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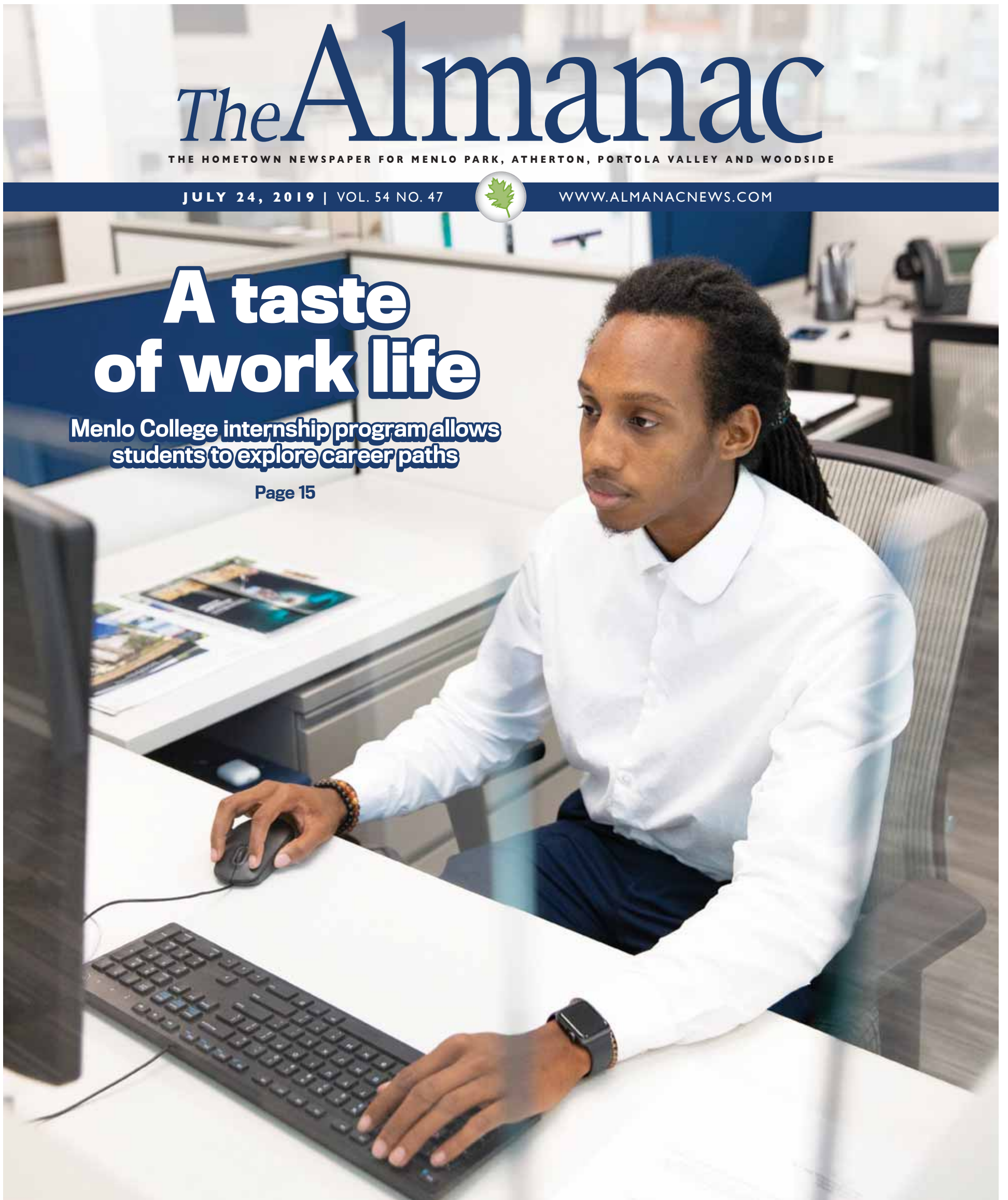


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Summer Fest Festivities

Barbara, 5, welcomes the wind as she spins on a ride at Menlo Park's Summer Fest on Sunday. The festival, held on Santa Cruz Avenue in downtown Menlo Park on Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21, also featured other kids' rides and activities, food trucks, a photo booth, live music and rows of artisan kiosks.

Menlo Park council to be more proactive in some development decisions

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

In the aftermath of last month's public airing of the challenges the community is experiencing as a result of significant growth, especially in District 1, the Menlo Park City Council held a special meeting July 15 to begin to change the way it does business with developers.

To start, the council voted unanimously on a new system to better keep up with what development projects are moving forward, and to more easily appeal Planning Commission decisions, if desired.

The past approvals of the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and the General Plan update in Menlo Park that rezoned much of downtown and the city's Bay side, have left a lot of power in the hands of the Planning Commission, which

in many cases has been the final decision-making body in approving significant developments in the city.

The council bolstered its power with the new procedure, asserting its claim to be the final decision-maker on any development its members choose to appeal.

The council will now get a public email memo the day after major Planning Commission development decisions. These decisions would include projects that add 10,000 square feet or more of net new commercial space anywhere in the city, or a nonresidential project that involves bonus-level development. For mixed-use developments, a project that meets either of those criteria and has less than two-thirds of its square footage dedicated to housing would also be subject to this notification process.

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Grand jury recommends coordinated Caltrain grade separation strategy

Menlo Park singled out for its slow decision-making process

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury on July 18 released a report calling for a more coordinated approach to tackling grade separations along the Caltrain rail line.

It recommended the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, which governs the Caltrain rail service, work with Peninsula communities to develop a master plan for grade separations.

Throughout the Peninsula, there are 42 at-grade Caltrain rail crossings — meaning the rail tracks directly cross paths with roads.

At-grade rail crossings are problems for a number of reasons: They can be unsafe, and when trains are crossing and the drop-down gates are lowered, they can worsen traffic and delay emergency vehicles, and in doing so, worsen pollution by interrupting the flow of traffic.

Between 2009 and 2018, over 80 collisions occurred at Caltrain's at-grade crossings. More than 30 of those involved a fatality, according to the report.

In addition, due to high and growing ridership numbers, Caltrain is planning to expand the frequency of its trains in the coming years, which means that the gates that go down to block traffic and clear the path for the train will be down more often, creating a new urgency to build grade separations at these crossings, according to the report.

By 2022, Caltrain plans to increase its daily number of trains per weekday to 114, up from 92 now, according to the report.

Grade separations can take a number of forms, but all involve putting either the rail line or the road at a different plane so the risk of collision is abated. These might be options such as fully or partially elevating a rail line with a viaduct or berm; lowering the rail line by excavating a trench or

tunnel; or lowering or elevating the road under or over the rail line with an under- or overpass.

However, these projects are extremely expensive: Caltrain estimates it would likely cost \$8.5 billion to \$11.1 billion to separate all 42 at-grade rail crossings on the corridor, or about \$202 million to \$264 million per crossing, in 2018 dollars, according to the report.

The current approach to grade separations, the report says, unfortunately is "piecemeal" and not coordinated.

Currently, individual cities are considered responsible for their own grade separations, which are large infrastructure undertakings that generally require drawing upon a tight pool of regional and often state funding. Grade separation projects have to be added to the California Public Utility Commission's prioritization list, which accepts applications only every two years, and then cities have to prepare reports, get a letter of agreement from Caltrain, and line up initial funding with the county's transportation

authority. After a design is complete, the city has to seek additional funding. Projects typically take seven to 10 years from the start of the planning process until construction begins in San Mateo County, the report said.

However, this process can take much longer.

Menlo Park, in particular, was singled out for its decades-long debate over design alternatives. Even in the past year, the City Council reversed its decision on a preferred grade separation alternative.

There's also the fact that the current process doesn't take into account what impact each city's decisions about rail separations have on other cities. For instance, the report states, "If Menlo Park constructed an elevated grade separation at Ravenswood Avenue, then Atherton would be limited in the design alternatives it could consider."

Atherton, for its part, has expressed general disinterest in grade separations and has indicated to the city of Menlo Park it opposes any elevation of rail within its city boundaries, but

told the grand jury that if "grade separations at (its two) at-grade crossings were proposed and funded by other agencies, the Town would support them."

The report adds that, even if cities can come together to identify a plan and design for a grade separation project, there's the funding question.

Because county funding for grade separations is very limited, considering the demand, San Mateo County cities have been forced into a chaotic race to pull together their design plans first. At a majority of Menlo Park City Council discussions about grade crossing options, there's been a question of whether further deliberation would force the city to lose its place in a countywide funding queue for Measure A dollars, which in some meetings created a sense of urgency to make a quick decision.

Recommendations

To start, the report recommends that the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board should

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Heritage tree ordinance updates on the way

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

If Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax" were set in Menlo Park, the Seussian character who "speaks" for the trees would be not one creature on a soapbox, but a set of disparate voices that, over the course of many months, has argued its way toward an acceptable compromise.

Those voices would be the members of the Menlo Park Heritage Tree Ordinance Task Force, who were not tasked with speaking for the trees exactly, but with figuring out how to preserve heritage trees around the city within a reliable policy framework.

After spending more than a year and 10 public meetings hashing out amendments to the city's heritage tree ordinance, the task force's recommendations were brought to the City Council on July 16.

Task force members are Sally Cole, resident; Drew Combs, city councilman; Jen Judas, resident; Kimberly and Tom LeMieux, developer/residents; Scott Marshall, former environmental quality commissioner; Catherine Martineau, executive director for Canopy; Horace Nash, resident; Carolyn Ordonez, landscape architect; and Sally Sammut Johnson, resident.

The City Council mainly agreed with the recommendations, and asked staff to draft up the amendments for later approval.

Among the changes endorsed:

- When a tree is removed for development-related reasons, the developer will have to replace the value of the tree at that property.

- The city will ensure that replacement trees are taken care of by requiring two inspections — one to verify that the tree has been planted, and the other two years later to ensure the tree is in good health.

- The city will increase the fee for violating the ordinance to the value of the tree, or if the tree's value can't be appraised, the fee will be \$10,000, up from \$5,000.

- Fees that are collected will go toward the city's tree fund.

The policy changes and increased enforcement are expected to cost the city \$185,000 to \$200,000 a year.

While protecting trees is one goal — and the primary one behind the ordinance update, city Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky explained — the task force also sought changes that would provide clearer expectations for people applying for heritage tree removal permits and would enable the policy to work more effectively, with better enforcement and less community conflict.

The task force also debated whether the Environmental Quality Commission should have the responsibility of handling heritage tree removal permit appeals. These appeals are often tense and time-consuming, and can take away time from the other projects that commission is working on, Lucky noted.

Earlier this year, a series of lengthy and intense public hearings, and even rallies, were held over the fate of seven redwood trees near the corner of El Camino Real and Ravenswood Avenue.

A policy analysis report recommended that a new hearing body be created for reviewing appeals, in which members would be city residents with some urban forest and planning experience who support preserving trees. The task force also wanted a new board, but didn't think members need to be subject-area experts, according to a staff report.

The City Council sided with staff, favoring leaving the matter among the responsibilities of the Environmental Quality Commission. Councilwoman Betsy Nash said doing so could yield more consistent appeal decisions.

In addition, Mayor Ray Mueller expressed interest in creating a competition to see if anyone can develop an application that would let owners of new trees snap photos and provide the needed evidence to inspectors of a tree's health, rather than requiring staff to evaluate each tree in person, which is a significant component of the program's estimated cost increase.

The task force is scheduled to meet again in September and in October to discuss ideas about how to implement the policies and review draft ordinance language and community feedback. ■

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At that point, any council member would be able to take up the decision for council

consideration without an appeal from the public.

The initiative will be reviewed in six months to see if it's effective, by request of Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor. ■

City likely to ban gas heating, stoves in some new buildings

Seeking ways to cut greenhouse gas emissions, Menlo Park council sets crosshairs on natural gas

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

In a bid to be even more green than California at large, the Menlo Park City Council voted on July 16 to forge ahead with plans to require new buildings to be electrically heated and require some solar production on new nonresidential buildings, not including restaurants open to the public.

Starting with the next three-year state building code cycle in 2020, new large-scale nonresidential buildings would also be required to use only electricity, not natural gas, for cooking.

During a series of discussions, the Environmental Quality Commission explored different options before making its recommendation to require new buildings to be electrically heated, though occupants would still be permitted to use natural gas for fireplaces, cooking or other uses.

It also recommended that the city require a minimum amount of solar panels to be placed on new nonresidential buildings: at least 3-kilowatt systems for a building under 10,000 square feet, and at least 5-kilowatt systems for a building greater than or equal to 10,000 square feet, according to Joanna Chen, sustainability specialist for the city. The commission recommended that the council not ban natural gas for cooking, however, because of traditional cooking norms.

"Culturally, it doesn't seem that cooks are ready to make the transition," explained Rebecca Lucky, Menlo Park sustainability manager. "There seems to be a strong consumer preference to cook with fire."

Environmental Quality Commission Chair Ryann Price, speaking for the commission, added, "We felt like this found a nice balance between community acceptance and greenhouse gas reduction."

Others said the city should go

farther, and in fact, across the Bay, the city of Berkeley on the same night became the first city in the U.S. to ban the installation of natural gas lines in new homes, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

"This city is in a big building boom," said Joanna Falla, a Palo Alto resident and member of Menlo Spark, an environmental advocacy nonprofit in Menlo Park. "And if these edifices continue to rely on natural gas, an estimated 212,876 tons of greenhouse gas emissions would result over the life of these buildings."

Mayor Ray Mueller said he'd like to see large nonresidential buildings with private kitchens — specifically, tech company cafeterias — required to use electric stoves. Other council members agreed: the council voted 5-0 to incorporate Mueller's suggestion into the group of recommendations it reviewed that night.

In addition, the council agreed to the commission's recommendations to require a minimum amount of solar power on nonresidential buildings. Beginning in 2020, the state will require low-rise residential developments — those of three or fewer stories, including single-family homes — to install rooftop solar panels, based on state requirements.

Adopting these more environmentally sustainable measures, called "reach" codes because they go beyond the state's standards, would support the city in the plans laid out in its "Climate Action Plan" to reduce greenhouse gas emissions citywide, said Lucky.

Peninsula Clean Energy, the joint powers authority that operates a community choice energy program to provide cleaner power throughout the county than PG&E provides, is also providing technical support and a \$10,000 grant to the city to support it in its efforts to develop reach codes.

Combined with the commitment of Peninsula Clean Energy

to make the electricity it provides customers 100% renewable by 2025, switching away from using natural gas to electricity could translate into a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Given the level of development going on in Menlo Park, these measures could affect a number of developments proposed to be built across the city. According to Lucky, there were about 100 new homes built during the last state code cycle, and there are about 20 proposals for new multifamily, office, retail and hotel buildings that have been submitted or are awaiting permit approvals.

If those buildings use natural gas, they could generate about 213,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions over the life of those buildings, and could increase community greenhouse gas emissions by 1% to 2% annually.

The council was open to considering one exception: John Tarlton, developer and property manager at Tarlton Properties, which houses many of the life sciences lab and office properties on the city's Bay side, asked to talk to city staff to come up with electricity alternatives for life sciences buildings.

"We have a concern in the proposed legislation that there is not currently technology available to us to heat life science labs and production facilities reliably with electricity," Tarlton said, noting "unique airflow needs" in life science labs. He said he would be open to adopting that technology as it becomes available. The city directed staff to meet with Tarlton for further discussion before the ordinance comes back in August.

After August, the ordinance would be up for a second reading in September. The proposed reach codes would then go to the California Energy Commission in October before adoption, then the state Building Standards Commission for approval by Jan. 1, according to staff. ▀

Pay hike for Atherton city manager

Atherton City Council members voted on July 17 to award City Manager George Rodericks a pay increase of about 7%, bringing his total annual base salary to \$233,196.

Rodericks, who assumed the role in October 2012, made \$217,590.40 before the raise, according to the town's website. The council last approved a pay bump for Rodericks in 2017.

The city manager's new contract, which the council approved

5-0, includes a \$6,600 annual auto allowance. There were no changes made to his benefits, according to the report.

Rodericks' base salary was \$160,000 when he was hired and expected to live in a town-owned home in Holbrook-Palmer Park. He was given a raise to \$190,000 the following July when he said he could not move to Atherton for personal reasons.

— By Angela Swartz

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Council wants resident feedback on traffic congestion plan

By **Angela Swartz**
Almanac Staff Writer

To address traffic congestion on the town's roadways, Atherton officials will start by gathering feedback from residents, and staff will study priority projects to keep traffic moving on the most heavily used streets, Atherton City Council members decided at a July 17 meeting.

Council members, who received a traffic report in April from transportation consulting firm TJKM, say they prefer a strategy of moving traffic smoothly through town on major roadways such as El Camino Real and Marsh Road, rather than trying to discourage drivers from traveling through town on residential and secondary streets.

"If you discourage people from getting into the neighborhood streets, it only works if you have good traffic flow on the major streets," council member Mike Lempres said at the meeting.

The council wants to first tackle pass-through traffic — cars starting and ending their journey through Atherton on a single street — for example, regional roadways like El Camino Real, Alameda de las Pulgas, or Middlefield Road.

On Alameda de las Pulgas, with an average of 14,500 vehicles per day, 89% of southbound traffic is pass-through and 6% is cut-through. Northbound, 70% of traffic is pass-through and 20% is cut-through, according to the report.

In both directions on Middlefield Road, with an average of 19,500 vehicles a day, 75% of traffic is pass-through and 20% cut-through, according to the report.

Staff will develop ways to mitigate cut-through traffic — traffic that passes through Atherton along multiple roadways, including nonregional streets — to prevent significant backups on east/west secondary streets.

The town could limit traffic on these streets by adding stop signs, speed bumps or no-left-turn signs, Mayor Bill Widmer suggested during the meeting. Widmer noted that mapping apps such as Waze direct commuters to cut through town to avoid backups on El Camino Real and Alameda de las Pulgas, shaving a minute off their commutes. He said that Atherton could work with Waze to change its algorithm to avoid routing people through town.

Traffic signals were

recommended for Alameda de las Pulgas at Atherton Avenue; Stockbridge Avenue and Camino al Lago; Middlefield Road at Fair Oaks Lane and Watkins Avenue; and Valparaiso Avenue at Elena and Emilie avenues. The consultants say traffic signals would significantly reduce the time it takes to pass through those intersections during commute hours.

Consultants found that traffic backs up significantly at eight of the 12 intersections they studied, which included multiple crossings along Middlefield, Valparaiso and the Alameda. Some council members were surprised, however, to see that traffic has not increased much from 2015 to 2018, according to traffic counts. Widmer said the data was collected in March, close to Easter, when many students may have been out of school, which might have skewed the results of the traffic counts.

Ruta Jariwala, a principal at TJKM, said her group collected data when school was in session, but Widmer noted that a lot of students miss school around that time regardless.

Lempres said he found it "mind-boggling" that traffic hasn't increased much in town even though there's been

significant new construction.

There are currently many large commercial and residential projects that are either being designed or are under construction in adjacent communities that will further impact traffic flow in town, according to the staff report. City Manager George Rodericks noted that nearby cities haven't given Atherton the opportunity to fully participate in planning for these developments, including consideration of how traffic outside of their cities would be impacted by the projects.

"We do provide feedback, but it's to little effect," he said.

Council members said that residents should be involved in deciding on any traffic-calming measures. Congestion is a hot-button issue for residents, and there's been "massive community outreach" on this issue, Lempres said.

Residents will also have to navigate any new traffic-controlling devices (more stop signs, left-turn restrictions, speed bumps and other measures), and these features could be "unpopular," warned council member Elizabeth Lewis.

In a 500-page report, TJKM suggests turning restrictions at

key intersections along Alameda de las Pulgas, Valparaiso Avenue and Middlefield Road.

The town's Transit Committee is advocating left-turn restrictions from southbound Alameda de las Pulgas onto Stockbridge Avenue and Polhemus Avenue during the morning commute; traffic signals at the intersections of Valparaiso and Elena avenues, and Valparaiso and Emilie avenues, with left and right turn lanes onto Emilie at Valparaiso and Elena at Valparaiso; and new bike lanes in one direction along Atherton Avenue, among other proposals.

Body cameras

Later in the meeting, the council authorized the purchase of 30 new Axon body cameras for \$500 each for police officers. The total cost would be about \$133,210 (which includes online cloud storage of footage, licensing and other ancillary costs) over five years, according to a staff report. These would replace the town's VieVu body cameras, which are no longer available and can't be serviced or repaired since Axon Enterprise bought VieVu in 2018.

The council also authorized the purchase of three 2019 BMW police motorcycles for a total cost of about \$112,750.

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Sen. Hill holds bill that would lessen secrecy exemptions for clergy

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Following opposition from the religious community, local state Sen. Jerry Hill opted last week to hold a bill that would end an exemption that allows clergy members to not report cases of child abuse or neglect that are revealed during penitential communications.

Between the time he introduced SB 360 in February and when he decided to hold the legislation in advance of a July 9 hearing at the Assembly Public Safety Committee, the bill was scaled back. As currently written, it would require clergy members to report child abuse and neglect learned about during penitential communications only in situations where those conversations involve other clergy members or coworkers.

He said the legislation was put on hold because he hopes to bring more of his colleagues together to advance the bill.

“As we try to move forward,” he told *The Almanac* in a July 12 statement, “the question before us remains: What can be done to protect children from sexual abuse at a time when society is finally acknowledging the great damage done when abuse is kept under wraps by institutions and professions of all kinds? It makes sense to examine what can be done to stop perpetuating abuse — especially in circumstances where scandal after scandal has shown that abuse of vulnerable individuals persists.”

In previous remarks, Hill explained that the law already mandates that people such as physicians, teachers, peace officers, therapists and social workers — as well as clergy in many

cases — report suspected child abuse or neglect to law enforcement. He argued that there should be no exception for clergy who are made privy to such information as part of a penitential communication.

A communication is considered “penitential” under California law if it is intended to be conveyed in confidence, if it is made to a member of the clergy who is authorized or accustomed to hear such communications, and if that member has a duty under the discipline or tenets of his or her church to keep those communications secret. Hill seeks to narrow that definition to instead refer to a communication that is verbal, made privately to a clergy member, intended to be an act of contrition or matter of conscience, and shared in a context of confidentiality “that is considered inviolate by church doctrine.”

Hill stated that recent investigations from 14 state attorneys general, the federal government, and other countries have revealed “that the clergy-penitent privilege has been abused on a large scale, resulting in the unreported and systemic abuse of thousands of children across multiple denominations and faiths.”

In addition, similar statutes already exist in Connecticut, Indiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia.

While the Senate passed the revised bill with a 30-4 vote on May 23, Hill was made aware that the legislation would not have enough support to move on.

Over the months it was on the table, the bill received an outpouring of opposition: According to the Catholic News Agency, over 100,000 Catholics sent letters voicing their opposition to SB 360.

“Even if this bill passes, no priest may obey it,” stated Bishop Michale Barber of Oakland, according to the news agency. “I will go to jail before I will obey this attack on our religious freedom.” Priests who share what they learn during a confession to anyone at any time or for any reason are subject to automatic excommunication and further punishments, the agency reported.

One petition circulated by the Archdiocese of San Francisco argued that SB 360 would “deny the right to confidential confessions to priests and to tens of thousands of Catholics who work with priests in parishes and other Church agencies and ministries.”

Supporters of the bill include a number of child advocacy groups, Restorative Justice International, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, and the Truth and Transparency

Foundation, a nonprofit organization that has released documents and engaged in investigative reporting about religious institutions on the topics of finance, policies and abuse.

Reports of abuse perpetrated or hidden by religious leaders continue to emerge, and there have been cases reported locally and across denominations, such as in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the United Methodist Church, and the Jehovah’s Witnesses church communities, according to Hill.

In March, a Catholic priest was arrested in the Bay Area on suspicion of 30 counts of child sex abuse in 2016 and 2017.

In May, *Vice News* published a report that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, also known widely as the Mormon church, has a “helpline” that the church’s congregation leaders, called bishops, are instructed to call when they receive confessions of sexual abuse, rather than alerting local law enforcement authorities directly and immediately.

Vice News reports that calls reporting abuse are directed to a law firm the church works with, Kirton McConkie, which also defends the church in abuse-related lawsuits — indicating that defense lawyers screen abuse reports. The church contends the helpline is designed to maintain confidentiality and advise bishops about compliance with local abuse reporting laws, according to its news publication, *Deseret News*.

“This issue remains important to me, and I will continue to champion it in the hope that my colleagues can come together on legislation,” Hill said. “I strongly believe that for any institution, self-policing and self-investigation are not effective ways to combat alleged abuse, as our own state Legislature has found.

“The bill is on pause; it has not been withdrawn.” ■

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Candidate filing period open for county elections

The candidate filing period for a place on the Nov. 5 ballot is now open for people hoping to run for the two open school board seats in the Portola Valley School District.

The countywide filing period began on July 15 and closes at 5 p.m. on Aug. 9, County Assessor Mark Church said in a press release. For offices without an eligible incumbent seeking reelection, the filing period is open for an additional five days and closes at 5 p.m. on Aug. 14.

In the Portola Valley district, it's not clear if school board member Brooke Day will seek re-election, but board member Gulliver La Valle has said he will not run.

This is the only race this fall in The Almanac's coverage area.

Candidates file at the Registration & Elections Division at 40 Tower Road in San Mateo. Go to tinyurl.com/smcelection2019 for more information.

— by Angela Swartz



A taste of work life

Menlo College internship program allows students to explore career paths

Photo by Andrey Poliakov

Students and employers mill about during the Menlo College career fair on March 26. **On the cover:** Elijah Redding-Moment, a rising senior at Menlo College, works at his desk at real estate firm Marcus and Millichap in Palo Alto earlier this month. Photo by Magali Gauthier/The Almanac.

By Angela Swartz

Almanac Staff Writer

There's far more than just making coffee and photocopies on Elijah Redding-Moment's agenda as an intern at Palo Alto real estate firm Marcus and Millichap.

Redding-Moment is one of the 132 students participating in Menlo College's mandatory internship program for undergraduate business majors this academic year, and this summer, he interns as a financial market analyst. He's learned valuable lessons on the job, he says, and has gotten to do real work — from evaluating properties to creating lease summaries for tenants.

The internship program, which began in 2014, strives to give students at the private four-year college in Atherton real-world work experience before they enter a career in business. Redding-Moment, an incoming senior at Menlo College studying finance within the school's business program, said the internship program, along with the school's proximity to the business-rich Silicon Valley, was one of the reasons he chose to attend the school.

"It's (the internships) helping us get accustomed to the 40-hours-a-week work life," he said. "It's teaching me the basic guidelines for entering this career path. Some other friends

who are interning aren't getting the same effect, but I'm coming out with basic knowledge of how to get into realty."

Program officials help students find more than "just another summer job," said internship program founder Angela Schmiede, the school's vice president of student success. In addition to a college degree, it's important to have some work experience to land a good job after graduation, she said.

The six-credit internship program, which won the 2019 outstanding college work experience and internship program award from the California Internship & Work Experience Association, is a graduation requirement for business majors. Students must work at least 320 hours, either 32 hours a week for 10 weeks during the summer between their junior and senior years or 12 to 13 hours a week during the fall and spring semesters of their senior year.

The school hired Schmiede in 2013 to formalize an internship program, as students completed internships. In addition to credits, 71% of the students' internships included a paycheck during the summer of 2018, according to the school.

The college works with about 400 organizations to help place students in internship roles in the Bay Area and Los Angeles

area, Schmiede said.

Students start the process during their junior year and fill out an application to officially join a cohort of other interns for the fall, spring or summer semesters.

After staff approves a student's resume, the student completes a mock interview with employer volunteers. The applicant then uses the online career network for students, Handshake, to upload his or her resume, access job opportunities and track applications.

The college also hosts a career fair in the spring, where students can meet potential employers.

Another program component is an internship seminar, which meets weekly during the summer and bimonthly during fall and spring semesters. During the seminar, students set internship goals; explore organizational issues; clarify their career interests and goals; and articulate achievements and new skills gained through the internship, among other things.

Internship program alumna Jessica Carlson, who graduated from the college in May with a bachelor's degree in business with a marketing concentration, said the seminar helped her self-reflect better during her internship at software company Atlasian during the summer of 2018.

Along with self-assessments, her manager regularly assessed her performance, she said.

"Without that (the seminar) I wouldn't have been able to take time away from the work I was doing and think about how things were helping me and what I did or did not like," she said. "Instead of just having my head down the whole time, the class really helped me be aware. Otherwise I would have had another type of (internship)

experience, but I wouldn't be able to talk about that experience the way I can now."

Incoming Menlo College senior Amanda Arena is interning as an examiner at the Securities and Exchange Commission, where she analyzes financial statements, among other tasks. She likes that the seminar encourages students to reflect on their internships. Because of

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Photo by Magali Gauthier/The Almanac

Retesh Gupta, a rising senior, is interning at Gallagher, an insurance, risk management and consulting firm in San Francisco.

Athina Manis

September 7, 1929 – July 7, 2019

Athina Manis was born in Karlovassi, Greece. She was one of four children. She immigrated to the United States, settling on the Peninsula with her husband Ippocratis who preceded her in death. She was an Esthetician on the Peninsula for 40 years.

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the program, she said, she learns specific areas in which she excels and areas she can improve in.

Program outcomes

Menlo College students are securing jobs after graduation through their internships, said Dylan Houle, the school's director of internships, career services and study abroad. About 73% of students who participated in the program from fall 2017 to summer 2018 received an offer to "continue a relationship" with the company — either through a full-time or part-time job offer or extension of the internship, Houle said. Some 78% accepted the offer, he said.

Earlier this year, a report from Zippia, a job-seekers' website, found Menlo College students had the highest employment rate, at 92.59%, of four-year colleges statewide 10 years after they graduate. Class of 2018 students landed jobs at companies such as YouTube, Deloitte, Tesla, Morgan Stanley and KPMG, according to a list Houle provided.

"Our #1 standing also reflected the fact that most of our students secure job opportunities right here in Silicon Valley following graduation, where wages are competitive," said Menlo College President Steven Weiner in an email. "The survey pointed to an aspect of most Menlo College students that I see every day on campus: they're talented, creative strivers, who are destined for success in life — however they may choose to define it."

Students also use the internship experience to narrow down their career direction, Schmiede said.

"Sometimes the most valuable outcome is to figure out 'this (the internship field) isn't what I want to do,'" she said.

Sydney Richardson-Gorsk graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in business, specializing in marketing and human resources, and interned at the nonprofit Fresh Lifelines for Youth in Milpitas during the summer of 2018. She said the internship, which she continued into the 2018-19 school year, helped her narrow her career path — she wants to work in a nonprofit or political setting.

A soccer player and the school's student body president, Richardson-Gorsk worked on curriculum and taught at-risk youth about drug laws, sexual consent, gang laws and other topics as an intern.

Richardson-Gorsk was proactive about finding an internship, but said some students scramble at the last minute to find one.



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Amanda Arena is meeting her Menlo College internship requirement at the Security and Exchange Commission in San Francisco.

She said it would be helpful if administrators began talking about the mandatory program early — during a student's sophomore year.

Top choice

Enrollment for Menlo College this fall will be about 850 students, Weiner said. Of them, about 90% will major in business and about 10% will major in psychology, he said. As a smaller school, officials decided to offer only two major tracks, with business degree concentrations such as finance, sports management and entrepreneurship.

Business programs are a top choice for undergraduate students, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics, a branch of the Institute of Education Sciences, which is the statistics, research, and evaluation arm of the U.S. Department of Education. Of the 2 million bachelor's degrees colleges awarded in 2016-17, more than half were concentrated in five fields of study: business (19%, or 381,000 degrees); health professions and related programs (12%); social sciences and history (8%); psychology (6%); and biological and biomedical sciences (6%), according to the group.

"In a globalized society, where industries and companies from around the world are interacting with each other, having a business degree allows students to navigate a globalized economy and to be contributors to the

local economy in Silicon Valley," Houle said.

According to a 2018 National Association of Colleges and Employers study, employers value job candidates who have internship experience at their company or in the industry. Such experience is valued even more than a candidate's major or GPA, Houle said.

"When we think about the value that doing an internship has for students' job outlooks, they'll have a higher chance of landing a full-time job at graduation or near to it," he said.

Future of the program

Program organizers initially allowed students to intern only in the Bay Area, but then expanded the program to Southern California.

Now, the school is working with its study abroad partner CEA to offer students the option of interning outside of the country, Houle said, adding that he expects the first student to go abroad for an internship in summer 2020.

"We are exploring an international internship program to encourage students to expand their horizons, increase their global and intercultural fluency, and better understand how their degree can be applied in a globalized economy," he said in an email.

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Historic Alpine Inn reopening in Portola Valley soon

By Kate Daly
Special to The Almanac

“Wow — this place looks amazing!” said a neighbor, one of the usual 20 to 30 people who have been stopping by every day to see how the refurbishing of Rossotti’s Alpine Inn, or Zott’s, is coming along.

A couple of private parties over the July 20-21 weekend marked a soft opening for family, friends and construction workers.

The owners say they hope to reopen the restaurant to the public for lunch and dinner by the second week of August, or as soon as the final permit is approved by the town of Portola Valley. The hours will be 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Since February, work crews have been toiling away to bring the 167-year-old institution back to “the best version of itself,” as Lori Hunter puts it. She is leading the project for a group of investors from Portola Valley that includes herself, husband Deke Hunter, and friends Fred and Stephanie Harman, and Jim Kohlberg.

Restaurant veteran Greg St. Claire, who grew up in Woodside and Portola Valley, is an operating partner. His Avenir Restaurant Group consists of Milagros in Redwood City, Town in San

Carlos and Nola in Palo Alto. The latter enterprise also involved updating a historic building.

When longtime owner Molly Alexander died two years ago at age 93, her family decided to sell Alpine Inn. St. Claire says a trustee oversaw the place for the last four years, and it became fairly run down, and yet multiple people from the area competed to buy the beloved town fixture at the corner of Alpine and Arastradero roads. According to one published report, the winning bid was over \$3.8 million.

Why all the interest? “It’s a community asset,” says Ms. Hunter. Think of the many memories accumulated by Stanford students, Little League and AYSO players, cycling, hiking and running groups, Hewlett-Packard employees, high school reunion attendees, and long-time locals.

At first Hunter believed the place just needed a fresh coat of paint, but after the property changed hands, the new partners realized that almost everything needed attention, she said.

They were able to rebuild the original coolers, but had to start over in the kitchen because it was “illegal, all home stuff, needed upgrading, had no sink, no grease trap,” St. Claire said.

“The whole tavern was full of



Photo by Sadie Stinson/The Almanac

The Alpine Inn’s new owners and an operating partner pose inside the Portola Valley institution, also known as Zott’s, during the “soft opening” last weekend. They are, from left, Deke Hunter, Jim Kohlberg, Stephanie Harman, Greg St. Claire, Lori Hunter, and Fred Harman.

asbestos,” he said.

Workers peeled away five layers of old linoleum before covering the floor with barn wood reclaimed from Half Moon Bay.

All of the original wooden tabletops, picnic tables and benches where patrons carved their names and initials have been converted into paneling outside and booths inside. St. Claire pointed out where his father carved his name as a Stanford freshman.

The new indoor tabletops are made from 150-year-old first-growth redwood taken from a water tank in La Honda and remilled into planks.

The indoor bar looks almost the same after Woodside cabinet-maker Paul Bett touched up some broken bits.

One by one, Ms. Hunter cleaned the old license plates and beer bottles that decorated the walls. The historic photos look sharper, too, now that the films of grease and dust have been removed or replaced with fresh frames.

The owners have brought in some new memorabilia, mostly from Stanford University Archives.

The plaques are back. The ones honoring patrons who have drunk a thousand beers are located outside, next to the new 33-foot-long bar that leads to the picnic tables in the beer garden out back.

Ms. Hunter says 500 gallons of fertilizer and some tree trimming helped save the enormous Arizona Blue cypress out there. Some new native sycamores were planted to provide more shade.

The yard has always overlooked Los Trancos Creek, but now people can actually see it: The fence and the shack have been removed. According to St. Claire, the building dated to about the 1970s and served as a residence and office before being abandoned. Asbestos, black mold and lead paint

removal drew out the demolition process to three months.

Today the ground is flat, compacted and ready for more creek-side diners, rounding up total tavern capacity to 300.

Four porta-potties stand ready for the crowds, supplementing the two remodeled indoor bathrooms, one of which is large enough to meet ADA requirements. New wooden ramps were added on both sides of the tavern for the same reason.

A new storage and office building covered in reclaimed barn wood now sits on the parking lot side of the yard in the same place as a structure that used to be there many years ago, St. Claire says.

He’s already talking about Phase II and the plan to build out a “real professional kitchen.”

Meanwhile, Executive Chef Sean Agoliati, formerly with Los Altos Grill, is crafting a menu that expands beyond burgers and fries to smoked turkey and chicken, some vegetable offerings, salads, and desserts.

St. Claire said they will use a lot of local produce and “try to represent local wines in the area ... great wine at great prices.”

And the tavern will be serving cocktails now that it has a full liquor license.

As for the staff, Ms. Hunter said, “They all have the opportunity to come back.”

Founded in 1852 as the Casa De Tableta roadhouse, where country folk could gather to play cards, dance and drink, the property has changed names and owners multiple times, and is registered as the second oldest continually operating tavern in the state.

Woodside architect Stevan Patrick of Midglen Studio has helped guide the refurbishing. “It’s been a challenge, but being creative has been fun,” he said.

Ms. Hunter has lots of experience with residential remodels and designing vegetable gardens, but this is her first commercial project.

She smiles as she reminisces about the rectangular Zott’s burgers served on sourdough bread, and clearly enjoys bringing back a treasure that means something to her and her family.

As she says, all of the partners “have grown up bringing our families here, and want it to live on for another 167 years.”



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Top, The refurbished interior of the Alpine Inn includes a floor of reclaimed barn wood and tabletops made of first-growth redwood taken from a La Honda water tank and remilled into planks. **Above, Historic photos** and other framed pieces got a spiffing up, the better to see them.

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Open House #2: Saturday, 7/27, 10am-Noon

Location: Portola Valley Historic Schoolhouse, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley

Drop-in any time between open house hours to speak with Stanford staff and ask questions. No formal presentation will be made.

The Town of Portola Valley has shared its interest in developing multi-family housing at three locations identified in their Affiliated Housing Program: Stanford University, Woodside Priory School and Sequoias Senior Housing.

As part of that conversation, Stanford has begun to study how it might create much-needed faculty housing, and some affordable housing for the town, on Stanford's property on Alpine Road.

For more information or questions, please visit the project website at: <https://portolavalleyhousing.stanford.edu/> or email: communityrelations@stanford.edu.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed changes to the fee schedule. The Public Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Town Council Chambers (Historic Schoolhouse), 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California.

Data associated with the proposed changes will be available to the public at the permit counter at Town Hall, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028, beginning 10 days prior to the meeting date above.

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

Information pertaining to the proposal may be viewed at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Town Council to be heard at the time and place mentioned above.

Dated: July 18, 2019

Sharon Hanlon
Portola Valley Town Clerk

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PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Found in translation

TheatreWorks' 'The Language Archive' is a warmhearted season starter

By Karla Kane

An enthusiastic standing ovation greeted TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Artistic Director Robert Kelley at opening night of "The Language Archive." It was a poignant, warmhearted honor for the man who's fresh from accepting a Tony Award and starting his very last season at the head of the company he founded 50 years ago. And, as it turns out, Julia Cho's "The Language Archive" also is a fittingly poignant and warmhearted way to usher in TheatreWorks' 50th year.

Set "somewhere in America" in "the present," the titular "Language Archive" is the workplace of George (Jomar Tagatac), an academic devoted to the study and preservation of the world's languages, especially the most endangered ones. Languages are George's true love, much to the dismay of his apparently long-suffering wife Mary (Elena Wright), who's frustrated by his inability to express emotion. He's in turn befuddled by her penchant for breaking down in tears and leaving him cryptic, ominous notes. He doesn't much mourn for the loss of family members or pets, he argues, because their deaths are inevitable and expected. The loss of a

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language, on the other hand, is a true tragedy because it means the end of an entire culture, way of life and/or world view.

When Mary announces she's leaving him for good, though, he finds himself sadder than he could have expected, albeit still unable to find the right words to express himself. They've lost the ability to communicate. It's like a linguistics version of the old parable of the shoemaker's children having no shoes.

Working with him at the archive is his devoted assistant Emma (Adrienne Kaori Walters), who's head-over-heels for mild-mannered George. She's even studying Esperanto, the international language idealistically invented by L. L. Zamenhof in the 19th century, to facilitate communication (it happens to be George's particular passion) with hopes of somehow winning his heart.

The archive's new project involves a visit from the world's only two remaining speakers of "Elloway," a fictional language from an unnamed land. Alta (Emily Kuroda) and Resten (Francis Jue) are especially exciting to George and Emma because, as a long-married couple, they'll be able to

offer the scientists examples of dialogue and context. It soon becomes apparent that not all will go smoothly, though, as the elderly lovebirds are having a full-out feud and are conducting all their arguments in English (Elloway, they say, is too beautiful for expressing their anger in). Other characters, also played by the wonderful Kuroda and Jue, include an exuberant Esperanto teacher, a socially awkward, suicidal baker and a vision of Zamenhof himself.

It's important that a play about language is well-written and Cho's words are indeed lovely, funny and sprinkled with whimsy and interesting information. The characters are all likeable, although not particularly deeply developed. The uptight, oblivious, cerebral man, the overly emotional wife who finds her purpose in baked goods, the eccentric old foreigners and the loyal, lovestruck young woman with a crush on her boss could all sink into eye-rolling cliché were it not for Cho's gentle script and very endearing performances by all of the actors. As Alta and Resten, Kuroda and Jue get the showiest parts, with plenty of slapstick comedy and, later, romantic moments. It's all well paced by local theater luminary Jeffrey Lo, making his main

stage TheatreWorks directorial debut, and the bittersweet ending is more interesting than a romantic-comedy trope.

Special attention must be paid to Andrea Bechert's absolutely delightful scenic design, which lines the set, floor to ceiling, with stacked cubes serving as the Language Archive, George and Mary's home, an artisan bakery and more. One could spend a long time marveling at the details of these shelves, bearing all sorts of vintage recording equipment, books and trinkets, and become mesmerized by the rainbow-hued light panels that change color (lighting by Michael Palumbo) depending on scene and mood.

"The Language Archive" is, like Mary's fresh-baked chocolate-lavender loaves, a sweet confection and a promising starter for TheatreWorks' golden season. ■

Arts & Entertainment Editor
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INFORMATION

What: "The Language Archive."
Where: Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.
When: Through Aug. 4. See online for performance times.
Cost: \$30-\$90.
Info: theatreworks.org/201920-season/the-language-archive/.



Photo by Alessandra Mello

From left: Resten (Francis Jue), linguist George (Jomar Tagatac), his assistant Emma (Adrienne Kaori Walters) and Alta (Emily Kuroda) have a confusing recording session in "The Language Archive," presented by TheatreWorks Silicon Valley.

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Theater

‘The How & The Why’ by Sarah Treem
Two evolutionary biologists, one a graduate student, the other an established leader in her field, meet for the first time. What follows is a smart, complex work about men and women, genetics and genius, and the overwhelming power of biological connection. Through Aug. 4; times vary. \$20. The Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway, Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

‘The Language Archive’ A quirky, comic drama about communication — its potential and its limits — this modern romantic parable features a linguist at a loss for words, especially the vocabulary of the heart. through Aug. 4; times vary. \$25-\$60; discounts available; pricing subject to change. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org

Concerts

Mandy Harvey America’s Got Talent finalist Mandy Harvey will sing and share her story at this fundraiser for the Pacific Hearing Connection. July 24, 7-9 p.m. \$75; discount for students. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. pacifi-chearingconnection.org

Summer Concert Series Families can picnic, dance and visit with friends and neighbors while listening to music. Wednesday nights through Aug. 7, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Ave. & University Drive, Menlo Park. business.menloparkchamber.com

Music

Cafe Conversation: The Art of Klari Reis This series, led by Music@Menlo’s artists and guests, offers audiences a chance to absorb new insights into a variety of music- and arts-related topics. July 29, 11:45 a.m. Free. Martin Family Hall, Atherton. musicatmenlo.org

Taylor Eigsti Trio and Friends Pianist and composer Taylor Eigsti performs for the Stanford Jazz Workshop and premieres songs from his upcoming album, “Tree Falls.” July 30, 8-9:30 p.m. \$62; discount for students. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Talks & Lectures

USGS Evening Public Lecture Series Jake Weltzin, executive director of the USA National Phenology Network, will present “Taking the Pulse of our Planet: A 10-year status report from the USA National Phenology Network.” July 25, 7 p.m. Free. U.S Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. usgs.gov

Family

Friday Night Reads Children and families are invited to meet their local police officers, eat pizza and bond over books. July 26, 6:45-8:15 p.m. Belle Haven Youth Center, 100 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Dance

Ballet Folklorico Mexico Vivo Belle Haven Branch Library presents a performance of traditional Mexican dance, with a local group of children and adults who dedicate their energy to learning, practicing and sharing their roots and culture. July 24, 4-5 p.m. Free. Belle Haven Library, 413 Ivy Drive, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Capoeira United Capoeira Association Hayward will share the Afro-Brazilian art of capoeira and its music, with a brief history lesson and group participation class. July 31, 4-5 p.m. Belle Haven Library, 413 Ivy Drive, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Health & Wellness

Relay for Life Menlo Park The Relay for Life is an annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. July 27, 2 p.m.- July 28, 9 a.m. Burgess Park, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. main.acevents.org

Religion & Spirituality

Labyrinth in Memorial Church The Memorial Church Labyrinth, where people can find balance, pray, facilitate meditation, insight and celebration, is open to the public. Fridays through Aug. 30. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

A & A BROTHERS LANDSCAPING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281688
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
A & A Brothers Landscaping, located at 2921 Westside Ave. #1, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
RUBY GALICIA
2921 Westside Ave. #1
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 24, 2019.
ALM July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

AGUAYOS GARDENING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281720
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Aguayos Gardening, located at 131 Oak Avenue #2, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
LUIS HERNANDEZ AGUAYO
131 Oak Avenue #2
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 1-1-19.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 25, 2019.
ALM July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

YELLA ACTIVEWEAR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281580
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Yella Activewear, located at 1800 White Oak Dr., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
DANIELLA MIZRAHI
1800 White Oak Dr.
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 Feb. 2019.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 13, 2019.
ALM July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

BELLA SILK ART
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281723
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Bella Silk Art, located at 25 Jeter St., Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
JEAN STAGNARO
25 Jeter St.
Redwood City, CA 94062
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/25/19.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 25, 2019.
ALM July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019

SAND HILL PR PARTNERS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281764
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Sand Hill PR Partners, located at 325 Sharon Park Dr. #219, Menlo Park CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
TERRI LEE ROBBINS
736 Fremont St. No. 1
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 July 1, 2019.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 1, 2019.
ALM July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019

DARAH ROOFING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281848
The following person (persons) is (are) doing

business as: Darah Roofing, located at 1940 Pulgas Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
JORGE HUAPAYA NECOCHEA
1940 Pulgas Avenue
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 July 5, 2019.
ALM July 17, 24, 31; August 7, 2019

ONE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN
OCC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281877
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) One Community Campaign, 2.) OCC, located at 181 Encinal Ave., Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
MENLO PARK ATHERTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION
181 Encinal Ave.
Atherton, CA 94027
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/09/2019.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 9, 2019.
ALM July 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 2019

BELLEVUE APARTMENTS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281772
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Bellevue Apartments, located at 1441 & 1445 Bellevue Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010; Mailing address: 40 Calif. Prop. Svo. 4370 Alpine Rd. #201, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
H. TERRENCE & MARGARET H. BLAINE
2285 Tioga Dr.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
GREGORY H. BLAINE
393 Marina Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94123
TIMOTHY M. BLAINE
6424 Sutter Ave.
Carmichael, CA 95608
CONSTANCE L. AHERN
35 Tripp Ct.
Woodside, CA 94062
This business is conducted by: Copartners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/1/2019.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 1, 2019.
Alm July 24, 31; Aug. 7,14, 2019

HAIR BY BLANCA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281796
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Hair by Blanca, located at 420 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA , San Mateo County; Mailing address: 536 Walber Dr. Apt. F, Mountain View, CA 94043.
Registered owner(s):
BLANCA E. VALENCIA ALCAZAR
536 Walber Dr. Apt. F
Mountain View, CA 94043
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 July 2, 2019.
ALM July 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 2019

BayAreaTownCar.Net
SFCarsservice.com
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281744
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) BayAreaTownCar.Net, 2.) SFCarsservice.com, located at 566 Clarinada Ave., Daly City, CA 94015, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
NASSIR S. HUSSEIN
566 Clarinada Ave.
Daly City, CA 94015
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s)

listed above on 07-03-2016.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 27, 2019.
ALM July 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 2019

CESAR’S WELDING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281770
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Cesar’s Welding, located at 159 Gardenia Way, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
CESAR MENDEZ GALLEGOS
159 Gardenia Way
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 7/1/2019.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 1, 2019.
ALM July 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 2019

LITTLE LAUGHS EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281914
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Little Laughs Early Learning Program, located at 1332 Paloma Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ELIZABETH SCULLY
1332 Paloma Avenue
Burlingame, CA 94010
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2007.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 12, 2019.
ALM July 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 2019

KATHERINE PETERSON, PH.D., L.E.P.
PETERSON LEARNING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281633
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Katherine Peterson, Ph.D., L.E.P., 2.) Peterson Learning, located at 5 light Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
KATHERINE K. PETERSON
5 Light Way
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 June 15, 2019.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 18, 2019.
ALM June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2019

LAW OFFICE OF ALISON MADDEN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281550
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Law Office of Alison Madden, located at 2995 Woodside Rd #200, Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County; Mailing address: PO Box 620650, Woodside, CA 94062
Registered owner(s):
ALISON MADDEN
1548 Maple #26
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 1, 2019.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 11, 2019.
ALM June 26; July 3, 10, 17, 2019

LARGO IMAGES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281905
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Largo Images, located at 122 Atherton Ave., Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ALIREZA AHMADI ESFAHANI
122 Atherton Ave.
Atherton, CA 94027
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on July 1, 2019.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 11, 2019.
ALM July 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 2019

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 19CIV02787

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: ALEXANDRA JANE JOHNSON-FREYD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
ALEXANDRA JANE JOHNSON-FREYD TO SASHA SHEN JOHFRE.
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: August 9, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: 20, Room: 8C 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: June 21, 2019
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
ALM July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 19CIV02786
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: CHING-HAN SHEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CHING-HAN SHEN to HANNAH JOHFRE SHEN.
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.
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THE ALMANAC
Date: June 21, 2019
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
ALM July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 19CIV03388
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: CORINNA CLIO MARKENSCOFF-ZYGOURAKIS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CORINNA CLIO MARKENSCOFF-ZYGOURAKIS to CORINNA CLIO ZYGOURAKIS.
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: August 1, 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
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/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
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Redwood City | \$1,295,000
Charming 3br/2ba sun-filled home w/ upgraded kitchen near Facebook, downtown Redwood City and Stanford.

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Carmel | \$1,295,000
3br/1.5ba short walk to Carmel-By-the-Sea Village. SantaFe3NWof2hd.com

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Milpitas | \$999,999
Luxurious 3br/3ba tri-level townhome w/foothill views and community park in a modern gated community.

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