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## A taste of sustainability

Chef Patrick ("GW") Chew offers samples of meatless Better Chew products at the recent Bay Area's Sustainable Food Festival, called Hacking Food. Presented by the Menlo Park-based One World, the event aimed at bringing awareness to the need for a more stable and reliable food supply for the future. The program for this year's festival included a panel discussion, five break-out workshop sessions, and a showcase for the products of 17 entrepreneurial companies. Read the story on Page 22.

## Board OKs increasing firefighter pay by \$17 million over five years

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District's board usually conducts its meetings with little public input, but just before the board's Aug. 30 meeting to consider approving a five-year contract with the district's firefighters' union, emails started to flood board members' inboxes.

By its end, the five-year contract, which the board approved by a 4-1 vote, increases wages and benefits by an average of \$58,726 in additional annual spending for each of the union's 102 employees. A consultant's report shows the district's spending on those employees increasing from the current level by a cumulative \$17.04 million over the contract's life.

All of the emails urged "no" votes on the contract, and many appeared to have been prompted by a call to action by former Menlo Park City Council member Lee Duboc. "Huge Fire District salaries and

pension obligations that are salary based are driving up the cost of living here, and will continue, even after the inevitable downturn occurs," she wrote to her Menlo Park's Future group. "If you think the District should rethink the proposed increase, email the Directors," she wrote.

District officials say the fire district now has an unfunded pension liability of \$39.3 million.

Planning Commissioner Henry Riggs was one of those who emailed. "I suspect very few residents would knowingly vote yet more money to our very, very highly paid and benefited fire fighters," he wrote. "There have to be limits, no matter how much we respect the work of the District."

Despite the emails, the fire board voted, with only board President Chuck Bernstein dissenting, to approve the new contract.

"It's costly like everything else," is for local residents, said board member Rob Silano. "I feel they should have the best

services and the best firefighters around. We have that," he said. "We can afford to pay for that."

But Bernstein had the opposite view. "I think the average increases are way beyond the norm of our community," he said, adding that increasing wages and benefits for a workforce that already has higher incomes than many local taxpayers do "adds insult to injury."

"I think the money would be better spent within the district" for things such as new fire stations, an improved alerting system and building up the district's disaster volunteer organization, Bernstein said.

The board's vote came just days after the California State Controller's Office released figures showing that, for the second consecutive year, the fire district has the highest average wage of any California state or local agency. With the addition of more than a half-dozen new entry-level firefighters and several retirements

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## Fugitive arrested, extradited back to Menlo Park

Police, FBI collaborate in effort stemming from 2009 crash that killed child

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Nearly nine years after a street race along Bayfront Expressway led to a car crash that caused the death of 6-year-old Menlo Park resident Lisa Xavier, the man believed to be responsible for the crash has been returned to the U.S. after being extradited from Guatemala.

Shannon Steven Fox, 33 and formerly a resident of East Palo Alto, was booked into the San Mateo County jail the night of Aug. 28. His arraignment had been scheduled for Aug. 30, but has been continued to Sept. 6, according to San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

Around 2 p.m. on Nov. 12, 2009, Charles Suresh and Shiji Varghese were traveling in a Toyota Camry on Willow Road, heading to the Sun Microsystems campus (now Facebook headquarters), with Lisa in the backseat.

Meanwhile, drivers of a Ford Mustang and a Honda Prelude were racing each other northbound on Bayfront Expressway at speeds approaching 80 miles per hour, according to police.

As the Camry Suresh was driving entered the intersection at Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road at a green light, the Mustang crashed into the vehicle. They spun out of control and the Camry also collided with another vehicle in the intersection, according to police.

Immediately after the crash, while witnesses called 911 and emergency responders rushed to the scene, the Mustang driver, who police say was identified through physical evidence and witness statements as Shannon Steven Fox, then 24, jumped out of the Mustang and into the vehicle of his street-racing competitor, and fled the scene. He then traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border and crossed into Central America, police said.

The crash left Lisa critically

injured and Varghese severely injured. Suresh escaped uninjured.

Lisa was taken to the Stanford Trauma Center and later was pronounced dead. Varghese was treated at the hospital and eventually recovered from her injuries.

Since then, Menlo Park officers and detectives have continued to investigate the case.

In June 2010, the case was brought to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office for a criminal grand jury review. The grand jury returned an indictment against Fox, which led to an arrest warrant for \$500,000.

The Menlo Park police department then requested help from the FBI, eventually getting a type of warrant for someone who has unlawfully fled an area to avoid being prosecuted (called a UFAP warrant). That warrant would allow him to be brought back to the U.S. if he were found.

Investigators continued to search for him through the FBI and its partnerships with law enforcement officers in Guatemala. They learned that he was living a normal life there, with a residence and job, Menlo Park Police Chief Dave Bertini said; he may have been helped by relatives, according to a police statement. Over the years, the case changed hands from Sgt. Tim Brackett to Detective Jason Poirier.

In December 2016, Fox was found and, at the Menlo Park Police Department's request, arrested by Guatemalan authorities. Then followed almost two years during which Fox and his attorneys fought the legal request to be returned to the U.S. through the Guatemalan court system.

The U.S. Attorney's Office and U.S. State Department helped pursue the extradition request, police said. In April of this year, Fox lost his final appeal in the

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# Commission approves church's 'Bank Hang'

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

An afternoon program for middle school students will continue following a unanimous decision by the Menlo Park Planning Commission on Aug. 27 to grant the Church of the Pioneers Foundation, affiliated with Menlo Church, a use permit. The program will now be held on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays.

The use permit will be for five years, but there will be a check-in with the Planning Commission in a year to see how the permit is working.

The weekly afternoon sessions, which are held at the former bank building at 900 Santa Cruz Ave., typically last no more than two hours. The sessions had been held unofficially, but recently the church was alerted that tenants at neighboring businesses had complained about the noise the students generated.

The church administrators submitted a formal proposal for a use permit, and agreed to discontinue what was one of the major noise sources — basketball and sports in the parking lot behind the building. Previously, the building was used as a drive-through bank, but it was acquired by the church in 2010. It had been mainly used as an administrative building until the "Bank Hang" program was initiated.

Members of the public who were in attendance spoke favorably of the program. Susan Bird, co-founder of SafeSpace, a teen mental health operation in Menlo Park, said that her organization has surveyed teens and parents in the community, and one of the top five things respondents said they felt the community needed was more places for young teens to go after school.

Sheriene Saadati, whose children attend the program, said, "When you have kids who are healthy, you have a healthy community all-around."

Some, however, said that while the benefits of the program were uncontested, there have been real noise-related impacts to nearby businesses. Sam Wright, who said his family owns the three buildings immediately adjacent to the Bank Hang site, told the commission, "What the church is doing is a wonderful service to the community."

He added, "We have existing tenants and prospective tenants, both who are really just up in arms about the noise and disruption that are coming from right next door."

With the commission's decision, commissioners Drew Combs and Susan Goodhue made asides to youngsters in the audience, pointing out the democratic process.

"This is small-town democracy," Goodhue said. ■

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Guatemalan courts. Since then, efforts have been in the works to have him escorted back to the U.S. by the FBI.

Fox landed at the San Francisco Airport on Aug. 28 around 8:30 p.m. and was taken into custody by Menlo Park police.

"This is not a cold case," Bertini said at a press conference held Aug. 29. "This is an active case since the day it occurred."

FBI Deputy Special Agent Craig Fair said the arrest and extradition had involved the Menlo Park Police Department, San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California, the Transnational Anti-Gang Task Force, and the FBI legal attache in Guatemala.

"It is the product of tenacious work and dedication," he said. "Our message today is clear:

Those who believe they are above the law and engage in behavior to endanger the safety of the people in our communities — they will be brought to justice."

Fox faces three felony charges, according to San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wag-



Shannon Steven Fox

staffe: gross vehicular manslaughter, hit-and-run, and engaging in street racing that results in the death or injury of an individual. He faces up to 12 years in prison, he said.

Wagstaffe, who is also a Menlo Park resident, credited the hard work and collaborative efforts of the police department and the other involved agencies for the arrest. "This is justice done because law enforcement cares," he said.

"Rest assured, my office will take it across the finish line," he added.

Fox remains in county custody on \$500,000 bail. ■

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**FIREFIGHTER PAY**

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in 2017, the district's average wage at \$166,568 was slightly down from 2016, by \$3,184. The second-highest average wage in the state was at the San Ramon Valley Fire District, at \$158,840.

Board member Peter Carpenter said the state listing is misleading, because many individual firefighters in the state make higher wages than Menlo Park's firefighters.

A district report shows that in 2017, Menlo fire had 24 employees who made more than \$300,000 in salary, benefits and district-paid retirement contributions.

Separate contracts cover the district's nonfirefighting employees and management above the level of captain. The firefighters' union includes fire inspectors and a deputy fire marshal.

The contract is retroactive to June 24 and goes through June 23, 2023. The union's previous

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Total Proposed Compensation	\$20,170,665	\$21,421,189	\$22,153,037	\$23,370,943	\$24,784,818	\$26,168,793
Annual Cost Increase Over Prior Year		\$1,250,524	\$731,848	\$1,217,906	\$1,413,875	\$1,383,975
Annual Cost Increase Over Curr Year 2018		\$1,250,524	\$1,982,372	\$3,200,278	\$4,614,153	\$5,998,128
Cumulative Cost Over Curr Year 2018		\$1,250,524	\$3,232,896	\$6,433,174	\$11,047,327	\$17,045,455
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Courtesy Menlo Park Fire Protection District

**This chart** shows the fiscal impact of the contract on the fire district, with a cumulative total cost to the district of more than \$17 million by the 2022-23 fiscal year.

four-year contract expired on June 23.

A consultant's analysis of the contract shows that while the district's spending on compensation for those in the firefighters' union will rise by a cumulative \$17.04 million by the end of the contract, a little more than \$7 million of that increase would have occurred if the recently expired contract had been extended. The compensation amounts in the analysis do not include overtime.

The district's costs under the contract would go up an average of 5.35 percent a year.

In addition to the increases in base pay, the district's firefighters will get extra pay for the emergency medical technicians or paramedics credentials they all hold. That extra pay will increase from the current monthly \$320 for EMTs and \$1,175 for paramedics to \$613 for EMTs and \$1,594 for paramedics by July 2022.

In 2022, the contract also adds a higher step category for firefighter engineers and the fire marshal, giving any employees already at the top of those categories an additional 5 percent raise.

As long as district employees receive an annual evaluation of "satisfactory," they get an additional 5 percent "step increase" each year until they have topped out in the pay scale. District officials say that about 50 percent of the firefighters are at the top of the pay scale.

Among the increased benefits for the firefighters in the contract are: increases of at least \$400 a year in district-paid health plan premiums, a more than 50 percent increase in the district's monthly Post Employment Health Plan contributions, and a 66 percent

increase in the monthly stipend for living within 60 air miles of the district.

The contract also includes an agreement the district's board first approved for one year in 2017 allowing a fire captain to work a four-day, 40-hour week as a training captain, but to be paid at the 56-hour-per-week rate, plus a 10 percent premium. The captain is also allowed to work overtime hours on days off.

Only one member of the public attended the late-afternoon special meeting, which was posted by the district 24 hours in advance. ▣

# Menlo fire district swaps priorities for new fire stations

By **Barbara Wood**  
Almanac Staff Writer

After the board of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District balked in June at approving the up to \$70 million cost to build a new fire station and other facilities at its 300 Middlefield Road property in Menlo Park, Chief Harold Schapelhouman returned last week with a new set of priorities that divides that project into two stages and gives rebuilding that fire station the lowest priority on the list.

The fire board unanimously approved the new list at its Aug. 21 meeting, with director Virginia Chang Kiraly absent.

The question of the cost of the projects and how to pay for the work remains.

"There's no doubt we need more money to accomplish some of these things," Schapelhouman said. Board President Chuck Bernstein asked to see a budget including all projects on the list.

Bernstein and board member Robert Jones both asked that a master plan for the entire 300 Middlefield Road site be approved before any work goes forward.

The new priority list is:

- Priority one - Upgrading the warehouse the district recently purchased in East Palo Alto so the district can rent approximately 10,000 square feet of it to the federal government's Urban

Search and Rescue Task Force for \$10,000 a month (already underway).

- Priority two - Removing the pool, upgrading the home and possibly building a new structure on the district's 28 Alameda Ave. property in Atherton.

- Priority three - Building a new training tower, meeting rooms and emergency operations center at 300 Middlefield Road, and moving a historic home the district owns on Santa Margarita Avenue to the site.

- Priority four - Building a new fire station on Alameda de las Pulgas. The proposal is for a two-story station with 10 bedrooms to sleep 11 firefighters.

- Priority five - Upgrade the district's Chilco Avenue station to allow one additional firefighter.

- Priority six - Explore the relocation of the district's North Fair Oaks fire station.

- Priority seven - Build a new fire station at 300 Middlefield Road.

**District meets response time goals**

The fire board also heard a report on the district's 2017 response times that showed the district is well under its goal of getting to 90 percent of emergency calls in under seven minutes. The report showed the district's overall 90th percentile response time in 2017 was 5 minutes, 53 seconds.

In May, the district sent letters to local jurisdictions warning of a need to address "mobility" problems in the district that "will have catastrophic consequences for those needing emergency services." But the report shows that during commute hours (from 6 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 7 p.m.), times were actually slightly better than the overall response time, at 5 minutes, 52 seconds.

Bernstein expressed some consternation at the results. "I think some of the conclusions just defy common sense," he said. "How can they get faster at peak times?"

Schapelhouman said that "it's not just about the numbers." He said during peak hours emergency vehicles sometimes travel "against traffic" in the opposing lanes. "If we had a camera on every one of these trucks, you'd be surprised at what you see," he said.

**Strategic planning follow-up**

The board received a report from Bernstein summarizing the results of a six-hour strategic planning study session held on July 28. Bernstein recommended the district hire a consultant to help it create a strategic plan, and the board unanimously approved doing so.

Schapelhouman will return to the board for approval of a contract with the chosen consultant. ▣

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by Monica Corman



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**Mark Zuckerberg** announces the new community hub that is in the works at 1010 O'Brien Drive. The plan is to open it in early 2019 as a place for local nonprofits to run job training and other community-related programs.

## Facebook to open 'community hub' in Menlo Park for local nonprofits

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Facebook announced on Aug. 28 that it plans to open a Menlo Park "community hub" in early 2019 that will provide a place for four local nonprofits working on coding, workforce training, tech and community development to host trainings, classes and some offices.

The space, which will be a converted 12,000-square-foot warehouse at 1010 O'Brien Drive, will have four "anchor" tenants: Year Up, Streetcode Academy, Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, and One East Palo Alto.

Juan Salazar, public policy manager at Facebook, said that he and other company officials heard from local nonprofits that having dedicated space for running programs is hard to come by. The company in 2017 started offering some campus space for

nonprofits that focus on skills training and job readiness, and it plans to extend that program through the community hub with a five-year lease of the warehouse.

The space will also be available to reserve for community events.

Year Up provides yearlong internships, job training and mentorship programs for low-income young adults throughout the Bay Area.

Streetcode Academy provides coding, entrepreneurship and design classes to people in East Palo Alto.

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center supports small businesses and entrepreneurs in the Bay Area, providing business training and incubator programs.

One East Palo Alto promotes community engagement, empowerment and quality of life in East Palo Alto.

Tim Russell, program director at the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, told The Almanac that his organization is more than 30 years old, and has been working in East Palo Alto for 10 years.

"Our mission is to transform lives through helping individuals understand and get the tools needed to turn passion into profit," he said.

His organization works with under-resourced small businesses in the community to support them and make them financially sustainable; it also walks business owners through the regulations with which they must comply, he said.

At the new hub, he said, his organization plans to provide classes for small business owners that will offer education and support at various phases of their businesses, and to connect entrepreneurs to resources, such as individual business consulting. ■

## Facebook announces community college partnership

Facebook announced on Aug. 27 that it is working with Canada College in Redwood City and Foothill College in Los Altos to develop a digital marketing certificate that will be offered through those community colleges.

The courses are expected to be available to students for enrollment in early 2019, and will teach students how to use Facebook and Instagram for business marketing, among other

skills, said Facebook officials.

"We believe that our partnerships with Canada College, Foothill College and more than 20 community colleges across the US will contribute to digital marketing programs designed to meet many of these digital skills demands, and supply local small businesses a workforce that can contribute immediately to small business growth," the company said in an online statement.

Facebook also hosted a free,

public "Community Boost" program Aug. 27 to 29 at its headquarters and the Onetta Harris Community Center in Belle Haven that offered training for local businesses about how to use its products and other skills.

It has conducted similar trainings in cities around the U.S. and reports visiting 30 cities since the initial version of the program was held in March in St. Louis.

— By *Kate Bradshaw*

## Council plugs into ordinance to boost EV charging stations

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

■ **MENLO PARK**

With a goal of decreasing greenhouse gas emissions by promoting local use of electric vehicles, the Menlo Park City Council voted 4-0, with Catherine Carlton absent, on Aug. 28 to give its first round of approval to an ordinance that would standardize the type, quality and quantity of electric vehicle charging infrastructure that must be installed in future commercial and residential projects.

In the past, the city has had slightly different electric vehicle charging infrastructure requirements for different zones in Menlo Park. The new ordinance standardizes those requirements by building type and creates more stringent requirements than are in the state's 2016 green building standards, which the city adopted in 2017, according to a staff report.

The ordinance proposal was discussed in public meetings — both by the Planning Commission and by a council subcommittee made up of members Carlton and Rich Cline — over the past year.

The new requirements set standards for both how many parking spaces must be pre-wired to allow a charging station and how many charging stations must be built, according to Assistant Planner Ori Paz.

■ **At new commercial buildings:** 15 percent of the total number of required parking spaces must be "pre-wired" EV spaces, with all the wiring and equipment needed to have a charging station installed in the future; 10 percent of the total number of parking spaces would have to install charging stations.

■ **At expanded or altered commercial buildings:** For projects affecting between 10,000 and 25,000 square feet, eventually 5 percent of parking spaces required for the affected area would need to have a conduit that wires could be pulled through in the future, and at least one space would need charging equipment installed.

For projects affecting more than 25,000 square feet, eventually 10 percent of parking spaces required for the affected area must have a conduit that wires could be pulled through in the future. One space plus 1 percent of the total number of required parking stalls for the affected area would need to have the wiring and equipment installed. The requirements would be phased in over three years.

■ **At new residential**

**buildings that have at least three units:** There would need to be a conduit and wiring to allow the future installation of a charging station for each unit, and 15 percent of the spaces would need to have the charging equipment installed.

■ **At expanded or altered residential buildings:** Adding infrastructure for electrical vehicle charging would be voluntary.

Council member Kirsten Keith requested that developers provide charging stations that offer a 50 amp plug, enabling more powerful electric motors to charge faster.

Janelle London, a member of the city's Environmental Quality Commission, cited a report by the International Council on Clean Transportation that states the number of electric vehicles in Menlo Park rose 8 percent in 2017 over the previous year.

She and city staff contacted city of Palo Alto staff for suggestions and insights on its electric vehicle charging infrastructure requirements.

Former Palo Alto Director of Development Services Peter Pirnejad wrote in an email in February, "It is my opinion that Palo Alto's 2014 EV charging requirements have been a success."

The program has not received pushback on its residential requirements, and "limited pushback" about its commercial requirements, he said.

The charging infrastructure increases construction costs by less than half a percent, Pirnejad said, noting, "I know from experience that it is considerably more expensive (10-100 times more) to add charging infrastructure post construction than pre-construction."

He noted that while Palo Alto and Menlo Park have some of the highest purchasing rates of electric vehicles, one barrier to more people getting them is a lack of charging infrastructure for people living in multi-family housing.

### The Tesla question

The council agreed to allow sites with surplus parking to install proprietary charging station, like those for Teslas. In places where parking is tight, the person seeking to install the proprietary charging station would have to prove that the parking plan at the site would still be functional, Paz explained.

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## Atherton: How can town cut cost of civic center?

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Should Atherton save money by building only a new police headquarters while deferring the building of its other offices and a council chamber?

Or should the town just go ahead with plans for the joint police and administration/building and planning offices, but use less expensive finishes such as asphalt shingles instead of clay tiles on the roof? Or downgrade the finishes, and also wait on building the planned new council chamber and emergency operations center?

Those are among the options the Atherton City Council will consider when it holds a study session at an unusual time — 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5 — but the usual place, the town's council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

The council has already approved a series of design changes in its new library that the project's architect and cost consultants think could shave more than \$3 million from expenses while making minimal changes to the building's appearance.

The council has been pondering how to come up with a less expensive project since early June, when the lowest of the only two construction bids came in at \$56.4 million, 40 percent higher than the town consultant's \$40.5 million estimate.

The cuts approved by the council bring the estimated

cost of the new library, with design costs and contingencies, to approximately \$23.3 million.

The library, part of the San Mateo County Library system, has its own funding source that comes from property taxes that are set aside for library use only.

But funding for the police and other town offices is a bit more complicated. An advisory vote in 2012 said the design and construction of a new town center should be paid for primarily with donations. But Atherton Now, formed in 2015 to raise the money for the civic center, raised less than \$7 million of its \$25 million goal.

Voters in June 2017 approved spending money already in the town's coffers for the project; that seemed to solve the problem, until the bids came in.

Faced with the reality of having to slash features 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.

Before considering the design changes, the council will hear a presentation from consultants Urban Futures, Inc. on options to borrow money. In addition to borrowing to help pay construction costs, the town may have cash-flow problems: It must juggle property tax revenues received only twice a year with the need to pay contractors monthly.

Most of the borrowing options do not require voter approval.

Go to [is.gd/ACCSept5](http://is.gd/ACCSept5) to see the meeting agenda. Click on an item to see the staff report. ▣

### CHARGING STATIONS

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Industry experts also insisted that a provision that would require the charging stations to work for any type of electric vehicle without an adapter wouldn't be feasible. Francesca Wahl of Tesla told the council that 43 percent of the electric vehicles in Menlo Park are Teslas; she favors electrical infrastructure that could meet the needs of those drivers.

### Affordable housing exemption?

One question raised by Neereen Kavar, a senior project manager at MidPen Housing, which develops affordable housing, was whether the requirements should apply to affordable housing developments.

The requirements could add \$1 million in costs for MidPen's

planned redevelopment of the 1300 block of Willow Road.

"This policy as proposed creates an additional hurdle for affordable housing," she said.

The few electric vehicle charging stations that were created when MidPen Housing redeveloped the 1200 block of Willow Road for senior affordable housing are not used, she said. That's partly because electric vehicles are costly, and most of the tenants who live there are considered to fall in the extremely or very low-income brackets, she noted.

The council agreed to send the matter to the Environmental Quality Commission for further discussion before taking a final vote on the ordinance, but favored some provision to not burden affordable housing developments that can demonstrate it would be a hardship to meet the requirement. ▣

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# Former SHP student finds short and long way to Hollywood success

By **Kate Daly**  
Special to the Almanac

**A**ttack, Exploration, Logistics, or A.X.L. for short. That's the code name for the robotic dog starring in the new feature film "A.X.L." But it could also be used to describe how Oliver Daly, a relative unknown in Hollywood, came to create a potential summer blockbuster so early in his career.

Daly just turned 34, and his sci-fi adventure film was released in over 1,500 theaters abroad on Aug. 23. It was released in the United States on Aug. 24.

His film's trailer ran before "Incredibles 2," so already millions of eyeballs have seen the outline of the story, which in part is rooted in growing up on the Peninsula.

"I went to Sacred Heart Prep and I feel I got an insanely good education there," says Daly, a graduate of the class of 2003.

He did not take any film courses, yet learned about germination, "how you could take an idea and form a team around it; the entrepreneurial spirit is so ingrained in the Bay Area, it's similar to starting a tech

company," he says.

His movie deals with the theme of society and how technology changes people.

"I'm interested in artificial intelligence, robotics and how technology can protect a group or divide us, or possibly bring us together," he says.

Daly majored in art semiotics at Brown University, taking computer science classes and studying at Rhode Island School of Design. He likes to draw and take photos, and ended up interning on a set of a Bollywood film in India.

After college he supported himself by working on animations, mostly medical illustrations of diseases, illnesses, and surgical procedures for clients in both the U.S. and India. When he eventually moved to Los Angeles he also made a couple of cartoons.

"I hadn't successfully sold something; I was creating a lot of things, but it was a good 10 years of failure" until he discovered the world of off-road dirt biking, he says.

He became enamored with the culture of off-road cyclists, meeting people on social media and videotaping them for fun.



Photo by Tony Rivetti Jr.

**An animatronic puppet** stars with actor Alex Neustaedter in sci-fi film AXL.

And then he got serious about making a movie combining off-roading with a robotic dog.

He noticed other young newcomers in the film industry, such as Damien Chazelle, who put together a short version of "Whiplash" that won at Sundance Film Festival in 2013 and

received a high marks when a longer version came out a year later. Chazelle has since scored an even bigger hit with "La La Land."

Daly decided to try a similar path and sat down to write a script for a short film. He launched a Kickstarter

campaign to raise \$40,000 to produce the project, and finished making "Miles" in 2015.

Daly felt he could transform it into a full-length feature film for about \$15 million, but needed to gain the attention of studio

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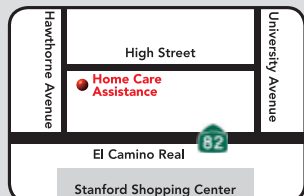
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# High school district offers free online access at home

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

When it comes to doing homework, high school students in homes without online access are at a disadvantage compared with peers with access. To cope, students without access will make do, completing their assignments away from home, whether in a public library or a business that offers free Wi-Fi.

Such episodes may not be common, but they're not unheard of in the Sequoia Union High School District, which includes Menlo-Atherton and Woodside high schools. Students have been parking themselves in coffee shops, fast-food restaurants, discount department stores and other such places to do their homework, district spokeswoman Ana Pulido said in a recent email.

With the start of the 2018-19 school year, the Sequoia district began offering free Wi-Fi at home, and some 105 families have taken them up on the offer. The Sequoia district is

participating in the "1Million Project," a partnership between Sprint Corp. and high school districts around the country to provide free internet access at home.

The high school district began the school year with 200 wireless routers for households wanting to participate, Pulido said. Requests came from across the district, she said, adding that the district will look into obtaining more routers if demand for them continues.

The district has been determining eligibility based on how families responded to an optional question asked during an online registration process as to whether their home did or did not have internet access, Pulido said.

The 105 families that have qualified so far signed up within three days of the district's announcement of the program, she said. The district delivered the routers to the homes within 24 hours of the families' applying, and they were usable immediately, she said.

The 4G LTE service offered by Sprint has no monthly data cap, but high-speed access — up to or over 100 megabits per second — is available only for the first 3 gigabytes of data per month, after which the speed drops to 256 kilobits per second, Sprint spokeswoman Lisa Belot said.

It's not hard to hit that 3-gigabyte limit. Watching just one hour of Netflix, streaming video at a standard resolution, commonly uses up a gigabyte. "We recommend that students reserve video streaming for educational activities," Belot said in an email.

The wireless router installed in the home is equipped to block out adult content and malware, Belot said. "This filter is always on and cannot be disabled," she said. The device can handle up to five simultaneous connections, including tablet computers and smartphones, she said.

Households receive free access while students are in high school, for a maximum of four years, Belot said. ■

## Panel talk follows screening of 'Angst' documentary

Anxiety sometimes cannot be avoided, but it can help to be aware of it, to attach a name to it, particularly if you're a teen and it's a subject that's been hard to talk about.

A chance to talk about teen anxiety in the company of people who can help teens understand it is being offered at Woodside High School between 7 and 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6,

following a free showing of the film "Angst."

The 56-minute documentary includes teens and their parents sharing personal stories, and an interview with swimming champion and mental health advocate Michael Phelps. The panel discussion that follows will include students from the local area.

The Wellness Advisory Council of the Sequoia Union High

School District is the host for the evening. Representatives from local mental health organizations will be available to answer questions and provide information.

The event will be held in the school's Performing Arts Center at 199 Churchill Ave. in Woodside.

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

### OLIVER DALY

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executives and backers. So he used his short film as a proof-of-concept to gain traction, and that worked.

He signed on with WME agency, and in 2016 with Lakeshore Entertainment and Global Road Entertainment behind him, Daly found himself directing the feature film he wrote. The name changed, but the script is still about Miles befriending a robotic dog that was designed by the military to protect soldiers of the future. The film is rated PG.

Daly recalls working long, exhausting days during the shoot in Santa Clarita, when he would leave his house at 4 a.m. so he could arrive early to set up scenes in the desert with dirt bikes flying in the air

everywhere, driven by stunt people and some of the real-life off-road cyclists he knew from making the short film. At night he spent hours in the editing room, finally crashing at midnight to get a few hours sleep before repeating the pattern the next day.

He describes that two-and-a-half-month stretch as intense and grueling, "but you're so energized with all these amazing people, the clock is ticking, (and) half a dozen producers, the crew, and actors are in front of you saying, 'What should I do?'"

He says the key is to come off as a leader. "You have to be confident, when I really have no idea what I'm doing."

These days he's back in the creating mode and says he is "very excited to do it again, writing a wilderness survival movie

set on Earth a thousand years from now."

He enjoys putting his personal vision on paper, and is pleased with how his "fantastical creature" A.X.L. turned out. Half the time the robotic dog was digitally made using computer-generated imagery, and for the rest of the film it is a full-size animatronic puppet with one person inside acting, two puppeteers manipulating the eyes, ears and mouth, and a fourth person on a crane to control the head.

Daly is also proud of all the special effects and his cast, led by Alex Neustaedter, Alex MacNicoll and Becky G. As he waits to see how audiences react to his first major release, he points out that the production process is so complicated, "every film that gets made is a success story, it's such a dream." ■

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## LOCAL CYCLISTS RE-CREATE STRENUOUS IRISH RIDE FOR 87-YEAR-OLD FELLOW RIDER

BY BARBARA WOOD

Some things that haven't changed about Shaun Brennan in the more than 60 years since he emigrated from Dublin, Ireland: the Celtic lilt in his voice, the love he has for his beautiful wife Bernie, the ability to transform random strangers into loyal friends, and the unquenchable desire to pass every other cyclist going up that hill.

Over the years, many of Brennan's loyal friends have coalesced into a group of bike riders who call themselves the Geezi (that's plural for geezer, they explain). Many don bright orange team jerseys with, in Brennan's honor, a shamrock dotting Geezi's final "i", when they meet in Woodside three days a week to ride. The group makes it to the coast and back on Saturdays and does slightly shorter Tuesday and Thursday rides.

While the ages of participants range from the lower 60s to Brennan's 87, the rides are far from pleasure jaunts.

"Most of (the other riders) are not very nice on the long rides," Brennan says. "They make me suffer. They make me work," he says. "They push hard, and they make me push harder."

Although he's known to utter "I hate you, I hate you" to riders who pass him ("in a kind way so no one's harmed or offended," says Geezi teammate Millo

Fenzi of Woodside), Brennan realizes his fellow riders are on his side. And it's not just that they encourage him to ride directly behind them, where the phenomenon known as drafting means he won't tire as quickly.

### EXCEPTIONALLY NICE PEOPLE

"You couldn't find kinder people in the universe," says Brennan of those he rides with and their families.

"They are exceptionally good, and exceptionally nice, people," he says.

**Top:** Geezi (they say it's the plural for geezer) riders with, at right front, 87-year-old Shaun Brennan on one of their three-times-a-week rides. Photo by Adam Pardee. **Center:** Sean Brennan (right) in the 1970s with riding companions Tom Ritchie Sr. (center) and Gino Beretta. Photo courtesy of Shaun Brennan.



That was proven on a sunny Saturday in late June, when a group of Geezi and their support team pushed Brennan into riding 200 kilometers (just about 125 miles if you don't speak metric) with 8,800 feet of climbing thrown in.

The ride, which its organizers called the Bay Area Wicklow, was an attempt to cheer Brennan up after, for the first time in at least 18 years, he couldn't ride in his native country's Wicklow 200 because of his wife's ill health. The 200-kilometer ride, with 8,800 feet of climbing, takes place in County Wicklow, Ireland. The event's website calls it "Ireland's oldest and for many the toughest single day challenge bike ride" and "one of the toughest challenges in Irish sport."

Since a Wicklow 200 competitor who was three months older than

See **GEEZI**, page 20

**On the cover:** The Geezi riders roll on a recent ride out of Woodside. Pictured are, from left, Steve Lubin of Woodside, Millo Fenzi of Woodside and Shaun Brennan of Belmont. Photo by Adam Pardee



Photo by Adam Pardee

**GEEZI**

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Brennan retired in 2012, Brennan has been feted each year as the oldest competitor to finish the grueling ride.

“He had the guy assassinated,” teases fellow Geezi Steve Lubin of Woodside about the older rival.

Lubin can tease Brennan because the two of them have been racing each other on their bikes since 1962 (56 years ago), when Steve was 13 years old. Brennan, Lubin says, “was ancient — he was practically 30” that year as Lubin came in first and Brennan second in the Pescadero Road Race.

“That is where the rivalry started,” says Thalia Lubin, Steve’s wife and sag wagon driver who provided food and water along the route of the Bay Area Wicklow.

**TEEN ROAD RACER**

Brennan starting racing competitively in 1947 while still a teen in Ireland. “I was never very good,” he says. “My claim to fame in racing was I was one of the guys who got dropped, which means you got left behind by the faster guys, and made the faster guys look good.”

He raced for six or seven years, “and then I met my wife and that kind of took over from racing,” he says. “Although I still rode a bit.”

“Bernie claims he still rode a lot,” Fenzi says.

Shaun and Bernie married in 1956.

Brennan was a journeyman woodworker, building elaborate wooden railroad coaches out of oak, ash, teak and mahogany, but was persuaded by his sister to give living in the United States a try.

On May 22, 1959, Shaun, Bernie and their 2-year-old son, Ciaran, arrived in Palo Alto. Four days later, Brennan started working as a cabinet maker.

In 1967, Brennan, by then an American citizen, went to work for United Airlines doing building maintenance, carpentry

and locksmithing. He rode his bicycle from his home in Belmont, where he still lives.

He retired in 1994. And even though he’s had bicycle accidents that resulted in a fractured skull and broken collarbone, and he once “hit a fencepost and took the nose completely off my face,” he’s never quit riding.

After one of the mishaps, Brennan says, riding friends had a T-shirt made with the ambulance crew’s radioed-in description of him: “Elderly gentleman in excellent physical condition.”

Nowadays, the Geezi try to look out for Brennan’s safety. “Bernie’s looked me in the eye and told me I’m personally responsible for his safety,” Fenzi says. “I take that seriously.”

**BE LIKE SHAUN**

The other riders in the group seem to be somewhat in awe of Brennan. “We all say we when we grow up we want to be like Shaun,” Fenzi says.

“We want to be Shaun,” Lubin adds.

“It gives us something to aspire to in our golden years,” Fenzi jokes.

Brennan says there’s no real secret to his achievements, other than his support team.

“I just ride and enjoy the riding,” he says. “You just do it.”

Lubin says that “tenacity has something to do with it.”

But Brennan says it’s simply not giving up, even mentally. “If you say you can’t do it, you’ve given up. There’s a lot of people older than I who possibly could do the same thing.”

He admits, however, he couldn’t do it without his teammates. “To do what we do, you need the support of these guys, whether it’s in your mind or physical,” he says. “When you meet people like this and they ride with you, it does encourage you and gives you extra help in staying up.”

Plus, says Fenzi, “the best time to perk up Shaun and get him feeling energetic is for him to see a slower, ‘wounded’ cyclist

**Riders who meet** three times a week in Woodside to ride with 87-year-old Shaun Brennan (right front) recently helped re-create a 200 kilometer Irish bike ride for Brennan when he wasn’t able to travel to the annual event.

in front of him.”

“It’s like a shark scenting blood in the water,” Fenzi says.

**THE FINISHERS**

Eight riders completed the entire Bay Area Wicklow with Brennan: Kim Freitas of Atherton, Laura Stern of Menlo Park, Steve Lubin of Woodside, Joel Kaplan of Redwood City, John Woodfill of Palo Alto, Mark Clifford of Los Altos, Larry Bolander of Pacifica and Malcom Plant of Berkeley. More than a dozen other riders rode part of the way with the group, with about 20 riding at the end.

The group left at 5:30 a.m., with Fenzi on his Vespa at times blocking traffic for the riders, on a route that took them through Pescadero, Santa Cruz and Los Gatos as well as several Peninsula cities as the temperatures reached into the 90s. They

ended back in Woodside with a celebratory barbecue at the Lubins’ home.

Brennan was presented a medal and a certificate for finishing, similar to those he’s received for the Irish ride.

“It was a lovely course, and a lovely day, and great company,” Brennan says. “It made me feel good; it made me feel like I was doing the Wicklow.”

**AIMING FOR MORE**

Brennan does have a goal he’s reaching for. It seems that last year Robert Marchand of France retired from riding after setting a record for riding approximately 14 miles in an hour in an indoor velodrome, at age 105.

“That’s what I’m aiming for,” Brennan says. “When I’m 105 I’m going to beat his record,” he said.

He won’t be doing it alone, though.

“I need all these guys to help me.” ■



Photo by Tom Yocom

**Shaun Brennan (right)** and Bob Solomon near the top of Mount Hamilton in 1963, just a few years after Brennan and his family emigrated from Ireland to the Peninsula.

# Longtime local pastor starts new Menlo Park church

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**C**harley Scandlyn, a father of seven, longtime Menlo Church pastor and former executive director of the Ravenswood Education Foundation, has started a new church at the former First Baptist Church site at 1100 Middle Ave. in Menlo Park.

He worked since March to recruit a staff and volunteers from the community to refurbish the facility for the new church's first service, which was held Aug. 19.

"It's like planning a wedding, except you do it every week for the rest of your life," he said.

Scandlyn calls the church New Community Church, a name he said encapsulates three of the church's goals: to bring in new people, develop community and offer a religious place for individuals and families to worship.

Scandlyn is no stranger to Menlo Park. He holds a master's degree in theology from Fuller Seminary, and came to Menlo Park in 1991, when he began work at Menlo Church, then

called Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

In 2007, he was founding executive director of the Ravenswood Education Foundation. He has coached youth sports in the community, and his kids have attended Menlo-Atherton High School.

About two years ago, the Baptist congregation that previously occupied the Middle Avenue church had grown fairly small — at the time, it had only about 10 congregants, Scandlyn said. Its members asked the Baptist denomination for support because they didn't want to see the church site redeveloped, he said. Aaron Sciford worked with that church as interim pastor until July, when its last service was held, Scandlyn said.

He began to talk to the Baptist congregation and agreed to switch from a Presbyterian to a Baptist ministry, but to start a new church there. The shift to a new denomination has been "quite seamless," he said. Starting earlier this year, he began working as pastor to build up a new congregation, which will be affiliated with

the American Baptist Churches USA denomination.

He compared the new church to a startup, noting that he's developing many of the church's programs from scratch. He said he's received a lot of support and volunteer hours from people in the community, who have assisted with landscaping and refurbishing the facility.

He also has a staff working on developing curricula and community outreach plans, and ironing out financial details: Jason Cheung is associate minister of youth, young adults and community engagement; Alice Siu is part-time director of infrastructure; Aisea Lupeheke Taimani is associate minister of worship; and Ever Turcios is part-time associate minister and manages the church's finances and accounting.

The church shares a location with the New Beginnings Preschool. Scandlyn said he's focused on helping the preschool thrive and serve the community.

Unlike some other new churches that operate much like startup companies — in



Photo by John Todd, John Todd Photography.

**Pastor Charley Scandlyn** speaks to parishioners at his new church's inaugural service, held Aug. 19.

which investors essentially tell the pastors their new churches must grow fast or they will pull funding — Scandlyn said he's not concerned about such restrictions from the backers of his new church. (This trend was recently the subject of a podcast series by Gimlet Media and featured in a recent episode of This American Life).

"What we're doing is building a community, not a corporation," he said. "We plan to be in

it for the long haul."

So what does he hope to see his church evolve into? In three to five years, he said, his vision is: "a diverse, loving community of people that's vibrant, growing, following Christ in deep ways and making a difference with the real needs of the area."

Services are held weekly on Sundays at 10 a.m. at 1100 Middle Ave. in Menlo Park.

Go to [anewcommunity.church](http://anewcommunity.church) for more information. ■



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# Food sustainability: Can we hack it?

By Maggie Mah  
Special to The Almanac

It had a catchy name — one suitable for Silicon Valley and a region where sustainable food production is of wide interest. Called “Hacking Food,” it was the second Bay Area’s Sustainable Food Festival, and it took place in Menlo Park on July 12 at BootUP on Willow Road.

The event is aimed at bringing awareness and finding solutions to a problem that affects us all: namely, a stable and reliable food supply for the future. The program for this year’s festival included a panel discussion, five different break-out workshop sessions, and a showcase for the products of 17 entrepreneurial companies.

The festival was organized and presented by the Menlo Park-based company One World, and is the brainchild of founder and CEO Scott Saslow and Program Director Angie Mertens. “The goals of this program are to educate, connect and to learn from each other about the latest barriers and innovations toward the creation of a more resilient, equitable, and healthy food system,” Mertens said.

Encountering the term, “Hacking Food,” for the first time, one might pause and, depending upon one’s age and level of cyber sophistication, might consider a number of possible interpretations. Asked how they arrived at the name, Mertens said, “Since

we’re based in Silicon Valley, we wanted to introduce a tech term into the title. Our goal is to ‘hack’ some of the myths around food and agriculture and showcase the latest innovations.”

The event was designed to attract a range of potential attendees. According to Mertens, “the event brings together impact investors, venture capitalists, social entrepreneurs and everyday consumers who want to engage and feel inspired about the latest food system innovations.” Some 160 people paid to attend this year’s event. Long-term vision for “Hacking Food” is for a much larger annual event spanning multiple days.

Whether it is fully understood or not, food sustainability is a growing concern to American consumers. According to a 2018 study by the International Food Information Council (IFIC), 59 percent of the people participating in the study said it was important that the foods they purchase and eat be produced in a sustainable way.

Hand-in-hand with increased awareness about the world’s pressing food and environmental problems is the expectation by customers and employees (especially Millennials, according to recent studies) that companies operate in a socially responsible way. Businesses with a priority on people and the planet as well as profitability are called “Triple Bottom Line” businesses — a hot topic in Silicon Valley.



“Hacking Food” participants get a taste of Ripple, a dairy-free milk made from yellow split peas. In the background are sustainable food enthusiasts sampling Kube coconut “Nice Cream.”

Just as the meaning of “Hacking Food” might not have been immediately transparent, the discovery that Silicon Valley is buzzing with investors and venture capitalists seeking to fund innovations in the food and beverage sectors might be something of a surprise. However, positioned at the intersection of sustainable food and Triple Bottom Line businesses are a new breed of investment and consulting firms very actively backing and advising start-ups and entrepreneurs in the edible arena.

Participating in the Sustainable Food Festival and One World’s partners in putting on the “Hacking Food” event were representatives from several of these firms, including Arno Hesse, founder and CEO of Credibles, a venture capital firm whose pre-paid crowd-funding concept allows customers to help support local food and beverage businesses; Dave Cooper, managing partner of Montcalm Capital; and Erin Axelrod, partner at LiftEconomy, a consulting firm that specializes in helping businesses improve their social and environmental performance.

The afternoon’s formal program was kicked off with a panel discussion on “Scaling a Business and Keeping Sustainability at the Core.” Panelists included local culinary luminary, Jesse Cool; Lisa Curtis, founder and CEO of Kuli Kuli; and Sangita Forth, vice president of marketing and general manager of Revolution Foods.

Cool, who refers to herself as a “revolutionary, not a pioneer,” has nevertheless been a leading proponent of sustainable food for more than 40 years. She stated: “It takes time, and you can’t be impatient. The customer comes last. If you take care of how the food is grown, make sure the cooks are paid well and take care of everyone along the way, the customer will be taken care of.”

About her early years in the food business, Cool said, “I

learned everything from farmers’ markets and people who cared about the soil.” In addition to being a successful restaurateur and writer, Cool consults with Stanford Hospital on food and wellness.

Lisa Curtis has based her business, Kuli Kuli, on moringa, a green “superfood” plant that proponents claim is significantly higher in protein, iron, calcium and fiber than kale. Since discovering moringa while serving in the Peace Corp in West Africa, she has raised \$4.5 million in the last five years to grow her business.

Asked about how Kuli Kuli has managed to maintain its mission after receiving a substantial investment by a division of Kellogg’s, Curtis said: “Kellogg’s has been very supportive. Big companies know they can’t continue to sell sugary stuff.”

Moringa is sourced from small farms, many of which are operated by women who are able to earn a sustainable livelihood by selling a portion of their harvest to the U.S.

Sangita Forth left Plum Organics to join Revolution Foods. The company, whose slogan is “Kid inspired, chef crafted,” prepares and delivers healthful meals to schools in 11 states and is currently testing a concept for convenient dinner solutions.

Referring to her success in growing companies from \$1 million to \$100 million, she said, “Finding the right people is key.”

Revolution Foods has also developed partnerships with Whole Foods and Food Corp, which Forth said is key to moving forward. “You have to identify your core competencies then find partners who can help you,” Forth explained.

Following the panel discussion, the attendees were invited to attend one of three workshop sessions that offered the opportunity to have in-depth discussions with the featured entrepreneurs on the topics of alternative proteins, transforming

the supply chain, and achieving zero-waste.

According to Food Navigator, an online food industry news publication, start-ups and smaller local players are setting the pace of innovation. The 17 entrepreneurs showcased at “Hacking Food” are well on their way to doing just that. Explaining how they were chosen, Mertens said, “Our goal was to showcase a variety and represent what’s being done in the food life cycle.”

The entrepreneurs this writer encountered have already accomplished a lot. Even more impressive, the “battle testing” that is inevitable in bringing products to market appeared to have made them even more dedicated to their mission. Festival attendees got to taste, sip and experience their products first-hand.

In addition to the companies mentioned above, here are a few more that participated in the event:

- “Chirp” Snack Chips: three flavors made with high-protein cricket meal, featured on Shark Tank.

- “Ripple,” nondairy “milk” products made from yellow split peas. Started and run by one of the “Method” cleaning products founders.

- IGZU, bottled tea in three flavors made from sustainable bamboo leaves.

- Kube Nice Cream, made from raw hand-cracked fresh coconuts without chemical preservatives.

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# Local youths reach for stars in vaulting, chess and climbing

## Local vaulters to represent U.S. in international competition

Three local vaulting teams — two in Woodside and one in Portola Valley — are gearing up to send their championship winners and horses across the country to compete in the International Federation for Equestrian Sports World Equestrian Games later this month.

Six members of the Pacific Coast Vaulting Club have qualified to represent the United States in the games at Tryon International Equestrian Center in Mill Spring, North Carolina, from Sept. 18 to 22. Held every four years, the competition also includes the disciplines of endurance, reining, dressage and jumping.

Pacific Coast vaulters Daniel Janes, Margaret Long, Emily Rose-Steffens, Kristian Roberts, Audrey Kiernan, and Haley Smith will compete in the squad division, where a team of up to three people at a time performs gymnastic and dance moves on horseback to music. An additional person uses a long lunge line to keep the horse moving in a circle. Carolyn Bland is their longueur.

Rose-Steffens, Janes and Roberts will also be competing as individuals after placing well in national championships in Gilroy in early August, and at another qualifying event in Germany in July.

Smith and Janes have also done well competing together this season and will pair up again for the open pas de deux freestyle event at the games.

Sydney Frankel started the Pacific Coast Vaulting Club in 1998. Members are spending much time practicing at her Woodside property to perfect their routines before her Hanoverian gelding, Sir Charles, and the club's Oldenburg mare, Diva 506, are shipped to North Carolina.

Elizabeth Osborn of Menlo Park, a member of Woodside Vaulters Equestrian Vaulting Club, and longueur Krista Mack are also preparing to go to the games with Atterupgaard's Sting, an Oldenburg gelding owned by Jim and Linda Bibbler of Woodside.

Osborn will be competing as an individual, and so will Tessa Divita of Portola Valley, a member of Portola Valley Vaulters. She will be accompanied by her mother and longueur Julie Divita and their Westphalian gelding, Pino del Rio.

— By Kate Daly

## Menlo Park chess champ earns another trophy

Ten-year-old Menlo Park chess champ Shawnak Shivakumar has brought home another trophy — this time a third-place award in the under-10 age category in the Pan American Youth Chess Championship 2018 in Santiago, Chile, a week-long tournament that ended on July 29.

Shawnak was one of 650 competitors from North and South America. Shawnak's mom, Devleena Shivakumar, says he competed against chess players from Argentina, Peru, Mexico, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, and the United States. He won five games while four others ended in draws, and he had no losses.

Shawnak's third-place finish helped his U.S. team place first in the tournament.

In November, Shawnak is due to travel to Spain for the international World Cadet tournament.

Shawnak and his younger brother Sahil, also a competitive chess player, live in the Willows neighborhood of Menlo Park with their parents, Devleena and Shiva. The brothers attend Laurel School.

— By Barbara Wood



Photo by Christine Svedeman

**Tessa Divita** practices vaulting in Portola Valley.



Photo by Devleena Shivakumar

**Shawnak Shivakumar**, a 10-year-old from Menlo Park, poses with the bronze trophy he won for placing third in his age group in the recent Pan American Youth Chess Championship in Chile.

## Fulkerson places in top 10 at international competition

Portola Valley resident Ross Fulkerson continued his ascent into the upper ranks of youth rock climbing in a recent international competition.

Fulkerson, who is 17 and a member of the U.S. climbing team, placed ninth in Class A bouldering for male youths and 10th in rope-based (sport) climbing in the 2018 International Federation of Sport Climbing Youth World Championships held in Moscow last month, according to the federation's website.

Boulderers ascend an indoor climbing wall — a synthetic cliff fitted with competitively placed gripping points for hands and feet. Outdoors, participants climb actual boulders and sometimes the lower reaches of vertical rock faces.

Fulkerson may be getting accustomed to finishing well. He is in his seventh year of competitive climbing and has often finished in the top 10 in competitions. In February, he took first place for his age group in the Bouldering Youth National Championship in Salt Lake City.

Fulkerson also received a 2018 Young Gun award from The North Face outdoorwear company. The award recognizes athletes who exemplify the sport, including efforts to give back to communities, said Bruce Mitchell, vice president of the board of USA Climbing, a nonprofit that governs competitive climbing in the United States. (The North Face is a founding partner of the organization.)

In recent years, Fulkerson said, he made himself available as a mentor to new climbers, introduced and taught a climbing class at his high school, and participated in climbs that benefit good causes. He will be a senior this year at Design Tech High School in Redwood Shores.

— By Dave Boyce

# Free early childhood education program

Foothill College's Child Development Department, the Redwood City School District, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula and the Community Equity Collaborative have partnered to offer a free one-year program training assistant teachers in early learning.

Classes will run from late

September through late June and will be held Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:50 p.m. and alternate Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula's Forest High School Center at 1109 Hilton St. in Redwood City.

Go to [is.gd/teach485](http://is.gd/teach485) for more information. ■



## TOWN OF ATHERTON NOTICE OF HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on September 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 94 Ashfield Road, California, the Atherton City Council will hold public hearings on the following items:

- Changes to Atherton Municipal Code Section 12.24, related to Holbrook Palmer Park. The proposed revisions deal with adding regulations for the use of drones, the control and leashing of dogs, the consumption or possession of alcohol, and the use of amplified sound. The Town's leash law and regulations for drones already exist so the adds to the Ordinance are merely a update to current laws already on the books. Alcohol is allowed in the Park only under a Town permit or rental agreement. This is clarified in the update. Amplified sound is also allowed only under a Town permit or rental agreement. This too is clarified. The Council will discuss these changes to the ordinance and may discuss the entirety of the Ordinance itself relating to Park regulations.

- Adoption of an ordinance and resolution setting proposed false alarm fees rates. The proposed rates are listed below.

Description	Fee
Initial Alarm Set up Fee	\$100
Annual Alarm System Service Fee (Jan. 1)	\$50

False Alarm Fee Service Charge - One year period (12 months).	Fee
4	\$200
5	\$300
Subsequent alarms after 5	\$400

- Increasing the Park Facilities Rental Fees. The proposed rates are listed below.

Jennings Pavilion	Current	Proposed
(Monday – Thursday afternoon)		
Half day	\$700	\$800
Full day (until 4:00 pm)	\$900	\$1,200
Evenings (5:00 pm to midnight)	\$900	\$1,200
Friday (until 4 pm)	\$900	\$1,500
Friday (5 pm to midnight)	\$1,200	\$4,000
Saturday & Sunday day use (half day until 4 pm)	\$1,500	\$2,250
Saturday & Sunday (full day)	\$2,500	\$4,000
Saturday & Sunday evenings (5 pm to midnight)	\$2,500	\$4,000

- Authorizing an amendment to the contract between California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) and the Town of Atherton to provide for additional pension cost share to provide Section 20516 (Employee Sharing Additional Cost) of 1% for local safety members (classic and new) and for local miscellaneous members (classic and new) in the Atherton Police Officer's Association (APOA).

A copy of the report for all four items is on file and available for review at the City Clerk's Office, during normal business hours. All interested parties may appear and be heard at the public hearings described above. If a citizen wishes to challenge the nature of the above actions in court, they may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Atherton City Council, c/o City Clerk's Office, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027 at or before the public hearing.

Theresa N. DellaSanta  
City Clerk  
Dated: August 30, 2018

# Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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## Theater

**Bay Area Opera Collaborative Presents 'The Pirates of Penzance'** Bay Area Opera Collaborative will present a gender-swapped production of "The Pirates of Penzance," a romance between two pirates. Sept. 8-9, 15, 16, 22-23, times vary. \$13-\$26. Hillview Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1100 Elder Ave., Menlo Park. bayop.org

**'The Legend of Georgia McBride'** The Los Altos Stage Company will present "The Legend of Georgia McBride," a comedy about an Elvis impersonator who is replaced by a B-level drag show. Sept. 6-30. \$20-\$38. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.com/georgia-mcbride

**'Northanger Abbey'** Pear Theatre presents "Northanger Abbey," adapted by Pear founder Diane Tasca from the novel by Jane Austen. In this play, Northanger Abbey follows several young ladies and gentlemen as they negotiate romances, friendships, betrothals and betrayals. Through Sept. 23, times vary. \$15-\$35. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

**Palo Alto Players Presents: Disney's 'Tarzan'** Theatre company Palo Alto Players will present the musical "Tarzan," based on the Disney movie. There will also be an opening night party on Sept. 8 with a post-show champagne reception and a post-show director/cast talkback on Sept. 13 with director Patrick Klein and members of the cast. Sept. 7-23, times vary. \$25-\$55. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org

**TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Native Gardens'** Award-winning playwright Karen Zacarias wrote TheatreWorks' new play "Native Gardens," a suburban comedy about a Latino couple who move in next to a prominent Washington, D.C., family. Conflicts over "fences and flora" escalate into a strong dialogue about race, taste, class and privilege. Through Sept. 16, times vary. \$40-\$100. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

## Film

**From STEM to STEAM: How an Engineer Wrote a Play** Narrative science film "Humanity Needs Dreamers: A Visit with Marie Curie" will have its Bay Area debut screening. The film will be followed by a keynote presentation and panel discussion exploring the intersection of STEM and the performing arts. Sept. 7, 5 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computer-history.org/events/upcoming



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## Concerts

**Palo Alto Philharmonic Baroque Music Concert** The Palo Alto Philharmonic will open its 31st season with the annual Baroque Music Concert. Sept. 8, 8-10 p.m. \$10-\$22. First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. paphil.org/performances

## Music

**Classical on the Square - Bay Shore Lyric Opera** Bay Shore Lyric Opera will perform Mozart's *Così fan tutte* with members of the Winchester Orchestra of San Jose. The opera will be sung in Italian with English titles. Sept. 9, 5-6:30 p.m. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. redwoodcity.org

**Facebook Fiesta** Facebook Fiesta will celebrate Latin food, art, music and culture with performances by local Latin bands and dance troupes. There will also be art exhibits, a farmers market, artisan vendors and a kids zone. Sept. 8, 1-6 p.m. Free. Facebook HQ, 1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

**Novas Bossas: Brazilian Music** Inspired by Brazilian music, Novas Bossas will perform classic and original sambas, bossas novas, samba-cancao and choro, with a focus on improvisation. Sept. 8, 7-9 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. Search cafezoe.com for more info.

**Park Avenue Jazz** Jazz trio Park Avenue Jazz will perform various jazz and classical guitar melodies. Sept. 7, 7-9 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. cafezoe.com

**Phoebe Hunt & The Gatherers** The Oshman Family JCC will present fiddler Phoebe Hunt, who will perform with her band The Gatherers. Sept. 13, 8-10 p.m. \$25-\$35. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org

## Talks & Lectures

**'Angst' Film Screening and Discussion on Teens and Anxiety** The Sequoia Union High School District Wellness Advisory Council will be hosting a free screening of "Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety," which includes interviews with swimmer Michael Phelps, teens, parents and experts. A student discussion will follow the film, and health groups will staff resources tables with information. Sept. 6, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Woodside High School Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave., Woodside. angst2018woodside.eventbrite.com

**Literary Appreciation 102** Author and professor Kimberly Ford will lead a 90-minute seminar on how to appreciate literature more deeply. The group will delve into literary concepts like voice, characterization, success with taboo subjects and humor. Sept. 12, 7-8:30 p.m. \$40. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino

Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Mary Robinson: This is Now with Angie Coiro** Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, will sit down for a conversation with journalist and radio host Angie Coiro. Robinson will speak about the dangers of climate change. Sept. 13, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15-\$45. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Philosophy Talk Live at Kepler's with Guest Steven Pinker** Kepler's Books invites a live audience to listen in on a recording of a new episode of "Philosophy Talk." Hosts Ken Taylor and Josh Landy will be joined by cognitive scientist Steven Pinker, author of "Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism and Progress." Sept. 6, 7-8:30 p.m. \$15-\$45. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Presentation: The Stories Behind the Pictures** Photographer Ray Scotty Morris, who took photos of many presidents, including Harry Truman and Barack Obama, will give a talk. Sept. 8, 1-2 p.m. \$4-\$6. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. historysmc.org/courthouse-docket

**SRI Organon Toastmasters** SRI Organon Toastmasters helps community members become better public speakers and leaders by providing a supportive, positive environment for practicing communication and leadership skills. Guests are welcome to visit and join. Tuesdays, year-round. Free. St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Redon Hall, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. sriorganon.com

**Kim Steinhart at Books Inc. Palo Alto** Marine wildlife photographer, ocean conservationist and columnist Kim Steinhart will discuss his novel, "The Edge: The Pressured Past and Precarious Future of California's Coast." Sept. 6, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

**Lisa Prince Newman at Books Inc. Palo Alto** Local blogger Lisa Prince Newman will discuss her cookbook "For the Love of Apricots: Recipes and Memories of the Santa Clara Valley." Sept. 13, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

**Mighty Middle Grade: Heidi Lang, Kati Bartkowski, Beth McMullen and Jill Diamond** Heidi Lang and Kati Bartkowski, sisters and co-authors of "A Dash of Dragons," will discuss their books "A Hint of Hydra" and "Beth McMullen for Power Play." Jill Diamond, author of the "Lou Lou and Pea" series, will moderate the discussion. Sept. 13, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

and Greta Waterman plan to attend the artists' reception on Sept. 7, set for 5 to 8 p.m., and sell their paintings from Djerassi and other group sessions.

Sponsored by the Woodside Arts & Culture Committee as part of its monthly First Friday program, the opening evening will include light refreshments.

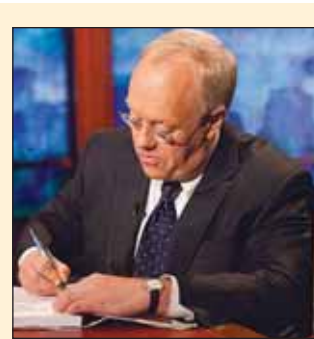
The exhibit will also be open Sept. 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Independence Hall at 2955 Woodside Road. ☐

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**Vicki Coe Mitchell's** painting depicts fellow Woodside Plein Air Painter Kit Colman in action at the recent Djerassi open house in the hills above Woodside.

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## At Kepler's

**Journalist and author Chris Hedges will speak with Angie Coiro as part of her "This is Now" series at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Kepler's Books. Hedges' new book is "America: The Farewell Tour". Tickets are \$10 to \$40, and may be purchased at Kepler's.org or at the store. Kepler's is at 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.**

## Family

**September Free First Friday** The San Mateo County History Museum will continue with its "Free First Fridays" program, which will include a preschool craft program and an adult tour. Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. historysmc.org/free-first-fridays

## Museums & Exhibits

**The Dancing Sowe: Performing Beauty in Sierra Leone** This exhibition focuses on one spectacular work in the Cantor's collection — a sowe mask, used by the women-only Sande Society that is unique to Sierra Leone. Ongoing until December; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

**Do Ho Suh: The Spaces in Between** In this exhibition, artist Do Ho Suh uses a chandelier, wallpaper and a decorative screen to focus attention on issues of migration and transnational identity. Through Feb. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

**'Painting Nature in the American Gilded Age'** The Cantor Arts Center's newest exhibition will consider how nature was depicted by American artists from the 1880s to 1910, an era of unprecedented industrialization and urban development. Through landscapes, portraits and still lifes, the exhibition will delve into the importance of nature for artists and the public. Sept. 5 through Aug. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

**Portola Art Gallery Presents 'A Traveler's Impressions' - A Collection of Oil Paintings by Oksana Johnson** The Portola Art Gallery will present "A Traveler's Impressions," a collection of oil paintings by contemporary San Francisco-based artist Oksana Johnson. The exhibit focuses on Johnson's impressions from her travels in Europe, Hawaii and California. A reception will be held Sept. 22, 1-4 p.m. The gallery will be open from Sept. 1-29, Mondays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

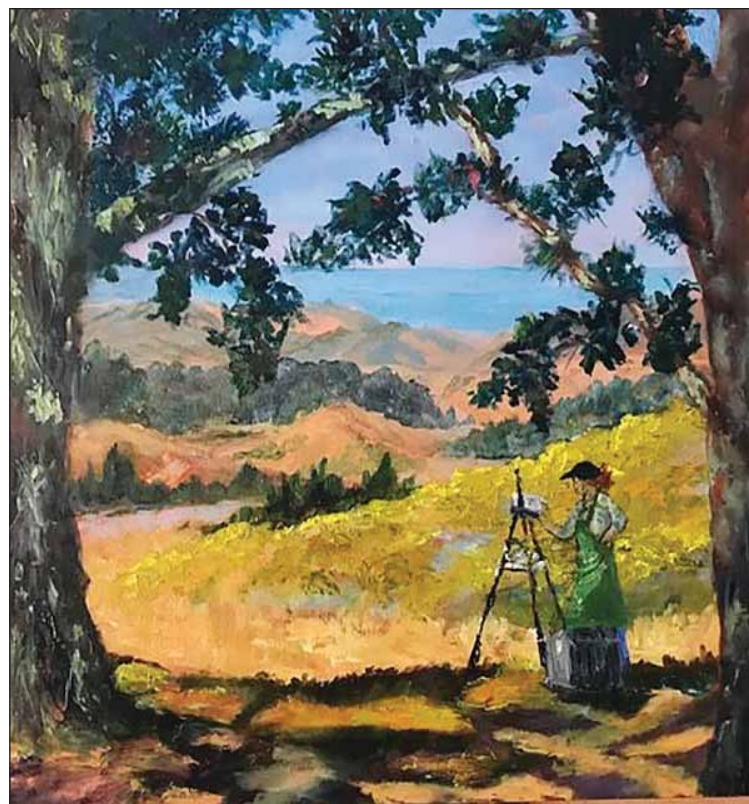
**We Shot the War: Overseas Weekly in Vietnam** Rarely seen photographs will be shown at the Hoover Institution Library & Archives' exhibition "We Shot the War: Overseas Weekly in Vietnam." Exploring the interrelationships between art, journalism and politics, the exhibition features photographs submitted to the Overseas Weekly's Pacific edition — a military tabloid at once beloved by troops and reviled by the Pentagon for its controversial content. Through Dec. 8, times vary. Free. 550 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

## Outdoor Recreation

**Native Plant Gardens and Pollinators** Instructor Juanita Salisbury will explain how to create a landscape plan, what plants to use and why, plus how to maintain a habitat over many years. Afterwards, there will be a walk-through of Gamble Garden's native plants. Sept. 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$25-\$35. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org/event/native-plant-gardens-pollinators

## Religion & Spirituality

**Living a Rich Life: Finding Meaning and Purpose** The program, titled "Living a Rich Life: Finding Meaning and Purpose," will feature a filmed interview with Christine Garde, a woman who left an influential political position to launch a gang diversion program by moving into an urban gang-infested neighborhood. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss times they have felt fulfillment in their own lives. Sept. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., West Menlo Park. vimeo.com/282368783





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## Business Services

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# Public Notices

## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

WALTER AUSSERER CONSULTING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 278476

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Walter Ausserer Consulting, located at 421 8th Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
WALTER AUSSERER  
421 8th Ave.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on May 11, 2012. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 3, 2018.  
(ALM Aug. 15, 22, 29; Sept. 5, 2018)

STAR POOLS SERVICE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 278511

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Star Pools Service, located at Kavanaugh Dr., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
MARVIN A. CERRATO HERNANDEZ  
1490 Kavanaugh Dr.  
E. Palo Alto, CA 94303  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 7, 2018.  
(ALM Aug. 15, 22, 29; Sept. 5, 2018)

T&T ENTERPRISES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 278401

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: T&T Enterprises, located at 2 Buffalo CT, Pacifica, CA 94044, San Mateo County. Registered owner(s):

ANGELA M. GIBBS  
2 Buffalo CT  
Pacifica CA, 94044  
CHRISTOPHER D. GIBBS  
2 Buffalo CT  
Pacifica CA, 94044  
This business is conducted by: Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7-25-18. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 25, 2018.  
(ALM Aug 22, 29; Sep 5, 12, 2018)

TRUCKEE RIVER HOUSE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 278599

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Truckee River House, located at 1131 Westfield Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
NOEL P. THOMPSON  
1131 Westfield Drive  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
CHRISTINE P. WEIGEN  
3510 La Mata Way  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
ROBERTA GATZ THOMPSON  
1131 Westfield Drive  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

ELIZABETH ANN WEIGEN  
521 Bryan Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the

County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on Aug 15, 2018.  
(ALM Aug 22, 29; Sept 5, 12, 2018)

PLAYA AZUL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 278631

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Playa Azul, located at 46 Willow St., Apt. #20, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
MARIA DE LOURDES LARA CALDERON  
46 Willow St., Apt. #20  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 17, 2018.  
(ALM Aug. 29; Sept. 5, 12, 19, 2018)

WEST MENLO TUTORING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 278635

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
West Menlo Tutoring, located at 2050 Camino a los Cerros, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
REBECCA PATTON GARCIA  
2050 Camino a los Cerros  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
HEATHER HALLENBECK TITTERTON  
2169 Cedar Avenue  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.

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 August 20, 2018.  
(ALM Aug. 29; Sept. 5, 12, 19, 2018)

MARISCOS DE SINALOA  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 278647

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Mariscos de Sinaloa, located at 412 Studio Cir. #1, San Mateo CA 94401, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
JOSE DOMINGO QUINTERO CASTANEDA  
412 Studio Cir. #1  
San Mateo, CA 94401  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 22, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 22, 2018.  
(ALM Aug. 29; Sept. 5, 12, 19, 2018)

## 997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE  
No.: 17PRO01158  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
In the Matter of the Estate of ELIZABETH G. PROCTOR, Deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or after September 18, 2018, the undersigned San Mateo County Public Administrator, as Administrator of the Estate of

Elizabeth G. Proctor, will sell at private sale, to the highest bidder, subject to confirmation by the above-entitled Superior Court, all the right, title and interest of the estate, in and to that certain real property more particularly described as follows:  
DESCRIPTION

For APN/Parcel ID(s): 074-431-110 IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MENLO PARK, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
PARCEL ONE:  
LOT 11, AS DELINEATED UPON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "SHARON OAKS UNIT NO. 3, RESUBDIVISION OF PORTION OF PARCEL "C" OF SHARON HEIGHTS UNIT NO. 14", FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON AUGUST 23RD, 1973 IN BOOK 82 OF MAPS, AT PAGES 32 AND 33.

PARCEL TWO:  
TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING APPURTENANT EASEMENTS:  
(A) THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF PEDESTRIAN INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER LOT 13 (COMMON AREA) TO AND FROM LOT 11 PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT SUCH RIGHT SHALL NOT BE EXERCISED IN A MANNER WHICH WILL INTERFERE WITH THE LANDSCAPED AREA, THE SWIMMING POOL AREA OR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON THE PRIVATE ROAD OR THE PARKING BAYS AS DESIGNATED ON THE MAP OR IN SUBSEQUENT RECORDED INSTRUMENTS.  
(B) THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE THE PRIVATE ROAD AREA FOR DRIVEWAY PURPOSES AND THE PARKING BAYS FOR OFF STREET PARKING BY OWNERS AND THEIR INVEEES.  
(C) THE RIGHT TO USE, OCCUPY AND ENJOY THE SWIMMING POOL AREA, THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THEREON AND THE OTHER LANDSCAPED PORTIONS OF ALL OF THE COMMON AREA.  
(D) THE RIGHT, SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THROUGH, IN OR ACROSS THE COMMON AREA, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SEWERS, WIRES, CONDUITS FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY FOR LIGHTING, POWER, TELEPHONE, ANTENNAE AND OTHER PURPOSES AND FOR THE NECESSARY ATTACHMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT ANY PUBLIC OR QUASI-PUBLIC UTILITY THROUGH, IN OR ACROSS COMMON AREA, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP.

SAID RIGHT SHALL BE EXERCISED ALONG THE SHORTEST AND MOST CONVENIENT ROUTE BETWEEN LOT 11 AND THE NEAREST PUBLIC UTILITY LINE OR LINES.  
(E) A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT BURDENING LOT 12, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PARTY WALLS ON OR ALONG THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN SAID LOT 11 AND FOR THE ENCROACHMENTS DUE TO SETTLEMENT OR SHIFTING OR ANY OTHER CAUSE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN NO EVENT SHALL A VALID EASEMENT FOR ENCROACHMENT BE CREATED IN FAVOR OF AN OWNER IF SAID ENCROACHMENT OCCURRED DUE TO THE WILLFUL CONDUCT OF SAID OWNER.  
(F) AN EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OVER LOT 13 FOR ROOF OVERHANG.

JPN 074-043-431-11  
Property commonly known as: 2371 Sharon Oaks Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025  
SUBJECT TO: Current taxes, Assessments, Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions,

Reservations, Rights, Right-of-Way and Easements of record and in an "AS IS" condition. Please contact: Steven Karp, California Realty Investment Company, 1209 Burlingame Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010, (650) 348-3055 for viewing of the property.  
Bids on said property are hereby invited. A bid will be accepted ONLY if made in writing on forms furnished by the Public Administrator. Completed bid forms may be left with the agent or may be delivered to said Public Administrator personally in said County of San Mateo, at any time after the first publication of this Notice, and before making of the Sale. Bids must be sealed, and will be opened at the Office of the Public Administrator.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: Cash in lawful money of the United States. The Bid is to be accompanied by cash or certified check, in the amount of at least ten percent (10%) of the amount bid. THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ALL BIDS. The balance of the amount bid is to be paid upon confirmation of sale by the Superior Court.

Taxes, rents, operating and maintenance expenses and premiums on insurance acceptable to the Purchaser or Purchasers will be prorated as of the date of recording of conveyance.

The examination of title, recording of conveyance and any title insurance policy shall be all the expense of Purchaser or Purchasers. Unless the Administrator has given written permission for extension of the escrow period beyond forty-five (45) days from the date of confirmation of sale by the Superior Court, the Purchaser or Purchasers shall pay ten percent (10%) interest per annum on that portion of the purchase price still due and owing at the time of confirmation; interest will be charged for the period beginning forty-six (46) days from the Court confirmation date to, and including, the date on which escrow closes. If, after confirmation, the sale is not complete for any reason. Bidder agrees to forfeit the deposit to cover the expenses of the sale. Documentary transfer taxes will be split equally between the purchaser(s) and seller.

The parties to this agreement further covenant and agree that damages are difficult or impossible to ascertain

should buyer fail to perform his/her obligation to purchase the real property after confirmation by the Court. Therefore, the parties agree that seller, the Public Administrator in and for the County of San Mateo, shall be entitled to liquidated damages in the amount of three percent (3%) of the purchase price of the real property in lieu of all other damages as a result of buyer(s)' failure to perform under this agreement pursuant to the terms of Civil Code Section 1675(d).  
SAN MATEO COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR  
225 37th Avenue  
San Mateo, California 94403

SELLER: S/ VICTORIA WRIGHT  
Public Administrator Estate Manager  
DATE: 8/9/18  
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 18CIV04030  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: SANGGILL KIM filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
SANGGILL KIM to THOMAS SANGGILL KIM.

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: September 26, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
THE ALMANAC  
Date: 8/13/2018  
/s/ Robert D. Foiles  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Aug. 29; Sept. 5, 12, 19, 2018)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 18CIV04073  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: MARY JANE M. CABUNGICAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
MARY JANE M. CABUNGICAL to MJ M. CABUNGICAL.

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: September 28, 2018, 9:00a.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: 8/13/18.  
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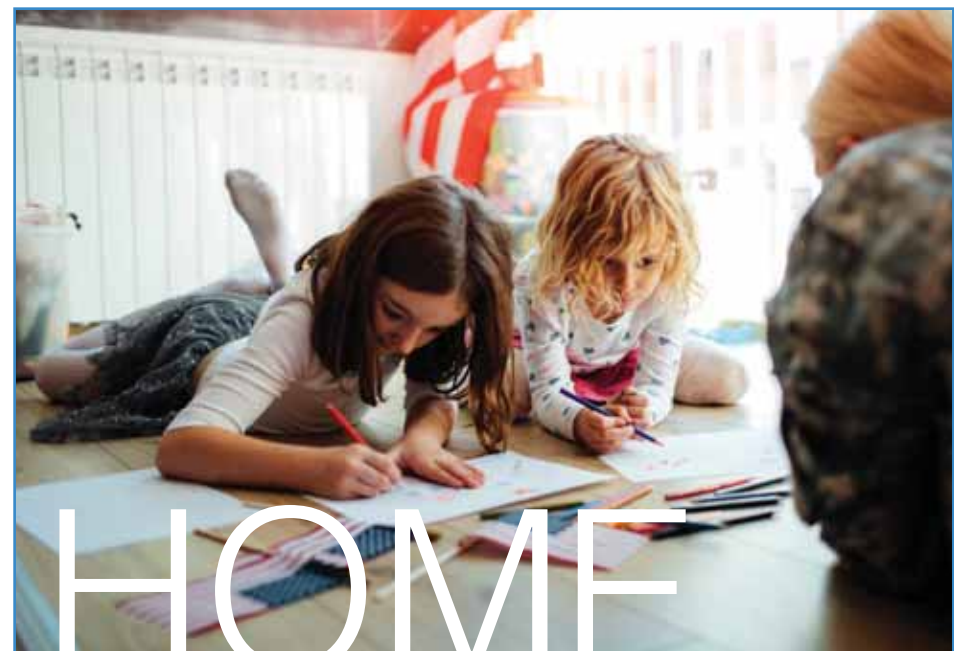
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