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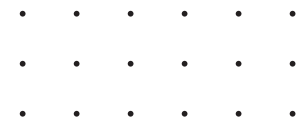
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Asher, a Laurel School kindergartner, smiles proudly at Principal Linda Creighton after reading her a passage from a book in Spanish earlier this month.

Linda Creighton: principal of 'the best place to spend your childhood'

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

In a single day, Laurel School Principal Linda Creighton transitions from making the eight-minute drive between her school's two campuses to visiting classrooms, to filling out paperwork and answering emails. Her days are the opposite of stagnant. Creighton, recently honored with the Association of California School Administrators' regional Elementary Principal of the Year award, said the most rewarding part of her job is her daily classroom visits with teachers and students. She loves the "smiles, hugs and kind

words" from students, she said. The top administrator at the K-2 Laurel School in Atherton since 2009, Creighton saw her duties expanded in 2016 when she was appointed to head the newly opened Laurel School Upper Campus (3-5) in Menlo Park. There are a total of 716 students between the two campuses, said Parke Treadway, public information officer for the Menlo Park City School District, in an email. Laurel is one of five schools in the district. Creighton, 44, said she makes the best of operating the same school on two campuses. There are family picnics, math nights and parades between the two

campuses to keep the school unified, she said. Both campuses are in their third year of implementing the school's vision of project-based learning in their curriculums, a decision that came after discussions among parents, teachers, students, community members and others. So too came the motto that Laurel should be "the best place to spend your childhood." Creighton's classroom visits also help her get to know students and teachers, and give her insight into what's happening in classrooms. She wants to learn

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Atherton studies license plate readers to combat crime

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

In response to a rash of residential burglaries that have plagued the town since November, Atherton staff will study the impacts of installing license plate readers and security cameras around town to "detect, solve, prevent and deter" crime, but the City Council wants to hear more from residents before making a final decision on purchasing the devices.

During a March 20 meeting, the council voted 4-0, with Elizabeth Lewis absent, to direct staff to research installing license plate readers and safety cameras around town. The council instructed staff to work with the police department to identify safeguards to ensure that there aren't information leaks from the reader databases if the devices are installed. It also asked staff to identify security and privacy concerns and how they might

be addressed, and to determine the cost of the devices and where they could be installed. After its research, staff is expected to report back to the council during a "well-advertised" meeting. The crime spree dates back to late 2018. There have been eight residential burglaries in Atherton so far this year and 22 since November, according to police data. About \$2 million worth of goods was reported stolen in the first four incidents of 2019,

Fire board OKs study of property needs after \$30M in spending

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

After spending nearly \$30 million on real estate acquisitions since 2006, the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's board has voted to undertake a space needs study to find out how to best use the properties the district now owns. Fire board member Jim McLaughlin, who was elected in November, asked the board at its March 19 meeting to consider hiring an engineering/architectural firm to do the study. McLaughlin was part of a 2018 San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury that issued a critical report about the district that included criticism over the lack of study done by the board before it authorized property purchases.

In a report to the board, McLaughlin focused on two recent district property purchases — a \$5 million 28,000-square-foot warehouse in East Palo Alto and a 790-square-foot home on Chilco Avenue in Menlo Park, next door to its Chilco Street fire station.

McLaughlin questioned why the district has initiated making expensive repairs on the warehouse when it's not clear that it really needs more than the 10,000 square feet of the space that it is leasing to a federal emergency task force for \$10,000 a month.

"I'm kind of at a loss how the (additional) 18,000 square feet will be used," he said. "How much of that space do we need?" He also said it was unclear

if the district had a need to renovate the dilapidated Chilco Avenue house, which the fire chief had previously suggested might be fixed up for an office or sleeping quarters.

"I don't know and I haven't seen anything that would inform me," he said, urging a districtwide assessment.

Having such information is, he said, "an essential piece of what we need to know" for good long-term planning.

I think space assessments are really a pretty standard thing ... for organizations that manage multiple facilities," McLaughlin said.

Board member Chuck Bernstein suggested that the district might find it doesn't need some of the properties it has purchased and could sell them to help pay for planned new facilities.

"We don't have the money to do all the things we want to do," Bernstein said, adding that the district has prioritized projects costing as much as \$90 million.

"The stakes are very high here," he said. "I think we need some help before we start spending the type of money we're talking about here."

"I think this consultant's study is absolutely essential," he said. "We need it right now."

Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman suggested that the district do the study itself. "Rather than bring a vendor in, we'd like to do it," he said, adding that the district staff is going to have to

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police said.

"The community is concerned about the burglaries," said Vice Mayor Rick DeGolia. "In the last six months, I've gotten more emails on the burglary subject than any other."

Automatic license plate readers, known as ALPRs, are mounted on police cars or on fixtures such as road signs and bridges. The readers use small high-speed cameras to photograph about 900 plates per minute, according to a town staff

report.

One police patrol car currently has a license plate reader, City Manager George Rodericks said in an email. The town is primarily focused on studying pole-mounted readers at key intersections, he said.

At the meeting, the council also discussed the positives and negatives of two alternatives: using ALPRs from a private company; or installing them

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from both the teacher and student what obstacles a struggling student might be facing, and can accomplish this by sitting in on classroom lessons, she said.

She gives students celebratory ribbons during their birthday month, which is another way she can further connect with them, she said.

Nurturing independent thinkers a priority

Over the next few years, Creighton foresees Laurel continuing to improve and refine the way its project-based learning program is put into practice. That program's main components, according to the school's website, consist of inquiry-based learning — using questions, problems and scenarios to help students learn through investigation; a meaningful integration of reading, writing, technology and math; giving students voice and choice in all projects; an emphasis on collaboration and communication; and students creating projects for an authentic audience.

"It takes focused work to develop authentic inquiry-based units of study, integrating multiple subject areas, and to challenge students to solve real world problems in original ways," she said, adding that the school's teachers "are working hard each and every day."

As a principal, Creighton is motivated by a desire to make a positive difference in her community and in the community's collective future.

"It's crucial that we develop and nurture independent thinkers who are also kind people, and people who learn to look for and understand others' perspectives," she said. "When students leave Laurel, I tell them that they will always be representing Laurel School and what we stand for at Laurel. More than anything, I want students to use their life skills, like compassion, respect, and perseverance, while leading positive change in the world."

The school includes a Spanish immersion program, which Creighton said supports the school's vision of creating confident, globally minded students.

Off campus

Outside of work, you can find Creighton, a Redwood City resident, at yoga, when she has the time, or spending time with her husband, Nick; two children, Cassidy, 13, and Finn, 11; and two dogs, Buster and Bean. She said that she loves neighborhood walks on sunny days. And, she added, a special part of her day is making her daughter pancakes for breakfast before school

— a daily ritual.

Creighton, originally from Goleta, California, earned a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and a teaching credential from California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo, and a master's degree in education administration from Humboldt State University.

She said she didn't have strong career counseling when she was a student, but chose to be a teacher after years of working with children as a babysitter.

"I liked the idea of impacting developing minds," she said. "It wasn't like, 'this is my calling,'" but I've found I'm very fulfilled working in education."

Creighton taught English language learners in Cupertino before coming to Laurel as a first- and second-grade teacher in 2002. She went on to become the school's vice principal in 2006.

The move from teacher to administrator allowed Creighton to have an impact on more students than the small number she interacted with in a classroom, she said.

Creighton won the award for Region 5, which encompasses San Mateo and San Francisco counties, according to a school district newsletter. She was chosen for the ACSA honor from among principals of 300 schools in the region.

The district offered high praise when the award was announced late last month, stating in its newsletter: "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 (Menlo Park City School District) to grow and serve its families better than ever. Linda works tirelessly to ensure that Laurel School is indeed one of 'the best place[s] to spend your childhood.'"

"It's nice to get recognized for all the hard work, and that my colleagues are noticing I'm putting a lot of time and energy into creating positive results." The school district's Assistant Superintendent Jammie Behrendt nominated Creighton for the honor, the principal said, adding that the nomination was "flattering" and "unexpected."

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. ■

City could explore further development downtown

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

While the Menlo Park City Council decided to put off making any major decisions about the city's El Camino Real/downtown specific plan until a later meeting, it was clear at the March 12 council meeting that people are interested in participating in the process of reviewing the plan.

The plan, which the council approved in 2012, has gone through a review every other year since 2013. To date, about 84 percent of the 474,000 square feet of net new nonresidential development the downtown plan permits has been claimed by downtown development projects, and about 72 percent of the total new 680 housing units the plan permits have received

entitlements, according to staff.

With the city coming up on the cap of what's permitted, a discussion is in the works about whether the cap should be revised or updated. In particular, some members of the community are requesting that the plan be re-evaluated so the city could consider permitting more housing — including more affordable housing — downtown.

According to staff, several local public agencies have raised concerns with the plan thus far.

The Sequoia Union High School District is worried about increased enrollment at its schools, increased traffic, and more noise and air pollution from downtown growth. The Menlo Park City School District

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through the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center, or NCRIC, a program created to help public safety agencies with the collection, analysis and dissemination of information that may relate to crime. Council members discussed how a private company's ALPRs would cost less, but noted the risk that data could be lost if the company goes out of business.

The question of whether to install the readers in town was raised at a January community meeting on the residential burglary spree, Rodericks said.

Menlo Park and Portola Valley are among local jurisdictions that have installed surveillance systems that record license plate numbers. Atherton Mayor Bill Widmer said he'd like to know what privacy issues have come up in other towns that have installed the readers.

Groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union are opposed to ALPRs because the information captured by them — including the license plate number and the date, time, and location of every scan — is sometimes pooled into regional sharing systems, according to the ACLU website. As a result, police are creating and storing enormous databases of innocent motorists' location information, and there are few restrictions to protect privacy rights, according to the ACLU.

Only one resident spoke on the topic during public comment. Christine Curry told the council that she too is concerned about the burglaries, but doesn't want

residents' civil liberties violated. She said she does not want to be on surveillance when she drives in and out of town.

The ACLU obtained records this month that show local governments in California cities such as Merced and Union City are feeding their residents' personal information from license plate readers to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, even when it violates local privacy laws or sanctuary city policies. ICE has used times, dates and location coordinates from the readers to target immigrants, according to the ACLU.

License plate readers do not collect "personal identifying information," see into vehicles, use facial recognition software or share vehicle information with private sector companies, according to a police department report presented at the meeting. The readers don't transfer data to the federal government, and surveillance cameras owned and maintained by the town would capture video footage only from public areas, according to the report.

The town already has some infrastructure in place to accommodate traffic cameras and public safety cameras, Rodericks said. A private group called Atherton Fiber has been installing a new high-speed internet service in town. As part of that project, and in exchange for leasable space near the town's telecommunications tower for Atherton Fiber's hub, the town negotiated the installation of fiber wiring in all town facilities and at all major intersections for future town use, he said. ■



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Who are Menlo Park fire district's highest-paid staff?

District reports 25 employees compensated more than \$300K each in 2018

By **Barbara Wood**
Almanac Staff Writer

The number of Menlo Park Fire Protection District employees whose compensation surpassed \$300,000 continued to increase in 2018, with 25 employees making over that amount, and one — Deputy Chief Don Long — passing the \$400,000 mark.

For years the district has had the distinction of paying the highest average wages of any state or local public agency in California, according to the California state controller's website, which puts together a list based on information supplied by the agencies.

The district recently posted a spreadsheet with the 2018 figures sent to the state, and they appear likely to put the agency at the head of that list again. The fire district was No. 1 for average wages on the state website in 2014, 2016 and 2017. In 2015 it was No. 2.

The compensation figures are also likely to go up even more for 2019 because firefighters in the district received a new five-year contract that gave them raises averaging 5.35 percent a year starting in July 2018.

In 2018, the spreadsheet shows, compensation was more than \$200,000 for 92 of the 146 employees listed (including five board members, five interns and several employees who worked less than a full year).

The district offers a generous benefits package including annual paid time off (vacation plus sick and other leave) starting at more than five weeks for brand new employees, going up to more than nine weeks for longtime senior employees. The leave time is paid out as cash if not used.

The district's document shows that Chief Harold Schapelhouman received the highest benefits, worth \$90,657, but that 15 other employees each had benefits worth more than \$60,000.

Regular base pay for district employees was considerably less than the total salary each received. The top 10 employees in that category received between \$175,000 and \$285,000.

Part of the reason that figure is so far below the total compensation most employees receive is that most also get "other" pay not considered part of their base salary. Other pay includes: car allowances; meeting stipends; incentives; bonuses; and bilingual, on-call and retention pay. A battalion chief received more than \$130,000 in such pay, while four others received between \$55,000 and more than \$86,000. Schapelhouman was the only district employee to not receive any "other pay."

Overtime pay topped out at \$104,596 for a fire captain; another captain made \$102,974 in overtime pay. There were 13 employees who each made more than \$80,000 in overtime pay. There were 117 district employees who reported overtime pay in 2018, almost all of the district's non-salaried employees.

In the past, district officials have argued that a fair chunk of the overtime pay is for district employees deployed to state and federal disasters, such as last year's many wildfires and several hurricanes, and is repaid by other agencies.

This year's spreadsheet does not contain that information, and Schapelhouman said he didn't immediately have access to it. He said, however, that at least \$60,000 of Long's nearly \$410,000 in compensation was reimbursed to the district and that more reimbursements are due for the November and December deployments to the Camp Fire in Butte County.

Board response

Fire board President Virginia Chang Kiraly and board member Chuck Bernstein serve on the district's Finance Committee, but said they had not been shown the spreadsheet before it was posted on the district's website. The spreadsheet was mentioned in Schapelhouman's report to the board at its March 19 meeting, but was not discussed.

Both Chang Kiraly and Bernstein pointed out after the meeting that the salaries and total compensation are high, even for the Bay Area.

"Overall, I think salaries and

Job Title	Total Regular Pay	Overtime Pay	Other Pay	Total Payroll Earnings	Total Compensation
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Battalion Chief	\$201,574	-	\$130,675	\$345,906	\$398,977
Fire Marshal	\$221,875	-	\$24,700	\$301,699	\$378,610
Fire Chief	\$285,072	-	-	\$285,072	\$375,729
Division Chief Facilities	\$233,857	-	\$2,706	\$297,402	\$374,198
Captain	\$147,858	\$102,974	\$32,131	\$311,267	\$374,173
Division Chief Operations	\$238,398	-	\$14,061	\$290,312	\$368,748
Battalion Chief	\$201,574	-	\$86,218	\$287,792	\$362,395
Division Chief Facilities	\$219,889	-	\$29,200	\$303,137	\$358,036
Division Chief Training	\$221,102	-	\$9,600	\$270,972	\$347,669
Captain	\$147,706	\$104,596	\$43,371	\$295,672	\$335,943
Captain	\$144,191	\$79,511	\$29,962	\$269,067	\$331,576
Battalion Chief	\$167,892	\$18,510	\$78,614	\$284,464	\$329,637
Captain	\$141,326	\$92,766	\$23,189	\$257,281	\$318,590
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This chart shows the most highly compensated employees in the Menlo Park Fire Protection District in 2018. "Other pay" includes car allowances; meeting stipends; incentives; bonuses; and bilingual, on-call and retention pay. Total compensation includes benefits.

compensation are high, especially if you look at the median household income of our two neighboring cities, Redwood City and Palo Alto," Chang Kiraly said, pointing to statistics showing that Redwood City's median income is \$90,461, and Palo Alto's is \$137,043.

Bernstein, who runs a company providing early childhood education and child care, said that on a personal level, "as an educator, it troubles me deeply to be paying (his employees), many of whom have gone into debt to pursue college and graduate-level degrees, so much less than the district is paying its employees." He said that statistics show the average Bay Area

physician makes less than the district's average paramedic, at \$252,821.

"Local teachers and physicians are paying the local property taxes to support all this, and the situation does not make sense to me," Bernstein said.

Chang Kiraly said she also worries about the district's increasing liabilities for pensions, which are tied to the compensation. "The main concern for me is unfunded accrued liabilities that continue to escalate," she said. The fire district's pension contributions range from 7 to 23 percent of employees' salaries, she said, and she wants the district to explore moving to a defined contribution plan to cut

back those liabilities.

Bernstein, who cast the only vote against the new firefighter contract last year, said he believes the district board has not fully discussed the labor contracts' impacts. "There is a myth that firefighters cannot afford to live in the district, but the compensation figures prove otherwise," he said.

Bernstein said he wants local residents to be given priority when recruiting future firefighters, so "they could be summoned quickly in the event of a regional catastrophe."

The district includes Menlo Park, Atherton, East Palo Alto and adjacent unincorporated San Mateo County neighborhoods. ■

STUDY

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spend time answering the consultant's questions anyway.

But board members said they want a professional outside firm

to do the study. "I think it needs to come from an objective third party," Bernstein said.

Only board member Robert Jones voted against the study. "I think it would be a waste of money and time at this point,"

he said.

The matter will require more discussion by the board, which will have to approve sending out a request for proposals from contractors and then approve a contract.

In other business, the board tabled a discussion of this year's work plan until a future meeting, after getting hung up on the particulars of a small part of a report titled "Board interactions and rules of engagement."

Without discussing the work plan, the board voted 3 to 2, with board President Virginia Chang Kiraly and board member Jones dissenting, to send the entire report to the board's human resources subcommittee. ■

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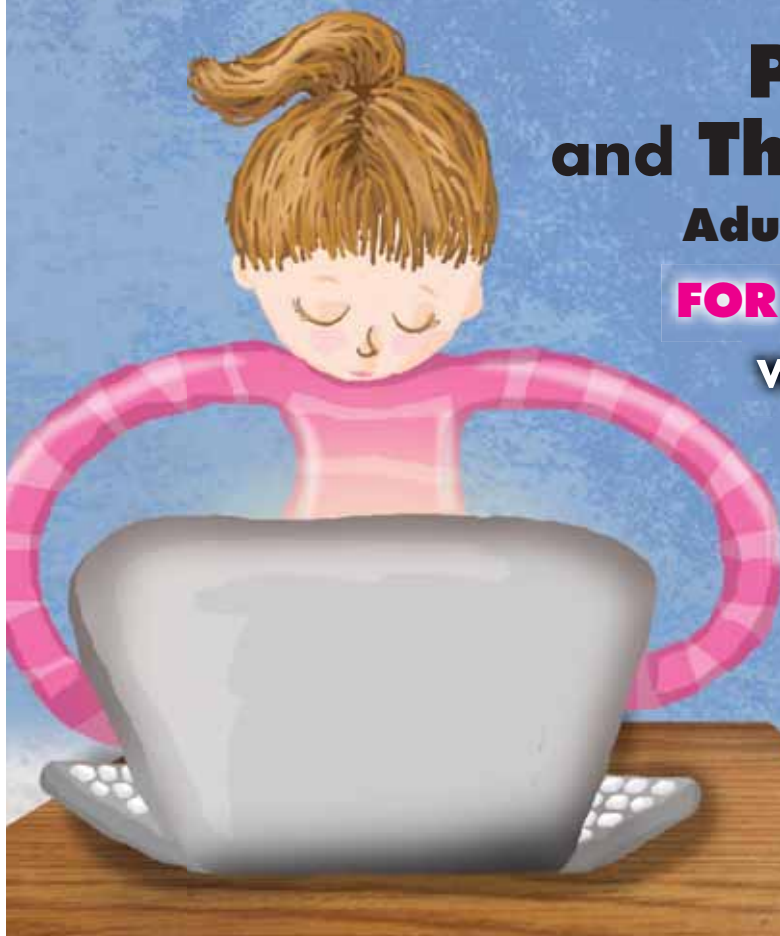
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George Comstock: Silicon Valley pioneer and Portola Valley civic leader dies at 95

By Barbara Wood

Almanac

George Comstock, who managed to fit several lifetimes of achievements into his 95 years, died on March 11 at his beloved home in Portola Valley.

A celebration of his life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at Valley Presbyterian Church, 945 Portola Road in Portola Valley.

A pioneer in the computer industry, Comstock served as mayor of Portola Valley during his one term on the Town Council, and held a seat on the Architectural and Site Control Commission for eight years.

But, says Anne Hillman, his wife of 38 years, he did far more than that. Comstock “was always seeking new experiences, new adventures, new places, new learning,” she said. “I got to discover so many new things with him.”

Comstock was, Hillman said, a “pilot, inventor with 40 issued patents, entrepreneur, friend and ardent steward of the land” who also was a skilled woodworker, and loved sailing, motorcycle riding and outdoor activities including camping, canoeing and cross-country skiing. He also loved sharing those activities with friends and family, and teaching and mentoring others.

40 years of reading aloud

An avid reader, Comstock read aloud to Hillman every night for 40 years from books including biographies, the classics and authors from William Shakespeare to Wallace Stegner. In recent years Comstock began a poetry group at Rosener House Adult Day Services in Menlo Park, giving participants and himself a way to voice their feelings about their disabilities.

Hillman said her husband “never stopped inquiring into philosophies of all kinds in a lifelong search for meaning and greater understanding.” He attended a designer biology class at Stanford University until his last month of life.

Born on Jan. 9, 1924, in Canandaigua, New York, to Florence Rossling and George E. Comstock, George was 9 years old when a friend taught him to design, build and fly model airplanes. He co-published a neighborhood newspaper at 13.

After receiving bachelor’s degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering in 1945 and 1948 from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute and working for several companies on projects

that failed to spark his imagination, Comstock jumped at the chance to move into the nascent computer industry in the mid-1950s. He joined the young Potter Instrument Company, which then had only 80 employees, as a vice president of research and engineering, working on a random-access memory system made from strips of tape on a steel frame, and on the tape drives used in the massive early computers.

In 1969 Comstock co-founded and served as president of Diablo Systems, which made interchangeable cartridge disk drives and daisy wheel printers. Hillman said her husband “always credited Andrew Gabor, PhD, his brilliant engineer,” for the daisy wheel invention. (Gabor and his wife, Hillman noted, escaped from Hungary in 1968 by swimming across the Danube.)

Diablo was purchased by Xerox Corp. three years later for \$30 million.

In 1977 Comstock founded Durango Systems, manufacturing microprocessor-based, multi-user computers for small businesses. At Durango, where he served as president and chairman, Comstock promoted Angie Lux, one of the few women in the field at the time, to vice president of software development.

The last startup he worked for, from 1986 to 1992, was Network General Corp, which made diagnostic tools for local area networks. Comstock was so intrigued by the company’s product that he volunteered as a consultant before becoming the firm’s fourth employee, vice president of sales and marketing.

Len Shustek of Portola Valley, one of Network General’s founders, became a good friend. “In one lunchtime conversation (Comstock) might tell you about the canoe he was building, sing a song from a Broadway musical, explain the mathematical relationship between Pi and e, interpret Emily Dickenson’s poetry, tell why Bix Beiderbecke took up the coronet, describe the course he was taking at Stanford, and somehow make the story about how he crashed a seaplane be hilarious,” he said.

Hillman and Comstock met when she was a management consultant for Durango Systems. Despite an age difference of more than a decade, she says, they knew on their first date they were meant for each other.

Hillman’s first husband had died when he was only 35, and she had worked full time and raised two children alone for 10 years. Two years after meeting,

with her oldest child off to college, they married. Hillman and Comstock moved to Ladera in 1980 and Portola Valley in 1990.

Recently Hillman’s daughter, Kathryn Gill, now a medical doctor in Topanga, California, wrote Comstock a note thanking him for “being my wonderful Step Dad.”

“I’ve learned so much watching you love, learn, work, play and BE,” Gill wrote. “I look up to how you’ve chosen to lead others, make your own company and be a really good friend.”

“I’ve watched you partner my mom with love, kindness, generosity and manly grace. You are my hero.”

Among the passions Hillman and Comstock shared was an advocacy for the environment, particularly sustainable building. In 1991 they had the late architect Tad Cody design a small home to replace the larger structure on the property they had purchased in the Westridge neighborhood. The home and landscaping, designed to demonstrate sustainable living, included an organic vegetable garden and native plantings. Comstock supervised construction, using skills he’d learned by building three of his other homes himself.

He joined the board of the Land Institute and was tireless in encouraging Portola Valley to adopt regulations promoting sustainability, and he championed adding more affordable housing in the town.

A perpetual teacher, he started the popular annual “Flight Night” in Portola Valley, a nighttime aerial display of model planes that drew hundreds, offering hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering and math, and flight-related exhibitions.

Comstock was on the Portola Valley Town Council from 2001 until 2005. As he had often done in other areas of his life, he mentored his replacement.

Maryann Moise Derwin said Comstock recruited her to run for her council seat in 2005. Comstock, Derwin said, “shared

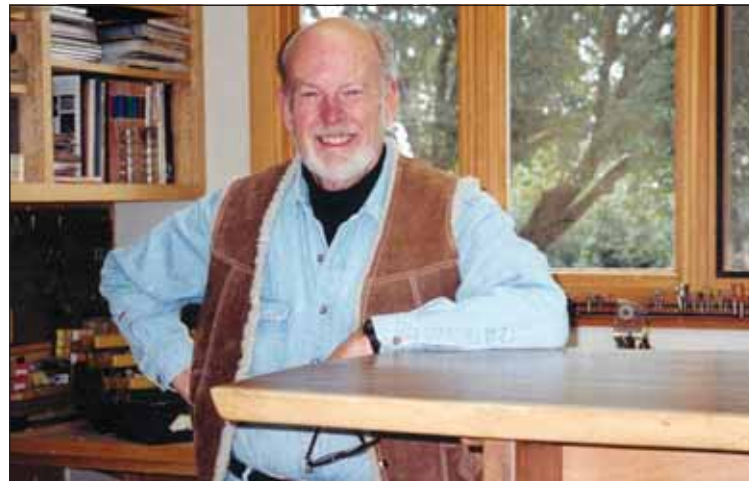


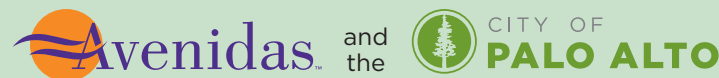
Photo courtesy Anne Hillman

George Comstock in his workshop with a Philippine mahogany coffee table he crafted in 1992. He once turned his garage into a boat-building shop and helped three friends build wooden canoes and kayaks, and also helped his pediatrician son build his first examining table.

his delight in serving in public office — finding consensus with colleagues, debating collegially, working on solutions with friends and neighbors, trying to make our corner of the world just a little bit better.”

“During the campaign, he prepped me for the candidate’s night,” Derwin said, “schooled me on town history and our deep environmental

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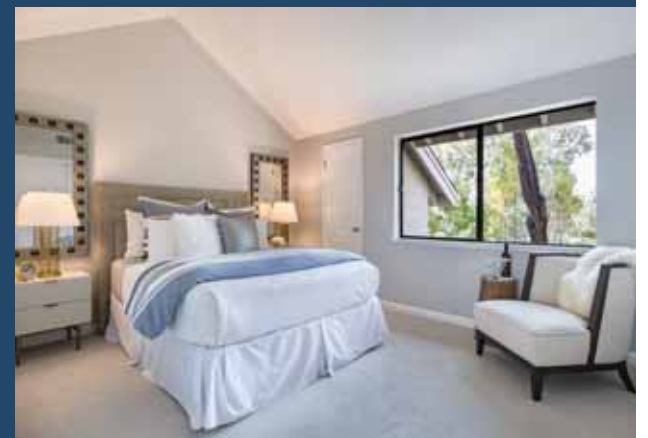
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Pioneering pediatric transplant surgeon Oscar Salvatierra of Menlo Park dies

Dr. Oscar Salvatierra, renowned for his breakthrough work that profoundly improved kidney transplantation for children, died March 16 in his Menlo Park home at the age of 83.

The announcement from the Stanford School of Medicine, with which he was involved for decades, said his death was due to complications of Parkinson's disease.

"Dr. Salvatierra dedicated his career to making organ transplants safer, more successful, and more widely and fairly accessible," Dr. Lloyd Minor, dean of the Stanford School of Medicine, said in the written announcement. "His work in transplantation helped restore health to thousands of people around the globe, including the many children he cared for in the world-class kidney transplant program he founded at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford."

Salvatierra's work transformed key aspects of kidney transplantation for children, according to the Stanford School of Medicine statement. He developed methods that made it possible to transplant adult-sized kidneys in small children, and pioneered a protocol that made it possible to avoid potentially harmful steroid medications for those young transplant recipients.

"So many of the techniques we use now in pediatric kidney transplant are because of him," Dr. Waldo Concepcion, a professor of surgery and pediatrics, said in the statement. "He wanted to understand the disease, understand the changes we make with surgery, understand the challenges that they create and figure out how to create a process to correct them."

In addition to his work in the hospital and the surgery, Salvatierra "was the physician most involved in the development and passage of the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984,

the legislation that established a nationwide network to enable the fair and equitable allocation of donor organs to patients across the country," according to the Stanford statement.

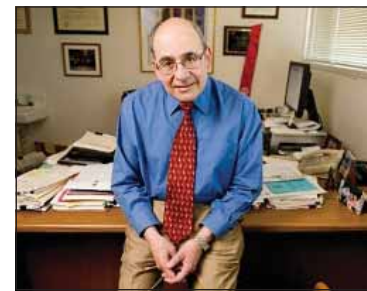
He collaborated on the law, which also banned buying and selling donor organs, with then-Congressman Al Gore. The Stanford statement quoted the former vice president: "Oscar's tireless dedication to the development of the National Organ Transplant Act helped revolutionize the medical field and human rights in the United States."

Born in Phoenix, Arizona, Salvatierra was the first in his family to attend college, earning a scholarship to Georgetown University, where he graduated cum laude in 1957. After medical school at the University of Southern California, he completed residencies in pediatric urology at Los Angeles Children's Hospital and Los Angeles County Children's Hospital, and in urology at the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, according to Stanford.

He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Vietnam, and later came to the University of California-San Francisco for a postdoctoral fellowship in transplant surgery. In 1994, he arrived at the Packard children's hospital to help establish its pediatric liver and kidney transplantation programs.

Dr. Steven Alexander, professor of pediatrics and division chief of pediatric nephrology at Packard children's hospital, said in the statement: "He was a gifted clinician and one of the best doctors I have ever known. He was much loved by his patients and their families, and the kidney transplant program he founded at Packard Children's Hospital has grown to be one of the largest and most successful in the world."

Salvatierra retired from his clinical responsibilities in 2006. He then served until 2015 as



Courtesy of Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health.

Dr. Oscar Salvatierra founded the kidney transplant program at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford.

associate dean for medical students at the School of Medicine, according to Stanford.

His awards and honors were many, and, according to Stanford, included: a lifetime achievement award from the International Pediatric Transplant Association, a special commendation resolution by the California Legislature, the UCSF Chancellor's Award for Public Service, Stanford's Rambar-Mark Award for Excellence in Patient Care, and Stanford's Franklin Ebaugh Award for Outstanding Medical Student Advising. He also was knighted by the Republic of Italy and received Argentina's presidential medal.

Salvatierra is survived by his wife, Pam; a son, Mark Salvatierra of San Jose; a daughter, Lisa Rudloff of Centerport, New York; four grandchildren; and siblings Yrma, Hector, Julieta, Maria Christina and Mario.

Services have been held, followed by burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The family prefers that memorial donations be made to the Dr. Oscar Salvatierra Emergency Fund, PTA1191484-100HEUT, which Salvatierra helped establish to provide emergency funds for medical students who experience financial crises. The donations can be sent to Development Services, Stanford University, P.O. Box 20466, Stanford, CA 94309. ■

GEORGE COMSTOCK

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stewardship roots as enshrined in the Town General Plan."

"His infectious enthusiasm, mentorship and unwavering support sustained and inspired me."

Nate McKitterick, who served for 12 years on Portola Valley's Planning Commission, said Comstock "introduced me to, and was my mentor for, public service." He said he appreciated Comstock's "dry and often self-deprecating humor."

"I greatly benefited from his

insights, advice (usually delivered using the Socratic method of asking questions), and encouragement. His devotion to both truth and kindness was an example," McKitterick said.

Comstock is survived by wife Anne Hillman (also known by her professional name of Patricia H. Gill); his sister, Mel Goertz (Herb) of Vermont; children Charles (Betty) Comstock of Oregon, Leslie Comstock of Washington, Robert (Barbara) Comstock of Pleasanton, Kathryn Gill of Topanga, California, and Jeff Gill (Nancy

Chung), of Brea, California; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathryn Peddle Comstock, a photographer, painter and musician.

The family suggests that memorial donations be made to Rosener House, penvol.org/rosenerhouse; The Land Institute, LandInstitute.org; the Computer History Museum, computerhistory.org; Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), openspacetrust.org; or any charity of choice. ■



A Suitable Occupation

Menlo Park man's kid costume biz inspired by local trick-or-treat scene

By Kate Bradshaw | Photos by Magali Gauthier



Three inset photos, from top: Mike Goedde begins assembling a cardboard costume with his brother Dave in the Suitables studio; Mike Goedde folds pieces of cardboard costume; an assembled Suitables diesel engine cardboard costume.

Dave Goedde assembles a Suitables bulldozer costume in a garage the company works out of in Menlo Park. He and his twin brother Mike, a Menlo Park resident, work together to design and build costumes for kids.

It all started in October 2014, when Mike Goedde's son, a precocious 2-year-old, insisted he wanted to be a diesel train for Halloween.

Goedde, who grew up in Mountain View and lives in Menlo Park, was amused, and set out to make his son's wish a reality.

But after an online search, he came up empty-handed. Yes, there was a soft-body "Thomas the Tank Engine" costume, with a picture of the TV train character, but his son wasn't convinced.

"I want a diesel train," he had insisted.

So Goedde got to work. He found images of diesel trains, settling on a glossy red and silver Santa Fe train image, and made his own version of the costume.

"It took me, like, 60 hours of work," he told *The Almanac*.

But when the costume was complete, it had lights and sounds — and his son loved it.

When the big night came, they headed for Menlo Park's Halloween hot spot, Sherman Avenue. (For local trick-or-treaters,

Goedde notes, Sherman Avenue is quite the Halloween scene. The street is shrouded in fog machine steam and residents sit on their front porches with massive bowls of candy, he says.)

The costume was an instant hit. Other parents asked him where he had bought it, and when he explained that he had made it, several suggested that he figure out how to make and sell them.

At first, he thought the idea was crazy — it had taken him tens of hours of work, plus three trips to Michael's, the craft store.

"Forget it," he recalls thinking.

But after a couple dozen people that night made the same suggestion in one way or another, he began to warm to the idea. "I thought, OK, maybe this isn't so stupid. Maybe there is something to it," he says.

The very next day, he woke up and began doing market research. What he found was promising: "There's ample opportunity to sell these things globally," he says. He also found what seemed like thousands of online examples of

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Suitables formally launched in September. The company has already completed a custom costume order for a major celebrity.

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frazzled parents spending countless hours building homemade cardboard costumes.

"It's tens of hours of work, if not 100 or more, depending on how elaborate these costumes are," he notes. His aim became to create great-looking costumes that parents can assemble in 20 minutes, complete with sound effects and, eventually, lights.

Over the next couple of years, he spent long days working at his tech job, followed by long nights out in his Sharon Heights garage developing costume prototypes.

At first, he did everything by hand, drafting with a pencil and paper, protractors and big rulers, but became frustrated with the slow pace. So he taught himself to master computer-aided design, or CAD, software, using design files to print and cut out cardboard pieces on an automated cutting table.

Coming from the high-tech world — he worked at Juniper Technologies in Sunnyvale for about 15 years — he approached others in tech about the possibility of helping to fund his enterprise, but the interest wasn't high, he says.

But that didn't deter him. Acknowledging that startup capital was unlikely, he says, his new attitude was: "If I build it, they will come." Today, he adds, "I built them, and now people are getting interested."

About a year ago, Goedde quit his tech work to pursue the costume business full time. The company formally launched in September, selling only through its website.

Throughout this work, though, Goedde hasn't been alone — he's had a secret weapon, his identical twin brother, Dave. While Mike does the kit design, Dave does the graphic design work. "We're like one brain split into two people. He picks up on the things I want to do," Mike says.

High-profile customers and next steps

In mid-February, the brothers took their product on the road to the American International Toy Fair, held in New York City. It's a giant trade show and one of the largest in the toy industry, Goedde says.

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Following the TV appearance of the costume, Goedde says, a major celebrity requested an overnight custom costume order. (The celebrity is so popular Goedde was asked to sign a non-disclosure agreement, he notes.)

While the costumes for sale are currently for kids ages 2 to 7, Goedde plans to expand the business into adult costumes, "pop-up" birthday party and pinata kits, and costumes tailored for children in wheelchairs. He also plans to continue to expand the collection of officially licensed costumes to appeal to Star Wars and Disney fans.

Mastering the art of the 3D cardboard kit, he says, might also open the door to create another brand that would sell cardboard furniture kits and stage set kits for frequently staged school theater productions.

Go to suitables.com for more information. ■

About the cover: Kieran Goedde stands between his uncle and father, Dave and Mike Goedde. Kieran's Halloween costume request inspired the launch of the family's costume business Suitables, which is based in Menlo Park. Photo by Magali Gauthier/The Almanac.

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DEVELOPMENT

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is concerned about increased school enrollment without additional funding for the district in property taxes.

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District is worried about the densities, heights and massing of new buildings, as well as a lack of backup water storage for fighting fires downtown.

One of the goals of the downtown plan was to “revitalize” the city’s downtown, both along Santa Cruz Avenue and El Camino Real. But some say that progress on this front has been slow.

According to resident Evan Goldin, the closest businesses to his home are shuttered. “I’m tired of having a dreary neighborhood,” he said.

Mayor Ray Mueller said he wants the plan to promote downtown improvements “organically.” Past initiatives, such as approving changes to the Guild Theater and building street cafe areas on Santa Cruz Avenue, have been one-off projects, he pointed out. During the last review, the City Council suggested that staff look at how to preserve retail businesses, but staff members said they need further clarity on how to pursue that goal.

Community Development Director Mark Muenzer said, “As we move into amending the downtown specific plan, it’s very important we do as much outreach as possible.”

Several members of the city’s Housing Commission, speaking as individuals during the public comment period, emphasized the need for the city to zone for higher-density housing, especially affordable housing.

“We will not ever get affordable housing on private land, because it’s too expensive,” Housing Commissioner Karen Grove said. She added that the commission would like to see public land dedicated to providing affordable housing — potentially as a shared-use project with a parking garage or other public use.

As for the next steps, Muenzer said, staff is likely to consider expanding the boundaries of the downtown specific plan, and might reconsider where multi-family housing could be zoned. If the council decides to move forward to explore further development downtown beyond what the current plan permits, additional environmental analysis would be needed and consultants would need to be hired, he added.

Council members agreed to give staff as long as needed to collect more data before scheduling a follow-up meeting. ■



RESOLUTION NO. 2140 (2019)

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

LANDS OF VINGIELLO

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

- A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District’s “Zone Master Annexation Resolution” (“ZOMAR”), which was adopted by the District Board August 12, 1996. The provisions of ZOMAR are incorporated by reference into this Resolution of Intention.
- B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property (the “Parcel”) to the District’s On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone (the “Zone”). The Parcel is described in Exhibit “A” attached to this Resolution of Intention and the description contained in the Exhibits are incorporated by reference. The name and address of the applicants and the number, type, volume and location of on-site wastewater disposal systems which are proposed to operate on the parcels to be annexed are described in Exhibit “B” attached to this Resolution of Intention and the information contained in the Exhibit are incorporated by reference.

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

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

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

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

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

IT IS RESOLVED by the District Board as follows:

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

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

Date: April 24, 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

DATE: 12-04-18
 ANNEXED TO: WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT
 NAME OF ANNEXATION: WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT
 GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION
 LANDS OF VINGIELLO
 PROPOSED ANNEXATION TO WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT
 1.379 ACRES +/-

ALL THAT REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

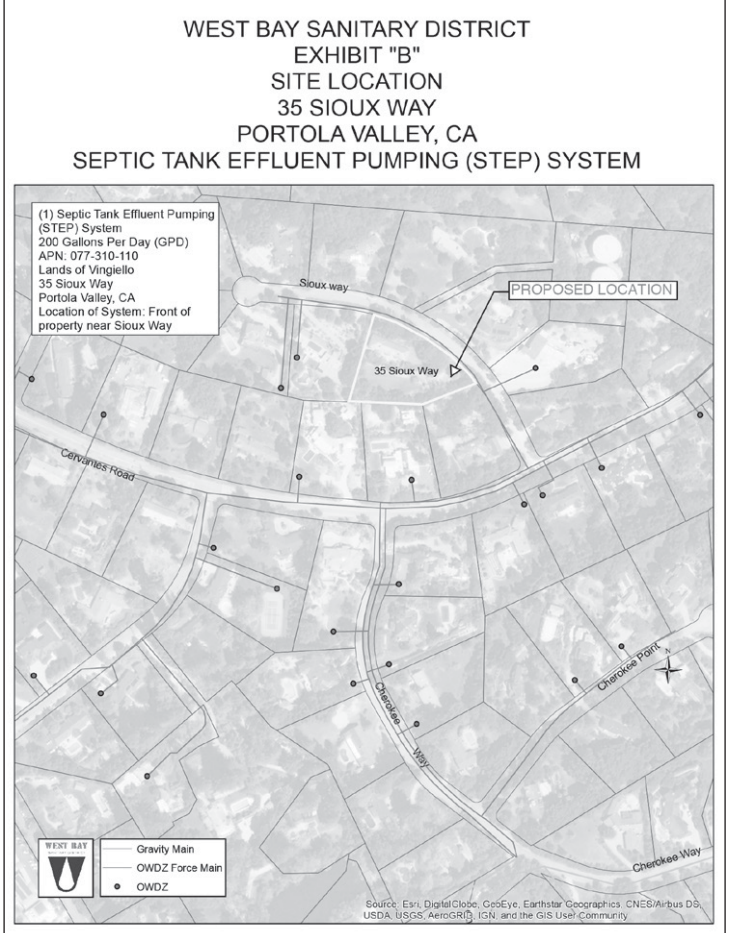
BEING ALL OF LOT 15, BLOCK 1 AND PORTIONS OF SIOUX WAY AS BOTH ARE DESIGNATED ON THE MAP ENTITLED “TRACT NO. 774 ARROWHEAD MEADOWS UNIT NO. 4, BEING A PORTION OF THE RANCHO CORTE MADERA, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA”, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 17, 1959 IN BOOK 50 OF MAPS AT PAGES 45 TO 48 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 15, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF RESOLUTION NO. 1072 (87); THENCE CONTINUING AWNG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 15 AND THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID RESOLUTION NO. 1072 (87), ALONG A RADIAL BEARING OF NORTH 15°07’02” EAST 238.39 FEET (1) TO A POINT ON A CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HA YING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 09°24’ 12” AND A RADIUS OF 525.00 FEET, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 15, THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID RESOLUTION NO. 1072 (87) AND THE MOST SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF A WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ANNEXATION FOR 40 SIOUX WAY; THENCE LEA YING SAID RESOLUTION NO. 1072 (87) SOUTHEASTERLY AND ALONG SAJD CURVE AND ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID ANNEXATION FOR 40 SIOUX WAY, 86. 16 FEET (2); THENCE LEA VJNG SAID LOT 15,AND CONTINUING ALONG SAID ANNEXATION FOR40 SIOUX WAY ALONG A RADIAL BEARING OF NORTH 24°31’14” EAST 50.00 FEET (3) TO A POINT ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SIOUX WAY AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP, BEING A POINT ON A CURVE, CONCA VE SOUTHWESTERLY, HA YING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 25°58’46” AND A RADIUS OF 575.00 FEET; THENCE LEA YING SAID ANNEXATION FOR 40 SIOUX WAY, SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE, 260.72 FEET (4); THENCE LEAVING SAID CURVE AWNG A RADIAL BEARING OF SOUTH 50°30’00” WEST 50.00 FEET (5) TO THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 15; THENCEAWNG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 15, SOUTH 66°19’44”WEST 150.95 FEET (6) TO AN ANGLE POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 15, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF RESOLUTION NO. 1139 (90); THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 15 AND THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID RESOLUTION 1139 (90), NORTH 89°00’00” WEST 160.00 FEET (7) TO THE NORTH EASTERLY CORNER OF RESOLUTION NO. 937; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID LOT 15 AND LEAVING RESOLUTION NO. 1. 139 (90) AND CONTINUING ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID RESOLUTION NO. 937, NORTH 89°00’00” WEST 32.14 FEET (8) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Exhibit B



Camp Connection

For more information about these camps visit paloaltoonline.com/camp_connection. To advertise in this weekly directory, call (650) 326-8210.

ACADEMICS

Harker Summer Programs

San Jose

The Harker School's summer programs for children K - grade 12 offer the perfect balance of learning and fun! Programs are led by dedicated faculty and staff who are experts at combining summer fun and learning. Strong academics and inspiring enrichment programs are offered in full day, partial and morning only sessions.

www.harker.org/summer

(408) 553-5737

i2 Camp at Castilleja School

Palo Alto

i2 Camp offers week-long immersion programs that engage middle school girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The fun and intimate hands-on activities of the courses strive to excite and inspire participants about STEM, creating enthusiasm that will hopefully spill over to their schoolwork and school choices in future years.

www.castilleja.org/i2camp

(650) 470-7833

iD Tech

Stanford/Bay Area

The world's #1 summer STEM program held at Stanford, Palo Alto High School, and 150+ locations nationwide. With innovative courses in coding, game development, robotics, and design, our programs instill in-demand skills that embolden students to shape the future. iD Tech Camps (weeklong, 7-17), Alexa Café (weeklong, all-girls, 10-15), iD Tech Academies (2-week, 13-18).

idtech.com/locations/california-summer-camps/

stanford-university

(844) 788-1858

STANFORD EXPLORE: A Lecture Series on Biomedical Research

Stanford

EXPLORE biomedical science at Stanford. Stanford EXPLORE offers high school students the unique opportunity to learn from Stanford professors and graduate students about diverse topics in biomedical science, including bioengineering, neurobiology, immunology and many others.

explore.stanford.edu explore-series@stanford.edu

Summer at Sand Hill School

Palo Alto

June 26 to July 23. If you're looking for a great summer learning plus fun option for your child and you want them to be ready for fall, please join us at Sand Hill. The morning Literacy Program (8:30 to noon) provides structured, systematic instruction for students with learning challenges entering grades 1-8 in the fall. The afternoon Enrichment Camp (Noon to 4) focuses on performing arts, social skills and fun. Choose morning, afternoon or full day.

www.sandhillschool.org/summer

(650) 688-3605

Write Now!

Palo Alto

Summer Writing Camps

Pleasanton

Improve your student's writing skills this summer at Emerson School of Palo Alto and Hacienda School of Pleasanton. Courses this year are Expository Writing, Creative Writing and Presentation Skills. Visit our website for more information.

www.headsup.org

Emerson: (650) 424-1267

Hacienda: (925) 485-5750

ARTS, CULTURE, OTHER CAMPS

Art and Soul Camp

Palo Alto

Art, cooking, tinkering, yoga and mindfulness. We celebrate multiple perspectives and recognize the many ways for our children to interpret their world. Summer Unplugged! is appropriate for ages 6-11 years. Located at Walter Hays School.

www.artandsoulpa.com

(650) 269-0423

Castilleja Summer Camp for Girls Palo Alto

Palo Alto

Casti Camp offers girls entering gr. 2-6 a range of age-appropriate activities including athletics, art, science, computers, writing, crafts, cooking, drama and music classes each day along with weekly field trips. Leadership program available for girls entering gr. 7-9.

www.castilleja.org/summercamp

(650) 470-7833

City of Mountain View Recreation

Mountain View

Come have a blast with us this summer! We have something for everyone - Recreation Camps, Specialty Camps, Sports Camps, Swim Lessons, and more! Programs begin June 4 - register early!

www.mountainview.gov/register

(650) 903-6331

City of Palo Alto Summer Camps

Palo Alto

A wide array of camps, from theater and tennis to ceramics and coding. Kids in kindergarten through high school can participate in camps during week-long sessions from June 3 to Aug 9.

www.cityofpaloalto.org/summercamps

(650) 463-4949

Community School of Music

Mountain View

Community School of Mountain View Music and Arts (CSMA) Mountain View 50+ creative camps for Gr. K-8! Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Musical Theater, Summer Music Workshops, more! One and two-week sessions; full and half-day enrollment. Extended care from 8:30am-5:30pm. Financial aid offered.

www.arts4all.org

(650) 917-6800 ext. 0

Oshman Family JCC Camps

Palo Alto

Camps at the OFJCC introduce your child to new experiences while creating friendships in a fun and safe environment. We work to build confidence, stretch imaginations and teach new skills.

www.paloaltojcc.org/Camps

(650) 223-8622

Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC)

Palo Alto

PACCC summer camps offer campers, grades 1st to 6th, a wide variety of engaging opportunities. We are excited to announce all of your returning favorites: Leaders in Training (L.I.T.), PACCC Special Interest Units (S.I.U.), F.A.M.E. (Fine Arts, Music and Entertainment), J.V. Sports and Operation: Chef! Periodic field trips, special visitors and many engaging camp activities, songs and skits round out the variety of offerings at PACCC Summer Camps. Open to campers from all communities. Register online.

www.paccc.org

(650) 493-2361

Stanford Jazz Workshop

Stanford

World-renowned jazz camps at Stanford. Week-long jazz immersion programs for middle school musicians (July 8-12), high school (July 14-19 and July 21-26), and adults (July 28-Aug. 2). All instruments and vocals. No jazz experience necessary!

www.stanfordjazz.org

(650) 736-0324

TheatreWorks

Palo Alto

Silicon Valley

Menlo Park

April 1 - 5, June 3 - August 2. Kids have fun, create a character, and learn lifelong performance skills at TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's Theatre Camps. TheatreWorks offers camps during spring break (offered in Palo and Menlo Park, April 1 - 5) and summer camps (six sessions offered in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Los Altos between June 3 - August 2) for children and youth in grades K-6. Professional teaching artists lead students in activities including acting, dance, play writing, and stagecraft skills. Sibling discounts and extended care available.

www.theatreworks.org/education

(650) 463-7146

ATHLETICS

Dance Connection Palo Alto

Palo Alto

Share the joy of dance with us! Our studio is an extended family and a "home away from home" for our community of children and teens. At Dance Connection, we value the positive energy and atmosphere that we continuously strive to provide. Summer Dance Camps include all styles of dance for ages 4 and up and features our new "This is Me!" Empowerment Camp along with Teen Jazz and Hip Hop Camps. A Summer Session for ages 3 to adults will be offered from June 3-August 2.

www.danceconnectionpaloalto.com/dance-connection-event-calendar/summer-dance-camps

(650) 852-0418 or (650) 322-7032

Kim Grant Tennis Summer Camps

Palo Alto

Monterey Bay

Fun and specialized Junior Camps for Mini (3-5), Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, High Performance and Elite tennis levels. Weekly programs designed by Kim Grant to improve player technique, fitness, agility, mental toughness and all around game. Weekly camps in Palo Alto and Sleep-Away Camps in Monterey Bay. SO MUCH FUN!

www.KimGrantTennis.com

Text: 650-690-0678

Call: 650-752-8061

Nike Tennis Camps

Bay Area

Junior overnight and day tennis camps for boys and girls, ages 9-18 offered throughout June, July and August. Adult weekend clinics available June and August. Camps directed by head men's coach, Paul Goldstein, head women's coach, Lele Forood, and associate men's and women's coaches, Brandon Coupe and Frankie Brennan. Join the fun and get better at tennis this summer.

www.ussportscamps.com

(800) NIKE-CAMP

(800) 645-3226

Run for Fun Camps

Bay Area

Run for Fun's mission is to provide creative and engaging play for all youth by getting kids active in an inclusive community centered around outdoor fun! We pride ourselves on hiring an enthusiastic, highly trained staff who love what they do. Summer 2019 features four weeks of Adventure Day Camp and two weeks of Overnight Camp High Five. Adventure Day Camp is a new discovery every day filled with sports, crafts and nature, including explorations to Camp Jones Gulch, Capitola Beach, Foothills Park, Shoreline Lake and Great America. Camp High Five is six days and five nights of traditional overnight camp mixed with challenge-by-choice activities, campfires, friendships and lots of laughter.

www.runforfuncamps.com/summer-camps-and-school-holiday-camps/camp-overview

(650) 823-5167

Stanford Athletics & Youth

Stanford

Stanford Youth Programs brings you Camp Cardinal! Week-long day camp programs on campus for kids (grades K - 10) from June 3 - August 9. Space is limited so register online now.

campcardinal.org

(650) 736-5436

Stanford Baseball Camps

Stanford

At Sunken Diamond on the campus of Stanford University. A variety of camps are offered to benefit a wide range of age groups and skill sets. Campers will gain instruction in several baseball skills, fundamentals, team concepts, and game play.

www.stanfordbaseballcamp.com

(650) 725-2054

Stanford Water Polo Camps

Stanford

New to water polo or have experience, we have a camp for you. Half day or full day options for boys and girls ages 7 and up. All camps provide fundamental skills, scrimmages and games.

www.stanfordwaterpolocamps.com (650) 725-9016

Wheel Kids Bike Camps

Addison Elementary,

Palo Alto

Adventure Riding Camp for rising 1st - 8th gr, Two Wheelers Club for rising K - 3rd gr. Week-long programs from 8:30 - 4, starting June 3rd. Join us as we embark on bicycling adventures for the more experienced rider or help those just learning to ride.

www.wheelkids.com/palo-alto

(650) 646-5435

YMCA of Silicon Valley Summer Camps

Silicon Valley

At the Y, children and teens of all abilities acquire new skills, make friends, and feel that they belong. With hundreds of Summer Day Camps plus Overnight Camps, you will find a camp that's right for your family. Sign up today, camps are filling up! Financial assistance is available.

www.ymcasv.org/summercamp

(408) 351-6473

LinkedIn CEO to speak at Hillview

LinkedIn CEO Jeff Weiner will sit down with Menlo Park City School District officials on Wednesday, March 27, to discuss the value of teaching students compassion.

Kristen Gracia, Oak Knoll School principal, and district Superintendent Erik Burmeister will moderate the discussion, "The Importance of Teaching Compassion to our Kids." Gracia and Burmeister will talk about their own methods of promoting compassion in the schools.

Weiner, who joined LinkedIn in 2008, serves on the board of directors for Everfi, a company that offers online courses in life skills, such as how to manage finances, harassment-prevention training for the workforce, and alcohol education for college students. At Everfi, he is helping to develop a program to help ensure that compassion is taught in every primary school in the country, according to the school district.

There will be refreshments and free child care on site for potty-trained children through the camp Steve & Kate's.

The event takes place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Hillview's Performing Arts Center, 1100 Elder Ave. in Menlo Park.

For more information, go to mpcsdspeakerseries.com.

— By Angela Swartz

PV council looks at housing option

A study session with Stanford University officials on the topic of adding housing to the university's 89 acres of open space known as the "Stanford Wedge" is on the agenda of the Portola Valley Town Council on Wednesday, March 27.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Historic Schoolhouse at 765 Portola Road.

The Stanford property is along Alpine Road, mostly between Westridge and Golden Oak drives, with approximately 14 acres across Alpine near the Glenoaks Equestrian Center. Since the early 1990s it has been designated to allow multi-family housing for employees or staff affiliated with the university. Such affiliated housing is also allowed at the Priory school and the Sequoias, and the Priory is currently adding additional housing that will bring its total on-site housing to 27 units.

Also on the agenda is final approval of an ordinance that will add more flexibility to the rules allowing accessory dwelling units in town.



RESOLUTION NO. 2141 (2019)

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

LANDS OF SCHROEDER

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

- A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District's "Zone Master Annexation Resolution" ("ZOMAR"), which was adopted by the District Board August 12, 1996. The provisions of ZOMAR are incorporated by reference into this Resolution of Intention.
- B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property (the "Parcel") to the District's On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone (the "Zone"). The Parcel is described in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the description contained in the Exhibits are incorporated by reference. The name and address of the applicants and the number, type, volume and location of on-site wastewater disposal systems which are proposed to operate on the parcels to be annexed are described in Exhibit "B" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the information contained in the Exhibit are incorporated by reference.
- C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board that the Parcel constitutes "real property" for the purposes of Section 2(b) of ZOMAR in that:

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

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

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:

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.

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 24, 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.

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.).

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.

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

DATE: 11-28-18
ANNEXED TO: WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT
NAME OF ANNEXATION: WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT

**GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION
LANDS OF SCHROEDER
PROPOSED WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ANNEXATION
1.280 ACRE +/- PARCEL**

ALL THAT REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING ALL OF LOT 20, BLOCK 1 AND PORTIONS OF GOLDEN OAKS WAY, AS BOTH ARE DESIGNATED ON THE MAP ENTITLED "TRACT NO. 711 ALPINE HILLS UNIT 2 SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF RANCHO EL CORTE MADERA SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 17, 1955 IN BOOK 41 OF MAPS AT PAGES 40 TO 42 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 20 AND ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 20 NORTH 25°42'00" WEST 275.17 FEET (1) TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 20; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 20, NORTH 46°40'01" EAST 170.00 FEET (2) TO THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 20; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 20, SOUTH 23°35'25" EAST 326.34 FEET (3) TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 20; THENCE LEAVING SAID LOT 20, SOUTH 25°54'30" EAST 60.00 FEET (4) TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GOLDEN OAKS WAY; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, SOUTH 64°05'30" WEST 150.00 FEET (5); THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, NORTH 25°54'30" WEST 60.00 FEET (6) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 1.280 ACRES +/-

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Exhibit B

WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT
EXHIBIT "B"
SITE LOCATION
305 GOLDEN OAK DRIVE
PORTOLA VALLEY, CA
GRINDER PUMP SYSTEM

Artscene

PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Say 'hallelujah'

TheatreWorks brings the music of rock 'n' roll trailblazer Sister Rosetta Tharpe to the stage

By Sue Dremman

THEATER REVIEW

Musical icons abound in the pantheon of rock 'n' roll, but like so many brilliant African-American trailblazers in the roots of American music, Sister Rosetta Tharpe has been forgotten by many except for a few musicians. Until now.

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's West Coast premiere of "Marie and Rosetta," a rollicking one-act musical play, is an "amen" to one of the 20th century's greats: a woman who influenced the likes of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard and Ray Charles. It will leave audiences dancing in their seats.

Developed at TheatreWorks' 2015 New Works Festival by award-winning playwright George Brant ("Elephant's Graveyard," "Grounded"), the show focuses mainly on a short segment of Tharpe's life and her relationship with her partner in music (and reportedly for a while, in life), Marie Knight. That focus, rather than taking a broad view, gives the play much of its strength.

Tharpe was a gospel superstar in the 1930s and 1940s, the first to take church music mainstream. Born Rosetta Nubin in 1915 in

Cotton Plant, Arkansas, she traveled throughout the southern states with her mother, a musician and preacher with the Church of God in Christ, a mainly African-American Pentecostal denomination. Widely recognized as a prodigy, Tharpe started performing when she was 6 years old.

She went from the pulpit to the Cotton Club in Harlem, scorching the stage with her electric guitar and powerful vocals. She never left gospel or the church entirely, but she raised eyebrows among more conservative churchgoers for her guitar playing prowess outside of sacred spaces and for singing sexually suggestive crossover songs such as "Four or Five Times" and the boogie-woogie-and-swing-inspired "I Want a Tall Skinny Papa."

"Marie and Rosetta" begins at that juncture. In 1946, Tharpe is beginning to be eclipsed by other gospel luminaries such as Mahalia Jackson. She is trying to make a comeback to the church but is still being branded by her secular forays. That year, she spotted Marie Knight performing on a bill with

Jackson and immediately invited the younger performer to join her tour.

At their first rehearsal, inside Walter's Funeral Home and Insurance Company in Mississippi, the two women cautiously circle around each other amid the showroom caskets. Tharpe, played by Michelle E. Jordan, a TheatreWorks veteran ("It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues," "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Dreamgirls"), is big and brassy, a veteran of the road. Knight, performed by Marissa Rudd, (TheatreWorks' "Tuck Everlasting," last summer's New Works Festival), is tall, svelte and a proper church lady and relative newcomer.

Jim Crow restrictions forced black touring performers to stay where they could, seeking the kindness of strangers and friends rather than at whites-only motels. Knight fears the mortuary's ghosts; Tharpe hilariously praises the comforts of a plush, white-velvet-lined casket. Get used to it. They won't be inside the church but instead playing at a tobacco warehouse on the outskirts of town, she notes.

Knight has other concerns: whether working with Tharpe might end her career before it starts because she "is making gospel sound dirty."

But Tharpe has all the pithy rejoinders:

"God don't want the devil to have all the good music," she says.

Jordan owns this show. When she belts out Tharpe's signature rendition of "This Train," she makes the audience want to jump out of their seats and shout, "hallelujah!"

She's a lovable gruff, stacked high with charisma. She also gets to deliver most of the funniest lines in Brant's well-written script.

Rudd initially plays Knight as prim, righteous and tentative. But the two women share a bond that goes beyond their music.



Photo by Kevin Berne

Sister Rosetta Tharpe (Michelle E. Jordan) and Marie Knight (Marissa Rudd) perform together in "Marie and Rosetta."

Both have man troubles; both are women striving to leave their mark on the world. "Marie and Rosetta" is a story about "sisterhood," the building of a relationship between two women. It's also about choices.

Tharpe tells Knight she can go on a life-long journey sharing her prodigious gifts with the world. Or "you can sing on Sundays for a grateful congregation, kiss your babies and tuck them in at night and be a maid during the week."

As the two formulate their repertoire, with Tharpe's urging, Knight loosens her hips and her voice. And what a voice Rudd has. It is at once operatic, smooth as satin and powerful enough to vibrate the air in the entire auditorium. The synergy between these two women brings out some of the most moving performances. The duet "Didn't It Rain" didn't just hit the sweet spot: It ignited the room.

The actors don't play their own instruments in this play, and that's perhaps its only weakness. It was more believable when they sat behind the piano, but less so when the actors handled the guitars. But the music is performed deftly behind the scenes by William Liberatore on piano and Schuyler McFadden on guitars. Amplified

from the stage, the sound was unified with the performances.

Artistic Director Robert Kelley, a lover of rhythm and blues who spent his youth playing piano in bands and riding his bicycle to East Palo Alto's Charm Beauty Salon and Record Store to purchase records by black artists, understands how to stage a production that remains true to this kind of music and the characters. It is at once sinewy and voluptuous — without any excesses.

I don't want to spoil the surprise ending but it will bring the audience to tears and to their feet. Don't be afraid to clap and lift your hands in joy, praise and surrender. Go see "Marie and Rosetta."

— Sue Dremann writes for the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac's sister publication.

What: "Marie and Rosetta."
Where: Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.
When: Through March 31, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m.
Cost: \$40-\$100.
Info: TheatreWorks.org or call 650-463-1960.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

APRIL 3, 2019 6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

1. William L. Butler ASRA2018-0017 / X2DR2018-0001 / VARI2019-0001
2 Montelena Court Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Presentation and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal for a vehicle gate, adjacent pylons, and other site improvements, including a second driveway, which requires approval of a Second Driveway Exception. The Planning Commission will also review the applicant's interpretation of Principal Access Driveway; or alternatively a Variance to exceed maximum paved area and surface coverage. The application for the Second Driveway Exception seeks to resolve an existing code violation for installation of the second driveway without required permits. Finally, the application requires review by the Town Council for fencing and a small portion of driveway paving within the front yard Conservation Easement. The final decision-making body on the project will be the Town Council.

7:00 PM [Special Start Time]

2. The Glens Neighborhood

Study Session: Non-conforming Regulations
Planner: Planning Director Jackie Young

Review of the Glens Neighborhood data compiled during the six neighborhood walking meetings in February and March 2019; and discussion of alternatives for code change considerations, the Glens residents' proposals, and neighborhood improvements.

Menlo Grill reopens as Menlo Tavern

By Elena Kadvanly

What was once Menlo Grill has reopened with a new name, chef and menu at the Stanford Park Hotel at 100 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

Now Menlo Tavern, the restaurant's bar and dining room opened earlier this month.

General Manager Patrick Lane said in a previous interview that he decided to run the restaurant as its own business separate from

the hotel, which prompted the revamp.

The updated menu skews toward American comfort food, like skillet cornbread, deviled eggs, cast iron-seared salmon, burgers (including a meatless Impossible Burger), pasta, roasted chicken and filet mignon. Lunch dishes range from \$15 to \$19, and dinner entrees range from \$16 to \$39. Those looking to splurge can get the "fries and bubbles," French fries with a bottle of Veuve Clicquot (\$135), or California white

sturgeon caviar, creme fraiche and potato chips paired with a martini (\$45).

The restaurant is meant to serve the local community as much as hotel guests, Lane said.

Menlo Tavern opens for breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Lunch starts daily at 11 a.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. The bar is open daily until midnight. ■

Elena Kadvanly is a staff writer for the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac's sister paper.

Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Visit AlmanacNews.com/calendar to see more calendar listings

Theater

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. Through March 31; times vary. \$40-\$100; discounts available. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org

Dragon Late Nights As part of Dragon Theatre's Late Nights series, a lineup of eight Bay Area comedians will perform. March 29, 10:30 p.m. \$15. The Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare Dragon Theatre presents "Macbeth," William Shakespeare's tragic tale of all-powerful ambition and consuming conscience. Through April 7, 8-10 p.m. \$37; discounts for students, seniors. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

'Sojourn' "Sojourn" is a futuristic play written by Evan Kokkila Schumacher and directed by Caroline Clark. Through April 7; times vary. \$32; discounts for seniors, students. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Hershey Felder: A Paris Love Story' "Hershey Felder: A Paris Love Story" chronicles the personal journey of virtuoso Hershey Felder while also exploring the life and music of impressionist composer Claude Debussy. April 3-May 5; times vary. \$60; discounts for seniors, adults under 35. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

Talks & Lectures

'Ada Lovelace: The Making of a Computer Scientist' Co-authors Ursula Martin and Adrian Rice discuss their book "Ada Lovelace: The Making of a Computer Scientist." March 28, 6 p.m. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computer-history.org

Dave Eggers Dave Eggers returns to Kepler's Books for the release of his latest fiction work, "The Parade." April 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$20 or \$40 with book; discount for students. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Film Discussion Meetup The Film discussion meetup will talk about films that have recently played at the Guild Theatre. April 2, 6:30-8 p.m.; May 7, 6:30-8 p.m. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Laurie Halse Anderson Author Laurie Halse Anderson presents her new book, "Shout," a memoir revealing her personal history as a rape survivor and a call to action for the #MeToo era. April 1, 7-10 p.m. \$22; discount for students. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Margaret Dumas Local author Margaret Dumas discusses the first book in her humorous mystery series, "Murder at the Palace: Movie Palace Mystery #1." April 3, 7-9 p.m. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

'Umunhum': Film Screening and Panel Discussion In partnership with the Amah Mutsun Land Trust, Hidden Villa will host a special screening of the film "Umunhum," about the mountain that served as the sacred site of the Amah Mutsun. March 27, 6-8 p.m. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

'Unmarriageable: Pride and Prejudice in Pakistan' Author Soniah Kamal presents "Unmarriageable," a modern Pakistani twist on the "Pride and Prejudice" plot. March 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

USGS Evening Public Lecture Series U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologist Michelle Sneed will present "Land Subsidence: The Lowdown on the Drawdown," a lecture that explores the link between groundwater use and sinking landscapes. March 28, 7 p.m. U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. online.wr.usgs.gov

Family

Family Nature Day with POST Family Nature Day includes arts and crafts, short and long nature walks, educational programming and book readings, among other activities. March 30, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Huddart Park, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Science Night Science night includes exhibits, hands-on activities and experiments aimed at elementary school-aged children up to adults. March 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Museums & Exhibits

Anderson Collection Public Tour The Anderson Collection features modern and contemporary American paintings and sculptures assembled by a Bay Area family who built the collection over the last 50 years. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 18, 12:30 p.m. Anderson Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

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

'Incubator' Art Kiosk Installation "Incubator" is a public art exhibit featuring a tower of books connected through hand-cut paper messages and supported by a foundation of books. Through April 6, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Downtown's Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City.

Josiah McElheny: 'Island Universe' Josiah McElheny's "Island Universe" examines both cutting-edge art and physics. The monumental 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

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

'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

'Faces' — A Collection of Portraits in Oil and Pastel by Linda Salter Linda Salter's "Faces" features portraits of friends and relatives, artists' models and subjects from her travels in foreign countries. Through March 30, Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Public Tour: Auguste Rodin This exhibition celebrates Auguste Rodin's pursuit to convey complex emotions, diverse psychological states and pure sensuality through the nude. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 31; times vary. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Public Tour: 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. events.stanford.edu

Film

Filmmaking Class Zoom In is a 15-hour intensive video workshop that covers elements of digital video including shooting, editing and uploading. Participants will produce a short video, which Midpen Media Center will host on its YouTube channel and run on its TV channels. April 1, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$200; discount available. Midpen Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. midpenmedia.org

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. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

'Kusama: Infinity' Film Screening "Kusama: Infinity" follows the journey of artist Yayoi Kusama's life from a traumatic upbringing in Japan during World War II to becoming an artist. March 28, 6-7:30 p.m. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu

'Return to the Valley: The Japanese American Experience After World War II' "Return to the Valley: The Japanese American experience after World War II," tells the story of what happened to the Issei and Nisei generation when they came back home after internment. April 1, 7-8 p.m. Menlo Park Library downstairs program room, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

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

Wildflower Hike Filoli's Nature Preserve offers hiking tours among its native wildflowers to learn about their qualities and how they adapt and thrive. Saturdays through May 4, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$15. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

Home & Garden

Camellia Specialty Tours This guided garden walk covers special characteristics of varieties of camellias including fragrance, blooming months, where they fit in the landscape design and the history of camellias at Filoli. Thursdays through April 4, 2-3:30 p.m. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

Spring Bulb Display Tours Tours cover Filoli's spring display, including 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

Religion & Spirituality

Memorial Church Labyrinth The Memorial Church labyrinth, where people can find balance, pray and meditate, is open to the public. Fridays through Aug. 30, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

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)

A & A BROTHERS LANDSCAPING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 280581
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
A & A Brothers Landscaping, located at 2921 Westside Ave., Apt. #1, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
MARCO RANGEL RODRIGUEZ
2921 Westside Ave. Apt. 1
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 3-4-19.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 4, 2019.
(ALM Mar. 13, 20, 27; Apr. 3, 2019)

COMPASS CONSULTANTS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 280382
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Compass Consultants, located at 1195 Los Trancos Rd., Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
JULIA PETERS
1195 Los Trancos Rd.
Portola Valley, CA 94028
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 13, 2019.
(ALM Mar. 13, 20, 27; Apr. 3, 2019)

CUCO'S BURRITOS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 280614
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Cuco's Burritos, located at 2855 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County; Mailing address: 1140 17th Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063.
Registered owner(s):
MARIA G. PERALTA
1140 17th Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 7, 2019.
(ALM Mar. 20, 27; Apr. 3, 10, 2019)

BAR DOE BUD INVESTMENT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 280672
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Bar Doe Bud Investment, located at 2059 Goodwin Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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2059 Goodwin Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94061
DORAINE V. COUILLARD
2059 Goodwin Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94061
BARRON A. VAUGHT
2059 Goodwin Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 13, 2019.
(ALM Mar. 20, 27; Apr. 3, 10, 2019)

LARA STRONG
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 280561
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Lara Strong, located at 512 Warrington Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ADRIAN A. LARA
512 Warrington Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 28, 2019.
(ALM Mar. 27; Apr. 3, 10, 17, 2019)

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 19CIV00983
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: NIKKI VILLABROZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
NIKKI YEE VILLABROZA to NIKKI YEE.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: April 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
THE ALMANAC
Date: February 27, 2019
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Mar. 13, 20, 27; Apr. 3, 2019)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 19CIV01386
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: ALISANDRA VASQUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.) SANDRA J. CASTILLO VASQUEZ to SANDRA J. VASQUEZ
B.) ALISANDRA ELISEMA VASQUEZ to ALISANDRA ELISEMA AMBROCIO VASQUEZ.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: April 25, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
THE ALMANAC
Date: March 14, 2019
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Mar. 27; Apr. 3, 10, 17, 2019)



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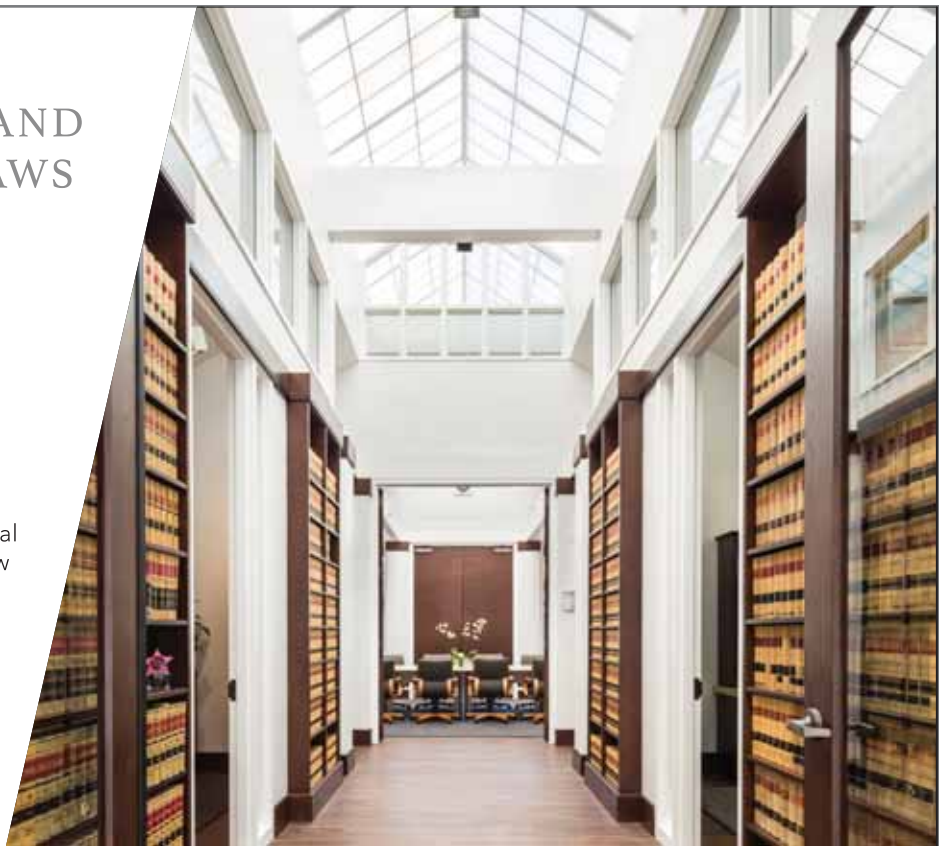
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