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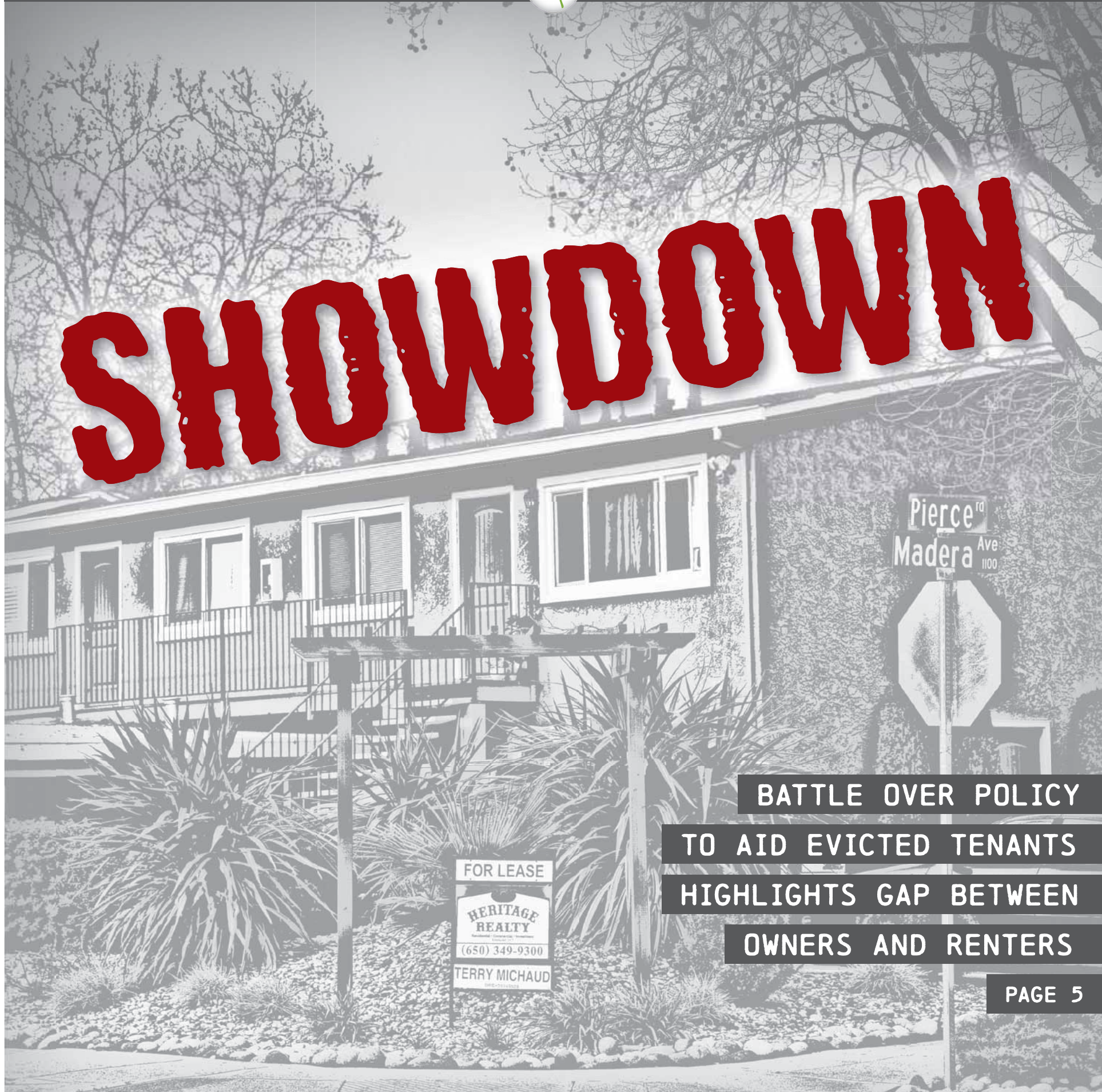
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Construction rolls on for new magnet high school



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TIDE Academy's David Lai, founding computer science teacher (from left); Cat Cole, founding social studies teacher; Ryan Stagg, founding science teacher; Shamar Edwards, principal; Steven Wong, founding mathematics teacher and athletic director; and Mike Kuliga, vice principal, pose by the school's main building and maker space.

TIDE Academy in Menlo Park will focus on preparing kids for STEAM careers

By **Angela Swartz**
Almanac Staff Writer

Construction is well underway for a new Menlo Park magnet high school scheduled to open at the beginning of next school year. A part of the Sequoia Union High School District, TIDE Academy, is located on a 2-acre site in a light-industrial area east of U.S. 101.

The school's name is an acronym for technology, innovation, design and engineering — a nod to its mission of preparing students for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) careers. The name also derives from the school's proximity to the San Francisco Bay.

"It's just a super exciting time in education that we get to think outside of the box," said TIDE Principal Shamar Edwards, the former principal

of Capuchino High School in San Bruno. She took over last July for Michael Kuliga, who now serves as TIDE's vice principal. Edwards also serves as the school district's executive director of small-school innovation and alternative programs.

One of the school's "outside of the box" ideas is to dually enroll sophomores, juniors and seniors at TIDE and community colleges — Skyline in San Bruno and Foothill in Los Altos Hills — so that students can build up college credits (up to two years' worth) while still in high school, she said. This helps students build self-confidence and saves them time and money on courses once they're fully enrolled in college. English, U.S. history, biology and chemistry are among the courses TIDE students can take for college credits.

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Council OKs stripped-down law to aid evicted renters

Menlo Park's ordinance, passed on 3-2 vote, is modeled on Redwood City law

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park landlords won a compromise they likely won't file suit over following a fierce, hours-long debate at the Menlo Park City Council on Feb. 26 over the details of a proposed ordinance requiring landlords to pay a fee to aid renters in the moving process when they are evicted.

The nuances of which renters will be covered, the conditions under which they are forced out and what kinds of homes the policy will apply to, as well as who will pay the relocation fees, have been under discussion since last July, when the Housing Commission first took up the challenge of crafting a tenant relocation ordinance for the city.

Ultimately, in a 3-2 vote with Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor and Councilwoman Betsy Nash opposed, the council disregarded most of the Housing Commission's recommendations, in addition to a set of revisions Taylor and Nash had drafted, in favor of a more limited ordinance

modeled on one passed in Redwood City last year.

The debate, at times bordering on vitriolic, pointed to the markedly different interests of the city's landlords and its renters. Many of the landlords identified themselves as "mom and pop" housing providers who saved for years for their rental properties, rarely raise rents. They said they need to retain flexibility to raise rent in an unfettered manner, given the boom-and-bust nature of the Silicon Valley economy and the age of much of Menlo Park's housing stock. Older buildings can mean costly repairs that sometimes must be passed on to renters, they explained.

They argued that passing a tenant relocation assistance ordinance that was triggered when a renter has to move out due to a rent increase would have an impact similar to rent control in deterring major rent increases.

Renters and housing advocates argue that the major rent increases seen in Menlo Park are having an adverse impact in the city — from accelerating

the displacement of low-income residents, especially low-income minority residents, to furthering the dearth of service workers, those who work in the arts, and general non-tech employees who might have lived in town and enriched the community.

According to statistics sourced by Menlo Park staff from rentcafe.com, the average rent for an apartment in Menlo Park is now \$4,087, up 17 percent from

a year ago — the highest year-over-year increase reported in San Mateo County.

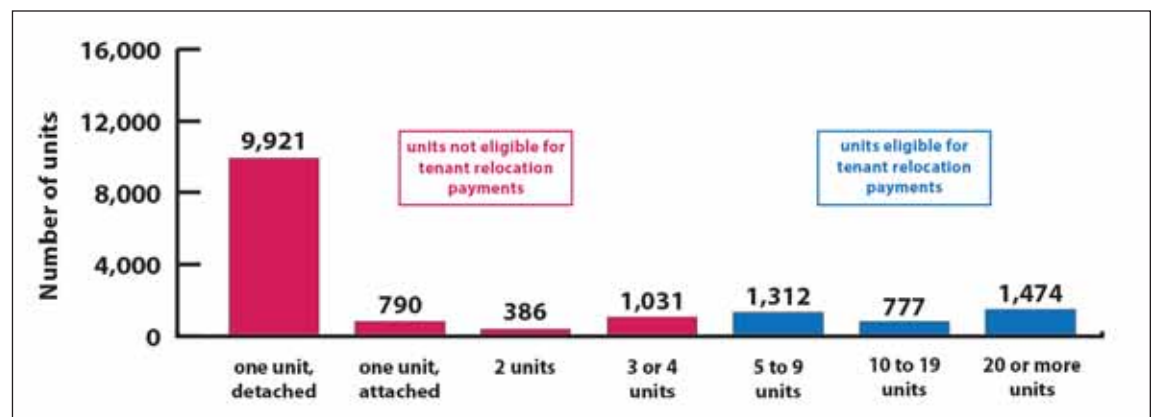
One notable case of major rent escalation is that involving residents of apartments near Facebook recently acquired by the investment group Menlo LLC. After the purchase, tenants saw their monthly rent go up \$800 or more.

The scaled-back ordinance that prevailed on Feb. 26 will

apply only to low-income renters forced out of their homes because the landlord of a property of five or more units is opting to permanently remove the unit from the rental housing market.

In those situations, landlords will be expected to pay for three months of fair-market rent to low-income renters forced out — which, as currently defined,

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Data courtesy city of Menlo Park

Of the 15,964 occupied homes in Menlo Park, a majority are single-family houses. Under the new ordinance, only renters of the 3,563 apartments in Menlo Park in buildings of five or more units, or about 22 percent of the city's total number of homes — and not including any built more recently than 1995 — would be eligible for relocation assistance, under certain circumstances.

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Laurel School's Creighton recognized out of field of 300 schools' principals

Laurel School Principal Linda Creighton has been honored by the Association of California School Administrators as recipient of the organization's regional Elementary Principal of the Year award.

Creighton won the award for Region 5, which encompasses San Mateo and San Francisco counties, according to a Feb. 28 email newsletter sent out by the Menlo Park City School District. She was chosen for the honor from among principals from 300 schools in the region.

The top administrator at the K-2 Laurel School in Atherton since 2009, Creighton in 2016 saw her duties expanded to head the newly opened Laurel School Upper Campus (3-5) in Menlo Park.

"From overseeing the building and opening of Laurel's Upper Campus, to bringing Project

Based Learning to both campuses as a unifying practice, to the expansion of the Spanish

Immersion Program, Linda's thoughtful and steady leadership has allowed MPCSD to grow and serve its families better than ever," the newsletter states.

"Linda works tirelessly to ensure that Laurel School is indeed one of the best place[s] to spend your childhood."

Under Creighton's leadership, Laurel School won the 2014 California Distinguished School Award, a 2014 Kent Award, and a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School award.

The Association of California School Administrators, which is made up of public school leaders, will recognize Creighton and other award winners at a dinner on April 30.

— Angela Swartz



Courtesy of Menlo Park City School District
Linda Creighton

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TIDE's curriculum will include such classes as engineering and design principles, computer science, and product design, and there will be a focus on project-based learning, according to the school's website.

'It's exciting to have the opportunity to have students and families help this (school) come to life. Students and families will have a lot of voice in how the school continues to be shaped.'

PRINCIPAL SHAMAR EDWARDS

The magnet school, which is open to students who live in the district, will start with a 100-student freshman class, and eventually grow to 400 students once grades nine through 12 are in place. The student enrollment process ended Feb. 1, and the school received more than 100 applications, Edwards said.

"We get to, as a school that is small, personalize the student's experience," Edwards said. "It's exciting to have the opportunity to have students and families

help this (school) come to life. Students and families will have a lot of voice in how the school continues to be shaped."

It's challenging to open a new and unique school, Edwards said. There's management of construction, facilities, staff recruitment, marketing and other tasks to see to, she said.

"The challenge is just in doing all of those things well and at the same time," she said. "It's still a blessing, at the end of the day, that we are in the position of deciding and having a lot of say in what exists (at the school)."

TIDE officials have hired math, science, history and computer science teachers, and are searching for a second math teacher, as well as teachers of English, art, and physical education, Edwards said. The job postings can be found at edjoin.org.

Construction workers broke ground on the TIDE Academy campus in May 2017. Officials expect construction of the new school to finish at the end of May, Edwards said. Classes are set to begin Aug. 14.

The Sequoia district includes the area of San Mateo County from Belmont south, and east of the Woodside hills. Traditional high schools in the district are Menlo-Atherton, Woodside, Sequoia and Carlmont.

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Community gives mixed response to sidewalk plans near middle school

City funding already secured for project

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

An existing plan to install sidewalks on Sharon Road between Alameda de las Pulgas and Altschul Avenue over the next several years faced criticism from some of the street's residents at the Menlo Park City Council's Feb. 27 meeting, several of whom said the proposal caught them by surprise.

Roughly 15 residents — both sidewalk advocates and opponents — spoke about the issue during a public comment period on the council's 2019 work plan. Council members did not respond to comments, but they are expected to discuss the work plan at their March 5 meeting.

Marcy Coggins said she felt "blindsided" by the proposal and said she had not been notified. Kids have grown up and navigated the lack of sidewalks without incident, she argued, and questioned what data source found safety to be a problem there, and whether sidewalks would help with safety.

Karen Reis, a middle school teacher, said she opposed the sidewalks because she was not aware of any accidents due to their absence. She noted that adding sidewalks would impact parking on the street and make the road less bike-friendly. Also, she added, other schools in residential areas don't have sidewalks.

In a memo emailed to the council, Richard Wilkolaski said he opposes building sidewalks until it is made more clear what steps the city has taken to determine that sidewalks are the best and most cost-effective way to improve safety on the street. "I don't understand how the city can spend almost \$1,000,000 for a project without consulting/advising individuals living on the impacted block," he said.

He added that the city should first consider other alternatives, such as redirecting traffic to local streets that do have sidewalks; making traffic one-way during school hours; creating turn restrictions at the Alameda and Sharon Road intersection during school commute times; having residents clear the paved roadway where there are encroachments; or installing traffic-flow signs during school commute times.

"We are entirely for safe streets for students, all walkers/bikers and vehicles," he wrote. "But, let's be sure you don't spend a lot



Photo by Linda Barman

Children and adults often walk in the middle of Sharon Road on their way to La Entrada Middle School, as shown here on Feb. 14.

of money and then find out the problem is still there or maybe other problems are created."

Pamela Davis, a homeowner in the area, urged the council by email to try to find a way to add sidewalks and retain street parking.

Sidewalk supporters

Other comments, mainly from a number of parents of La Entrada students, as well as students themselves, expressed support for the sidewalk plan.

Linda Barman, who wore a La Entrada T-shirt to the meeting, said she and her daughter walk to the school daily and must navigate puddles, blind spots that require stepping into the street, and vehicles driven by parents less comfortable walking their children to school.

La Entrada seventh-grader Nina Barman told the council she is "glad to see Menlo Park is a city looking toward the future (and) looking to care for its children."

Ethan Edwards, a La Entrada student, told the council that while Sharon Road isn't the busiest street he's seen, the volume of parked cars on the road can keep drivers from seeing students walking to school. "I

think a sidewalk would make things a lot safer," he said.

In June 2018, the council agreed to put \$935,000 in surplus funding toward plans to install the sidewalks. Mayor Ray Mueller at the time said he had helped canvass residents to see if there was support for the project. "The community's ready for it," he said then.

Councilwoman Catherine Carlton has also expressed support for the sidewalk plan, and has encouraged staff to pair sidewalk construction with a robust Safe Routes to School program.

Sidewalk design work is expected to begin in the second half of the year, Mueller said. The process will involve public outreach to residents, he added. ■



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the sun is warmer and gardens are beautiful.

It could also be that the market will be slower this season than usual but it is too soon to tell about this. It doesn't appear that a significant market change has occurred and economic factors don't indicate a slowdown in the Bay Area either. If you are a seller, you will do well if you don't wait for lots more inventory. And buyers should not wait to act if they see a property they like. There may not be anything better later.

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The council also agreed to create a fund to help pay for tenant relocations in situations when a landlord can prove that paying the relocation fee would present a financial hardship. The details were scheduled to be hashed out at a future date, following subcommittee work on the matter by Councilman Drew Combs and Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor.

The ordinance will take effect 30 days after its second reading because it did not receive the four votes needed to pass it as an “urgency” ordinance, in which case it would have taken effect immediately.

The more expansive version favored by the Housing Commission, as well as by Nash and Taylor, would have extended tenant relocation assistance to people earning up to the area median income and in situations when a renter is forced out because he or she can’t afford a major rent increase or is evicted for no reason.

Tenant advocates argued that exempting such households from relocation help renders the policy toothless as far as aiding the people most at risk of displacement in Menlo Park. In general, the people most at risk, they say, are minority, low-income, and rent-burdened,

most of whom live in Belle Haven, where most of the housing stock takes the form of single-family homes.

During public comment, the vast majority of landlords favored adopting an ordinance modeled on one in effect in Redwood City, or neither of the proposed options, while housing experts and renters favored the revised Housing Commission ordinance, as written or with expanded provisions to make more people eligible for the relocation assistance.

The lawsuit question

Anton Menlo, a new high-end apartment development in eastern Menlo Park, threatened to sue the city if the council didn’t significantly restrict the type of housing that the ordinance would apply to.

Under the state’s Costa-Hawkins Act, rent control can be applied only to multifamily units built before 1995. In a letter sent to the council Feb. 25, Ofer Elitzur, a lawyer representing Anton Menlo, stated that if the city didn’t revise the ordinance to exclude those properties that are exempt from rent control under the Costa-Hawkins law, “Anton Menlo and other owners are prepared to take whatever legal action is necessary, including filing a petition for writ of mandate and the seeking of monetary damages as appropriate.”

In response, representatives from Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto and the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, argued that the drafted ordinance does not violate the Costa-Hawkins Act because “it

Rent Increases		
City	Average rent	Year-over-year increase
Menlo Park	\$4,087	17%
Redwood City	\$3,336	7%
Foster City	\$3,304	6%
San Mateo	\$3,250	6%
Millbrae	\$3,138	1%
Burlingame	\$2,957	7%
Daly City	\$2,558	2%

Data courtesy city of Menlo Park/RentCafe.com

Above: The average rent in Menlo Park has risen substantially over the past year compared with other nearby cities, according to statistics the city cited from the website RentCafe.com. **Right:** The maximum income a household can earn to be eligible for tenant relocation assistance, which is 80 percent of the area median income.

2018 income limits for San Mateo County	
Household size	Max. income to be considered "low income"
1	\$82,200
2	\$93,950
3	\$105,700
4	\$117,400
5	\$126,800
6	\$136,200
7	\$145,600
8	\$155,000

Data courtesy city of Menlo Park

has no bearing on and does not substantially burden the ability of landlords to establish rental rates.”

California courts have not yet ruled on this issue.

Karyl Eldridge pointed out that the city’s exclusion of single-family homes from the ordinance — given the fact that so many renters in Belle Haven are both minorities and tenants in single-family homes — means that the ordinance may have the effect of being applied unevenly across different racial groups, with minorities less likely to get relocation help. She indicated that might also open the city to legal action, under fair housing law.

Support

A number of supporters of the revised Housing Commission policy shared stories of the impacts of displacement.

Dr. Jackie Newton, a doctor for the homeless and a San Mateo County resident, said that she’s been working with a female patient in her 60s who was evicted for no reason. She had worked for decades as a librarian, but retired, and when the eviction

came, she couldn’t afford a new place.

“I was shocked to learn she had started doing sex work to afford a few hotel nights,” Newton told the council. “I couldn’t give her housing,” she said. “I ended up treating her for chlamydia. I’m holding my breath to see what she comes in with next.”

Ine Grewe talked about how her grandparents and extended family have left her neighborhood to move hours away, and some of her friends have had to relocate.

Oflia Bello, an East Palo Alto resident and the new director for Youth United for Community Action, said that the revised policy recommended by the Housing Commission “will help maintain vibrancy” and “make Menlo Park one of the leaders in the region.”

“It’s responsive to the community while taking into account the hardships landlords may face,” she said.

Redwood City Councilwoman Diana Reddy urged the Menlo Park council in a written statement to adopt the revised Housing Commission ordinance, not

the Redwood City-based law.

“We are facing the closure of three schools due to the loss of families and the inability of the district to hire and retain teachers, who are also being displaced from our community,” she wrote. The ordinance originally proposed by the Housing Commission “will actually protect tenants,” she said.

Mark Mollineaux, who runs a radio show at Stanford focused on housing policy and is a critic of Proposition 13, pointed out that landowners benefit tremendously from rising property and land values, while renters never benefit from those increases, and instead have their stability threatened. “This measure does a small, small amount to begin to redress the giant imbalance between the landed and the landless,” he said.

Housing Commissioner Rachel Horst said, “I don’t feel particularly thrilled to be part of a community that is losing people, losing touch with reality and (failing) to realize what inequity looks like in our city limits. ...

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Authorizing an amendment to the contract between California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) and the Town of Atherton to provide for additional pension cost share to provide Section 20516 (Employee Sharing Additional Cost) of 3% for local safety and 1% for non-safety members in the unrepresented classifications.

For a complete copy of the staff report and draft ordinance that will be heard at the meeting, please contact City Clerk Theresa DellaSanta at tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-752-0529.

Those wishing to comment on the proposed ordinance may either attend the Public Hearing or submit written comments to the City Clerk, to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday March 15, 2019. (Written comments are to be submitted to the City Clerk, Town of Atherton, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027 or by email at tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us

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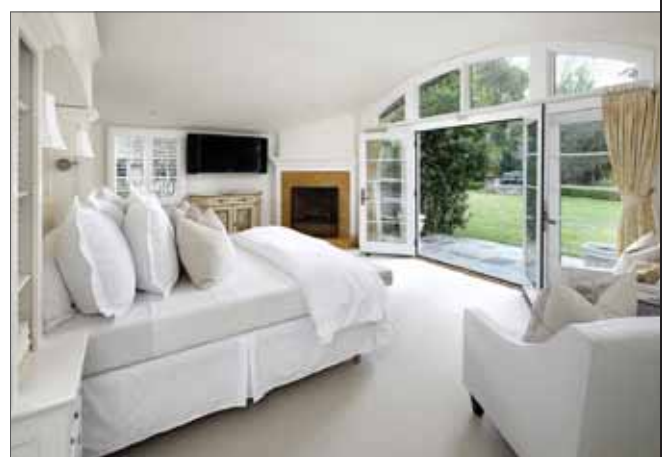
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Council sends housing ordinance back for more analysis

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The maximum floor area for new second units in Portola Valley is probably going to end up near the state standard of 1,200 square feet, and the homes will probably be allowed separate addresses and utility services. A draft ordinance to revise policies governing second-unit design included these two provisions and more, but it needs further analysis by town planning staff, the Town Council said.

At a public hearing attended by some 30 members of the public, the council deliberated for a couple of hours over an ordinance proposed by the Planning Commission that would also allow second units in all zoning districts, and allow Town Hall staff to review and approve most of them without oversight by the Architectural and Site Control Commission.

There's much that the new ordinance would not change, including policies on the adjusted maximum floor area for a property, the maximum amount of impervious surface allowed, the length of setbacks,

maximum structure heights, and requirements for landscaping, lighting and materials.

Among the 13 members of the public who spoke, many opposed the proposed option of setting the maximum floor area at 1,700 square feet, while others warned against separate addresses and utilities as advancing the possibility of Portola Valley becoming a community of subdivisions. Other issues included fire safety as it relates to second units, separate driveways and when they would be allowed, and whether owners should be required to occupy one of the homes.

The council reached consensus on 1,700 square feet as being too high a maximum floor area, though they directed Town Hall staff to conduct more analysis, including checking into how floor area could be tied to the size of the main house. Staff will also look into how nearby communities handle the issue of absentee owners of second units.

On the question of distinguishing second units from main houses through the use of different addresses, the council was unanimous in favor of the idea, noting that firefighters prefer

separate addresses in emergency situations and that they would not lead to subdivision.

"The subdivision argument ... There's nothing to really support that," Mayor Ann Wengert said. "I think we are a long way from subdivision."

Councilman John Richards, an architect, spoke about affordability, noting that his daughter lives in a second unit he built, and that she pays a low rent because he built it himself. "I know that's an unusual situation, but we need to have those opportunities (for affordable housing) out there in whatever form we can manage," he said. "If they end up being expensive, that's just the reality of the day."

"I think our goal is to create inventory," Councilman Jeff Aalfs said. "I hate to say this, but \$4,000 a month is getting to be affordable housing in the Bay Area. ... if we had a bunch of \$4,000-a-month rentals in Portola Valley, they'd get filled up."

Public comment

Resident Forrest Linebarger expressed support for a floor-area maximum greater than 1,550 square feet. He said he'd like to help his parents move

back to town and provide them with space to move around in comfort as they age.

Also in support of a larger maximum was resident Greg Franklin, who said that 1,700 square feet is accommodating to someone downsizing from a house of 3,000 or 4,000 square feet.

But former mayor Steve Toben questioned the appeal of 1,700 square feet, given that it would cost the homeowner \$1 million to build at the current construction rate of \$600 per square foot. At the private Sequoias retirement community in town, he said, apartments range from 560 square feet to a maximum of 1,120. That maximum aligns with a state standard of 1,200 square feet, he noted.

He noted that his 300-square-foot cottage in the Woodside Highlands neighborhood has been rented to Stanford University graduate students, a park ranger, and now to a resident of Tracy who stays there four nights a week.

Former mayor Jon Silver and residents Kori Anne Bagowski and Michael Katz all opposed a 1,700-square-foot maximum. Both Bagowski and Katz noted

that a dwelling of that size does not warrant a designation of low-income housing.

"That's a huge amount of space ... larger than a house," Katz said.

"I still don't know what problem you're trying to solve," he told the council. "It doesn't seem like anything has been thought out to a conclusion and I think it should be before we pass anything that's going to change (things)."

Bagowski weighed in on separate addresses, saying that it leads to properties being subdivided. "I'm (in Portola Valley) because I don't see my neighbors and I'm not squished in," she said.

Resident Ed Reines warned about the risk of inadvertently inviting Airbnb into town, a trend that he said is growing. Separate addresses, utilities and driveways "are essentially dividing the property the way that you would do it if you wanted to profit," he said.

"You don't want people coming in and trying to monetize properties, essentially split them and then Airbnb both of them," Reines said. "If there's a food-fight about Airbnb in this town and people (don't) know how we got there, it's not going to be pretty." ▣



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Plans for fire stations show one new and one improved

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

If plans proceed as envisioned for a new fire station in Woodside and a remodeled fire station in Portola Valley, the improvements will include more bedrooms for firefighters, a safer living environment and new and larger garage bays to make parking much easier for firetrucks returning from a call.

Chief Dan Ghiorso of the Woodside Fire Protection District recently came before the Woodside and Portola Valley town councils with a presentation outlining plans to rebuild Station 7 at 3111 Woodside Road — built in 1949 and remodeled in 1993 — and to remodel Station 8 at 150 Portola Road in Portola Valley — built in 1970 and remodeled in 1984 — to extend its life for another 10 to 15 years.

The Woodside fire district covers 32 square miles and includes three fire stations serving Woodside, Portola Valley and the unincorporated communities of Emerald Hills, Ladera, Los Trancos, Skyline and Vista Verde.

Among the hazards firefighters confront are the protective outfits they wear — referred to as turnouts — when fighting a fire. The outfits absorb toxins dangerous to the wearer and when they're stored in the same areas as the firetrucks, they also absorb diesel fumes, Ghiorso said.

"We have an enormous rate of cancer in the fire service, and unfortunately we at Woodside Fire are not immune to that," he told the Woodside council at its Feb. 12 meeting. "Unfortunately, we do have firefighters with cancer. For the most part, they're curable. Unfortunately in our case, we have one that's not curable. So what we're doing is trying to devise stations that are healthier for us."

The district's workload has also been steadily growing over recent decades, with a higher number of incidents and more people passing through the district, whether for work or recreation, Ghiorso said. A graph created by the district shows the volume of "life-saving calls" rising steeply in the 1990s — after every firefighting agency in the county formed what is, in effect, a single fire department — and steadily increasing ever since. Another graph shows a steady rise in the number of firefighters working for the district.

The fire district is "out of space" to accommodate growth and to respond to new regulations and technology, Ghiorso said.

Plans for Station 7, prepared by CJW Architecture of Portola

Valley, are now in the hands of Woodside's Architectural & Site Review Board for review, and plans for Station 8 will soon go to Portola Valley's Architectural and Site Control Commission, Ghiorso said. The station upgrades will cost the district \$22.7 million, he said.

The work at Station 8 would be first in line in order to provide bunk space for firefighters while Station 7 is being rebuilt, Ghiorso said in an email. A crew would stay with a firetruck in the vicinity of Station 7 and other firefighters would temporarily relocate to Station 19 in Emerald Hills, he said.

The district is working to build a Station 7 that blends with the area, he said. District officials have met with town officials and with immediate neighbors, he said. "Everybody is (saying) 'This is a good plan going forward,'" Ghiorso said. "As we move forward, we will absolutely (have) more public meetings to get the input from the public (as to) exactly what it is they want to see."

A fundraising campaign is ahead, but Ghiorso said he could not be specific as to a goal. "We hope to get the majority if not all of the funding through the campaign," he said in an email. "I suspect we will get a good idea how well that is going in 6-9 months."

The district has almost \$6.5 million on hand in a reserve account for capital projects, he said. The district would like to retain some of that reserve for future projects, "but if we had to, that funding would be used for the station," he said.

The plans

Plans for the new station in Woodside call for a two-story building with each floor including six bedrooms, a bathroom and a laundry room, with a fire pole through the second floor. The new station would also have a library, an equipment shop, offices, a training room, a kitchen, a day room and a fitness center.

Just inside the front door of the new Station 7 would be a substation for Sheriff's Office deputies. "Our thought process is, 'It's a public safety building, so why wouldn't they want to be in our house?'" Ghiorso said.

The central area of the first floor would be open on both sides, with six bays for firefighting vehicles.

The station in Portola Valley would get a new vehicle bay as well, along with a new roof, a Sheriff's Office substation and 2,000 square feet of additional space for work and living, the plans show.



Rendering courtesy of CJW Architecture

A rendering of the exterior of a new fire station planned for 3111 Woodside Road in Woodside does not include a proposed drought-tolerant and fire-resistant garden out front. A Sheriff's Office substation is inside and to the left of the front door.

A small garden

A drought-tolerant and fire-resistant garden is planned for just outside the front door of Station 7. Plants considered fire-resistant include manzanita and coffeeberry bushes; California lilac, poppies and buttercups; creeping and hummingbird

sage; yarrow; and firecracker penstemon, Fire Marshal Denise Enea said in an email.

"These native plants are able to maintain moisture levels that keep them alive and well enough hydrated as to not easily burn," Enea said.

Placement of plants around a

building is as important as selecting plants that are slow to burn, she said, adding: "Keeping plants very low near and under windows is important. Also, keeping trees and large bushes at least 10 feet away from wood siding, eaves and roofs is a must for good defensible space." ■

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Facebook may be exceeding trip cap on East Campus

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

■ **MENLO BRIEFS**

Facebook's adherence to its East Campus trip cap — the maximum number of vehicle trips permitted in and out of its campus — is requiring further review following an annual check-in with the city of Menlo Park.

The Menlo Park Planning Commission voted 6-0 at its Feb. 25 meeting to make findings that Facebook is in good-faith compliance with all of its agreements with the city, except its East Campus trip cap, which city staff is analyzing further.

Each year, the corporation checks in with the city to determine its compliance with various agreements it has with the city.

Kyle Perata, the city's acting principal planner, said the staff has been made aware that the trip cap on the East Campus has been exceeded during some periods, and the staff is looking into the circumstances.

He added that there may be Uber or Lyft trips that also need to be counted.

"It's not something we take lightly," said Ryan Patterson, strategic initiatives manager at Facebook. He said that Facebook is in compliance with the other two trip caps it has that cover different areas of its campus.

"I really believe that Facebook tries to be a good neighbor," Belle Haven resident Pam Jones said at the meeting. "We have a neighborhood substantially affected by everything they do."

Open houses for Facebook plans

Facebook will host a series of public open houses over the coming weeks to allow people to learn more about the revised plans for "Willow Village" the company has submitted.

In the updated plans, the site plan has been redesigned and the concepts for a main street and town square have been modified to promote bike and pedestrian access and social

gathering. A full-service grocery store and pharmacy have been relocated, and a larger park, about 4 acres, has been set aside along Willow Road. There is a proposed community center adjacent to the community park, and a new proposed public-access dog park.

The hotel could be larger than originally proposed — up to 250 rooms instead of 200 — and the amount of retail space could rise to 200,000 square feet from 126,500 square feet, according to Menlo Park city staff.

One open house was held Feb. 28. The others are scheduled for:

■ Wednesday, March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the East Palo Alto Senior Center at 560 Bell St. in East Palo Alto.

■ Saturday, March 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, 700 Alma St. in Menlo Park.

Access more information at menlopark.org/willowvillage.

Caltrain supports low-fare pilot program

The Caltrain board of directors has signaled support for a regional pilot program led by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to give low-income transit riders discounted fares, Caltrain announced Feb. 7.

The board passed a resolution in support of the program, but will have to update Caltrain's tariff schedule and take additional steps to formally approve the agency's participation.

The regional pilot program offering means-based fare is expected to start in the fall and run for 12 to 18 months.

People who earn less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$24,980 for a one-person household, would be eligible for at least 20 percent off single-ride adult Clipper Card fares. BART, the San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency, and the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District also plan to participate, according to the Caltrain announcement. ■



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Planning Commission critiques Greystar housing proposal

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Members of the Menlo Park Planning Commission were frank in their skepticism that a large new housing development proposed by development company Greystar would work at the scale proposed without significant modifications during a study session held Feb. 25.

Greystar has proposed building 483 new housing units, 441 of which would be apartments and 42 of which would be townhomes for sale at 141 Jefferson Drive and 180-186 Constitution Drive.

The biggest criticism? Greystar is proposing a new development in an already congested part of town without amenities that could keep the new residents from having to travel by car across town, commissioners said.

"This would be a traffic impact if it were in the middle of nowhere," said Commissioner Henry Riggs. "Instead, this is being located in traffic jam central. It is hard to imagine

how this could possibly work."

Commissioner Katherine Strehl noted that without a grocery store, drugstore or bank in Menlo Park east of 101, the development could trigger major increases in crosstown traffic.

Commissioner Camille Kennedy, who works at Avenidas, a Palo Alto-based nonprofit that supports seniors, said she'd be more supportive of the project if it were designed to be more inclusive of seniors. Many seniors would love to downsize to smaller homes, she said, but there aren't many places they can move in the community. She said she would be comfortable with more density, so long as amenities were provided that could help seniors without cars get around, as well as access medical care easily.

Several commissioners criticized the plan's limited open space provisions for being too minimal.

Andrew Morcos, a senior developer at Greystar, said the group plans to ask what community members think should be included as a "public amenity." ▀



Image courtesy Greystar/city of Menlo Park.

A rendering of the proposed Greystar development, "Menlo Uptown," at 141 Jefferson Drive and 180-186 Constitution Drive in eastern Menlo Park, as viewed on Constitution Drive, looking west.

Pedestrian struck by train at Oak Grove crossing

A northbound train struck a man in his 50s on the Caltrain tracks at the Oak Grove Avenue crossing in Menlo Park at about 10:17 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24, according to a Caltrain spokesman.

Emergency personnel took

the man to a hospital for treatment, Caltrain spokesman Haroon Malek said in an email statement.

As of Feb. 28, he was still in critical condition, according to Caltrain spokesman Dan Lieberman.

"The incident is still under investigation, but the transit police believe it was not an intentional act," Lieberman said in an email.

None of the approximately 615 passengers on the train was injured. ▀

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Bids come in below cost estimate for civic center project

Council expected to award construction contract on March 6

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

Three out of four bids for the construction of a long-awaited new civic center in Atherton have come in below the estimated project cost of \$48 million, according to a Feb. 27 town email.

The town received a bid of \$44.2 million from SJ Amoroso's,

a \$44.4 million bid from Stronghold Engineering and a \$44.9 million bid from BHM Construction, according to the town. (A fourth bid by Sausal Corp. came in at \$55.4 million.)

Staff plans to recommend that the City Council at its March 6 meeting award SJ Amoroso, a Redwood Shores-based company, a contract for the project, the town's project manager Marty

Hanneman said in an email.

"We were quite excited when we opened the bids," Mayor Bill Widmer said. He added that it was reassuring that three out of the four bids came in around the same price because that meant that the bid wasn't a "low-ball" offer.

SJ Amoroso built the Trousdale residential care facility in Burlingame, renovated Palo Alto's main library, and constructed a clubhouse at the Sharon Heights Golf and Country

Club, according to a list of projects on the company's website.

The civic center project, which would rebuild the town's police, administration, library and planning division buildings, ran into a roadblock last June when initial bids for the project came in 40 percent higher than the project estimate of \$40.5 million.

In December, the City Council voted to go out for new bids on the project. To cut costs, the council removed hoped-for improvements in the corporation

yard, simplifying site access and logistics; deleted all required tree removals; and demolished the library and public works buildings prior to going out to bid, Hanneman said. The council also decided not to include new council chambers as part of the project unless the town can come up with additional funding for it. (SJ Amoroso estimates it would cost about \$2.9 million.) Overall, the council cut project

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Frances Romaine (Sorensen) Henning

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, sadly passed away January 13, 2019 at Stanford University Medical Center after a long illness. She lived a grand life of 94 years.

Her special life began in 1924 in Sioux City, Iowa where she was raised by her parents, James and Mabel Sorensen. As a girl, she attended Central High School where she was active as a cheerleader and Prom Queen. After attending Morningside College, she transferred to University of Iowa and graduated with a Teachers Education Degree in 1946. She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority and met her future husband, John F. Henning Jr. from Chico, California on a blind date. Their lifelong love story began with their marriage at Wee Kirk of the Heather in Glendale, California.

Frances worked as a stewardess on Western Airlines DC-3 aircraft and taught middle school in Alameda. Jack embarked on his career in journalism, working for the San Francisco Examiner. In 1951, Jack joined Sunset Magazine beginning his successful 40-year career in magazine advertising, publishing and circulation, while Frances made a beautiful home. Fran and Jack's greatest joy was when they became the proud parents of two well-loved sons, John F. Henning III (Jeff), and Robert (Bob) Henning.

Throughout their busy lives, Frances and Jack attended to business obligations and travel associated with Jack's work. For personal pursuits, they enjoyed cattle ranching and golfing. Frances was productive in the Menlo Park/Atherton communities. She volunteered at the Circus Club and Allied Arts Guild, and helped raise funds to benefit the Lucille Packard Stanford Children's Hospital. She became an avid, and skilled, bridge player with her many friends. Fran and Jack enjoyed many rounds of golf together while members of Stanford, Menlo, Butte Creek, and La Quinta Country Clubs. They were also long-time members of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

In the 1960's, Frances and Jack invested in a 1,200-acre cattle and horse pasture leisure ranch. The ranch was sold in 2001 and became part of the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve used by College of Agriculture students from California State University, Chico (CSUC).

Their legacy with CSUC continued as Frances honored Jack's memory with a scholarship in 2007 to the CSUC Beef Unit to help aspiring Agriculture students.

During Frances and Jack's 59-year marriage they traveled on business and pleasure to many foreign countries learning about different customs and cultures. They also loved salmon fishing together from their boat (the 'Frantastic') off Vancouver Island, BC, competing with one another for trophy Tye and Coho.

Most of all, Frances loved relating to her family and lifelong friends, many of whom live at the Vi in Palo Alto. Frances will be remembered and greatly missed by her two sons, family members and friends. She and husband Jack were respected influences to all of us that were fortunate enough to have known them.

She is survived by her sister Dorothy Jean Clark; sons John

F. III (Jeff) & wife Jeanne, Robert (Bob) & wife Jennifer; grandsons Blair, Adam & wife Mellody; great grandsons Aiden & Jaxon; brother-in-law Richard Henning & wife Carol; nephew James Ankeny; and nieces Kathi Burdette & Audre Thomas.

Her family expresses their gratitude and appreciation for the loving care Frances received from Sojourn Hospice, the Vi, her medical care team, and her wonderful caregivers CiCi, Nieves, Cleo, & Gloria.

A special Celebration of Life gathering will be held for family and friends of Frances on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 2-4 pm at the Vi in Palo Alto, California.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation "**In Memory of Frances Henning**" to either the Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health, or, the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCCER). **Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health**, Attn: Gift Processing, 400 Hamilton Ave, Suite 340, Palo Alto, CA 94301, or online: <https://my.supportlpch.org/give/154669#!/donation/checkout>

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Erika Nord Richards

April 7, 1916 – February 13, 2019

Erika Nord Richards never seemed to age. She died Feb. 13, 2019, seven weeks shy of her 103rd birthday, still young in mind, spirit, and body. The word most used to describe Erika is "amazing."

Until December, Erika took twice-daily walks, swam on Sundays, played bridge five times a week, completed Sudoku puzzles every morning, and enjoyed social and cultural events. If someone suggested an activity, she enthusiastically answered, "Yes, why not?" She was a model of how to live — with zest, optimism, integrity, and a kind heart.

Erika was born April 7, 1916 in Berlin, Germany, to Walter and Herta Nord and raised in Hamburg. She enjoyed field hockey, sailing, and gymnastics. After studying two years in Sweden, Erika came to America in 1936 with \$10 in her pocket and settled in Chicago (thanks to a young doctor she had met in Germany, who eventually became her husband). Erika earned a physical therapy certificate from Northwestern University. Soon after becoming a citizen, she joined the U.S. Army in 1944. As a PT, she treated wounded soldiers while assigned to the 155th General Hospital in England.

After marrying Dr. Richard K. Richards in 1946, she settled in Waukegan, Illinois, where they raised their daughter, Evelyn. While Erika worked as a PT, Richard started the pharmacology department at Abbott Laboratories and rose up the research ranks and also served as a professor at Northwestern's Medical School. Erika became deeply involved in the community, from being a Girl Scout leader to helping improve school curriculum to being a founding member of the League of Women Voters there. She eventually became a lifetime League member after 50 years.

In 1966, the family moved to Los Altos. As part of the LWV, Erika initiated offering voter registration to newly naturalized citizens in Santa Clara County. She worked part-time as a PT in Los Altos and Mountain View convalescent hospitals.

The couple enjoyed many travels, with Erika often adding to her collections of spoons, pendant necklaces, artwork of water scenes, and rocks. Sadly, Richard died in early 1983. Erika continued traveling, reaching all continents but Antarctica, and enjoyed attending symphony concerts and theatre; gardening (especially orchids); reading; participating in Great Decisions groups; and playing bridge. She volunteered at El Camino Hospital for 20 years, and at the Palo Alto Cultural Center. She was a member of the Unitarian Church of Palo Alto.

In 2005, Erika became an inaugural resident of the Vi Palo Alto retirement community. Erika played bridge four days a week there, weekly at Little House in Menlo Park, and monthly at the Menlo Circus Club, forming friendships she cherished. "I don't know what I would do without bridge," Erika often said. She was the oldest resident of Vi Independent Living and navigated the large building with only a cane.

Erika loved the frequent contact with her brother Helmut of Pennsylvania, who survives her, and with her brother Achim before his death. She is survived by her close Palo Alto family of her daughter, Evelyn; son-in-law, Greg Pickrell; and granddaughter, Liana.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. March 21 at the Vi, 620 Sand Hill Road, Palo Alto. To honor Erika's memory, please consider donating to the League of Women Voters or the American Red Cross.



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This is a modest proposal to deal with a massive problem.”

“Most of San Mateo County is the Wild West for renters,” summarized Jordan Grimes, a member of Peninsula YIMBY, a pro-housing group.

“The Housing Commission took a ton of time thinking through aspects of this ordinance,” said housing finance consultant Meg McGraw-Scherer, a housing commissioner speaking on her own behalf. “If we don’t include (single-family homes), the ordinance is meaningless.”

She also spoke against the idea of applying for county funds from measures A and K to bolster the relocation assistance fund. “I don’t want public funds to be subsidizing landlords,” she said.

Opposition

Opponents of the policy argued that the city shouldn’t interfere with market affairs and should instead focus its efforts on building more housing, because housing scarcity is the real source of the crisis.

The ordinance, which they see as punitive toward landlords, would create new administrative costs and could generate unintended consequences, such as a reduction in investment in the area or a decline in the rental market, they said. Landlords they added, could see the relocation assistance fees as too onerous and simply take their homes off the rental market.

“Investment capital goes where it is treated best,” stated Mike Haddock.

Penelope Huang said she knows an older man who is struggling to pay his mortgage on a fixed income so has to rent out the house and doesn’t know how to pay for needed repairs except by raising the rent. Though he has a property with a significant value, she said, he is one step from homelessness. “It’s a vicious cycle,” she added.

Jeff Deng asked why it should

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costs by \$4.3 million.

The town has not yet set a date to break ground on the project, deputy city manager and city clerk Theresa DellaSanta wrote in an email. In December, the town estimated the new civic center would open at the end of March 2021.

The March 6 study session at which the council will consider awarding the contract will start at 4 p.m. in the council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road in Atherton. ■

be a landlord’s responsibility to assist a renter if the tenant can’t pay market rate rent.

Paula Macchello said it was a bad policy that doesn’t factor in the needs of landlords.

Council opinions

Councilman Drew Combs spoke most vehemently against the revised Housing Commission ordinance, and made proposals to weaken an ordinance modeled on the Redwood City law further, but backed off of support for such amendments when it was clear he wouldn’t get the needed three votes to pass such an ordinance.

Relocation assistance, he argued, should be about helping people priced out of the community to find a home somewhere else. He added that he didn’t believe it should cover any household earning more than what’s considered “low income,” or 80 percent of the area median income, and favored lowering that threshold further to make the policy apply only to those who are “truly at risk of homelessness.”

“I feel (the Redwood City-based ordinance) is going to provide protections in a thoughtful way to address the issue,” Councilwoman Catherine Carlton said, adding that the council can always bring the topic back at a later date if the

policy doesn’t work.

Mayor Ray Mueller explained that he’d rather not have the ordinance get potentially hung up in limbo as it works through the courts for an unknown outcome. He said he believes that the Redwood City ordinance would earn the support of private partners to help provide funds to create a citywide tenant relocation assistance fund.

“If we go with (the revised Housing Commission ordinance), I think we end up in a lawsuit, and I think it’s a long time before we’re able to provide any help to anyone pragmatically,” he said.

Both Taylor and Nash argued in favor of the revised Housing Commission ordinance. When it was clear that proposal wouldn’t get enough votes to pass, Nash proposed a number of variations to the Redwood City-modeled ordinance to make it more inclusive, including an effort to expand the policy to renter households evicted for no cause, but none of her suggested changes received the necessary third vote.

“I believe tenants are worth fighting for,” Taylor said, noting that the rules the council endorsed won’t help renters in single-family homes in Belle Haven. “I think Menlo Park can do more.” ■

Margot Hopp Driscoll

April 5, 1934 – February 16, 2019

Margot Hopp Driscoll was a vivacious ballet dancer in her youth, an animal lover, a patron of the arts and a philanthropist.

She loved to travel with her many longtime friends and made new friends along the way.

She was an avid reader and sports fan -- with a special affinity for the San Francisco Giants.

After a full life, she passed away Feb. 16 in her townhouse “in the trees” in Menlo Park’s Sharon Heights, where she had lived for many years.

Margot, the daughter of Corinne and Harold Hopp, was born April 5, 1934, in Indianapolis, Ind., but “only stayed a couple of days and went right to Chicago.” She grew up in St. Paul, Minn., where she attended the Summit School and became friends with Rudolph Weyerhaeuser Driscoll, who was attending St. Paul Academy. Margot attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. She and Rudy reconnected and were married April 17, 1965, in Santa Fe, NM.

The Driscolls, through their foundation, have given immeasurably to the community. “Tradition, family values and social responsibility are very important to our family,” their son, the late Rudy W. Driscoll Jr., was quoted as saying.

Margot, herself, was a member of the board of trustees of the San Francisco Ballet, a 50-year member (a “Golden Girl”) of the Peninsula Volunteers, a supporter of the Palo Alto Players, Smuin Ballet, Santa Fe Opera, San Francisco Opera and San Francisco Symphony.

She is survived by her four grandchildren, Wyatt, Cooper, Montana and Channing Driscoll, and her beloved black cats, Nikki and November.

A memorial service will be held March 7 at 2 p.m., at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.



PAID OBITUARY

Mary Louise Hodgkinson

July 21, 1930 - February 5, 2019

Mary Louise Hodgkinson, 88, passed away peacefully February 5, 2019 in Oro Valley, Arizona. She had been living at Catalina Springs Memory Care for almost two years.

Mary was born July 21, 1930 and grew up in Long Beach with her parents Robin and Mary Hadley and her sister Pat. She attended USC and was a member of the Alpha Phi sorority. She married Ross Hodgkinson, her college sweetheart, in April 1952 and they had three children, a daughter Christine, and two sons, Rob and Scott. They moved to Woodside and built a new home, which Mary loved for 53 years until Dementia forced her out.

Mary enjoyed riding horses with her husband Ross, skiing with her family, tending to her rose garden and enjoying her children. The family took many summer vacations to various national parks in the western United States.

Through the years, Mary had many dogs she loved, as well as one Siamese cat. She could be seen frequently walking the trails in Woodside with her Great Pyrenees. Mary also enjoyed watching and cheering for her grandchildren at soccer and baseball games.

Ross passed away in 1994. Mary is survived by her three children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. As well as her sister, Pat Ward.

The family would like to thank Catalina Springs Memory Care Facility for the wonderful and loving care they extended to Mary in the last two years of her life.

A private family memorial will be held.

PAID OBITUARY

William Warren McNair Sr.

December 21, 1937 - February 18, 2019

Bill was born in Norfolk, Nebraska on December 21, 1937 as the third of four sons to Hazel and Robert McNair.

At an early age, the family relocated from Nebraska to Hollywood, CA. Bill attended Blessed Sacrament school in Hollywood for his elementary education and Loyola High School in Los Angeles where he graduated in June of 1956. Following graduation, Bill worked for J.H. Pomeroy, a commercial engineering and construction firm.

On June 21, 1958, Bill married the love of his life, Joan Lorna McCormick. Joan and Bill met as classmates in first grade at Blessed Sacrament school. Between 1959 and 1973, Joan and Bill’s family grew to include four children — three daughters and a son.

In the early 1960s, Bill joined Atherton-Clemens focusing on real estate development and investment which took the family to Houston, Texas from 1968 until 1975. In 1975, the family relocated back to North Hollywood until ultimately settling in Northern California in 1979 where they remained for the next forty years.

In 1988, Bill joined Ford Motor Land Development Corporation as Vice President of the Western Region, a position he held until his retirement in 2005. Bill enjoyed his retirement years by splitting time between La Quinta, CA and San Jose. Throughout Bill’s retirement, his hobbies included gardening and raising canaries and champion Great Danes, but Bill’s primary focus was always his family.

Bill passed peacefully on February 18, 2019 at the age of 81 of natural causes at his home with his family by his side. Bill was a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather and caring great grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joan, and four children, Shannon Reischl (Tom), Shelley May, Erin Sokol (Peter) and William Jr. (Kim). Bill’s life was graced by 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Here on earth or from up above, this quiet, kind man with a quick wit will forever be at the helm of our loud, Irish Catholic family. Thank you for the years and memories, we miss and love you.

A man of great integrity, a fierce patriot and generous person, he believed in giving back. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) or the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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Sports & Fitness

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Burgess Pool, 501 Laurel St.,
Menlo Park / Belle Haven Pool,
100 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park
650-781-5525 / menloswim.com

Youth, adult and community programs at Burgess and Belle Haven pools, including year-round swim lessons, youth swim teams, masters swimming, water polo and water exercise, as well as cycling, running, fitness and tennis programs.

Peninsula Boxing & Fitness

2860 Spring St., Unit 1, Redwood City
650-290-1920 / peninsulaboxing.org

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Kidz Love Soccer

Burgess Park Auxiliary Field 9,
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501 Laurel St., Menlo Park
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Webb Ranch Riding School

2720 Alpine Road, Portola Valley
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Palo Alto School of Chamber Music

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider a proposed increase in sewer services charges for fiscal year 2019/2020. Additional information is available through the District's website at www.westbaysanitary.org and on the official notice that was mailed to every parcel address that pays District rates.

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Protests against the proposed rate increase must be submitted in writing by 4:00pm on April 24, 2019, and signed by the property owner, must identify the owner(s) of the property for which the protest is entered, and must include the property address and assessor's parcel number (APN).

/s/ Phil Scott

Phil Scott, District Manager

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RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ON-SITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL ZONE

LANDS OF SHARMA

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

- A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District's "Zone Master Annexation Resolution" ("ZOMAR")...
B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property (the "Parcel") to the District's On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone...
C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board that the Parcel constitutes "real property" for the purposes of Section 2(b) of ZOMAR in that:
X. All of the conditions described in Subsections i., ii., iii., iv. and v. of ZOMAR Section 2(b) are satisfied; or Other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone...
D. All of the conditions and requirements of ZOMAR Sections 2(a), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) have been fully satisfied.

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

IT IS RESOLVED by the District Board as follows:

- 1. It is the intention of the District Board to annex the Parcel to the Zone pursuant to the provisions of ZOMAR and applicable provisions of law.
2. In conjunction with a meeting of the District Board to be duly and regularly called and conducted, the Board will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering all matters pertaining to this Resolution of Intention.

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

Date: April 10, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: West Bay Sanitary District Offices, 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

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

- 3. This Resolution of Intention shall be published and copies shall be delivered to the persons and entities as specified in ZOMAR Section 2(e)(i.).
4. A true copy of this Resolution of Intention shall promptly be filed for record in the office of the County Recorder of the County of San Mateo.
5. The District Manager shall cause the matters set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of this Resolution of Intention to be completed as directed.

Exhibit A

Exhibit A document containing: Date: 12-28-18, Annexed to: West Bay Sanitary District, Geographic Description: Lands of Sharma, Proposed Annexation of a 1.329 Acre +/- Parcel, and a signature stamp from Michael T. Turmore dated 12/28/18.

Exhibit B

Exhibit B map showing SITE LOCATION at 15 KIOWA CT, PORTOLA VALLEY, CA, GRINDER PUMP SYSTEM. Includes a legend for Gravity Main, OWDZ Force Main, and OWDZ, and a source note at the bottom.

Preschool is expanding in next school year

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

A new preschool in the Menlo Park City School District will expand during the 2019-20 school year, Superintendent Erik Burmeister told the district's school board at a Feb. 12 meeting.

The preschool, called the Early Learning Center, or ELC, opened at Laurel School Lower Campus in Atherton in August with two classrooms.

The district will do some "minor retrofitting" of a classroom at Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park to add to the preschool next school year, Burmeister said at the meeting. He said the district will also add one more ELC classroom at the Laurel School site as well.

The district is expanding the preschool, which serves children just under 3 years old to 5 years old, to accommodate 44 more students next school year. Twenty-two more students will be at Laurel School site, while 22 more will be at Oak Knoll. The district may add more students than this because the school will offer two- and three-day options next year, Burmeister said in a Feb. 14 email.

"We are very excited to expand to a classroom at Oak Knoll to enable us to provide our high-quality early learning program to more families through the Menlo Park City School District," said Jessica Mihaly, ELC's founding director, in a Feb. 22 email.

The preschool enrolled 54 students during the 2018-19 school year. It planned to expand the program to 72 students next school year, but is likely to grow even more — to about 88 students, Mihaly said.

The district surveyed Oak Knoll families to gauge interest in the preschool, and there was demand for extra spaces.

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Michael Hubbard

Stillman College Choir will perform at Valley Presbyterian Church on March 10.

Visiting choir brings MLK's message to Portola Valley

By Kate Daly

Special to the Almanac

The public is invited to a rare performance when 40 students from historically black Stillman College lift their voices to sing a work based on the words of Martin Luther King Jr. at Valley Presbyterian Church in Portola Valley on Sunday, March 10, at 3 p.m.

Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, Stillman was founded in 1875 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where the choir regularly performs at local church services and other community events. The trip west makes for a special spring break for many who are first-generation college students.

In churches in San Francisco and Portola Valley, the choir will perform a musical tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," which he wrote when he was imprisoned for participating in a nonviolent demonstration against segregation in 1963.

Choir director Joquelyn Richardson lived in the area then, and incorporates her memories into the musical interpretation.

Admission is free, but attendees are encouraged to donate online at stillman.edu/about-us/ donations or at the concerts to help underwrite students' scholarships and travel expenses.

On March 10, the choir will also join the congregation at

Valley Presbyterian for an adult education session, "Black Presbyterians in the Abolition Movement," at 9:45 a.m., and the regular morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 945 Portola Road in Portola Valley.

Pastor Jenny Warner welcomes the day as "a rare opportunity to connect outside of the Silicon Valley to a very different part of our nation."

Organizers have invited technology, business and educational leaders to the concerts, hopeful that the choir's visit will form connections that could lead to future job opportunities for Stillman students. ■

Downtown's observer-on-wheels receives an uplifting gift to keep him rolling on

Menlo Park residents and downtown visitors are likely to have observed a man regularly wheeling along Santa Cruz Avenue sidewalks, helmet on his head and a hand on the controls of his electric wheelchair. He certainly will have observed them.

That man is Tom Littlewood, who for years has made it his mission to patrol the downtown area, observing the people, businesses and goings-on, on the lookout for anything he finds amiss, and at the ready to contact his friends at the police department if needed.

Up until about two years ago, Littlewood, a former Menlo Park resident who now lives in East Palo Alto, had been a much more frequent downtown visitor. In those days, Littlewood wasn't a police department volunteer "in the traditional sense of the word" because the department didn't have a volunteer program, but in



Tom Littlewood, shown on his rounds at the Menlo Park police station, with Sgt. Ed Soares.

See **LITTLEWOOD**, page 25

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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

ART MY HEART

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 280316

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

Art My Heart, located at 741 Manzanita Rd., Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

JEANNE A. GOLDMAN

741 Manzanita Rd.

Woodside, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/7/2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 7, 2019.

(ALM Feb. 13, 20, 27; Mar. 6, 2019)

FLORES GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 280275

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

Flores Gardening & Landscaping, located at 1180 Hilton St. Apt. 2, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

ISIDRO FLORES RODRIGUEZ

1180 Hilton St. Apt. 2

Redwood City, CA 94063

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/18/2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 4, 2019.

(ALM Feb. 20, 27; Mar. 6, 13, 2019)

E-COMMERCHANT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 280390

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

E-Commerchant, located at 311 Sycamore St., San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

ERIC ALEJANDRO TEJEDA

311 Sycamore St.

San Carlos, CA 94070

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 February 14, 2019.

(ALM Feb. 20, 27; Mar. 6, 13, 2019)

EVA BLUES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 280389

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

Eva Blues, located at 214 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

EVANGELINA CLARK

214 Alameda De Las Pulgas

Redwood City, CA 94062

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 February 14, 2019.

(ALM Feb. 20, 27; Mar. 6, 13, 2019)

AUTUMN AND MULBERRY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 280400

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

Autumn and Mulberry, located at 3725 Jefferson Ct., Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

KATHRYN M. UTLEY

3725 Jefferson Ct.

Redwood City, CA 94062

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 February 15, 2019.

(ALM Feb. 27; Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2019)

GABRIEL'S GARDEN SERVICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 280478

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

Gabriel's Garden Service, located at 1 Newell Ct., Apart. 1112, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

JUAN GABRIEL CASTRO

1 Newell Ct. Apart. 1112

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 02/22/2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 22, 2019.

(ALM Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019)

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RESOLUTION NO. 2139 (2019)

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ON-SITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL ZONE LANDS OF BURRELL

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

- A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District's "Zone Master Annexation Resolution" ("ZOMAR")... B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property... C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board... X. All of the conditions described in Subsections i., ii., iii., iv. and v. of ZOMAR Section 2(b) are satisfied; or Other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone... D. All of the conditions and requirements of ZOMAR Sections 2(a), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) have been fully satisfied.

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

IT IS RESOLVED by the District Board as follows:

- 1. It is the intention of the District Board to annex the Parcel to the Zone pursuant to the provisions of ZOMAR and applicable provisions of law. 2. In conjunction with a meeting of the District Board to be duly and regularly called and conducted, the Board will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering all matters pertaining to this Resolution of Intention.

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

Date: April 10, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: West Bay Sanitary District Offices, 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

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

- 3. This Resolution of Intention shall be published and copies shall be delivered to the persons and entities as specified in ZOMAR Section 2(e)(i). 4. A true copy of this Resolution of Intention shall promptly be filed for record in the office of the County Recorder of the County of San Mateo. 5. The District Manager shall cause the matters set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of this Resolution of Intention to be completed as directed.

Exhibit A

Exhibit B

September 13, 2018 LEGAL DESCRIPTION ANNEXATION TO WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT LANDS OF BURRELL AND A PORTION OF SIOUX WAY TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA All that certain real property situate in the Town of Portola Valley, County of San Mateo, State of California, being all of Lot 8, Block 1 and a portion of Sioux Way as shown on that certain Map entitled "Tract No. 774, Arrowhead Meadows Unit No. 4", which Map was filed for record on March 17, 1959, in Book 50 of Maps at Pages 45 through 48 in the Office of the Recorder of said County and State, and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of said Lot 8; 1. Thence along the northerly line of said Lot 8 South 86°35'00" East 397.00 feet to the northeasterly corner of said Lot 8; 2. Thence along the easterly line of said Lot 8 South 3°25'00" West 104.89 feet to an angle point in the boundary of said Lot 8; 3. Thence along the boundary of said Lot 8 South 84°56'17" West 152.15 feet to an angle point in the boundary of said Lot 8; 4. Thence along the boundary of said Lot 8 South 61°00'00" West 241.35 feet to its intersection with the northerly right-of-way line of Sioux Way as shown on said map; 5. Thence crossing said right-of-way line of Sioux Way South 24°31' 13" West 50.00 feet to the southerly right-of-way line of Sioux Way and the beginning of a nontangent curve concave to the south having a radius of 525.00 feet, a radial line from said point having a bearing of South 24° 31', 13" West; 6. Thence westerly along said curve and southerly right-of-way line through a central angle of 9°24'12" a distance of 86.16 feet to the northeasterly corner of the West Bay Sanitary District adopted October 26, 1987, by Resolution No. 1072; 7. Thence radial from said northeasterly corner along the westerly line of said Lot 8 and its southerly prolongation North 15°07'02" East 284.97 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing an area of 77,513 square feet, more or less. The herein described annexation parcel is shown on the attached map of this legal description, Page 3 of 3, and is made a part here of. Description prepared by MacLeod and Associates, Inc.

WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT EXHIBIT "B" SITE LOCATION 40 SIOUX WAY PORTOLA VALLEY, CA SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT PUMPING (STEP) SYSTEM (1) Septic Tank Effluent Pumping (STEP) System 200 Gallons Per Day (GPD) APN: 077-310-040 Lands of Burrell 40 Sioux Way Portola Valley, CA Location of System: Front of property near Sioux Way



Addy Raquel Palacios will attend Stanford law program for high schoolers.

Scholarship boosts plans for law career

A Menlo Park teenager and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient who plans to become a lawyer has been named the inaugural recipient of a scholarship created to honor retired Judge LaDoris Cordell.

Addy Raquel Palacios, a sophomore at East Palo Alto Academy, will receive full tuition to attend the Intensive Law & Trial program at Stanford University, a 10-week program that exposes high schoolers from around the country to the theory and practice of law. (Tuition for the 2019 program is about \$4,000.)

In Cordell's 40-year career, she served as a Santa Clara County Superior Court judge, as a member of the Palo Alto City Council, as Stanford's vice provost and special counselor to the president for campus relations, and as the independent police auditor for the city of San Jose.

Recent attempts to end DACA, which protects young people whose parents brought them to the U.S. illegally, sparked Addy's interest in a legal career.

"Once I become a lawyer, I would like to help make sure laws protect human rights and create a just society," she said.

The scholarship was created by Envision, which provides career and leadership programs for K-12 students, and will be awarded to one East Palo Alto Academy student annually.

— By Elena Kadvany, Palo Alto Weekly

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Fundraiser brings in more than \$1 million for Alzheimer's research

By Kate Daly
Special to The Almanac

Almost all of the 330 guests raised their hands when asked if they are worried about developing Alzheimer's disease. And yet, an hour and a half later, after hearing from various experts about research that is underway, many left the recent Part the Cloud Luncheon in Menlo Park feeling somewhat hopeful.

One panelist, Dr. Eric Siemers, has been involved in neurodegenerative disease research for decades. As he put it, "Progress is being made every step of the way."

The sold-out event on Feb. 13 at Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club raised more than \$1 million. Co-chaired by Stephanie Harman and Heather Pietsch, it was the fourth luncheon since 2012, when founder Michaela "Mikey" Hoag of Atherton organized the first gala fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association.

Alternating between galas and luncheons each year since then, the events have raised more than \$30 million. Hoag thanked supporters for contributing to what "has become a global movement in Alzheimer's research."

So far, Part the Cloud has funded 34 research grants aimed at early phase clinical studies. According to the event program, grant recipients have then gone on to procure over \$180 million in additional funding from the National Institutes of Health and venture capital.

"Let's hope one day there will be a survivor from this disease," Hoag said.

She has experienced the grief of Alzheimer's with both her parents. She invited actress Marcia Gay Harden, another "daughter of Alzheimer's," as Harden called herself at the luncheon, to come and share her story.

Harden's mother passed away in December. The actress told the crowd that her mother's memory loss felt "like scenes left on the editing floor."

To help restore those scenes,



Drew Altizer Photography

Part the Cloud founder Mikey Hoag, left, invited actress Marcia Gay Harden to speak about Alzheimer's disease.

Harden wrote a book, "The Seasons of My Mother: A Memoir of Love, Family and Flowers." Every guest received a copy.

After Harden spoke, a panel of doctors discussed some of the latest research on the disease.

The event program listed panelist Dr. Frank Longo as receiving a grant from Part the Cloud in 2013 for a Phase I trial on a drug designed to block "degeneration associated with amyloid, tau, inflammation and aging."

That trial, he said, helped pave the way for his current Phase II Alzheimer's trial at NIH.

Dr. Longo practices at the Stanford Memory Disorders Clinic where, he said, "We see a very high volume" of patients, a demand and a "need for

cognitive assessments."

He said blood tests are being developed to predict when someone will develop Alzheimer's.

When asked by an audience member what can be done now to stave off or slow down the disease, he recommended physical exercise, at least 30 minutes a day, five times a week. He also suggested following a Mediterranean diet and "staying cognitively engaged."

The panelists talked about the benefits of reminiscence therapy for Alzheimer's patients, using music, art and/or pictures to help bring back memories and promote good thoughts.

Goto tinyurl.com/partcloud for more information about Part the Cloud. ■

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TOWN OF ATHERTON NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS

The Town of Atherton will accept bids for construction of the following public work:

MIDDLEFIELD ROAD CLASS II BICYCLE LANES IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Install detectable warning surfaces with concrete pad, signage/ bicycle way findings drainage improvements along bicycle path, signal modification improvements and coordination with PG&E. PG&E will complete all work related to micro-surfacing, striping and pavement markings. All work shall be completed per Town Standard Specifications.

Plans & Specifications may be obtained at:

<http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/bids.aspx> at no cost. The Contractor shall be responsible for any addendums that may be posted on the Town's website.

Pre-Bid Meeting (Non-Mandatory): A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the office of the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027, at **11:00 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time on **8th day, March, 2019**, at which time questions regarding the bid submission will be answered.

SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027, **until 11:00 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time on **Monday, March 11, 2019**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be for the entire work, and shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked: "Bid of (Contractor) for **MIDDLEFIELD ROAD CLASS II BICYCLE LANES IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, Project No. 56081**", along with date and time of bid opening.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Historic Schoolhouse, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California on the following:

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY AMENDING SECTION 18.12.040 [ACCESSORY USES PERMITTED IN R-E DISTRICT], SECTION 18.36.040 [ACCESSORY USES PERMITTED IN ALL DISTRICTS], AND SECTION 18.48.030 [ONE TIME INCREASE TO PARCEL AREA, OPEN SPACE AND BULK REQUIREMENTS] OF THE PORTOLA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND A FINDING THAT THE ACTION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

On January 16 and February 6, 2019, the Planning Commission adopted Resolutions recommending the proposed ordinance. The Town Council considered the Planning Commission's recommendation on February 27, 2019 and will continue consideration at its March 13, 2019 meeting. Proposed Municipal Code amendments include:

1. Remove the existing ADU regulations at Section 18.12.040;
2. Add new ADU regulations at Section 18.36.040 including but not limited to:

Allow ADUs on all parcel sizes, with some restrictions

Increase the allowed ADU size

Allow a separate address for ADUs

Create a streamlined review process for certain ADU applications;

3. Amend Section 18.48.030 describing the maximum size allowed for an ADU for consistency with other Sections.

Information pertaining to the proposed ordinance may be viewed at Town Hall Planning and Building Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., or online at <http://www.portolavalley.net/housing> or by emailing housing@portolavalley.net.

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

Publication Date: March 4, 2019
Sharon Hanlon, Town Clerk



Magali Gauthier

Early prototypes of Soody Tronson's device that enables new mothers to supplement their breastmilk with other sources of milk. The pictured parts would fit over the mother's nipple.

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Soody Tronson, a Menlo Park resident, has a Silicon Valley overachiever's resume: a bachelor's degree in chemistry, a law degree earned while working as an engineer for Hewlett-Packard, the title of managing founder of a boutique intellectual property law firm. Plus, she sits on Menlo Park's Finance and Audit Committee.

Over the last few years, she's been combining her skills and credentials in new ways, nursing plans to develop a device to help breastfeeding mothers.

As a teen, Tronson immigrated to the U.S. from Iran to attend a boarding school in Florida with her best friend. She went on to study industrial chemistry in college, later working as a scientist at a pharmaceutical company in New Jersey before moving to San Diego to work as an engineer. She started working at Hewlett-Packard in 1988 and, while there, decided to pursue a law degree by night.

She graduated in 1995, two weeks after the birth of her first son, and transitioned within HP to the legal department. She moved to Palo Alto in 1996 and has lived in the area since then, she said.

A few years later, she moved on to a big law firm. Then, in the early 2000s, Tronson worked at a medical device startup before launching her own intellectual property law firm.

Throughout her career, she's developed a "solution-oriented" mindset, she said. So when a family member in 2012 described to Tronson some of the challenges she was experiencing with breastfeeding her baby, Tronson's mind jumped into action.

Soon, she found herself applying for patents, spending her off-work time developing a product that could help mothers in similar situations.

Both law and chemistry are in her blood, she explained. Her dad was a judge; her brother, a chemical engineer. Developing the product involves her skills in both. In 2016, she pulled a team together to work on the project. "Somehow, it's all coming together," she said.

One reason mothers stop breastfeeding, she said, is because they think they're not producing enough milk. "They think their baby is not getting enough nourishment," she noted.

Yet the breastfeeding process, she explained, operates on a simple biological "supply and demand" model. If the baby doesn't try to extract milk, then the mother stops creating it, so getting discouraged and giving up on the process can reduce the supply further, she said.

Another problem that can occur with new babies exposed to both breast milk and formula is "nipple confusion," she said, in which babies have difficulty reconnecting with nursing once exposed to bottle-feeding.



Magali Gauthier

Soody Tronson, founder of Presque, shows early prototypes of the device at her home in Menlo Park on Feb. 22, 2019.

In short, she said, the nursing process is "natural, but it's not easy."

On and off between 2012 and 2016, she worked to develop her prototype. It's a bra, with a pouch where women can put either formula or pre-extracted breast milk into a disposable bag. A nipple-shaped silicon piece sits in the middle, designed to allow the woman's nipple to extend through. Milk from the reservoir will be released to meet the nursing baby's needs.

She described comparable products currently on the market as "arcane" and "undignified," she said.

Tronson's calling her business "Presque," which means "almost" in French. "It's almost like nature," she said.

She intends to eventually

launch a product line, and plans for the second generation of the product to contain a sensor to track how much milk a baby extracts to determine the volume of supplement needed.

This is an interesting challenge, since most sensors are designed for flat surfaces, while this one would have to work on a curved one, she said. That development could be useful in other applications. The idea is to pair the sensor with an app to determine how much supplement is released from the reservoir, she added.

Presque has an office in Santa Clara and is now out of "stealth mode" and into full-blown fundraising mode, with plans to be ready to manufacture the product within a year of the initial funding round's conclusion.

Right now, there is a team of six people working part time.

When asked whether she expects it to be a challenge to pitch a device that aids breastfeeding to investors, who are mostly men, she acknowledged that challenges could arise. While she has decades of technical knowledge and her team has more than 100 years of combined experience, she's been questioned about her technical expertise in casual conversations about the idea. She noted that companies that offer baby products tend to get better funding than companies creating products for women.

She's not deterred, though. "That will be an issue, perhaps," she said. "I'm not going to let that stop me. ... This is an issue of women's health. This is good for women. (It's) also good for babies."

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that babies be breastfed exclusively for about six months, followed by continued breastfeeding for a year or longer as other foods are introduced. In August 2018, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released a report card on breastfeeding, which indicated that many mothers stop breastfeeding earlier than recommended. About 83 percent of the 4 million babies born in 2015 started out breastfeeding, but only about 25 percent were breastfed exclusively for the first six months.

According to the CDC, infants that are breastfed have reduced risks of asthma, obesity, Type 2 diabetes, ear and respiratory infections and sudden infant death syndrome, while breastfeeding may help lower a mother's risk of hypertension, Type 2 diabetes and ovarian and breast cancer.

Compared with other products that may help women pump milk, she said, "We're coming at it from a different angle."

When it hits the market, the Presque bra will provide mothers a tool to overcome challenges with feeding babies by facilitating direct breastfeeding and supplementing, she explained.

The tool can also be used to "democratize" the parenting experience, she said. Parents who adopt, same-sex parents, or transgender parents can all support baby suckling and bonding while providing nutrition to the child.

"I'm all about enablement," she said.

A reception for Presque is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Menlo Park. Go to mypresque.com/march-7th/ to RSVP or to mypresque.com for more information. ■

Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Submitting items for the Calendar

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Theater

Foothill Music Theatre Presents 'Bullets Over Broadway, the Musical' Foothill Music Theatre presents Woody Allen's "Bullets Over Broadway, the Musical," about a young playwright whose first Broadway play is financed by a gangster. Thursdays through Sundays, through March 17, times vary. \$12-\$36. Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. foothill.edu/theatre/bullets.html

Opera Night: Peter Girardot and Lauren Nicole Haber Angelica's presents Opera Night featuring tenor Peter Girardot and soprano Lauren Nicole Haber. March 13, 7 p.m. Angelica's, 863 Main St., Redwood City. tunestub.com

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Marie and Rosetta' In its West Coast premiere, the musical play "Marie and Rosetta" shares the saga of musical legend Sister Rosetta Tharpe, who inspired Elvis, Ray Charles and others on her way to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. March 6-31; times vary. \$40-\$100; discounts available. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org/201819-season/201819-season/marie-and-rosetta/

Concerts

Early Music Singers: Thomas Tallis and Friends The Early Music Singers performs works by Thomas Tallis, Parsons, Sheppard, White, and Byrd. March 13, 7:30-9 p.m. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra Program Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra presents Rossini's "Semiramide Overture," Barber's "Concerto for cello and orchestra" and Beethoven's "Eroica" symphony. Tickets are good for either date. March 9, 8 p.m., and March 10, 2:30 p.m. \$15-\$25. Valley Presbyterian Church, 945 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

The Swingin' Blue Stars As part of its "War Comes Home: The Legacy" exhibit and program series, Menlo Park Library presents a performance in three-part harmony of songs from the WWII era. March 9, 11 a.m.-noon. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/warcomeshome

Talks & Lectures

Kalpna Mohan Kalpna Mohan's "Daddykins" answers the call of both celebration and farewell in a tribute to her late father, whom she cared for during his last two ailing years in Chennai. March 7, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Lauren Markham and Human Rights Watch on immigration Two local investigators, author Lauren Markham and Human Rights Watch senior researcher Clara Long, will discuss the state of human rights at the United States southern border, particularly for young migrants. March

11, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$10 students, \$20 GA, \$40 GA with book. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. eventbrite.com

The Peninsula at War As part of its "War Comes Home: The Legacy" exhibit and program series, Menlo Park Library invites the community to discover the Peninsula's World War II legacy with the deputy director of the San Mateo County Historical Association. March 12, 7-8 p.m. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/warcomeshome

'The Slow Way Home' film and discussion "The Slow Way Home" analyzes the factors that contribute to the staggering difference between the number of children in Japan who walk to school compared with students in the United States. March 7, 1-3 p.m. Silicon Valley Community Foundation, 1300 South El Camino Real, San Mateo. eventbrite.com

Tina Modotti and the Mexican Renaissance A discussion about the life and work of Tina Modotti, whose photographs of 1920s Mexico represent the post-revolutionary period sometimes called the Mexican Renaissance. March 13, 4:15-6:15 p.m. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/programs/art-focus-lectures-tina-modotti-mexican-renaissance

Family

Train Club Open House West Bay Model Railroad Association invites children of all ages to watch trains run on their new two-level layout and have the chance to ask club members questions. March 9, 1-4 p.m. Menlo Park Caltrain station, 1090 Merrill St., Menlo Park. facebook.com/wbmrara

Museums & Exhibits

Art reception and exhibit at Marcela's Village Gallery Marcela's Village Gallery presents mosaic artwork by local artist My Xuan Ho, and Peruvian master watercolor artist Percy Herrera. March 9, 5-8 p.m. Marcela's Village Gallery, 883 Santa Cruz Ave. #1, Menlo Park. marcelasvillage.com

Do Ho Suh: The spaces in between In this exhibition, artist Do Ho Suh uses a chandelier, wallpaper and a decorative screen to focus attention on issues of migration and transnational identity. Through May 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/do-ho-suh-spaces-between

Public tour of Memorial Church Tours of Stanford Memorial Church, one of the earliest interdenominational churches in the West, feature the church's stone carvings, mosaics and stained-glass windows. Ongoing, Fridays at 1 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Josiah McElheny: 'Island Universe' Josiah McElheny's "Island Universe" examines both cutting-edge art and physics. The installation of five hanging chandeliers is a visual response to recent theories of the multiverse, an elaboration of the Big Bang theory. Through Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center,

328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/josiah-mcelheny-island-universe

Kahlil Joseph: BLKNWS Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, is presenting his work BLKNWS, a two-channel video projection that blurs the lines between art, journalism, entrepreneurship and cultural critique. Through June 16, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/kahlil-joseph-blknws

The medium is the message: Art since 1950 Using works created since 1950, this exhibition explores the relationship between subject, content and the materials that informed each object's production. Through Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/medium-message-art-1950

Painting nature in the American gilded age The Cantor Arts Center's newest exhibition considers how nature was depicted by American artists in landscapes, portraits and still lifes from the 1880s to 1910, an era of industrialization and urban development. Through Aug. 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/painting-nature-american-gilded-age

Film

Kerry Tribe: The Elusive Word Los Angeles-based visual artist Kerry Tribe's film "Critical Mass" (2013) features a re-enactment of a couple's heavily edited argument taken from Hollis Frampton's experimental 1971 film by the same name. Tribe offers modern viewers a fresh look at the struggle to find the words to express how one feels. Through April 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/kerry-tribe-elusive-word

Food & Drink

'Astrophysics for People in a Hurry' by Neil deGrasse Tyson Big Ideas Reading Group will discuss Neil deGrasse Tyson's "Astrophysics for People in a Hurry," which

explores the nature of space and time, how we fit within the universe and how the universe fits within us. March 9, 4-5 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search keplers.org for more info.

Conscious Culture: Beyond Ping Pong and Free Lunch The South Bay chapter of Conscious Capitalism Bay Area hosts an evening of networking and experiential learning using interactive exercises to help improve business practices. March 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m. SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, 2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. eventbrite.com

Lessons & Classes

ESL Conversation Club Non-native and native English speakers talk together with the aim of developing English speaking and listening skills. No registration required. Free. Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/projectread

Outdoor Recreation

Beginner/Refresher bird walk Friends of Bedwell Bayfront Park and Sequoia Audubon Society host a one- to two-hour beginner bird walk. Attendees may see wintering ducks, shorebirds, egrets and hawks and are encouraged to bring binoculars. The walk begins at the restrooms in the parking lot and is canceled if there's heavy rain. March 9, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Bedwell Bayfront Park, 1600 Marsh Road, Menlo Park.

Wildflower Hike Filoli's nature preserve is offering hiking tours among its native wildflowers to learn about their qualities and how they adapt and thrive. Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Through May 4. \$15. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org/event/wildflower/

Home & Garden

Spring bulb display tours Tour Filoli's spring display and learn about where Filoli acquires its bulbs, how seed-sowing and planting is scheduled and the design aspects that go into a new bulb and annual display each year. Tours are led Thursdays and Sundays through April 7 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$15. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org/event/springbulb/

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an email several years ago, police Comdr. William Dixon told The Almanac that Littlewood "has been a valued and appreciated member of the Menlo Park Police family for several years."

Dixon added: "His constant presence throughout Menlo Park has provided an extra layer of vigilance that is always on the lookout for the greater Menlo Park community's safety and well-being."

But an injury Littlewood sustained when he fell from his wheelchair slowed him down, and now he is able to get out of bed only one day a week. That's the day when he has enough help from care-providers, who lift him painstakingly from bed and help him into his wheelchair.

Enter Colleen Cooley, a Menlo Park businesswoman who has been a friend of Littlewood's for more than 30 years. She was introduced to him by her husband, Shawn Cooley, when Colleen and Shawn were dating, and Shawn would help Littlewood to bed many nights when both men lived in Menlo Park.

When Littlewood mentioned to his friend that an electric lift would enable him to get out of bed more often, "I knew I had to do what I could to help," Colleen Cooley told The Almanac. "Tom's amazing spirit and desire to serve his community is apparent to anyone who knows him. No human being should be confined to a bed."

So Cooley set up her first-ever Go Fund Me page, and launched a successful effort that raised the \$2,000 needed for the electric lift in about three weeks. She said over the weekend that she will be ordering the lift this week to help her friend regain some of his mobility and return more often to his downtown patrol beat.

"I couldn't be more pleased," Cooley said of the generosity shown toward Littlewood by Go Fund Me donors.

"If anyone feels inclined, Tom can always use any extra assistance available," she added. "He lives on a very limited income. Although he doesn't complain, I know anything extra that comes his way is always appreciated and goes to good use."

To access the page, go to gofundme.com and enter Tom Littlewood in the search field.

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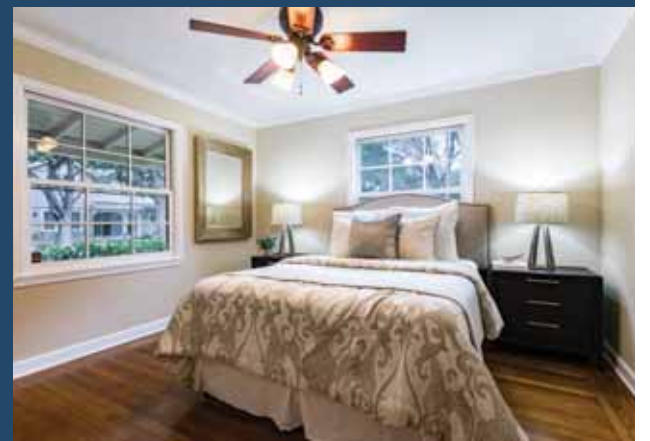
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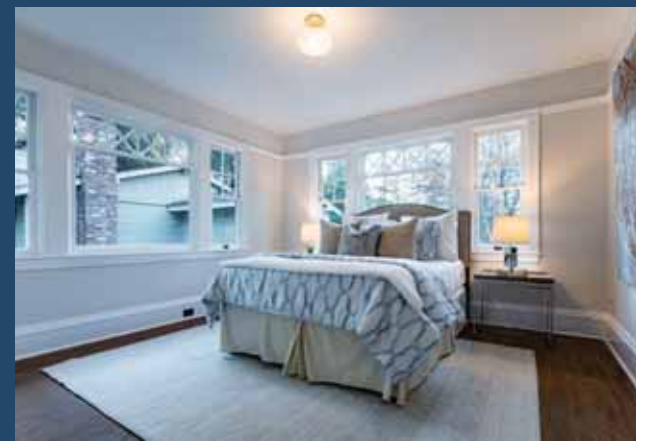
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