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Flying high

Sun, fun and games were on the program for those attending the Nativity Carnival last weekend, June 7-9. There were carnival rides, game booths, live music and other activities during the event, held on the Nativity School campus in Menlo Park. The annual event is a fundraiser for Church of the Nativity. Menlo Park photographer Robert Most captured scenes on the ground — and in the air — on Saturday. For more photos, go to AlmanacNews.com.

County to expand flood district to create “resilient shoreline”

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Flooding isn't a new problem in San Mateo County: In 1959, the county formed a flood control district, which today has an annual budget of \$3.8 million. But with the threat of climate change-driven sea level rise and continued development along the Bay, there's a new urgency in the county to combat a series of water-related threats to the county's well-being.

In response to this urgency, the county has proposed to

expand the existing flood control district to address climate change-related threats like coastal erosion and sea level rise.

San Mateo County — bordered by water on two sides, is highly vulnerable to the impacts of sea level rise. One study reported that by 2100, sea level rise plus a bad storm could damage up to \$34 billion in property along the Bay and coast in San Mateo County.

In 2016, the county started a flood resilience program aimed at fixing flood risks that cross city boundaries. It's working on

three projects throughout the county; the nearest is a project to improve water quality and mitigate flooding by making improvements to the Bayfront Canal, which includes areas in Redwood City, Atherton and Menlo Park near Bayfront Expressway, Haven Avenue and Marsh Road.

That project will reroute canal flows to the South Bay Salt Pond restoration area and install new underground conduits from the Bayfront Canal at the upstream

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Council pushes back on proposal to add staff next fiscal year

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park City Council cast doubt on proposals in the city budget to add new staff members and use non-guaranteed money to pay for pension liabilities during a June 4 public hearing.

The budget is scheduled for review and potential approval at the council's next meeting on Tuesday, June 18.

For the 2019-20 fiscal year, the city's planning for \$169 million in revenue and \$171 million in spending, drawing on existing capital improvement funds to balance the budget, and plans for a surplus of \$100,000.

One element of the proposed budget that Mayor Ray Mueller questioned was a change from past policy to dedicate future ERAF dollars to pay down pension liabilities, since it's not revenue that's guaranteed to go to the city in the years to come.

However, according to Finance and Budget Manager Dan Jacobson, the city could save over \$18 million over the long run by using that money to amortize the \$30.4 million it has in unfunded pension liability in 10 years instead of 15.

ERAF, short for educational revenue augmentation fund, represents a pool of property tax revenue from cities and special districts that doesn't go to the local “basic aid” school districts, where property taxes cover a base per-student dollar amount. Both the Menlo Park City and Las Lomitas school districts, with schools in Menlo Park, are basic aid districts.

These revenues can have a big impact on a school district's bottom line. In Southern California, when the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District in Los Angeles County became a “basic aid” school district earlier this year, the district lost \$8.6 million in ERAF funding, according to the Santa Monica Daily Press.

When Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor asked if school districts had ever asked for ERAF money, city staff said there's not a clear pathway in which a school district might be able to access those funds if the city doesn't spend

them. Mueller had previously proposed using a joint powers authority structure to bring cities together and contribute their excess ERAF funds to support capital needs in the Ravenswood City School District, which Belle Haven School in Menlo Park is part of, but the new council has yet to talk about that idea.

Mueller said he doesn't want to count on the full ERAF refund and leave only the \$100,000 surplus as a buffer.

Several members of the public advised caution on the city budget: Former mayor Mickie Winkler asked the council to hire an auditor for an organizational review of city staff, arguing that Menlo Park has a large staff for a city of its size.

Councilwoman Cat Carlton responded that the city has a comparatively larger staff because it provides comparatively more services. City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson noted that the city runs two day care centers, two pools, an overnight parking enforcement program, and a senior center; some of those programs are not offered by other nearby jurisdictions.

The council asked for more information about how the city's services compare to similar cities. This data could be used for council goal-setting and in times when the city budget is leaner to make decisions about what might have to be cut, Mueller said.

The council also pushed back against a budget proposal to hire 4.75 net new full-time employees, especially the proposal to hire one full-time employee to work on an effort to improve financial transparency in the city and help roll out new finance and budget software, as well as 3.25 new library staff members to help keep the Belle Haven Library open for more hours.

The proposed budget also includes plans to hire a park ranger at Bedwell Bayfront Park, which Facebook would pay for as an agreement term with the city, and a new provisional senior civil engineer and an equipment mechanic.

“I'm not sure we need to add (full-time employees) to achieve

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Light fixtures are among the artifacts in the Days of Grandeur exhibit held at Woodside Community Museum. The exhibit features possessions from the Jackling estate.

Last vestiges of Woodside's Jackling House still in limbo

By Rick Radin
 Almanac staff writer

Steve Jobs may have hated his George Washington Smith-designed house in Woodside and had it torn down, but many homes designed nearly 100 years ago near the architect's home in Santa Barbara County are now worth many millions of dollars.

This outpouring of appreciation for an architect who was a founder of what's known as the Spanish Colonial style comes as Woodside still faces the issue of disposing of a trailer-full of artifacts from the Smith-designed Jackling House, the home that Jobs purchased, let fall into ruin and finally demolished.

The trailer, located in the parking lot of Town Hall, contains light fixtures, railings and other items. In the town museum are more light fixtures, light coverings and light switches in a display case, plus a chandelier from the house hanging from the ceiling.

The entire collection has an appraised value of about \$30,000, according to town staff report.

Some member of the town's History Committee have been in touch with the owners of a nearby Smith-designed house known as the Moffit House about using some of the items in a remodel.

But the Town Council decided in October to hold some sort of an auction to dispose of them, said Town Manager Kevin Bryant.

Bryant explained the time gap following the decision as due to the need to find "the best means of executing" the sale.

Born in 1876, Smith was originally a landscape artist who moved to Europe to pursue his career after dropping out of Harvard. When World War I intervened, he returned to the United States and eventually moved to Santa Barbara, where he turned his attention to architecture,

becoming a favorite home designer of the financial elite, particularly in the Santa Barbara area but also throughout the Southwest.

Copper tycoon Daniel Jackling commissioned him to design his home in Woodside, which was completed in 1925. At that time, Jackling owned 123 acres surrounding the house. He sold about 5 acres to Herbert Moffit, a San Francisco doctor who was married to his wife's sister, and Moffit used Smith as his architect for the smaller home he built nearby.

"Smith was an artist to begin with, and that carried over into his architecture," said Jeanne Thivierge, an archivist at the Woodside Museum. "He would design a house to look like something in a painting."

Jackling added a room to the house for organ performances in 1931, but had to find a different architect for the design since Smith had died the previous year, Thivierge said.

The Jackling house was demolished in 2011 after Jobs successfully fought lawsuits from historic preservationists and the lot, at 460 Mountain Home Road, was sold to a buyer who built a modern house on the property that was recently completed, according to Woodside Planning Director Jackie Young.

The water tower on the property has been preserved and converted into a multi-story residence, and the stables, known as the Champagne Paddocks, have been completely restored, Young said.

Most of the original estate was subdivided and developed for housing after Jackling's wife, Virginia, died in 1957.

"The water tower is the only thing that's completely original on the property," Young said. "All the out-buildings on the property are new now." ■



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City Council considers commercial moratorium to reassess rules, policies

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park City Council is scheduled to consider on June 11 adopting a moratorium on new nonresidential development, as well as on large-scale housing development on the city's Bay side.

After receiving a written request from Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor and council member Betsy Nash to discuss freezing commercial development, Menlo Park Mayor Ray Mueller scheduled the special council meeting to discuss the matter.

The meeting took place after The Almanac's press time. Go to AlmanacNews.com for an update on the meeting.

"It is my expectation that the request for (a) moratorium will evoke passionate feelings and strong debate on all sides of the issue both within and outside our city borders," Mueller said.

Nash told The Almanac: "Menlo Park's jobs/housing imbalance seriously affects the quality of life for residents throughout the city. A temporary development moratorium gives us a chance to pause and assess our situation and possible policy responses."

While the city has development caps in some areas of the city, she wrote, "now we need to examine how much development has already been built or is in the pipeline, the traffic and other impacts of that development, and make good decisions about mitigating the impacts of development going forward."

In a memo Taylor and Nash submitted to Mueller, City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson and City Attorney Bill McClure, they asked that the council consider a citywide moratorium on all new nonresidential construction, including

hotels, and any increased floor-area ratio for existing nonresidential construction.

Citing unprecedented development and congestion, historic under-investment in the neighborhood, the presence of "sensitive populations" and proximity to major roadways, they also ask that the council consider a moratorium on residential development in District 1 — the area of the city on the Bay side of U.S. 101 — for all housing projects larger than 100 units, as well as for any increases in FAR for developments over 100 units. Among the "sensitive populations" in District 1 are those vulnerable to displacement due to the lack of affordable housing, such as seniors, and youth who they say don't have access to quality education.

'Menlo Park's jobs/housing imbalance seriously affects the quality of life for residents throughout the city. A temporary development moratorium gives us a chance to pause and assess our situation and possible policy responses.'

CITY COUNCILWOMAN BETSY NASH

They said that they're asking for the moratorium in order to ensure that the city's general plan update and El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan "reflect current community values" and address "opportunities and challenges."

"Our definition of a moratorium is to allow us to step back and look at the City's goals and quality of life for residents

— here is where we are, now how do we fix it?" they wrote.

They want the city to further evaluate the city's jobs-housing imbalance. They also want the council to consider rezoning some commercial areas to be residential, upzoning current housing in some areas, and promoting residential and retail mixed-use development as well as passing a citywide housing affordability policy.

They also ask for a study of how each type of development impacts access to education, community services, emergency services, clean water and air, as well as traffic and public transit impacts.

If the council decides to move forward with the moratorium, the city attorney may be asked to draft an ordinance to be considered at a future meeting.

The proposal comes at a time when the city is seeing an uptick in large commercial development proposals.

Since the city's El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan was approved in 2012, about 84% of the 474,000 square feet of net new noncommercial development the plan permits has already been claimed by developers, and about 72% of the permitted 680 new housing units have received entitlements, according to an April report.

Growth in the city's Bay side has been even faster: Within two years of the city's general plan update being completed, which upzoned much of the city's Bay side, developers have submitted proposals for five projects that cumulatively represent more than the 1.3-million-square-foot maximum of office space the plan permits.

One of those projects is Facebook's Willow Village proposal, which continues to move forward. ■

Group raising \$200K to replace trail bridge

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

A coalition of horse lovers is joining the town of Woodside to build a bridge that will replace a section of a popular equestrian trail along Bear Gulch Creek that was washed out in 2017.

Based on discussions with equestrians and observations of the trail, use of the Center Trail, a vital link in the complex of horse trails in Woodside, has declined significantly since the washout, according to the staff report on the project.

"The trail was an old logging road that was cut into the hillside, and the creek caused a big slide," said Don Pugh, a member of the Woodside Trails Committee and the head of the Mounted Patrol Foundation.

The bridge will be a prefabricated structure about 50 feet long and 6 feet wide.

Seven horse riders' associations as well as several private residents have pledged a total of \$115,000 toward the project; \$50,000 from the town's Trails Fiduciary Fund and \$35,000 from the general fund is expected to cover the

remainder of the estimated \$200,000 cost.

The design stage for the bridge will begin this month or in July, and construction is expected to be completed in the fall of this year or in summer 2020, the staff report said.

The horse riders' associations include the patrol foundation, the Community Horse Advocacy Program for San Mateo County, the Woodside Horse Owners Association and the Woodside Trails Club.

The project was approved unanimously by the Town Council at its May 27 meeting. ■

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



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Environmental review launches for new Sobrato office building

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A proposal to construct a third office building on a 13-acre property owned by the Sobrato Organization at 162-164 Jefferson Drive in Menlo Park is moving into its environmental review phase.

A public hearing on the proposal, which would include a four-story office building, a four-story parking structure and a public park to serve TIDE Academy, the neighboring public high school under construction, was held June 3 at the Menlo Park Planning Commission meeting.

The proposed office building would be 249,500 square feet, and while the developer hasn't found a tenant, it noted that the building would be marketed to Facebook, the largest employer in Menlo Park and by far the largest along

the Bay side of the city. The office building could accommodate one employee per 125 square feet, meaning there could be nearly 2,000 workers in the new building, according to staff. The parking structure would have about 1,280 parking spots.

The discussion also included a "scoping session," in which the public and commission asked consultants to evaluate certain environmental elements to see if the development would have an impact on them. Among the areas identified for environmental impact analysis are air quality, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, population and housing, transportation and traffic, tribal cultural resources and utilities.

Pam Jones, a resident of the nearby Belle Haven neighborhood, asked that the environmental review process consider



Image courtesy of Arc Tec/The Sobrato Organization/city of Menlo Park

A rendering of the proposed office building by the Sobrato Organization and public-access park that could be used by the new TIDE Academy for PE classes at 162-164 Jefferson Drive in Menlo Park.

how the development could impact the air quality in Belle Haven.

The developer has asked for a waiver on two of a number of requirements for bird-level design after consulting with a biologist, and staff asked the commission to weigh in. Commissioners asked several questions about the waiver, but seemed fine with deferring to the consultants' opinion that a waiver would not compromise bird safety.

The commission also discussed how many parking spaces should

be required for the development; whether 2.5 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet would be enough or if three per 1,000 square feet should be required. Commission Chair Andrew Barnes said he prefers to see a lower parking ratio, as it would encourage employees to find alternatives to driving to work solo.

The development proposal has been scaled back after previous study sessions, said Richard Truempler, vice president of the Sobrato Organization. The previous proposal called for a six-story

office building with a five-story parking garage.

People have until 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 28, to weigh in on what other environmental factors consultants should consider in the project's environmental review. Comments should be submitted to Tom Smith, senior planner, by email at tasmith@menlopark.org or by mail to the Community Development Department, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Go to is.gd/sobrato373 to access more information about the proposal. ■

Woodside Glens development rules further honed

By Rick Radin
Almanac staff writer

Woodside planning officials received a boatload of feedback at a June 5 study session about a compromise proposal that would have allowed most residents of the space-constrained Glens neighborhood to add on to their homes without triggering an onerous environmental impact report.

The proposal would allow homeowners to use the total floor area of the house in square feet as the maximum size of the house.

Maximum house size in the Glens is now 1,000 square feet plus 10% of the total lot area, with a 3,000 square foot cap. A proposal introduced in January by a group of Glens residents would peg the maximum house size at 2,000 square feet plus 10% of the total lot area, with no cap.

It also would allow planners to approve development on lots with 35% or greater slopes based on exceptions rather than variances, thereby smoothing the approval process.

The principal criticism of the plan from commissioners and residents was that it is too uniform and fails to give enough relief to homeowners on smaller lots while being too generous

with residents on larger lots in the neighborhood.

A homeowner with a 6,000-square-foot lot would be allowed to increase the size of the house by 640 square feet, while a resident with a 24,000-square-foot lot would be able to add 1,200 square feet.

Commissioner Craig London urged the planning staff to give priority to homes of 10,000 square feet or less rather than larger homes in order to serve "the greatest need."

"Small lots should get priority," London said.

Commissioner Marilyn Voelke agreed that "the most help should go to smaller lots."

"We should have a sliding scale (depending on the size of the house), but the cap should stay at 3,000 square feet," she said.

Former mayor Ron Romines, a Glens resident, described the plan as "a blanket proposal, with substantial increases allowed across the board."

"Small lots are where there is the most need," he said. "We need greater flexibility with the small lots."

The proposed change in hillside development rules generated a difference of opinion, but was generally supported by commissioners.

Resident Susan Romines

objected to "putting more people on steep hillsides," citing safety concerns over traffic, kids using skateboards and other hazards.

London said that thousands of homes in San Francisco and Marin County are built on slopes greater than 35% that are safe with the correct engineering.

In the end, commissioners asked the planning staff to consider increases for lots up to 10,000 square feet, with a 3,000-square-foot cap and to encourage people to build garages for lots of up to 7,500 square feet by not including the garages' floor areas in the total, according to Planning Director Jackie Young.

For the lots of greater than 35% slope, they recommended exempting improvements for which no permit would be needed, requiring an exception for minor improvements. A variance would continue to be required for major improvements, such as constructing a new home, Young said.

A variance is an official permit to do something normally not allowed by regulations.

The commission will take up the issue again at a July 10 special meeting, when there will be a focus on regulating setbacks and garages.

The Glens hearing was preceded and followed by a hearing on a plan for a new clubhouse at the Menlo Country Club that was criticized by a group of neighbors, principally over the potential for increased noise. ■

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Steve Frank to head Woodside school district

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

The Woodside Elementary School District's middle school principal Steve Frank, will take the top management position in the district beginning July 1. 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 Woodside school board voted 5-0 on June 4 to approve a three-year contract for Frank, said board President Silvia Edwards in an email.

Frank, who has served as the middle school principal since 2014, will earn \$200,000 annually in his new post, according to the contract. He now earns an annual \$153,877, according to the school district.

For now the board has no plans to hire a middle school principal, Edwards said. Three teachers who are in the process of obtaining their administrative credentials will serve as deans for the sixth, seventh and eighth grade going forward, she said.

The school board reported out of a closed-session meeting on May 7 that it authorized



Photo courtesy of Woodside Elementary School District

Steve Frank has served as the middle school principal since 2014.

negotiation of an employment contract with Frank.

Frank has been with the district since 2002. Before becoming middle school principal, he 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. ■

Downtown block party set for Wednesday, June 12

Menlo Park's 13th annual downtown block party will be held on Wednesday, June 12, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Santa Cruz Avenue.

The street will be closed to traffic during that time.

There will be live music, food and outdoor dining, mini golf, face painting, a petting zoo and a kid zone, according to the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber and the city of Menlo Park sponsor the yearly event.

In nearby Fremont Park, at Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive, the city's summer music series kicks off with a performance of the Sun Kings. The show is scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

— By Kate Bradshaw

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what we're trying to accomplish," Mueller said.

The library has been hosting many more programs lately, Councilwoman Betsy Nash said, adding that she would prefer to see the library open more hours than to have more programs.

The Police Department has also requested a \$450,000 mobile command center, which Police Chief Dave Bertini said could be customized with equipment to respond to Menlo Park-specific emergencies, like incidents

at SRI International or Facebook. He noted that the center could be customized for Menlo Park only if it is owned by the city, rather than borrowed from another jurisdiction. He said the department plans to pay for it with Supplemental Law Enforcement Services funding.

And while the proposed budget has some information about tax revenue generated by district, there's no information about city spending by district. Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor she wanted to see more investment in District 1, which includes the Belle Haven neighborhood, east of US 101. ■

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Commuter bus burns on I-280, sparks grass fires near Alpine Road, horse barn

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

Crews from five fire agencies responded to a bus fire and two grass fires that were ignited by the commuter bus, which caught fire in the southbound lanes of I-280 at Alpine Road at 10:35 a.m. June 5.

All three fires were extinguished by 11:10 a.m., said Woodside Fire Protection District Chief Rob Lindner.

The bus, which was under contract to Apple, was consumed in flames and completely destroyed, according to Menlo Park Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman.

The driver was the only occupant of the bus and was not injured, said California Highway Patrol spokesman Art Montiel.

The CHP closed the two right lanes of the freeway while firefighters were working to extinguish the flames.

The bus fire might have resulted from a blown tire, according to the CHP report.

One of the grass fires was



Photo courtesy of Steve Juvetson

A commuter bus fire sparked two grass fires along Interstate 280 in Menlo Park on June 5.

moving toward the horse barn at Strideaway Farms, an equestrian academy located west of the freeway, but was stopped

short of the structure and extinguished, according to a witness from the academy. ▀

16-year-old arrested for having gun on campus

Incident took place during M-A's graduation ceremony

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

Police arrested a 16-year-old boy who they suspect brought a gun on the Menlo-Atherton High School campus on June 6 during the Atherton school's graduation ceremony.

At around 5:27 p.m. on Thursday, Atherton police officers who were working a security detail for the graduation were alerted by the high school's security guard that a physical fight had broken out in the campus' G-Wing, said Atherton Police Cmdr. Joe Wade. The graduation ceremony, which began at 4 p.m., was underway during the incident. Police said the incident did not interfere with the ceremony.

When police arrived at the scene of the fight, several suspects fled, according to Wade. One suspect tossed a gray item — a shirt wrapped around a black and green .40-caliber Polymer 80 Glock style handgun — into the bushes at the southeast corner of Ringwood Avenue and

Arlington Way, he said.

Police caught up with the 16-year-old boy, along with another boy believed to be involved in the fight, and detained them.

The suspect who officers believed tossed the gun, a Redwood City resident, was arrested. He was booked into San Mateo County Juvenile Hall on counts of possession of a firearm in a school zone; being a minor in possession of a concealed firearm, ammunition, and a large capacity magazine; resisting arrest; and a probation violation, Wade said.

The case will be sent to the San Mateo County Juvenile District Attorney's Office for review, he said.

Officers also found a 15-round magazine carrying three .40-caliber rounds of ammunition during the incident.

The other suspect, a 15-year-old boy and Sunnyvale resident, was taken to the Atherton police station, and ultimately released to his parent, Wade said.

Neither suspect attends M-A, he said. ▀

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How will the influx of new people impact traffic and congestion? An independent report concluded the proposed development would have significant impacts on traffic on local roads and highways. The local community would see significant delays at up to 24 intersections, and the region would see increased traffic volume on freeways. That's why the County Administration is committed to ensuring that the traffic congestion in the surrounding areas is not substantially worsened as a result of Stanford's development.

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WOODSIDE SENDS OFF ITS GRADUATES

Story by Angela Swartz | Photos by Magali Gauthier

About 400 seniors in Woodside High School's Class of 2019 gathered on Bradley Field — the school's football field — at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 7, to receive their diplomas and take the first step in a new journey of their lives.

The school band, under the direction of William Tolles, played the processional and the national anthem, and Daniela Sanchez-Sevilla, the senior class president, welcomed the audience of family and friends.

The program included three student speakers: Valedictorians Holly Rusch and Rebecca Weeks focused on "Power of Community," and graduate Nino Montalbano delivered a talk on "Getting Ready."

Valedictorians (students with a cumulative, weighted grade-point average of 4.1 or greater) were Ethan Bhavsar, Madison Bohannon, Samantha Borthwick, Izabella Brattesani, Nathan Cai, Melissa Crane, Aubrie Ferris, Giorgia Foresta, Alex Hadidi, Nicholas Hovsmith, Claudia Kister, Nola Klebaner, Kelly MacDonald, Madeline Mendes, Philip Moissis, Leila Odenwald, Zoie Orth, Ariana Park, Veronica Pratt, Ian Ramsey, Clayton Ramsey, Adrian Reitmaier, Svetlana Richter, Zoe Roytenberg, Holly Rusch, Erika Tsuchiyose and Rebecca Weeks.

There were 408 candidates for graduation in the Class of 2019, according to information provided by the school. ■



At left: Graduates hurl their caps skyward after the Woodside High School commencement ceremony on June 7. Below, from left: Holly Rusch delivers a speech she presented with another graduating senior titled "Power of Community"; a graduate "fist bumps" a teacher after receiving his diploma; graduating seniors walk onto Bradley Field for the ceremony; graduating senior Isaiah Henderson poses for a photo with his cousin, Darrell Page, before the ceremony.

On the cover: A Menlo-Atherton High School graduate walks across the stage after accepting his diploma.



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M-A's CLASS OF 2019 SAYS FAREWELL

Story by Angela Swartz | Photos by Magali Gauthier

Menlo-Atherton High School's Class of 2019 received their diplomas during a graduation ceremony held on the school's football field on Thursday, June 6, at 4 p.m. There were 564 graduation candidates, according to the school.

The student concert band and orchestra, under the direction of Kent Kurrus, played "America the Beautiful" and "Final Countdown," and concluded with "Pomp and Circumstance."

The Menlo-Atherton Choirs, directed by Patrick Maier, sang

the national anthem. Later in the ceremony, the choirs sang "Don't Stop Me Now" and "Vivir Mi Vida."

Senior class adviser Eva Neumann welcomed the audience of family and friends.

Senior speakers and their topics were: Melody De La Quintana on "Grateful"; Elliot Schena on "Embracing Uncertainty"; Jayla Hill and Elise Kratzer on "Connections"; Brandon Ortega on "Four IDs, Four Years, Four Stories"; and Christopher Ikonomou on "Missed Congratulations." ▀



At left: Brandon Ortega delivers his speech, "Four IDs, Four years, Four Stories," at Menlo-Atherton High School's commencement ceremony on June 6. Below, from left: A graduation cap seen at M-A's commencement; graduate Sainimere Sema takes a photo with friends after commencement; graduates celebrate after the ceremony.



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FLOOD DISTRICT

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side of the existing tide gates to a new outlet near the South Bay Salt Pond restoration area. A device to capture floating debris and keep trash from going into the Bay would also be installed.

In 2017, the City/County Association of Governments started a "Countywide Water Coordination Committee," which lined up an advisory team, and together the groups recommended forming a comprehensive water management agency.

In March 2018, Congresswoman Jackie Speier called for a single countywide agency to address the challenges of flooding, sea level rise and coastal erosion, which could work across city boundaries, avoid repeating efforts, and have a unified voice to more easily access state and federal funding for those efforts. According to a staff report, the county and the various cities and jurisdictions have had more difficulty in getting grant funding than counties that have dedicated agencies working to reduce flooding and sea level rise. Yet a 2017 study by the National Institute of Building Sciences found that every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation can save the U.S. \$6 in future disaster costs.

According to Erika Powell, flood resilience program manager with San Mateo County, funding and permitting agencies tend to support projects that are regional and collaborative.

Rather than start a new water management agency from scratch, however, the county plans to expand the scope of the existing San Mateo County Flood Protection District to also respond to sea level rise, flooding and coastal erosion threats, plus make large-scale storm-water infrastructure improvements. The expanded agency would be called the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency.

To enact these changes,

legislation has to be passed at the state level first. According to Powell, state Assemblymember Kevin Mullin (D-San Mateo) has brought forward Assembly Bill 825, which, if passed, would change the flood control district to incorporate sea level rise resiliency efforts, and change the governing and funding structure of the existing district to become a separate agency.

The bill is going through the state Senate now, and may be approved by the governor in September, Powell said.

If the bill passes, starting next Jan. 1, the existing district would be altered so that instead of being subject to the Board of Supervisors, it would be governed by seven board members: two members of the Board of Supervisors — including the coastside (District 3) representative; and five city council members from across the county, with four representing north, central, south and coastal areas, and the fifth an at-large representative.

According to Powell, San Mateo County's City/County Association of Governments has collected applications for the board and is preparing to have a "board-in-waiting" starting in July to prepare for the agency's potential launch come January.

The governing board would hire as staff an executive director, and bring in two county staff members working on cross-jurisdictional flood projects. More staffer members and consultant help would be recruited as needed.

The plan to fund the expanded agency is less clear. To start the agency, the county has asked for an additional initial budget of \$1.5 million each year for three years.

Across the county, Powell explained, small cities were asked to pay \$25,000 each, medium-sized cities were asked to pay \$40,000, and larger cities were asked to pay \$55,000. So far, all 20 cities and towns have signed resolutions committing

to pay these amounts, she said.

The county plans to match city contributions with \$750,000 in funding contributions planned for each of the first three years.

Menlo Park's City Council agreed in late February to pay the \$40,000 requested.

The flood control district is now funded by property tax revenue collected from the county's three flood zones; the money is spent within those zones, Powell explained. But those revenues are unlikely to be enough to support significant countywide flood protection projects.

During the first three years, which the county is calling a "startup period," the agency would develop an investment plan to figure out which projects to fund and how to pay for them. Powell said she expects the county to put out an RFQ (a "request for qualifications") seeking consultants to aid in developing the investment strategy in the coming months.

Those forming the agency will also explore options for long-term funding, work on existing flood resiliency projects and continue to provide existing flood control services.

After the first three years are up, the plan is for the agency to have identified and established a source of more sustainable funding — for instance, an infrastructure financing district, a geologic hazard abatement district or a targeted special tax — but if the financing plan isn't complete by then, the county may ask for up to two more years of voluntary city payments.

Public meeting

A public meeting to talk about the proposed changes to the Bayfront Canal will be held Tuesday, June 18, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Deerfield Realty, 3715 Haven Ave. in Menlo Park. It will be geared toward the local business community.

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Portola Valley aboard the pickleball bandwagon

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

Portola Valley is among hundreds of communities nationwide that are getting addicted to a sport with the strange name of pickleball.

A pickleball court can be created by taking a tennis court and dividing it into four pickleball courts, making new lines on the court with tape. The game is played with large rectangular paddles and a wiffle ball, a hard plastic ball with holes in it.

Alpine Hills Tennis and Swimming Club in Portola Valley has caught the bug and converted one of its courts for pickleball. Now a growing group of residents would like to do the same with one of the town's two public tennis courts, according to Portola Valley pickleball player Carrie Fregosi.

"You get more interest and more players on a court," Fregosi said. "The people I know who play tennis belong to a private club, so this is a way you can get the public involved."

Pickleball has about 2.5 million players nationwide and more than 15,000 indoor and outdoor courts, according to the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA).

The paddles are smaller than tennis rackets but larger than ping-pong paddles, and are made of lightweight composite materials, such as aluminum and graphite, according to the USAPA.

The game allows up to 16 people to play on a tennis court versus a maximum of four for tennis, making it a more efficient use of space and giving people more playing time.

Unlike tennis, players score only when serving and the first

team with 10 points wins. Similar to tennis, the players serve across the court, and the ball must bounce once in the service box before being returned, according to the USAPA.

Pickleball is being taught to kids in physical education classes in middle and high schools, but it has a special appeal for seniors who can keep active without having to cover an entire tennis court.

The game was allegedly named after a cocker spaniel named Pickles that belonged to one of the sport's inventors, Joel Pritchard of Bainbridge Island in Washington.

"Lots of ex-tennis players are playing," Fregosi said. "It's very cardio, and it's great for seniors."

Fregosi said she was at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto where the Palo Alto Pickleball Club plays and was inspired to organize a similar group in Portola Valley.

"I was invited to play in Palo Alto, and I thought that we could get this for our town," she said. "I don't want to drive to Palo Alto when we could do this in Portola Valley."

Fregosi's group had an event to test interest on May 3, and drew about 70 people to the town courts, with four skilled players giving instructions, she said.

"If they get the town to put (pickleball) stripes on the court, my kids would go ape to play pickleball," said resident Danna Breen, who played with Public Works Director Howard Young at the event.

Pickleball players have communicated with town staff about their interest in converting a tennis court for pickleball and staff is looking into it, according to Town Manager Jeremy Dennis. ■

Woodside teachers get pay hike

The Woodside Elementary School District board voted on June 4 to give teachers a 2% raise for the 2019-20 school year.

In a 5-0 vote, the board approved the pay increase for the Woodside Teachers' Association, said Superintendent Beth Polito in an email. The raise compensates for cost-of-living increases, according to the contract. Staff members will receive a \$1,000 off-schedule bonus, to be applied in the event that Gov. Gavin Newsom's budget includes a 1% pension relief

for school district contributions to STRS, or the California State Teachers' Retirement System, according to the contract.

There will be no increase in the district's contribution toward the cost of health, dental and vision plan premiums for the 2019-20 school year.

The pay increase will be effective on July 1 and in place through June 30, 2020.

Teachers' union representatives declined to comment.

— By Angela Swartz

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PUBLIC HEARING

2. 255 Grandview Drive ASRA2019-0006/XSET2019-0001

Matt Davis Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Presentation and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a Formal Design Review (ASRA2019-0006) and Setback Exception (XSET2019-001) for a proposal to construct a garage addition to an existing single-family residence. The Setback Exception would reduce the front setback for the proposed garage from 50 feet to 30 feet from the Grandview Drive right-of-way easement.

3. 890 Mountain Home Road ASRB2019-0010; GRAD2019-0001; XMAX2019-0004

Rafi Bamdad Planner: Joseph Balatbat, Assistant Planner

Presentation and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal, requiring Formal Design Review, to demolish an existing main residence, garage, guesthouse, shed, pool equipment structure, and pool; and to construct a new main residence, guesthouse, office building, harvest building, fitness building, pavilion, pool, vehicle entry gate, and other site and landscape improvements.

The Planning Commission will consider the Design Review recommendation from ASRB (ASRB2019-0010), a proposed Grading Exception (GRAD2019-0001) for grading over 1,500 cubic yards and cuts that exceed 8 feet in height, and a Residence Size Exception (XMAX2019-0004).

4. 3793 Woodside Road ASRB2018-0030/GRAD2018-0001/ XPAV2018-0001/CEQA2019-0002

3793 WR, LLC. Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Presentation, and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal to demolish an existing residence, garage and stable; and to construct a new main residence, five barns, an accessory dwelling unit (ADU, a 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.

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 Paving Exception (XPAV2018-0001), and take the final action on Design Review (ASRB2018-0030).

5. Town-wide ZOAM2019-0003

Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance Update Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director

AMENDING WMC CHAPTER 153, ZONING, SECTION 153.601 ET SEQ., WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES (WCF): Review and recommend approval, conditional approval, or denial to the Town Council of an ordinance to amend and update Woodside Municipal Code Chapter 153, Section 153.600 et seq. to address: development standards, municipal review and processing parameters for wireless communications facilities in compliance with current State and Federal law.

Report from Planning Commissioners and Staff on Other Meetings

a. Staff Communications

a. Planning Commissioners Communications

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Courtesy of Menlo Atherton Little League

The Rockies and their coaches pose for a team photo. Front row, from left, Ellena Kelly, Ashlan Klemmer, Reese Henricks, Morgan Chopra, Ingrid Znameroski; second row, from left, Brooke Willbanks, Annabelle Bartle, Elyse Yaeger, Emerson Foley, Gioia Brennan, Siena Tomasi; back row, from left, coaches Krista Rosa, Patrick Kelly and Kim Yaeger.

Girls rock on first Little League all-female team, the Rockies

By Renee Batti
Almanac Editor

Gender equality in sports took a happy step forward on the local baseball field this season as the Menlo Atherton Little League put together an all-girls team for the first time ever.

Although girls have been allowed to play on a team in the past, a group of MA Little League leaders of the Coach Pitch/TBall Division decided the time was right to try giving girls a team of their own — and judging by the enthusiastic response of the girls and their coaches, the trial was a notable success.

"The season has honestly exceeded all expectations,"

Coach Pat Kelly says.

The team, the Rockies, is made up of 11 girls ages 6 and 7, who practiced weekly during the 2018-19 season at Encinal School, according to Coach

'The season has honestly exceeded all expectations.'

COACH PAT KELLY

Pitch/TBall Division Commissioner Scott Retchless. The girls, he says, "did great."

Kelly, who is assisted in coaching the team by Kim Yaeger and Krista Rosa, explains that the team was assembled after some Little League parents and coaches "realized that a number of girls wanted to play baseball, but it might be less fun for them if they were the only girl on a team. So we thought, why not try to put together a team of all girls to play together? We sent around some inquiries to some of the girls' friends' parents to see if there were nine to 12 girls who were interested."

The response was encouraging. "With the help of the league — Brian Roberts, Ellen Long and Scott Retchless

— we were able to add any other girl who had registered for the coach pitch division (except for one)," Kelly says. "With that, the Rockies were born."

Kelly says that he has taken on coaching roles with Little League for about eight years, and coaching the girls' team "has been the most enjoyable experience. The girls are coachable, engaged, spirited and, most importantly, I think they are all having a ton of fun and learning some baseball."

Fun, with no tears, he notes. "At no point in the season have any of the coaches needed to use Tom Hanks's line from 'A League of Their Own': 'There's no crying in baseball,'" Kelly says. And the girls are eager to shine: "Everyone wants to play the position that gets all the action — pitcher," he says.

It appears that the Rockies will be around for a while, with all 11 girls wanting to come back next year and play again, Kelly says. It has been refreshing, he says, "to see the other teams not think anything is abnormal about playing a team of girls. They are all friends from school, know a bunch of the other players and just like playing baseball." ■

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Blue Ribbon winners, front row, from left, Soana Mahoni, Asha Agarwal, Hannah Cevasco and Grace Connors; second row, from left, Britney Avila, Rayan Rizvi and Isabelle Maennle; third row, from left, Sierra Burton, Ajay Ravi, Matthew Heafey and Gretchen Connors; back row, from left, Nate Fleischli, Lindsay Johnston and Joseph Hill.

Sacred Heart Prep awards diplomas to 121st class

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Submitted by Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton

On May 23, Sacred Heart Preparatory graduated 149 students at its 121st commencement ceremony. Graduates from the Class of 2019 will attend 78 institutions: 60 students will study in California, 88 will study out of state, and one plans a gap year.

Twenty-seven will attend Catholic colleges and universities. Thirteen students earned recognition by the National Merit Scholarship program, and the class was awarded more than \$12 million in merit scholarships.

Twenty-five have committed to play intercollegiate athletics. Thirty-three members of the graduating class have been on the preschool-grade 12 Sacred Heart campus for 12 or more years.

At the ceremony, diplomas were presented by Richard A. Dioli, director of schools; Jennie Whitcomb, principal; Anna McDonald, assistant principal for academic life; and Shami Ravi, chair of the board of trustees.

Following a century-old school tradition, "Blue Ribbons" were awarded to students nominated and elected by the faculty and ratified by the administration. Blue Ribbons are the highest honor given by Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton, to graduating seniors, and reflect outstanding achievement in academics and standards of character in the fulfillment of one or more of the school's guiding "Goals & Criteria."

Graduates receiving a Light

Blue Ribbon, for embodiment of a particular goal and its criteria, are:

■ Grace Connors and Nathan Fleischli for Goal I: A personal and active faith in God.

■ Matthew Heafey and Ajay Ravi for Goal II: A deep respect for intellectual values.

■ Gretchen Connors and Isabelle Maennle for Goal III: A social awareness which impels to action.

■ Britney Avila, Joseph Hill and Lindsey Johnston for Goal IV: The building of community as a Christian value.

■ Sierra Burton and Soana Mahoni for Goal V: Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom.

Graduates Asha Agarwal, Hannah Cevasco and Rayan Rizvi each received a Dark Blue Ribbon, for embodiment of all five goals and their criteria.

For over a decade, Sacred Heart Preparatory athletics program has consecutively had 12 or more students recruited and signed to play at the intercollegiate level. The class of 2019 will send 25 athletes in 12 different sports. Of that number, more than half will compete for NCAA Division I teams.

With the Class of 2019's college choices ranging from public and private institutions large and small, with sectarian and nonsectarian among the mix, the student body shows a similar breadth of interests in their future academic goals. Students plan to pursue educational programs as wide-ranging as STEM, visual and performing arts, humanities, social studies and more.



Town of Atherton

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE 2019 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and THE 2019 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton City Council will hold a public meeting to review and consider the Planning Commission's recommendation concerning the adoption of an Initial Study and Negative Declaration and adoption of an amendment to the Atherton General Plan consisting of the 2019 General Plan Update described below.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said review is will be held by the City Council at its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Holbrook-Palmer Park – Pavilion at 150 Watkins Avenue, Atherton, California in the Town of Atherton, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration should not be adopted the City Council or why the 2019 General Plan Update should not be adopted by the City Council.

Description: The Project is an update of the Atherton General Plan Land Use Element, Circulation Element (including Scenic Highways), Open Space and Conservation Element, Community Safety Element and Noise Element.

Key revisions and additions proposed include:

- Land Use Element – discussion of the new Civic Center, proposed Greenways, Silicon Valley Clean Water treatment facilities, solid waste disposal and recycling, the Town Climate Action Plan, and policies supporting these changes and additions. The basic land use pattern, designations and areas delineated are unchanged from the 2002 Land Use Element.
- Circulation Element – discussion about the San Mateo County Congestion Management Program, the Grand Boulevard Initiative and Greenway Concept, Complete Streets Policies, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, Safe Routes to Schools, Green Streets, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, the Traffic Counts Program, the Transportation Demand Management Program, and the Climate Action Plan. Updated discussions were included about Rail Transportation, the Caltrain Electrification Project, High-Speed Rail, Bus Transportation and Scenic Roadways. The Local Street Classification System was updated and a Level of Service grading system was added to describe the operational status of the local roadway network. Level of Service Standards of Significance under CEQA were proposed.
- Open Space and Conservation Element – An inventory of open space lands was added. New text was added expanding the description of open space for natural resources, managed production of resources, outdoor recreation, public safety, military and tribal resources in the • Open Space Element. The Conservation Element was updated to include a discussion of Santa Clara and San Mateo Plain Groundwater Sub-basins and Green Infrastructure; coastal oak woodland; Atherton Channel, Town-wide Drainage Studies, San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program, erosion and sedimentation control, the Bayfront Canal/Atherton Channel Flood Protection and Restoration Project, and a Stormwater Capture Project; historic buildings, structures and artifacts; and the Town Climate Action Plan.
- Community Safety Element – The seismic hazards description was updated including Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones, surface rupture, ground shaking, ground failure, tsunami, seiche, dam failure, slope instability, land subsidence, and liquefaction. New sections were added describing flooding hazards and potential, urban and wildland fire potential. A section was added describing the emergency operations plan administered by the Atherton Police Department and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. A section was added related to climate change. Emergency evacuation routes were updated.
- Noise Element – The Atherton noise environment description was updated, including new measurements of existing noise levels and mapping of existing noise contours and projections of future (2040) noise levels and mapping of future noise contours. A discussion was added related to noise from aircraft over-flights, Caltrain electrification and High-Speed Rail.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration have been prepared for the above described project pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. A copy of these documents is available for public review on-line on the Town website at www.ci.atherton.ca.us under the Town Government tab, Planning Department, 2019 General Plan Update and at the Atherton Administrative Offices, 150 Watkins Avenue, Atherton, CA. The public review period was from April 4, 2019 to April 24, 2019.

IF YOU CHALLENGE the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration or 2019 General Plan Update in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or the City Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

For further particulars, reference is made to the application on file. Any attendee who wishes accommodation for a disability should contact the Building Division at (650) 752-0560 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Date Posted: June 12, 2019

ATHERTON PLANNING COMMISSION

/s/ by Neal Martin

Neal J. Martin, Planning Consultant

■ CALENDAR

Visit AlmanacNews.com/calendar to see more calendar listings

Theater

‘Archduke’ TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents the Northern California premiere of “Archduke.” Written by Pulitzer Prize finalist Rajiv Joseph, the story explores how one man, one moment, can derail an entire century. Through June 30; times vary. \$60; discounts for students, seniors. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

‘Next to Normal’ This Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical explores mental illness and the effect it has on the American family. Through June 22, 8 p.m. \$38; discount for students. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Go to losaltosstage.org.

‘One Man, Two Guvnors’ This fast-paced farce follows Francis Henshall, who finds himself down on his luck, hungry and suddenly employed by two mob bosses. June 14-30; times vary. \$25-\$52; discounts for seniors, students. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org

‘Tales of Hoffmann’ “Tales of Hoffmann,” by Jacques Offenbach, takes viewers on a journey through the doomed romances of the poet, Hoffmann. Hounded by his nemesis and accompanied by his ever-faithful friend Nicklausse, Hoffmann seems forever unlucky in love. June 16, 5-8 p.m. \$45; discounts for students, seniors. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. app.arts-people.com

Summer Puppetry Festival: Fantasy on Strings Attendees will meet a host of 3-foot-tall, fully articulated marionettes. The characters include a mama and baby dragon, dancing ducks, tap-dancing skeletons and comical clowns. June 16, 2-3 p.m. Free. Belle Haven Library, 413 Ivy Drive, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Concerts

‘Music of the Americas’ During their performance of “Music of the Americas” (Musica de las Americas), Stephen and Gwynne of the group Zun Zun will present music from many regions of the Americas on more than 30 instruments, celebrating the environments and cultures of North America, Central America and South America. June 19, 4-5 p.m. Free. Belle Haven Library, 413 Ivy Drive, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Summer Concert Series: The Sun Kings The Sun Kings will perform music by the Beatles. June 12, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Anglo-Irish Americana concert for Father’s Day Tony James Shevlin, an Anglo-Irish singer-songwriter and professional musician, performs at Dala’s Nest House to celebrate Father’s Day. June 16, 4-6 p.m. \$20 cash/seat donation. Dala’s Nest House, 371 O’Connor St., Menlo Park. dalas-nest-house-concerts.business.site

Festivals & Fairs

2019 Block Party Menlo Park’s 13th annual Downtown Block Party will include live bands, inflatable rides, a trackless train, mini-golf,

a petting zoo, face painting and more. June 12, 5:30-8 p.m. Free. Santa Cruz Avenue and Chestnut Street, Menlo Park. business.menlo-parkchamber.com

Talks & Lectures

Summer Nights: Nest Night Filoli bee-keeper Kendal Sagar leads this family lecture, “Big Buzz about Bees.” June 13, 5-8 p.m. Free. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

Randy Ribay: ‘Patron Saints of Nothing’ Randy Ribay celebrates the launch of “Patron Saints of Nothing,” a powerful coming-of-age story about grief, guilt and the risks a Filipino-American teenager takes to uncover the truth about his cousin’s murder. June 12, 7-8 p.m. Free. Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

End Gun Violence: Moms Demand Action In a comprehensive “This is Now” conversation with journalist Angie Coiro for the new book, “Fight Like a Mother,” author and former stay-at-home mom of five Shannon Watts shares her expertise on how to have an impact on the future. June 13, 7:30-9 p.m. \$23 or \$45 with book; discount for students. 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. Free. Anderson

Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

‘Learning to Fly’ The Portola Art Gallery presents “Learning to Fly,” a collection of photographic images of owls and other birds by Larry Calof of Atherton. The exhibit features images printed on canvas and aluminum, as well as works printed on traditional archival paper. Through June 30, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Film

Film Screening: ‘The Wedding Banquet’ A gay man’s marriage of convenience with a young woman turns into a major inconvenience when his traditional Taiwanese family flies in for the ceremony. June 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Stanford Global Studies Summer Film Festival This free film festival will show 10 films from countries around the world, including India, Norway, Germany and Hungary. This year’s films will focus on the theme “Earth: Habitat for All.” Wednesdays, June 19-Sept. 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Sapp Center Auditorium, Room 111, 376 Lomita Drive, Stanford. sgs.stanford.edu

Food & Drink

Trivia Night at Cafe Zoe Participants flex their knowledge on various topics during Trivia Night at Cafe Zoe. Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. cafezoehub.com

Outdoor Recreation

Huddart Park Sunset Hike Presented by Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks, this docent-led hike explores wildlife, night-blooming flowers and more. Long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, closed-toed shoes and water are recommended. June 19 and July 24, 6:15-8:30 p.m. \$6 parking fee. Huddart County Park, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside. huddartwunderlichfriends.org

Weekday Take A Hike: Huddart Park Participants will choose between two hikes: the Bay Tree Trail to Richards Road Trail to Crystal Springs Trail (2.4 miles), or the Crystal Springs Trail to Dean Trail (5 miles). June 19, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Huddart Park, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside. Search event-brite.com for more info.

Sports

Ann Killion Award-winning San Francisco Chronicle sports columnist Ann Killion discusses her new book “Champions of Women’s Soccer,” a guide to soccer for young sports fans. June 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

Community Groups

Fire Safe San Mateo County The workshop includes a series of presentations by staff and consultants with Sonoma County Agriculture & Open Space, who will be sharing data and analysis from the Sonoma County Complex Fires of 2017. June 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Woodside Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside. Search event-brite.com for info.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

PIVOTING HOME CARE
PIVOTING ASPECTS HEALTHCARE STAFFING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281215
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Pivoting Home Care, 2.) Pivoting Aspects Healthcare Staffing, located at 318 Westlake Center, Ste. 202, Daly City, CA 94015, San Mateo County; Mailing address: 2861 Fleetwood Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066.
Registered owner(s):
PIVOTING ASPECTS
2861 Fleetwood Dr.
San Bruno, CA 94066
California
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
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 10, 2019.
(ALM May 22, 29; June 5, 12, 2019)

STANFORD GARDENS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281124
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Stanford Gardens, located at 718 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
LAKESHORE DRIVE, LLC
718 Oak Grove Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 1, 2019.
(ALM May 22, 29; June 5, 12, 2019)

ROAD SERVICE AUTO ELECTRIC SERVICE “SKY BLUE”
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281323
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Road Service Auto Electric Service “Sky Blue”, located at 2274 Ralmar Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
JOSE ANTONIO ROJAS ALVAREZ
2274 Ralmar Ave.
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 21, 2019.
(ALM May 29; June 5, 12, 19, 2019)

BLUE LABEL INVESTMENTS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281414
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Blue Label Investments, located at 3402 Devon Way, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
DANIEL ZAPATA
3402 Devon Way
Redwood City, CA 94061
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 31, 2019.
(ALM June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019)

Empresa Savi
SaviE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281458
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
“Empresa Savi” and “SaviE”, located at 2056 Pulgas Ave., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
IMELDA LLANOS DE LUNA
2056 Pulgas Ave.
E. Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 3, 2019.
(ALM June 12, 19, 26; July 3, 2019)

997 All Other Legals

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF INCLINE VILLAGE- CRYSTAL BAY TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF WASHOE, STATE OF NEVADA

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS
Case No.: ISC 19-00003
Dept. No.: 1

LYNELL HEATLEY, Plaintiff,
VS.
ROBIN J. REYNOLDS, Defendant.

Upon the Affidavit Order for Publication of Summons and the Affidavit of Non-Service attached thereto, filed herein, it appears to the satisfaction of the Court and the Court finds, that the Affidavit and Order cannot be served upon Defendant in person within the State of California; and it appearing from the affidavit, and the Court here finds, that a cause of action exists in favor of the Plaintiff against Defendant, that Defendant is a necessary and proper party herein, and the last-known residence and address of Defendant is/was 1633 Madison Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061. It further appearing that the Mercury News,

Redwood City, Daly News and San Mateo Times is the most likely to provide notice to the Defendant of the pendency of the suit. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Affidavit and Order in this suit be served on Defendant, ROBIN J. REYNOLDS, herein by publication thereof in the above-named newspaper. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the Affidavit and Order be deposited in the United States Post Office at Richmond, California, enclosed in a sealed envelope upon which the postage is fully prepaid, addressed to Defendant at: ROBIN J. REYNOLDS, 1633 Madison Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that due service of a copy of the Affidavit and Order on Defendant in person outside of the State of Nevada shall be equivalent to completed service by publication and deposit in the united states Post Office and that such process may be served upon Defendant as prescribed by statue.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2019.

/s/ _____
Justice of the Peace

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AFFIDAVIT AND ORDER
IN THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF INCLINE VILLAGE-CRYSTAL BAY TOWNSHIP
WASHOE COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA
(775) 832-4100

NOTICE
If either party requires a court reporter, please see Small Claims Information sheet for instructions.

Case No. ISC: 19-00003

Plaintiff: LYNELL HEATLEY
15 Breakers Blvd., Richmond, CA 94804
510-599-3837
LB_HEATLEY@yahoo.com
VS.
Defendant: Robin J. Reynolds
1633 Madison Ave. Redwood City, CA 94061
650-465-1935
Rob<@Robreynolds.com

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLAINT
STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE

I, the undersigned plaintiff, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada declare that the defendant(s) is (are) indebted to me in the sum of \$2492.60 (plus court costs) for the following reasons:
Property damage and expenses due to the defendant's water heater (861 Southwood Blvd. #18 Incline Village, NV 89451), flooding my units basement (#17) on November 8, 2017. Rob admitted his guilt & neglect, and promised to rectify my damages. He has made one payment to me of \$200 (January 2018). I further declare, that I have demanded payment of said sum; that the defendant(s) refused to pay the same and no part thereof has been paid; and to the best of my knowledge at the commencement of the

action, jurisdiction exists in this township under NRS 73.010.
I acknowledge that I have received and read the document entitled “Small Claims Information” and will comply with the requirements therein.
The undersigned does hereby affirm that pursuant to NRS 2398.030, this document does not contain the social security number of any person.
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
/s/ _____
Plaintiff/Declarant
Filed On: 3/14/19

ORDER

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, to the within-named defendant(s) : You are hereby directed to appear and answer the foregoing claim in the above-entitled court at INCLINE VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT, 865 Tahoe Blvd., Suite 301, Incline Village, Nevada. (775) 832-4100. For additional information, go to www.ivbcourt.com.
On Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10:30 AM
reset for Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 10:30 AM
reset for Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 10:30 AM

/s/ Frances Fash
Clerk of the Court
By /s/ _____
Deputy Clerk

(ALM May 22, 29; June 5, 12, 2019)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 19CIV02466
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: JEFFREY ALLEN GRANT filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
JEFFREY ALLEN GRANT to JEFFREY ALLEN CARVAJAL.
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 19, 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: May 7, 2019
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM May 22, 29; June 5, 12, 2019)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DANIEL STRANGE
Case No.: 19-PRO-00643
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DANIEL STRANGE.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LISA JO NOBLE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO.
The Petition for Probate requests that: LISA JO NOBLE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 28, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court.
If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Eyad Yaser Abdeljawad
5670 Schaefer Ave., Ste. P
Chino, CA 91710
(909) 800-8600
(ALM June 12, 19, 26, 2019)

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“Snowy Owl” (12x18) is one of the photographs featured in Larry Calof’s current exhibit at the Portola Art Gallery.

Birds in the spotlight

Atherton photographer Larry Calof is showing works featuring images of various species of owls and other birds at the Portola Art Gallery, located in the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. An artist reception is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The photos are printed on canvas and aluminum, as well as on traditional archival paper.

The art show, titled “Learning to Fly” is an encore performance for Calof, who

has exhibited his wildlife and landscape work at the gallery numerous times.

In addition to the Portola Art Gallery, Calof has exhibited and taken prizes at a number of local juried art shows, including Filoli, Pacific Art League, and the California Land Trust Gallery, according to a press release from the gallery.

The gallery is at 75 Arbor Road. Gallery hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Menlo Park
Monthly Market Report
May 1 - May 31, 2019

Rossetti Realty Inc.

TOP 10 SALES*			
1. \$9,700,000 777 Sharon Park Drive	2. \$6,700,000 320 Olive Street	3. \$6,400,000 1760 Bay Laurel Drive	4. \$6,200,000 555 Oakfield Lane
5. \$4,200,000 1175 Hermosa Way	6. \$4,050,000 422 Concord Drive	7. \$4,000,000 35 Hallmark Circle	8. \$4,000,000 340 Ringwood Avenue
9. \$3,925,000 680 Cambridge Avenue	10. \$3,600,000 2127 Oakley Avenue		

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ACTIVE LISTINGS

51
PENDING LISTINGS

46
SOLD LISTINGS

\$1,299
AVERAGE SALES PRICE/SQ Ft

21
AVERAGE SOLD DAYS ON MARKET

100.90%
SALE/LIST PRICE

\$2,829,955
AVERAGE SALES PRICE

2,168
AVERAGE APPROX SQ Ft

1.50
MONTH SUPPLY

*Source MLS Listings for Single Family Properties | Townhomes | Condos
May 2019 compared to April 2019

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Let's tackle the moral crisis of our time: affordable housing

By Nancy Stork

In 1994, my husband and I put a bid on a house in Ladera. The deal never went through, but one of the shocks of my life came when I read the deed to that house and found an exclusionary racial covenant from the 1950s. The realtor's cover letter said that racially based covenants were no longer legal, but there it sits, a blight on our history, fully searchable by anyone who wants to visit the San Mateo County Records.

We are now at a historical juncture. My students are sleeping on sofas or commuting from King City. One told me he was offered a room in a converted meat locker. Drive north on I-280 at 4:30 a.m. and you will see dozens of cars parked on the berm. People are living in RVs along El Camino Real. The Bay Area, home to self-proclaimed "sanctuary cities," has hundreds of people living under bridges. Affordable housing is the moral crisis of our time.

Local decisions have global impact. When cities in the Bay Area vote to limit



housing, the effects multiply. When well-housed people equivocate and say "Not here. Not now," the delays mount and people are driven out.

Many people in Portola Valley have worked on this issue; I thank you. I applaud the public meetings held by the town and by Stanford. I am glad to hear that the Priory is proposing more faculty housing and I appreciate that the town is relaxing its rules on ADUs. These are important steps, and I hope we can do more.

In particular, I support the development of the town land wedged between the Corte Madera school fence and Alpine

Road. Here are some of the arguments I have heard and my replies:

■ Portola Valley is already so expensive, it won't really be affordable anyway.

Answer: There are many levels of affordability and we need housing at all of them.

■ The town is a gateway to the open space.

Answer: We have multiple trailheads and two beautiful gateways to open space: Willowbrook and 555 Portola Road. There is an existing right of way, and walking by a sensibly designed group of small homes will not impede anyone's progress toward Windy Hill or the Toyon trails.

■ The environment, particularly the frog pond, needs to be preserved.

Answer: We have a robust review process in place that will save the frog pond, respect the environment and build green houses.

■ There's no transportation.

Answer: Working-class people in the Bay Area already own cars. Old cars that break down and cause traffic jams.

Affordable housing in the Bay Area will help save the carbon costs of workers commuting for hours. We can build housing and work on public transportation.

■ Let Redwood City do it, let Google and Facebook do it. People can move to the Midwest if they can't afford houses here.

Answer: Redwood City is doing its part; Google and Facebook can be part of the solution, and young people should not have to be told to leave their jobs.

Town planners know that ideal communities have people of all income levels and all ages. I, for one, do not want to live in a town of old people sitting on real estate riches, with our school population declining. If we do not grow, we will wither on the vine. We can build housing without destroying the rural character of this town. As a start, we can say yes to affordable housing on town lands.

Let's begin to undo historical injustices and make Portola Valley a better place to live.

Lesson learned the hard way: A mount is a must when driving with a cell phone

By Kate Daly

I admit to being a distracted driver that day, busy shuttling two cars to the shop for repairs so I could leave town on short notice. But when I was pulled over by a motorcycle cop for touching my cellphone at a stoplight, I didn't think I was also a criminal.

To be clear: I was not texting, talking, or emailing, but was enabling the Bluetooth connection to receive calls via my car's audio system. My elderly mother is nearing the end, and I am in constant communication with her caregivers.

I had turned off Wi-Fi and Bluetooth on my cellphone while I was in an unsecure environment at the car shop, and realized five minutes into my drive home that I hadn't changed the settings. One screen tap later, I learned I was breaking California's cellphone law.

I am now facing a court appearance, and/or paying a fine of maybe \$150, according

to a quick online search, but no points marring my driving record.

In hopes of sparing others a similar traffic ticket, I share verbatim what the San Mateo police officer handed me on a sheet entitled, "California's Cell Phone Law."

■ While driving, you cannot use a cellphone or similar electronic communication device while holding it in your hand. If the device is used in a hands-free manner, such as speakerphone or voice commands, that is legal but never while holding it.

■ Using communication systems built into the vehicle by the manufacturer is legal.

■ To be legal, the phone or device must be placed in a mount attached either on the dashboard, center console, or a seven-inch square section in the lower right corner of the windshield, or in a five-inch square section in the lower left corner of the windshield nearest the driver. The mounting or device placement cannot hinder the driver's view.

■ While driving, you can swipe or tap the screen one time while it is in the mount in order to activate or deactivate a feature or function. It is illegal to

use multiple taps of swipes such as done while texting, entering information, or scrolling.

■ The law applies at stop signs and stop lights, just like when you are driving. Pull over to a safe parking space to handle your business.

■ Drivers under the age of 18 may not use any mobile communication device at all, whether hands-free or hand-held.

■ You may use a hand-held cellphone for true emergency purposes to call law enforcement, fire department, health care provider or other legitimate emergency services agency."

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Our readers write

Caltrain needs to rethink proposed bike policy

Editor:

I have been a Caltrain rider for over 40 years. I have seen Caltrain progress from not allowing any bicycles on trains to becoming one of the best transit agencies for allowing bikes onboard.

Being able to take a bicycle on the train is critical to using the train as a substitute for a car. It allows train riders to use multiple stations, run errands and meet clients during the day. Without the ability to have my bicycle with me, I could not do this. This is true for many other regular train riders as well.

For many people the train/bike combination is the only

way to get to work, as they cannot afford a car. Caltrain passengers with bicycles are the only class of train riders who are denied boarding at the platform. For some people this can cause them to lose a job. All other Caltrain passengers are always allowed to board the train.

The current staff proposal for electric train layout reduces bicycle space and encourages bike theft. Having only two bike cars, rather than four, will increase dwell time, causing delays; and force passengers with bikes to stand in the aisle, making it hard for people to restack bikes and move in and out of the train. Additionally, it will cut capacity from 77 to 72 bikes per train at a time when demand is growing.

Caltrain can do better than the current staff proposal.
Bob Mack, Publisher, Cycle California! Magazine San Jose

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