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Retired broadcast journalist Rita Williams poses for a portrait at her home in Portola Valley.

Community role model

Rita Williams conquered ‘barriers to success,’
and now helps others who face them

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

Star journalist Rita Williams of Portola Valley retired from her job at KTVU television in 2013, but after a 35-year career in Bay Area TV she was not about to sit still.

On May 3 she received the 2019 Role Model Award from Menlo Park-based JobTrain, one of an array of charities that Williams has had a hand in helping during her career and after.

JobTrain provides training for jobs with a future for people who in many cases have not finished high school and are coming out of jail or prison.

It helps them get their high school equivalency certificates, and provides four to six months of training in the building trades, medical assistance and other fields where there is a demand for workers with skills, Williams said during an interview with The Almanac.

Williams was also on the board of directors for Friends of Faith, a charity to benefit indigent breast cancer patients named after KTVU reporter Faith Fancher, who died of the disease, she said.

And some of the stories she did as reporter have had a side effect of helping people in need. For example, a segment about the Fisher House in Palo Alto, a home for relatives of veterans being treated for traumatic brain injuries who couldn't otherwise live in the Bay Area, inspired \$1 million in donations to open a second facility, she said.

Williams said her inspiration for helping the less-fortunate came from her childhood in Lubbock, Texas.

She said she was brought up in a lower-middle-class

household where her father had an eighth-grade education. He advised her to get as much education as she could because it was something no one could take away.

“I can certainly feel for folks in the same situation today,” Williams said. “You can be a reporter. You can be anything you want to be.”

One of her fondest memories is of a group of volunteers in town known as the Goodfellows, who prepared and delivered presents to underprivileged kids on Christmas Day.

“The closeness I felt with my dad delivering the gifts felt better than anything I received on Christmas,” she said. “It showed me early on how much better it is to help people.”

And her career serves as an example of bringing yourself up by the bootstraps.

After graduating from Texas Tech in Lubbock, she worked in print journalism before switching to television reporting.

In the early days, TV news was dominated by men, and a woman had to struggle to get in the door, she noted.

“I took a 60 percent salary cut to try TV, and it worked,” she said.

Among the major stories she covered was the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989; in the aftermath, she spent the night on the Bay Bridge and reported on the situation the next day.

Williams won an award for her reporting on the killing of Oscar Grant, the passenger whose 2009 shooting by a BART police officer in Oakland provoked major riots.

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‘Willow Village’ too short on affordable housing, locals say

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

In the second formal study session the Menlo Park City Council has held to discuss Facebook’s massive “Willow Village” development proposal, it was clear that residents and council members are going to be asking the corporation for more than a grocery store and pharmacy as public amenities. Specifically, they want more affordable housing and a more equitable jobs-to-housing ratio to be added as part of the development.

Facebook is working with Signature Development Group, which specializes in mixed-use development. Revised plans were re-submitted in February.

Since then, according to Michael Ghielmetti, Signature’s founder and president, Facebook has had more than 100 meetings with people in the community to talk about the revised project.

Since February, early talks with potential local retailers have begun, and the city has been invited to weigh in during the process. The development group will also be working with the Belle Haven neighborhood to determine how the public park will be used as well as 10,000 square feet of community space. Facebook also plans to have transportation hubs on the first level of each of its two proposed parking structures, according to Ghielmetti.

He points to the buildings that now sit on the Willow Village property — the former “Prologis” campus of about 59 acres that includes about a million square feet of old single-story commercial buildings. Those buildings aren’t sustainable, resilient or connected with the community, he said. “That’s something we want to change.”

While Facebook has expanded its footprint into other parts of the Bay Area now, with offices in San Francisco, Burlingame, Fremont, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale, Facebook wants to be able to grow in Menlo Park, Ghielmetti said. He’s hoping, he said, that the new neighborhood will be an “extension” of the Belle Haven neighborhood where the Facebook campus is located, and is more integrated

with the community. “We think we can do better to make this a friendly place,” he said.

Facebook already has about 3,500 people working at the Prologis campus, and about 15,000 others across its Menlo Park offices. With all the office space proposed for Willow Village, the employee population at the site could include an additional 6,000 or so workers, Ghielmetti said.

He said he worked on The Hive, a mixed-used development in Oakland, which, in its retail portion, has prioritized businesses owned by women and people of color. He said the retail space at the Willow Village could include various traditional retail vendors — for example, a bakery, a barber shop, an apparel shop — as well as artisan workshops or maker spaces.

The new plans also consolidated some of the park spaces into a bigger park near the development’s southern border, near Mid-Peninsula High School.

There are also an extra 50 hotel rooms, which Councilwoman Catherine Carlton asked about. Ghielmetti explained, “We thought it would lead to a more successful hotel.”

Council comments

Carlton also said she was interested in seeing additional housing units dedicated to middle-income earners such as teachers. She’s happy, she added, that a grocery store and a pharmacy are being proposed after years of discussing the need for those businesses in the community, but noted that “it’s a good start.”

Councilwoman Betsy Nash asked that the proposal be brought before the Complete Streets and Housing commissions for review.

“There is a significant jobs-housing imbalance in Menlo Park and the region,” she said. “Facebook is definitely contributing to that. Just looking at Willow Village. ... It doesn’t pencil out.”

Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor brought up the possibility of an office building moratorium. City Attorney Bill McClure said that a moratorium can’t last for

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**SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE A CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2018 REPORT TO COMMUNITY**

Contact Person: Matthew Zito, Chief Facilities Officer

The Citizens Bond Oversight Committee has issued its report for calendar year 2018 on the \$265,000,000 Measure A bond approved by the voters on June 3, 2014. Members of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee are pleased to report to the community the bond funds are being spent in accordance with the bond language approved by voters. Complete financial information is available on the District website at www.seq.org.

Sequoia Union High School District contracted with Chavan and Associates to perform the required Proposition 39/Measure A audit report. The audit covered fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 which was reviewed by the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee on April 16, 2019. The audit examined internal control over financial reporting, and other matters to include verifying that the bond proceeds were deposited in the District's name, that they were invested in accordance with applicable legal requirements, and tested approximately 81% of the calendar year 2017-2018 expenditures to ensure they were valid, allowable and accurate. The audit determined that the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the Proposition 39/Measure A bond program for the fiscal year ending, June 30, 2018.

Construction projects currently underway this period:

- New Small High School (TIDE Academy) at 150 Jefferson Drive, Menlo Park (15 classrooms)

Significant Construction and Renovation projects completed to-date:

- Carlmont New Classroom Building (10 classrooms)
- Carlmont Weight Room Addition
- Carlmont Kitchen, MUR and Locker Room Renovations
- Menlo-Atherton New Classroom Building (21 Classrooms)
- Menlo-Atherton Soccer Field Renovation w/Lights (synthetic turf)
- Menlo-Atherton STEM Classroom and Kitchen Building
- Sequoia Music Building Renovation
- Sequoia Practice Field Renovation w/ Lights (synthetic turf)
- Sequoia Pool Light and Shade Structure (canopy over bleachers)
- Sequoia Culinary Arts and Warming Kitchen Renovation
- Sequoia Media Center and MPR Kitchen
- Woodside New Classroom Building (10 Classrooms)
- Woodside Bradley Field Renovation
- Woodside Food Service and Cafeteria Renovation
- Woodside New Culinary Renovation
- Woodside Ceramic Classroom Renovation
- Redwood High School Classroom and MPR Building (school re-construction project)
- Various District Wide Infrastructure and Capital Repair Projects (on-going)

Construction and renovation projects planned are:

- Carlmont Culinary Arts Classroom Renovation
- Menlo-Atherton Chemistry Lab Renovation
- District Wide Various Infrastructure and Capital Repair Projects (on-going)
- District Wide Technology Projects
- Solar Installation at Redwood, Woodside and District's Bus Yard.

The \$265M million is being issued in conformance with the district's timeline for construction projects. The first bond proceeds were received October 22, 2014 in the amount of \$112,000,000. The District sold its second series of bonds in November 22, 2017 in the amount of \$120,000,000. The remaining bond authority is \$33,000,000.

John Violet, Chair of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee will present a report to the Sequoia Union High School District's, Board of Trustees on May 15, 2019 regarding the committee's proceeding and activities. That report is available at www.seq.org for calendar year 2018.

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Portola Valley may update its 1964-vintage general plan

By Rick Radin

Almanac staff writer

Portola Valley is considering an update to its current general plan, which was adopted when the town was first incorporated in 1964.

The plan would take a long-term perspective of 15 to 25 years into the future and would be a road map for future development.

The Town Council, in a May 8 study session, emphasized the need for preserving the coveted "rural character" of the community in the face of new challenges, such as pressures from urbanization and population growth and the threat of wildfires exacerbated by global warming.

The current general plan was amended twice before as the town evolved, in 1977 and 1998, and both updates emphasized the importance of preserving open space and maintaining an atmosphere of tranquility with a family-oriented residential character, according to a staff report.

The original plan was more "poetic than bureaucratic," said Councilman Craig Hughes, who suggested that the new plan follow in that vein.

"We should try to maintain the current feel," Hughes said.

Town Manager Jeremy Dennis said the council should set clear goals for the document that the Planning Commission and other participants in the development process could follow.

The development could take as long as two years and cost as much as several hundred thousand dollars, according to Planning Director Laura Russell.

Dennis characterized those figures as a "worst-case scenario," although he pointed out that it took Palo Alto eight years to develop its new general plan.

"It's a huge undertaking," Mayor Ann Wengert said.

The council has earmarked \$25,000 for research and information about an update, with Hughes and Councilman John Richards forming a subcommittee to investigate. It also

authorized Russell to prepare a request for proposals on the research project.

"We're gathering information for the council to make a decision," Dennis said. "The council wants to review the RFP before it goes out."

Other matters

In other action, the council appointed five residents who have volunteered to be on an Ad Hoc Wildfire Preparedness Committee. The committee and a council member will work to formulate a plan over the late spring and summer with the goal of finishing by the end of the year.

Wildfire preparedness includes developing evacuation routes, educating residents on what to do in a wildfire emergency, focusing on vegetation management practices around homes, developing sources of funding for programs and seeking out effective ways to coordinate with other agencies.

The council also adopted a Safe Storage of Firearms ordinance that requires using trigger locks or lock boxes when storing firearms in the home.

The measure cuts the risk that a gun will be used to commit suicide or homicide, or inflict injury, according to the staff report.

The ordinance contains an exception for firearms carried by a person inside the house. A violation could result in criminal prosecution and/or civil penalties.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has requested that all 20 cities in the county adopt identical ordinances to create a uniform rule throughout the county.

There have been 301 gun-related deaths in the county over the past 10 years, according to the report.

Fourteen other California cities have adopted similar safe-storage ordinances, including Sunnyvale, Santa Cruz, Saratoga, San Jose, Oakland, and San Francisco. ▀

ROLE MODEL

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She's been giving back by mentoring women who want to break into broadcasting so that they "don't have to learn the hard way, like I did."

Williams has earned her role model award, particularly in her efforts toward women's equality and helping people who are confronting "barriers to success," said Patty Rally,

director of development and marketing for JobTrain.

Williams and her husband, Lindsay Bowen, moved to Portola Valley from Belmont in 1989. She said the home they bought was "a diamond in the rough, and it's still a diamond in the rough."

"It's always great after working in an environment with sirens and noise to drive home and restore yourself, and then go back," she said. ▀

Menlo Park council takes step toward possible minimum wage ordinance

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park is surrounded by cities that have adopted minimum wage ordinances, and now, the City Council is considering passing such an ordinance here.

The council discussed the matter at its Tuesday, May 7, meeting.

"I would appreciate raising the minimum wage sooner rather than later," Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor said at the meeting.

A 2016 state law established that the minimum wage in California will rise to \$15 an hour by 2022, with future wage increases tied to inflation, as measured by each year's increase in the consumer price index, an indicator of living costs. However, other cities — many in the Bay Area — have taken their own steps to increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour before the state's mandate. Some of those cities are: Belmont, Cupertino, Daly City, Los Altos, Milpitas, Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Jose, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale and South San Francisco.

Most of the cities that have established their own minimum wages have set their baselines at \$15 an hour, with increases each year based on the consumer price index. The maximum annual increase is 3.5%.

Even a wage of \$15 an hour, however, falls short of what's been calculated to be a "living wage."

For a family of four, the living wage in San Mateo County is really about \$24.30 an hour, assuming two adult parents are working, according to a living wage calculator developed by MIT. For a single-adult household, the living wage needed is about \$20.60 an hour to meet its household needs.

Currently in the city of Menlo Park, according to Assistant City Manager Nick Pegueros, of the city's regular employees, the lowest hourly wage is \$17.49, and among its temporary employees, it is \$12.22. There are 53 employees who are paid less than \$15 per hour. The weighted average hourly rate of temporary

employees is \$21.20 an hour, he said.

Some residents urged the council to move the process forward, and use the research that has already been collected by adjacent jurisdictions. Adina Levin, speaking for Menlo Together, an organization focused on addressing housing, transportation, environmental sustainability and equity problems in Menlo Park, stated: "We are not leading on this issue. We are trailing on this issue." She urged the council to "implement this as soon as possible."

'Fifteen dollars an hour is \$31,200 a year before taxes. Average rents in our city are pushing \$45,000 a year, and they're rising.'

RAYNA LEHMAN,
MENLO PARK RESIDENT AND
LABOR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Rayna Lehman, who lives in Menlo Park and represents the AFL-CIO Community Services San Mateo County Central Labor Council, pointed out in public remarks that many local businesses pay more than \$15 an hour out of economic necessity to attract and retain employees in a highly competitive job market. The effect of higher wages in neighboring jurisdictions, she added, has been to stimulate local economies. "We spend our money where we live."

She continued: "Fifteen dollars an hour is \$31,200 a year before taxes. Average rents in our city are pushing \$45,000 a year, and they're rising."

While Menlo Park may look like an affluent city with a median annual income of \$132,000, she said, about 20% of the city's families earn under \$50,000 a year, before taxes, and they're struggling.

"It would take four \$15-an-hour jobs to be fully self-sufficient in Menlo Park, so we support \$15 (an hour) by 2020. The sooner the better," she added.

The effort is expected to require 1,941 hours of staff time and \$268,612, with the biggest portion of time and costs going toward reworking the city's labor agreements, according to a staff report.

The ordinance could also trigger what Pegueros called the "upward cascade" effect. That happens when, as the result of labor contracts, higher-ranking employees have written into their contracts that they should receive a certain amount or percentage more than the lowest-paid employees. That, in turn, could impact the city's unfunded pension liability, he added.

Would apply to kids

Councilwoman Catherine Carlton said she felt that applying the ordinance to all labor done in the city seemed "a little draconian."

What about the kids who act as "mother's helpers" or step in to mow the lawn, who are happy to work for as little as \$5 to \$7 an hour? she asked.

"It's probably a violation of child labor laws," City Attorney Bill McClure responded.

However, he added, like most enforcement of these types of laws, enforcement is typically in response to complaints.

Pegueros indicated that the city would probably not prioritize ensuring that the "kids at the lemonade stand are getting paid minimum wage."

Carlton also expressed concerns about applying the ordinance to workers at nonprofits and government. "A lot of our nonprofits are barely squeaking by as it is," she said. "I don't want unintended consequences."

Fran Dehn, president of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, agreed there should be outreach to businesses done, and that going door-to-door may be more effective than mailers or email lists for reaching the right people at smaller businesses in the city.

City staff agreed to work on the plan for the effort and bring it back to the council on its draft work plan on June 4. ■

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by Monica Corman



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Atherton hires new deputy city manager

Anthony Suber will replace Theresa DellaSanta at end of month

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

The town of Atherton has hired Anthony Suber as its city manager and city

clerk to take over for Theresa DellaSanta beginning May 30, according to a May 3 press release from the town.

DellaSanta is leaving the post to take on a new role as

the city of Menlo Park's human resources manager on May 20.

Suber, a San Mateo resident, most recently served as

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Portola Valley winery seeks tasting room permit

By Rick Radin
Almanac staff writer

The economics of the wine business and preserving open space are a couple of key considerations facing Neely Wine and the town of Portola Valley in the winery's effort to open a tasting room on its centrally located property at 555 Portola Road.

Kirk Neely and wife Holly Myers brought the property in 1995, taking over plantings of chardonnay and gewurztraminer grapes that descend down from their home on the top of the hill, and adding chardonnay and pinot noir vines on a lower portion of the estate adjacent to Portola Road.

Daughter Lucy Neely and son Simon Neely now operate the winery, which produces up to 2,000 cases of wine a year. Neely now sells most of its production to distributors, who in turn market it to retail stores.

Now, the family wants to open a tasting room where visitors could buy the wines directly. This would generate more profits for the winery and would help the Neelys maintain the land as open space.

The land could potentially be sold for development of up to 30 homes, according to Lucy Neely.

"Having a tasting room is essential to having a viable wine business," she said. "Having a viable wine business is supportive of keeping the land in open space and agriculture."

Nathan Kandler, winegrower at nearby Thomas Fogarty Winery, agreed that a tasting

room and perhaps a wine club, in which the wine is sold to winery fans, are essential to having a profitable wine business.

"Selling directly to consumers, you avoid selling wine at wholesale to distributors for half the price, who in turn sell it to the retail stores," Kandler said. "If they're selling it at Roberts Market, they're selling it to someone else for way less than retail."

Selling wine to distributors is a break-even proposition at his winery, Kandler said.

Community reaction

Neely Wine's application for a conditional use permit (CUP) for the tasting room was the subject of an April 17 Planning Commission meeting where a preliminary proposal received an initial reaction from a handful of community members.

"According to the actual proposal, submitted to the Planning Commission, there would be a lot more than just creating a tasting room," said resident Jerry Kohs.

Kohs cited a 2013 CUP that he says "explicitly prohibits" the use of the property as a retail space.

"Essentially, the Planning Commission is being asked to reverse ... the 2013 CUP agreement," he said.

According to the staff report on the proposal, "Under the existing CUP customers may not come to the winery for tastings or purchasing of wine."

"(The prohibition) is highly restrictive and prohibitive for any winery that wants to engage



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Lucy Neely poses for a portrait in front of the building in which the Neely Wine tasting room would be located if the town approves the plan.

in direct consumer sales," Lucy Neely said.

Others were more sympathetic to the plan.

"We don't want to make the open space available for development," said resident Laura Stec. "And it will be nice to have something else to do in town."

The proposal also called for the right to hold 24 events per year, with up to 75 guests each, a situation that resident Mike O'Donnell compared to "living next to a frat house."

The number and size of the events proposed also caused Commissioner Craig Taylor to pause. "The figure of 24 events per year sounds like a lot, but

I'm willing to keep an open mind about it," he said. "We need something that feels feasible and sustainable."

Taylor said that he is "comfortable" with the tasting room proposal, although he preferred the tastings be done by appointment, so that the winery could control who is there.

Commission Chair Jon Goulden said he thinks noise could be a problem and wanted more information about how it could be controlled, adding that he thought concerns about the project can be resolved and that there should be fewer than 24 events allowed.

Other concerns included

whether there is adequate parking for the events that would be held at the site, the possibility of guests parking on Portola Road and the potential for guests who have been drinking interacting with cars, pedestrians, and cyclists.

"The Planning Commission wants them to come back with a more specific plan," Town Councilman John Richards told the council at its April 24 meeting. "The commission was generally supportive but there was a strong concern about public events."

Lucy Neely said the winery is formulating a response to commissioners' and the public's concerns. ■

Woodside, Portola Valley councils bestow raises on town managers

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

Woodside and Portola Valley rewarded their town managers with raises in late March, with Woodside's Kevin Bryant receiving about a 3 percent bump to \$218,000 annually and Jeremy Dennis of Portola Valley enjoying about a 6 percent annual increase, to \$216,625.

Woodside city attorney Jean Savaree, who has represented the town since 2004, also received a raise from \$276 to \$286 per hour.

Bryant came to Woodside as assistant town manager in 2008, and took over the top job in 2011 when his predecessor, Susan George, retired. George had served for 18 years in that role.

Bryant formerly worked in

Tiburon in Marin County, a community that he said has a lot in common with Woodside. Both towns were created about the same time in the mid-60s to prevent the encroachment of cities and suburbs on their rural environments.

The town manager sees his priorities as preserving the rural character of the town. "There are concerns that we're becoming less rural and more suburban in nature" he said. "The thing we're always talking about as a community comes back to that basic idea."

Dennis has been town manager in Portola Valley for three years after working for U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein and state Assemblyman Rich Gordon, and then as city planning

manager in Palo Alto.

Dennis said his role is to carry out the goals of the Town Council, and he encourages residents to pay him a visit if they want to express their concerns. "Even if we can't do what everyone wants, it's important that they feel they have been involved in the decision-making process, keeping things transparent and fair to everyone," he said.

Current priorities include preparing Portola Valley to be ready for a natural disaster, including fire, flooding and earthquakes. The town, he noted, is conscious of the growing danger of wildfires in rural areas.

"We're also sitting right on the San Andreas Fault, which I can see from my office window," he said. ■

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assistant city clerk for the city of Manteca.

Before that, he was a supervisor with the San Mateo County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's Office, where he helped coordinate the all-mail ballot election in 2015, the 2016 presidential election and the conversion to countywide vote centers. He also supervised the design and production of the official ballot, as well as precinct evaluation and analysis.

Suber, a graduate of Los Altos High School, holds bachelor's degrees in political science and speech communication and rhetoric studies from Hofstra University in New York.

He returned to California in 2015 after spending over 10 years in New York, where he worked in government services

administration and consulting with MAXIMUS and America Works.

"Anthony is passionate about public service and committed to helping residents connect with services efficiently," town officials said in the press release.

DellaSanta joined the town of Atherton's staff in 2009 and served several roles — including human resources manager and interim city manager — prior to her work as deputy city manager and city clerk. Before that, she was deputy board secretary for the San Mateo County Harbor District.

DellaSanta's last day with the town is May 15. Suber will meet with DellaSanta for a few days prior to her departure for job training, the town said.

Beginning on May 30, Suber can be reached at asuber@ci.atherton.ca.us and 650-752-0529. ■

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more than two years and has to be done for a stated purpose.

Taylor also asked: What if the entire Willow Village were to be dedicated to housing instead? According to staff, because so much of the property is designated for office space right now, the maximum number of units that could be permitted is about 1,700. However, if the entire property were to be zoned for housing, then about 5,900 units could be built.

Taylor said she wants to make sure that "reinvestment in Belle Haven is visible." The neighborhood, she said, has been asking for the same things they've requested for decades, and the sole responsibility shouldn't fall on Facebook; the city should shoulder the burden too.

She said she was interested in an inclusive and comprehensive community amenities plan that considers local hiring, housing, education, infrastructure and transportation.

Facebook also has the potential to develop an additional 1,500 "corporate housing" units on its "classic" or east campus on the Bay side of the Willow Road/Bayfront Expressway intersection.

Mayor Ray Mueller said he acknowledges the progress and hard work by the developer, as well as the concerns voiced by the community. He expressed interest in improving the amount of affordable housing provided and reducing the jobs-housing imbalance in the project.

"We have work to be done, but there is opportunity here,"



Image courtesy Facebook/Signature Development Group.

A rendering of the office space area at Facebook's proposed "Willow Village."

he said. "It's just we're not yet where we need to be. I think we can all get there together with hard work."

Public comments

About 34 speakers weighed in on the proposal. Some, such as nonprofit leaders Barrie Hathaway of JobTrain and Melissa Lukin of Rebuilding Together Peninsula, said they appreciated Facebook's contributions to their organizations and, in the case of JobTrain, its efforts to promote job opportunities through its development projects. Representatives from a local carpenters union also expressed support for the project.

Jules Thomas, an East Palo Alto teen who says he wants to pursue a career in tech and expand a business, said he doesn't see himself as "part of the ecosystem created by approving this project in its current form."

His mother, Jennifer Lyons, added, "Growth of tech is not bad. Growth of tech without

people like us, of this community, is intolerable."

Jennifer Wolosin, a Menlo Park bike and pedestrian safety advocate, said the project's conceptual "live, work, play" intent sounds more like "work, displace, commute."

"Fifteen hundred units doesn't come close to mitigating the new office (development)," she said.

Belle Haven resident Matt Henry called the proposal Facebook's iteration of a factory town. "I think this city should place a moratorium on all developments," he said, noting that there are already eight to 10 big projects in the pipeline. "This city just can't handle all of that," he said.

Next steps

The topic was scheduled to return to the City Council on May 14, on its "consent calendar" agenda, for the council to authorize the scope and budget for the preparation of the project's environmental impact review and fiscal impact analysis. ▀

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Two arrested in market burglary after search

Menlo Park police arrested two men on May 7 who allegedly tried to flee after burglarizing La Hacienda Market at 1933 Menalto Ave. in the Willows neighborhood, according to an announcement from the police department.

Police responded to an alarm call at 11:05 that night, and when they arrived, the market appeared to have been burglarized. Officers noticed a vehicle leaving the business, and when they tried to stop it, the driver tried to flee by turning into an alley behind the market, police said.

There was a parked vehicle in the alley blocking the car's exit, so the occupants of the vehicle

got out and fled on foot into the neighborhood.

With the support of a police dog and officers from the Palo Alto Police Department, as well as East Palo Alto officers, police were able to find the two suspects hiding in a rear yard of a nearby home, according to the police bulletin.

They were arrested and booked into San Mateo County jail on suspicion of burglary, conspiracy, possession of burglary tools and resisting arrest. The stolen property has been recovered and returned to the business owner, police said.

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— By Kate Bradshaw

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San Mateo County coalition demands major contributions from Stanford

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

For the last couple of years now, Stanford University has been seeking clearance from Santa Clara County to build on its main campus 2.3 million new square feet of academic space, 40,000 square feet for child care facilities, and 3,150 new housing units between now and 2035.

The proposal would expand Stanford's existing main campus by more than 20%.

While the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors has been negotiating with the university to minimize the impacts of that proposed growth for some time now, a coalition of leaders in southern San Mateo County on

May 6 submitted its own list of demands for Stanford, in effect saying: "What about us?"

While Stanford is in unincorporated Santa Clara County, it sits right on the border with San Mateo County.

"Stanford University is the dividing line between the two counties," said San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley in a written statement. While he appreciates having such an "outstanding university" nearby, he added, the university's proposed growth would impact the county in ways "that cannot be ignored."

"From the studies we have seen, the impacts on San Mateo County are dramatic, so we believe that a portion of any impact fees Stanford is required to pay should go towards mitigating the impacts

on San Mateo County," he said.

Stanford's proposed growth is expected to create an estimated 5,500 new jobs and bring 9,610 new residents and workers to campus, but as planned it would add only 550 new housing units for staff and faculty. Much of the other housing proposed would be dormitory-style units for students.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, as well as leaders in a number of the cities bordering Stanford, submitted a letter on May 6 urging the university to address how its growth would impact Menlo Park, Redwood City, Woodside, Atherton, East Palo Alto and Portola Valley, as well as unincorporated county areas such as West Menlo Park and North Fair Oaks.



Photo by Veronica Weber

A bicyclist rides past the Escondido Village graduate housing construction site on Serra Street at Stanford University on earlier this year. In addition to this project under construction to house 2,400 graduate students, Stanford is proposing to expand its campus by more than 20% by 2035.

The letter is signed by Horsley; San Mateo County Manager Mike Callagy; Redwood City Vice Mayor Diane Howard and City Manager Melissa Stevenson

Diaz; Woodside Mayor Daniel Yost and Town Manager Kevin Bryant; Atherton Councilman Mike Lempres and City Manager George Rodericks; East Palo Alto Vice Mayor Regina Wallace-Jones and Interim City Manager Sean Charpentier; Menlo Park Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor and City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson; and Portola Valley Mayor Ann Wengert and Town Manager Jeremy Dennis.

Leaders in these jurisdictions are part of a committee formed by the county, which has met several times to review the impacts of a possible expansion as outlined in Stanford's general use permit application.

"We need to make sure Stanford University really understands and follows through on commitments to address equity and transparency in its growth plans," Taylor, Menlo Park's vice mayor, in a written statement. "With full mitigations by the university, it can begin to address its impacts to traffic, housing and local employment that our communities live with and that the university's expansion will intensify."

The letter was addressed to Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, whose district covers Stanford and a number of the jurisdictions in northern Santa Clara County. Simitian told The Almanac that the letter is important because it communicates to the entire Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, not just to him, about the significant impact that Stanford's growth would have within San Mateo County. Other supervisors who represent territories farther south may not be as familiar with the needs of southern San Mateo County, he added.

He said the letter is helpful because it presents specific potential mitigations that his county can consider, as well as a unified voice.

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“It’s easy with so many communities to have competing concerns, proposals, and considerations,” he said. “To me the most important thing is that the county and a half-dozen south (San Mateo) county cities all weighed in with a clear consensus.”

It’s also well-timed, he added. Santa Clara County staff is expected to release its recommendations on the conditions of approval later this month, in advance of the Santa Clara County Planning Commission’s May 30 hearing on the project.

The demands

The letter from the San Mateo County leaders demanded that 11 provisions be included in any development agreement that Santa Clara County reaches with Stanford.

The letter asks that Stanford be required to:

- **Establish a \$196 million “evergreen” fund for affordable housing units.** The fund would have to be spent within a 6-mile radius of the university’s campus incrementally through the course of the development agreement. An analysis of the proposed development found that it would trigger demand for about 655 housing units in San

Mateo County, about a quarter of the total new housing demand the project would generate. The letter’s authors estimated that half of those units could be rehabilitated or preserved at a cost of \$150,000 apiece and the other half would have to be built, at a cost of \$450,000 apiece.

- **Give at least \$4.62 million to improve road infrastructure.**

Some projects the money could help pay for are improvements to the Alpine Road/Highway 280 interchange, Middlefield Road, Valparaiso Avenue, Santa Cruz Avenue and University Avenue. The letter states that Stanford should also pay for at least 5.5% of the costs, based on calculations in the environmental analyses, of projects to improve the Middlefield Road-Marsh Road intersection, Bayfront Expressway, Willow Road and El Camino Real. In addition, the letter argues that Stanford’s commitment to “no additional automobile trips during the peak commute time in the campus commute direction in the morning and evening” shouldn’t apply only during commute hours but all the time.

- **Give at least \$15 million to improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure.**

This money would go toward projects expected to be used by Stanford commuters: a bike and pedestrian overcrossing at University



Joe Simitian

Avenue and U.S. 101, estimated to cost \$15 million; a trail along the Dumbarton rail spur estimated at \$5.5 million; and new bike facilities on Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks and Redwood City, estimated to cost \$11 million. Bike access improvements to Alameda de las Pulgas and San Mateo Drive, as well as improvements to the “Peninsula Bikeway” connecting Redwood City to Mountain View, could also be supported.

- **Give \$5 million to prevent flooding and manage stormwater.** Stanford controls a major portion of the San Francisquito Creek, which is a significant flood risk in the area. The county and its allies are asking Stanford to pay its fair share for the current upstream flood protection efforts and to increase its facilities for

detaining water during flood events. Stanford should also pay toward improvements to the Atherton drainage channel, the letter says.

- **Expand its free bus and shuttle service.** To cut the amount of traffic generated by people traveling from Stanford’s main campus to its new Redwood City campus, Stanford should run public access shuttle bus routes that go along University Avenue in East Palo Alto, Willow Road and Marsh Road in Menlo Park, and El Camino Real from Stanford to Redwood City, the letter says. Service hours should also be expanded.

- **Pay \$6.78 million annually in “in-lieu property taxes” to aid local public agencies that don’t currently get tax revenue from the university.** That figure was calculated using the current assessed values for Stanford’s secured and unsecured property and represents the amount the university would have to pay if it were not tax-exempt as an academic institution. Local officials argue that this revenue is needed to provide the public services that Stanford’s population relies on, like educational, open space and emergency services and benefits.

- **Help fund child care for people who live, work or study at Stanford.** The county has a significant deficit of child care spaces, county officials argue, and having more people at Stanford would increase demand.

- **Fully mitigate the impacts of its growth in San Mateo County.** The county wants to have equal access to funding and decision-making power about how to allocate mitigation funds alongside Santa Clara County.

- **Provide educational opportunities to communities impacted by its growth.** “Stanford has a rare opportunity to reverse historical patterns of segregation and disinvestment, replacing them with equitable development,” the letter states. “A focus on racial equity and impact investment are opportunities for inclusive job creation and economic security for homegrown talent.”

- **Pause new projects until road improvements and additional traffic studies are done.** To get to Stanford by car today, people already have to rely on suboptimal intersections, such as the Highway 280 interchanges at Alpine and Sand Hill roads and the Alameda de las Pulgas and Santa Cruz Avenue intersection, the letter explains. Stanford shouldn’t build anything from the new general use permit until those intersections are improved, the letter argues. Stanford should also conduct transportation impact analyses, with consultation from San Mateo County, before it starts any new projects in the plan.

- **Make contractors use specifically approved routes during construction, to minimize construction impacts on local roads.**

The city of Palo Alto recently joined the coalition, and issued a written statement of support of its demands. Palo Alto City Councilman Tom Dubois said, “Palo Alto stands with our neighboring cities in San Mateo County in insisting that the anticipated negative impacts on transportation, affordable housing, community services and the environment be fully mitigated.”

Responses

Simitian said he couldn’t comment on the specific demands in the letter or how feasible he thinks they might be. Part of the challenge, he said, is that if Stanford can effectively comply with its “no net new trips” commitment, then there’s little his county can do to require further mitigation contributions, such as those San Mateo County is requesting.

What will happen next with San Mateo County’s demands isn’t immediately clear. Last month, Santa Clara County indefinitely suspended its development agreement negotiations with Stanford, citing concerns about a deal the university had made with the Palo Alto Unified School District. The development agreement Santa Clara County was negotiating was expected to have conditions for Stanford to mitigate traffic impacts, preserve open space and provide other community benefits, but where San Mateo County’s interests would fit into that was not clear.

In a written statement, Stanford spokesman Ernest Miranda said: “We are carefully studying the specific requests in San Mateo County’s letter. However, the appropriate tool for providing the extra mitigations and community benefits requested in the letter is through a development agreement, and this further demonstrates why Santa Clara County should engage with Stanford in comprehensive development agreement discussions. The regulatory certainty provided through a development agreement will enable the university to provide additional community benefits. Stanford is ready and willing to engage in development agreement discussions with Santa Clara County.”

In the meantime, people should look to see what Santa Clara County staff recommends that Stanford be required to contribute in the “conditions of approval,” expected to be released around May 23, Simitian said. As to whether those conditions will include the interests of San Mateo County, Simitian said, “I would assume so,” but noted that the conditions haven’t been released yet. ▣

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Roberta Zarea named PV schools superintendent

The Portola Valley School District school board named Roberta Zarea its new superintendent at a May 1 meeting.

The school board voted 5-0 to appoint Zarea to replace Eric Hartwig, who will step down from his post in June. Zarea's three-year contract begins July 1, and she will earn \$215,000 annually.

Zarea has served as assistant superintendent of education services for the Saratoga Unified School District since 2013. Before that role, she served as a principal, vice principal, coordinator of special projects, and elementary school teacher in the Union School District, according to a district press release.

Zarea, a San Jose resident, is originally from Michigan. She

earned a bachelor's degree in Russian language and literature from the University of Michigan.

She also has a master's degree in elementary education from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and a master's in educational leadership from San Jose State University. She is completing work toward a doctorate in educational leadership from San Jose State. ▣



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Suspect pleads not guilty of murder

Francis Wolke, the man who allegedly killed Menlo Park resident and former Atherton town arborist Kathy Hughes Anderson in her home on Dec. 12, pleaded not guilty of murder on May 9 following several postponements of his hearing, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

Wolke also waived his right to a speedy preliminary hearing.

According to the DA's Office, Wolke had arrived in the Bay Area from Cincinnati just a few days before the murder, and there is no known relationship or contact between Wolke and Hughes Anderson, who was stabbed to death, nor a known motive for the crime.

The case is set for a preliminary hearing on Oct. 17.

Wolke remains in custody on \$10 million bail. ▣

— By Angela Swartz



Photo courtesy San Mateo County Sheriff's Office
Suspect Francis Wolke

Menlo Park man heads to trial on attempted murder charge

A Menlo Park resident accused of attempted murder will get a jury trial beginning on June 17 following his May 10 arraignment in Superior Court, according to San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

Roberto Gonzalez, 28, was also charged with felony assault with a knife and felony assault, and pleaded not guilty to all charges at the arraignment, Wagstaffe said.

He allegedly attacked a man in a homeless camp in Menlo Park on Aug. 28 with two knives, accusing him of killing his brother, according to a Menlo Park Police Department report.

A witness tried to intervene but ran away when he saw the knives.

The victim of the attack was able to get away and found a parked ambulance and reported the incident. He was taken to Stanford Hospital with

non-life-threatening injuries, and was treated and released.

The case has been continued six times because Gonzalez's attorney asked for more time to prepare, Wagstaffe said.

Gonzalez is being held on \$100,000 bail in San Mateo County Jail.

He could face a maximum of 14 years in state prison if convicted on the attempted murder charge, Wagstaffe said. ▣

— By Rick Radin

Town of Woodside Notice of Availability/ Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Public Review Period: May 13, 2019, through June 11, 2019

Project Title: 3793 Woodside Road –
Woodside Stables and Residence Project

Project Description: File No. CEQA2019-0002/ASRB2018-0030/GRAD2018-0001/XPAV2018-0001 - The proposed project consists of demolishing an existing residence, garage and stable, and constructing a new main residence, five barns, an accessory dwelling unit (ADU)(groom's cottage/caretaker's cottage), storage building, equipment storage building, covered equestrian riding arena, uncovered equestrian riding arena, new vehicle gate, and associated site improvements, including equestrian gallop trails and fenced pastures.

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(APN# 072-201-010)
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Lead Agency: Town of Woodside
P.O. Box 620005 (Mail)
2955 Woodside Road
Woodside, CA 94062

Contact Person: Sage Schaan, AICP CEP,
Principal Planner
Tel. (650) 851-6790 / Fax. (650) 851-2195

Public Hearings: The Architectural and Site Review Board (ASRB) is scheduled to conduct Formal Design Review on **May 20, 2019, at 4:30 p.m., in Independence Hall located at 2955 Woodside Road.** The ASRB will provide Design Review of the project and make a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

The Woodside Planning Commission meeting to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration is scheduled for **June 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in Independence Hall located at 2955 Woodside Road.** The Planning Commission will consider the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA (**CEQA2019-0002**), a Grading Exception to exceed 1,500 cubic yards of Site Grading (**GRAD2018-0001**), ministerial review of a Paved Area and Surface Coverage Exception (**XPAV2018-0001**), and finalize Design Review (**ASRB2018-0030**). Appeals to the Town Council may be filed within 10 days of any Planning Commission final action.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration, Project Plans, and referenced documents are available for review during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Woodside Town Hall, located at 2955 Woodside Road in Woodside, California 94062. The Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available on the Woodside website: www.woodsidetown.org

Please submit any **written comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration by 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 2019** to Sage Schaan at sschaan@woodsidetown.org or by mail at the Town of Woodside, at the address listed above.

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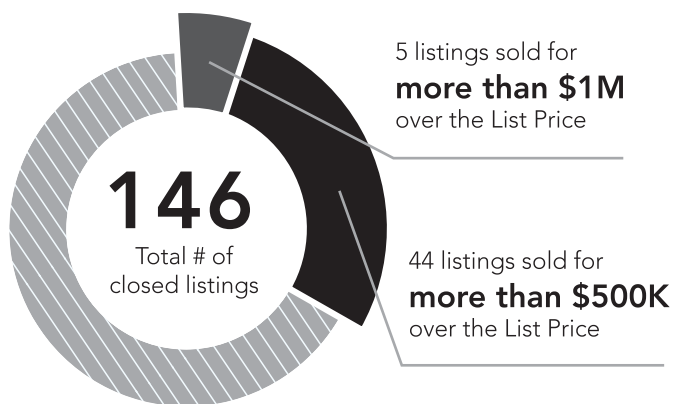


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TALKING TRASH

LOCAL GARBAGE-PROCESSING CENTERS FACE NEW CHALLENGE WITH CHANGE IN CHINA'S POLICY ON ACCEPTING RECYCLING

Story by Rick Radin | Photos by Magali Gauthier

The Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos hums with activity six days a week processing the garbage and recycling from more than 400,000 customers in the southern part of San Mateo County.

The Joint Powers Authority that runs the facility, known as Rethink Waste, serves Menlo Park and Atherton along with eight other cities, unincorporated San Mateo County and customers of the West Bay Sanitary District.

Trucks from Recology, the company that picks up the material curbside and delivers it to the center, drive in and dump their loads in huge piles inside the building. Meanwhile, bulldozers push the piles higher to make room for more material before they place it into a system of conveyor belts. The belts lead to machines that separate out glass, plastics, cardboard and other materials.

An optical sorter identifies the resin in plastics to determine what kind it is, while paper gets machine-sorted according to size and weight.

At the end of the line, workers wearing earplugs to block out the deafening noise serve as final goalkeepers to remove material that can't be recycled.

The goal is to divert as much of the material that can be

recycled away from the garbage pile that will be sent to landfill.

The center processes 500,000 tons of material per year overall, according to Julia Au, the education coordinator for Rethink Waste, the operator of the center. Much of the 80,000 tons per year of recycling that the center takes in has for years been shipped to China,

At the end of the line after all the sorting, the material that's left travels on a conveyor to the transfer station next door, where it is loaded on trucks and hauled to the Ox Mountain Sanitary Landfill in Half Moon Bay.

A BUMP IN THE ROAD

All this noisy activity is being affected by a serious crisis that has been developing for more than a year. Beginning around March 2018, the effects of National Sword, a program instituted by the Chinese government to raise the standards of the recycling it is willing to buy from the rest of the world, took effect.

Under the program, China is accepting only the most desirable plastics — those designated as 1 and 2, which include things like water bottles and milk and detergent containers. It has completely stopped accepting plastics in the 3 through 7 categories, which include, for example, Ketchup bottles and

newspaper bags.

Another problematic new restriction by China has to do with contamination, which occurs when people put plastics and other recycled materials that are wet or contaminated with food debris in their recycling bins.

China has raised the standards on the materials it will accept to a 0.5% level of purity that amounts to a virtual ban on accepting paper, which is about

60 percent of Shoreway's output, La Mariana said.

"We were sending everything overseas, and we were more focused on sending it overseas because China was taking care of it for us," said Dylan Svoboda, who represents Rethink Waste in Sacramento. "Now the purity standards are forcing us to look for other markets."

The JPA has found alternative markets for the mixed-paper products in Indonesia,

South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia and India, although those countries pay a lower price for the material than China had paid, Svoboda said.

But Rethink Waste isn't counting on that arrangement to continue. Those countries are now being inundated with material that China is no longer accepting, and it's only a matter of time before they

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Top of page: Workers sort out recyclable paper by hand at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos. **Above:** Trash is conveyed to a different warehouse by machine at the center.

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will begin enacting their own restrictions, he predicted.

Rethink Waste has domestic markets for high-quality 1 and 2 plastics and products like yogurt cups and cottage cheese containers that amount to about 40 percent of its production, La Mariana said.

But it has lost its market completely for low-grade plastic film, plastic grocery bags and rigid plastics, and those materials are now being dumped in the landfill.

As a result, Rethink Waste's recovery rate for materials has fallen from about 92% to 88% since March of last year, with the potential to fall much farther if its overseas market for paper collapses, La Mariana said.

In response, the JPA is planning a \$15 million upgrade to the facility over the next two years that will include adding another sorting line and more optical scanners that will help guarantee the purity of the plastics, paper and other materials that emerge from the line.

"The sensors use artificial intelligence to recover more material and more higher-grade material at a very rapid rate," La Mariana said. "Our current equipment was designed about 12 years ago and it is dated, and we need to modernize it to get top dollar in the marketplace.

"We're also working at the state level to build domestic paper processing markets back up so we don't have to ship paper around the world," he said.

The state of California is trying to help out with that. AB 1583, among a host of recycling measures now before the Legislature, would provide funding for developing paper-pulping mills locally that could process the materials that are being

shipped overseas, stockpiled or dumped into landfills, said Nick Lapis of Californians Against Waste in Sacramento.

Land-filling also needs to be avoided because it creates an environmental deficit, Lapis said, since landfills emit methane and other toxic gases that contribute to global warming.

In addition, if paper is dumped rather than recycled it creates a need to cut down more trees to make new paper from scratch, adding to the carbon dioxide load, he said.

GREENWASTE SHARES WORRIES

San Jose-based GreenWaste Recovery picks up and processes garbage and recycling in Woodside and Portola Valley, the two southern San Mateo County communities that are not being served by Recology and Rethink Waste.

These materials arrive at the GreenWaste Materials Recovery Center in San Jose, which has seen its recovery rate fall from 95% to about 80% since National Sword went into effect because it has to meet the higher contamination standards now in effect worldwide, according to Emily Hanson, GreenWaste's director of business development.

Like Rethink Waste, GreenWaste is sending paper to Southeast Asia, where their customers are paying less for it than the Chinese did and it has domestic buyers for its 1 and 2 plastics, Hanson said.

GreenWaste has upgraded its processing equipment in an effort to produce paper that is cleaner and more appealing to international customers, she said.

At the same time, the Chinese pullout from the market has caused the company to raise its prices for the recycling it processes.

GreenWaste collects about a third of the recycling it processes

What goes in the recycling bins?

Confused about what can be recycled and what can't? And which bin the material should be deposited in?

Recology and GreenWaste offer help on their websites:

Recology San Mateo County recycling guide
recology.com/recology-san-mateo-county/what-goes-where

GreenWaste Woodside recycling guide
greenwaste.com/sites/default/files/RES_WS_guide_Online.pdf

GreenWaste Portola Valley recycling guide
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at its San Jose facility and obtains the rest of what it processes from other hauling companies.

GreenWaste is charging those companies 47 cents to remove a container of recycling that it used to buy for about 65 cents, she said.

"Right now the hauling company is taking the hit and subsidizing the ratepayer," Hanson said. "So most haulers are going back to their jurisdictions and negotiating for some rate relief."

GreenWaste itself is in negotiations for rate increases with Portola Valley, Woodside and other cities and towns where it collects as well as processes recycling, she said. ▣

On the cover: A bulldozer pushes a mountain of trash into a corner at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos. Photo by Magali Gauthier/The Almanac.



A machine sorts different kinds of recyclables at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos.

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Local photographer illuminates the many faces of immigration

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park resident Mark Tuschman has earned accolades for his international photography exploring topics such as human rights and global health.

Now, he has turned his eye — and his photographic lens — closer to home to explore a topic that resonates with him on a deep personal level: immigration.

It's a topic, he says, that symbolizes the extent of polarization in the U.S. He sees rising anti-immigrant rhetoric, he told *The Almanac*, as "the old fascist 101 playbook," which uses discrimination to consolidate power "instead of working together to solve complex problems."

Ecosystems thrive best when they're diverse, he says. As proof, just watch the new Netflix documentary series "Our Planet" (narrated by David Attenborough), a show he's recently been enjoying, he adds.

Immigrants have always played an important role in shaping the U.S., he says. Go back far enough into one's ancestry and you'll find people who came to America for the same reasons they're coming now.

In his family, he says, it was his grandparents who came to the U.S. from Russia at the turn of the century. He credits his own life to their move. Had

they tried to immigrate later in the 20th century, after the U.S. restricted immigration for Jewish refugees, they might have become victims of the Holocaust, he notes.

"I see how immigrants are being used as a political scapegoat," he says. "It's important for me to do something."

For him, that something was a project that's occupied his time over the last 15 months or so: to shoot portraits of immigrants from all walks of life, many of whom are from Northern California, and some of whom are local residents. Some are undocumented, some have green cards; others have H-1B visas, or temporary status through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Act. Some have full citizenship. They also span a wide socioeconomic spectrum. All of them, as he demonstrates on his project's website, immigrantsareUS.org, have powerful stories to share.

He says he tried to highlight immigrant groups that he feels are being discriminated against most strongly: Hispanic, Muslim and African people.

Another goal, he adds, was to show how immigrants contribute to society. Immigrant workers play a critical role in the agricultural system, and in filling restaurant, hotel, service and home care jobs. And in Silicon Valley, the high-tech industry also relies heavily on the technical expertise of immigrants.

The project taught Tuschman to look

at his own community differently, he says. Before starting his project, he explains, it had never occurred to him to ask the woman who cleans his house about her story. But then, he asked, and by the time she was done telling the story of her flight from Nicaragua about 30 years ago, and sharing the terrifying experiences she underwent, he had tears in his eyes, he adds.

"(There are) so many immigrants we deal with on a daily basis," he says. "We don't take the time to talk and hear their stories."

Still, he says, there were some subjects, especially among undocumented residents, who were afraid of being photographed. Some people said no, and others agreed on the condition that their identity be kept hidden or their name changed.

Tuschman continues to photograph new subjects while working with different groups, like the National Immigration Law Center in Washington, D.C., and Define American, a nonprofit focused on changing how immigration, citizenship and identity are discussed in the U.S., to try to get his photo show on the road. He's hoping to show his photographs at college campuses, with the aim of inspiring young people to vote.

As a photographer, he says he's learned that the work of changing minds isn't done as effectively with facts and political arguments as with



Mark Tuschman

stories and photographs.

"You really can't argue with a person's story," he says.

If you go

Mark Tuschman's exhibit, "Immigrants are US," will be on display during presentations by Tuschman and immigrants who participated in the project on Thursday, May 16, from 7 to 9 p.m.; Friday, May 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Art Ventures Gallery at 888 Santa Cruz Ave. in Menlo Park. Go to immigrantsareus.org to access the project website and read personal essays that accompany each portrait. ■

In their own words

Photos by Mark Tuschman

The people featured in Mark Tuschman's photography exhibit, *Immigrants are US*, offered glimpses of their lives in essays, which are included on the website immigrantsareus.org, along with more photos.

They are the stories of immigrants who have become medical and legal professionals, as well as those who harvest our food in the fields of California's farmland, and those who have fled horrendous violence in their native land.

They are stories of people who are in this country legally, and some who live in constant fear of being deported and never seeing their families again. All are contributing to our society in fundamental ways.

Here are a few of their stories.

Odette Harris. Neurosurgeon at Stanford University Medical Center. Born in Jamaica.

"I did experience discrimination growing up. ... And I still experience discrimination. ... there are endless stories of racism that I have as a clinician, like being asked to clean the bathroom when wearing a white jacket and a nice dress underneath. None of the external indicators apply when the dominant perception is race. Because for any other person wearing a white coat, the assumption is that they're a doctor, but that doesn't apply to me. ...

Also, if you are a person of color in Silicon Valley, it's incredibly complicated. Sometimes we joke back and forth like, "How many black people have you seen this week?" And the answer is, "You."



Odette Harris

We live in communities where we don't make up a whole percent, sometimes. That can be eroding to us, as well as to our children and their experiences in the world. They have very few role models. They can go their entire academic career never having had a teacher of

color. Those kinds of influences sociologically have an impact on our kids, and yet that's where we live and that's the culture."

Theresa. Born in Mexico. Farm worker.

I am from Vera Cruz, Mexico. I have been here for 15 years mostly doing farmwork.

I was a victim of domestic violence in Mexico. I had to leave my children with my mother and I have not seen them for fifteen years. ... I was five months pregnant with my last child and my husband bit off part of my nose. ... I left as soon as I could.

It was a difficult journey. I remember I was with a group of all men crossing a river. The nighttime patrol came by and I ran into a ditch and fell and broke my foot. The men helped me go back to Mexico to Ciudad Juarez. I had an operation there



Theresa

and was there for 3 months recovering. I had to pay back my expenses so they sent me as a runner to go and collect the money from the immigrants crossing for the coyotes. I was on crutches and had to carry a lot of money. I felt pretty vulnerable. It took 3 months of working to pay off my debt before I could come across.

I have a new husband and two young girls. I do not depend on any public assistance. I pay for my own way and my kids as well. I like the work that I do growing food.

Our life here is very tentative. I live with fear. I have young girls and if I get deported what will happen to them? I would like to be here legally and have

some paperwork so we can work here but we can also go to Mexico and come back. We are not criminals. We are not here to hurt anyone.

Iliana Perez. Research analyst at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and doctoral candidate. Born in Mexico.

"My family came here in 1995 from Mexico, from near Mexico City. The reason we made the difficult choice to come is because there was an economic recession in Mexico at the time. My parents were facing extreme economic hardships so they made the decision, like millions

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IN THEIR WORDS

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of other individuals, to come to this country so my younger brother and I could have a better life. ...

I have known I was undocumented since I was very young. My parents stressed the importance of education very early on, since we were in Mexico. So, I did excel in school from the moment I got here ...

Anybody can come to this country, invest, and start a business. We all get either a Social Security Number or an ITIN Number, and everybody can pursue entrepreneurship as long as we pay our taxes. I began working as an independent contractor with my degree in math and started to think about how all this tied in with immigration. I am currently a DACA recipient so I do have relief from deportation. But it is estimated that about 900,000 undocumented individuals across the country are entrepreneurs. They may not be able to get work authorization, but they can hire US citizens.

So, in contrast to the idea undocumented immigrants are stealing jobs, many individuals are actually creating jobs for other folks.

Umair Khan. Entrepreneur, mentor and co-founder of Zareen's restaurant. Born in Pakistan.

I was lucky enough to be accepted at MIT. I and Zareen (his wife) met when we were in high school. So we had a very expensive AT&T-enabled relationship for four years, at \$3.50 per minute per call. Then... we got married and I came back for graduate school at MIT. I was on F1 student visa, but she was on F4 which is "spouse of student" visa — the lowest rung in the visa totem pole. She wasn't allowed to work. She was an MBA, had worked at big companies in Pakistan and suddenly, she was homebound. But then luckily, she applied to Northeastern and became a



Umair Khan

graduate student. ...

There are a lot of great things about this country, but for me, as a former school teacher and current college lecturer, the greatest thing about America is the college educational system. That's what attracted me to America.

Growing up in Pakistan, we all dreamed of the big name colleges. That is America's great magnet for the best minds in the world. Sadly, this is the first time last year that applications of international students are down compared to the year before. That's never happened. And that is a very worrying statistic.



Zareen Khan

Zareen Khan. Restaurateur and chef. Born in Pakistan.

For me, even more than the creative part of cooking, what I love most is that my restaurant lets people see who we are as immigrants, introduce our culture and our hospitality to them.

Folks come here and are on tables nearby because we're kind of cramped for space. So people on adjacent tables — strangers who have never met — will start to bond over our food. You'll see Indians and Pakistanis explaining the cuisine to Americans and getting to know one another through a shared love of food. ...

The restaurant is a joyous symbol of the best of the immigrant experience. This is a restaurant that ultimately, at the end of the day, gives a lot of happiness to a lot of people. When you see the crowds and the bustle and lines out at the door, everybody is happy. And every skin color, every religion comes through our doors. You have people who've never had spicy food in their life, they've never had curry, they barely know Pakistani food and they taste the fruits of an immigrant's experience and the good fortune that this immigrant was welcomed here 30 years ago. ...

I think immigrants add a lot of color to our culture. You

experience different cuisine, different ways of living, different mindsets, different ideas from a different parts of the world. It all adds to the fabric of America.

Nahal Iravani-Sani. California Superior Court judge. Born in Iran.

The 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran is what prompted our immigration here. My parents uprooted from their life back in Iran for the promise of freedom, education, and opportunities for my sister and me.

It was a challenging time being an immigrant from Iran, in the midst of the 1979 hostage crisis.I was the new kid, with the funky accent, from Iran. ...But despite the challenges, we loved being here. We did our best to assimilate wholeheartedly. Fast forward to 1995. I was the first Iranian-American to be sworn in as a Deputy District Attorney in Santa Clara County.

... I remember being in court one day and a defense attorney coming up to me saying, "Excuse me, are you the Spanish interpreter? Do you know when the DA is going to get here?" I was sitting at counsel table — where the DA always sits. But even despite my location and the files in front of me, it was difficult for people to recognize I'm actually the deputy district attorney prosecuting the cases. I said "No I'm sorry, I don't speak Spanish — and I AM the D.A." I wasn't offended. I don't think he meant any disrespect. It occurred to me that he just didn't know better. ...



Nahal Iravani-Sani

If we have a diverse bench that is reflective of the community it serves — everyone from different ethnicities, races, socio-economic classes — the larger community will see that the presider of justice, the one making rulings and making decisions, is somebody that looks like them. It promotes public confidence in the judiciary and in our legal system." ▣

Woodside school district names choice for new superintendent

By Angela Swartz

Almanac Staff Writer

The Woodside Elementary School District board has chosen its middle school principal to fill the district's top leadership position. Pending a vote in an open-session meeting, Steve Frank will replace outgoing Superintendent Beth Polito, who is leaving her post at the end of the school year to head the neighboring Las Lomas School District.

The school board reported out

of a May 7 closed-session meeting that it had authorized negotiation of an employment contract with Frank, who has been with the district since 2002, to serve as superintendent. The board will vote on the contract at its next regular meeting, scheduled for June 4, said board President Silvia Edwards.

Frank is slated to take on his new role on July 1, if the contract is finalized in time, Edwards said on May 8.

"I'm very excited to work with

the board, staff and parent community," Frank said at the May 7 meeting. "I look forward to working here, and it's the best school I could imagine (working for)."

In announcing the board's choice, Edwards said that Frank is dedicated to the school and is the right superintendent for the district's future. He became Woodside School's middle school principal in 2014, and is largely responsible for transforming the middle school program from a good to a great school, she said.

"His dedication is unparalleled," Edwards said. "Steve gets Woodside; he understands our culture and values of our school. He's respected by staff, trusted by parents and, above all, beloved by students."

Before becoming middle school principal, Frank served as the K-8 assistant principal for five years, according to the district's website. He was a middle school social studies teacher for seven years before moving into administration.

A Menlo Park resident, Frank graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and earned a master's degree in educational administration from Santa Clara University, according to the district's website.

The board will also work with Frank to decide how to structure the district and, at that point, determine if another middle school principal should be hired when he leaves that post.

The board reviewed a

superintendent search proposal during a public meeting on April 26, and decided to push the process back until its May 7 meeting, Edwards said after the meeting. At the previous meeting, the board opted not to hire the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to help fill Polito's position, Edwards said. The firm has been working with the Portola Valley School District to find a new superintendent, and was involved in the Las Lomas district superintendent search.

The Woodside board also hosted a community forum to gather input on the superintendent search on May 2.

The Las Lomas district board voted 5-0 to appoint Polito as superintendent in an open-session meeting on May 8. ■

Anthony Lucien Rose

January 6, 1920 – March 13, 2019

Tony Rose died peacefully at home - his wife Carol and children Jessica and Derek at his bedside. He was predeceased by his first born son, Michael J. Rose.

Tony was a dedicated educator for almost 50 years. Hired to teach 4th grade in Portola Valley in 1950, he ultimately became principal and the first Superintendent of Portola Valley Schools. The PVS district grew rapidly from a few rustic classrooms occupied by 80 students to a campus with 3 schools and 800 students.

He appreciated people of all ages: students, teachers, staff and parents who in turn valued his quiet, calm strength and dedication to education for all.

He was unique in that he enjoyed listening intently when one had a concern and needed attention whether it be serious or a simple story to tell. He remained that way until his death at age 99.

Tony was kind, compassionate and supportive to everyone, inspiring confidence as he encouraged students to persevere and learn. Math, science, reading and music were important subjects in his progressive view of education. His family were the fortunate recipients of his unique gifts and abundant love.

He left Portola Valley Schools in 1964 after 14 years during a tumultuous time for the district.

He was headmaster at Florence Moore School in Burlingame for 3 years. In 1966 he was hired in San Mateo City School District as vice principal at Horrall School.

He stayed with the district as principal at Horrall, Lakeshore, Abbott, Beresford Park and Sunnybrae Schools until he retired at age 73 in 1993.

He said he never had a school day he wished would end.

Tony put away his tennis racket and learned to play golf at age 78. He enjoyed music, especially Frank Sinatra and Ella and loved snickers bars and ice cream.

Simple pleasures were enormously enjoyed. His depression era background would surface at restaurants when he said "I'll just have a bowl of soup", resulting in family fun and teasing.

When his eyesight failed he listened to audio books, both fiction and non-fiction, always thrilled to learn something new about any subject.

Tony had neither need nor desire to give his opinion on topical subjects but he was always interested in the other person's. When asked, however, he gave wise, well considered opinions.

Remembering Tony as he drove his 1955 black convertible T-Bird to schools in PVS and San Mateo will bring a smile to former students and old timers around the Valley.

He had a wonderful understated sense of humor and an attitude that conveyed "I like you as you are" to people.

He is survived by wife, Carol, Jessica (John), Derek (Anne-Olivia) and their families.

The family invite you to attend a Memorial for Tony Rose on May 25, Saturday 2 - 4 in Portola Valley at Portola Valley Town Center.

In lieu of flowers consider a gift to Rosener House in Menlo Park or a charity of your choice.

PAID OBITUARY

Polito to head Las Lomas district

By Angela Swartz

Almanac Staff Writer

Woodside Elementary School District Superintendent Beth Polito will head the neighboring Las Lomas School District beginning July 1.

The Las Lomas school board

voted 5-0 on May 8 to approve a three-year contract for Polito, who served as Woodside's superintendent for eight years. Polito will earn \$279,000 annually in her new post, according to board President John Earnhardt. She now earns an annual \$228,774 as Woodside's superintendent, according to

the Woodside district.

"With her experience in Reader's and Writer's Workshop, equity, social and emotional literacy, construction and encouraging and supporting innovative approaches to learning and much more, Beth joins us at a great time to help make our 'District of the Little Hills' better tomorrow than it is today," Earnhardt said in a May 9 email to district community members.

Polito replaces Lisa Cesario, who announced her retirement in February. In his May 9 email, Earnhardt thanked Cesario for her seven years as superintendent.

"She has, among many other things, hired great teachers, implemented great education programs in math, reading, writing, science and supported and expanded access to electives," Earnhardt said. "Under her leadership, La Entrada was recognized as one of the best middle schools in the nation and the state of California. She has also helped update and improve the facilities at both schools for 21st Century learning. She has supported our teachers through investing in professional development and rewarding them with raises in each of her years as superintendent. She has been a great steward of our school district and LLES is absolutely better today than it was when she joined."

Polito, who holds a doctorate degree in education from the University of San Francisco, served as assistant superintendent of the Saratoga Union School District for four years before coming to the Woodside district. Prior to that, she was a teacher, dean of students, vice principal, and principal at Redwood Middle School in Saratoga for 14 years.

Polito's last day with the Woodside district will be June 30. ■

Michael "Mike" Arnold

August 28, 1942 – January 15, 2019

Michael "Mike" Arnold, 76, a Menlo Park native, passed away in Reno Nevada on January 15, 2019 with his loving wife Darlene at his side.

The son of Thomas Church "Pop" Arnold and Fanny Hastings Arnold, Mike is survived by his wife, daughter Rachel, step daughter Christine, siblings Henry, Emily, Jesse, Sally, extended relatives Bill Grimm (Cathy), and Mary Mack.

Born and raised in Menlo Park, He attended Las Lomas Elementary and Woodside High School. He subsequently served in the Navy as an Air Crewman and graduated from Foothill College. Mike was able to complement his substantial mechanical, building, and people skills as a successful building contractor on the Mid-Peninsula and later in Pine Mountain Lake, CA where he and Darlene lived for several years.

Mike's local family history extends back to 1935 when his parents founded the Idle Hour Stable on the 3½ acre site of the former Stanford Dairy Farm in West Menlo Park. Several historic Arnold Family stories have been posted in the Menlo Park Historical Associations "Gate Post" publications over the years.

In 2010 Mike and Darlene moved to Reno where they found and enjoyed a comfortable and active life style and were deeply involved as sponsors and attendees in many charity, arts, social organizations and events. Of significant pride was their active sponsorship of Reno's Artown as "Center Stage" and the downtown Reno dog park.

Pursuant to his lifelong interest in cars and motor sports and having restored several classic cars, Mike was active the Reno National Auto Museum organization. Throughout life, having competed successfully in off-road motorcycle racing and endurance events, Mike extended his motor sports interests in Reno and became a ranked competitor, sponsor, and team member of the Northern Nevada Kart Club.

Mike was a loving, quiet and stubbornly independent man of action who was admired by his many friends and associates. He will be missed.

PAID OBITUARY

Food & Drink

Nothing to be blu about

Porta Blu offers upscale hotel dining with a Mediterranean twist

By Ruth Schechter

The year-old Hotel Nia sits adjacent to the ambitious Facebook complex at the intersection of Highway 101 and Marsh Road in Menlo Park, with buildings wedged so tightly into a V-shaped lot it looks like cars zipping up the highway off-ramp might jettison right into the construction site. Once you make it through neighborhood streets to the upscale hotel's front entrance, however, you'll find a place of cool restraint that puts the gleaming glass facade and the hubbub of its location gently aside. And that's just the lobby.

When you first enter Porta Blu just inside the Nia's front door, it's a bit like walking onto a movie set. It's beautiful in a neutral sort of way, blending a perfectly landscaped outdoor area — complete with pool and bowling green — with the restaurant's clustered seating and

RESTAURANT REVIEW

sophisticated decor. It's both chic and industrial, familiar and intimidating. There's a full sampling of the Silicon Valley spectrum: the hipsters flaunting bodies honed at full-service fitness centers, the hotel patrons whooping it up over some drinks, the business set hunched over a shared laptop.

After walking around the grounds, I thought, well, there's nothing to not like. The restaurant vibe is sleek and streamlined, with artful touches like blue doors (hence the restaurant's name) and what look like rolled-up carpets hanging from the ceiling, immense blue-printed banners, distressed wood pillars and weird plush chairs that you can disappear into. The big appeal is the classy restraint of that indoor-outdoor

setting, which expands the seating capacity on nice days and evenings.

The restaurant purports to merge Mediterranean influences with Silicon Valley sustainability, though there's little on the menu that looks like it's breaking new ground. On the lounge menu, offered all day, there are flatbreads and sliders, burgers and chicken wings, along with variations of the currently pervasive avocado toast and tuna tartar. To its credit, each of the offerings we sampled showed enough imagination and finesse to rise above the same old, same old.

Chef Michael Riddell, formerly of the Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay, is focused on Mediterranean flavors. Over time the restaurant's dishes have morphed from traditional tagines and mezze plates to more California-style offerings with a Middle Eastern edge.

One recent weekend, with delicious cocktails firmly in hand (\$14-\$16 for specialty drinks), my companion and I sampled the lounge menu. The mushroom flatbread (\$13) was perfectly done, with a crisp base loaded with mushrooms and garnished with arugula, then drizzled with plenty of truffle oil. Moist, juicy chicken wings (\$16) were jazzed up with flavored yogurt and pickle relish — a colorful and flavorful variation. Pork belly sliders (\$16) were fine, but nothing to get excited about. Servings were extremely generous, and we left feeling like we got our money's worth.

Dinner, on the other hand, was a mixed bag. While our dishes were generally prepared well, with lovely presentation, only a few really shone. The exception was the citrus honey shrimp appetizer (\$14), five perfect, little, sweet and tangy shrimp garnished with orange bits and coupled with flavored tabbouleh. The roasted beets and artichokes (\$14) were a pretty melange of colors and textures but lacked presence. The same must be said about our side of honey-roasted carrots (\$6), which had no detectable sweetness despite the menu's description.

Of the main courses, the winner was Mary's chicken (\$28). The generous portion was moist and flavorful, with a terrific citrusy crust. It came with

a cobalt-blue eyedropper bottle to dab on a little extra vinegary zip — a bit precious but fun all the same. Monterey black cod (\$28) needed some flair and could have used another minute under the heat. And the Mount Lassen trout (\$29), a salmon-like steelhead, came with a delicious quinoa crust and tangy marinated vegetables. And do note that when you ask for still water you are ordering a bottle (\$10).

Staff members are exceptionally polite and gracious, from the reservation-taker on the phone to the valet parkers by the front door. Servers were personable and helpful in making suggestions, but service itself ranged from quintessentially professional to well-meaning but careless.

On each visit, our waiters started off attentive and charming but then drifted off. At dinner, main courses arrived while we were still working on our appetizers, and plates were cleared while our forks were still moving. At one point we were flagging down anyone who walked by to beg for our bill. Admittedly it was a busy night and to management's credit, an item was removed from our bill to make up for poor timing.

There's an extensive brunch menu — this is in a hotel after all — and weekly cooking classes (\$25-\$65) that range from baking cupcakes to date-night dinners to a seafood competition.

A warning about parking: There is no self-parking at the Nia, and a sign by the valet stand

reads \$35. After slamming on my brakes and doing a quick U-turn to park on the street, I was told diners receive a three-hour voucher for the valet service, though the grace period can be extended.

I have a friend who is crazy about hotel dining. Me, I'm a bit more ambivalent. But Porta Blu did win me over for the most part: It's a restrained, classy and calm sanctuary with a modern Mediterranean-California sensibility. It's sleek and contemporary without feeling cold, and the menu is vibrant enough to warrant another visit. ■

Ruth Schechter is a freelance writer.

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Porta Blu's roasted beets and artichokes are served with quail eggs, candied pistachios and a raisin-caper sauce.

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Glasswing Media, located at 160 Sausal Drive, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County; Mailing address: 304 S. Jones Blvd., Ste. 1218, Las Vegas, NV 89107.
Registered owner(s):
TRICIA HEALD
160 Sausal Drive
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 May 8, 2019.
(ALM May 15, 22, 29; June 5, 2019)

BR CHABOT CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281103
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BR Chabot Construction, located at 230 Old Spanish Trail, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
BERTIN RAYMOND CHABOT III
230 Old Spanish Trail
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 April 26, 2019.
(ALM May 15, 22, 29; June 5, 2019)

BTMI PUBLISHING (BOUND TO MAKE IT)
BTMI MUSIC (BOUND TO MAKE IT)
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 280785
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1) BTMI Publishing (Bound To Make It), 2) BTMI Music (Bound To Make It), located at 1335 Camellia Dr., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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The registrant commenced to transact

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(ALM Apr. 10, 17, 24; May 1, 2019)

BULL PAINTING COMPANY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281126
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Bull Painting Company, located at 530 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ANTONIO NOLASCO
252 Hedge Rd.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 5-01-19.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 1, 2019.
(ALM May 15, 22, 29; June 5, 2019)

997 All Other Legals
AMENDED 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 JULIZABETH CASTILLO VASQUEZ to SANDRA JULIZABETH 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: May 22, 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: April 4, 2019
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Apr. 24; May 1, 8, 15, 2019)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 19CIV02238
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: ERIC ELISEA GERMAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ERIC ELISEA GERMAN to ERIC ELISEA.
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: June 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: April 25, 2019
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM May 15, 22, 29; June 5, 2019)

Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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Theater

‘True Colors’ Los Angeles-based Jewish Women’s Theatre (JWT) presents “True Colors,” a new show that relates humorous, revealing and inspiring stories from Jews of color exploring identity, community and being a Jew in modern times. May 20, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$30; discounts for members and J-Pass holders. Oshman Family JCC, Conference Room F401 (fourth floor above the theater), 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloalto.tjcc.org/jwtheatre

‘Lily’s Wings’ is an original community project and play in Spanish and English to raise awareness about human trafficking. Produced by Stacey Ardelean, founder and artistic director of Fuse Theater. May 15, 7-8:30 p.m. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. lilyswings2019ma.eventbrite.com

‘The Pirates of Penzance’ Peninsula Youth Theatre presents Gilbert & Sullivan’s musical classic, “The Pirates of Penzance.” Through May 24, 2 p.m. \$24; discount for students, seniors, kids under 5. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. pytnet.org

‘Shoggoths on the Veldt’ Dragon Theatre presents “Shoggoths on the Veldt,” an adventure comedy with romance, betrayal and mythical beings. Thursdays-Saturdays through June 1, 8 p.m. \$37; discount for students, seniors. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

Concerts

‘A Festival of Requiems’ Valparaiso Singers perform “A Festival of Requiems,” featuring works by Mozart, Brahms, Forster, Durufle, Bruckner and Faure. May 18, 7:30-9 p.m. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

Levitate: Bossa Nova/Jazz House Concert Levitate performs all original music composed by the band members. The band features a combination of organic, acoustic finger-style guitar melded with electronic synth guitar, upright bass and electric violin. May 19, 4-6 p.m. \$20 cash donation per seat. Dala’s Nest House Concerts, 371 O’Connor St., Menlo Park.

Music

Little House Choir Group Little House is partnering with the Active Learning in the Arts organization to offer a new choir program that will sing songs in various genres such as folk, patriotic, musical theater and classical. Through May 29, 1-2 p.m. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. business.menloparkchamber.com

Talks & Lectures

Evening Literary Seminar Series Author and former adjunct professor at University of California at Berkeley, Kimberly Ford, discusses “Less” by Andrew Sean Greer. \$48-\$160; price includes book. May 20, 7-8:30 p.m. Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

‘An Immigrant In The Sanctuary’ The program, titled “An Immigrant in the Sanctuary: When Faith and Politics Collide,” features a filmed interview with Rev. Mike Morran, whose church offered sanctuary to Arturo Hernandez Garcia, an undocumented immigrant. May 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. bethany-mp.org

Esther Wojcicki Educator Esther Wojcicki presents her debut book, “How to Raise Successful People: Simple Lessons for Radical Results.” A portion of all ticket sales benefits Palo Alto High School. May 22, 7-9 p.m. \$35; ticket includes book. Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

Joy Harjo Poet Joy Harjo will read from her recent collection of poetry, “Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings.” May 15, 6:30-8 p.m. Cubberley Auditorium, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Julia Flynn Siler New York Times best-selling author and journalist Julia Flynn Siler shares her latest work about San Francisco’s Occidental Mission Home, the group of female abolitionists who ran it and the young women who fled the slave trade. May 21, 7:30-9 p.m. Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Non-Fiction Book Club The Non-Fiction Book Club will discuss “The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row” by Anthony Hinton. May 16, 1-2:30 p.m. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. smcl.bibliocommons.com

‘Restore the Arctic, Restore the Climate’ Carol Sontag, a registered nurse at the Palo Alto Unified School District and volunteer at Ice911, will explain the history of Arctic ice loss, why it matters and how local scientist Leslie Field has discovered a potential way to slow the loss of Arctic ice. May 21, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. business.menloparkchamber.com

Tony Horwitz Author Tony Horwitz discusses his latest work, “Spying on the South: An Odyssey Across the American Divide.” May 16, 7:30 p.m. Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Sandhya Menon Author Sandhya Menon will discuss her new book, “There’s Something About Sweetie,” the third installation in the “When Dimple Met Rishi” series. May 15, 7-9 p.m. Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Museums & Exhibits

Public Tour: Anderson Collection 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

From L.A. to SF to Mexico: Jack Hooper — ‘Women, Figures and Frida Kahlo’ The “Women, Figures and Frida Kahlo” exhibit features abstract artistic work of American artist and educator, Jack Hooper. Through May 15, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Art Ventures Gallery, 888 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

‘The Happy Homemaker: History of Household Appliances’ The “Happy Homemaker: History of Household Appliances” exhibit showcases vintage washing machines, stoves, refrigerators, heaters, vacuum cleaners, coffee makers and more. Through Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. moah.org/

‘Into the Wild: Landscape Exhibition’ The Pacific Art League presents “Into the Wild,” featuring landscapes submitted by various artists. Through May 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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, presents 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.;

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‘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

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

‘Views from the Trail’ The photo exhibit by Frances Freyberg features landscapes and seascapes, as well as wildflowers and wildlife. Through May 31, Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Film

‘Facing the Dragon’ film screening and discussion The film screening and discussion will focus on the status of women’s rights in Afghanistan. May 20, 6 p.m. \$20; discount for students, seniors. Aquarius Theatre, 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto. events.stanford.edu

Kerry Tribe: ‘The Elusive Word’ The 2017 film “Afasia” pairs the verbal journey of Christopher Riley, a photographer and friend of the filmmaker who struggles to speak after experiencing a left-hemisphere stroke that left him aphasic, with Tribe’s own narrated effort to relearn the Spanish language. Free. Through Sept. 30. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

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. Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlo-park.org/projectread

Health & Wellness

Art Therapy: Design and Bind Journals Christie Inocencio from Christie’s Creative Cupboard facilitates an art therapy journal making activity. May 20, 4-6 p.m. Belle Haven Library, 413 Ivy Drive, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Mental Health 101 at Portola Valley Library Portola Valley Library partners with National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to present a discussion on mental illness and the services and programs NAMI offers. May 18, 1-2 p.m. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. smcl.bibliocommons.com

Religion & Spirituality

Labyrinth in Memorial Church 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. events.stanford.edu

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