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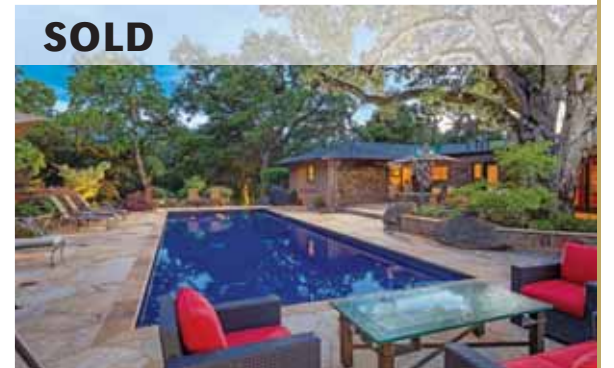


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Affordable housing measure collecting local support

Zuckerberg money raises question:
Is Facebook worsening Menlo Park's housing crisis?

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A statewide ballot measure to set up a \$4 billion bond to support affordable housing for veterans and low-income residents appears, so far, to have only fans.

Supporters of Proposition 1, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Act, had contributed a collective \$2.1 million to the campaign by mid-month, while no opponent funding or committees had been identified as of July 16, according to the California Secretary of State website.

To date, the biggest donor to the campaign is the Palo Alto-based Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, with a contribution of \$250,000 to the fundraising committee Affordable Housing Now. The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative is a limited liability corporation funded with the personal shares of Facebook founder/CEO Mark Zuckerberg

and his spouse, Dr. Priscilla Chan.

The proposition is also gathering support among area elected officials and organizations, and has been endorsed by Menlo Park City Council member Kirsten Keith, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors President Dave Pine, Assemblyman Marc Berman, the town of Portola Valley and the cities of Redwood City, San Mateo and Mountain View.

Listed endorsers of the proposition also include a number of housing agencies that operate locally, such as Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley, EAH Housing, and MidPen Housing Corporation, among many others.

Keith cited statistics from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which show that there are around 40,000 homeless veterans in the United States — more than 11,000 of whom live in California. She noted that the state has seen

a 17 percent rise in homeless veterans since 2016.

"All of our veterans should have a home," she said in a written statement. "It is the least that we may do for them. Please vote in favor of Prop 1 this November so that we may build more housing in Menlo Park, and across the State, for our beloved veterans."

Pine told The Almanac that San Mateo County may be eligible to benefit from the measure's funding on multiple fronts. He hopes the county can apply to the farmworker housing grant program to aid the Coastside's farm labor community and the local housing trust grant program, which "may create opportunities to leverage funding provided by HEART (Housing Endowment and Regional Trust) of San Mateo County."

The county has invested about \$100 million in affordable

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PG&E may shut down grid in 'extreme' weather

Pre-emptive shutdowns would hit only areas at high risk of wildfire

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Residents of parts of the wooded communities of Portola Valley and Woodside, already advised to prepare for disasters such as earthquakes and wildfires, now face a new situation that warrants such preparedness: intentional shutdowns of the electrical power grid by Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

Such a pre-emptive step by PG&E may be necessary "to address the growing threat of extreme weather and wildfires," according to a recent letter the company sent to customers living in areas considered to be at high risk of wildfire.

Go to <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/firemap/> for an interactive and detailed map, prepared by the California Public Utilities Commission, showing locations in Woodside, Portola Valley and nearby areas that are considered to be at "elevated" or "extreme" risk of wildfire.

A home or business is a candidate for shutdowns if it's served by a power line that passes through an area of elevated or extreme fire risk. Go to is.gd/PGEadvice to determine whether an address is served by such a power line.

In Woodside, for example, Town Hall is listed as not at risk of an intentional shutdown due to weather conditions. A quarter-mile to the west, the power lines supplying the commercial district at the intersection of Woodside and Canada roads are vulnerable, the site says. The opposite is the case in Portola Valley, where Town Hall is said to be a candidate for a shutdown, whereas the commercial district at the corner of Alpine and Portola roads is not.

Fire Chief Dan Ghiorso of the Woodside Fire Protection District, which serves Portola Valley,

Woodside and nearby unincorporated areas, said the map PG&E is using is dated. He also questioned the company's use of the word "threat," saying in an email that it was open-ended.

PG&E met recently with fire chiefs in San Mateo County about this program, Ghiorso said. The meeting and presentation were "challenging in that we do not fully agree with their plan as it is today," he said.

"We wanted specifics as to when they would do this potential shutdown, how many people would it affect, when would they be able to restore power, (and) what parameters would cause this action."

'It's important for all customers living or working in a high fire-threat area to have an emergency plan to be prepared for any extended outages due to extreme weather.'

ANDREA MENITTI,
PG&E SPOKESPERSON

PG&E spokesperson Andrea Menitti explained by email what might prompt a shutdown in a high-fire-risk area. The decision, she said, would be informed by factors such as strong winds; "very low" humidity levels; "critically dry" vegetation; and on-the-ground, real-time observations from field crews.

The company would coordinate its decision with first-responders and town officials; it would "attempt to contact customers in advance, when and where possible, and provide updates until power is restored," Menitti said. The company would provide some updates via social media and local news outlets.

"We know how much our customers rely on electric service and would only consider temporarily turning off power in the interest of safety, and as a last resort during extreme weather conditions," she said.

PG&E would restore power when crews consider conditions to have moderated and after inspecting the power lines when it is safe to do so, Menitti said. If a

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Council considers taking on debt to build civic center

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

■ ATHERTON

Faced with the reality of having to slash features from the plans for a new Atherton library and town offices to bring the cost in line with available funds, the City Council has begun talking about going into debt or spending reserves to pay for the long-planned project.

Paying for a new civic center to replace Atherton's aging and deteriorating town offices, police station and library has proved vexing for the town after an advisory vote in 2012 showed that voters wanted the design and construction of a new town center to be paid for primarily with donations.

Atherton Now, formed in 2015 to raise the money for the civic center, raised less than \$7 million of its \$25 million goal.

A vote in June 2017 approving spending money already in the town's coffers for the project seemed to have solved the problem, until early in June, when the only two companies to bid on the project came in far over projections. The low bid was 40 percent more than the estimate.

In late June, council members rejected the bids and said they would "value engineer" the project to make it less expensive. At a July 18 meeting, council members were presented a list of changes that could be made in plans for the new library to reduce its costs to \$16 million from the \$19 million that low-bidder C. Overaa & Co. had said it would cost.

Some suggestions for money-saving on the library included eliminating the decks around the building, eliminating energy-saving features not required by law, dropping the plans to renovate the existing historic town council chambers as public space for the library, and using less expensive building materials and furnishings.

But council member Rick DeGolia said the \$16 million goal is actually lower than it needs to be. DeGolia said the tax funds that are available to pay the library costs are about \$18.2 million and that future tax funds could be advanced to pay even more than that.

Specifics for cutting the plans for the administrative and police offices weren't presented at the meeting, but DeGolia said reducing the design of the building from the \$29 million Overaa had said it would cost to \$24 million would require a drastic reduction in square footage, to far below the space the town offices currently occupy.

"That's not the way to design a building," he said. "We need it and we should build it right."

DeGolia said the town could issue certificates of participation or use some of the \$5.4 million from the reserve fund it has built up to raise additional money. "This is one of the times where we should use our extra reserve," he said.

"I think we should have the guts to say we're going to go out and raise the money we need," he said, either with a bond measure "or some other kind of fundraising."

Not all the council members agreed.

"I think we've got an obligation to live within our means," said Mike Lempres. He said the "strong message" from the community is "build the best building we can, but build it on a budget."

Council member Bill Widmer said he'd be willing to go into debt only if it were approved by the public.

"There are things in that building that I think can be taken out, can be changed," he said. "There are nice-to-haves, not have-to-haves in there."

But council member Elizabeth Lewis and Mayor Cary Wiest supported DeGolia, giving his view the backing of a council majority.

"I'm very disappointed in my council members for not having some vision at this point," Lewis said, noting that many other jurisdictions in the county have borrowed to build public buildings. "It's not that we have to live within our means," she said. "We will not be able to move forward with this project with that attitude," she said. "It will not happen."

Wiest said the current design is not "a matter of wants; it's a matter of needs."

"The (existing) buildings here are atrocious," he said, and construction is not going to get any more affordable.

The town's building and planning departments are in leaking portables that don't meet current building codes. The police department uses a garage as a gym and books suspects in a re-purposed shed. The council chambers were built in 1928 as the town hall, and the "new" administration and police offices were built in 1965.

In the end, the council asked that the whole matter be brought back to special meeting, scheduled for 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10, for more discussion. ■




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Agreement advances on library revenue-sharing proposal

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

The Atherton City Council on July 18 unanimously decided to move forward an agreement to share some unspent property tax revenues from Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley with the San Mateo County public library community. Since 1999, these funds have been earmarked to benefit public libraries in these three communities only.

By its vote, the Atherton council joined its counterparts in Portola Valley — that council approved it unanimously on July 11 — Belmont, Brisbane, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Millbrae and San Carlos, all of which are members of San Mateo County Libraries JPA (joint powers authority).

The agreement, some four years in the making, still needs the approval of all members before it can go into effect, said Anne-Marie Despain, the system's director of library services. The councils in Woodside, Pacifica and Half Moon Bay and the county Board of Supervisors have yet to vote on the matter.

The revenue-sharing aspect of the agreement would not go into effect until the end of the fiscal year in which the town of Atherton completes its new library, Atherton Councilman Rick DeGolia said. That milestone could occur in 2021, the agreement says.

The agreement would also lower to 6,500 (from 10,000) the

minimum population requirement for a JPA-member community to be eligible for library system funding of 60 hours per week. It also establishes a non-profit foundation for the benefit of the library system.

Since 1999 and the formation of the joint powers authority, unspent property tax revenues dedicated to the upkeep of public libraries in Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley have gone into trust funds reserved for the communities' exclusive use. (At the time of the formation of the authority, Portola Valley had no unspent revenues, Despain said.)

The three communities access the trust funds through annual funding requests to the JPA board. "The board has never said no to a request," Despain said. "They've all been valid. I think there's a good process in place."

Under the new agreement, half of each town's leftover property tax revenues earmarked for libraries would continue to go into their trust funds, but the other half would be available to the library system.

Were the revenue-sharing in effect today, the library system would be getting about \$33,000 from Portola Valley, about \$225,000 from Woodside and about \$745,000 from Atherton, Despain said in a staff report.

Atherton should have about \$16 million on hand when construction of the new library begins, DeGolia said. But when the library is built, all three towns will continue to collect

more than they can spend for library purposes.

Roots of disparity

The property tax levy to support free public libraries in San Mateo County dates back to 1913, Despain said, before any of the three towns were incorporated. That the collected revenues can be used for library purposes only is a consequence of Proposition 13 in 1978, she noted.

In remarks before the Portola Valley council voted on the agreement, Councilwoman Maryann Derwin called it an issue of equity. "This is a public library system where we have a two-tier system," she said, "where three of the libraries out of 12 have so much money that they can't even spend it all, and so it accumulates in a large pile while other libraries like in East Palo Alto are trying to just get by."

In an email, DeGolia said the JPA "has been beneficial to the San Mateo (County) Library system. It is always a challenge to find a workable solution for diverse communities that have different and often conflicting strategic interests."

The agreement is the work of a subcommittee of the library system board, with Derwin as chair and with participation by DeGolia, county Supervisor Carole Groom, Woodside Town Manager Kevin Bryant and council members from Belmont, Foster City and Brisbane.

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shutdown extends into the night, the inspection would happen "at first light," she said, adding that, "In most cases, we would expect to be able to restore power within 24 hours."

PG&E's grid will automatically shut down residential and commercial solar panels "for safety reasons," Menitti said. The solar panels should re-engage automatically when PG&E restores power, she said.

Getting ready

In preparing for shutdowns, the company recommends visiting its Community Wildfire Safety Program website (is.gd/PGEadvice). The site provides links to emergency preparedness instructions and offers tips on preparing for outages. Among them:

- Talk with the family physician on planning for refrigeration of medications during the outage and medical devices that need

electric power.

- Plan ahead for dead cellphone batteries by ensuring that every family member has a copy of important phone numbers.

- Keep water frozen in plastic jugs to keep food cold during outages.

- Become familiar with opening your garage door using its manual release lever.

Any outage can have serious consequences. Community health and safety institutions depend on electric power. You could be in an elevator or at home working on an important enterprise when the power goes out.

"This plan is all about safety," Menitti said when asked to comment about possible serious consequences. "It's important for all customers living or working in a high fire-threat area to have an emergency plan to be prepared for any extended outages due to extreme weather."

"My hope," Chief Ghiorso said, "is that folks would have some or at least as much warning as

possible before this would take place. But I do realize the speed of some of the recent fires may dictate a very short time frame for notice."

"I am not fully against this action," he added. "(I) just think we need much more information for homeowners. I know this was done down in San Diego County last year by San Diego Gas & Electric. ... I am not sure it could ever be proven effective."

A Mercury News story from December 2017 describes a preemptive shutdown by San Diego Gas & Electric. A Public Utilities Commission ruling had assigned to company shareholders a recovery cost of \$379 million in connection with three 2007 wildfires that investigators found had been started by power lines, the story said, adding: "That ruling sent shock waves across the utility industry."

Residents can update contact information for PG&E at pge.com/mywildfirealerts. ■

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Getting a Final Inspection Approval

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housing over the last six years, which is expected to yield about 1,800 affordable housing units, he said. But some estimates say the county needs about 25,000 more affordable housing units.

“More state and federal funds are required to leverage the investments in affordable housing that we are making at the local level,” he said.

Jan Lindenthal, chief real estate development officer at MidPen Housing, a nonprofit housing developer, said that her

organization recently completed 66 new affordable housing units in Sunnyvale and now must hold a crushing lottery to decide who will live there. MidPen received over 3,500 applications in two weeks.

“We’re endorsing Proposition 1 because the only way we are really going to move the needle on this housing crisis is if every sector of government from the federal, local and state level is prioritizing investment in affordable housing,” she said in a written statement. “This public investment is critical for us to leverage private capital. The last

time a state affordable housing bond came before the voters was in 2006. Prop. 1 is long overdue.”

The details

The measure, called the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018, would create a \$4 billion general obligation bond to fund affordable housing and promote veteran homeownership.

According to a report by the League of California Cities, the measure would provide:

- \$1.5 billion to a multifamily housing program to build, rehabilitate, and preserve permanent and transitional rental homes for lower-income households.

- \$1 billion to the CalVet Home Loan program, which helps eligible veterans get home loans with below-market interest rates and few or no down payment requirements.

- \$300 million to a farmworker housing grant fund to build, rehabilitate and acquire housing for agriculture workers.

- \$300 million to an infill incentive grant program to promote infill developments (projects in areas considered already “built out”) by helping to fund infrastructure rehabilitation and improvement to enable more housing density.

- \$300 million to a local housing trust fund matching grant program, to finance affordable housing with matching grants, dollar-for-dollar, for local housing trusts.

- \$300 million to the CalHome Program to provide grants to public agencies and nonprofit developers that help low- and very low-income households buy or keep their homes; to provide loans for people in co-ops and other mutual housing situations to acquire property; and to offer direct loan forgiveness for projects with multiple ownership units.

- \$150 million to a transit-oriented development program to give low-interest loans to develop housing and provide mortgage help to buy homes at higher-density developments near transit stations that have affordable units. Cities, counties and transit agencies would be eligible for grants for needed infrastructure improvements to allow such developments.

- \$150 million to a “self-help housing fund” to help low- and moderate-income families get grants to build their own homes.

The programs would be administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development with the exception of the CalVet Home Loan Program, which would be administered by the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Supporters say the measure is expected to create 137,000 jobs and pump \$23.4 billion into California’s economy.

Other contributions

According to the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, its donation of \$250,000 is just the latest in a series of contributions toward affordable housing on a local, state and national level.

It also isn’t the first ballot measure the organization has thrown its weight behind: In 2016, it supported local sales tax extension measures in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties that dedicated further funding toward affordable housing.

‘We’re endorsing Proposition 1 because the only way we are really going to move the needle on this housing crisis is if every sector of government from the federal, local and state level is prioritizing investment in affordable housing.’

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Locally, it has provided funding to nonprofits that help people with housing — such as Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto and Project WeHope — and through its community fund program, giving grants to the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County, Habitat for Humanity-Greater San Francisco, Rebuilding Together Peninsula and New Creation Home Ministries.

It also donated \$5 million to Landed to create a down payment fund to help teachers in the Ravenswood City, Redwood City and Sequoia Union High School districts buy homes. In addition, according to the organization, it contributed funds to help the city of East Palo Alto secure new water allocations to enable affordable housing construction.

The Facebook question

There’s a complex irony at play, because while the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative is a separate entity from Facebook, the Initiative is funded with the Chan-Zuckerberg family’s Facebook shares — and Facebook’s rapid expansion in Menlo Park has been a major, albeit by no means exclusive, culprit in drawing far more workers to the area than can live nearby, given the existing housing supply.

The company reported it had a total of 27,742 employees at the end of the first quarter this year, up 48 percent year-over-year. Roughly 60 percent of those employees work out of Facebook’s headquarter offices in Menlo Park, vice president of global facilities and real

estate John Tenanes recently told the Menlo Park Planning Commission.

And the company shows no signs of slowing its employee growth. It continues to expand its office space square footage, most recently by securing office space in Fremont from Perry Arrilaga, a Facebook spokesperson confirmed with The Almanac. Tenanes told the Planning Commission in February that the company plans to have 35,000 employees in the area within 10 years.

And Facebook employees tend to be very well-paid — employees’ median salary in 2017 was \$240,430, according to a company statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in April — meaning they can better afford to pay a premium to live close by than many other local workers, should they choose.

Facebook, the company — separate from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative — has made its own contributions to local housing: Spurred by advocacy from nonprofits in East Palo Alto, it created and contributed \$18.5 million toward a housing fund with the city of East Palo Alto. The company also plans to build 1,500 housing units — 225 of which are proposed to be for rent at below market rate — as part of its proposed 60-acre “Willow Village” redevelopment project currently under review by the city of Menlo Park.

But that hasn’t kept local renters, especially in eastern Menlo Park, from drawing connections between the company’s growth in town and escalating rent costs. Sometimes, those connections are more explicit than others. Menlo Gate LLC, which recently purchased some apartments in Belle Haven, referred to Facebook 15 times in its online materials meant to attract investors.

According to a public Facebook post by Sandra Zamora, a member of the Redwood Landing Tenant Union and a resident of an apartment recently purchased by the group, she and her neighbors are facing rent increases and are at risk of losing their homes.

As originally reported in The Guardian, she recently wrote on Facebook in a message to Mark Zuckerberg that she and other residents in eastern Menlo Park “have been extremely affected by the expansion of Facebook in the area.”

She claimed that many families in eastern Menlo Park work two or three jobs to keep up with basic needs, and that under new ownership at her apartment building, many other families have already been displaced.

Neither Zamora nor Menlo Gate LLC responded to requests for comment. ■



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M-A biology teacher, former coach Rick Longyear dies

Rick Longyear, a longtime biology teacher at Menlo-Atherton High School and a former swimming coach at the school, has died, according to a statement by M-A Principal Simone Rick-Kennel. Longyear died July 17, succumbing to "a short battle with cancer," the principal said.

The school recently inducted Longyear into the M-A Athletic Hall of Fame, and a banquet in his memory is set for Oct. 13,

Rick-Kennel said.

See a more detailed story at AlmanacNews.com.

Longyear's wife, Sally Longyear, says in a Facebook post that she'll be running the Relay for Life in Burgess Park in Menlo Park on Aug. 11, and asks for contributions in her husband's memory.

Go to main.acsevents.org/goto/Sally to make a contribution.

Parking fears top list of criticisms leveled at proposed life sciences building

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A proposed new commercial building and its twin, a five-story parking structure, from Menlo Park's most prolific biotech building developer John Tarlton was subjected to considerable scrutiny July 16 when the Menlo Park Planning Commission discussed the proposal at length during a preliminary study session, in advance of making any real decisions about whether or not to approve it.

The building proposed at 1105 to 1165 O'Brien Drive would replace two warehouse buildings with a 120,000-square-foot, five-story edifice reaching heights of 99 feet. The proposal also includes an adjacent five-story parking garage, a fitness center, and a small commercial space intended to operate as a grab-and-go cafe, plus a separate area in the back to store hazardous chemicals. An outdoor area would have a badminton court, bocce courts and seating areas for use by employees. About 200 employees would be expected to work in the building, Tarlton said, given his other tenants' typical ratio of two employees per 1,000 square feet of research and development space.

Tarlton will be expected to provide amenities to the community in exchange for permission to construct such a large building, but he hasn't yet proposed what those amenities might be.

Parking and transportation

Chief among commissioners' concerns is a proposed parking garage to accompany the building. Commissioners expressed concern that it would create more parking spaces than needed, thereby encouraging too many people to drive to

work, and that it wouldn't be up to snuff aesthetically.

"This is a project that really is a parking garage with a building next to it," said Commissioner John Onken. "Parking garages are notorious for bullying a site because they have to be a certain size and shape to work."

Commissioner Katherine Strehl stated, as she has in the past, that she was concerned first and foremost about the traffic the new building could generate, acutely in eastern Menlo Park and indirectly throughout the city. When the city in late 2016 was rezoned to allow more intense development in that area, "I really felt we needed to have a plan for infrastructure," she said. "But I'm just standing on my soapbox."

Tarlton argued that the parking garage could be used by other building tenants, and said he expected demand to decrease in the years to come, as further transportation options beyond driving solo take firmer root. He said he supports efforts to rebuild the Dumbarton rail line — currently being led by a partnership between Facebook, SamTrans and the Plenary Group — but also favors more immediate traffic relief.

"We're working on a near-term solution: the adaptation of the Dumbarton Bridge for bus rapid transit," he said, noting he is having talks with consultants from Kimley-Horn on how Caltrans could adapt the current Dumbarton bridge.

In addition, Tarlton, an avid cyclist, told the commission he'll encourage people to use modes other than driving to get to work, and to take the stairs — the elevators are in different areas of the proposed building, Onken pointed out, which means people could be liable to getting stuck waiting for a lift up. ▣

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Report: Bay Area is mega-powerful region facing challenges

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Silicon Valley is an economic powerhouse, and some of the cogs that drive it are more functional than others, claims a new report recently released by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute.

The report cites a number of statistics that point to the Bay Area as a major economic power in not just the U.S., but the world.

■ If the Bay Area were a country, its economy would be the 19th

largest in the world, with a gross domestic product of \$748 billion. That's bigger than the economies of Saudi Arabia and Switzerland.

■ Between 2014 and 2017, the Bay Area's gross domestic product grew at an annual rate of 4.3 percent, higher than the U.S. and faster than most of the world's 25 largest economies.

■ The national economic impact of Bay Area companies was \$1.4 trillion in 2014.

■ People moving into the area tend to be more affluent, working

in high-margin industries, while those moving out tend to be lower-wage and working in lower-margin industries.

The region continues to be a tech epicenter. The San Jose metro region has the highest concentration of high-tech jobs in the country. In 2017, 45 percent of the U.S. venture capital invested was put into Bay Area companies.

And within the world of Silicon Valley tech companies, there are some clear winners. Since 2013, the report states, Alphabet, Apple and Facebook have increased their revenues 10 times faster than the rest of the Fortune 500 companies.

Challenges

Yet all is not rosy in the region, the report claims. It points out the region's shortcomings — without calling them fatal flaws.

“Predicting an impending end to (Silicon Valley's) historic run has become a cottage industry,” the report's authors state. “And certainly the Bay Area's ongoing economic success cannot be taken for granted. ... These concerns are real but the doomsayers focus too often on the dark clouds on the horizon, rather than on the green shoots coming out of the ground all around them.”

Around 2014, the cost of living began to outpace increases in the median wage in the Bay Area. And in 2016, between 37 and 39



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Building Permits Survey and U.S. Census Bureau Metropolitan and Micropolitan Data. Analysis: Bay Area Council Economic Institute.

The Bay Area is permitting fewer housing units in relation to population increases than other regions.

percent of households in the San Jose and San Francisco-Oakland areas were burdened by housing costs, a similar proportion to what's been reported in other Bay Area counties.

Today, 46 percent of Bay Area residents say they are considering leaving the region within the next few years, according to a 2018 Bay Area Council poll.

The report states that the Bay Area has outperformed the nation in nearly every economic measure, except for population growth. “Individuals and families that otherwise might move to the Bay Area to find opportunity have been prevented from doing so by the Bay Area's high and accelerating cost of living, increasing congestion, and aging infrastructure,” its authors note.

The region is also permitting fewer homes in relation to

population increase than other national metro regions. Between 2003 and 2017, the Bay Area yielded about 312 new home permits per 1,000 new residents. During the same time, the Boston region permitted about 445 new homes per 1,000 new residents and the New York region permitted 404.

Also, compared with other parts of the state, job growth in the Silicon Valley region and San Francisco skewed far higher than the number of homes permitted between 2007 and 2017. In contrast, California regions like Placer County, the San Joaquin Valley, and Yolo County had roughly equal levels of job and housing growth. And Sacramento County permitted nearly twice as many homes as jobs were created during the same time period.

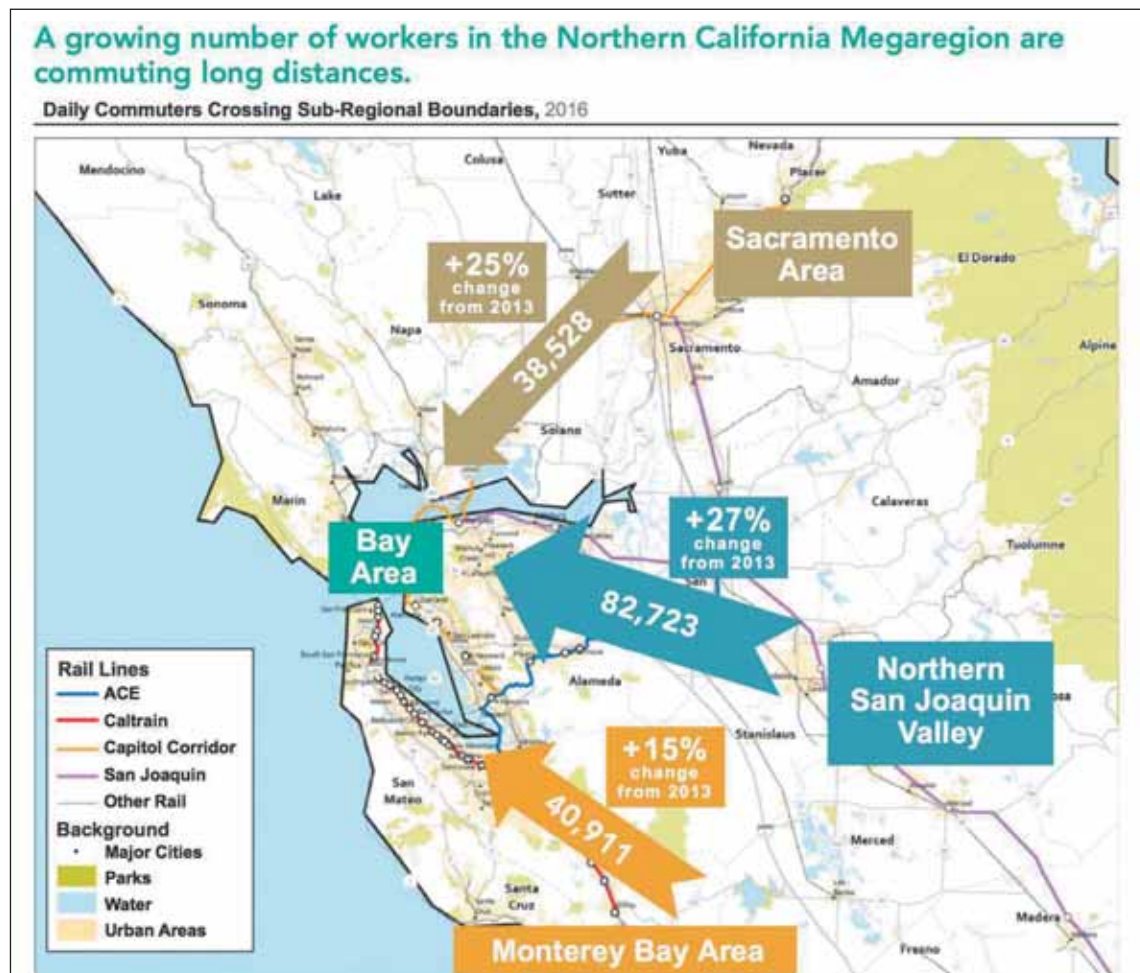
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In 2016, more than 162,000 people commuted daily into the Bay Area from farther-flung regions like the Sacramento area, Northern San Joaquin Valley and the Monterey Bay area — numbers that are substantially up from 2013.



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Coach arrested for alleged sex crime

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

A 37-year-old San Jose man who coached badminton in Menlo Park was arrested July 12 and booked into the Santa Clara County jail on suspicion of annoying or molesting a minor and a “sexual assault-related crime,” according to Santa Clara Sheriff’s Office Sergeant Richard Glennon.

Santa Clara County park rangers reportedly found badminton coach Khankham Malaythong

in his 2018 Maserati SUV after hours at Joseph D. Grant County Park with a 17-year-old girl, according to a police.

At the time, deputies conducted interviews and collected evidence. Their investigation is ongoing, and they do not have any evidence of additional victims. Glennon said that the crime he is charged with describes a specific sex act with a juvenile, which is a felony, “but does not involve force or fear.”

Malaythong has since posted

bail and been released, with a court date set in September.

He is no longer working at Synergy, where he was a coach, company officials said. “Synergy has cooperated with authorities in their investigation,” the officials added, in a statement on the company website.

The county Sheriff’s Office has asked anyone with information about the case to call 408-808-4500. ▀

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Concessions

Lowering the population threshold makes Atherton eligible for system funding, which would be drawn from Atherton’s unspent revenues.

“This was part of the negotiation,” Derwin said in an email. “To get Atherton to agree to part with 50 percent of their post-expense donor funds, which amounts to a lot of money, we had to make concessions.”

Neither Woodside nor Portola

Valley meet the 6,500-resident threshold, meaning that those communities pay for hours above 40 per week from their own property tax revenues. But, Derwin noted, not only do Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley take in more than they can spend, the generosity of Friends of the Library groups reflects the wealth of the communities.

“With this new agreement, we can at least narrow the gap and direct more tax dollars to be used for all the libraries in the JPA,” she said. “This will not be a hardship for Portola Valley.” ▀

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New Oak Grove Avenue fire station open but not quite finished

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Firefighters and their fire-trucks moved into the rebuilt fire station at 700 Oak Grove Ave. in Menlo Park on June 20, but the firehouse — Station 6, built at a cost of about \$7.55 million — is not yet fully operational.

By the end of 2018, a ramp should be in place at the rear of the building to complete the drive-through garage/bay and allow firefighters to park trucks in the station without having to back in, Chief Harold Schapelhouman of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District told The Almanac.

For now, firefighters returning from a deployment will continue to temporarily stop traffic on Oak Grove while the driver backs the truck into the bay, the chief said.

Among the features still to come: a detached garage for antique firefighting vehicles, a storage building with solar panels, a diesel fuel station, and a 1918 fire station to be physically relocated from district headquarters and used as a museum for old firefighting equipment.

CJW Architecture of Portola Valley designed the new station, and it was built by general contractor Gonsalves & Stronck Construction Company, Inc. of San Carlos.

In a statement, the chief said the 8,300-square-foot station, replacing one of 3,000 square feet, is “completely noncombustible,” is built to a higher-than-usual seismic resilience standard and, per the district’s buy-American policy, uses framing made from domestic steel and aluminum.

Individual rooms

The new station has two bays, one that is drive-through and the other with parking for one vehicle and with two large offices located behind it.

Also on the first floor are an elevator — included to make trips to the grocery store less onerous — a stairway, a generator, an internet-technology room, bathrooms and a decontamination area, the chief said. The station includes a ventilated room for firefighters to remove and store their firefighting clothing so harmful gasses accumulated while crews are on the job can be

safely emitted.

The station has one fire pole. On-duty firefighters sleep on the second floor in individual rooms and share two common bathrooms. Each room could have had its own bathroom, the chief said, but firefighters asked for common facilities so as to minimize the number of daily cleaning tasks.

The kitchen is also upstairs. In addition to preparing their own meals, firefighters’ daily duties include keeping the station more or less spotless inside and out during their 48-hour shift, the chief said.

The fire district is careful to recruit people who are self-reliant, he said. “They’re responsible for that building.”

Small museum

The small house on Hoover Street in which on-duty firefighters have been sleeping has been torn down. The museum will be housed in a single-story carriage house of about 180 square feet with a gable roof and bell tower and currently located at 300 Middlefield Road. “I’m super stoked about watching that thing being moved,” the chief said.



Photo by Peter Mootz

The new fire house on Oak Grove Avenue is completely noncombustible, built to a higher-than-usual seismic resilience standard, and uses framing made from domestic steel and aluminum.

A detached garage will house two old firetrucks, one dating from the 1930s and the other from the 1950s. Also there: a hose wagon dating from 1899, and old equipment including hose nozzles, fire extinguishers, fire alarm boxes, air-supply equipment and masks. The Jaws of Life, a modern device that firefighters use to pry open the doors of wrecked vehicles, will be there, too, the chief said.

The district’s first drone is a candidate for the museum, the chief said. “Somewhere down the road somebody will say, wow, that was pretty basic,” he said. ▀

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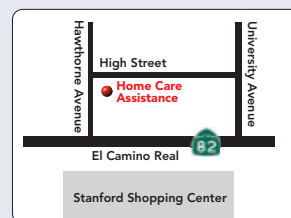
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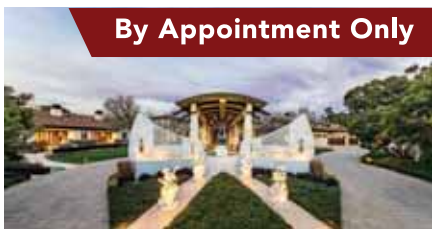
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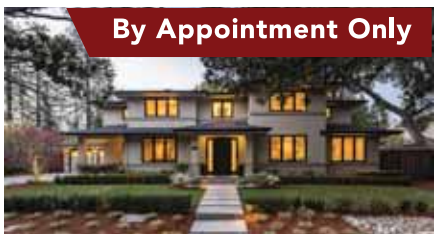
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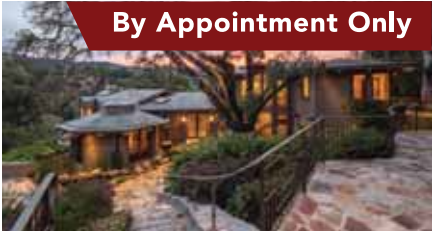
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The District Board of West Bay Sanitary District finds and determines as follows:

A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District's "Zone Master Annexation Resolution" ("ZOMAR"), which was adopted by the District Board August 12, 1996. The provisions of ZOMAR are incorporated by reference into this Resolution of Intention.

B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property (the "Parcel") to the District's On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone (the "Zone"). The Parcel is described in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the description contained in the Exhibits are incorporated by reference. The name and address of the applicants and the number, type, volume and location of on-site wastewater disposal systems which are proposed to operate on the parcels to be annexed are described in Exhibit "B" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the information contained in the Exhibit are incorporated by reference.

C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board that the Parcel constitutes "real property" for the purposes of Section 2(b) of ZOMAR in that:

[X] All of the conditions described in Subsections i., ii., iii., iv. and v. of ZOMAR Section 2(b) are satisfied; or

Other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone. If applicable, those conditions are also set forth in Exhibit "B" and are incorporated by reference.

D. All of the conditions and requirements of ZOMAR Sections 2(a), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) have been fully satisfied.

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

IT IS RESOLVED by the District Board as follows:

1. It is the intention of the District Board to annex the Parcel to the Zone pursuant to the provisions of ZOMAR and applicable provisions of law.

2. In conjunction with a meeting of the District Board to be duly and regularly called and conducted, the Board will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering all matters pertaining to this Resolution of Intention.

The time, date and place of the Public Hearing are:

Date: August 22, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: West Bay Sanitary District Offices
500 Laurel Street
Menlo Park, CA 94025

At the Public Hearing, all interested persons will be heard.

3. This Resolution of Intention shall be published and copies shall be delivered to the persons and entities as specified in ZOMAR Section 2(e)(i).

4. A true copy of this Resolution of Intention shall promptly be filed for record in the office of the County Recorder of the County of San Mateo.

5. The District Manager shall cause the matters set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of this Resolution of Intention to be completed as directed.

Exhibit A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
ANNEXATION TO WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT LANDS OF HARROSH AND A PORTION OF CHEROKEE WAY TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

All that certain real property situate in the Town of Portola Valley, County of San Mateo, State of California, being all of Lot 3, Block 2 and a portion of Cherokee Way as shown on that certain Map entitled "Tract No. 814, Arrowhead Meadows Unit No. 6", which Map was filed for record on November 29, 1963, in Book 59 of Maps at Pages 18 and 19 in the Office of the Recorder of said County and State, and being more particularly described as follows:

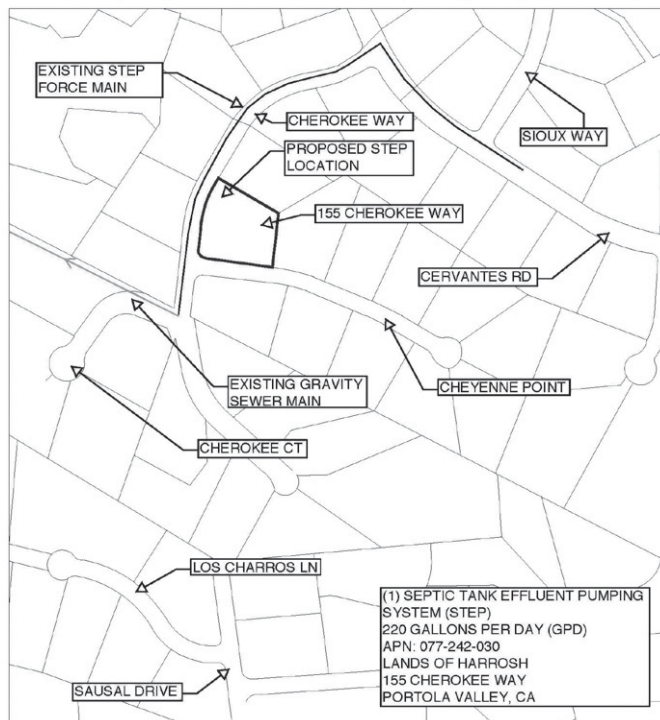
- BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner of the West Bay Sanitary District adopted April 12, 1993, by Resolution No. 1210, said corner being the most northerly corner of said Lot 3;
1. Thence along the southeasterly line of the West Bay Sanitary District and the northwesterly line of said Lot 3 and its southwesterly prolongation South 60°09'00", West 255.81 feet to the southwesterly right-of-way line of Cherokee Way as shown on said Map;
2. Thence along said right-of-way line South 29°51'00" East 31.35 feet to the beginning of tangent curve to the left having a radius of 325.00 feet
3. Thence southeasterly along said curve and right-of-way line through a central angle of 23°35'28" a distance of 133.82 feet;
4. Thence tangent from said curve along said right-of-way line South 53°26'28" East 77.41 feet;
5. Thence leaving said right-of-way line North 36°33'32" East 50.00 feet to the southeasterly line of said Lot 3 and the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave to the north having a radius of 20.00 feet, a radial line from said point having a bearing of North 36°33'32" East;
6. Thence easterly along said curve of Lot 3 through a central angle of 90°00'00" a distance of 31.42 feet;
7. Thence tangent from said curve along the southeasterly line of said Lot 3 North 36°33'32" East 200.70 feet to the beginning of tangent curve to the right having a radius of 425.00 feet;
8. Thence northeasterly along said curve through a central angle of 0°46'24" a distance of 5.74 feet to the most easterly corner of said Lot 3;
9. Thence along the northeasterly line of said Lot 3 North 54°17'46" West 153.89 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
Containing an area of 55,210 square feet, more or less.

The herein described annexation parcel is shown on the attached map of this legal description, Page 3 of 3, and is made a part hereof.
Description prepared by MacLeod and Associates, Inc.
Date: March 16, 2018



Exhibit B

SITE LOCATION
155 CHEROKEE WAY
PORTOLA VALLEY, CA
SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT PUMPING (STEP) SYSTEM



(1) SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT PUMPING SYSTEM (STEP)
220 GALLONS PER DAY (GPD)
APN: 077-242-030
LANDS OF HARROSH
155 CHEROKEE WAY
PORTOLA VALLEY, CA

Repeated false alarms would bring fines

At the urging of Police Chief Steve McCulley, who says responding to false alarms wastes more than 900 hours a year of Atherton Police Department officers' time, Atherton's City Council has given preliminary approval to a new town ordinance that would impose a \$400 fine for the fourth and subsequent false alarms in any 12-month period.

The fine would apply to any false alarm requiring a police response, whether or not the system is directly monitored by the police department. If the police are notified that an alarm is false before responding, it will not be counted.

The town offers to monitor the alarm systems on Atherton properties at no cost.

The ordinance would also increase the fee for registering an alarm with the town from \$61 to \$100, and add an annual fee of \$50.

In an extreme case, where more than 12 false alarm responses are required in a 12-month period, the town would require the property to be monitored by a private alarm company after a 30-day grace period.

The first three false alarm responses would solicit a warning letter from the police department.

— By Barbara Wood

CHALLENGES

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The report also points out that traffic is highly correlated with economic activity, and notes that large numbers of people are commuting from increasingly faraway places. More than 80,000 people commute into the Bay Area from the northern San Joaquin Valley each day, the report says.

Meanwhile, home prices in the central core of the Bay Area continue to escalate as the ratio of housing units to jobs tilts further askew. Between 2007 and 2017, the report states, Silicon Valley added 200,364 jobs, while only 72,887 housing units were permitted.

The report is the 10th in a series produced since 1997 by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute and McKinsey and Company, with support from PwC, Wells Fargo, San Mateo County Economic Development Association and North Bay Leadership Council. The Bay Area Council is a public policy organization with membership from large area employers.

Go to is.gd/baeconomy576 to access the report online. ■

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

Antonio Corgas has kept Woodside running smoothly for 30 years



Photo courtesy of Antonio Corgas

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Antonio Corgas' job is looking for trouble — and he's very, very good at it.

So good in fact, that Corgas often finds trouble — and makes it disappear — before the residents of Woodside, where he's long been the head of maintenance for the town, even know it's there.

Most days, Corgas, 61, can be seen cruising Woodside's 14 square miles in one of the town's white pickup trucks, looking for potholes, fallen tree branches, plugged-up drainage pipes, vandalized road signs, gopher holes in a soccer field or anything else that's out of place in the town where he's worked for three decades.

Then he fixes it.

"When government works best, you have no idea it's there," says Woodside Mayor Chris Shaw. "I can't think of a better example than Antonio and his maintenance staff."

So, while Woodside's miles of narrow winding roads, ample tree cover, extensive trail network, areas prone to landslides and several creeks make the town especially vulnerable to problems in need of attention, "we have a remarkably reliable town," Shaw says, mostly because Corgas and his crew fix most problems before they're noticed.

"He sees things, anticipates things," Shaw says. "He's so good at what he does that you don't know he's doing his job."

THREE DECADES IN WOODSIDE

Come August, however, residents of Woodside may notice some subtle differences in the town, starting with the absence of Corgas' smiling face peering from the window of that town truck. He's retiring after 30 years of working in Woodside, the first three and a half for the Woodside Elementary School District.

"This is a great town," says Corgas. "I feel this is my

home," he adds, even though he's lived in Pacifica with his wife Lucy for several decades. "They treat me good," he says of the town staff and the residents of Woodside, many of whom he considers friends.

How Corgas ended up in Woodside is its own story, one starting in the southwestern African country of Angola, where he was born.

Corgas says his parents moved from Portugal to a large farm about 40 miles from Lobito, Angola. They grew palm trees for palm oil, and as many as 150 tons a year of pinto beans, white beans and bananas for export to Europe. They had as many as 1,200 cattle and a few horses, he says.

Antonio grew up speaking an African dialect of Portuguese, attending public schools in a nearby city until he was in fourth grade, when he left home to attend a Marist Brothers boarding school about 250 miles away.

CIVIL WAR

Then in 1974, as 17-year-old Corgas was finishing high school, a civil war broke out. Corgas, his younger sister and his mother were forced to flee Angola to Portugal, along with thousands of others. His father remained behind. "He stayed to keep up the farm," Corgas says.

"We got in a big ship. We were like cattle there" among about 2,000 people, he recalls. They were escorted by the military because the warring factions opposed their departure, but about 90 percent of white people living in Angola left the country, he says.

"We arrived (in Portugal) without a penny," he says. The government handed the family the equivalent of about \$100, and his grandmother helped them resettle.

"They called us retornados," or returnees, he says.

In 1982, a few months before Corgas was scheduled to rejoin his father in Angola, the elder Corgas was killed by a mortar lobbed at his truck. Friends sent



Antonio Corgas spent his childhood in the African country of Angola on a large farm (left), leaving the country as a refugee when civil war broke out in 1974. He came to work in Woodside for the school district in 1988 and started working for the town in 1992.

the body to Portugal, Corgas says, and he canceled his plans to return to his country of birth.

After finishing high school in Portugal, Corgas immediately started a construction job to help support his mother and younger sister.

Later, after a stint as a hotel waiter, he went to work as a steward for Sitmar Cruises. On a cruise, he met his wife, Lucy, an American who was there as a youth activities coordinator. After the two ended up working on different ships, she "disembarked and she told me to disembark, too," Corgas says.

He did, the two soon married and he became an American citizen. They have three children who are now 29, 28 and 25.

Corgas was working for a catering company in his wife's hometown of San Francisco — with clients including Gordon Getty, Danielle Steele and Robin Williams — when he was offered a job as a night custodian by his wife's cousin Bruce Thompson, then superintendent of Woodside Elementary School District.

Corgas worked at Woodside Elementary until, after the third time he applied, he was hired by the town of Woodside.

Corgas said he told them: "If you hire me, you'll have a hard time getting rid of me."

'MOST VALUABLE PLAYER'

In 2017, the town recognized Corgas with a commendation honoring his 25 years there, which also include eight years jointly supervising maintenance for both the town and the school district.

"Antonio leads the leanest and meanest three-man public works crew in all of California, if not the United States," the commendation says. "Antonio has taken countless calls made on dark and stormy nights to respond to downed trees, mud slides, and debris flows," and "always attacks every problem or task with his 'get it done yesterday' attitude."

"Antonio has been referred to by more than one resident ... as Woodside's Most Valuable Player," the commendation says.

Town Manager Kevin Bryant says Corgas "has a pride of ownership about the town," and "takes it as a personal affront if something isn't addressed right away."

"He really cares about it," Bryant says. "I've never met

anyone like him, (and) I doubt I ever really will again."

Bryant says that while the town has increased its maintenance crew from three to four members in anticipation of Corgas' retirement, he believes Ignacio Hernandez will do a great job as Corgas' replacement because he was trained by Corgas and has worked with him for eight years.

"He leads his crew by example," Bryant says of Corgas. "He never asked any of his crew to do anything he wouldn't do himself."

"He knows every square inch of the town, probably because he's been here so long," Bryant added.

Sean Rose, who became town engineer in April 2016, says he has relied on Corgas to help him get to know the town and its history, and also consults him about capital projects for the town.

"I'm going to be very sorry to see him go," Rose says. "He's one of the best employees I've ever had the opportunity to manage."

"He will be missed around here for sure."

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Notification of Application Filed by California Water Service to Increase Bear Gulch District Rates in 2020, 2021, and 2022 (Application No. A.18-07-001)

On July 2, 2018, California Water Service (Cal Water) filed its 2018 General Rate Case (GRC) Application (A.18-07-001) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Cal Water is requesting total company revenue increases of \$50,673,500 (or 7.6%) for 2020, \$31,461,900 (or 4.4%) for 2021, and \$33,000,700 (or 4.4%) for 2022. If approved by the CPUC, rates would increase beginning in January 2020.

The Application

Cal Water is requesting an overall revenue increase of \$14,160,110 (or 25.9%) for Bear Gulch District customers over three years, as shown in the table below. Cal Water is requesting this increase for infrastructure upgrades, maintenance, water quality, safety measures, business operations, and inflation.

Revenue increases for 2021 and 2022 may vary from the provided estimates below due to the use of a CPUC-provided, inflation-based formula.

Proposed Revenue Increases

Current Revenue Requirement	Proposed 2020 Revenue Increase	Proposed 2021 Revenue Increase	Proposed 2022 Revenue Increase
\$54,661,400	\$4,545,447 8.3%	\$4,778,333 8.1%	\$4,836,339 7.6%

Proposed Revenue Increases by Type of Service**

Type of Service Provided	Current Revenue Requirement	Proposed 2020 Revenue Increase	Proposed 2021 Revenue Increase	Proposed 2022 Revenue Increase
Residential Metered Service	\$47,378,443	\$2,645,573 6%	\$4,014,260 8%	\$4,059,441 8%
Nonresidential Metered Service*	\$7,094,140	\$1,819,390 26%	\$746,528 8%	\$759,284 8%

*Nonresidential Metered Service applies to all customer classes that are not residential (such as business, multi-family, and public authority customers) and do not have a separate tariff. **The sum of residential and nonresidential revenues will not equal total revenue due to other revenue sources like construction meter charges, fire protection services, and recycled water.

Typical Customer Impact

The following table details the increase a residential customer with a 5/8"x3/4" meter would see in his or her bill if Cal Water's proposed rates for 2020, 2021, and 2022 are approved by the CPUC as requested. In 2017, the average residential customer with a 5/8"x3/4" meter used 19 Ccf (14,212 gallons) of water per month. **These numbers do not include temporary surcharges and credits.**

Typical Residential Customer Bill Increase

Residential Customer	Current Bill	Proposed 2020 Bill Increase	Proposed 2021 Bill Increase	Proposed 2022 Bill Increase
19 Ccf (14,212 gallons)	\$158.63	\$1.15 0.7%	\$12.62 7.9%	\$12.74 7.4%

Key Reasons for Increase

Cal Water has been providing water utility service to California communities for more than 90 years, and many of the facilities used for water service have reached the end of their useful lives. Some of the key reasons Cal Water is making this request is to:

- Continue to invest in infrastructure to enhance safety and reliability, and to manage risks that could impact customers and/or fire protection systems;
- Meet water quality and environmental regulatory requirements; and
- Secure water supplies to ensure future reliability.

Obtaining a Copy of the Application

A copy of Cal Water's proposed GRC application and related exhibits may be reviewed at Cal Water's office, located at 3525 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Suite A, Menlo Park, CA 94025. An electronic or paper copy of the application and related exhibits will be provided by Cal Water upon written request to California Water Service, 1720 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95112-4598.

A digital copy of the application may be reviewed on the CPUC's Docket Card webpage at <https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/?p=401:1:0> by typing the proceeding number, without dashes, in the Proceeding Number Search box. A hard copy can be reviewed at the CPUC's Central Files Office by appointment. For more information, contact ajccentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or (415)-703-2045.

The CPUC's Process

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge), who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary Hearings (EHs) may be held, where parties of record will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record can participate. After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision determining whether to adopt all or part of Cal Water's request, modify it, or deny it. The CPUC Commissioners may sponsor an alternate decision, and the issue will be decided at a scheduled Commission Voting Meeting.

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) may review this application. ORA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers. For more information about ORA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail ora@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit ORA's web site at ora.ca.gov/default.aspx.

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Please reference Cal Water's Application No. A.18-07-001 in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review for the assigned Judge, Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.

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A standout competitive athlete, Corgas took up bicycling after injuries ended his running career. He was first in Woodside's May Day Fun Run three years in a row, until he decided his participation made the race unfair for the other runners.

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COMPETITIVE ATHLETE

Taking care of Woodside and making friends isn't the only thing Corgas excels at. He's been a top-level competitive athlete much of his life, playing soccer, running and biking.

In Woodside, Corgas won the town's May Day Fun Run three years in a row, but said he stopped competing because he thought it wasn't fair to the other runners, as he was being sponsored by Ralph Lauren's RLX Polo brand.

Repeated injuries ended his competitive running, but recently Corgas has taken up bicycle racing.

Woodside resident Steve Lubin, himself an avid biker, says he's "met him several times out on the road." Recently, while climbing up steep Alpine Road, "this guy came sprinting up the road and passed me like I was standing still," Lubin says. It was Corgas.

He also saw Corgas riding with the "very competitive" Pen Velo riders, he says, "well ahead of the main group."

Corgas says that once he returns from his planned trips, he'll probably look for a part-time "hobby job."

"I have too much energy" not to work, he says. ■

BACK TO HIS ROOTS

Corgas and his wife Lucy, who retired as a physical education teacher in May, have plans, however.

They will first travel to Venice, then head south to Sicily, where Lucy's family hails from, before traveling to Portugal. Corgas' mother lives there on a farm about 25 miles from the border with Spain, near a community called Castelo Branco.

"She's 85 years old and I need to take care of her," Corgas says, explaining that since he left home at the age of 19 he hasn't spent enough time with his mother.

Not that she can't take care of herself. "She's amazing, that little lady," Corgas says. "She's 85. She's still trying to climb trees." She does much of her own yard work and makes her own wine, he says.

"I'm going to be a part-time farmer, picking up oranges and stuff" for her, he says.

While in Portugal, Antonio and Lucy will also spend some time relaxing in Algarve, where they have a condo near the beach. "It's really pretty," Corgas says.

They'll return to Pacifica in late November, he says, but he plans to leave again in the spring and return to the place of his birth, Angola, to see what has become of his family's farm.

About the cover: Antonio Corgas poses in front of Woodside's historic Independence Hall. He's leaving Woodside, where he's worked for 30 years, at the end of this month. Photo by Robert Most

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Celebrating 35 years of turning water into wine

By **Renee Batti**
Almanac Editor

When Karina Mudd of Woodside took over as CEO of Cinnabar Winery in late 2016, she was no newcomer to the enterprise. In fact, her physical presence at the winery went way back — strange as it may sound, to a time before she was even born.

The winery was established in 1983 by Karina's parents, Tom Mudd and Melissa Frank of Woodside, who together built Cinnabar from the ground up. And in the mid-80s, as Melissa pruned and tended grape vines on the 22-acre property above Saratoga, the couple's soon-to-be first child went along for the ride: Melissa worked the vines while pregnant with Karina, and later, she toiled in the cellar while pregnant with their son Jack.

Much has happened during the time between those early years, when young siblings Karina and Jack found endless opportunities to turn the winery grounds into their own playground, and today — including Tom Mudd's death in 2007, and Karina Mudd's college and career experiences on the East Coast. But she's now back as head of operations as Cinnabar celebrates its 35-year anniversary on Saturday, July 28.

The party will include barrel tasting, music and food, with paella a highlight of the menu. It will give guests an opportunity to meet longtime winemaker George Troquato and cellar master Alejandro Aldama, who was hired by Tom Mudd to work the vineyards when he was only 18.

It was Tom Mudd's fascination with legendary alchemical transformation that inspired the name Cinnabar — a nod to the mineral that alchemists of centuries past believed could help turn



Photo courtesy of Cinnabar Winery

Karina Mudd of Woodside, whose parents founded Cinnabar Winery in 1983, is now CEO of the enterprise. She's shown here in the tasting room of the winery in the hills above Saratoga.

base metals into gold and silver. Mudd, who was a scientist and a two-term member of the Woodside Elementary School District board, likened that purported alchemical process, which proved to be a fallacy, to the natural transformation of water, soil and sun into grapes, which then could be turned into wine.

Karina Mudd was 19 when her dad passed away, studying at Connecticut College. After college, she worked in New York as a professional modern dancer, in the restaurant business and with the Council on Foreign Relations, she says in an email. In 2017, she moved back to Woodside to run Cinnabar, though she now lives "a bi-coastal existence

between California and New York," she says.

Regarding her role at Cinnabar, she writes: "It has been rewarding to continue my father's legacy and learn the business inside and out. The hope is to continue making great wine for our wine club members and customers to enjoy!"

Her mother, Melissa Frank, brother Jack and stepmother Deborah Stipek Mudd aren't involved in the day-to-day operations of the winery, but they "all provide moral and strategic support," Karina Mudd says.

Cinnabar's wines include a Bordeaux-style red blend called Mercury Rising, and pinot noir, chardonnay, mourvedre, zinfandel, and others. Its 2014 Dry Creek zinfandel was a double gold-medal winner in the San Francisco Chronicle's 2018 wine competition, according to the Cinnabar website.

The July 28 anniversary party is from noon to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$85 for the general public and \$75 for Alchemist Wine Society members; they may be purchased in advance online at cinnabarwinery.com or by calling the winery's tasting room at 408-867-1012. Tickets must be purchased in advance and won't be sold at the door.

Guests can visit the tasting room after the party, and with a ticket stub can receive a 10 percent discount on wines bought that day. ▣

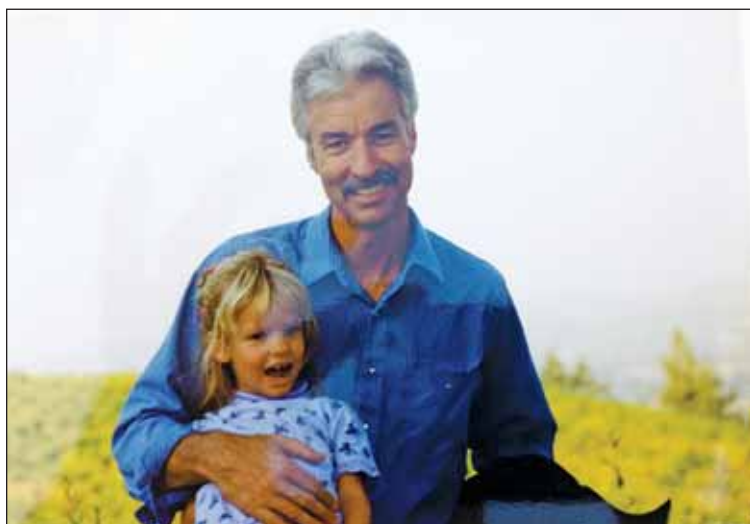


Photo courtesy of Karina Mudd

Cinnabar founder Tom Mudd, who died in 2007, is shown here holding Karina at the winery.

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Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

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The O'Connor Tract Co-Operative Water Company has levels of manganese above the secondary drinking water standard.

Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. Our water system is in violation of a secondary drinking water standard. Violation of a secondary standard does not pose an immediate threat to health.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Average results for water samples for the last four quarters have manganese levels of 53 ppb in well #1 and 153 ppb in well #2 (ppb=parts per billion). This is above the secondary drinking water standard, or secondary maximum contaminant level of 50 ppb.

Manganese concentrations above the standard may have an effect on taste and tend to leave black deposits in some plumbing systems.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).** There is no health risk.

What happened? What is being done?

O'Connor Water has been above the secondary standard for manganese for many years, and this has been described to members in the annual Report on Water Quality Measurements. Recent state regulations have imposed stricter requirements for complying with the secondary standard for manganese. The state has issued the company a citation for noncompliance. The state ordered the company to start quarterly monitoring in February 2012, and this monitoring was completed in September 2012. The state also required that manganese monitoring be continued quarterly and that the results of these tests be reported to all water consumers.

The Company is working with State agencies and the City of Menlo Park to complete the planning of a manganese treatment facility that will then be installed and operational on the Company's property.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this public notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact:

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Theater

Dragon Theatre Production: 'Equivocation' by Bill Cain The Dragon Theatre will stage "Equivocation," a political comedy set in England in 1606. Directed by Bill Cain, the play tells the story of a young William Shakespeare being commissioned by King James I to dramatize "The Gunpowder Plot," an actual episode that saw a band of Catholic nobles conspire to blow up the English Parliament and kill King James. July 27-Aug. 19, times vary. \$27-\$35. The Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway, Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

'Nevertheless They Persisted': Euripides' Hecuba/Helen Stanford Repertory Theater will perform "Nevertheless They Persisted," an adaptation of Euripides' Hecuba and Helen. July 26, 8 p.m. \$15-\$25; discount for students and unemployed. Roble Studio Theater, 375 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. arts.stanford.edu/event

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Hold These Truths' TheatreWorks Silicon Valley kicks off its 2018-19 season with "Hold These Truths" by Jeanne Sakata, a fact-based story following Gordon Hirabayashi, a Japanese-American student who fought internment to a relocation camp during World War II. July 11-Aug. 5, times vary. \$35-\$60. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org/201819-season

Concerts

Overture 2/2: Mozart and Mendelssohn, Plus Meet-the-Artists Wine Reception Music@Menlo will inaugurate the new series of Overture Concerts, in which young International Program artists collaborate with established chamber musicians. The program will include Mozart's Piano Quartet in G minor and Mendelssohn's String Octet in E-flat major and feature artists like the M-Prize winning Calidore String Quartet. Aug. 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$32. Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. [Search meetup.com](http://Search.meetup.com) for more info.

Taylor Eigsti Trio and Friends Pianist and composer Taylor Eigsti will perform music with some of his closest friends and longtime band mates. July 31, 8-9:30 p.m. \$15-\$59. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. [Search events.stanford.edu](http://Search.events.stanford.edu) for more info.

Lunar Octet Ann Arbor-based Lunar Octet will play jazz, Cuban and Puerto Rican salsa, rock, African high-life music and Brazilian sambas. The band performs mostly original compositions and arrangements with a strong focus on soloists' improvisations. Portola Vineyards will pour tastes of its wines; wine-tasting is included in the price of an adult ticket. July 29, 6-7:30 p.m. \$12-\$24. Portola Vineyards, 850 Los Trancos Road, Portola Valley. [Search eventbrite.com](http://Search.eventbrite.com) for more info.

Summer Concert Series: Rachel Steele As part of Menlo Park's Summer Concert Series, Rachel Steele and Road 88 will perform at Fremont Park. July 25, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, University Drive and Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Summer Jazz 32nd Anniversary Concert Series Stanford Shopping Center hosts weekly rhythm and blues concerts showcasing a variety of jazz musicians and local favorites in the courtyard between Nordstrom and Crate & Barrel. Thursdays through Aug. 23, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto. simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center

Carte Blanche Concert IV: Paul Neubauer and Michael Brown Violist Paul Neubauer and pianist Michael Brown collaborate for Music@Menlo's season's final Carte Blanche Concert. The program will include Dmitri Shostakovich's Viola Sonata and works from English composer Benjamin Dale. July 29, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$35-\$82. Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. musicatmenlo.org

Classical Guitarist Yuri Liberzon Russian-born and Israeli-raised recording artist Yuri Liberzon will perform classical guitar. July 26, 7 p.m. \$10; free for members. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto.

Concert Program IV: Leipzig Music@Menlo musicians will perform pieces written by composers who lived in Leipzig, Germany. Performers include contralto Sara Couden, harpsichordist Gil Kalish, violinist Alexi Kenney, violists Matthew Lipman and Paul Neubauer, cellists David Requero and Keith Robinson and others. July 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$35-\$82; discount for attendees under 30. The Center for Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton, 555 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. musicatmenlo.org

Concert Program V: 'Berlin' Music@Menlo will explore Berlin's musical history with their concert "Berlin," featuring works by Mendelssohn, Bach, Mozart and Beethoven. Artists



Photo courtesy of Diana Jaye

Bay Area scenes

Plein-air works in oil painted by Menlo Park artist Diana Jaye are featured in an exhibit from July 31 through Sept. 1 at Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St. in Los Altos. A free artist's reception is set for Saturday, Aug. 4, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the gallery. Pictured in the photo is "Cavallo Point," depicting a view from an outdoor perch at Fort Baker. The exhibit includes artwork painted in Bay Area locales including Point Reyes, Half Moon Bay, Inverness, Drake's Bay and Palo Alto.

will include the M-Prize winning Calidore String Quartet, pianists Wu Han and Gilles Vonsattel and San Francisco Opera flutist Stephanie McNab. July 28-29, 6-8 p.m. \$20-\$72. The Center for Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton, 555 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. musicatmenlo.org

Encounter III: Budapest and Vienna Scholar John R. Hale will make his Music@Menlo debut, leading the season's final Encounter — an exploration of two Central European capitals. July 27, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$25-\$52. Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. musicatmenlo.org

Jazz Brazil: Anat Cohen / Romero Lubambo / Vitor Goncalves Clarinetist Anat Cohen will perform Brazilian-style music with guitarist Romero Lubambo and accordionist and pianist Vitor Goncalves. July 25, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15-\$59; discount for Stanford Jazz Workshop members. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. [Search events.stanford.edu](http://Search.events.stanford.edu) for more info.

Family

'Frankenswine' The Menlo Park Belle Haven Library Branch will host a performance by Puppet Art Theater, presenting its show "Frankenswine" about a pig on a quest for a brain. July 29, 2-2:40 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Belle Haven Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Silly Goose & Val The Menlo Park Belle Haven Library will host a performance by Silly Goose and Val, a musical show with puppets, ventriloquism, dancing and singing. July 25, 4-4:50 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Belle Haven Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Talks & Lectures

Book Launch with Meg Waite Clayton Author Meg Waite Clayton will discuss her new novel "Beautiful Exiles," which explores the relationship between Ernest Hemingway and journalist Martha Gellhorn. July 31, 7-9 p.m. \$24.95 Books Inc., 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event

Andy Weir: Author of 'The Martian' and 'Artemis' Andy Weir, author of "The Martian" and "Artemis," will discuss how he combines his love of space, science and humor to create science fiction novels. July 31, 7-8 p.m. \$5-\$40. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [Search eventbrite.com](http://Search.eventbrite.com) for more info.

Meet Ibtihaj Muhammad Ibtihaj Muhammad, the first Muslim-American woman in hijab to compete for the U.S. in the Olympic Games and the first female Muslim-American to medal at the Olympic Games, will discuss her new book "Proud." "Proud" tells the story of how Muhammad overcame obstacles and racism throughout her career. She will be in conversation with Hana Baba, host of KALW's Crosscurrents. July 29, 3-4:30 p.m. \$10-\$35. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [Search eventbrite.com](http://Search.eventbrite.com) for more info.

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Seminary & University, Redon Hall, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. sriorganon.com

USGS July Evening Public Lecture in Menlo Park United States Geological Survey Research Chemist Charles Alpers will give a lecture about Iron Mountain, an acid mine drainage environment in California. July 26, 7-8 p.m. Free. USGS, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar

Galleries

Portola Art Gallery Presents 'A Summer Bouquet' — A Collection of Flower Paintings in Pastel and Oil by Linda Salter The Portola Art Gallery will present "A Summer Bouquet," a collection of flower paintings in pastel and oil by Linda Salter. The gallery will be open through July 31, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Film

Film Screening: 'Eva Hesse' A documentary about artist Eva Hesse's life will be screen at the Denning Family Resource Center, Anderson Collection at Stanford University. July 26, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Anderson Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [Search events.stanford.edu](http://Search.events.stanford.edu) for more info.

Film Screening: 'The Teacher' The Menlo Park Library will present a screening of the Czech dark comedy "The Teacher," about an instructor who manipulates parents into doing favors for her in exchange for their children's good grades. July 31, 6-7:45 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

I Will Survive: Profiles in Courage: Stanford Pegasus Physician Writers The Pegasus Physician Writers will honor Rebecca Hall, metastatic breast cancer patient and advocate for funding and research. The group will show the short film "Bare" and read works by Stanford physician Jessica Les, medical student Paige Qin and Medicine & the Muse's Jacqueline Genovese. July 26, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Stanford Humanities Center, Levinthal Hall, 424 Santa Teresa, Palo Alto.

SRT Film Festival: von Trotta's 'Katherina Blum' As part of Stanford Repertory Theater's 20th anniversary season, "Nevertheless They Persisted," Margarethe von Trotta's "The Lost Honor of Katherina Blum" will be screened. Stanford Professor of German Studies and Theater & Performance Studies Matthew Wilson Smith will respond to the film. July 30, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. 376 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [Search events.stanford.edu](http://Search.events.stanford.edu) for more info.

'Wounded Warriors: When War Comes Home' Bethany Church will run a program called "Wounded Warriors: When War Comes Home," which features a screening of an interview with a military veteran who had PTSD after returning home from the Iraq war. July 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., West Menlo Park.

Stanford Summer Human Rights Series: 'Trashed' The Stanford Summer Human Rights Program will screen "Trashed," which explores issues surrounding waste and sustainability. July 26, 7-9 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 370 Serra Mall, Stanford. [Search events.stanford.edu](http://Search.events.stanford.edu) for more info.

Free summer concerts in Holbrook-Palmer Park

Dance cover band Livewire kicks off a trio of free summer concerts in Atherton's Holbrook-Palmer Park at 150 Watkins Ave. on Thursday, July 26.

The Curveball Sliders food truck will be in the park; concert-goers may also bring their own refreshments.

On Aug. 9, Freddy Clarke's Wobbly World international

music will be featured with the FeedNTreat food truck.

On Aug. 23, Fog City Swampers will be the featured band with the Tierra Blanca Sushi food truck.

The concerts will be on the lawn area directly in front of the Main House, and run from 6 to 8 p.m. Blankets and lawn chairs are recommended.

Leonard Petersen
January 6, 1936 – July 10, 2018



Leonard Severn Petersen passed away at his home in Atherton, Calif., from cancer on July 10, 2018.

Leonard was born Jan. 6, 1936, at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to Leonard Sr. and Estelle Petersen. He attended Santa Maria High School, where he ran track and served as a Junior Statesman of America. It was then that he met his future business partner, Phil Olson, for the very first time. Leonard's cousin, Marcia, recalled that in high school he was popular, energized by people, fun to be around and usually the life of the party. Leonard was mechanical by nature and worked on hot rods, aided by his father's auto parts store. He spent many of his Saturday's drag racing.

In 1956, Leonard married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Pabst, and they had four children. He graduated from Stanford University in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in Engineering and worked at Ampex for nine years before opening his business, Petersen Precision Engineering in Redwood City, Calif. Leonard never fully retired and has continued to be a problem-solver for the past 52 years. He created practical solutions to problems and lived very much in the present.

In 1987, Leonard remarried to Cathie Merchant. Their families bonded over many wonderful pets including two Rottweilers, Avy and King, and their Maltipoos, Chauncey and Benny.

Leonard and Cathie enjoyed traveling together, taking cruises to Tahiti, Alaska, Hawaii, the Panama Canal, and the Mediterranean and Baltic seas. For the past 11 years, they split time between Atherton and Rancho Mirage, Calif., where they enjoyed their time at both Thunderbird and Sunrise country clubs. Leonard's extroverted personality was well known as he participated in daily poker and gin games at Thunderbird's men's locker room. He would want to thank all of them for their services and friendships.

Leonard was an enthusiastic cook, a passionate sports fan and enjoyed people from all walks of life. He loved having a good time and wanted everyone around him to have a good time.

Leonard didn't like to toss anything out before taking on the challenge to fix it and was curious by nature. He restored cars and motorcycles, most notably his 1928 Packard, a 1911 Cadillac Horseless Carriage and a 1914 Harley Davidson.

Leonard is survived by his wife Cathie, daughter Elaine and husband Gary, son Neal and wife Aman, son Fred and wife Monika, son Doug, stepdaughter Shannon and grandchildren Keith, Daniel, Greg, Melissa, Abby and Rumi.

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

MEADOW BELLES FARM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278157
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Meadow Belles Farm, located at 175 Meadowood Dr., Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
NANCY KRUBERG
175 Meadowood Dr.
Portola Valley, CA 94028
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 27, 2018.
(ALM July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018)

ITSY BITSY SCHOLARS PRESCHOOL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278151
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Itsy Bitsy Scholars Preschool, located at 506 Beresford Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
STACEY MASETTI
3090 Sterling Wy
Redwood City, CA 94061
STEPHANIE HERBST
506 Beresford Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: Copartners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/12/2005.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 26, 2018.
(ALM July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018)

COSMIC TURTLE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278173
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Cosmic Turtle, located at 301 Oak Avenue Apt. E, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
AARON NEMOYTEN
301 Oak Avenue, Apt. E
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/28/2018.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 28, 2018.
(ALM July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2018)

FIRST - MATE SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278228
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
First - Mate Services, located at 919 Flying Fish Street, Foster, CA 94404, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
JAMES MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ
919 Flying Fish St.
Foster, CA 94404
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 5, 2018.
(ALM July 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 2018)

MR. CHIMNEY
MR. CHIMNEY & DRYER VENTS R'US
MR. CHIMNEY ANY VARIATION OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278115
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Mr. Chimney, 2.) Mr. Chimney & Dryer Vents R'us, 3.) Mr. Chimney any variation of, located at 4455 McKinnon Dr., San Jose, CA 95130, Santa Clara County.
Registered owner(s):
MASON MCCARTY
4455 McKinnon Dr.
San Jose, CA 95130
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4/01/1989.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 22, 2018.
(ALM July 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 2018)

PPS ENTERPRISES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278091
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
PPS Enterprises, located at 1580 San Antonio Ave., Apt. B, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
PERRY SHOURAIE
1580 San Antonio Ave. Apt. B
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/19/2018.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 19, 2018.
(ALM July 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 2018)

ALL BAY VALUATION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278294
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
All Bay Valuation, located at 286 Harbor Blvd., Belmont, CA 94002, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
LARRY LUMPKINS
1040 Parkwood Way
Redwood City, CA 94061
JOHN EGAN
420 Kingston Drive
Danville, CA 94506
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/23/2013.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 16, 2018.
(ALM July 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2018)

REDWOOD FENCE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278171
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Redwood Fence, located at 1218 W. Selby Lane, Redwood City, CA 94061; Mailing address: PO Box 5055, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ADONIAS ISAI CARRETO RAMIREZ
1218 W Selby Lane
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on May-29-18.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 28, 2018.
(ALM July 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 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.: 18CIV03325
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: RYAN MICHELETTI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ANALEIA ALICE MICHELETTI to ANNALeia ALICE MICHELETTI.
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: August 09, 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: June 28, 2018
/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM July 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 2018)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 18CIV03389
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner:
DANA MARIE VAZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
DANA MARIE VAZ to DANA MARIE GEHRING.
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: August 17, 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: July 5, 2018
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM July 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 2018)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 18CIV03731
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: CATHERINE KWEI-SZETO and WAYNE SZETO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
RONAN SHANE SZETO to RONAN SHANE KWEI SZETO.
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: August 29, 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: July 16, 2018
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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