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Even though the light is green, traffic doesn't budge at the intersection of Willow Road and Durham Street a little before 4 p.m. on the afternoon of Sept. 28 — a common experience for those who slog through the daily gridlock that paralyzes some Menlo Park streets.

Transportation plan won't resolve traffic woes, top consultant says

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

One hundred and seventy-three. That's the number of distinct projects that transportation consultants from W-Trans and Menlo Park city staff have so far determined the city could implement to improve safety, increase mobility options, and decrease traffic congestion within the city's transportation system.

That project list comes from a working paper released in August by staff and W-Trans consultants and is expected to form the basis of Menlo Park's transportation master plan, intended to be a comprehensive plan identifying the city's transportation problems, possible solutions and funding mechanisms to improve the city's transportation network. The plan is on a timeline to be completed by the summer or fall of 2019.

It would be Menlo Park's first citywide, big-picture plan to improve its transportation network. The creation of the plan was launched in the immediate aftermath of the city's completion

of its general plan update in late 2016, called "ConnectMenlo," which zoned for major increases in permissible development on the city's eastern side.

At the time that plan was approved, many were optimistic that the transportation master plan would address unresolved questions about how to deal with the gridlock already beleaguering Menlo Park, along with traffic impacts of major

growth in the city between U.S. 101 and the Bay. But several critics — including planning commissioners Henry Riggs and Katherine Strehl, and Councilman Ray Mueller, who voted

against approving the general plan update — wanted a clearer plan for how the city would get needed transportation infrastructure built to support the newly permitted growth.

After the first 15 months of the project, it's becoming evident the transportation master plan won't be a panacea for the city's traffic woes.

Mark Spencer, principal at W-Trans, told members of the city's 11-member advisory Transportation Master Plan

Oversight and Outreach Committee at a Sept. 25 meeting, "We're finding there are a lot of legacy issues — things built into the system that are hard for us to deal with."

So far, the process has required the city to be realistic about what traffic it can feasibly mitigate, and to prioritize reducing the negative impacts of the city's gridlock on residents — much of which starts and ends in cities other than Menlo Park. As its guiding principles, the plan aims to improve public safety, give residents more options to get around town via transportation modes other than solo driving, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout the city.

As a result, the projects proposed in the working paper vary dramatically in scale and scope, but the bulk involve steps to make the city more accessible for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Safety problems

A key reason to focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety is that it's a clear weakness in the city, compared with other cities. It's also a policy priority: Menlo Park has declared a commitment to being a "Vision Zero" city, a nationwide initiative aimed at reducing the number of traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries. Menlo Park's

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What are candidates' potential conflicts of interest on council?

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

As Facebook continues to be a powerful political force in the city of Menlo Park, concerns have been raised by the public that at least two contenders for the three City Council seats up for election this year could have conflicts of interest that would disqualify them from participating in Facebook-related council decisions.

According to state political ethics laws, a city official should be disqualified from participating in making a decision if "it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material effect on one or more of the official's financial interests," said Menlo Park City Attorney Bill McClure.

Determining just what is "reasonably foreseeable" to have a "material effect" on an official's financial interests gets complicated quickly, McClure explained in a written statement.

Drew Combs

One of the primary concerns is with District 2 candidate Drew Combs, who is a Facebook employee. McClure explained that under the law, receiving one's income from Facebook constitutes a "financial interest," so Combs would have to recuse himself from decisions that would foreseeably have a "material effect" on Facebook, or on property owned or leased by the company.

That means he wouldn't be able to vote on Facebook's proposed "Willow Village," which would be the city's largest-ever development. The development as proposed would essentially create a new neighborhood with 1,500 apartments, nine new office buildings, a hotel, some retail spaces — including, Belle Haven residents hope, a grocery store — and outdoor open spaces.

But that's not necessarily where such conflicts would end for Combs, McClure said. Conflict of interest laws would be likely to bar Combs from decisions about property leased by Facebook — which, at this point, is a large portion of the city's Bayside office space.

Combs might also be required to recuse himself from matters such as amendments or updates to the city's zoning plan in the eastern part of the city, called "ConnectMenlo," that impact how much commercial development can happen there, McClure said.

There could also "be some conflict issues" on matters like the city's transportation master plan, specifically regarding transportation projects that would be funded from new development in the city between U.S. 101 and the Bay; and "possibly (regarding) improvements to Bayfront Expressway, Willow Road east of U.S. 101, and Dumbarton Rail Corridor improvements or studies," McClure said.

According to McClure, there will have to be a factual analysis and determination of how Facebook could be financially impacted by new development. To determine if it would be a conflict for Combs to participate in discussions and votes on transportation projects, the city would have to know what portion of the projects Facebook is expected to fund.

McClure reported that he didn't believe Combs would have to recuse himself from residential projects like the proposed 140-apartment, below-market-rate development from MidPen Housing on Willow Road, or a proposed 94-apartment building on Independence Drive, since those "would not likely have a material impact on (Facebook)."

"While Drew might have a conflict for transportation improvements in the Bayfront area, he would still be able to participate in discussion, direction and decisions regarding other areas of the City as part of the Master Transportation Plan process, so long as those discussions are handled separately from the Bayfront Area improvements," McClure added.

If Combs is elected, the city would request a letter from the California Fair Political Practices Commission laying out more specific ethical

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Menlo Park doctor awarded \$1.5M in wrongful firing case

By Angela Swartz

Almanac Staff Writer

A jury awarded a former Santa Clara County psychiatrist \$1.5 million last week for what the doctor described as a retaliatory firing, according to court documents.

Menlo Park resident Dr. Jan Weber, a former chief of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry for Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Hospital and Clinics, sued the county for wrongful termination after his November 2014 firing. Weber, 49, said he lost favor with county administrators when he expressed concerns about patient care and worker safety.

"I was advocating for good quality care for a long time," said Weber, who worked with the county-owned and -operated Valley Medical for nearly six years before he left. "The administration felt like I was putting them on the spot," he said.

Patients and hospital managers complained to Weber about inadequate patient care, he said. Urgent care workers turned away children because they didn't have experience working with that age group, he said. Hospital staff refused to give one patient in crisis an emergency evaluation from a psychiatrist, he said.

Valley Medical Center fired Weber because of his purported low productivity and for canceling an appointment for a patient who was 25 minutes late, Weber's termination letter filed with the lawsuit states.

Valley Medical provides a safety net for people who otherwise don't have access to health care, he said. County residents with no medical coverage or who can't afford services can



Dr. Jan Weber

be treated at the center, according to the health care system's website.

"These are people who can't just get a second opinion from Stanford [Health Care] or the Mayo Clinic," he said. "I had a special obligation to provide the very best care ... There were glaring shortcomings in how we were providing care."

Weber brought up about 90 different issues with county management during his tenure there, he said. Staff told Weber about unsafe working conditions, including a lack of security officers in the psychiatry emergency room. There were assaults by patients on a regular basis and staff members left the center because of concerns, he said.

In 2017 Valley Medical Center care teams treated more than 275,000 people, according to the center. The same year, Valley Medical staff provided over 800,000 medical treatments in the emergency department and other outpatient settings, according to the center.

The county declined to comment on the jury award for this story. ▀

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guidance regarding what he will be permitted to vote on, McClure noted. Furthermore, he added, whether there are four or five council members voting, a council decision will still need three votes to pass.

Cecilia Taylor

Another concern raised was about District 1 candidate Cecilia Taylor, who, in her work as founder of Belle Haven Action, a nonprofit project of UnaMesa Association, accepted \$75,000 in funding for Belle Haven Action from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative.

The Initiative is a philanthropic investment company funded by the family fortune of Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Dr. Priscilla Chan.

McClure said that in his opinion, the fact that Belle Haven Action has received funding from the Initiative "would not preclude" Taylor from voting on any Facebook-related matters.

"There is no direct impact on a source of income since Chan Zuckerberg would not be an applicant or affected by decisions, so the effects would not be foreseeable or material," he explained. "That being said, we would request an opinion from the FPPC to confirm this conclusion if she is elected." ▀

Council candidates raise thousands for upcoming election

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

Yard signs are popping up throughout Menlo Park, and candidate forums abound. It's clear that election season is in full swing — and the latest campaign finance reports from City Council candidates bear this out.

In the first six months of 2018, only Councilwoman Kirsten Keith filed documents to disclose significant campaign fundraising. For the current filing period, all but one of the eight council candidates filed paperwork indicating they had raised more than \$2,000 between July 1 and Sept. 22. Once a candidate raises \$2,000, he or she is required to publicly file what is known as a Form 460 with the state that lists how much each donor has contributed.

According to council candidate documents showing campaign fundraising and spending during the current filing period — calculated in advance of the Sept. 27 filing deadline — the top fundraisers in each district during that period were Cecilia Taylor in District 1, with \$3,296; Drew Combs in District 2, with \$7,530 (not including personal loans); and Betsy Nash in District 4, with \$3,600.

Keith still tops the list for most funds raised overall, reporting a total of \$24,560 this year. Below is a list of each district's candidates and who their major donors were between July 1 and Sept. 22.

District 1

Cecilia Taylor

Taylor reported that she received \$3,296 in campaign contributions during this period, with \$3,114 in monetary contributions and \$182 in non-monetary contributions, and spent \$1,811.

Donations listed over \$100 are: \$500 from Carolyn Bowser,

\$400 from Howard "Sandy" Crittenden (former owner of the Guild Theatre), \$250 from herself, \$250 from former mayor Kelly Fergusson, \$250 from Karen Moore, \$200 from former mayor Steve Schmidt, \$200 from Lenore Hennen, \$200 from Susan Earhart, \$200 from Julie Schatz and \$150 from Nina Wouk.

Nonmonetary contributions included personal spending of \$83 and a contribution of \$99 from Hennen for labels, and food and supplies for a campaign party.

George Yang

Yang reported that he received \$2,010 in campaign contributions during the reporting period and spent \$1,801. He has raised \$3,080 since the start of the year, including \$1,000 in personal loans.

Donations listed over \$100 are: \$1,000 from Evelyn Evens Yee Wan Li, \$500 from Theresa Couture and \$250 from Jesus Borrillo.

Mike Dunn

Dunn told The Almanac he does not intend to collect contributions for his campaign, let alone in excess of \$2,000.

District 2

Drew Combs

Combs reported that he received \$11,530 in contributions to his campaign during this reporting period and spent \$3,673.

Combs said that he received \$6,890 in monetary contributions, \$4,000 in personal loans and \$640 in nonmonetary contributions.

Donations listed over \$100 are: \$1,000 from Peter Carpenter, \$500 from George Fisher, \$250 from former mayor Kelly Fergusson, \$250 from

Facebook Operations Manager Joseph Molimock, \$250 from fellow Planning Commissioner Henry Riggs, \$250 from fellow Planning Commissioner Katherine Strehl, \$250 from Kristi Berg, \$200 from former mayor Steve Schmidt, \$200 from former planning commissioner Stu Soffer, \$200 from Alba Holgado, \$200 from Martin Pearce, \$200 from Jennifer Pien, \$200 from Patrick Gardner, \$150 from former mayor Mickie Winkler, \$150 from Shaun Maguire, \$150 from Mahra Teikmanis, \$150 from Mary Beth Richardson, \$150 from Eric Seidel and \$150 from Rosser Wilson.

In addition, Kristi Berg provided \$490 in food, beverages and supplies for a kickoff party, and both Strehl and former planning commissioner Larry Kahle provided \$50 in refreshments for meet-and-greet events.

Kirsten Keith

Keith reported that she received \$5,293 in contributions and spent \$2,228 during the current period, and that she has received a total of \$24,560 in contributions since the start of the year. Of the contributions raised since July 1, she reports receiving all but \$74 in monetary contributions.

Donations listed over \$100 are as follows: \$950 from Core Affordable Housing, \$950 from Anton Development Company, \$500 from Greenheart Land Company, \$500 from Tod Spieker Jr., \$500 from Northern California Carpenters Regional Council Small Contributor Committee, \$500 from Geoff Carr, \$250 from Ben Paul and \$150 from Marc Berman for Assembly 2018.

Nonmonetary contributions included \$30 in food and snack supplies for a meet-and-greet event from Planning Commissioner Andrew Barnes.

District 4

Betsy Nash

Nash reported that she received \$3,600 in contributions during the current reporting period, all monetary campaign contributions, and spent \$2,159.

Donations listed over \$100 are as follows: \$500 from Betsy Nash for Council 2018, \$250 from Peter Cohn, \$250 from Sally Cole, \$250 from James Dickerson, \$250 from former mayor Kelly Fergusson, \$250 from George Fisher, \$250 from

Debra Littleton-Gerow, \$200 from Julie and Thomas Gaston, \$200 from Marie Jackson, \$200 from former mayor Steve Schmidt and \$150 from Amy Klein.

Peter Ohtaki

Ohtaki reported that he received \$2,105 in contributions during the current reporting period, all in monetary donations, and spent \$641.

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

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Portola Valley promoting use of electric leaf blowers

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

Gasoline-powered leaf blowers are in the cross hairs in Portola Valley. They're the little engines that can, in one hour, generate greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to a car trip from Los Angeles to Denver; that produce noise equivalent to a car horn heard from 3 feet away; that distribute toxic compounds such as formaldehyde and hydrocarbons; and that propel dust particles at speeds comparable to hurricane-force winds.

These and other assertions are included in a flyer from the town, published in English and Spanish, to promote

electricity-powered leaf blowers. Electric blowers are quieter and don't push dust around at the speeds of their gas-powered cousins, the flyer says.

Town Hall is asking residents to think about incentives that could persuade gardeners to replace their gasoline-powered blowers with electric models.

"We want to hear from you on what you think would be the most successful way to encourage such a transition," the flyer says. "Talk to your gardeners and landscape professionals about best practices, meaningful incentives, and the use of an electric leaf blower."

Long a hot topic

The question of regulating

leaf blowers, including banning commercial use of them on weekends, has been a hot topic in town for decades, with arguments made in support of allowing them and banning them.

Commercial use of leaf blowers is limited on Saturdays and not allowed on Sundays, and the town's noise ordinance can be brought to bear for exceptionally loud machines, but that is the extent of regulations.

The idea of replacing gasoline-powered leaf blowers with electric blowers has not been controversial, but this current initiative is notable in that it is actively seeking ways to move that idea along.

Coming up with workable

incentives for switching to electric blowers was one of several suggestions made in September 2017 when the Town Council discussed ways to reduce and eventually eliminate the presence of gasoline-powered blowers from the streets and yards of Portola Valley.

At that time, resident Danna Breen, a landscape architect, noted the effect that leaf blowers have on irrigation by hardening the soil surface.

People have also become accustomed to leaf blowers as background noise, she said. "I think it's insane and I think it really needs to stop and I'm surprised at us not being at the forefront of this thing," she said. "Leaves on the ground are OK.

Where did we get into this anal-retentive thing?"

Craig Taylor, a Planning Commission member, sounded a note of concern for gardeners at that meeting. "Taking all their tools away from them is kind of crazy, so finding some reasonable (solution) I think is where we should go," he said.

Suggestions included phasing in changes in leaf-blower policy over a period of years, and establishing a certification program by which the town could inspect leaf blowers and issue decals for those that meet the town's standards.

Town Hall asks that residents send their ideas and comments to leafblowers@portolavalley.net. ■

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goal is to eliminate traffic fatalities and reduce the number of non-fatal collisions by 50 percent by 2040.

The W-Trans working paper describes in some detail where Menlo Park's traffic safety shortcomings lie. According to 2015 data from the state's Office of Traffic Safety, compared with 92 other California cities of comparable size, Menlo Park ranked second worst for its high number of speed-related and bicycle-related collisions. It was third worst for the number of accidents involving cyclists younger than 15, with eight such collisions reported that year.

Despite the city's cyclist safety rankings, Menlo Park ranks third in the Bay Area for the percentage of commute trips taken by residents on bicycles, after Palo Alto and Berkeley.

"There's got to be some route we give people where they stand a chance of getting where they want to go safely as a family," said Jennifer Wolosin, an oversight and outreach committee member and founder of Parents for Safe Routes, a group that works on helping kids get to school safely via modes other than driving. The city is in the process of developing a safe routes to school program for the 20 or so public and private schools in Menlo Park and Atherton.

What about drivers?

During the oversight and outreach committee's Sept. 25 discussion, a number of remarks swirled around a key question: Will these projects reduce road congestion?

One of the key takeaways is that drivers should tame their expectations for what Menlo Park can realistically achieve.

In Menlo Park, traffic congestion is worst along four roads: Sand Hill Road, El Camino Real, Willow Road and Bayfront Expressway. None of those roads is entirely under the city's control. They're owned by Caltrans and San Mateo County.

Most of the projects that would address the major bottlenecks aren't under the city's control. Plus, Spencer said, big infrastructure projects that widen and enlarge the road to fit more cars eventually draw more cars to fill up the added space — a phenomenon known as "induced demand."

"We're not using the word 'fix' anywhere here," Spencer said. "What we're doing is to try to manage the situation, provide options, and make it as safe and efficient as possible, given the growth we're going to have."

The projects

Some of the proposed projects are:

North

■ Bayfront Expressway: Two options are being considered. One is to use the existing road shoulders for bus lanes during peak times. Another, bolder option would be to turn Bayfront Expressway into a freeway with carpool lanes and grade separations at Marsh Road, Chilco Street, and Willow Road or University Avenue.

■ Willow Road: Three main options for Willow between U.S. 101 and Bayfront Expressway are under consideration: provide bus lanes, either by taking out the bike lanes and leaving the median or removing it, while building a separate, parallel bike route; permit buses to use the right-turn lane on Willow at O'Brien Drive to continue straight on Willow Road toward Bayfront Expressway, and install signals that give buses priority;

and remove the median on Willow and create separated bike lanes on each side of the roadway.

■ Support efforts to reactivate the Dumbarton rail line, with a bike and pedestrian path from Marsh Road to University Avenue.

■ Install bike lanes on Marsh Road, Jefferson Drive and O'Brien Drive.

■ Upgrade crosswalks and signals for pedestrians crossing Willow Road at O'Brien Drive.

■ Install roundabouts or traffic signals on Chrysler Drive at Jefferson Drive and Independence Drive.

■ At Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road, install bike signals across the north leg of Bayfront Expressway, crosswalks and cross-bike markings; reconstruct the eastbound Willow Road right-turn lane; and modify the traffic signal.

Central

■ Remove the existing median on Willow Road between Middlefield Road and Durham Street and install a reversible bus lane.

■ Remove parking on Coleman Avenue to create a right-turn lane from Coleman Avenue at the Willow Road intersection.

■ Add a southbound left-turn lane on Laurel Street at Ravenswood Avenue.

■ Remove on-street parking along El Camino Real and add buffered bike lanes (already identified as a preferred alternative by the City Council). Removing the median could keep the cyclists from having to share a lane with right-turn lanes at some intersections, according to a staff report.

■ Install bike lanes on Middle Avenue between Olive Street and El Camino Real, and remove parking on at least one side of the street.

South

■ Install bike lanes on Avy Avenue between Santa Cruz Avenue and Monte Rosa Drive.

■ Install sidewalks on one side of Harkins Avenue and on the north side of Sharon Road to connect to La Entrada Middle School.

■ Provide clear walkways for pedestrians on Sharon Park Drive and on the west side of Oak Avenue, and restrict on-street parking during school hours.

■ Reconfigure the intersection of Sand Hill Road and southbound Oak Avenue by adding left-turn boxes. Doing so would provide better access to the bicycle and pedestrian trail on the south side of Sand Hill Road, but would require a ban on right turns on red lights for westbound Sand Hill Road and southbound Oak Avenue.

Citywide

■ Promote cycling by launching a bike repair workshop program, a bike-friendly business program and a bike-share program, and by creating a citywide bicycle map.

■ Establish a transportation management association.

■ Unbundle residential parking fees from apartment rent costs, so people who want parking must pay extra (as a deterrent to car ownership).

■ Develop a "transportation data hub."

■ Create variable pricing on the Dumbarton Bridge.

■ Streamline the process by which residents can get traffic-calming measures added to their streets.

■ Develop a system to give buses and transit vehicles priority at traffic signals over single-occupancy vehicles.

Next steps

Following the oversight and

outreach committee's discussions on the working paper, a community workshop and online open house will be held in the fall and winter.

Over the coming months, Spencer said, each project will be ranked using a scoring system developed based on a number of factors: what it costs; how easy it is to implement; how close it is to "sensitive populations," namely day care centers, schools, senior centers, or low-income households; whether it will improve safety; whether it will reduce greenhouse gases; whether it will relieve traffic congestion; whether it promotes "mobility choice" and health; and whether it allows proper stormwater drainage.

That list will constitute the draft master plan, which is expected to be released to the public in the spring. From there, the plan will undergo another round of public review with the oversight and outreach committee and Complete Streets Commission before it is reviewed (and potentially adopted) by the City Council, steps that are tentatively scheduled for the summer.

After that, consultants will calculate the expected costs of the projects and divide up those costs into a new transportation impact fee, likely to be presented in terms of dollars-per-new-trip that developers would have to pay based on the number of new trips their building is expected to generate, Spencer said.

The city's current transportation impact fee for new offices, restaurants and retail spaces is \$4.87 per square foot and \$3,301 per single-family home. Developments in the city's downtown area are subject to additional impact fees.

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Councilwoman's Ireland trip coincided with Facebook executives' presence

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Amid rumors — some circulated on The Almanac's Town Square forum — that Menlo Park Councilwoman Kirsten Keith traveled to Galway, Ireland, last year with Facebook executives, The Almanac spoke with various people involved to find out what happened.

Various social media accounts from people who traveled to Ireland at that time showed separate photos from Nov. 24 and Nov. 25, 2017, of then-mayor Kirsten Keith, Facebook Director of Campus Development Fergus O'Shea, and Facebook Public Policy Manager Juan Salazar, each pictured separately with Ireland President Michael D. Higgins.

That they were all there at the same time was a matter of "happy coincidence," according to Menlo Park's then-housing and economic development manager, Jim Cogan, who coordinated Keith's trip. If Keith had gone to Galway earlier, as originally planned, she and the Facebook employees would have missed each other, Cogan said.

Keith traveled on her own dime, and not with the Facebook executives, to Menlo Park's "sister city," Galway, in November 2017, as previous mayors have done, as a demonstration of support for the official relationship between the two cities.

Keith's trip involved events and visits around Galway,

which, she said, she tweeted about. Her Twitter feed from the time of the trip shows photos of activities like planting a tree at Galway's "Menlo Park Hotel," learning about Irish language and culture, and visiting City Hall.

She also attended an event in Galway for the unveiling of a bronze sculpture of Padraic O Conaire (1882-1928), an Irish writer and journalist. Ireland President Michael D. Higgins attended the event, as did the two Facebook executives.

Cogan told The Almanac he had learned, probably at a city meeting, that O'Shea and Salazar would be in Ireland at the same time as Keith. He noted that her trip was originally planned to be about two weeks earlier, but was postponed because the Galway government was working on its budget.

"I coordinated with folks in Galway to let the folks from Facebook attend," Cogan explained, referring to the unveiling ceremony.

Salazar said that he had been in Ireland for work meetings at Facebook's Dublin offices the same week Keith was in Galway. "We found out about the ceremony and decided to stop by," he said.

Keith told The Almanac that the ceremony was open to the public, and there were no meetings held with Facebook officials there.

"This trip had nothing to do with Facebook," she said. "It was organized through the city." ■

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Donations listed over \$100 are: \$950 from developer John Tarlton, \$250 from himself, \$250 from Planning Commissioner Henry Riggs, \$250 from Patrick and Monica Corman, and \$250 from former Environmental Quality commissioner Allan Bedwell.

Ron Shepherd

Shepherd reported that he has received \$6,000 in campaign contributions since the start of the year, with \$1,000 in monetary donations and \$5,000 in personal loans, and has spent \$4,250.

Donations listed over \$100 are: \$250 from Sandy McNamara and \$200 from Gloria Walker. ■

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New management for Thursday farmers' market

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The Thursday afternoon farmers' market in Portola Valley has become an institution since its inception in 2013. Over the years, the market has evolved from offering vegetables, meat and fresh bread for sale to include amenities such as hot food (including rotisserie chicken, tamales and tacos), hot drinks and cooking demonstrations.

After Oct. 25, the market will be under new direction, as founder Maggie Foard is handing off its management. The Town Council on Sept. 26, after effusively thanking Foard, unanimously approved a six-month management contract with Nile Estep, founder and executive director of Good Roots Events & Farmers' Market. Good Roots specialties include bringing farmers' markets to corporate campuses.

The council voted 4-0, with Councilman Craig Hughes absent.

Portola Valley's market in 2013 got "a little bit of a rocky start," Councilwoman Maryann Derwin said to Foard before the vote, "but you've grown it into one of the defining features of our funky town. I know lots of times during the past few years when I've been having a hard day, if I just come down to the market on Thursday, I feel better."

"This is a labor of love," she said to Estep. "It is not a commercial market, and I hope you will honor that spirit."

Mayor John Richards noted that he was mayor when the council gave the market a green light. "The fact that you managed to pull it off five years ago and grew the market into what it is today is really wonderful," Richards said. "We honestly didn't know if the community could support the market,

especially a weekly market and year-round, but with your help and your care, it's really, really blossomed and really exceeded our expectations."

Councilwoman Ann Wengert noted the fun she has in seeing neighbors and colleagues and "just a plethora of people that you wouldn't otherwise run into. Thank you for creating that community and for doing such a great job making a whole new center of activity for the town." ■

Mistrial declared in Kelly Park sex assault case

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Following hours of deadlock among jurors, San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Jeffrey R. Finigan declared a mistrial in a trial of a man accused of sexually assaulting a teen eight years ago at a public Menlo Park bathroom.

The man faced two felony charges: oral copulation with a person who is unable to consent, due to intoxication; and forced oral copulation. The jurors found him not guilty of the first

charge last Thursday (Sept. 20), and due to jurors' deadlock in their deliberations on the second felony charge, the judge declared a mistrial on that charge.

According to San Mateo County Deputy District Attorney Karen Guidotti, the defendant, Miguel Angel Jimenez, 26, failed to appear in court during trial on and after Sept. 19, so there is a warrant now out for his arrest.

The mistrial, she said, means that he can face another trial on the second felony charge.

Just after midnight on Aug. 17, 2011, Jimenez, then 19, allegedly sexually assaulted an 18-year-old woman, according to prosecutors.

The victim was intoxicated at Kelly Park in Menlo Park with her friends; the man, whom she did not know, allegedly forced her to "orally copulate him while she was intoxicated and without her consent" when she went to use the park's restroom, according to a statement from the Menlo Park Police Department.

During the incident, the

woman lost consciousness, police said.

When she awoke, she flagged down a passerby who escorted her to a nearby clinic in Belle Haven, where she was examined and interviewed, according to prosecutors.

Sperm samples collected from her shirt were uploaded into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System, known as CODIS, which stores DNA profiles at the local, state and national levels.

The defendant's DNA remained in the database and

was re-entered into the system by law enforcement in February 2015, according to District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe. Another entry into the system means he was arrested or convicted for something else, though information on the nature of that alleged crime was not immediately available, Wagstaffe said.

Through the DNA match system the suspect was identified as Jimenez. In August 2017, he pleaded not guilty to the charges. ■



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Four candidates, three seats for Menlo Park fire board

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Four candidates are running for three four-year terms on the board of directors of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, which covers Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Atherton and nearby unincorporated areas of San Mateo County.

The candidates are: current board president Chuck Bernstein of Menlo Park, who was first elected five years ago; incumbent Robert Jones of East Palo Alto, who was appointed by the board in October 2017 when Rex Ianson resigned; Atherton resident Jim McLaughlin, who served on the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury that produced a recent critical report on the fire district; and Menlo Park resident Sean Ballard, who serves as the resident representative on the district's Strategic Planning Subcommittee and is active in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

In addition to Bernstein and Jones, other members of the five-person board are Menlo Park resident Rob Silano and unincorporated West Menlo Park resident Virginia Chang-Kiraly, who each have two more years in their terms; and Peter Carpenter, whose term ends this year and who chose not to run for re-election.

The fire district has a budget with about \$55 million in revenues, mostly from property taxes. Its boundaries include about 29 square miles, including 12 square miles of marshland and the San Francisco Bay, according to the district's website.

The Almanac recently interviewed the four candidates.

Jim McLaughlin

McLaughlin, who is retired from the California Highway Patrol, where he was an assistant chief, said he became interested in the fire district when he read press reports about the district's purchase of a \$4.6 million home next to its Almaden Avenue fire station in Atherton.

He went on to serve a one-year term on the Civil Grand Jury, and "spent almost a year looking at the district in depth," including studying hundreds of documents and years of board meeting videos, he said. "There were a number of things that caught my attention," he said, and he decided serving on the district's board would be a good use of his time and his years in management of the CHP.

"I thought I had something to offer the district and the citizens

who live in the district," he said.

McLaughlin said he would like to see some changes made in how the district operates. Board members, he said, "act on very sparse information"; examples include giving preliminary approval to a budget without seeing more than an 11-page executive summary, and never seeing that budget broken down into programs. "I see expenditures of millions of dollars with very little documentation," he said.

Reports made to the board need more information, especially on costs, he said. "They should not be voting to support a program until it is fully fleshed out."

Another example, he said, is the district's purchase of nearly \$20 million in real estate without first adopting a real estate acquisition plan.

McLaughlin said he also would not have supported approval of a five-year contract for firefighters because the long-term agreement means newly elected board members will not have a chance to negotiate a contract during their first terms.

He said he believes some of the benefits that go to firefighters need to be examined, such as the monthly bonus (which will go up to \$500 a month by 2020) they receive if they live within 60 air miles — rather than 60 highway miles — of the district. "I don't know how that benefits the district to have that many people living that far away," he said. "If you're going to be doing a proximity pay, it has to be more meaningful."

McLaughlin said he sees "a level of dysfunction" in how the board operates, making "decisions sort of on the fly." He suggested looking at other well-run fire districts, including in San Ramon and Sacramento, as examples of how to operate.

McLaughlin said he believes Atherton should not withdraw from the fire district. "I think that would be a bad idea," he said. It could be hard for Atherton to get the same quality of service it gets now, and could harm the district's ability to provide service in the rest of the district, he said.

However, he thinks the district "has been tone-deaf" to the jurisdictions within its boundaries.

Robert Jones

After serving for a year on the fire board, Jones said he has found areas where "I feel like I can make a difference" for the district. One area, he said,

is the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, which he knows from the inside, having served on its executive board.

Jones is the first fire board member from East Palo Alto since 2003 and, district officials say, the first African-American fire board member in the district's history.

Jones said he believes the fire district should take another look at its current policy of soliciting impact fees directly from developers to pay what district officials say are the costs to the district of the developments.

"There's the impression that we can be bought off, based on what the grand jury said," he noted. The impact fees, he said, should be collected by the jurisdictions within the district's boundaries, and he wants district officials to go back to those towns to negotiate for the fees.

Otherwise, he said, "how do you get rid of the appearance that we're in your hip pocket" when dealing with developers?

Jones said he thinks the houses the district has recently purchased — to possibly be used some day to expand fire stations — should be maintained so they don't look abandoned. Neighbors, he noted, have complained about the appearance of the district-owned houses. If the properties won't be used for years, they could be rented to the public, he said, adding that if they are going to be needed sooner, it might be better to allow firefighters or police officers to take advantage of them for short-term use such as a place to sleep between double shifts.

Jones said he realizes the district has benefited from the allocation of property taxes made to it after Proposition 13 passed in 1978 as property values have risen. However, he said, the district has high maintenance and operation costs.

"There will come a rainy day at some point," he said.

The district also needs to make expensive improvements in its fire stations, he said. "Once we've got all these improvements in place... then revisiting" the property tax allocations might be appropriate.

However, he said, "once it's taken away, how do you get it back?"

Chuck Bernstein

Bernstein said he's learned a lot since he was first elected to the fire board five years ago, especially in his last year while serving as board president. He originally ran, he said, because he wanted to make the volunteer



Sean Ballard

Sean Ballard

Age: 41

Civic, volunteer activities: Resident representative, Menlo Park Fire Protection District's Strategic Planning Committee; executive board member, Citizens' Emergency Response Team; member, Atherton Disaster and Preparedness Team; volunteer, Boy Scouts of America, Menlo Park City School District and Sequoia Union High School District.

Education: Bachelor's degree in economics from Brigham Young University.

Work: Chief executive officer and managing partner of Eigenvector Capital.

Time in area: Lived in Menlo Park from 1981 to 1995, returned in 2014.

Family: Two sons, ages 16 and 13.

Website: seanballard2018.com



Chuck Bernstein

Chuck Bernstein

Age: 73

Civic, volunteer activities: Member, San Mateo County countywide oversight board for redevelopment districts dissolution; advisory board and Willows neighborhood steering committee for Citizens' Emergency Response Team; member, San Mateo County Child Care Task Force; member, Just Us (East Palo Alto anti-crime citizen action group); member and chair, California Special Education Commission.

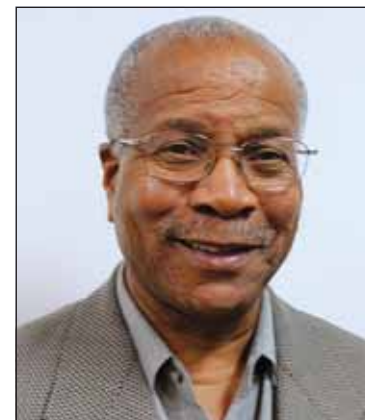
Education: Stanford University, master's degree in business administration and doctorate in languages and linguistics; Princeton University, bachelor's degree in French and English literature; l'Université de Strasbourg, France, certificate in French culture.

Work: Chief executive officer/founder, Early Learning Institute (child care, private schools).

Time in area: Resident since 1968 (at current address since 1975).

Family: Married to Candace Hathaway, two adult sons.

Website: ChuckBernstein.org



Robert Jones

Robert Jones

Age: 68

Civic, volunteer activities: Board member, Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto; board member, East Palo Alto Senior Center, Inc.; board member, OICW (now JobTrain); member of committees that work for street improvements, child care, environmental protection, economic development, housing development and anti-drugs efforts.

Education: San Jose State University, bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in counselor education.

Work: Executive director and co-founder, EPA CAN DO (East Palo Alto Community Alliance and Neighborhood Development Organization).

Time in area: Since 1980 in East Palo Alto.

Family: Married to Winnie Hinckson-Jones, three adult children.

Website: In progress. Email is robert-jones1850@gmail.com



Jim McLaughlin

Jim McLaughlin

Age: 60

Civic, volunteer activities: Member and chair, Atherton Transportation Committee; member, San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury.

Education: University of California, Davis, bachelor's degree in agricultural and managerial economics; FBI National Academy; Northwestern University, Center for Public Safety - Contemporary Public Safety Executive Management.

Work: Retired from California Highway Patrol, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Time in area: Atherton since 2014.

Family: Married to Cathy McMurtry, two adult children.

Website: mclaughlin4menlofire.com

CERT group stronger and to reform some of the district's financial procedures.

While "it's been difficult for me to make much progress," he said he believes he has improved his ability to navigate

the process.

"We need outside, independent voices on the board," said Bernstein. He has often found himself casting the only

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Portola Valley district: \$49.5 million school bond on ballot

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

A \$49.5 million bond to pay for repairs, renovations and new buildings on the Portola Valley School District's two campuses is on the November ballot as Measure Z.

The measure requires 55 percent of the vote for approval. The bond would add a maximum of \$300 per \$1 million of assessed valuation to property tax bills, or \$900 a year for the owner of a house valued at \$3 million.

All voters who live within the school district boundaries — which go beyond those of the town of Portola Valley — can vote on the bond measure. The district includes Woodside residents who live in the Skylonda and Skywood Acres neighborhoods and off Philips and Family Farm roads, and part of Mountain Home Road. See a map of the school district boundaries at is.gd/PVSDmap.

The impartial analysis of the measure says the total cost of the measure, including interest payments, is \$97.5 million.

If the measure is approved, the district will have a competitive process to find an architect to design the project.

Portola Valley School District

Superintendent Eric Hartwig said a majority of the bond money will go to new construction, but only because some of the existing buildings are in such bad shape that it is less expensive to replace than repair them. The school district, which has recently had slight drops in enrollment, will not end up with more classrooms than it now has, he said.

Corte Madera School has 15 classrooms built in 1958, 1960 and 1964; Ormondale has 14 classrooms built in 1961 and 1976, plus two 30-year-old "temporary" portable classrooms.

Hartwig and Measure Z supporters point to a range of structural and infrastructure problems that now beset both schools, including leaky roofs; aging and faulty plumbing and electrical systems; outdated facilities, classrooms and security systems; and health hazards such as mold in buildings that children and teachers must occupy for hours a day. Earlier this year, an undetected leak in a 40-year-old underground pipe caused major damage to the Corte Madera gym, closing the facility for weeks while repairs were made.

Bond revenue would go toward projects listed in a facilities master plan approved by the school board. The plan prioritizes



Courtesy Portola Valley School District

Officials in the Portola Valley School District say many district facilities are failing in incidents like one this spring, when an undetected leak in a 40-year-old underground pipe caused damage that closed the Corte Madera gym for weeks while repairs were made.

projects into three areas: immediate, to be built if funding is available, and long-term.

The facilities master plan shows immediate projects at Corte Madera School, including a new two-story classroom building, costing between \$38.4 and \$42.5 million. At Ormondale School, projects costing \$10.9

to \$12 million are included as immediate first-phase priorities.

Adding in the projects that will done if funding is available and long-term projects, Corte Madera has a total of \$56.8 million to \$62.8 million in master plan projects, while Ormondale School has \$21 million to \$23.3 million in projects.

The phase-one total for both schools is \$49.3 million to \$54.5 million.

Planned phase-one projects at Corte Madera, which has grades four through eight, include:

■ A new two-story classroom building at \$32.3 million to

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dissenting vote on actions, as he recently did for a new five-year contract for firefighters that raised the district's annual spending on each of the 102 members of the union by \$58,726.

One reason Bernstein said he opposed the contract is that it takes money away from other district priorities, such as replacing some aging fire stations. He said the district should be setting aside more money each year to pay for the capital projects.

He also criticized some of the benefits, citing as an example the extra pay firefighters get for living within 60 air miles of the district. Proximity pay, he said, might have been a good addition to the firefighters' contract if it resulted in an effective result — for example, if it specified 60 highway miles rather than air miles — and if it had been used in negotiations as a means to control salaries levels, which he believes are now too high.

Another problem Bernstein sees, he said, is a lack of transparency within the district in

providing information to the public. The meeting on the firefighters' contract was posted only 24 hours before the meeting, and no more than an 11-page "executive summary" of the budget was provided even to board members before the board gave it preliminary approval.

"The lack of transparency is an intentional strategy," Bernstein said. "I think in general government agencies don't want people looking into their business. I think the tendency is to exclude the public as much as possible."

Bernstein said he disagrees with the grand jury finding that the fire district shouldn't be soliciting impact fees directly from developers, which the report said "raises ethical issues."

"I don't think that was unethical at all," Bernstein said. "What I think would be unethical is to have our taxpayers subsidizing Facebook."

Bernstein did admit that "the district did a poor job of justifying the impact fees" to the towns within its boundaries, which state law says should collect impact fees and forward them

to a special district. "I think we could have done a better job of calculating" how much the fees should be, he said.

Bernstein said the property tax allocations that give the fire district a bigger share of property tax revenues than the jurisdictions it serves are not fair, "but they are what they are. I don't think they're going to change," he said.

"I think the district could be more responsible than it has been in spending its money. We could spend more money on public safety if we were less lavish on some other things," he said.

Sean Ballard

"I don't think it's a satisfying life unless there's an aspect of public service," Ballard said in response to the question of why he is running for a seat on the fire board.

The other reason, he said, is that he thinks he can contribute as someone who has had a career in finance. "Finance is pretty much a second language to me. I speak that language well," he said.

Ballard said he got involved

with the fire district through CERT, on whose executive board he has served. He applied for the fire board seat vacated when Rex Ianson resigned, and was tied with the eventual appointee, Robert Jones, for several rounds of voting.

Since January, Ballard has served as the resident representative on the district's Strategic Planning Subcommittee. "That has helped me really understand the operational aspects of the district," he said.

"I like to call myself a suspicious outsider," Ballard said. "The district has an incredible amount of money, an immense amount of money," he said. "It's money that came from taxpayers, over 90 percent of that. I think the district needs to be accountable for that."

Ballard said there needs to be "some fence-mending" with the towns within the district's boundaries, which district officials sidelined by going directly to developers to negotiate impact fees. "I don't like the optics of it," he said of the direct negotiations, which the Civil Grand Jury criticized over ethical concerns. He said district officials need to

lay out more specifics about the impacts, and credibly explain why the district doesn't have the money to pay for them.

Ballard said the district could be more transparent in providing information to the public about things such as upcoming meetings and details of budgets. "I think that needs to be a stronger process for the district," he said, adding, "It would be great if there was more involvement" by the public.

The district needs to take a fresh look at doing things, such as providing response to medical calls, in nontraditional ways, he said. It needs to "get away from the idea that a vehicle the size of a city bus" has to respond to all calls.

In New York City, where he lived for many years, small 5-foot-wide vehicles were used for emergency medical response, he said.

"Sending a little truck first doesn't stop you from sending a bigger one later," he said.

At is.gd/MPF_elect see video statements by all four candidates recorded by the MidPen Media Center. ■

Menlo Park: Minimum wage ordinance on hold

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

In spite of the urging by some to act sooner, Menlo Park's City Council has put on hold until next year plans to consider a citywide minimum wage ordinance.

City Manager Alex McIntyre, citing the departure of the city's entire staff (of two) dedicated to housing and economic development, told the City Council during a Sept. 11 discussion that the work staff started has been lost and other priorities need to be addressed.

"We had a great plan and we were going to do this. But we lost the people who were going to carry the torch on this for the city," McIntyre said.

At least two members of the public urged the council not to delay putting together a minimum wage ordinance.

Many other area cities have adopted such ordinances to accelerate implementation of more livable wages; the state has passed a law phasing in a \$15 hourly minimum wage by 2022.

Statewide, the minimum wage is \$10.50, and after 2022, will increase up to 3.5 percent per year, based on increases in the Consumer Price Index, an indicator of the cost of living.

In the cities of Palo Alto and San Mateo, the minimum wage is currently \$13.50 per hour

and will rise to \$15 per hour Jan. 1, 2019, with provisions for increases based on Consumer Price Index increases in subsequent years.

In Redwood City, where an ordinance was adopted in March, the minimum wage will rise to \$13.50 per hour in January 2019, and to an hourly \$15 by January 2020, with increases based on the Consumer Price Index in following years.

In some cases, the market has already dictated higher wages for workers, according to Rayna Lehman, director of community services at the San Mateo Labor Council and a Menlo Park resident. If most of the places that people who earn at or near minimum wage can live are across the Bay, and they have to pay for gas and bridge tolls just to get to work, there will be a certain amount in wages that workers must earn to make it worth the cost of the commute.

In May 2015, Facebook announced its contractors would earn a minimum wage of \$15 per hour.

East Palo Alto resident Andrew Boone asserted that the ordinance could easily be drafted by using legal language from any number of neighboring cities that have already passed such ordinances.

McIntyre and City Attorney Bill McClure insisted it wouldn't be that easy.

While it would be simple enough for Menlo Park to develop a draft ordinance, getting public feedback and consensus on the matter is a more substantial undertaking, McClure said.

(The city's Chamber of Commerce President Fran Dehn gave a knowing nod to that comment, signaling, "Yes, local businesses will want to weigh in.") Developing a plan to enforce the ordinance would be another challenge. The city of San Mateo and cities in Santa Clara County contract with the city of San Jose for enforcement.

In Palo Alto, some restaurateurs have said that the acceleration to a \$15 hourly minimum wage has strained their businesses, which are already hard hit by the difficulty in recruiting staff due to the high cost of housing.

Lehman said she was involved when the city of San Mateo considered its minimum wage ordinance. "You know, none of those cities did it lightly, or did it without a lot of consideration for long-term ramifications, and the long-term impacts on local businesses, the local workforce and the economy," she said.

Today, she said, business owners who opposed the ordinance and who predicted the end of their businesses are still in business.

She told The Almanac that she also participated on a

county-appointed group to consider a living wage ordinance for contractors with the County of San Mateo. They ended up agreeing on a \$17 per hour minimum wage for low-wage contractors who work with the county, to be implemented July 1, 2019.

"We want workers to get paid enough to be self-sufficient," she said. "If anything, raising the minimum wage stimulates local economies."

People who work at or near the

minimum wage threshold, she asserted, tend to spend their dollars nearby. "They're not going abroad and traveling around," she said. "They're spending them locally."

Developing the ordinance, she said, "should be done in partnership with our Chamber (of Commerce) and our businesses and our community partners. I feel that it's much more effective when we do all come together and move forward together on something like this." ■

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\$35.7 million.

■ Classroom modernization and repairs, including heating and air conditioning, lighting, flooring, windows, paint, door hardware, and ceilings at \$919,000 to \$1 million.

■ Campus repairs and renovations, including roofing, siding, paint, restrooms and storm drains at \$2 million to \$2.3 million.

■ Fields, courtyard and PE storage at \$3.1 to \$3.5 million.

Planned phase-one projects at Ormondale School, which has transitional kindergarten through grade three, are:

■ New innovation center at \$6.6 million to \$7.2 million.

■ Classroom modernization and repairs including heating and air conditioning, lighting, flooring, windows, paint, door hardware, and ceilings at \$1.6 million to \$1.8 million.

■ Campus repairs and renovations, including roofing, siding, paint and storm drains at \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million.

■ Repairing fields and renovating the grass courtyard at

\$1.5 to \$1.6 million.

The only signatory of the ballot argument against the measure is Mark W.A. Hinkle of Morgan Hill, the president of the Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association. He routinely files ballot arguments against school bond measures. He says the measure is similar to bond measures approved by district voters in the past 20 years and "will essentially do the same thing all over again" that the earlier bond measures did.

Portola Valley last passed bond measures in 2001, for \$6 million, and in 1998 for \$7 million.

All the other school districts within The Almanac's circulation area have passed school bonds for major renovations or new construction in the past five years. Las Lomas voters passed a \$70 million bond earlier this year and a \$60 million bond in 2013. Woodside Elementary School district voters passed a \$13.5 million bond in 2014 and a \$12 million bond in 2005. Menlo Park City School District voters passed a \$23 million bond in 2013 and a \$91.1 million bond in 2006. ■

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Menlo-Atherton Hall of Fame ceremony set for Oct. 13

By Rick Eymmer
Palo Alto Weekly Sports Editor

Menlo-Atherton High recently introduced its latest Hall of Fame class amid a celebration of athletic achievements and memories.

Longtime water polo and swimming coach Rick Longyear, who passed away in July, has already been officially inducted.

Six others will join him on Oct. 13: Casey Beckstrom, Robert Crumpler, Alec Haley, the late Marino Mangiola, Shaun Paga and Diane Seeley.

In addition, the 1965 men's swimming team and the 1985 men's soccer team are also being honored.

The inductees will also be

honored at the Homecoming football game on Oct. 12.

Beckstrom, a softball pitcher, was in attendance, along with Sally Longyear, representing her husband Rick; Dennis Nugent, representing the swim team; and both Matt Faure and John Shenk, representing the soccer team.

Athletic Directors Steven Kryger and Paul Snow served as hosts and M-A icon Plato Yanicks was also in attendance.

The 1965 swimming team didn't win a title, but Nugent recalled how talented the team was, which included Olympian Dick Roth, among others.

"Sometimes we had to surprise and shock," Nugent said. "Santa Clara was coached by George Haines and he had this

guy Mark Spitz swimming for him. Palo Alto was also a tremendous team. Pulling upsets over those two teams was fun to be a part of. That whole experience had an influence on me becoming a teacher."

Sally Longyear recalled how passionate Rick was in his job and his approach.

"Even when he was sick, he'd get out of bed and went to class," she said.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13. For information, contact Steve Kryger at skryger@seq.org or Paul Snow at psnow@seq.org.

District 1 candidate forum Wednesday

A forum for **BRIEFS** Menlo Park's three candidates for the City Council's District 1 seat — Mike Dunn, Cecilia Taylor and George Yang — is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Menlo Park Senior Center, 110 Terminal Ave. in Menlo Park.

The event will include a question-and-answer session and will be moderated by Almanac reporter Kate Bradshaw. It is organized by the Belle Haven Neighborhood Association and open to the public.

New signs, repair stations for cyclists

Keep an eye out for new signs and bicycle repair stations to support cyclists in Menlo Park. According to staff, new signs are being installed that include nearby destinations, directional arrows, mileages, and approximate travel times to popular biking destinations.

In the eastbound direction, featured destinations are the Bay Trail, Bedwell Bayfront Park and Onetta Harris Community Center. In the westbound direction, featured destinations include the Caltrain station, downtown and Nealon Park.

Four bike repair stations will also be installed, with two at the Burgess Pool and the main library and two downtown.

— By Kate Bradshaw

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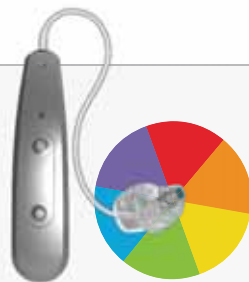


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A bridge to success

Local nonprofit aims to transform the lives of motivated, low-income kids



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Bryan listens during a math lesson at a Bridge summer session held at Crystal Springs Uplands School.

By Lauren Kelmar
Special to The Almanac

Consider the following statistics: Nationally, 89 percent of low-income first-generation students leave college within six years without a degree, and more than a quarter leave after their first year — which is four times the dropout rate of higher-income, second-generation students, according to the National Center of Education Statistics.

The leaders and community supporters of the local nonprofit, Peninsula Bridge, say those statistics are unacceptable, and are determined to change them by providing low-income students with educational opportunities to succeed from middle school through college graduation.

Based in Palo Alto, Peninsula Bridge has provided programs up and down the Peninsula for highly motivated, low-income students and their families for over 25 years. The programs include the after-school Middle School Academy and the High School Academy, a summer program, and the recently established College Success program.

According to Bridge's development director, Maureen Garrett, the organization is determined to turn on its head the college-completion statistic for low-income students who are the first in their families to attend college, aiming for 90 percent of Bridge-supported students earning a college degree.

The organization hit a high mark this year: Each of the 18 students in the first cohort that progressed through the entire Bridge program — Bridge students from the time they were rising fifth-graders until their June 2018 high school graduation — was accepted by at least two colleges, Garrett said.

Bridge accomplished this by preparing its students years before the college application process began. The program requires its students to maintain a 3.0-plus GPA throughout high school, and offers individual tutoring if a student is having trouble in any given subject. It also introduces students attending its summer programs to material that will be part of the curriculum

in the coming school year so they are familiar and ahead of their peers when school starts.

The summer program for middle-school kids includes instruction in English, math, computer science, hands-on science and art, and offers enrichment electives. The after-school program for fifth- through seventh-grade students also offers a range of subjects, and eighth-grade students are given help with time management, study, organizational, and public speaking skills; and design thinking and critical thinking.

Summer programs are offered on a number of school campus, including Menlo School, Sacred Heart Prep, and Woodside Priory.

The year-round High School

Academy offers students academic counseling, mentoring, tutoring and workshops focused on high school success and college readiness, according to program administrators.

Onward to college

Bridge also helps its students acquire summer internships during their college years, according to co-Executive Director Randi Shafon. The reason is simple: Because the majority of young people find internships through their parents' connections, it makes sense for Peninsula Bridge to help its first-generation college students network, Shafon said.

"First generation college students are at a disadvantage in terms of getting internships because so much is based on parents' connections," Shafon explained.

Bridge creates relationships with various companies and individuals, eventually connecting them with a student, Shafon said. This commitment has led Bridge students into internships at places such as Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Nordstrom and Stanford Health Care, to name a few.

Students in the College Success program get a personal adviser or mentor who stays with them throughout college and guides them through the college transition process, offers class advice, suggests clubs to get involved with, and checks in with them every week or so. The mentors also are the ones who network with students to find internships and jobs.

Students occasionally meet with their adviser in person over school breaks for help

with internship and career networking.

Finding her passion

Alejandra Lopez of Menlo Park, a Bridge alumna and University of California-Santa

Cruz graduate, found a perfect internship through her adviser, which led to a full-time job upon graduation, she said.

Lopez said she knew she was

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Photo courtesy Alejandra Lopez

Alejandra Lopez is a Bridge alum who graduated from U.C. Santa Cruz before finding full-time work with a biotech company she interned with through the Bridge program.



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interested in the field of science, but was unsure if she wanted to attend medical school. Her adviser connected her with various people in the medical industry, and in the end, Lopez decided that the medical field was not for her, she recalled.

Her adviser then went to Arcus Biosciences, an East Bay biotech company, and introduced the firm's CEO to Lopez; she won an internship at Arcus and interned there the summer before her junior year of college.

"I found my passion, thanks to my adviser," Lopez said.

Through her internship, Lopez realized that she was seriously interested in research. She interned with Arcus again the following summer, and the company was so impressed with her dedication that she was offered a full time job.

Lopez said that without Peninsula Bridge's educational opportunities, and the College Success program, she wouldn't have achieved the level of success she now enjoys.

"If it weren't for Peninsula Bridge, many of us first-generation college students, including myself, wouldn't be where we are today," she said.

Peninsula Bridge provides all the resources and opportunities to level the playing field for these low-income, first generation students, Shafon said.

"Talent is equally distributed; opportunity is not," Shafon said. "We provide opportunities."

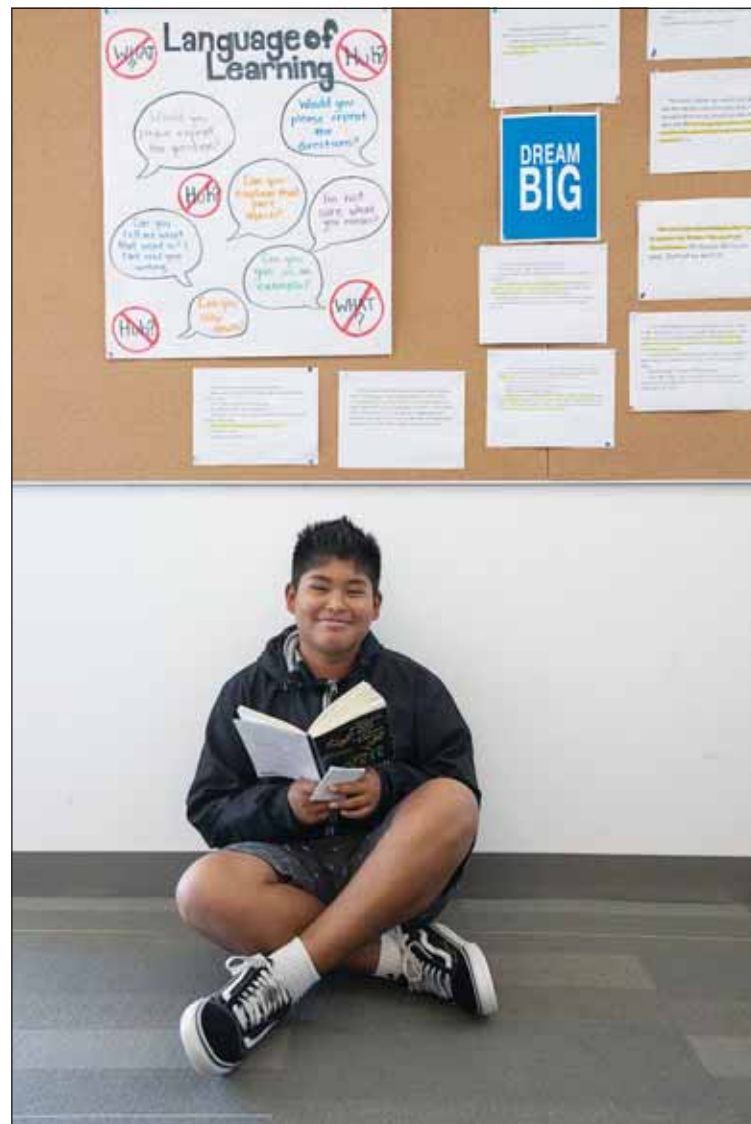
Lopez said she feels Bridge has really looked out for her and other disadvantaged students.

"Peninsula Bridge genuinely cares about every one of the students participating in its programs, and the team puts in so much time and effort to make sure we have the tools to succeed," Lopez said.



Yiyi learns to draw with charcoal during a Bridge summer program session at Menlo School.

Photos by Tom Antal



Photos by Tom Antal

Jonathan spends some time with a book during a Bridge summer session held at Crystal Springs Uplands School.

Now, Lopez's younger brother is participating in Peninsula Bridge and receiving the same educational opportunities.

Peninsula Bridge leaders and supporters point to the program's successes — such as Lopez and the entire 18-strong cohort of students who are now off on their first year of college — as evidence that the Bridge model is working.

"We have served thousands of underserved students and their families over the past 29 years, with an average 95 percent reporting an improvement

in academic preparedness and self-confidence, and an average 95 percent graduating from high school on time," according to a written statement.

"Peninsula Bridge students have a desire to use their education to build a better life, but they need long-term support to achieve their dreams of college graduation and a successful career."

Fundraiser

A fundraiser for the Peninsula Bridge program is set for Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club in Menlo Park, with a 6 p.m. cocktail reception, and dinner and a program beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$350, and table sponsorships are available.

For ticket information, email Maureen Garrett at maureen@peninsulabridge.org, or call 207-2845.

For more information about the Peninsula Bridge program, visit peninsulabridge.org. **A**

On the cover: Peninsula Bridge aims to help motivated, low-income children like this attentive boy succeed in school and continue their education at college. Photo by Tom Antal/ Courtesy of Peninsula Bridge

Narrowed road to be restored to original width

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Work done by Woodside's Public Works Department in late August to narrow a short stretch of Laning Drive where it intersects with Canada Road to provide room for a roadside path will be undone by order of the Town Council.

The narrowing, which cost about \$25,000, corrected a situation in which a path on the south side of Laning ended with pedestrians facing an aging fragment of a brick wall. To get around the wall and out to Canada Road, pedestrians had to walk into the traffic lane. To make room for a path that

steered pedestrians around the wall, the town appropriated about 4 feet of the traffic lane.

After hearing objections to the narrowed road from nearly all residents of Laning and its side streets, the council on Sept. 25 voted unanimously to restore the road to its 28-foot width and to take the following additional steps:

- Install a crosswalk across Laning Drive at the intersection with Canada Road.

- Dismantle most of the brick wall, now unstable as a result of upheaval by tree roots, at the southwest corner of Laning Drive. The council's plan retains enough of the wall to fashion a pillar from one end of it.

The wall is important in

that it is painted white and lit at night, which makes it a handy nighttime indicator of the presence of the intersection for drivers on Canada Road, Councilman Dave Tanner said. Removing the unstable parts of the wall and leaving a white pillar would continue to serve drivers at night, he said.

A few residents noted that the wall may have originally been intended as a gateway to the Woodside Knolls neighborhood and thus has value as an artifact. The use of a remnant of the wall to fashion a pillar was a compromise.

- Route the pedestrian path behind the pillar while retaining the significant oak trees that have grown there and undermined the

stability of the wall.

Crosswalk controversy

A key element to the plan is a crosswalk across Laning Drive at Canada Road, something the council agreed to in July as part of the initiative to improve walking and biking routes to and from Woodside Elementary School. (Public Works proposed two crosswalks at Laning, on the south and north sides, but the council decided against a north-side crossing.)

There is no stop sign at Laning, a concern for Tanner. The official speed limit on Canada is 35 mph, but it is an arterial and a popular alternative when Interstate 280 is jammed. Tanner said speeds can reach 45 to 50 mph on Canada Road. "It's dangerous to cross there," he said.

Children tend to think crosswalks are safe zones, he said. "It's a false safety because cars don't stop. ... Either you put a stop sign (in) with the crosswalk or don't do it at all," he said. "If we're worried about the children, we need to do something that's correct and don't give them a false hope when they go to walk across the street."

As for his vote in July in favor

of a crosswalk at Laning, Tanner said he should have investigated the site. "It's not right," he said. "We need to rethink this whole intersection."

Laning Drive resident Michael Fellman complained about town funds spent on narrowing the road and then again on restoring its width, all without input from neighbors. (In an interview, Town Engineer Sean Rose justified the narrowing as needed to correct an unsafe condition for pedestrians.)

As for a crosswalk at Laning, Fellman said he was against it, adding that pedestrians should be directed south along Canada to Glenwood Avenue where there is a stop sign.

In response to the notion of installing a stop sign at Laning, Rose noted that state criteria regulate where and when stop signs are justified. A stop sign proposal for Laning Drive would require a detailed analysis of the intersection, Rose said, adding that it's unlikely that the intersection would meet the criteria.

The town could install flashing beacons at the crosswalk, similar to signs in front of Woodside Elementary School, he said. ■

Stanford fees for affordable housing to nearly double

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors supports new ordinances over university's objections

By Gennady Sheyner

Despite a heavy push-back from Stanford University, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved on Tuesday, Sept. 25, new policies that require the university to pay higher fees to support affordable housing and to construct more such housing as part of its expansion plans.

The new housing impact fee policy, which the board adopted by a unanimous vote, nearly doubles how much Stanford would be required to pay for every square foot of new development, from the existing level of \$36.22 to \$68.50, with the higher fee set to kick in on July 1, 2020. The "inclusionary housing" zoning ordinance would require 16 percent of all market-rate housing for faculty and staff to be designated as affordable housing.

In adopting the new housing-impact fee, the board opted not to move ahead with a prior proposal, which would have raised the fee up to \$143.10 per square foot. That fee was supported by a nexus study that the county commissioned to evaluate what it would take to subsidize the construction of the 964 units that would be required for accommodate employees making up to 120 percent of area median income. Even the relatively lower fee of \$68.50 per square foot, however, is by far the highest in the region.

The new ordinances moved ahead Sept. 25 despite heavy opposition from Stanford, which proposed that the county

forego the two ordinances and to instead collaborate with the university on a development agreement that would generate more below-market-rate housing sooner.

In late July, the university proposed converting up to 200 apartments on its campus into below-market-rate units and creating an evergreen fund that would pool investments from area employers and foundations to invest in future housing projects.

Stanford officials reiterated their objections on Sept. 25 and requested that the board delay its vote on the two ordinances. Jean McCown, Stanford's associate vice president for government and community relations, argued that the ordinances will not achieve affordable housing in the near-term and urged the board to consider options to produce housing in a more expeditious manner.

Jean Snider, the university's associate vice president for real estate, emphasized that all employers throughout the county generate the need for affordable housing and suggested it's unfair for the county to single out Stanford.

"The recommended fee is four times the Bay Area's average commercial linkage fee," Snider said. "How is this justified?"

Stanford had also requested that the supervisors, at the very least, include a "sunset" clause to both ordinances ensuring that each would be repealed as soon as the development agreement is reached.

Robert Reidy, Stanford's vice president for land, buildings and real estate, requested in a letter that the discussions of the potential agreement begin as soon as possible. He proposed that the board appoint two supervisors to serve on an ad hoc committee that would negotiate with Stanford. A draft agreement would then be presented for formal hearings on Stanford's 2018 General Use Permit application, which the board plans to take up early next year.

The university also alleges that the fee of \$68.50 per square foot is "excessive," "unsupported," and based on a study that suffers from "serious mathematical and logical errors." If these errors were corrected, the nexus study supports a maximum fee of no

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more than \$17 to \$20, according to Stanford.

Specifically, the county study on which the \$68.50 fee is based on assumes that the initial funding to build affordable housing is a permanent subsidy, rather than a loan that gets repaid over the lifetime of the project, Stanford's letter states. The university also claims that the study overstates land-acquisition costs and that it bases its fee on housing demand outside of the county's jurisdictional boundaries.

Stanford also protested that the new inclusionary rules are "unfair and unsupported" and that the ordinance ignores "the significant contributions that Stanford makes in providing this affordable housing." The university specifically took issue

with a rule that doubles the requirement for below-market-rate housing from 16 percent to 32 percent in cases where Stanford converts existing market-rate units rather than builds new ones.

While the ordinance intends to spur more construction of below-market-rate units, Stanford characterized the higher requirement as a "penalty that discourages the use of Stanford's extensive stock of existing market-rate housing to comply with the affordability rules, rather than a meaningful alternative to comply."

"There is no evidentiary support for doubling the requirements, just because the affordable units are converted rather than constructed," the letter from Stanford stated.

The board didn't buy these arguments. Board President Joe

Simitian acknowledged that the Stanford fee would be higher than fees elsewhere. He also noted, however, that the fees in places like Palo Alto, Mountain View and Menlo Park have been insufficient in addressing the jobs-to-housing imbalance. Palo Alto has an ratio of about 3.49 jobs per housing units — the highest in the county. Mountain View and Menlo Park each have a ratio of about 2.5 to 1.

"Surrounding communities aren't getting the job done with the fee they have in place. That's why we're having this conversation," Simitian said. "If we keep doing what we're doing, we'll keep getting what we got, which is a 2.5 or 3.5 jobs-housing imbalance."

Simitian also rejected Stanford's criticism about being uniquely — and, hence, unfairly — targeted by the new ordinances. Stanford, he observed, is indeed unique in that it has about 4,000 acres of developed space.

"When we look at the county, we don't have another one of these because we appropriately push development into incorporated communities," said Simitian, whose district includes Palo Alto.

The debate over broader housing policies is also expected to

continue next year, as the board reviews Stanford's ambitious application to build up to 2.275 million square feet of academic space and 3,150 new units (a combination of apartments and student beds) by 2035 as part of its 2018 General Use Permit application. Earlier this year, the county responded to demands for more housing by commissioning an analysis that considers two additional alternatives, each with significantly more units.

During last week's more narrow discussion, Simitian's colleagues generally agreed that the county needs to do more to encourage housing, particularly for those with incomes at or below the area median income. Supervisor Ken Yeager called the lack of affordable housing "the issue of our time."

"We've been trying to respond. The county is doing more than we ever had relating to housing but we obviously need to do more. I'd rather not wait to act."

Numerous members of the public, including housing advocates and local officials, also encouraged the board to act. Mountain View Mayor Lenny Siegel (speaking for himself and not the city) said the new inclusionary-zoning requirement has the potential to generate a huge

number of affordable housing units as a byproduct of Stanford's expansion.

The university, he said, should not be allowed to shift the impact of its growth on other communities, he said.

"Stanford is the root of the jobs-housing imbalance," Siegel said. "They aren't being singled out; they're jumping out. They have more land than Mountain View."

Even in approving the two ordinances, the board left the door open for revising or even repealing them, should the county reach a development agreement with Stanford over an alternative proposal. Simitian included in his motion a clause that explicitly authorizes the board to "suspend, amend or rescind" the new rules at a future date, pending an agreement.

"I remain optimistic that the discussion will continue with Stanford," Supervisor Dave Cortese said. "I'm looking at this as essentially a package that could be superseded by something more attractive to all of us down the road."

Gennady Sheyner writes for the Palo Alto Weekly. Mountain View Voice staff writer Kevin Forestieri contributed to this report.

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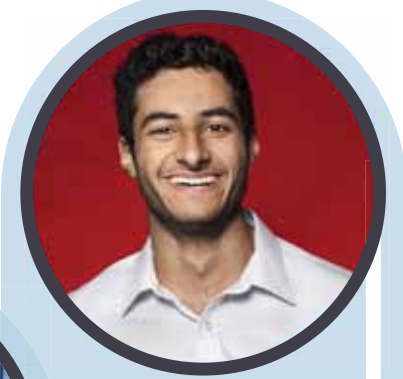
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Theater

'A Dollhouse': A translation-in-progress by Melinda Marks of Et Dukkehjem by Henrik Ibsen. A staged reading of a new translation of Ibsen's "A Dollhouse." Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$20. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

'The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence' The Dragon Theater stages "The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence," a play exploring the growth and effects of technology through a meeting of prominent figures from different eras. Through Oct. 7, times vary. \$18-\$35. The Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City.

'Hedda Gabler' Pear Theatre presents "Hedda Gabler," with Betsy Kruse Craig in the title role. Oct. 11-28, times vary \$15-\$35. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Fun Home' TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents "Fun Home," a play about growing up around a funeral home, coming to terms with identity and the past. Oct. 3-28, times vary. \$40-\$100. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatretworks.org

Music

Gaby Castro Gaby Castro, singer-songwriter, performs Americana-indie, pop-folk, rock music. Oct. 5, 7 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave, Menlo Park. cafezoe-hub.com/music-events

Festivals & Fairs

Mountain View Oktoberfest The sixth Annual Mountain View Oktoberfest, presented by Steins Beer Garden and the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce, will feature German beer, cuisine and entertainment. Oct. 6-7, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Bryant St. at Dana St., Mountain View. mvoktoberfest.com

PortFest PortFest, a day-long festival, will give community members a chance to learn about the maritime heritage of the Port, the industrial working waterfront, as well as recreational activities on the San Francisco Bay. The day will include live music, children's activities, sailing, food trucks and booths and more. Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. The Port of Redwood City, 451 Seaport Court, Redwood City. redwoodcity.org

Talks & Lectures

Doctor Danger: What Every Patient Needs to Know The dangers of medical mistakes will be discussed at Lifetree Cafe Menlo Park. The program features a filmed interview with Dr. Martin Makary, a cancer surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital and author of "Unaccountable: What Hospitals Won't Tell You and How Transparency Can Revolutionize Health Care." Oct. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. vimeo.com/287094998

Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera Becky Albertalli, author of "Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda," and Adam Silvera, author of "They Both Die At the End, More Happy Than Not, and History Is All You Left Me," discuss their co-written book "What If It's Us." \$10-\$24. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Free Public Talk on 'Untwinkling' the Stars Astronomer Claire Max will give a free, nontechnical, illustrated talk on how astronomers "untwinkle" the stars to get sharper images of the universe, and how she applies this to examining the collisions of nearby galaxies. Oct. 3, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Smithwick Theater at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Karen Offen, Author of 'The Woman Question' in Conversation Karen Offen discusses how she earned a Stanford post-doctorate in "men's history," then moved on to co-found an international organization for research in women's history; publish seven books on family, gender and the relative status of women and meanwhile; and raise two daughters. Oct. 5, 7-8 p.m. Free. Woodside Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside. woodside-artandculture.org

A Family Divided: Finding Peace by Letting Go How families experiencing conflict and division can heal will be discussed at Lifetree Café. The program features the filmed story of a family that struggled with an unexpected teenage pregnancy. Participants will consider how they worked through their response to the pregnancy. Oct. 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. vimeo.com/282368921

'Durer's Knots: A Wired Renaissance' The talk will present research for an upcoming exhibition on Durer and the Islamic world at Stanford University. Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m. Free. Oshman Hall, 355 Roth Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu for more info.

Amy Stewart, Ellison Cooper, John Burley, Nick Taylor Books Inc. and Writeous Writers present the third installment in their "Craft Series for Aspiring Authors" with four authors in conversation discussing tips and tricks on writing suspense. Oct. 11, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event

Lisa Brennan-Jobs Lisa Brennan-Jobs will discuss her memoir "Small Fry", a book about her childhood growing up in two very different households. Oct. 3, 7-9 p.m. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event

Nancy Boyarsky at Books Inc. Palo Alto Bestselling author Nancy Boyarsky shares the third installment in her

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Paddy Hirsch at Books Inc. Palo Alto Journalist and author Paddy Hirsch shares his debut work of historical fiction, "The Devil's Half Mile," which is set in 1799. Oct. 4, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event

Micah Perks with Tobias Wolff and Molly Antopol Celebrate with Micah Perks, Tobias Wolff, and Molly Antopol, who share the stage to celebrate Perks' new collection, "True Love and Other Dreams of Miraculous Escape." Oct. 9, 7:30-9 p.m. Free; RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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

Fundraisers

Dine and Donate at Celia's Mexican Restaurant to Benefit EHP Celia's Mexican Restaurant in Menlo Park will donate 20 percent of purchase to Ecumenical Hunger Program. Participants must present the flyer or tell the server they support EHP. Oct. 11, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. \$11-\$30. Celia's Mexican Restaurant Menlo Park, 1850 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. ehpcare.org

San Francisco and Peninsula CROP Hunger Walk San Francisco and Peninsula CROP Hunger Walk Fundraiser for the Ecumenical Hunger Project and Church World Service for disaster relief, refugee services, sustainable community-led food and water projects and medical care. Each walker is encouraged to raise \$100 or more. Oct. 7, 1-4 p.m. Free. Nealon Park, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. crop hungerwalk.org/menloparkca

Family

John Flanagan Author of the "Ranger's Apprentice" series, John Flanagan, returns with "The Red Fox Clan." He will be present and answer questions from the audience. Oct. 4, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Tim Ereneta The Menlo Park Library's 2018 Storytelling Festival presents Tim Ereneta's vibrant telling of the classic Russian folktale, "I Go I Know Not Whither to Fetch I Know Not What." The performance is best suited for ages 5 to adults. Oct. 9, 7-8 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlo park.org/storytelling

Museums & Exhibits

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, 2019, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

'Vintage Toys: It's Child's Play!' The museum will be showing a variety of antique toys that belonged to children in the past. This exhibition will cover the origins of playtime, toy factories, toy trains, builder toys and more. This exhibit aims to evoke childhood memories over the decades. Through Feb. 17, 2019. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto.

Artist Collaborative: Judy Gaulke & Yoko Kubrick A.Space art gallery presents an exhibition featuring oil paintings from the past two decades by Atherton artist Judy Gaulke. Marble sculptures by Yoko Kubrick, a sculptor from Woodside, will also be displayed. Through Oct. 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. A.Space Art Gallery, 773 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.

Portola Art Gallery Presents 'Impressions of Indonesia,' an Exhibition of Watercolor Paintings by Yvonne Newhouse The Portola Art Gallery presents "Impressions of Indonesia," watercolor paintings by Yvonne Newhouse of San Mateo. The exhibit includes scenes from her travels earlier this year, and highlights the people and their culture. A reception will be held Oct. 13, 1-4 p.m. Oct.1-31, Mondays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Sports

Peninsula Golf Challenge Friends for Youth presents the 31st Peninsula Golf Challenge. Registration fee covers the cost of greens fees, carts, food, refreshments and gifts. Oct. 8, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. \$100-\$10,000. Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club, 2900 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Games

Adult Board Game Meetup The Menlo Park Library hosts a board game meet-up, offering adults a space to socialize as they play games old and new. The volunteer facilitator will provide the games, and help explain the instructions. Oct. 7, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlo park.org/adults

Four strong candidates; three right for this moment

Troubling trends have developed over the last few years in the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. Among them: district board members' delegation of authority to the fire chief that rightfully belongs to the board, including policy decisions that guide the creation of new programs, and decisions resulting in the spending of significant public funds; an unproductive increase in antagonism between the board and officials in the towns within the district's boundaries; and a growing lack of transparency.

The Almanac has reported on a number of instances in which these trends are evident, as well as on details in a San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury report critical of the district's lack of a strategic plan, and its bypassing of city governments to negotiate directly with developers for the payment of impact fees.

The district has done this negotiating despite state law giving municipal or county government the authority to approve impact fees for special districts. The Grand Jury report raises ethical concerns with this practice, stating, "The District exercises enforcement of local and state ordinances and statutes, and reviews the construction plans of businesses located within its boundaries, including Facebook, for compliance with applicable codes. Accepting donations of cash, or soliciting impact fees directly from these businesses, can create the appearance of favorable treatment or disparate application of rules and laws."

The four candidates running for three open seats on the fire board this November, have made it clear that they believe the district needs to do a better job of providing the public — and board members themselves — with key information, and three emphasize the need to put in place a strategic plan to guide the district responsibly and with greater accountability into the future. All four of these candidates would do a good job in helping the district get back on track in these and other areas it has lost its way in, but we believe that incumbents Chuck Bernstein and Robert Jones, and candidate Jim McLaughlin are the best choices for voters at this time.

Candidate Sean Ballard has been involved with district-sponsored emergency preparedness programs, and is a member of the district's strategic planning

committee. As a Menlo Park resident, he would be a third or fourth (if Bernstein is re-elected) board member who lives in Menlo Park or the nearby unincorporated area of that city. We sincerely hope that he continues his important contributions to the fire district and jumps into the race in two years when the terms of two other Menlo Park residents are up.

We strongly endorse **Jim McLaughlin** of Atherton for a seat on the fire board. A former assistant chief with the California Highway Patrol, McLaughlin has years of experience in public agency strategic planning — and insists on the need for a strong plan and its regular review. He also has deep concerns over the district's lack of spending transparency and accountability, noting that in his many hours of reviewing district records past and present, he has seen "expenditures of millions of dollars with very little documentation."

As someone who worked for years "in an environment where everything gets measured," he expressed amazement that the current board approves an annual budget — this year, with nearly \$55 million in spending — with no breakdown of programs and their costs.

If elected, he promises to push for a more transparent budgetary process, and told The Almanac: "I would not vote for budgets without proper program support. (The board) should not be voting to support a program until it is fully fleshed out."

Chuck Bernstein of Menlo Park deserves a second term on the board. He often casts the lone dissenting vote on board actions, the most recent example being his opposition to a new five-year contract for firefighters that increases already rich compensation packages for each firefighter by an average of \$58,726 annually.

He believes the boost in compensation was too high, and believes some of the money that will go into higher compensation would be better directed toward the district's capital improvement fund, which will be tapped to pay for necessary but costly fire station building projects down the road.

The district's lack of transparency, he told The

Almanac, "is an intentional strategy. ... I think the tendency (for public agencies) is to exclude the public as much as possible." The district, he said, needs to do a better job of informing the public and the board about its spending and its programs.

Robert Jones, who was appointed last year to fill a vacancy, is a valuable member of the board, and should be supported for a full four-year term. He is the first East

Palo Alto resident to serve on the board since 2003, and offers a perspective to the district that has often been missing when the board was made up only of residents west of the Bayshore Freeway.

Jones supports greater transparency in the budget process and, as someone with experience in strategic planning, understands the need for such a plan to guide the district forward.

Jones, along with McLaughlin, criticizes the district's approach in going around the cities to negotiate impact fees with developers. "How do you get rid of that appearance that we're in your hip pocket?" he said in an interview with The Almanac.

Both Jones and McLaughlin say they will push for going back to cities to provide the evidence those public officials need to support imposing impact fees on developers. That would be an important step forward. As McLaughlin put it, "The district did a terrible job of making its case" to the towns in its effort to have them require impact fees that would cover district costs for new development.

McLaughlin, whose home town is in an unfortunate, antagonistic relationship with the district over the town's concerns that Atherton taxpayers contribute far more revenue to the district than it gets in services, also would work to ease the tension between the two parties if he is elected, he said, although he doesn't support the concept of the town separating from the district. "I think the district has a somewhat toxic relationship with all the cities, and the county," he said.

He's right, and that's just one of the troubling trends in evidence at the fire district today. We will expect much needed movement in the right direction with new leadership on the fire board come December. ■

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The opinion of The Almanac

Yes on Portola Valley district school bond, Measure Z

Should residents of the Portola Valley School District support Measure Z, the \$49.5 million bond measure that will raise funds to rebuild or repair buildings mostly constructed in the late 1950s and early 1960s? There are many good reasons to vote yes on this measure, and none that we can think of to reject it.

As with many aging buildings, problems with leaking roofs, old electrical wiring and plumbing, failing heating and cooling systems, and even mold have come to plague the district's schools — creating an environment that's hardly conducive to learning.

In coming up with its plan for upgrading buildings on its two campuses — Ormondale and Corte Madera — the school district assessed what the most

pressing needs are on both campuses, with the guiding principle being to repair what could be repaired and rebuild if necessary. The estimated cost of projects identified as highest priority ranges from \$49.2 million to \$54.5 million.

Some 61 percent of the classrooms that would be replaced if Measure Z passes are "temporary," portable and prefab structures, according to Superintendent Eric Hartwig. The bulk of the bond revenue would be spent on new construction, he said, because in many cases, it would be more expensive to repair the buildings than to start from scratch. They are, clearly, past their useful life.

As with other local school districts, enrollment in

the Portola Valley district has stopped growing, and in fact has been slowly declining over the last two years. The Measure Z plan calls for fewer classrooms than now exist, but the creation of space better suited to next-generation learning.

The measure needs the support of 55 percent of district voters, and if it passes, property owners' tax bills would increase a maximum of \$300 per \$1 million of assessed valuation on their properties.

The thought of kids being sent off to school to sit in moldy classrooms with leaky roofs, and in decades-old "temporary" structures with failing infrastructure, is a dreary one. But that's what the Portola Valley School District and its students face. If you find that reality unacceptable, you should vote yes on Measure Z. ■

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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)

VISTA NETWORKS
VISTA NETWORK
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)

LOWKEY LIFESTYLE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278849
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Lowkey Lifestyle, located at 238 Hillview Ave., Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ISAAH LABELLE
238 Hillview Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94062
DINO ANDRIGNETTO
2670 Ohio Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/12/18.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 12, 2018.
(ALM Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3, 2018)

TEA IT UP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278876
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Tea It Up, located at 993 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County; Mailing address: 3289 South Ct., Palo Alto, CA 94306.
Registered owner(s):
JM Tea Room LLC

993 El Camino Real
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 17, 2018.
(ALM Sept. 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2018)

RAVENSWOOD MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278877
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Ravenswood Mobile Health Clinic, located at 1885 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
SOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.
1885 Bay Road
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
CA
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 5/15/2007.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 17, 2018.
(ALM Sept. 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2018)

BARAJAS JANITORIAL SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278912
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Barajas Janitorial Services, located at 1123 O'Connor St., East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
FRANCISCO BARAJAS
1123 O'Connor St.
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 20, 2018.
(ALM Sept. 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2018)

APEX AUCTIONEERING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278897
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Apex Auctioneering, located at 670 La Mesa Dr., Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
MARGARET OREN
670 La Mesa Dr.
Portola Valley, CA 94028
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 19, 2018.
(ALM Sept. 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2018)

SIALE CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278889
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Siale Construction, located at 1119 Del Norte Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
SIONE LS SEALE
1119 Del Norte Ave.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
AKATA SIALE
1119 Del Norte Ave.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: Married Couple.
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 18, 2018.
(ALM Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018)

LYFECHANGES CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278948
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Lyfechanges Consulting, located at 2315 Ralmar Ave., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
KESHA L. BROWN
2315 Ralmar 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 25, 2018.
(ALM Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. M-278916
The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.
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Menlo Park, CA 94025
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
1100 Middle Avenue,
Menlo Park, CA 94025
FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON:
09/20/18
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY: Corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County on September 28, 2018.
(ALM Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 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.: 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)

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 34-2015-00181475
(Numero del Caso):
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(Numero del Caso):

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(ALM Sept. 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2018)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 18CIV04871
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: CHAN MYE KYAW filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CHAN MYE KYAW to JACKSON KYAW CHAN.
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: November 1, 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: September 18, 2018
/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi
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