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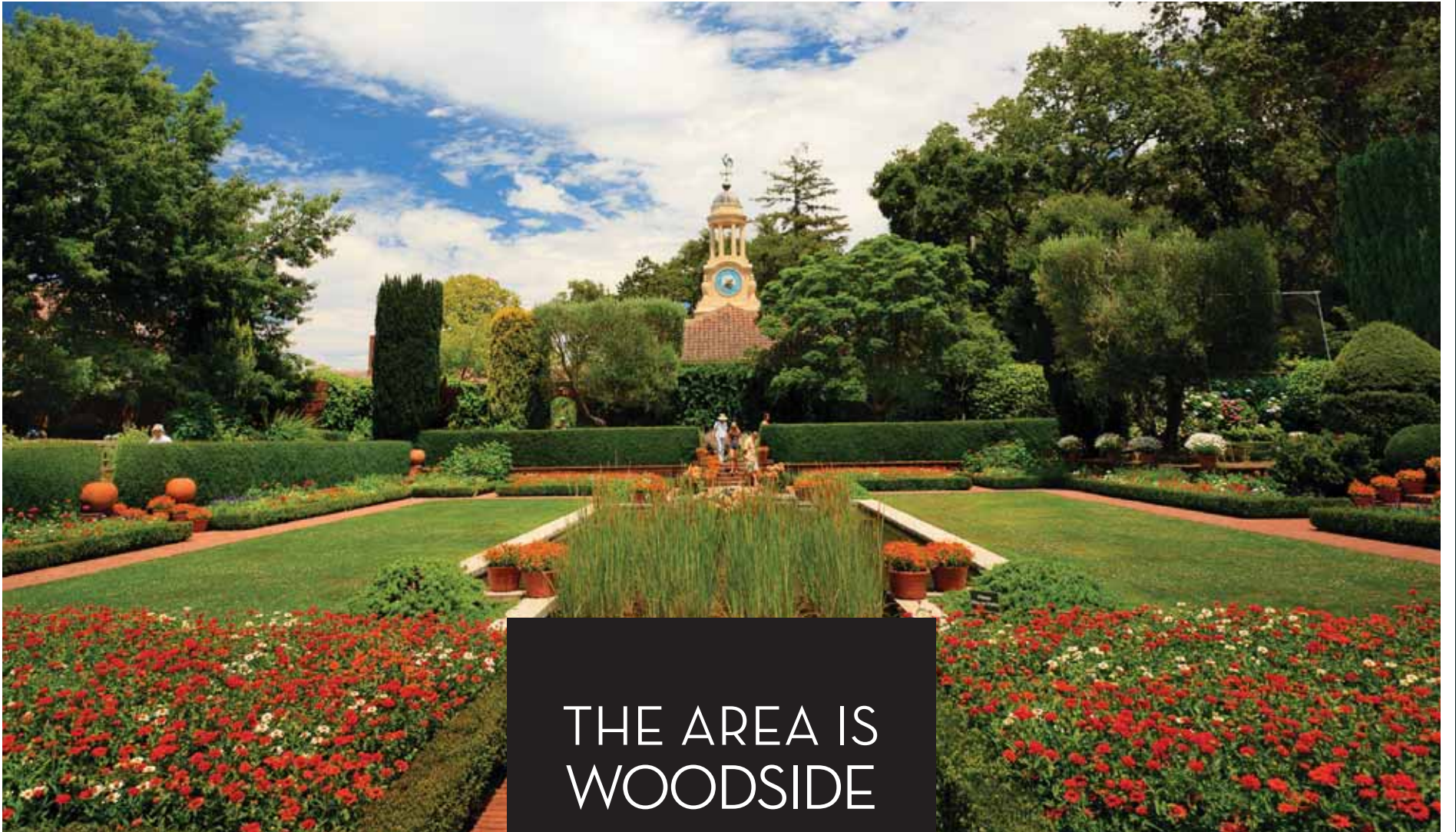
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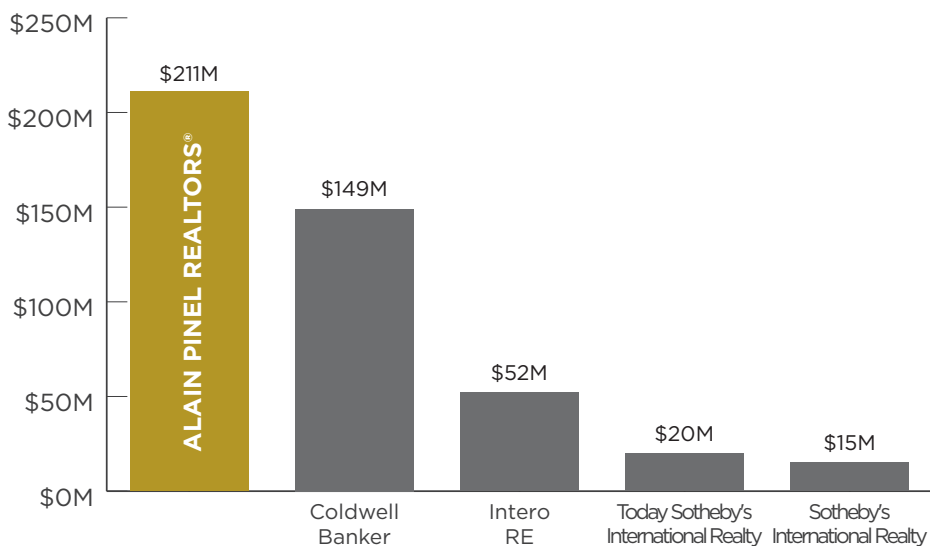
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# Local News

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## Bikeway launched to connect Peninsula cities

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

September 8 marked the opening of the Peninsula Bikeway, a bike route on surface streets that connects Redwood City and Mountain View by way of Atherton, Menlo Park and Palo Alto. Bike rides starting in the early morning on each end of the bikeway, an interim path that will be improved over time, culminated in the Menlo Park Civic Center.

Riders breezed into Burgess Park at about 10 a.m. — some 40 bicyclists who had started in Redwood City met about 50 riders hailing from Mountain View. A generally good time followed, with people trying out electric bikes and having miniature smoothies prepared by pedal-powered blenders. For the kids, there was a bike rodeo.

A number of officials spoke at a short ceremony at Burgess once the cyclists arrived. Russell Hancock, chief executive of Joint Ventures Silicon Valley, commented on the flat landscape, the great weather and the health

consciousness of Silicon Valley residents. “Silicon Valley really should be the biking capital of America,” he said.

Joint Ventures organized the Peninsula Bikeway by convening the “Managers Mobility Partnership” with the managers of the participating cities. The partnership was unprecedented, Hancock said for an earlier Almanac story.

Menlo Park Mayor Peter Ohtaki also remarked on the weather and how it is “perfect” for cycling.

The bikeway is part of a plan to create “a seamless and convenient bike network,” Ohtaki said. Just 20 percent of students ride bikes to school, he noted, a figure that he said could be improved upon with more emphasis on the city’s Safe Routes To School program.

Officials from Palo Alto, Mountain View and Redwood City also made remarks, but there were none by anyone from Atherton. “The Town was a participant on the Bikeways

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Photo by Robert Most/The Almanac

**Up and over** is the plan at this station in a bike rodeo put on in Burgess Park on Saturday by Wheel Kids Palo Alto to celebrate the opening of the Peninsula Bikeway, a bike route on surface streets connecting Redwood City to Mountain View by way of Atherton, Menlo Park and Palo Alto.

## Stanley Webb, longtime Webb Ranch owner, dies at age 98

Stanley Webb, a farmer, rancher and the owner of Webb Ranch at the corners of Alpine Road and Interstate 280, changed the ranch’s focus from dairy farming and growing strawberries to boarding and celebrating horses and selling a variety of vegetables and berries at a produce stand on Alpine Road. Webb was 98 when he died at a nursing home in Belmont on Aug. 11 in the company of his family.

The family held a celebration of his life at a private gathering on Aug. 26, his daughter Sharon Leberz said in an email.

Over his long life, Webb was also a soldier, a husband, a father, a pilot and a home builder. One designation that did not apply: equestrian, according to an Almanac story from November 2000. Horses plowed the Webb Ranch fields when he was a young man and he walked behind them, his hands on the plow. The idea

of riding horses “didn’t seem like fun to me,” he said.

Webb was a native of California and a graduate of Palo Alto High School and the University of California at Davis.

He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. The Army denied him at first, telling him he was underweight — a consequence of so much field work, he told The Almanac in 2000 — but he brought his weight up and successfully enlisted.

In the interim before he enlisted, and after authorities relocated and incarcerated the ranch’s Japanese-American agricultural workers, Webb received a draft deferment to allow him to help grow tomatoes for the troops, according to The Almanac story.

With the Army having trained him as a pilot, Webb would eventually co-own a Cessna airplane that he would fly around



Photo by Sharon Leberz

**Stanley Webb** changed the focus of Webb Ranch to one of accommodating equestrians and expanding sales to include more berries and vegetables.

California and occasionally to Mexico, his daughter said.

Webb married Alice Lee Gurlley of Palo Alto in 1949 and the couple had three children, all of whom grew up working on the ranch. Webb assumed management of the ranch in 1950, sold off the dairy cows several years later when interest in raw milk declined, and hired Oklahoma cowboy, polo player and horse-care expert Fay Humphries, who

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## Study shows Stanford can triple its density

By Gennady Sheyner  
Palo Alto Weekly Staff Writer

As Stanford University advances its request to add more than 2 million square feet of academic space to its campus by 2035, one question that has long bedeviled local residents and policymakers is: How big can the university get?

Now, there is an answer. According to a study commissioned by Santa Clara County, the university can roughly triple its density and expand to 44 million square feet. Currently, the university has 15.2 million square feet of development. Furthermore, the study concluded that Stanford has enough space on its academic campus to accommodate such a level of growth without infringing on the foothills.

Known as the Sustainable Development Study Supplement, the new analysis aims to address a question that’s been posed by Palo Alto council members, Santa

Clara County supervisors and concerned residents, more than 150 of whom signed a petition last December demanding that the county establish a maximum build-out on Stanford.

“Stanford cannot continue to grow indefinitely without seriously compromising our quality of life on the Peninsula,” states the petition, which was launched by former Palo Alto Mayor Peter Drekmeier.

The study underscores the urgency of the city of Menlo Park’s “request to Stanford for traffic mitigation funds in the (General Use Permit) for Sand Hill, El Camino, Alpine/Alameda, Willow and even the Dumbarton corridor,” said Menlo Park Mayor Peter Ohtaki, who serves on a City Council subcommittee on Stanford-related items. “No net new trips proposed under the (general use permit) is not sufficient.”

The Santa Clara County Board

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## MidPen submits plans for affordable housing project

MidPen Housing Corp., a nonprofit housing developer that owns affordable housing on the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Willow Road, has submitted an application to build 140 affordable apartments at 1345 Willow Road.

According to city documents, the proposed 189,529-square-foot building would be four stories tall and have 177 parking spaces, a substantial increase from the existing two-story buildings there, which have a total of 82 affordable apartments.

Recently, MidPen Housing redeveloped the 1200 block of Willow Road and designated it for senior affordable housing. The apartments on the 1300

block would be intended for younger households and those with children.

Previous community discussions about the proposed redevelopment had raised the possibility of adding other uses to the site, like a child care center, shop or library, but those were not favored because they would have to be funded using separate public sources. Some people opposed the addition of new residences along Willow Road because traffic congestion on Willow Road is already very severe.

The matter has not yet been scheduled for discussion by the Planning Commission.

— By Kate Bradshaw

## One crosswalk, 2.5 hours: 12 tickets, 10 warnings

Atherton police officers, with some extra help from the California Highway Patrol, handed out 12 tickets and 10 warnings in two-and-a-half hours on Sept. 4 near the intersection of El Camino Real and Stockbridge Avenue.

Atherton Police Chief Steve McCulley said the additional enforcement, which took place between 9 and 11:30 a.m., was prompted by complaints that drivers were not stopping for

pedestrians in the El Camino crosswalk.

McCulley said the minimum fine for not yielding to a pedestrian in a crosswalk is \$238. For a driver who passes another vehicle that has stopped for a pedestrian, it's even more: \$490.

He also reminded drivers that the speed limit on El Camino is 35 mph, and that it's illegal to use a hand-held cellphone while driving, even to get directions.

—By Barbara Wood

### WEBB

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led the way to an equestrian enterprise at the ranch, Webb said in 2000.

Today, that enterprise includes a riding school, equestrian events, the home and practice area for Stanford University's polo team, and an animal-based therapy center offering emotional support for sick or troubled children and adults, Webb's daughter said.

The idea for a produce stand took shape in 1962, Webb said in 2000, with a proposal by his daughters to go to the roadside and sell to passers-by strawberries that had not been sold to retailers. Webb said he gave his permission reluctantly, but that he changed his mind after the girls sold 80 crates of berries in one day.

Webb, a former president of the state's Strawberry Growers Association, went on to expand the ranch's offerings at the roadside stand to include more berries as well as corn, tomatoes, watermelon, cantaloupe, squash,

green beans, peppers, pumpkins and more, his daughter said.

"Stan had much pride and a deep love of the ranch and as such, his homestead was alive with fresh flowers, fruit trees, roses and more, and always well maintained," Leberz said, adding that her mother — who died in 2010 — enjoyed attending to the flowers, the farming operations and the children.

"Countless community children have enjoyed and grown up at the ranch over the decades, encouraged by and enjoying all of the activities and events introduced by Stan," his daughter said.

In addition to his daughter Sharon Leberz of Portola Valley, Webb is survived by daughter Lyndal Hubbard and son Gary Webb, both of whom still live on Webb Ranch; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Go to [californiafarmlink.org](http://californiafarmlink.org) to make a donation in Stanley Webb's name. California Farm-Link is a nonprofit based in Aptos whose stated mission includes financing the next generation of farmers. ■

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# How the end of cash bail could affect San Mateo County

By **Kate Bradshaw**

Almanac Staff Writer

In a step intended to treat people in the criminal justice system more fairly regardless of economic status and reduce the number of people in custody awaiting trial, California Governor Jerry Brown on Aug. 28 signed a law, the California Money Bail Reform Act, that makes the state the first to eliminate cash bail.

When the law takes effect on Oct. 1, 2019, whether a criminal defendant is released or detained before trial will no longer depend on how much money he or she has or can collect to post bail. That determination will rely instead on an assessment of the defendant's risk to public safety and risk of failing to appear in court, with the decision ultimately left up to the judge.

Currently, counties set bail based on the kind of alleged infraction, misdemeanor or felony they are charged with.

Under the new law people arrested or detained for most misdemeanors would be booked and released without assessment. Those considered to be "low risk" through an assessment process would also be released.

Defendants deemed "medium risk" (as defined by county superior courts) could also be released.

People would be detained while awaiting trial only if an assessment finds them to be "high risk" and determines

that other forms of pretrial supervision would not be likely to assure public safety or their appearance in court.

San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said he supports the law. "I think it's a good evolution," he said.

Currently, the bail system favors the rich, he said. The existing system penalizes lower-income, low-risk defendants because they are unable to pay low amounts of bail and avoid being detained.

It also enables wealthy defendants who are considered high-risk to skirt detention, because they are able to pay exorbitant amounts for bail, he noted.

"They can afford to get out because they have wealth," Wagstaffe said.

The county has one defendant out of custody who has posted about \$62 million in property bonds as bail, he noted, and many others are out on bail of one, two or three hundred thousand dollars.

(The \$62 million bail was posted by Tiffany Li, a Hillsborough woman who has been charged with murder and is accused of conspiring with others to kill the father of her two children. Nearly 20 friends, family members and business associates offered their properties as collateral for bail, according to the Los Angeles Times.)

## Questions remain

Each county will be permitted to choose its own "risk assessment" tool, which is likely to

take the form of a survey or questionnaire. A controversial last-minute change to the bill gave judges broader decision-making authority beyond the risk assessment tool.

The amendment earned the bill the support of the California District Attorneys Association, according to association spokeswoman Jennifer Jacobs. Other organizations expressed concern that such discretion could result in more people being detained before their trial

**The existing bail system penalizes lower-income, low-risk defendants because they are unable to pay low amounts of bail and avoid being detained, according to San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.**

than the current system.

Wagstaffe said the judicial discretion provision was a critical factor in earning his support. He used a baseball analogy to explain his position, comparing an umpire to a judge and a computerized strike-zone algorithm to a risk-assessment survey.

Does the umpire/judge make mistakes? Sure, he acknowledged. "We disagree with (judges) on an enormous number of things. I trust them

overall to do the right thing."

"We're simply not at a point in this state where we're ready to say we do not trust judges," he added. "I'm not ready to turn part of criminal justice over to a questionnaire."

On the other hand, the American Civil Liberties Union of California argued that the law doesn't address the risk of racial bias affecting judges' decisions, nor does it promise to reduce the number of people who are detained while awaiting trial.

Abdi Soltani, executive director of the ACLU in Northern California, said in a written statement: "We are disappointed to see Senate Bill 10 signed into law. SB 10 is not the model for pretrial justice and racial equity that California should strive for. We call on lawmakers to be vigilant to ensure racial justice and fairness in our pretrial system."

In an Aug. 24 letter urging Gov. Brown not to sign the bill, Human Rights Watch predicted that "SB 10 will massively increase preventive detention, not lower pretrial incarceration rates."

According to Lisa Maguire, assistant chief defender of the San Mateo County private defender program, there's still a lot of uncertainty about how subjective the assessment will be, or how subjectively it will be interpreted by judges.

Maguire said she supports the idea behind the new law, but noted some "potentially problematic" aspects of the legislation. "We would rather

see our clients not being held in custody because they can't afford to post bail. That's obvious," she said.

However, she noted, if either the assessment or the deciding judge carries inherent prejudices, there's a risk that people could be unfairly categorized as high-risk, and then they wouldn't have another avenue for pretrial release.

"Whether or not (SB 10) reduces the jail population is going to be interesting to watch," she said. "There's just no way to know until the assessments start getting applied what the outcomes are going to be."

## Challenges

The day after the law passed, bail industry groups launched a referendum drive against it, according to the Sacramento Bee. They have 90 days to gather about 366,000 valid signatures from state voters to place the law on hold and on the November 2020 ballot.

They may also have a compelling constitutional argument in their favor, Wagstaffe said. According to the California Constitution, people may be released on bail unless they are charged with a capital offense or specific other felonies, he explained.

In the meantime, he said, he and others will start working on developing a system in the county that will be ready in a little over a year, when the law takes effect.

"We're going to make this work," he said. ■

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Committee but not to the same extent as the other communities," Atherton City Manager George Rodericks said in an email, noting that town officials had not received an invitation to speak.

## Growing pains

The interim bike route is "not as direct as you would want it to be," said Hugh Louch, a principal at Alta Planning + Design, in the earlier Almanac story when describing the bikeway's temporary route. "At this point, it's really piecing together what exists," he said.

"One important goal of the project was to get something on the ground quickly that could serve as an interim or first route and help identify how we can advance a long-term route," Louch said by email.

The route was not even one day old when this reporter joined with

the riders pedaling from Sequoia High School in Redwood City to Burgess Park. The group included several children and three or four people on electric bikes.

Blue triangular Peninsula Bikeway signs sit atop street signs to show the way — if you know to look for them.

Among the growing pains:

■ A couple of intersections on the route through Redwood City did not have stop signs that favored cyclists, who were expected to wait for vehicle traffic rather than the other way around. On the Bryant Street bike boulevard in Palo Alto, stop signs are set up to favor cyclists.

■ We were not instructed on etiquette for when a group of cyclists mixes it up with vehicles on well-traveled roads. Instead of riding two abreast, the rule of the day seemed to be whatever riders felt like doing.

■ At Elena Avenue and Faxon Road in Atherton, we encountered the odd middle-of-the-road

curbs Atherton uses to keep drivers from even the slightest trespass into opposite lanes.

Cyclists not infrequently cut across intersections diagonally when there's no traffic, something this reporter did on a dark night some years ago at Elena and Faxon. With headlights on, I hit one of these curbs. My bike, new at the time, still shows the marks from the experience.

These medians, Rodericks said, "were installed to address vehicles that cut across intersections and cause significant safety issues for stopped vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. ... Vehicles and cyclists that cut across intersections in this manner can create a hazard."

The town painted them with "bright yellow paint with highly reflective beads to make them more visible to all users of the roadway, even at night," Rodericks added. A casual inspection showed the paint to be much abused by many encounters with foreign objects. ■

## MONTHLY REAL ESTATE REVIEW WITH MANDY MONTOYA

August 2018



It was widely reported that housing sales in the greater Bay Area slowed during the summer months. However, in the 4 communities of Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley and Menlo Park, active and sold listing numbers didn't vary significantly this August vs. last.

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Menlo Park	26/22	\$2,546,391	33/28	\$2,638,639

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# Facebook growth passes new milestone

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Towering redwoods dot the rooftop of Facebook's new "MPK 21," an office building designed by famed architect Frank Gehry that sprawls over a half million square feet along Menlo Park's stretch of the Bay.

After less than 18 months of intense construction and landscaping work, the building has been completed, according to a statement from John Tenanes, vice president of global facilities and real estate.

The building touts green amenities, both of the leafy and sustainable varieties: It has a 3.6-acre rooftop garden that includes a 2,000-seat amphitheater space, and a reclaimed water system that's estimated to save about 17 million gallons of water a year, according to Tenanes.

The building, according to plans approved by the City Council in November 2016, totals about 523,000 square feet. It is connected to the company's Building 20, which was completed in April 2015.

The company is also working on its next office structure, Building 22, at 301-309 Constitution Drive. Revised plans for that roughly 450,000-square-foot office building and adjoining parking garage cleared the City Council last November.

Of the development process, architect Frank Gehry said, "All the things we learned doing Building 20 prepared us for Building 21. We were getting lessons in Facebook culture and were making a new kind of architecture within that culture."

Of the architectural designs,



Photo courtesy Facebook

"The Town Square is a sheltered green space with 40-foot-tall redwood trees," said Facebook's John Tenanes, VP of Global Facilities and Real Estate.

he said, "I feel like we're not turning our back on the neighborhood. We're talking to the architecture of the neighborhood so it feels like it belongs here."

As part of the project, Facebook has committed to building a two-acre park with a public plaza and event space to host events like its festival programs

and mobile farmers' market. It is also planning to build a bike and pedestrian bridge over Bayfront Expressway that will provide easier access to the Bay Trail and Bedwell Bayfront Park.

The announcement of the building's completion follows months' worth of news that Facebook is continuing to expand its lease holdings

throughout the Bay Area.

According to reporting by publications around the region, Facebook is snapping up new office space faster than a Hungry Hippo snaps up marbles.

In May, the company leased 1.18 million square feet in San Francisco and about 1 million square feet in Sunnyvale. In June, it leased about 750,000 square feet of office space in Fremont, another 450,000 square feet in Mountain View.

In a written statement, Tenanes said, "To support our growth, we're expanding our Bay Area office locations in addition to our Menlo Park headquarters. Our regional growth plan is designed to locate workplaces closer to where people live and where there is supporting infrastructure like housing and transportation. We are invested in Menlo Park and it will be our headquarters for the foreseeable future."

Most recently, the company confirmed it is in discussions to lease additional office space in Burlingame. ■

## Council OKs civic center design cuts, but donors may renege on pledges

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

It was one step forward and possibly one step back for Atherton's civic center on Sept. 5 as the City Council approved at least \$2.5 million in cost-saving cuts suggested for a new administration and police building just before hearing that unhappy donors who had pledged at least \$2 million toward the civic center might withdraw their pledges.

"I'm going to throw some cold water on you all," said Didi Fisher, a former Atherton council member and mayor and a leader of the Atherton Now group that raised \$6.5 million toward funding the civic center. Fisher said with the council's failure to eliminate a new council chamber from the plans and to reduce the size of the building's lobby, "we have the potential to lose at least two million dollars" in promised donations.

After the meeting, Fisher

said that council members had all known of donors' wishes to reduce the size of the building's lobby and eliminate or postpone building a new council chamber that would double as an emergency operations center. "This is not news," she said.

Fisher also said it is possible that donors may wait until new bids come in, which is likely to happen early next year, before deciding to rescind pledges.

The council chamber/EOC will be in the revised plans but is designated, as it was in the earlier design, as a "deduct alternative" that could be removed from the project if new bids are high. Eliminating the council chamber is estimated to save \$1.65 million.

WRNS Studio architect John Schlueter told the council that downsizing the lobby between the town's administration and planning offices and its police station from 1,500 square feet to 1,100 square feet would save only \$50,000 to \$75,000 after

adding in the redesign cost, which could conceivably be more than the reduction would save.

Council member Bill Widmer expressed dismay that the town hadn't downsized the lobby earlier. "My position hasn't changed since November when we first looked at this," he said. "I feel it's too grand. ... It should have been smaller," he said.

Downsizing the lobby and eliminating the council chamber were two options given to the council, but not recommended for adoption, by a working group including the architects, project managers, members of the town's Civic Center Advisory Committee and town employees.

The town has been working to design a less expensive civic center since June, when the only two bids to build the project came in more than 40 percent over budget. In August, the council approved design changes to the new

library estimated to save \$3.14 million while making minimal changes to the building's appearance.

The council voted to rescind at least one of those changes, which called for eliminating a central heat pump that would provide heating and air conditioning to both buildings in favor of two separate systems. While the change might have saved money for the library project, it would require extensive redesign that could take months to complete, Schlueter said.

The council members agreed to most of the cuts recommended by the working group. However, when council member Mike Lempres had to leave the meeting before it was concluded (he said the last-minute rescheduled meeting didn't allow him to change a work obligation), a majority couldn't agree on whether to substitute asphalt shingle roofing for concrete tiles, which would save about \$300,000.

According to Schlueter's presentation, the cuts the council approved, which are \$2.5 million with the tile roof remaining and \$2.8 million with an asphalt shingle roof, leave the project with an \$8.2 million "budget gap."

The council also heard about options for financing that would allow the town to borrow money to fill that gap, or to ease cash-flow problems because the town gets most of its revenues only twice yearly from property taxes but would be paying monthly construction bills.

Michael Bush from Urban Futures Inc. told council members that in addition to asking two-thirds of voters to approve a bond to finance part of the civic center, the town can issue COPs, or certificates of participation. COPs skirt the state's requirements for public approval of borrowing by structuring the loans as a lease.

Council members asked for more information on other financing options. ■

## State board denies Willows residents' petition to switch school districts

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Near the border with East Palo Alto, one street in Menlo Park's Willows neighborhood experiences a split on school days: Kids who live on the south side of O'Connor Street are designated to attend schools in the Menlo Park City

School District, and some need only walk around the block to get to the newly completed Laurel School Upper Campus. Meanwhile, kids who live on the north side of the street are assigned to schools in the Ravenswood City School District — and in some cases, their parents prefer to send them to private schools.

That split will remain following

a Sept. 6 decision by the California State Board of Education to deny a petition by residents to transfer 31 households on the north side of O'Connor Street from the Ravenswood district into the Menlo Park district. The board voted 10-0 to deny the petition, with vice president Ilene Straus abstaining.

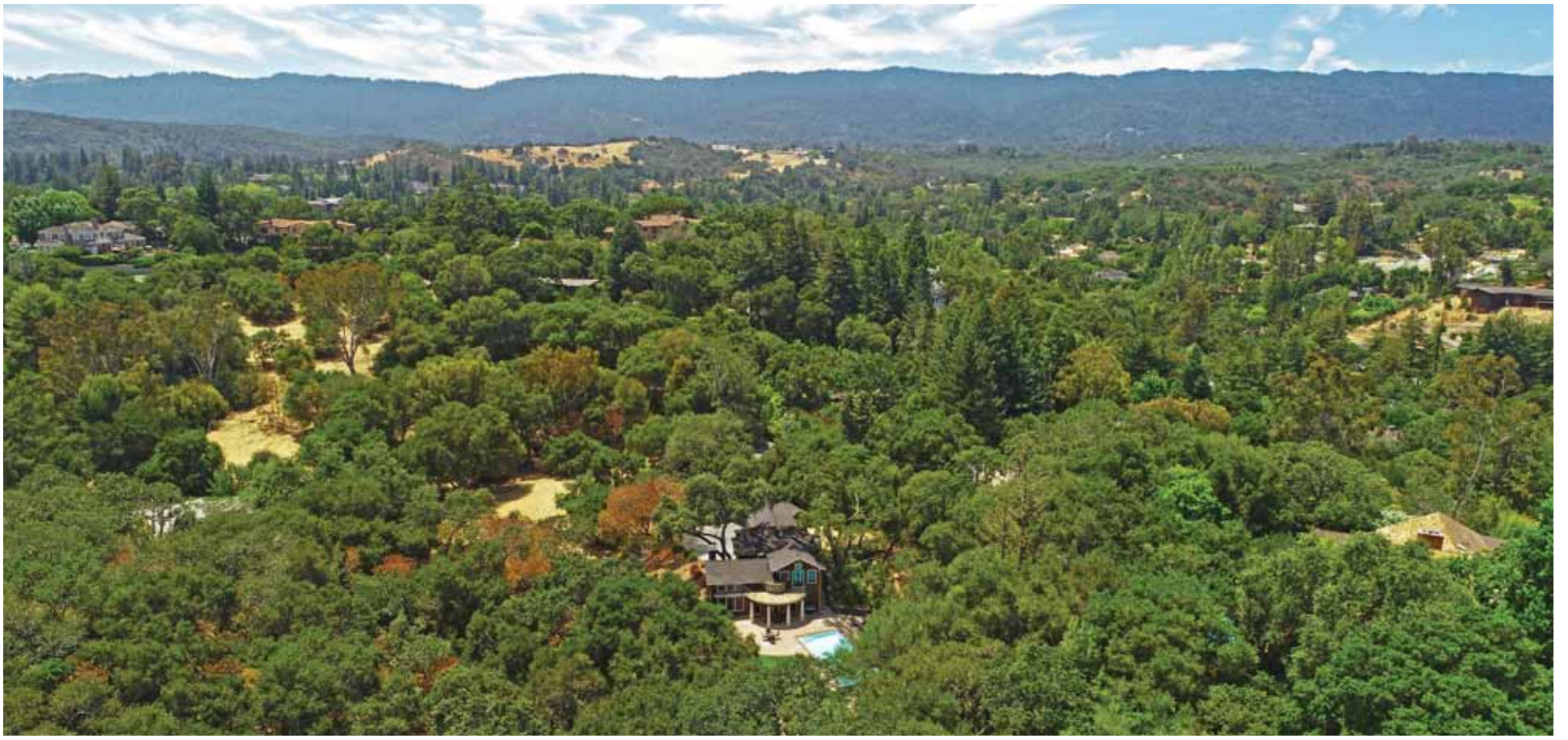
Citing concerns that the

proposed transfer could promote segregation, and could have adverse impacts on the fiscal health of the Ravenswood City School District, the education board ruled on what has been a decades-long tension between the school districts and residents.

It's not the first time those households have tried to switch districts, according to a report

by the California Department of Education. The homes on the north side of O'Connor Street (whose addresses run from 235 to 295 O'Connor St.) were annexed into the city of Menlo Park in 1983. In 1992, owners of the O'Connor Street properties tried to transfer

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### WILLOWS

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from the Ravenswood district to the Menlo Park district, but their petition was denied by the committee that controls such boundaries, the San Mateo County Committee on School District Organization. When the residents appealed the petition's denial, the state Board of Education unanimously affirmed the county's decision. At the time, the state board found the petition ran contrary to a court ruling to decrease what it referred to as "racial isolation" in the school districts.

More than two decades later, in December 2014, residents led by three primary petitioners — Susan Stacy Keller, John Barksdale and Lansing Scriven — submitted a new petition seeking the same thing; to become part of the Menlo Park school district.

But in March 2015, their petition was unanimously denied by the county Committee on School District Organization. The committee determined that the petition did not meet three of nine requirement thresholds: that a transfer between districts not promote racial or ethnic discrimination or segregation; not increase school facility costs; and not cause a "substantial negative effect" on the finances of the affected districts.

The petitioners then appealed the committee's decision to the state.

During the Sept. 6 hearing, a number of the O'Connor Street residents seeking the transfer spoke of their cohesion with the Willows neighborhood. Resident Ken Hoyle said that his children play on sports teams with other kids in the neighborhood since those teams are within the boundaries of Menlo Park, but added that his kids can't go to school with those same teammates.

"When we played Little League at the Upper Laurel School, I threw a baseball to my house from the school. That is how close we are," he said.

Tim Fox, who introduced himself as San Mateo County's desegregation lawyer — "which is something I didn't think that a person needed to do in the 21st century," he added — opposed the appeal because "granting the petition would isolate students in Ravenswood," he said.

Others said that the Ravenswood district has suffered financially from previous de-annexations, and questioned whether the motives of the O'Connor Street petitioners were tied to goals of increasing property values.

"Please don't give our assets to Menlo Park, one of the richest districts in the state," one East Palo Alto resident asked of the board.

### A desegregation mandate

The state's report asserts that the proposed transfer would go against the "spirit" of the 1979 court ruling that led to the creation of the Tinsley voluntary transfer program. That program allows minority Ravenswood students to transfer out of the district to attend other local school districts. The court ruling stated the program should "further equal educational opportunities" and reduce "minority racial isolation among or between the students of the respondent districts' elementary schools."

"The promotion of diversity was supposed to be a two-way street," Ravenswood district Superintendent Gloria Hernandez Goff told *The Almanac*. However, she added, the reality is anything but: About 1,200 current K-8 students have left the Ravenswood district to attend schools in other districts. Zero K-8 students transfer into the Ravenswood district, Hernandez Goff said.

"If you look at the Tinsley students, they are all Ravenswood students," she said.

### Fiscal impacts

Previous transfers of territory out of the Ravenswood district have "severely impacted the fiscal health of the district," Hernandez-Goff said.

As the district has gotten smaller, she said, it's become a "little hub of poverty in the midst of Silicon Valley."

Even if none of the households on O'Connor Street sends kids to the Ravenswood district, she noted, having the Menlo Park homes located in the Ravenswood district boosts the district's assessed property values, since those values in Menlo Park tend to be higher than those in East Palo Alto.

Having higher assessed values boosts the district's bonding capacity, which makes possible higher levels of funding from bond measures to finance projects, such as improving school facilities.

According to the state's report, the bonding capacity per enrolled student in the Ravenswood district is about \$11,233, whereas in the Menlo Park district, it's \$54,416, nearly five times greater.

Because there are more existing parcel taxes in Menlo Park, the transfer would have resulted in losses to the Ravenswood district of about \$6,000 annually, while the Menlo Park district would have gained about \$25,000 annually, according to the report. Even with the increases, because the Menlo Park district is funded through property taxes alone, it's not expected that the costs to educate new students from that area would have been covered. ▣

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## STANFORD

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of Supervisors expected the university to address the question of maximum build-out in 2000, when it approved Stanford's last application for a General Use Permit (GUP). As part of the approval, the county required Stanford to submit a sustainable development study that would "identify the maximum planned build-out potential for all of Stanford's unincorporated Santa Clara County land" and identify the university's strategies for preventing sprawl into the hillsides.

Instead, Stanford submitted a study that considered three theoretical growth scenarios — with low, moderate and high growth — with a 2035 horizon. (Despite some misgivings, the supervisors approved the study in 2009.)

Board President Joe Simitian said the new supplement was commissioned by county staff as part of the board's ongoing review of the new GUP application, a process that is expected to conclude by March 2019. Simitian told the Palo Alto Weekly that in commissioning the study, county officials were hoping to get Stanford to answer the question posed two decades ago.

"Then as now, people were asking, 'Is there an end to this and, if so, at what point? Or are we going to expect that every 15 years or so, the university will come back to ask for another few million square feet?'" said Simitian, who was also on the board in 2000, when the existing GUP was approved.

The study's conclusion is based on existing land use designations, land capacity, development patterns at other universities and various resource constraints (energy, water and transportation).

Not surprisingly, the survey of universities showed that those with less land generally tend to build at a greater density. Universities with lower density than Stanford all have more than 1,000 acres of developable land and FAR of under 0.3.

Those on the higher end of the density spectrum all have less than 200 developable acres and FAR levels greater than 0.9.

Stanford's 1,018-acre academic campus currently has a FAR of 0.34, though it is slated to go up to 0.38 once the university completes construction of the Escondido Village Graduate Residences and to 0.46 once the university fully implements the construction plans in its new General Use Permit.

Even with this expected growth spurt, the study suggests that Stanford can potentially accommodate much more. It acknowledges that Stanford is unlikely to ever reach an FAR of 1.5, which is generally associated with "very small campuses in highly

urbanized cores of major cities."

It does, however, deem a FAR of 1.0 to be a more reasonable "maximum" density to plan for. If Stanford were to reach for that density level (which would still be a bit below Berkeley's FAR of 1.11), its academic campus would accommodate 44.4 million square feet of development.

Even at a more modest FAR of 0.75, Stanford could accommodate 33.3 million square feet of development, effectively doubling its campus.

There's been no sign to date that Stanford wants to go that route, a fact that Stanford officials emphasized in a recently released fact sheet. The current General Use Permit application requests permission to build 2.275 million square feet of academic space and 3,150 new housing units or student beds by 2035.

Stanford noted that the new report's study horizon is "beyond a reasonable planning frame" and that its conclusions

are on "hypothetical development capacity."

"It is not possible to know what the needs of the university and the community will be in the future," Stanford's response stated. "Land use is a dynamic and rapidly evolving field being shaped by advances in knowledge and technology. And given the rapid rate of economic and societal change in the world, the work done by Stanford is likely to continue evolving in the coming decades as new needs and opportunities emerge for the research and teaching missions of the university."

The report also recognizes its own forecasting limitations. Five decades, it notes, is the typical limit of anyone's ability to accurately predict future development and land use patterns. Most general plans look only about two or three decades into the future. At current rates of development, doubling Stanford's density would take at least 50 years and possibly

more than a century, "well beyond the planning horizon for even the most long-range plans."

Of the various development constraints that the study considers (including energy, wastewater, solid waste), water usage is deemed among the most significant. In the absence of a drought, projects that supply of potable water would become a constraint once total campus development grows from its current level of about 15.2 million square feet to about 25.4 million square feet. With drought conditions, water supply would become a constraint when campus reaches

21 million square feet.

Traffic and transit can also become a constraint, the study states, though not necessarily an insurmountable one. The study notes that there are various transit improvements being implemented throughout the region ("with varying success"); that technological innovations (including autonomous vehicles) can potentially increase roadway capacity; and that Stanford is pursuing its own congestion-management programs as part of its efforts to comply with a "No Net New Commute Trip" policy in its General Use Permit. ■

## Ragnar Andreas Andersen

June 29, 1928 – August 23, 2018

Ragnar Andreas Andersen passed away just after his 90th birthday at the Devonshire Oaks Nursing Home in Redwood City, CA on Thursday, August 23, 2018.

Ragnar (Andy) was born June 29, 1928 in Bergen, Norway to Knut and Kristi Andersen. He was the oldest of 6 children (Anny, Olav, John (d), Daniel (d) and Reidar (d))



He attended grade school and high school in Bergen and attended the Norwegian Technological Institute from 1945-1949 studying electrical engineering. During this time he also attended the Conservatory of Music's Orchestra School. He served in the Norwegian Air Force 1949-1950. Ragnar first came to the United States in 1951 and worked in construction in Chicago, staying with relatives then to New York to work for Bludworth Marine as an electrical engineer on ship navigation systems until late 1953. He was then drafted into the US Army and served as a Sargent as an instructor for ROTC students at Fort Manmouth and Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. While there he took electronic courses at Georgia Tech and was also the assistant concert master for the Augusta Civic Symphony Orchestra.

In 1955 Ragnar began working for ITT – Federal Systems Division in Nuttle, New Jersey as a design engineer traveling around the US for a year to SAC bases selecting sites for navigation systems. (He sometimes pulled over on road trips to show us where he put the systems) He was later assigned as a technical counselor to the Military Attache for the US Embassy in Oslo, Norway until 1960. In 1961 he began working for Grumman Aerospace as an electronic systems engineer.

In 1963 Ragnar came to California as a quality engineer working out of the west coast Grumman office in El Segundo.

In 1976 he met his second wife Virginia Gill at Dalmo Victor in Belmont when he was doing quality engineering for Grumman. They were married in 1979 and lived in Woodside until their move to Redwood City in 2011.

Ragnar is survived by his wife Virginia, 3 son's, Roland Phillip (Jun) (from a former marriage), Thor Daniel, and Erik Allen and his sister Anny Sivertsen in New Jersey and brother Olav Andersen (Ella) in Bergen, Norway. There are many nieces and nephews in Norway, New Jersey, Chicago, and New York.

Ragnar had many interests, loved playing golf, skiing, boating, flying his Cessna 182, woodworking, music and was very handy around the house.

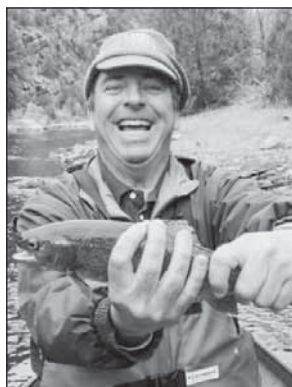
Private services for family will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations to a favorite charity. A Celebration of Life will be announced.

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## Scott Sanders Higgins

September 19, 1958 – August 25, 2018

Scott Sanders Higgins, 59, of Cherry Hills Village, CO passed away while riding his bike in a triathlon on Saturday, August 25, 2018. Son of the late Jack Kirby Higgins and step son of the late Sally Higgins of St. Louis, MO. Also the son of the late Cynthia Jane Sanders Higgins and brother of the late Johnny Shackelford Higgins of Kansas City, MO. Scott is survived by his wife of 26 years, Laurie Shea Higgins; beloved children, Kendall, Danielle, Andrew & Johnny; sisters, Cindy (Dave Montgomery) Higgins & Christy (Tim Hooper) Higgins Hooper. Uncle of Estelle, Jesse, Kirby & Hawley Montgomery & Haley & Brooks Hooper. He is also survived by hundreds of relatives and friends.



Scott's greatest love was being a DAD. He was also a baseball coach, Eagle Scout, Cubmaster, hockey player, snowboarder, golfer, mountain climber, triathlete and pianist. Scott graduated from Clemson University where he was a member of the rugby and football teams; He has a CPA, an MBA and was working on his PhD. He was the CEO of an on-line education company. Scott loved appetizers, Dr. Pepper, crazy hats, barbecuing, watching sports and fantasy football. On August 31, 2018 there was a Celebration of Life for Scott at The Higgins residence in Colorado; hats and colorful attire were recommended. Woodside was well represented at the memorial.

The Higgins family resided in Woodside before the move to Cherry Hills, CO. The children attended Woodside Elementary and Scott was an integral part of the community serving as past president of the Woodside Recreation committee and a proud member of the White team on the coed Summer softball team. He was also known to play a mean match of broom ball on ice. In lieu of flowers or donations the Higgins family would prefer that everyone remember to hug your loved ones and get your heart checked.

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# Club offers a chance to join in the conversation

By Lauren Kelmar  
Special to The Almanac

Not being able to communicate with those around you, whether it be in a new country or at home, can be extremely difficult and disheartening. The Conversation Club, a four-year-old program sponsored by Project Read-Menlo Park, provides an opportunity for local adults with limited English-language skills to learn English in a supportive setting. The Conversation Club meets weekly at the Menlo Park Library and is designed to help participants improve their conversational skills with volunteer tutors. The informal drop-in meetings are open to non-native speakers as well as U.S.-born adults who never learned to read and write to their satisfaction, according to the Conversation Club website.

Learners and volunteer tutors meet for an hour in the library's downstairs meeting room. Every week, there is a new topic that guides the conversation — for example, shopping for groceries or volunteering.

Every learner and tutor has a name tag with a sticker marking the number of times he or she has attended a session of the club. There are also pieces of paper with 10 possible questions for each table of three to five learners and a tutor to discuss.

Tutors launch the conversation at each session by asking questions for participants to answer in English. But by the end, the students take over the questioning and the conversation flows.

Some learners are Conversation Club veterans. For example, Ryoto moved from Japan two years ago and immediately started



Photo by Lauren Kelmar

Project Read tutor Kathy converses with learners Hulya, Rodolfo and Moato.

attending the meetings. But some are newcomers like Antonio, who moved from Mexico a little more than half a year ago and recently began participating to improve his language skills.

On a recent Wednesday, long-time tutor Linda Carlson and learners Ryoto and Antonio shared a table and conversation. Ryoto says that he knew some English before coming to the United States because he had an American boss at his company

in Japan, but his language skills weren't strong enough for him to feel confident in his speaking abilities.

"I could not speak English as well as I could understand it," Ryoto explains.

A colleague at the USGS recommended the Conversation Club to him, and Ryoto says his speaking skills have improved, as has his confidence.

"I used to have to try to follow a conversation between multiple

people, and I was too scared to jump in," he says. "Now I feel I can."

Antonio, on the other hand, knew no English before moving here, but he says he's already made progress, thanks to the help he gets through the program.

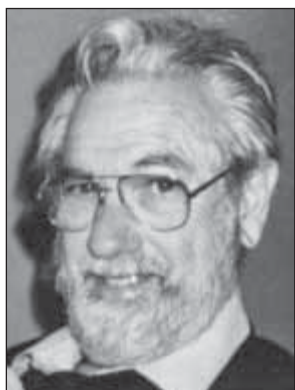
"My English skills have improved through the Conversation Club because I am forced out of my comfort zone to talk

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## Richard Carter Angus

August 25, 1927 – August 22, 2018

Richard Angus passed away peacefully at home in Saratoga, CA on August 22. Born in Atherton, he spent most of his life as an avid community volunteer in Saratoga and Menlo Park. He was a graduate and active alumnus of Sequoia High School. He served in the Navy at the end of WWII, then attended San Jose State University. Upon graduation, he married Shirley Adams, his wife of 59 years. Dick was dedicated to his careers at Ampex Corp. and Lockheed until he retired in 1992. He loved dancing, roller skating, water skiing and other sports. Always the volunteer, he was active in the Castlerock Horseman's Association, 4-H, Little League, Saratoga Drama Group, the annual Saratoga Parade, and most recently the Saratoga Senior Center, where he was former Board President and worked toward the new renovations: Menlo Park Historical Society, where he served as Board President and championed the Menlo Gate project; and De Anza Kiwanis, where he was a long-time board member and 3 times voted Kiwanian of the Year. His pet projects were delivering Christmas trees, manning the Special Games at De Anza College, mentoring Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs, and being the Route Coordinator for the American Diabetes Association Silicon Valley Tour de Cure. In 2017 he was presented with the Saratoga Citizen of the Year Award for his work in the Saratoga community.



Richard is survived by his 4 children, Kathleen (Larry Nelson) of San Francisco, Steven (Dana Angus) of San Jose, Dorothy of Saratoga, and Debby Weberski (Mark Weberski) of Tracy, five grandchildren, Emily and Rebecca Nelson, Brian and Gregory Angus, and Mark Smith; and two great grandchildren Zach and Megan. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley, son Bruce, and grandson Doug.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 29 from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Joan Pisani Community Center in Saratoga.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saratoga Senior Center, <http://www.sascc.org/senior-center/> or the Child and Family Institute c/o Richard Angus Memorial Fund, <https://www.cfamily.org/>

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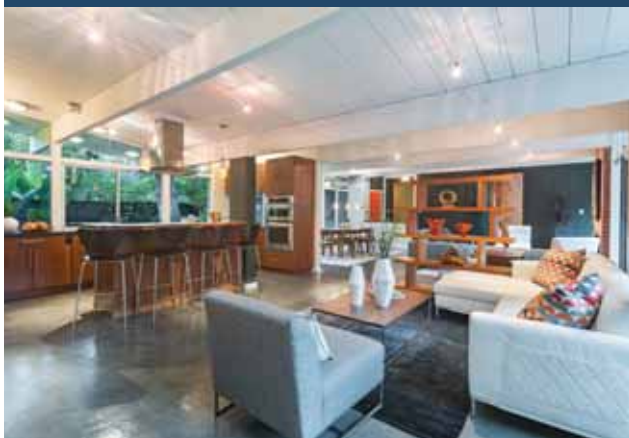
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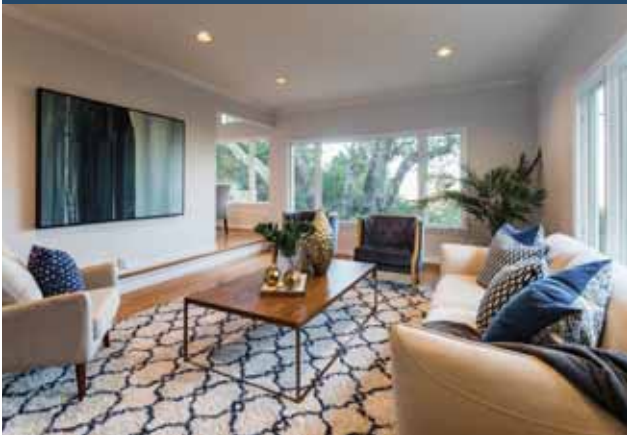
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# A new conversation

Teens hope their videos will encourage talking about mental health



Story by Barbara Wood | Photos by Natalia Nazarova

**Lesley Martin**, managing director of SafeSpace Center, talks with Sacred Heart Prep student Luc Yansouni about how viewing the documentary "Angst" inspired the students to make their own short videos about mental health.

Woodside High School senior Valentina Lovazzano joined the student advisory board at Menlo Park's youth mental health advocacy organization SafeSpace midway through her junior year, after she finally found help for debilitating anxiety problems that had at times made it hard for her to leave the house.

Once Lovazzano got the help she needed, "the first thing I wanted to do was reach out to other people," she says. "I wanted everyone to feel it's a normal thing, you're not alone. We're all teenagers, we're going to go through stuff. It's going to be OK," she says.

Now Lovazzano and a group

of other students who serve on SafeSpace's student advisory board are sharing those messages in five short videos SafeSpace is releasing this week to coincide with National Suicide Prevention Week.

SafeSpace has emphasized youth involvement since it opened in Menlo Park just over a year ago. It was founded by Stacey Drazan of Woodside, Susan Bird of Menlo Park and Liesl Moldow of Atherton, who had all experienced mental health problems in their own families.

The organization now partners with 16 local middle and high schools where 55 student members of the Safe Space

youth advisory board work with teachers and administrators to develop programs at each school. Students must apply annually for a place on the advisory board, and are trained in youth mental health first aid and encouraged to come up with proposals for their schools that incorporate their own experiences.

## Inspired by "Angst"

The video project began after youth advisory board members previewed "Angst," a documentary about anxiety that's being shown in local high schools this fall. "The kids said this is a really good documentary, but ...

it's just too long for teens," says Lesley Martin, managing director of the SafeSpace Center at 708 Oak Grove Ave.

Inspired to try making their own short videos about mental health, the students applied for a grant from the Palo Alto Medical Foundation Community Fund to work collaboratively with a video team from Riekes Center in Menlo Park.

"One way to capture attention is definitely to ask us to watch something," says Lovazzano.

Martin says the students told her they wanted the videos "to give hope and promise and share our stories."

"All five videos were defined by the teens," she says.

Lovazzano and fellow advisory board member Julia Robbin, a recent graduate of Nueva Upper School in San Mateo, were hired as interns by SafeSpace to spend the summer writing the video scripts and organizing the hours of raw footage shot by the Riekes Center crew.

Riekes Center media department intern Winslow Perry of Woodside directed the videos, and Riekes instructors Drew Annis and Jonah Moshammer assisted with filming and editing.

Members of SafeSpace's student advisory board tell their own stories in the less than four-minute videos. In "Reach Out," students talk about how they have dealt with mental health challenges and encourage watchers to open up about their own concerns. "I have all these amazing friends who I talk to a lot," one says. "I'm really lucky."

"There is no weakness in reaching out," one boy says. "Sometimes it's OK to cry it out," another boy says. The students' faces and voices convey sometimes raw, and very real, emotions.

"Even when I didn't want to be alive, there were people who wanted me to be alive, and that was reason enough to keep going and trying," says another girl.

## Resources

Each video ends with the SafeSpace.org website address and resources for students:

- For information, StarVista - [www.onyourmind.net](http://www.onyourmind.net)
- For help via text - Crisis Text Line, text the word "HOME" to 741741
- For telephone support - the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, (800) 273-TALK (8255)

While students created the videos, psychiatrists, psychologists and pediatricians reviewed them. "It was all thumbs up," Martin says. "They liked the fact that it was very relatable to teens."

At [safespace.org/new-conversations](http://safespace.org/new-conversations), the videos are posted along with information sheets and discussion questions for each.

Lovazzano says she thinks the videos came out "great." Some, she says, "hit close to home or can be a little hard to hear."

But, she says, "they are hopeful" and "something we really need right now."

Alina Kalmeyer, a Menlo Park resident and youth advisory



**Alina Kalmeyer**, a Menlo-Atherton student who is starting her second year on the SafeSpace student advisory board, spent part of her summer training new board members from Hillview Middle School, one of 16 schools SafeSpace has partnered with.

board member from Menlo-Atherton High School, says the videos have impact “because the youth were given a chance to come up with the topics.”

### Other student projects

The videos are only one of the many projects the SafeSpace student advisory board members have initiated.

Kalmeyer says she joined last year because of the experience she’d had as an eighth-grader when a close friend discussed thoughts of suicide and Kalmeyer didn’t know how to help her. Kalmeyer says she wanted, “to make sure no one else had to suffer alone, or no one else would be put in my position” of trying to help a friend without knowledge or resources.

She says her friend is now doing well.

Kalmeyer and the other Menlo-Atherton board members wrote a proposal for school administrators outlining problems they saw, and a plan for action.

“While living in an environment filled with motivation and creativity inspires success, it also puts extreme pressure on youth in the area. This pressure comes in the form of struggles with stress, anxiety, depression, low self-esteem,” they wrote.

“Too many students feel that they are alone in their struggles, or do not know who to turn to for help,” they wrote.

“Our goal ... is to stimulate conversation regarding mental wellness, eliminate stigma surrounding mental illness, and promote help seeking behaviors,” they wrote.

The students are now helping to write a new plan for freshman orientation including some of their ideas, and sponsoring student panels on mental health for other students and adults.

“I think it’s important to educate adults about what is going on,” Kalmeyer says.

### Teach-in

Luc Yansouni, a resident of Los Altos, is a junior and one of the representatives of Atherton’s Sacred Heart Prep on the youth advisory board. This year at his school, the youth advisory board members are helping to plan the school’s annual spring “social justice teach-in” day, which will be devoted to youth mental health.

“It’s really an opportunity to teach the entire school about the importance of mental health,” he says.

Colby Cheung, a Woodside Priory student who lives in Menlo Park, says he joined the student advisory board after he

had eight concussions in seven months while playing water polo. “I had waves of depression and anxiety,”

he says. SafeSpace allowed him to “be able to help others in the same position I was in,” he says.

This is the first year for the Priory to partner with SafeSpace, Cheung says, so he’s still working with administrators and trying to recruit more advisory board members.

“My favorite aspect of SafeSpace is how student-driven it is,” he says, which makes it different from many other organizations students can volunteer with. “Here you use critical thinking, and you’re actually doing stuff yourself,” he says.

### A new person

As for Lovazzano, she says getting the help she needed and getting involved in SafeSpace has changed her.

“The person I am today is totally different than the person I was a year ago,” she says. Dealing with stress is “a hundred times easier,” she says. “I really know how to overcome it. It just took the right help.”

A therapist taught her relaxation techniques, and “key

things to say to yourself in the moment,” and she has medication to take if she has a severe panic attack.

“It’s all how you think, and changing your thought process,” she says.

What Lovazzano is most proud of, though, is being named a “Safe School Ambassador” by a vote of her fellow students. “It made me feel great, because

that’s who I want to be. I want to be the person that anyone feels they can go to,” she says. “If I can make them feel safe, that’s great.”

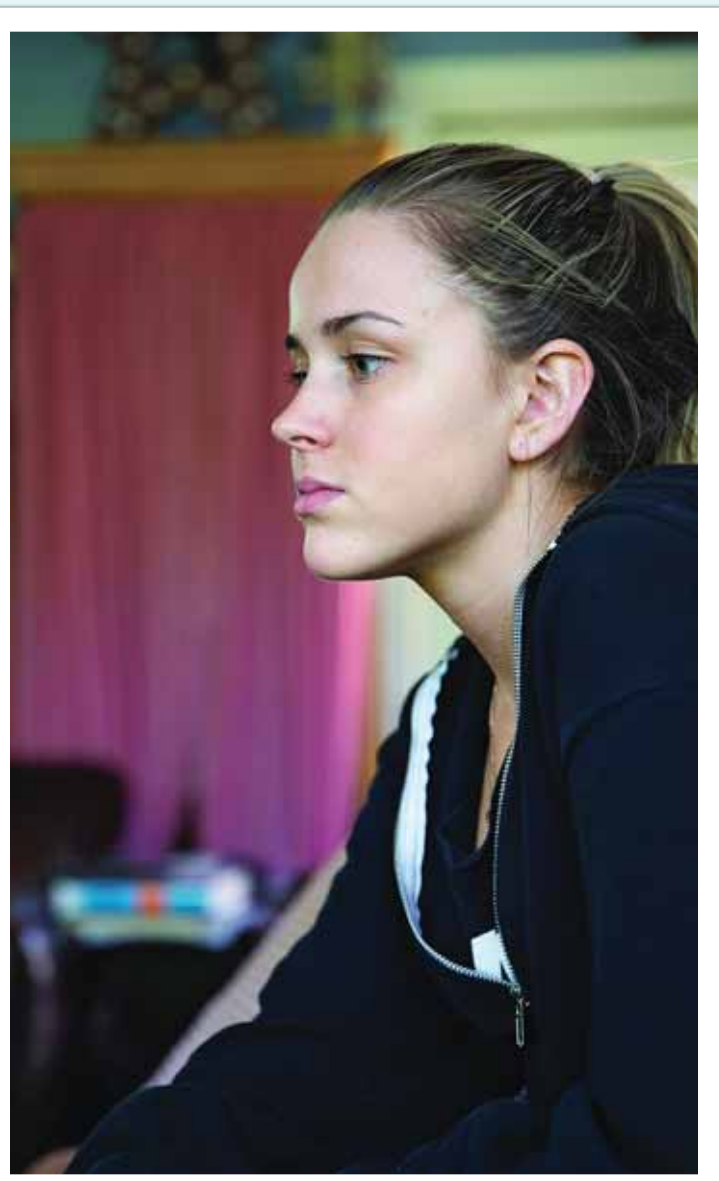
The students’ work with SafeSpace, Lovazzano says, “is going to pay off in the end if you know that you’ve helped at least one other person.”

Helping to educate others about mental health “is the most important thing any of us could do,” she says. ▣

“Even when I didn’t want to be alive, there were people who wanted me to be alive and that was reason enough to keep going and trying”

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

**About the cover:** Menlo Park residents Colby Cheung, left, a Woodside Priory student, and Alina Kalmeyer from Menlo-Atherton High are SafeSpace student advisory board members who helped make five videos about mental health this summer.



**Valentina Lovazzano**, a Woodside High School senior, co-scripted the videos, using her experience of finding help to overcome debilitating anxiety.



**SafeSpace student** advisory board members (rear, from left) Alina Kalmeyer from Menlo-Atherton High School, Colby Cheung from Woodside Priory and Luc Yansouni from Sacred Heart Prep, pose with (front, from left) SafeSpace co-founder Susan Bird and managing director Lesley Martin in front of their gathering space in downtown Menlo Park.

**CONVERSATION CLUB**

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in English face to face,” Antonio says. “I can’t run away from it; I have to respond in English.”

Antonio says that his motivation for attending these meetings is his desire to communicate with other people at his job, and improve his confidence.

The Conversation Club’s parent organization is Project Read-Menlo Park, but learners don’t have to attend tutoring through Project Read to attend club sessions, and vice versa. Project Read-Menlo Park has been providing one-on-one English tutoring by volunteers for adults for more than 30 years, according to its website.

Project Read Program Manager Jason Sugimura says that learners in that program meet once or twice a week with their volunteer tutor to improve their language skills. While the Conversation Club helps participants converse with others, Project Read focuses on grammar and vocabulary as well.

“With English Conversation Club, we are able to expand our services to English learners while they are waiting for tutors or (if they) have busy schedules,” Sugimura explains.

Cristina Carrillo, the



Photo by Lauren Kelmar

**Learner Antonio** and Project Read tutor **Linda Carlson** discuss the topic of volunteering.

Conversation Club coordinator, emphasizes the importance and supportive atmosphere of the meetings. “Conversation Club is an opportunity for many in our community to practice their English in a supportive, non-threatening environment,” she says.

Carrillo hopes to expand the Conversation Club to the Belle Haven Library and add more times the program is offered. That way, she says, people who are working or cannot find child care during the usual Wednesday evening session can attend another day.

Project Read also offers beginner English classes and digital literacy coaching at the Belle Haven Library, according to its website.

Since 2012, Project Read-Menlo Park has tutored more than 736 learners from 56 different countries according to its website. It is supported by the nonprofit Literacy Partners, whose president is Conversation Club and Project Read tutor Linda Carlson.

“I tutor because I have fun doing it and love seeing the English learners making progress and gaining confidence,” Carlson says.

The Conversation Club meets every Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. For information go to [projectreadmenlopark.org/english-conversation-club](http://projectreadmenlopark.org/english-conversation-club).

For more information on Project Read-Menlo Park, visit its website at [projectreadmenlopark.org](http://projectreadmenlopark.org). ■

**Diverse group art show in Atherton this Friday**

Eleven artists with works in eight different mediums will be featured in the Atherton Arts Foundation’s one-time “Diversity in Art” exhibit on Friday, Sept. 14, in Holbrook-Palmer Park’s Jennings Pavilion.

The exhibit is from 4:30 to 7 p.m.; the park is at 150 Watkins Ave. in Atherton.

Featured artists are:

**Sculpture:** Ted Ullman, who is a former chemist inspired by molecular forms; Paul Rubas, a native of Czechoslovakia and a tennis instructor who constructs sculptures from found objects; and Michael Kesselman, a former playwright and author using cast-offs to sculpt objects designed, he says, to make people smile.

**Origami:** Kate Lukasheva, who has a doctorate in differential equations and hand-colors paper for her computer-designed modular origami.

**Photography:** Merrie Asimow, who combines digital techniques to produce painterly photographs; and Michael Endicott, the director of the Edge of Frame Gallery in San Francisco, who was raised in the Caribbean and educated in biology and environmental law, whose photos resemble impressionist or abstract paintings.

**Jewelry:** Barbara M. Berk,



**‘Orbital’** by Atherton sculptor Ted Ullman

who has a master’s degree in Russian history and 15 years in magazine publishing, and weaves precious metal wires into sculpture and jewelry; and Francine Fiesel, who uses fresh water and cultured pearls from the South Seas and is inspired by the work of her father, art jewelry designer David Navarro.

**Painting:** Ginger Slonaker, who teaches children’s painting, and paints whimsical, twisted portraits in bright colors; and Inna Cherneykina, who was born near Moscow and is a former computer game designer who makes canvas paintings with vibrant colors, bold lights, and mysterious shade.

**Mosaics:** Xuan My Ho, who escaped Vietnam as one of the boat people and left her career in computer science for mosaics, putting broken pieces together, she says, to create a meaningful whole.

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PUBLIC HEARING

2. Jamis MacNiven ASRB2018-0019; VARI2018-0005; VARI2018-0008  
327 Hillside Drive Planner: Alex Byrd, Assistant Planner

Planning Commission review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal, requiring Formal Design Review, to construct a new, two-story, single-family residence with an attached garage, and convert an existing nonconforming main residence to an accessory residential use. The project includes the review of a Variance to allow a portion of the main residence within the required 30-foot Front Setback, and review of a Variance to allow plate heights of the accessory structure to exceed 11-feet. This item was continued from the September 5, 2018, meeting.

3.SV Projects LLC CUSE2018-0005, CEQA2018-0003  
250 Mountain Home Road Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Presentation and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal to repair and stabilize a stream bank at 250 Mountain Home Road that is located within a Town-Designated Stream Corridor. Prior to taking action on the project, the Planning Commission will consider adoption of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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

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# Don't flush or toss! County promotes safe disposal of meds

By **Kate Daly**  
Special to the Almanac

‘Protect our environment and your family. Never flush meds down the toilet or throw them in the trash.’ Posted on the San Mateo County Environmental Health Services blog, this message is part of a stepped up push to educate the public and promote the safe disposal of unwanted and expired medicines.

With 49 drop boxes set up at local law enforcement agencies and pharmacies, the county is offering a free and easy way to collect meds and help keep them from being “diverted, abused, misused, or inadvertently taken,” said Waymond Wong, the county’s environmental health program supervisor.

In 2006, the county launched what is believed to be the first effort in the nation to collect medicines through law enforcement agencies. Officers were also involved in transporting the medications from the 14 collection sites.

Three years ago a shift occurred when a new ordinance went into effect, making the companies that produce and sell prescription

and over-the-counter medicines in the county responsible for collecting and disposing of residents’ unwanted and expired medicines. The list of mostly Peninsula-based ones, such as Corcept Therapeutics in Menlo Park, Jazz Pharmaceuticals in Palo Alto, and Roche Holdings and Genentech in South San Francisco.

Since early 2017 the pharmaceutical companies have funded a program called MED-Project to manage the process in San Mateo County, and law enforcement officers are no longer involved in the physical transportation of medications.

A recent report shows that last year the new program cost more than \$1.2 million, and collected 24,600 pounds of expired and unwanted meds in the county from kiosks, at take-back events, and through mail-in envelopes. The county said it collected an additional 7,005 pounds during the transition to the new program, leading to a total increase of 15 percent more medications rounded up in 2017 than 2016.

MED-Project kiosks are bright blue, bolted to the ground, and apparently well used. A spot



Photo by Kate Daly

**Residents** are encouraged to drop off unwanted and expired drugs in this kiosk.

check at the beginning of this year found the drop box located in the lobby of the Menlo Park Police Department at 701 Laurel St. temporarily closed with a sign saying: “Full do not use.”

Menlo Park police spokeswoman Nicole Acker said, “It’s a good service to the public; plenty of people do use it.”

‘Many people do not realize that improper disposal, such as tossing medication in the garbage or flushing (it) down the toilet, has serious environmental consequences.’

HEATHER FORSHEY, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR

The officer on duty at the front desk of the Redwood City Police Department at 1301 Maple St. said when the kiosk gets full there, “people try to sneak stuff in all the time; we just say no.”

Wong explained how an on-site representative, usually an officer or pharmacist, oversees the collection. They call Stericycle, an international medical waste management company, to come and package up the medicines when the kiosk needs emptying. The next step is having a “common carrier,” such as the U.S. Postal Service or the United Parcel Service (UPS), pick up the medications, which then go “to different

hazardous waste incinerators out of state ... to completely destroy the medications,” Wong said.

MED-Project reports using disposal facilities located in Utah, Indiana and Ohio.

Medications are accepted in any dosages with the exception of aerosols, compressed cylinders, inhalers, sharps (needles), medical devices, illicit drugs, medicines containing iodine, and herbal and vitamin supplements. Pills can be combined into a plastic bag, but liquids, creams and gels should not be mixed, and should be disposed of in their original packaging with the personal information on labels removed or blacked out to protect privacy.

Needles and other sharp medical objects have their own dedicated drop-off bins at facilities such as Kaiser Permanente and Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City.

The website [med-project.org](http://med-project.org) has the addresses of kiosk sites in San Mateo County and neighboring counties.

According to the website, disabled and homebound residents also have the option of using a

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# Sichuan classics

Fey's extensive menu offers something for everyone

By Ruth Schechter | Photos by Natalia Nazarova

Most people heading out to dinner at a Sichuan restaurant fall somewhere between two camps: those who want authentic cuisine and those who are looking for the typical Chinese comfort food they know and crave. At Fey, the two factions can dine happily side by side. Quality, meet quantity.

The five-year-old restaurant, located just north of the traffic bottlenecks along El Camino Real in Menlo Park, made waves shortly after it opened by receiving the Michelin Guide's Bib Gourmand distinction, given to restaurants that offer excellent food at a reasonable price. Things have not changed in that respect.

Fey has an immense menu with 12 pages of dishes organized by main ingredients, followed by a subsection labeled "Family Traditional Private Kitchen." One section lists 53 seafood dishes, from Sichuan classics such as walnut shrimp, salt-and-pepper squid and fish in black bean sauce to more unusual offerings, such as green onion and ginger sea cucumber, hot stone plate red wine shrimp and something called dry cook belt fish. The

## INFORMATION

### Fey Restaurant

1368 El Camino Real,  
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650-324-8888  
feyrestaurant.com

**Hours:** Lunch daily 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Dinner, Sunday-Thursday 5-9:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday 5-10 p.m.

**Credit cards:** Yes

**Reservations:** Yes

**Catering:** Yes

**Takeout:** Yes

**Outdoor seating:** No

**Parking:** Street

**Alcohol:** Wine

**Happy Hour:** No

**Noise level:** Low

**Bathroom cleanliness:** Excellent

pork section features 30 items and the vegetable section runs from eggplant and potatoes (#193) through spicy choy, a Taiwanese lettuce (#210). And there are long listings for noodles, soups, dumplings, appetizers, chicken and beef. You get the idea.

The restaurant is nicely decorated, with silvery fish



**Hong Kong-style crispy egg noodles** topped with seafood, and mushrooms with vegetables are among Fey's extensive menu of Chinese dishes.

cascading along one wall and more of the same dangling from a ceiling mobile. Festive ball-shaped light fixtures are incongruously paired with a crystal chandelier by the front door. Roomy booths and large, well-spaced tables can handle large parties and, more importantly, the gigantic platters of dishes coming out of the kitchen. Each item we ordered

arrived on plates the size of a medium pizza, with enough food for at least two additional meals at home.

After sipping tea and nibbling on complimentary crispy wontons, we got down to business. Our waiter warned us that we were being too ambitious about our appetites, so we limited ourselves to a few selections. The Hong Kong style pan-fried

crispy egg noodles (\$14.95) was a lovely mix of scallops, shrimp and fish with sauteed broccoli, bok choy and peapods, served on a cluster of crunchy noodles that quickly sopped up the light, tasty sauce. The fish fillet in black bean sauce (\$13.95) was both savory and sweet, and the fish tender and flavorful.

Less successful was the dry cooked string bean with pork (\$12.95), which was marked on the menu with a pepper connoting that it is a spicy option. My craving for spicy knows no limits, so I found this notation misleading. The dish lacked verve and the meat was so salty it was unpalatable.

We noticed heating units built into the tabletops for another house specialty, make-your-own hot pot, which you pay for by ingredient (\$6.95 for a small base, then \$1.50 to \$12.95 for anything from sauce to meat and vegetables). It's a definite must for a group.

True to form, Fey also offers an extensive lunch menu (I counted 38 options, \$8.95 to \$9.95) of mostly standard fare ranging from curry shrimp to broccoli beef.

Service throughout was exemplary. Servers were friendly and prompt, and stopped by often to see how we were doing, including making suggestions on how best to reheat our massive collection of leftovers. Dishes were staggered so that everything didn't arrive at the table at once, and water glasses were filled constantly and unobtrusively.

Fey's menu is so extensive that finding the standouts can seem like pure guesswork. It's amazing that the kitchen can put out so many dishes as well as it does. I plan on working my way through a few more pages until I find my favorites. **A**



**Han Ying Wang Gao**, owner of Fey Sichuan restaurant in Menlo Park.



**Sparkling silver fish** decorate the wall in Fey's dining room.

CALENDAR

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Theater

**Bay Area Opera Collaborative Presents 'The Pirates of Penzance'** Bay Area Opera Collaborative presents a gender-swapped production of "The Pirates of Penzance," a romance between two pirates. Sept. 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 presents "The Legend of Georgia McBride," a comedy about an Elvis impersonator who is replaced by a B-level drag show. Through Sept. 30. \$20-\$38. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage/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. facebook.com/events/210797766304851/

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

**TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Native Gardens'** TheatreWorks' "Native Gardens" by Karen Zacarias is a suburban comedy about a Latino couple that moves 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/201819-season

Music

**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

**Willy & The Four Boys Live Music** Willy & The Four Boys, covering classic rock and alternative songs of the likes of CCR, Faces, Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Jimi Hendrix, Alabama Shakes, Live and more, will be playing live

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mail-back program to dispose of their medications. Initially, pre-paid postage envelopes addressed to Stericycle were made available at San Mateo County libraries to help get the word out. In January, for example, an employee at the Woodside Library noticed more requests for envelopes after a MED-Project poster was placed in the restroom there.

Wong said residents are now advised to request envelopes online or by calling 844-MED-Proj. The envelopes hold up to 8 ounces.

The third option MED-Project suggests on its website is "in-home disposal," where medications are combined with coffee grounds, kitty litter, or dirt in a sealed container and then thrown into the trash.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration may stand by it, but Wong sees that option as a last resort.

He would like to see the county

music. Sept. 15, 7-9 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. cafezoehub.com/music-events

**Windy Hill** Bluegrass band Windy Hill will play live in celebration of its CD release. Sept. 15, 8 p.m. \$12-\$15. Club Fox, 2209 Broadway St., Redwood City.

Festivals & Fairs

**Atherton Arts Foundation presents 'Diversity in Art'** Atherton Arts Foundation celebrates the arts at the end of summer with paintings, photography, sculptures, mosaics, drawings, jewelry, textiles and origami. Sept. 14, 4-7:30 p.m. Free. Jennings Pavilion, Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Ave., Atherton.

Food & Drinks

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

Talks & Lectures

**Daniel Mason** Professor of psychiatry at Stanford University Daniel Mason reads from his new novel, "The Winter Soldier," which is set in World War I and deals with themes of love, family and the limits of medicine. Sept. 17, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**'Leading Matters: Lessons from My Journey'** In his new book, "Leading Matters: Lessons from My Journey," current chairman of Google's parent company Alphabet and former president of Stanford University John L. Hennessy shares the core elements of leadership that helped him become a successful tech entrepreneur, esteemed academic and venerated administrator. Sept. 20, 6 p.m. Sold out, livestream on Facebook. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/upcoming

**Literary Appreciation 102** Author and professor Kimberly Ford leads 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.

program grow, and encourages people to ask their local pharmacists to participate in it by setting up drop boxes on site so customers can "bring it to where you bought it."

He noted that Walgreens has set up its own system of medicine disposal bins at some stores on the Peninsula.

In a statement, San Mateo County Environmental Health Services Director Heather Forshey said: "Many people do not realize that improper disposal, such as tossing medication in the garbage or flushing (it) down the toilet, has serious environmental consequences. Not only can it impact groundwater supply, but chemicals also end up into rivers, bays and the ocean as sewage treatment plants do not filter out certain pharmaceutical compounds. By taking unused medicines to one of the county's drop-off locations, residents help protect the environment, avoid accidental consumption by pets and children, and help to keep drugs out of the wrong hands." ■

blackboard to consider the relationship between art and education. The "blackboards" on view examine schooling, authority, literacy, form and color. Sept. 19-Jan. 27; times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/blackboard

**'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. 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 presents "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. Through Sept. 29, Mondays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

**'The Struggle of Beauty: African Wildlife Photography Exhibition'** "The Struggle of Beauty," a fine art photography exhibition, features photographic works by cinematographer Andrew Wegst, photographers Sebastiao Salgado, Oliver Klink and Terri

Family

**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.

Museums & Exhibits

**'Blackboard'** "Blackboard" brings together works that imitate, resemble or feature a

Vershel. The exhibition is complemented with a narrative exhibit by environmental organization WildAid. The exhibit aims to raise awareness of the conflict between man and the environment and the commercialization of animal products. Through Oct. 25, times vary. Free. Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto. pacificartleague.org/exhibitions-current

**Susan Richardson: 'Enchanted Conversations and Broken Dreams'** Art Ventures Gallery features a solo exhibit of the work of artist Susan Richardson. The exhibit, called "Enchanted Conversations and Broken Dreams," spotlights her current body of work inspired by "The Great Gatsby" and "Tender is the Night" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Through Sept. 15, times vary. Free. Art Ventures Gallery, 888 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. artventuresgallery.com

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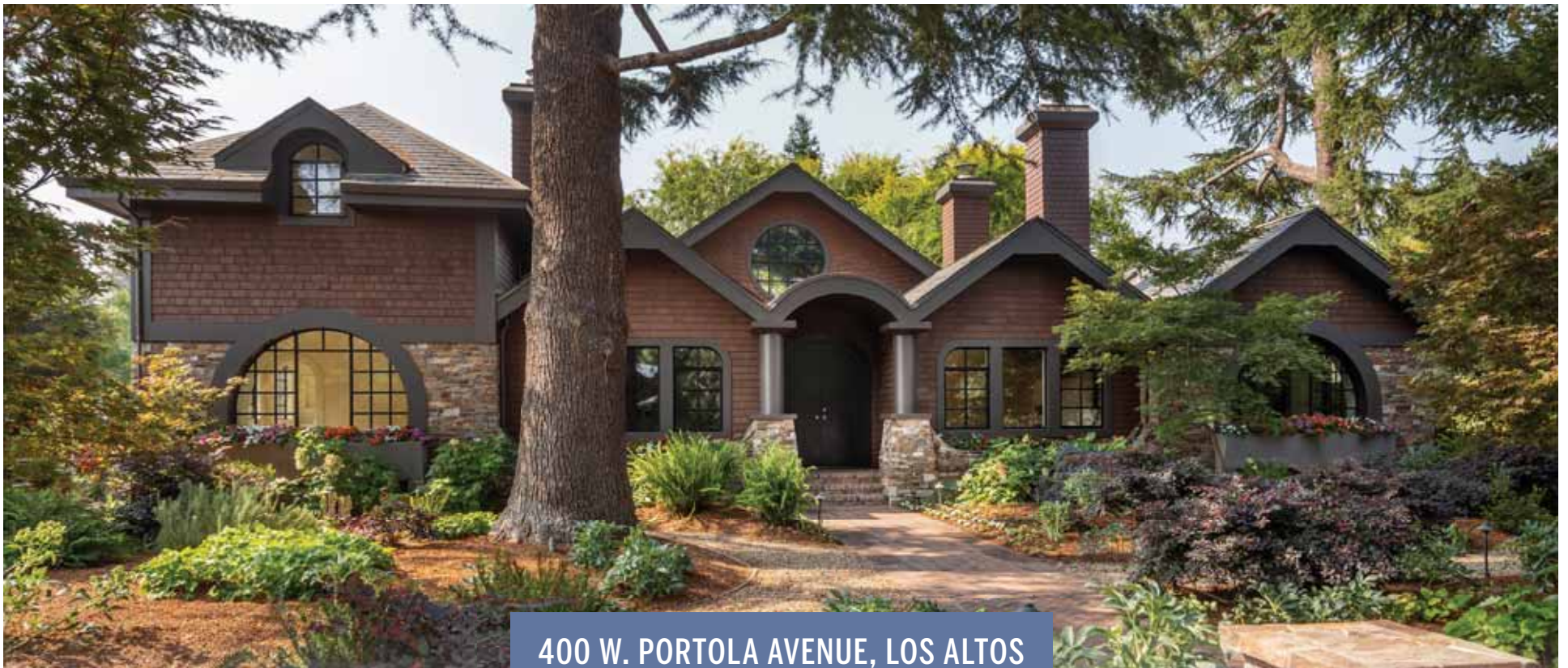
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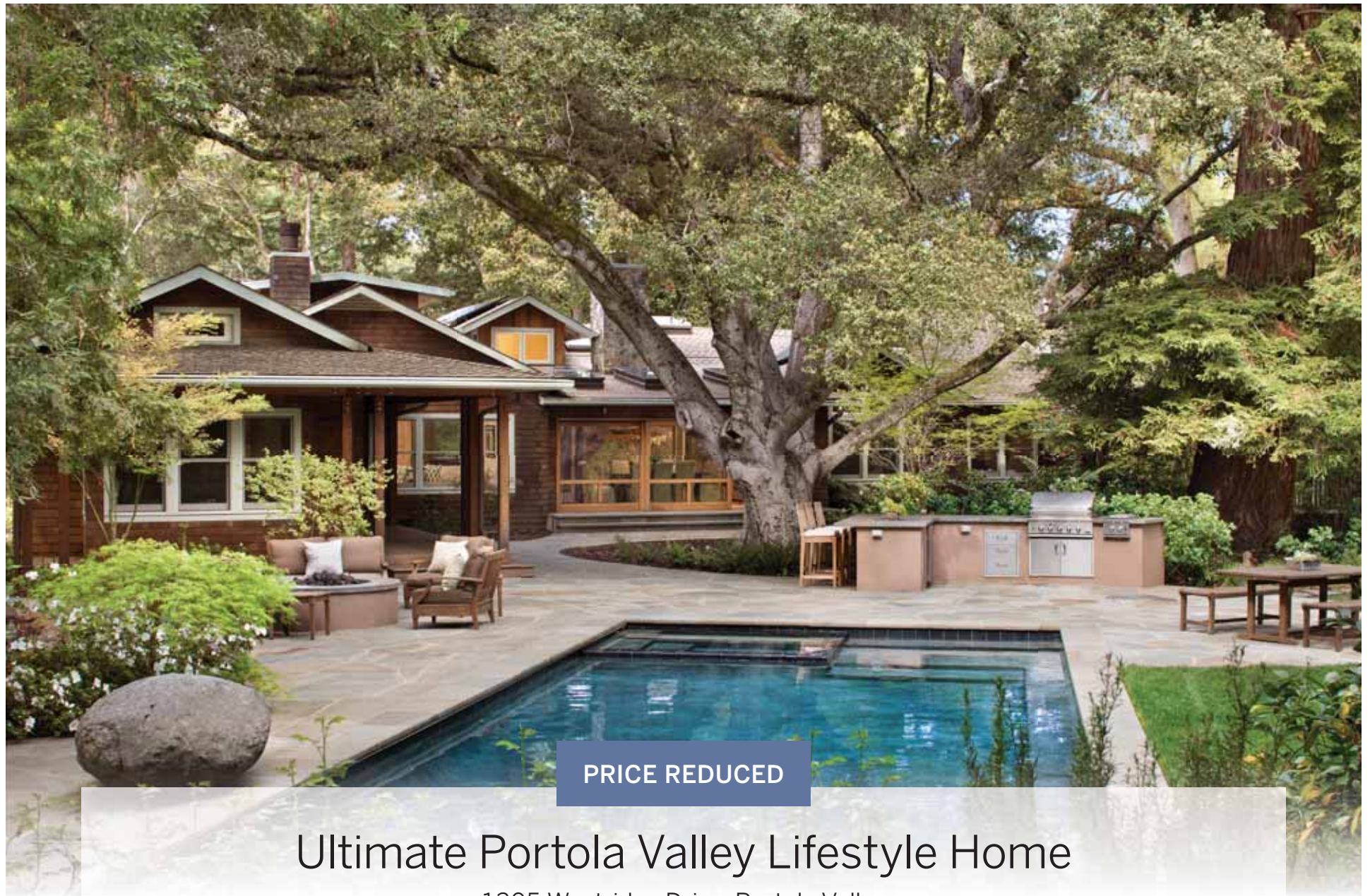
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## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

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; Sept 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)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 278759

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Vista Technologies, 2.) Vista Tech, 3.) FCI Vista, 4.) Miniminer.com, 5.) Mini Miner, 6.) Vista Technology, located at 2225 E. Bayshore Rd. Ste. 200, E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
ARMEN ARMOND TEMURIAN  
1447 E. Garfield Ave.  
Glendale, CA 91205

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 4, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 4, 2018.  
(ALM Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 2018)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 278760

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Vista Networks, 2.) Vista Network, located at 2225 E. Bayshore Rd. Ste. 100, E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
ARMEN ARMOND TEMURIAN  
1421 Valencia St.  
Pasadena, CA 91104

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 4, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 4, 2018.  
(ALM Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 2018)

SAVI ENTERPRISE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 278804

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Savi Enterprise, located at 2056 Pulgas Ave., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
IMELDA LLANOS DE LUNA  
2056 Pulgas Ave.  
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 September 7, 2018.  
(ALM Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 2018)

## 997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: 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. CABUNGAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
MARY JANE M. CABUNGAL to MJ M. CABUNGAL.

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.

/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.: 18CIV04368

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: CHRISTINA PROBST filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
CHRISTINA KUROWICKI to CHRISTINA BLAISE PROBST.

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: October 5, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

THE ALMANAC  
Date: August 23, 2018  
/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 2018)

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