevada, and used some of his new fortune to build a mansion in San Francisco and, in 1876, to purchase 300 acres along the east side of Middlefield Road for \$500 an acre. The San Francisco Chronicle reported in 1898 that the Atherton home he spent three years building was "a structure of exceeding grace and beauty, rising in its green setting like sculptured marble, although constructed of wood upon stone foundations."

In 1880, the year the home was completed, former president Ulysses S. Grant visited. An elm tree he planted during that visit still exists along what was the estate's driveway — now Flood Circle — and was given the very first Atherton heritage tree award in 1991.

The Flood family, including son James Leary and daughter Cora Jane, used Linden Towers as a summer home until the senior Flood's death in 1889. Mother and daughter then made Linden Towers their main residence.



This ornate cast-iron Flood estate urn, by J.L. Mott, had lost the man's face seen on its center front, so the owners of the property behind where it sits copied a piece off a matching urn elsewhere in the neighborhood and added stabilizing supports.

HEIR FALLS FOR A DANCER

The story takes another soap opera-worthy turn when the younger James fell out with his family over his romance with Marie Rose Fritz — a dancer with the Victoria Loftus British Blondes — whom he had met in a San Francisco dance hall. Fritz left the country — after the disapproving Flood family paid her \$25,000 to go, the Flood's chauffeur said — but young James followed her to Italy and married her there in 1887.

When the couple returned, he became president of the family's Nevada Bank, but family members refused to accept Marie Rose. The couple had no children, but in 1893 brought an infant into the family, naming her Constance May Flood.

James Leary's mother died in 1897 and soon after, his wife died suddenly during surgery to remove a tumor. She was 34.

James Leary and young Constance May — accompanied by Marie Rose's 19-year-old sister, Maud — took Marie Rose's body back to her family in Missouri.

Soon James Leary fell in love with Maud Fritz, and 13 months after his wife's death the two married. Before James Leary and Maud left on their honeymoon, they left Constance May with Maud's parents, where the child lived for several years before being sent to a California boarding school.

While James Leary and Maud were honeymooning, sister Cora Jane became overwhelmed trying to care for the Atherton estate. She donated the property her parents had willed to her to the University of California in 1898.

The university was itself a bit overwhelmed by the donation, so a few years later when Cora Jane offered to buy it back for \$150,000, officials agreed.

In July 1903, the property was transferred to James Leary and his family. He spent \$100,000 redecorating before moving there in 1904 with Maud and their two children, Mary Emma and James Leary, Jr.

Maud and James Sr. returned to San Francisco from a trip abroad on April 17, 1906 and spent the evening at the opera house watching "Carmen" with Cora Jane. They awoke to devastation, but their



"Venus and Two Cupids," signed by sculptor Raffaello Romanelli, arrived from Italy in pieces and was repaired by Flood chauffeur Perry Herzbrun.

Clay Street mansion had escaped damage from the massive earthquake. They left for Linden Towers, but the fires that followed the earthquake burned their mansion to the ground.

Their 12-story Flood Building, just completed in 1904, also survived the earthquake only to end up burned in the fire. Its construction, however, was robust enough that it was repairable. It still stands on Market Street between Powell and Ellis streets.

BACK IN ATHERTON

Maud and James Sr. had yet another tragedy in their lives when their 4-year-old son died. But they soon had another son, whom they also named James, who lived to be 82. His son, named James Clair like his great-grandfather and known as Jimmy, had a home in Woodside at the end of Greer Road.

James Leary made many improvements to the Atherton property, including a 20-car round garage near what is now Acorn Way and Catalpa Drive. It had a



Dragons grace the handles of this elaborate urn, which like many of the other Flood artifacts in Lindenwood has been lovingly restored. Atherton has ordinances to protect the relics.

central turntable, wood-paneled and plaster walls, and a domed ceiling of copper and glass.

In 1908 James Leary spent \$75,000 replacing the white picket fence and gates on the property's periphery with new brick walls and iron gates. In 1911 he acquired 50 more acres of land and extended the wall to Marsh Road for an additional \$11,000.

The Linden Avenue Gate is 27 feet tall, with two 16.5-foot openings for cars that have the James C. Flood crest at their peak and wrought iron gates, plus pedestrian entry archways on each side. A history by the Lindenwood Homes Association says "The Linden Avenue gate has never been

closed in accordance with Flood's belief that the public be allowed access to the many varieties of trees and plants on the estate grounds."

The James Avenue gate is 18 feet high, with no crest. "It was intended as a tradesman entrance and has been altered to allow for traffic," the Lindenwood history says.

After James Leary's death, Dorothy Regnery wrote in "An Enduring Heritage" that the widowed Maud Flood "declared the house a relic from another era." She auctioned off the furniture and, in 1936, had the house demolished by the Symons Brothers. It took more than three months.

Once the home was demolished, the property was subdivided in stages and became Lindenwood.

CONSTANCE MAY REAPPEARS

Bringing a close to the family drama is the reappearance of Constance May, the little girl dropped off by the Floods in 1899. In 1926, after James Leary Flood's death, the now-married Constance May Gavin claimed that James Leary had been her father and that she deserved a share of his fortune.

In a notorious trial, a San Mateo County judge ordered the jury to find in favor of the Flood estate and dismiss Gavin's claims. But in 1933 the Supreme Court of California reversed that decision and ordered a new trial. Before the retrial, the family offered Gavin \$1.2 million from the \$8.6 million estate in trade for Gavin dropping claims that she was James Leary's daughter, which she did.

She died in 1950. ▣

About the cover: This fountain is the largest remaining relic of the opulent Flood estate left in Lindenwood.

Ready for another century

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

The story of the fountain in Marion and Bob Oster's Lindenwood garden shows just how far history lovers will go to preserve a piece of the past.

When the Osters bought their Atherton property, the massive 1898 fountain was next door. But in 2005, their neighbor died and a prospective buyer said he wanted the fountain removed.

This so disconcerted Lindenwood residents that they rallied the town to pass an emergency ordinance protecting the relics of the Flood estate that dot their neighborhood. The buyer then backed out, and the Osters bought the property for slightly less than its \$3.5 million asking price.

At the time, Marion Oster told The Almanac they planned to tear down the old house, tame the garden's overgrown vegetation so the fountain could be seen from the street, and renovate the fountain.

They've done just that.

The elaborate cast iron and zinc fountain, Oster says, was likely moved to its current location by 1900.

They knew that chlorine was damaging the fountain, "and that we had to do something to preserve it." After years of searching she found Conservation Solutions, Inc. Beginning on Dec. 1, 2016, meticulous workers from the company came onto the Oster's property with heavy equipment and "took the fountain apart, piece by piece and loaded it on trucks to ship to the East Coast."

That process showed parts of the metal frame had been damaged when covered with concrete. The fountain's statutes had no internal supports, the inside of the cast iron had never been primed and drain holes had been plugged.

Six months later, the shored up, primed and painted fountain was returned to Atherton. New plumbing and a filter system were added and the basin retiled.

"The fountain should last at least another 100 years," Oster said.

The fountain runs for a few hours weekdays and all day on Saturday and Sunday, she said. It can be seen from the street through an opening in the fence.

The Osters also have another notable Flood estate relic in their garden, the marble "Venus and two Cupids," signed by sculptor Raffaello Romanelli. ▣



Town of Atherton

Atherton historian Marion Oster says she knows this photo of Linden Towers from the town's archives was taken after 1906 because the fountain's top piece is missing after being damaged in the earthquake. No trace remains of the 60-foot fountain.

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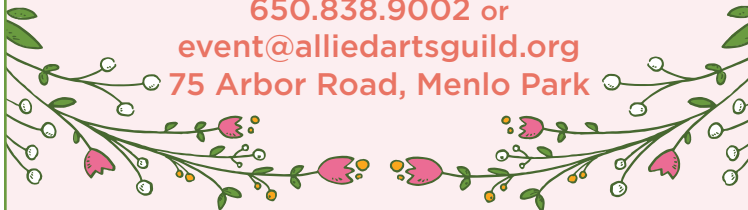


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Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat The award winning musical tells the timeless story of Joseph, who is blessed with vivid dreams that foretell the future. May 9-13; times vary. \$12-\$14. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org

Opera Preview: 'Carmen' This free preview with piano of Beethoven's "Carmen" is a chance to hear about the opera and meet the artists at the reception afterwards. There are no tickets or reservations, and viewing is on a first-come-first-served basis. May 17, 8-9:30 p.m. Free. Lucie Stern Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. wboopera.org

Concerts

Trace Repeat: Live Music Trace Repeat, an Oakland-based eight-piece soul and funk band, will perform with their own takes on Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye. May 18, 7-9 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Tribute To Elvis Presley featuring George Silva and The King & Us Band George Silva performs as Elvis Presley with The King and Us Band in a high-energy tribute to the "king of rock and roll." May 12, 8 p.m. \$20-\$28. Angelica's, 863 Main St., Redwood City. Search tunestub.com for more info.

Stanford Symphonic Chorus The Stanford Symphonic Chorus, under the baton of Stephen M. Sano, will offer Franz Joseph Haydn's Missa Sancti Bernardi von Offida ("Heiligmesse"), a piece dating from the composer's late maturity. Also on the program is Haydn's rarely-heard Violin Concerto No. 4 in G major (Hob. VIIa:4), featuring faculty soloist Joo-Mee Lee. May 18, 8 p.m. \$10-\$20. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Festivals & Fairs

47th Annual Stanford Powwow and Art Market A celebration of Native American cultures including dance and music with more than 100 artist, food and information booth vendors. May 11, 5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Portola Valley Farmers' Market Year-round Thursday farmers' market features fresh fruits and veggies, berries, specialty foods, fresh artisan baked goods, farm meats and eggs, honey, jams, nuts and nut butters, prepared foods, hot Roli Roti Chickens, made-to-order crepes, tamales, crafts and body products. Thursdays, 2-6 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve will host a free open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. Visitors of all ages will have the opportunity to interact with Stanford University researchers and educators, take self-guided walks and check out exhibits. Off-site parking at Sand Hill Commons, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Talks & Lectures

The Baltic Way: History and Culture in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania 1918 Using photographs, posters, correspondence, and other documents paired with narrative text, the exhibit attempts to explain the complicated history of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania in the twentieth century, and considers their prospects and challenges in the twenty-first. Ongoing until Aug. 18. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

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. Free. First Baptist Church, 1100 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. sriorganon.com

Museums & Exhibits

Portola Art Gallery Presents Larry Calof's 'Sunrise, Sunset' The Portola Art Gallery presents "Sunrise, Sunset," a collection of photographic images of sunrises and sunsets, primarily around the West and Southwest, by Larry Calof of Atherton. The exhibit features images printed on aluminum, as well as pieces printed on traditional archival paper. May 1-31, Mondays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

Film

Film Screening: 'A Quest for Meaning' "A Quest for Meaning" is the story of two childhood friends and their journey around the world. Equipped with a camera and a microphone, Marc and Nathanael will attempt to uncover the causes of the current world crises and discover a way to bring about change. May 9, 7-9 p.m. Free, registration required. Cubberley Auditorium, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. ccare.stanford.edu/events

Film Showing: 'Road To Mother' A Kazakhstan entry into the Foreign Film Oscar, "Road To Mother" is the saga of a family in the Stalin era as collectivization and war transform the country. A moving film dedicated to mothers everywhere with a brief introduction by professor Norman Naimark, a Stalin expert from Stanford University. May 10, 7:30-10 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. artsguildpv.com/arts-guild-events

Food & Drink

Monday Night Pub Quiz The event will feature an ultimate Trivia contest along with food, drinks and prizes. May 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. freewheelbrewing.com

Health & Wellness

Sacred Dances and Movements in the Bay Area This workshop has been designed for participants to acquire practical tools to live with more harmony and balance. May 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$249. Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, 700 Alma St, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Outdoor Recreation

Specialty Hikes and Tours These 90-minute specialty hikes and tours will run from through May 20. Explore Filoli's Nature Preserve, tour Filoli's historic greenhouses with a Filoli docent or discover how the families used the Estate and Nature Preserve. Specialty tours will focus on a variety of components of the Filoli property. \$10. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

Sudden Oak Death Volunteer Blitz An informative one hour lecture and training will show participants what to look for and where to collect samples which will be analyzed by the University of California as part of a state-wide research project. May 12, 10-11 a.m. Free. Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside. sodblitz.org

Home & Garden

Native Gardening in Containers: A CNPS Talk by Pete Veilleux The event will guide participants on growing native plants in small containers. The talk will be led by Pete Veilleux, who is a skilled designer, nurseryman and photographer. May 10, 7 p.m. Free. Downtown Library Community Room, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. redwoodcity.org

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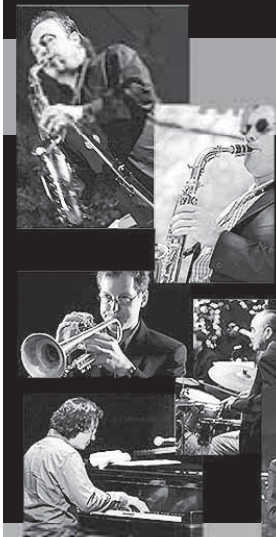
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Windmill School, now in a permanent home, celebrates grand opening

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The nonprofit Portola Valley preschool known as Windmill School just opened its new and permanent home at 900 Portola Road — the grand opening was Sunday, April 28 — and school officials say that the seats are all taken for the 2018-19 school year.

The online schedule attaches the label “class is full” for 2- and 3-year-olds (two classes of 18 students each), for 3- and 4-year-olds (a class of 24 students), and prekindergarten (also a class of 24 students). There are waiting lists, school officials said.

The school plans to expand enrollment over three years, including adding another class for 3- and 4-year-olds in the fall of 2019 and a prekindergarten class in the fall of 2020, said Karen Tate, a co-chair for the school’s capital campaign.

The summer school program, which starts June 11, has no enrollment status associated with it yet, but “summer school is filling up quickly, so interested families should apply soon,” Tate said in an email.

Farm and garden

The school, on 1.67 acres, has three classrooms — one per age group — along with outdoor playing areas, a theater, an outdoor gathering space and a yet-to-be completed courtyard, according to the website.

A family hall accommodates large gatherings. Plans for after-school enrichment programs open to students from preschool to the eighth-grade may include classes in art, science, movement and gardening classes, Tate said.

The campus includes an organic vegetable garden and a farm-like area for small animals, both elements intended to inculcate in children “a lifetime love of nature,” Tate said. “We believe strongly that a connection to the outdoors, plants, and animals is key to health and happiness, provides a rich learning experience for all children and their families, and will help develop future stewards of our planet.”

Colorful history

The school probably opened for the first time in 1957 as the Windmill Day Nursery School, according to an online history of the school by Portola Valley

Town Historian Nancy Lund.

Its first location, near the old windmill at Georgia Lane on Portola Road, had been a brewery in the 1870s, Lund said. The house was so small that much of the curriculum took place outside, including walking around in the nearby orchard, exploring the creek, gathering hens’ eggs and watching sheep being sheared, Lund said.

The school’s next home, a small building on the grounds of the Alpine Hills Swim and Tennis Club, had its own history. It was once home to a saloon, Lund said, adding that the Mangini family eventually converted the site to a picnic park. (Ed Jelich, who grew up on nearby Jelich Ranch, once told *The Almanac* that the park drew social clubs from around the Bay Area that came on Sundays to flirt, eat, dance and fight.)

The school’s latest home was once home to a bootlegger, then to a plant nursery and nearly became the site of eight small below-market-rate homes as part of an effort by the Town Council to build affordable housing.

The council allowed a contract to expire after learning



Photo by Cindy Russell

Key contributors pose at the grand opening of Windmill School in Portola Valley. From left are Karen Tate, co-chair of the fundraising campaign; Laure Woods of the Laurel Foundation; Jodi Cocconi, director of the school; Allan Brown of Vance Brown Builders; and Monika Cheney, co-chair of the fundraising campaign.

that county officials found that a cleanup of soil at the site had been inadequate. Windmill stepped in and bought the site in May 2015.

The school’s core principles include a welcome to volunteers, and spaces meant to be a “warm and welcoming environment that is flexible and adaptive to the interests of our community.”

With due attention paid to the school’s conditional use permit and to town regulations, that

community includes individuals and groups in surrounding localities, including Ladera, Los Trancos Woods and Woodside, the website says.

“These spaces will be made available either gratis or at the lowest reasonable cost possible with consideration given that we want to make space available rather than maximize revenue,” the website says, adding that best efforts will be made to minimize paperwork and other use-related requirements. ▣

Second executive resigns from foundation amid scandal

Silicon Valley Community Foundation’s HR executive blamed for failing to protect staffers

By Mark Noack
Mountain View Voice Staff Writer

Amid a storm of complaints of workplace harassment, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation announced on May 1 that its executive in charge of human resources will be leaving.

Daiva Natochy, who served as vice president of the nonprofit’s Talent, Recruitment and Culture division, reportedly resigned voluntarily last week.

Natochy was singled out as one of the key executives who had enabled a toxic culture of blame and fear at the influential nonprofit. In an anonymous letter sent to board members, 65 current SVCF employees asked for Natochy and CEO Emmett Carson to immediately be put on leave. Carson was placed on paid leave April 26 while an internal investigation is conducted.

Much of the controversy so far has centered on Mari Ellen Loijens, the No. 2 executive who resigned last month. Her departure came after more than a dozen former employees went

public with allegations that Loijens was an abusive manager whose ability to attract large donors insulated her from any repercussions.

Natochy was seen as having a supporting role in that abuse, according to former employees. When she joined in 2015, Natochy initially tried to address some of the workplace concerns, but she didn’t persist for long, said Rebecca Dupras, former SVCF vice president of development.

Within a few months, Natochy was acting to protect Loijens from employees who were speaking out, Dupras said. On multiple occasions, Natochy had invited staffers to discuss workplace concerns under the guise of confidentiality. She later informed Loijens of what she had learned, Dupras said.

Dupras recalls getting summoned to Loijens’ office and hearing the same employees who had complained being described as “problems.” That practice led many employees to develop a deep-seated distrust of Natochy and the foundation’s

human-resources department, which is still an ongoing problem at the nonprofit, according to Dupras.

“I had to tell my staff: ‘I can’t tell you not to go to HR ... but you need to be careful about what you say to her because Daiva will share it with Mari Ellen,’” Dupras said. “She had extra knowledge of what was going on, but with that extra level of access, I think people felt betrayed by her.”

Natochy’s departure was announced in a letter sent to donors May 1 by interim CEO Greg Avis. In the letter, Avis assured donors that the investigation, being conducted by outside legal counsel, would not be financed by individual donor advised funds. Funding will come directly from the foundation’s operating budget surplus and, if necessary, from its reserves, Avis said.

In 2017, SVCF celebrated its 10th anniversary. The organization has grown from \$1.4 billion in assets in 2007 to more than \$8.2 billion today. ▣

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Historic Schoolhouse, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California on the following:

1. ADOPTION OF A NEW FEE TO THE PLANNING FEES & PERMITS SECTION OF THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR A CANNABIS PERMIT.

Data substantiating the estimated cost of the fee for providing planning services associated with the new Cannabis Permit will be available to the public at the permit counter at Town Hall, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028, beginning 10 days prior to the meeting date above.

This fee is not associated with development projects and will go into effect immediately upon approval.

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

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

Dated: May 2, 2018
Arly Cassidy, Interim Planning Director

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www.runforfuncamps.com/summer-camps-and-school-holiday-camps/camp-overview
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PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Menlowe Ballet's diverse spring program blends the classic with the contemporary

By Karla Kane

With its upcoming show "Illume" (a synonym for "enlighten"), Menlowe Ballet will honor a beloved heroine, offer an excerpt from a classic and present the final major work of a master.

Known as the "Lady with the Lamp" for her nighttime care of the battlefield wounded in the 19th century, Florence Nightingale revolutionized medical care and is considered the mother of modern nursing. Menlowe Ballet pays tribute to Nightingale with a new piece choreographed by Artistic Director Michael Lowe and his wife, Assistant Artistic Director Sarah-Jane Measor.

Menlowe Ballet's time-traveling Nightingale piece begins with dancers portraying soldiers from various eras and parts of the world to the sounds of "The Universal Soldier," which describes the common experiences of soldiers in war, as well as war's futility. The scene then transforms into a teen's bedroom in the 1960s, where a girl dances to the haunting anti-war folk song "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" In her hand is a lava lamp, a visual reference to the titular lantern born by Nightingale, as the folk-rock music fades away and Beethoven takes its place. We see Nightingale reflecting on different stages of her life in flashback — spending time with her sister, being courted by but ultimately rejecting an eager suitor, serving as a nurse in wartime — with Measor serving as the voice of Nightingale in brief audio snippets.

"Sarah-Jane, being from England, knows all the Florence Nightingale folklore," Lowe said, adding that he brought his own experiences growing up in the U.S. in the 1960s and his interest in the anti-war movement into the piece.

Nightingale, named Florence after the Italian city where she was born, grew up in a wealthy, liberal-minded British family, kept a founding owl called Athena as a pet and felt called to serve society from a young age. She became a volunteer nurse and is best known for her care of wounded and ill soldiers during the Crimean War of the 1850s. Her pioneering work led to wide-ranging improvements in sanitation, increased understanding and use of statistical methods, and the development of nursing as a professional career.

To prepare for "The Lady with the Lamp," which is timed to coincide with National Nurses Week, Lowe and Measor did research into Nightingale's life and times, including a visit to London's Florence Nightingale Museum, a house within St Thomas' Hospital where visitors can see some of Nightingale's personal artifacts as well as a collection of other items relating to the Crimean War and the history of nursing (that famous lamp, Measor pointed out, was actually a Turkish one, not the Victorian English style lantern that's often portrayed in popular culture).

At a recent rehearsal, Lowe sported a T-shirt promoting the English rock band Iron Maiden. The choice of wardrobe was

deliberate, Lowe explained, as the band's song "The Trooper" is based on the disastrous Charge of the Light Brigade, part of the Battle of the Balaclava in the Crimean War. "The words are very deep," he said, and, considering that battle's ties to Nightingale, they considered using it in their piece. Even though they ultimately decided not to include the heavy metal track, Lowe's shirt serves as a reminder of the diverse influences that go into Menlowe Ballet's programs.

Measor said she had considered including Nightingale in her choreographic debut — 2016's "Portraits," which celebrated notable women in British history and was reprised in last spring's "Floraion" — but ultimately decided she was such an interesting and important figure that she deserved a piece of her own, "in full glory."

"The Lady with the Lamp" is one of three pieces that make up the 90-minute "Illume." "Crossing the Rubicon: Passing the Point of No Return" was choreographed by renowned Broadway and modern dance choreographer Donald McKayle and was inspired by the plight of Syrian refugees. In addition to its current social relevance and universal themes, the piece now has added poignancy due to McKayle's death, at age 87, on April 6 of this year. The groundbreaking dance master was the first African-American man to choreograph a Broadway musical and was known for touching on social justice issues in his work, according to Menlowe Ballet's Executive Director Lisa



Photo by Adam Pardee

Dancers (left to right) Stefanie Maughan Smith, Chantelle Pianetta, and Ali McKeon rehearse for the upcoming "Illume" production at Menlowe Ballet in Menlo Park on April 30, 2018.

Shiveley.

"We feel incredibly honored to be bringing this work to the Bay Area," she said, describing how the piece depicting refugees forced to flee their home involves the dancers crowding together on stage, symbolizing the very real struggles faced by displaced people. "They have literally no place to go, it makes you feel panicky to watch," she said.

Menlowe Ballet strives to strike a balance between classical and contemporary dance. Fans of ballet standards will find something in "Illume" for them as well, with "Swan Lake, Pas de Cinq," an excerpt from Dennis Nahat's take on the beloved story of princesses competing for the heart of a prince. "You'll get your pink tights and your pointe shoes, don't worry," Shiveley said, for those with a taste for tradition. But on the whole, she said, from

Lowe's anti-war sentiments and Measor's feminist heroines to the social-justice activism of McKayle's choreography, Menlowe Ballet has a commitment to bringing not only high-quality dance but also important ideas to the local arts scene.

"This is our little bit to say, 'This matters,'" she said. "We want to be telling these stories on stage for our audiences." ■

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■ INFORMATION

What: "Illume"
Where: Menlo Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton.
When: May 11-13; Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.
Cost: \$28-\$55.
Info: Go to menloweballet.org.

Menlo School presents "Oliver!"

"Oliver!," the musical based on Charles Dickens' 1838 novel "Oliver Twist" will be presented outdoors on the quad at Menlo School May 11-12, featuring a cast of middle school and high school students.

The show takes place in Victorian England, as a workhouse orphan escapes to London and finds a place among a gang of child thieves led by the aged career criminal, Fagin.

"The lasting theme of the show is about finding the light and making the most of any situation," said sophomore Emma McGaraghan, who plays

Nancy. The show, said senior Rishi Varma "is full of big, exciting dance numbers, as well as soft, dramatic character moments."

Director of Creative Arts and Upper School Drama Steven Minning joins forces with David Mugglebee, director of middle school drama, on the all-school musical featuring actors ages 11 to 18. Seventh-graders Dylan Gold and Sean Nesamoney play the title role of Oliver on alternating nights.

Minning said he chose "Oliver!" because of the show's enduring message of hope.

Continuing the tradition of philanthropy Minning began four years ago, the production will collect donations to benefit Truckers Against Trafficking, a national nonprofit that works to combat human trafficking.

Performances start at 8 p.m. Tickets, at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, are available at store.menloschool.org or at the box office one hour before each performance. Gates open at 6 p.m. with lawn and traditional seating. Picnic blankets, picnic dinners and low-profile lawn chairs are allowed. ■



Photo by Clara Guthrie

Starring in "Oliver!" at Menlo School are (l-r) Emma McGaraghan, Sean Nesamoney, Ari Troper, Lila Gold, Dylan Gold and Luke Arnold.

ClassGuide

Although warm temperatures were a bit slow in coming this year, the days have been faithfully getting longer and longer — a guarantee that summer is on the horizon. Longer days mean more daylight hours and more time to be active, whether it's developing a hobby, finessing an undiscovered talent or taking part in recreational activities with friends and family. We're here to help, with a list of classes that'll make you feel like the possibilities for learning, growing and experiencing are endless: pick up on the Spanish you haven't used since high school, or learn some new cooking techniques. Maybe you've been wanting to learn ballet all your life but never got to it. After all, we're lifelong students, so go ahead and choose your next lesson.

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Menlo Swim & Sport runs youth, adult and community programs at Burgess and Belle Haven pools, including swim lessons, youth swim teams, masters swimming, water polo and water exercise. It also offers cycling, running, fitness and tennis programs. Summer camp begins June 5. Register online.

One Heart Yoga

Little House Activity Center,
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oneheartyyoga.com

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Peninsula Boxing & Fitness

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Woodside celebrates May Day all day

Story by Kate Daly | Photos by Robert Most

May Day is always a bit of a circus in Woodside, starting with the fun run and walk at the library, and the pancake breakfast at the church next door, followed by the parade, May pole dance, barbecue and carnival put on by the school across the street. But this year circus officially became one of two themes being celebrated on May 5; the other was the Mexican holiday, Cinco de Mayo.

The 96th annual May Day Parade featured students dressed as a bearded lady and a ringleader, a fleet of buffed up antique cars, a couple of fire engines, trucks decorated into big tops, marching musicians, herds of horses, some donkeys and dogs. Only a smattering of participants and onlookers wore sombreros, which could be a sign of more politically correct times.

Woodside School's Parent Teacher Association sponsored the parade, and added a new tradition this year: highlighting a group of students. Middle school Spanish teacher Bjorn Wickstrom was asked to lead the inaugural effort and focused on the history and meaning of Cinco de Mayo.

"We did a class on what is culturally appropriate, what would be respectable to wear? We didn't want sombreros," he said.

Students wore red, white and green to symbolize the Mexican flag. Some rode in a float, others walked, carrying a banner designed to clarify a common misconception — "El Dia de Independencia no es Cinco de Mayo!" Independence is celebrated September 15 and 16. On May 5, 1862, Mexicans won a surprising victory at

the battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War.

Longtime Woodside resident George Offen led the parade as grand marshal, driven in style from the school down Woodside Road to Canada Road in a sleek black 1969 Camaro, and then returning along the same route in a bronze 1958 Cadillac with Woodside Mayor Chris Shaw behind the wheel.

Offen said he was "very honored and very surprised" to be there. As a former school parent he co-founded what became the Woodside School Foundation, and served on the school board and several other committees in a span of more than three decades.

The Royal Kindergarten Court made up of king and queen Mack and Elsy, princesses Elena and Valentina, and princes Austin and Souta rode in the Woodside Fire Protection District's vintage truck.

Next in line, a colorful float filled with this year's graduating class of eighth-graders promoted the class operetta, Disney's "Alice in Wonderland," coming up May 30 to June 2.

The real horsepower followed with a large contingent on hoof and foot representing the National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy, an organization based in Woodside since 1978 that provides clinical hippotherapy and adaptive horseback riding to children, adults, veterans and first responders.

Repeat participants, such as San Mateo County Mounted Patrol, Los Trancos Community Marching Band and Woodside High Marching Band, returned again this year. So did Woodside School parent



Middle school students honored Cinco de Mayo with signs in Spanish.



Third-graders wore new costumes for the May pole dance.



Grand Marshal George Offen, who led the May Day parade.



Jen Upson received the Citizen of the Year Award.

Cliff Kalinowski for the fourth time, except this go-around his balloon-festooned 1956 red and white Bel Air started spewing smoke midstream, and his carload of kids had to bail.

The parade pleased young and old alike. Former school parent Karie Thomson rushed over with her grandsons after T-ball and was glad to catch the tail end of the horses. Nearby Elke Demma sat in a chair, reminiscing about making costumes for her kids when they won blue ribbons in the parade.

After the parade the action shifted to the school's amphitheater, where PTA president Kari Daheb presented the Citizen of the Year award to Jen Upson, a parent who serves on the PTA board, runs Woodside Soccer Club, and oversees the school garden.



The Kindergarten Royal Court listened to Woodside School PTA President Kari Habeb speak.

Decked out in new brightly colored outfits, third-graders then performed a sword dance and May pole dance.

As soon as the performers

took a bow people started walking back across the campus to line up for more activities, a barbecue and afternoon filled with carnival games. ▣

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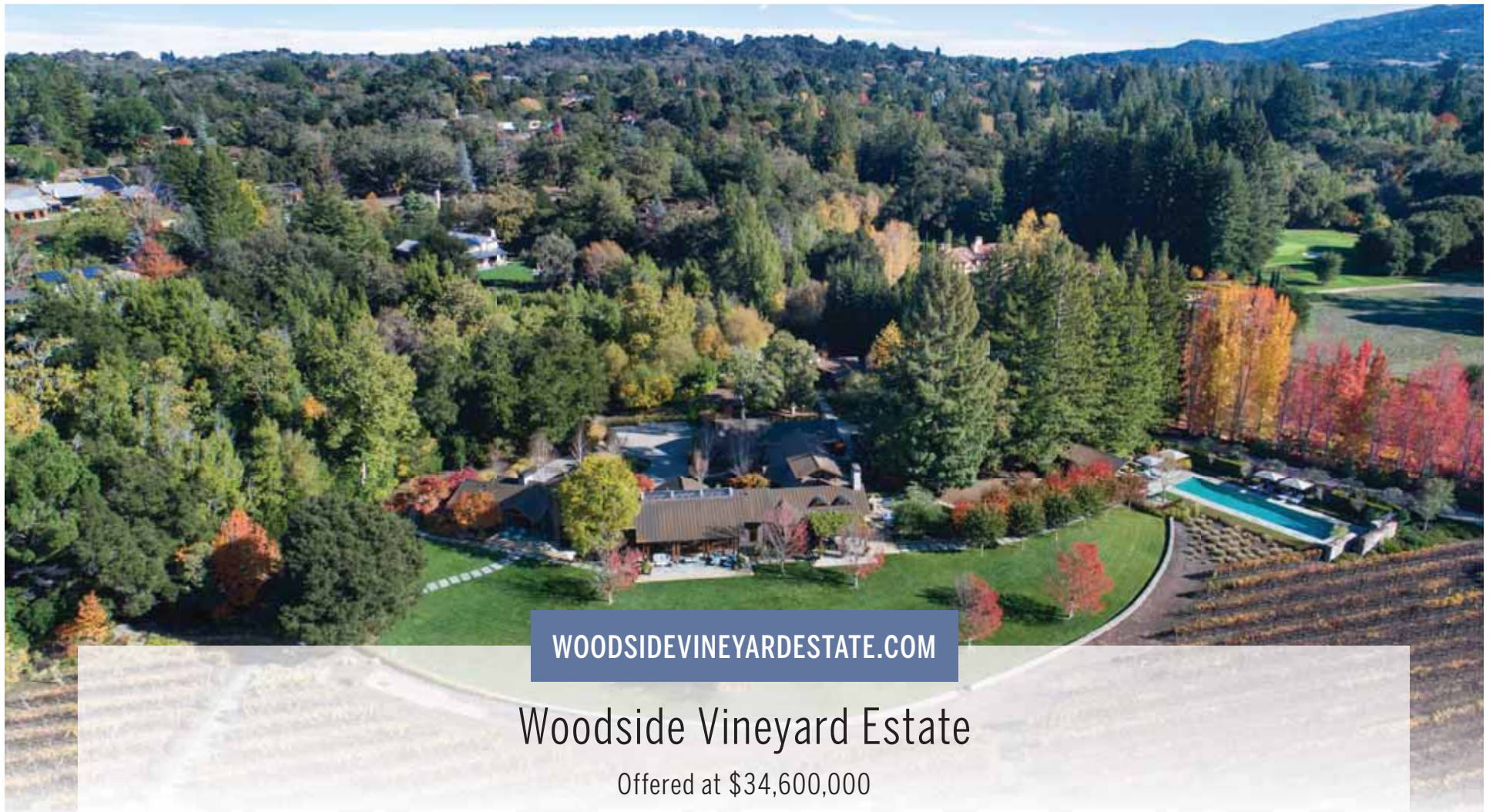
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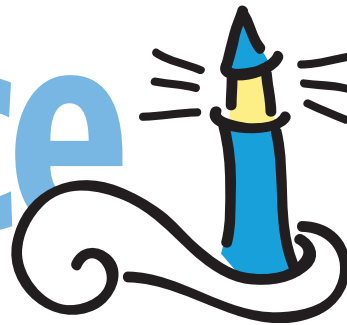
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File No.: 277353
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Sep. 19, 2005. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 9, 2018.
(ALM Apr. 18, 25; May 2, 9, 2018)

PANADERIA MICHOCAN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 277368
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Panaderia Michoacan, located at 2940 Middlefield Road, Redwood City CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
CELIA BAEZ
131 Wayne Ct East
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 1979. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 11, 2018.
(ALM Apr. 18, 25; May 2, 9, 2018)

PINK SKIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 277386
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Pink Skies, located at 5001 Woodside Rd., Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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Delaware
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 April 12, 2018.
(ALM Apr. 18, 25; May 2, 9, 2018)

CANDY LAND HOME DAYCARE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 277425
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Candy Land Home Daycare, located at 1909 Cooley Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
EVELYN X. RENDÓN
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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 March 8, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 17, 2018.
(ALM Apr. 25; May 2, 9, 16, 2018)

TOP GLASS CO.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 277325
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Top Glass Co., located at 316 N. Delaware St. #2, San Mateo, CA 94401, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08-19-2011. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 6, 2018.
(ALM Apr. 25; May 2, 9, 16, 2018)

ROLLIN'CREAM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 277498
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

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E. Palo Alto, CA 94303
CECILIA CRUZ
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E. Palo Alto, CA 94303
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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 April 23, 2018.
(ALM May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018)

CALI 4X4
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 277524
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4-25-18. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 25, 2018.
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PIVOTING ASPECTS HEALTHCARE STAFFING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 477448
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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(ALM May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018)

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 18CIV01553
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: BENJAMIN DALE KIRKENDOLL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: BENJAMIN DALE KIRKENDOLL to BENJAMIN DALE KIRKENDOLL BEY. 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: June 5, 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: THE ALMANAC
Date: April 4, 2018
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Apr. 18, 25; May 2, 9, 2018)

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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.: 18CIV01916
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: JAZMIN VASQUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DIEGO MANUEL LANDA-VASQUEZ to DIEGO MANUEL LANDA. 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: June 6, 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: THE ALMANAC
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