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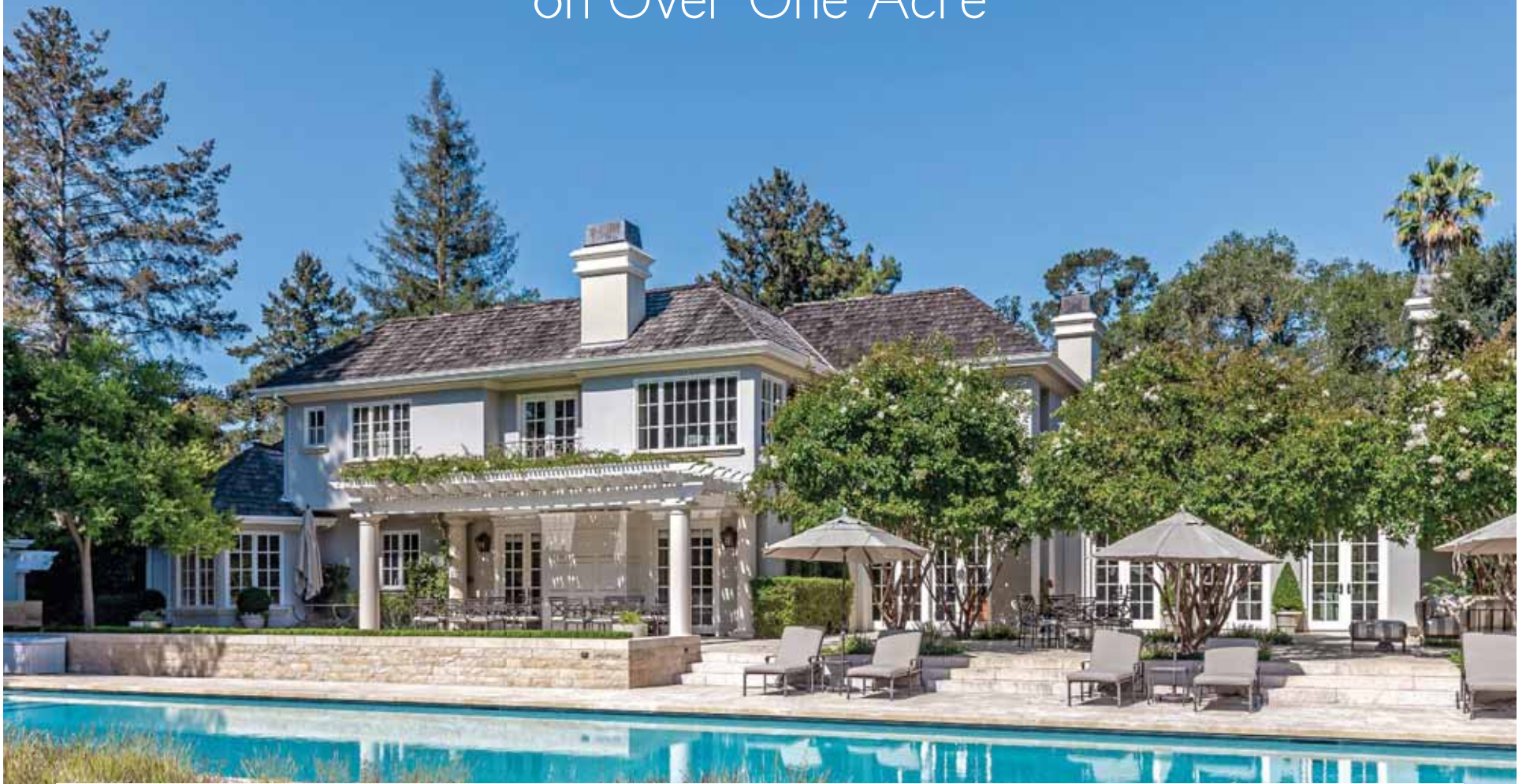
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Photo by Sammy Dallal / The Almanac

Jamie Trujillo, 5, plays with a puzzle at the Belle Haven Library in Menlo Park. Facebook is offering to fund a new community center that would house the library, senior center and youth center, as well as a gym and multipurpose room.

Facebook announces plan to fund new Belle Haven Library and community center

By **Angela Swartz**
Almanac Staff Writer

Facebook officials introduced plans to fully fund a “state-of-the-art” community center in Menlo Park’s Belle Haven neighborhood during a community meeting on Oct. 2.

During the Belle Haven Neighborhood Association meeting, officials from the Menlo Park-based tech company introduced a plan to fund the construction of a multi-story community center that would house the library, senior center and youth center, as well as a gym and multipurpose room, said John Tenanes, Facebook’s vice president of global facilities and real estate. The Onetta Harris Community Center and Belle Haven youth and senior centers are currently located in a cluster of buildings on Terminal Avenue, while the library is on Ivy Drive.

“I think it’s a beautiful idea and proposal and I think it’s something that will certainly revitalize this side of Menlo Park,” said Rose Bickerstaff, who is part of the neighborhood association’s leadership team. “The community has long been underserved.”

In April, Menlo Park’s draft park and recreation facilities master plan recommended changes such as a new Belle Haven community center. One of the recommendations in the draft is to revitalize

the Onetta Harris Community Center and other buildings on the property, including the youth and senior centers. The Onetta Harris center and the Belle Haven Youth Center buildings were recently evaluated to be “at the end of their productive life” and need to be substantially renovated or rebuilt, according to the draft plan.

In June, the Menlo Park City Council approved a \$160,000 contract to develop concept designs for a new Belle Haven Library since the current library “is widely regarded as inadequate to meet community needs,” according to city staff. The firm, Noll & Tam Architects, will also analyze potential site options and come up with preliminary cost estimates for a new library.

Facebook’s intent is to build a space to cover all of the library’s programs, but the city will decide what happens with the existing space, a Facebook spokesperson said.

“We are neighbors and this is one of the most important ways we can help the community build a place to bring the community together,” according to a prepared statement from Facebook. “We believe this effort will strengthen the social fabric of our neighborhood for decades to come.”

Tenanes said Facebook has a sense of the cost of such a project, but that the company would like to gather community feedback

before sharing that information. Over the next month, the company will gather input from the city and community on the project’s design, said Maya Perkins, strategic initiatives manager at Facebook.

Facebook has not set a timeline for the project, but it could present the offer to the Menlo Park City Council on Tuesday, Oct. 15, Tenanes said. At that point the company will have a more detailed presentation on how it plans to proceed with the project, he said.

In an Oct. 3 email, Menlo Park Mayor Ray Mueller lauded the tech company’s proposal.

“Facebook’s proposal, to wholly fund the building of a new state of the art community center and library in Belle Haven, represents a significant and impactful investment in the quality of life of Menlo Park residents, and significantly District 1 residents,” he said. “It would be insincere for me to pretend it isn’t the type of project that fosters appreciable trust from the community in Facebook’s long-term commitment to its neighbors and the City of Menlo Park.”

Mueller added that the community center plan is not tied to the Willow Village project, Facebook’s proposal to build 1.75 million square feet of office space, 1,500 housing units, up to 200,000 square feet of retail space, and a hotel with 200 to 250 rooms on a 60-acre parcel. ■

Atherton to begin testing license plate readers, security cameras to deter crime

By **Angela Swartz**
Almanac Staff Writer

In response to a rash of 20 residential burglaries in Atherton over a four-month period between November 2018 and February 2019, the City Council directed town staff to begin testing license plate readers and security cameras around town at an Oct. 2 study session.

The council asked staff to begin testing such devices, but didn’t specify how many to test or where to test them, said City Manager George Rodericks in an Oct. 3 email. Staff will return to the council with testing results, along with a use and data retention policy, at a future date, he said. The town will send out alerts and update its website to let people know when and where devices will be tested.

Atherton Police Chief Steve McCulley told the council at

the study session that it would be wise to start testing license plate readers and security cameras now since it’s approaching what police officers call “burglary season” — the time surrounding holidays when people tend to leave their homes unoccupied to travel.

“Given the outcry (from last winter’s burglaries), there is a definite appetite for this type of technology to do as much as we can (to deter crime),” he said.

Vice Mayor Rick DeGolia agreed that it makes sense to test cameras to help prepare for a potential uptick in crime.

The town will begin by testing devices such as Flock cameras, which are privately owned automatic license plate readers known as ALPRs. ALPRs are cameras mounted to police cars or on fixtures such as road signs and bridges. The Flock cameras cost \$2,000 each and include maintenance costs, pole installation, software maintenance and storage replacement every three years. Rodericks said the cost of the cameras is within his signature authority,

and thus does not require council approval. He said he doesn’t anticipate spending more than \$10,000 to test a few cameras.

The downsides of Flock cameras? They can’t easily pick up images of a license plate in a significant amount of vehicle traffic, so they’re best suited for low-volume-traffic neighborhoods and cul-de-sacs rather than major intersections. More expensive ALPRs, costing about \$15,000 each, use small high-speed cameras to photograph about 900 plates per minute, according to a town staff report.

Town staff cautioned against purchasing ALPRs to place at all of the town’s entrances and exits, given that the town’s crime rates are low, according to the Oct. 2 staff report. The low crime rates would make it difficult to justify the “substantial monetary costs and the inevitable burden on staff

that would surely come,” staff noted. It would cost \$350,000 in “equipment and infrastructure alone” to install two cameras — a license plate reader and a security camera to record footage — at each of the 10 town entrances and exits recom-

mended by police, according to a town staff report.

“The Town might benefit from having its periphery lined with ALPR and security cameras, but there would be a significant financial burden on the Town,” staff wrote. “Like any other resource, the use of ALPR is a deterrent and a resource for solving crime, but not a guarantee of success. Further, the use of ALPR does not guarantee that crime will be reduced or that perpetrators will be caught.”

Staff is considering installing cameras at these town entrances and exits: El Camino Real /Valparaiso Avenue; El Camino Real/Selby Lane; Alameda de Las Pulgas/Stockbridge Avenue; Alameda de Las Pulgas/Walsh Road; Middlefield Road/Ringwood Avenue;

‘Given the outcry (from last winter’s burglaries), there is a definite appetite for this type of technology to do as much as we can (to deter crime).’

CHIEF STEVE MCCULLEY,
ATHERTON POLICE

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TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY Architectural and Site Control Commissioner Needed

THE PORTOLA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL is seeking two volunteers to serve on the Town's Architectural and Site Control Commission (ASCC) through January 2024. The ASCC consists of five members appointed by the Town Council, and meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.

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Survey: PV school district voters would support parcel tax renewal

By Angela Swartz

Almanac Staff Writer

A survey commissioned by Portola Valley School District has found that voters would support renewal of a parcel tax that district officials say is necessary to keep current programs afloat.

The survey by Godbe Research and TBWB Strategies found that 72.8% of voters in the district would support renewing Measure O in March 2020, according to a presentation prepared for the district's Oct. 2 school board meeting. Surveyed voters expressed the same level of support for renewing the measure in November 2020. Two-thirds of voters must approve the parcel tax for it to pass.

After discussing survey results at the board meeting, board members asked district staff to draft a resolution to put renewal of the parcel tax on the March 2020 ballot.

"In the context of the November (2020) election, we (the district's parcel tax committee) thought the tax might get crowded out (by other ballot items)," said Superintendent Roberta Zarea. "It came down to wanting to move forward and we feel like we have this momentum."

The measure, which passed in 2013 with 69% of the vote, is currently set to expire in June 2021.

"Given the survey findings and the two-thirds majority required for approval, TBWB and Godbe Research recommend that the Portola Valley School District continue the process to prepare for a March 2020 parcel tax measure election that extends the current measure for 8 years, with cost of living adjustments, senior exemptions, independent citizen oversight, no money for administrator salaries, and no funds for Sacramento," according to the presentation.

In June, district staff said the parcel tax, which generates about \$1.2 million annually, "must be renewed" to maintain classroom programs and teaching staff.

Measure O raises revenue that goes toward advanced math, science and technology programs; reading and writing programs; art and music programs; reduced class sizes; and retention of teachers, according to the district website.

Measure O consolidated two expiring measures: Measure C (with an annual tax of \$290 per parcel) and Measure D (\$168 per parcel) and increased the rate by \$123 per parcel to \$581, district Chief Business Officer

Connie Ngo said.

A little over half of those surveyed have a very favorable or somewhat favorable view of the district's management of public funds. About 20% answered that they have unfavorable or very unfavorable views of the district's management of public funds. Nearly a quarter answered that they don't know whether the district effectively manages public funds.

The most popular aspects of the measure include its focus on maintaining enhanced science, math, reading and writing instruction; retaining qualified and experienced teachers; supporting music and arts programs; and limiting class size increases, according to the survey.

A draft resolution to put the tax on the March 2020 ballot will come back to the school board for review and discussion at an Oct. 23 meeting, said Ngo. There will likely vote on the resolution at a Nov. 20 meeting, which is the last meeting before the deadline for a March election, Ngo said.

The full presentation on the survey can be viewed at tinyurl.com/parceltaxsurvey.

At the same meeting, architects updated the board on construction funded by Measure Z, a \$49.5 million bond passed last November to pay for school repairs and renovations.

Cody Anderson Wasney Architects completed the schematic design phase of the construction projects, and the firm is beginning the projects' design development phase.

At Corte Madera School, the district is finishing up work on a fault trench, which should be complete by Oct. 11, according to a district staff report. The school is located just inside a fault zone as indicated by the California Geological Survey (CGS).

The contractors have finished backfilling and compacting the first section of the trench through the garden and asphalt area behind the school's 900 wing. Once the remaining length of the trench is complete and backfilled, the entire length of the trench will be patched with asphalt.

A representative from the CGS visited the site twice and has not found anything of significance in the sections exposed, according to the staff report.

The school district plans to host public open houses to review Measure Z construction design plans with architects at the end of October or early November, Zarea said. ▀

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Revive, a program of Stanford Children's Health, recognized 18 people, including (from left to right) Menlo Park Fire Protection District firefighter/paramedic Scott Nixon, firefighter Erik Anenson, firefighter/paramedic Paul Kaufman, Battalion Chief Chris Pimentel, Captain and paramedic Matt Menard, Burgess Pool aquatics head coach Julie Cohn, Captain and paramedic Eric McGlennon, American Medical Response emergency medical technician Sam Witmer, NCTI paramedic intern Santino Guerrero, American Medical Response paramedic Andrei Klestoff, firefighter/paramedic Brett Bates, Dr. Pete Meaney, and Burgess Pool head of lifeguards Jonathan Martinez for their resuscitation efforts that saved a teenager's life in June at a Sept. 26 ceremony.

Teenager's close call at Burgess Pool has a happy ending

First responders, pool employees recognized for resuscitating girl who nearly drowned in June

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

On June 28, a teenager finished her backstroke race in a swim meet at Burgess Pool in Menlo Park, took off her goggles and then lost consciousness and slipped below the water.

The event triggered a cascade of emergency actions that resulted in saving the 14-year-old's life, an outcome that was a minor miracle, since fewer than 12% of people who have an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survive, according to a statement from Stanford Children's Health, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Stanford Children's Health recognized 18 people who contributed to those lifesaving efforts at an awards ceremony on Sept. 26.

The teenager's name and her parents' last names have been withheld at the parents' request.

Eric McGlennon, an off-duty fire captain and paramedic with the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, was on the scene and dove into the water to pull the girl out of the pool and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Dr. Peter Meaney of Stanford's Children's Health, who was also at the pool, rushed over to coordinate the CPR effort, along with Burgess Pool head lifeguard Johnathan Martinez and Julie Cohn, the pool's aquatics head coach.

The Menlo fire district emergency medical services team arrived four minutes later to take over the effort.

Menlo Battalion Chief Chris Pimentel was in his office at Fire Station 1 when the report of a drowning with CPR in progress came over the police radio, according to a fire district press release.

Pimentel told crew members on Engine 1 and Truck 1 of the drowning as the station emergency alert system was going off. He jumped into his vehicle and was on the scene at 4:46 p.m., according to the fire district's account.

"Unfortunately, I've been to a number of drowning calls at Burgess Pool," Pimentel said. "When I arrived, the girl had just been pulled from the water and (had no pulse), was not breathing, and CPR was in progress. Things didn't look good."

"What we didn't know at the time was that she had experienced a sudden cardiac arrest prior to slipping under the water," Pimentel said.

When Holly, the girl's mother, arrived at the pool, she saw her daughter being carried to an ambulance on a stretcher and she followed the ambulance to Stanford Hospital.

En route, Holly called her husband, Mark, who was at work in Palo Alto and he joined her at the hospital.

In the emergency unit, doctors, nurses and other medical personnel were trying to revive the teenager.

"You begin thinking your daughter is alive, but you don't know how long her brain went without oxygen," Mark said in the Stanford statement.

By the early morning hours, things were looking up. The girl began wiggling her toes and squeezing her mother's hand. By 4 a.m., she was awake and interacting with them.

Soon, brain and heart MRI scans came back normal and within three days it became clear that the girl was going to make a full recovery, according to the Stanford Children's Health release.

Before she left the hospital, the teen received an implantable cardioverter defibrillator that helps regulate heartbeat. She is also taking beta-blockers that work by blocking the effects of adrenaline.

The girl's doctor credits the high-quality CPR the teenager received at the pool as the reason behind her recovery.

"Given her then-undiagnosed heart arrhythmia, often the first event can be fatal," said cardiologist Dr. Anne Dubin. "Her speedy recovery is due to the fact that she got such excellent CPR in the field."

Although she won't be able to swim competitively again, the girl is thinking of taking up archery or golf and, in her first year of high school this fall, she is continuing as a middle school junior swim coach, a role she held last year.

"We are forever thankful and grateful for everyone's help and assistance in what we recognize is a truly remarkable result," Holly and Mark said in the Stanford Children's Health release.

The Menlo Park paramedics trained with Revive, a Stanford Children's Health program that trains paramedics using a rare previous case similar to the one at Burgess Pool, Revive Director Lynda Knight said in the Stanford Children's Health release.

Revive provides paramedics with the lifesaving skills needed to promote survival with the best neurological outcomes in the event that an infant or child suffers a respiratory or cardiopulmonary event, according to the release.

"This training is imperative, as these are very rare occurrences but extremely high-risk events, and health care professionals must practice to sustain these lifesaving skills," Knight said. ▀

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Board of Supervisors declares climate change emergency

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors gave an extra push to its efforts to combat climate change by passing a resolution on Sept. 17 declaring a climate change emergency.

The resolution calls on the county to create a climate action plan to arrive at carbon neutrality ahead of California's 2045 statewide goal, and partner with cities to create strategies to deal with climate change.

The action plan is being developed and will be ready for the board to consider in 2020, said Effie Verducci, communications officer for the county Office of Sustainability.

The emergency resolution also requires the Office of Sustainability to provide a report to the Board of Supervisors about the progress being made to meet carbon-reduction goals.

The statewide zero-emissions law, passed last year, requires the state to cease using energy sources that cause carbon emissions by 2045. It also commits the state to draw half its electricity from renewable sources by 2026, rising to 60% by 2030.

The county has already created Climate Ready SMC, a program to help prepare for the changing climate, and helped form a Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency.

Climate Ready SMC is a collaborative effort between government and private and

community-based organizations to deal with four climate change issues: rising heat, wildfires, extreme storms and sea level rise, Verducci said.

The supervisors have already taken a number of steps to lower the county's carbon footprint, including installing vehicle chargers and promoting electric vehicles, in a move toward "electrifying and de-carbonizing our communities," said David Burruto, chief of staff for Supervisor Dave Pine, who has spearheaded the effort in the county to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The county and its 20 cities and towns also established Peninsula Clean Energy, which gives electricity customers the option of choosing renewable energy sources for their electric

power needs.

Sea level rise is an important issue in the county, which lies between a coastline that is eroding and San Francisco Bay, said Board of Supervisors President Carole Groom in the release.

The county commissioned a sea level rise vulnerability assessment in March 2018 that determined that property with a total assessed value of \$34 billion would be flooded along the Bay and on the coast north of Half Moon Bay by 2100 because of rising sea levels, according to the Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency website.

"With resiliency, it's not necessarily what makes floods, but how we are going to deal with them," Burruto said.

The emergency declaration

received the approval of the Sierra Club's Palo Alto-based Loma Prieta chapter, which put out a call for San Mateo County and Santa Clara County cities and towns to do the same, according to Dita Dev, chair of the club's sustainable land use committee.

The club has called on governments to declare climate change emergencies, divest investments in fossil fuels, and end business with large banks that have fossil fuel investments, Dev said.

"Recognizing that they're in a climate emergency is the single most important action (jurisdictions) can take to deal with climate change," she said. "Menlo Park has already declared an emergency, along with the county, and it will be up to other cities to catch up." ▀

CAMERAS

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Middlefield Road/Marsh Road; Middlefield Road/Fair Oaks Lane; Middlefield Road/Jennings Lane; Fredrick Avenue/Ringwood Avenue; and Valparaiso Avenue/Camino Por Los Arboles.

There are public safety cameras at Holbrook-Palmer Park, and

new police vehicles are equipped with ALPR cameras as part of their existing dashboard cameras, Rodericks said. The police department currently has one mobile ALPR unit attached to a patrol vehicle. These units cost approximately \$19,000 each, according to the staff report.

Six members of the public made comments on the agenda item,

including Atherton resident Jon Ververloh, who sits on the Las Lomas Elementary School District's school board. Ververloh would like to see cameras placed on key bicycle routes to identify motorists who drive dangerously around bikes. His recommendation comes from his own personal experience: His teenage daughter was recently hit by a car while

riding her bike home from Sacred Heart Schools. The driver, who was using her cellphone while driving, left the scene without providing her information, he said.

Some local residents came to the meeting with concerns that the cameras could infringe on people's privacy. Portola Valley resident Tim Clark, a member of San Francisco Peninsula People Power, a local civil liberties organization, said at the Oct. 2 meeting that it's important there is oversight of police use of cameras and license plate readers. He suggested Atherton emulate jurisdictions that require annual reports by police on the number of times data from the cameras is used.

Council member Mike Lempres

said he also has privacy concerns about the cameras, while DeGolia said it would be wise for staff to examine the automated license plate reader policy to ensure "it's as buttoned down as it should be."

In Menlo Park, police installed three mobile license plate readers and four security cameras in the Belle Haven neighborhood in a push by residents hoping to prevent gun violence, according to a presentation prepared by Atherton police for the Oct. 2 meeting. East Palo Alto doesn't have public safety cameras in town, according to the presentation.

Police are planning a community meeting with residents in November to discuss issues such as burglaries, McCulley said. ▀



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Town of Woodside Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director

Presentation and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal to replace the Old La Honda Road Bridge with an 84-inch diameter culvert. The culvert would be installed under the existing bridge, supported by new headwalls. The area under the bridge would be filled with lean concrete. The Project is located within a Town-designated stream corridor along Dennis Martin Creek, and therefore requires a Conditional Use Permit and evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Prior to taking action on the project, the Planning Commission will consider adoption of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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Defendant in stabbing deemed incompetent to stand trial

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

Doctors examining Marvin Lomeli, 21, of Redwood City have determined that he is not competent to stand trial for assault with a deadly weapon and assault with the intent to create great bodily injury after a stabbing in Menlo Park on April 30, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

At a hearing Monday, Sept. 30, the case was continued until Nov. 15, when the court will hear a recommendation for making Lomeli ready for trial, according to Chief Deputy District Attorney Al Serrato.

"The court needs to make an effort to restore him to competency so that he can understand the nature of the proceedings, which is a fundamental part of

due process," Serrato said. "It may involve some therapy or medication."

On July 22, as Lomeli was about to face a jury trial, his defense attorney declared a doubt about his ability to stand trial. The court then suspended criminal proceedings and appointed two doctors to examine him.

In the assault case, Lomeli was with the victim, a 60-year-old Redwood City man, at the victim's home, and left in the early morning on April 30, according to District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

After Lomeli left, the victim realized his cellphone was missing and thought Lomeli had stolen it. He got in his car and went looking for Lomeli and found him in the 3700 block of Haven Avenue in Menlo Park, according to

Wagstaffe.

The victim confronted Lomeli, who allegedly pulled out a box cutter and slashed and stabbed him five times in the back of the head and neck, Wagstaffe said.

When passersby intervened, Lomeli fled the scene and allegedly threw the box cutter in a slough, where it was recovered by police, Wagstaffe said.

Officers found Lomeli near Marsh Road and U.S. 101 in Menlo Park. He was reportedly carrying a small amount of methamphetamine when he was arrested, according to Wagstaffe.

The victim was treated at Stanford Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries, Menlo Park Police Department spokesperson Nicole Acker said.

Lomeli has also been charged

with three felony counts of threats, assault and violation of a no-contact order in a March 17 incident in which he assaulted his mother, according to Wagstaffe.

Lomeli allegedly entered the East Palo Alto home of his 58-year-old mother even though the court had issued a protective order requiring him to stay 100 yards away from her.

While he was there, he allegedly threatened and assaulted her before she was able to flee

from the house, at which point he left on his bicycle.

Lomeli is also the defendant in a misdemeanor drug possession case involving heroin. He was found with two syringes containing the drug after he was stopped by officers in Redwood City on Jan. 29, according to Wagstaffe.

He is being held on \$35,000 bail for the box cutter incident and \$50,000 bail for the second felony incident with his mother. ■

Man robbed at gunpoint in Menlo Park

An East Palo Alto man was robbed at gunpoint at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, when he was held up by two men during a marijuana sale that went awry, according to the Menlo Park Police Department.

The victim, who told police he had agreed to buy a pound of marijuana from the men for \$1,100, was reportedly picked up at his home by the two men in a black Honda Accord. After that they drove around East Palo Alto and Menlo Park for about 15 minutes looking for a safe place to conduct the transaction, police said.

After the driver parked on Kelly Court in Menlo Park,

the man sitting in the backseat allegedly pointed a gun at the victim's head and demanded that he turn over all his property. The victim asked the driver what was going on, and in turn the driver punched him twice in the face, police said.

Fearing for his life, the victim immediately gave the two men his money and cellphone, police said.

The two suspects then fled the area after the victim got out of the vehicle. The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries, according to police.

A detailed description of the suspects is not available.

—Rick Radin

Man accused of throwing skateboard at driver pleads not guilty

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

A Menlo Park man charged with felony vandalism for throwing his skateboard at a moving car in an unprovoked incident on Sept. 27 in Atherton pleaded not guilty on Tuesday, Oct. 1, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

Thomas Anthony Steck, 31, threw the skateboard at the driver's side of a car around 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 27, according to the DA's Office. The motorist was driving down Elena Avenue approaching Park Lane to bring her 7-year-old daughter to school. Steck broke a mirror and dented the

front door, causing over \$400 in damage, according to the DA's Office.

Steck fled through the Menlo Circus Club property, and the driver provided a description of him to the Atherton Police Department, which searched the area for him. Police found and arrested him at the Menlo Park Caltrain station. There was white paint on the skateboard that had transferred from the car, according to the DA's Office.

The driver did not know Steck and the motive for the incident is unknown, according to authorities.

A preliminary hearing has been set for Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. Steck remains in custody on \$10,000 bail. ■

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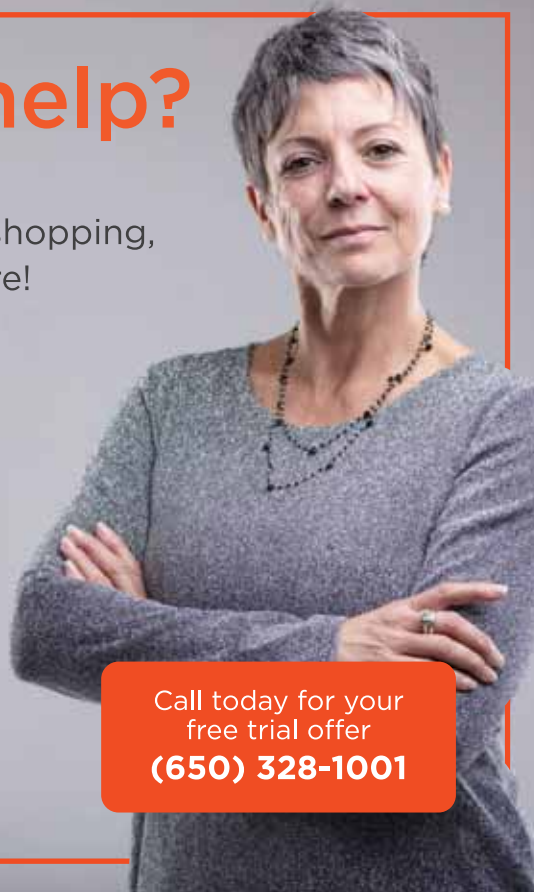
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Woodside Planning Commission refines Glens rules changes

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

The Woodside Planning Department has worked out a compromise for the Glens neighborhood that it hopes will satisfy people who want to expand their homes while maintaining reasonable limits to please those who want to minimize the effects of growth.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposal developed by the department at a hearing Wednesday, Oct. 2, which will come back to the commission one more time on Oct. 16 before the Town Council takes it under consideration, probably in November, according to Sage Schaan, principal planner with the town.

Under the proposal, maximum home sizes in the Glens could be increased on a sliding scale, according to the staff report on the proposed new rules.

A home on the 3,850-square-foot lot, the smallest in the neighborhood, could have a maximum floor area of 1,940 square feet, while a residence on a 14,000-square-foot lot could have up to 3,000 square feet of floor area.

Homes with 14,000- to

20,000-square-foot lots would be allowed to expand to 3,000 square feet, while homes with lots that are larger than 20,000 square feet could increase to a maximum of 4,200 square feet in size.

The plan would also provide incentives for owners of homes with less than 3,000 square feet of total floor area to build garages, but not be required to count the floor area of the garage toward the maximum floor area of the house. The proposal also allows setbacks from the street and property lines as low as 5 feet for homes on the smallest lots.

About 73% of all existing building footprints are set off to one side of the lot, according to the staff report.

“Continuing along nonconforming setback lines would preserve the existing development pattern, thereby maintaining open space and privacy,” according to the report.

Parking on the road right of way will also count as on-site parking toward a requirement of having four on-site parking spaces per home.

The road right-of-way can include utility poles, electric lines and sidewalks that are outside the

paved portion of the road, Schaan said.

The proposed new rules come after a year of discussion, site visitations and hearings involving residents who want to expand their properties, but the proposal still received opposition at the meeting from some residents concerned about traffic congestion, creating and preserving escape routes during an emergency, parking, noise and other factors.

“Over time, larger properties will result in greater population and more cars,” said Glens resident Harvey Rosenthal. “The proposal for increased house size is untenable with vehicles in the roadway impeding traffic and emergency vehicles being unable to negotiate our substandard roads.”

Others disagreed, pointing to the increased safety from fire and other disasters of a home that has been upgraded and remodeled, among other factors.

“Change is inevitable, it’s going to happen,” said Planning Commissioner Aydan Kutay. “I’m not that concerned about increasing density if it’s an opportunity to build a safer home.” ■

Supervisors add \$296 million in spending to final budget

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors added \$296 million worth of expenditures to the final 2019-21 budget before adopting it Sept. 24.

The resulting 9.3% increase brings the budget total to \$3.5 billion, up from \$3.2 billion in the recommended budget passed in June, according to a Board of Supervisors release.

The increased spending includes converting 64 temporary county positions into permanent positions and adding 26 new jobs.

County Manager Mike Callagy determined that the permanent positions are necessary to take on increased workloads, time-sensitive projects and expand services, according to the release.

“The use of short-term employees was and remains very valid for some positions,” Callagy said in the release. “However, some positions have changed to more of an ongoing function, and the retention of valuable employees in a tight market will save the county money.”

Major revisions to the budget include:

- \$10 million to plan and build a new morgue facility consolidated with the Coroner’s Office on the San Mateo Medical Center campus.

- \$3.9 million in grant funding from the Judicial Council of California, which allows the county Superior Court to contract with the county probation department for a new program that uses a validated risk assessment tool to determine pre-trial release eligibility.

- \$1.76 million for the first year of a new six-year contract with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire), which includes funding for a new wildland program.

- \$11.9 million in rollover and grant adjustments for county parks projects, including the Midcoast multi-modal bicycle and commuter trail, trails in Wunderlich County Park in Woodside and improvements at Flood Park in Menlo Park and Coyote Point in San Mateo.

- \$1.14 million to the elections division for election security, extra-help staff and voter outreach. ■

Stanford University Development Project and the General Use Permit Application

County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors Hearing Tuesday, October 22, 2019 / 6:00 pm

City of Palo Alto Council Chambers / 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301

At this hearing, the Board of Supervisors will receive testimony from members of the public on the General Use Permit application.

This is the only hearing before the Board on the application in Palo Alto. Other hearings will be in San José.



WHAT ABOUT HOUSING?



Stanford University is proposing to add more than 3.5 million square feet of new development. The project is the largest ever to be reviewed by the County of Santa Clara in its 169-year history.

If approved, the project could increase Stanford University’s campus by 20% and add 9,610 new people to the campus upon completion of the development.

Of the 9,610 additional people resulting from the build-out of the academic space, 4,010 would be net new staff, faculty and other workers who would create a demand for housing. For this reason, the Administration is proposing that 2,172 new housing units be provided, including 964 affordable housing units to avoid worsening the existing housing crisis.

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Nonprofits working to provide better lives for horses

HELPING CREATURES IN NEED

By Maggie Mah
Special to The Almanac

Animal welfare is one of many pressing issues in today's world, and while awareness of the need to help familiar creatures like dogs and cats is high, the plight of animals we encounter less often is far lower. Horses are one of those animals, and due to the fact that horses are large, expensive to maintain and need plenty of space, they are extremely vulnerable to neglect and abuse.

Profiled here are three nonprofit groups, each working in unique ways to provide better lives for horses.

Big Bay Ray

Gretchen Kyle repurposes feed sacks to make stylishly sturdy shopping bags and wine totes to support her charity, Big Bay Ray.

Named in memory of "Ray Ray," a rescued horse who in turn helped Kyle's daughter through a difficult time, the charity uses proceeds from the sale of the bags to support other horse welfare organizations.

After retiring from her job with Stanford University's clinical lab team, where Kyle worked in "stat" situations, transporting blood to critically ill patients, she began to spend more time around horses. She noticed that boarding facilities generated a lot of empty feed and grain bags. The bags are often made of woven polypropylene, a strong, easy-to-sew material usually printed with colorful horse-related graphics. It sparked an idea.

"I thought: Everybody needs shopping bags," Kyle recalled.

With \$10,000 of her own money, she got started. Along the way, Kyle received help from a sewing machine company

representative, feed manufacturers, and several local retailers including Roberts Market in Woodside. Shopping totes are currently available at Portola Feed in Portola Valley.

Now in her third year of operation, Kyle's selection of bags has expanded beyond basic shopping totes to include more elaborate designs with custom embroidery and recycled vintage fabric, linings and straps.

"But," said Kyle "it's about education as much as bags. People don't understand that horses need rescuing."

Kyle also donates bags to other organizations whether or not their cause is horse related. "We can help each other. It's not a competition," she said.

Kyle designates one organization per year to which she donates all proceeds for that year. Beneficiaries include Sonoma Equine Rescue and Rehab for horses affected by the 2017 and 2018 wildfires and Angels for Minis, a Bay Area group dedicated to rescuing,

rehabilitating and re-homing miniature horses.

Kyle recently made an "out of the blue" call to Veryl Goodnight, the artist who created "Spring and Sprite," the bronze mare and foal sculptures on Woodside's Village Hill. After telling her about Big Bay Ray's mission, Goodnight responded by offering proceeds from the sale of her painting, "Untethered," which is valued at \$3,500.

According to Goodnight, "What Gretchen is doing benefits far more than the individual horses she helps — it makes others aware of the need to be proactive in helping our animal partners. I am thrilled that my art can help in some way. 'Untethered' represents what we all wish for our horses — the ability to run free."

The painting will be on display during

Day of the Horse festivities at Kyle's Big Bay Ray table in front of Roberts Market on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sweetbeau Horses

Images of wild horses running free may evoke the pioneer spirit of the American West but, despite being protected by federal law since 1971 (through the Wild Horse and Burro Protection Act), the future of mustangs and burros is at risk due to increasing competition for use of taxpayer-subsidized grazing lands. Shrinking habitat and fewer natural predators create an unhappy combination that leads to overpopulation.

To address the issue, the Bureau of Land Management, the government agency



Left: Gretchen and Paul Kyle with miniature horses Blackie and Winkie. Gretchen Kyle repurposes feed sacks to make shopping bags and wine totes (left) to support her charity, Big Bay Ray. (Photo courtesy of SonRise Equestrian Foundation)

Top: Terri Duca is director of development for the American Wild Horse Campaign, an advocacy group working to address issues that threaten wild horses and burros on public lands. (Photo courtesy of Ed Gray)

responsible for managing both the land and the animals, conducts helicopter roundups to drive the animals to areas where they can be rounded up and transported elsewhere. Many are held indefinitely in government facilities or end up in the slaughter pipeline.

Woodside residents Patricia Griffin-Soffel and husband Michael Soffel started Sweetbeau Horses in March 2017 with a mission to adopt wild mustangs and thoroughly train them before placing the horses with new owners.

Griffin-Soffel was first introduced to mustangs through endurance riding. Having ridden only horses of “domestic” breeds (Arabians, Missouri Fox Trotters, etc.) she became interested in these sturdy horses and was surprised to discover the qualities of horses bred in the wild.

“I never thought you could truly domesticate a wild mustang but there they were, eager to be competing with their person. What I didn’t expect was how smart, affectionate and loyal these horses are,” she recalled.

Griffin-Soffel’s commitment to helping mustangs deepened after learning that more than 900 wild horses were in dire circumstances at a failed rescue operation in South Dakota. She went to work raising money, coordinated with other rescue organizations and got through the legal process of gaining title to the horses. When all was said and done, it turned out to be the largest horse rescue in U.S. history.

Ultimately, Griffin-Soffel and her husband decided to make mustang rescue a lifetime commitment, bringing their first

25 horses to their Paso Robles ranch in October 2017.

Using natural horsemanship methods, a style of training that employs the horse’s natural instincts and gentle pressure techniques, the wild horses gradually become accustomed to being haltered, handled and ridden. Once trained, the horses are versatile and are excellent on the trail.

“These horses are so willing to please,” Griffin-Soffel said. “Every one of them conquered the craziest obstacle courses without trauma or drama.”

Four of Griffin-Soffel’s Sweetbeau mustangs will be at the Mounted Patrol grounds on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

American Wild Horse Campaign

Wild horses are also the focus of Menlo Park resident Terri Ducay, director of development for the American Wild Horse Campaign. AWHC is an advocacy group working through legal and legislative means to address issues that threaten wild horses and burros on public lands.

During what she refers to as her “first career” as an executive in the tech world, Ducay initially got involved with canine rescue. The more she learned about the fate of animals caught up in various and terrible human-caused situations, the more she wanted to help.

“It really led me to understand that helping animals is my life’s calling,” she explained.

Soon after coming to that realization, she visited an elephant sanctuary in Thailand and ended up working there for a year and a half.

As a former horse owner, Ducay was drawn to the American Wild Horse Campaign. Now in her “second career,” Ducay and members of AWHC work in conjunction with other organizations, including Sweetbeau Horses. The AWHC also advocates for the use of humane in-the-wild management solutions, such as birth

control vaccines, as a more humane alternative to removal and long-term holding. ■

Maggie Mah is a freelance writer.

On the cover: Sweetbeau Horses trainer Jess Sibert (left) and Patricia Griffin-Soffel with two of their mustangs. Four of the nonprofit’s mustangs will be at Day of the Horse festivities in Woodside this weekend. Photo courtesy of Mallory Beinborn



Photo courtesy of Sweetbeau Horses

Woodside residents Michael Soffel and Patricia Griffin-Soffel with Tango, one of the Sweetbeau mustangs that will be at the Mounted Patrol grounds on Oct. 12.

DAY OF THE HORSE IN WOODSIDE

Days are rapidly getting shorter and leaves are starting to fall — two sure signs that Day of the Horse is just around the corner.

The annual event, which pays tribute to horses and the equestrian lifestyle, is put on every year in October by WHOA!, the Woodside Area Horse Owners Association. This year, WHOA! is celebrating the 15th anniversary of Day of the Horse with the theme “Super Heroines and Heroes,” and three days of events, including two new equestrian art exhibits and an opening reception.

Festivities begin Friday, Oct. 11, with the opening reception and first annual “Art of the Horse” exhibit, an evening of equestrian art, wine and live music. The art show features winning submissions by local artists in two age categories, youth (under 18) and adults 18 and older. The adult category was evaluated by four judges: Perri Guthrie, an independent fine art appraiser based in Woodside; Jill Layman, owner of A.Space gallery in Menlo Park; Sharon Campbell, Menlo Charity Horse Show’s 2019 Artist of the Year; and Joan Wolfgang, renowned expert in equestrian and sporting art based in San Francisco. Local artists with works in the show include Peter Van Vlasselaer (Woodside) and Grayson Martin (Redwood City).

The event will be held in Woodside’s Independence Hall from 6 to 8 pm. Admission is free of charge.

Running all three days at the Woodside Village Church is a separate youth art

show featuring works by artists 17 years of age and under. Original works in a range of different media, including sculpture, will be on display Friday through Sunday, Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All artists will be awarded a ribbon and be entered in a raffle for equine-related prizes, such as riding lessons and tack.

If past years are any indication, there should be some spectacular sights on Woodside’s town trails on Saturday, Oct. 12, as horses and riders in costume for this year’s Super Heroines and Heroes theme make their way along the route of the Progressive Trail Ride.

The ride attracts both local and out-of-town equestrians and is designed for riders of all levels of expertise. Maps direct participants along the town’s roadside trails and on an optional loop through Huddart Park.

“We want every rider to experience the joy and pleasure of a trail ride through our lovely, horse-friendly town,” said Jo Egenes, WHOA! Steering Committee member.

The route includes 15 “heroically” themed ride stops (Batman, Super Girl, etc.) offering both human and equine treats.

The ride takes place between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., with an after-party for participants at the Mounted Patrol grounds from 3 to 5 p.m. Riders participating in the Progressive Trail Ride are required to register before the ride. For more information, visit the WHOA! website, whoa94062.org/day-of-the-horse/.



Photo courtesy of WHOA!

Pony rides, blacksmith demonstrations and the Wells Fargo stage coach are among the highlights of the popular Horse Fair.

Also new this year is the timing of the popular Horse Fair at Town Hall, which has been moved to Sunday. The fair offers entertaining and educational ways for everyone in the family to connect with horses. Special activities include pony rides, opportunities to make equine art, blacksmith demonstrations, the Wells Fargo stage coach and more.

The Horse Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

In honor of Day of the Horse, the Woodside Community Museum is featuring a special equestrian exhibit of

historic photographs, memorabilia and a timeline of Woodside’s equestrian history. The museum is located in the restored Matheson Farm House near Town Hall and will be open Sunday during the Horse Fair.

To date, WHOA! has contributed over \$200,000 to various local projects through proceeds from the Day of The Horse. Recipients include the Folger Barn Preservation, Woodside Jr. Riders, Town of Woodside Trails and the mare and foal sculptures on Village Hill.

Curtain falls on cinema era at Guild Theatre

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

The Guild Theatre, Menlo Park's longest-running movie theater, closed Sept. 26 after its final screening of the evening, a 7:05 p.m. showing of "Official Secrets."

According to the theater operator, Landmark Theatres, it will "continue showcasing our signature variety of quality films paired with a top-tier entertainment experience at the Aquarius Theatre in Palo Alto."

The Guild was constructed in 1924 and began offering "moving pictures" around 1925, according to a historical report by Bonnie Bamburg, excerpted on the Imagine Menlo website.

According to the report, the theater, initially called The Menlo, started out showing silent films accompanied by a live organist, but by 1929 had upgraded its sound system to offer "Movie-Phone" sound. The lobby was forcibly shortened by about 30 feet in 1942

when El Camino Real was widened. The theater changed names to the Guild when a newer theater in town took the name "The Menlo."

Ownership changed hands several times. In the late 1980s, the theater was remodeled in the Art Deco style, and it developed into its current niche in the local theater-scape as an art house theater, the report explains.

In recent years, it's hosted monthly midnight screenings of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" with a live cast.

but acknowledges that it's been a complex process. "I don't want to jinx it," he said.

According to the preliminary plans for the new Guild, the project would convert the single-screen theater into a three-level venue with a main viewing area on the ground floor, a second-story mezzanine, and a basement with a "green room" and a comfortable area where performers can shower and relax prior to shows.

The organization plans to operate the venue as a non-profit, Dunlevie said. It would charge for admission to cover the costs of operations and paying the musicians, and would funnel any extra revenue back into the venue's programming, and offering discounted tickets.

The new Guild would be about 11,000 square feet, with a maximum height of 34 feet and a capacity of about 150 to 200 seats, or about 500 people at a standing-room-only show.

Nostalgia and memories

At a special event held Sept. 25 to celebrate the theater's last days as a movie house, Peninsula cinephiles shared some of their memories and recollections with The Almanac while waiting in line for popcorn and concessions in advance of a special screening of the 1988 film classic, "Cinema Paradiso," organized at the last minute with the support of Menlo Park resident Judy Adams, who ran a "Save the Guild" campaign to collect signatures to

protect the theatre.

Though most attendees were aware of the new plans for the theatre, many were still nostalgic about their experiences at the long-standing movie house over the years.

"I've been coming here since the '70s," said Joan Singer of Belmont. That was back when Kepler's was closer and on the same side of El Camino Real, she said. The "Cinema Paradiso" screening, she said, feels "so appropriate."

"I probably saw it here first," she added.

Doug Felt, a 40-year resident of Menlo Park, said he appreciated the way that the theater's ushers would come out front before the movies started. It felt personal and friendly.

"It's not trying to be glitzy," he added.

The Guild is the latest in a slow trickle of many of his favorite haunts in Palo Alto and Menlo Park that have been disappearing, he says. "It makes you feel old."

Rohit Khare of Menlo Park said he hopes that the new theater will incorporate some of the older decor, like the chandeliers and the marquee, the way there have been efforts to do something similar at Foster's Freeze by keeping the signs to incorporate into a future snack shack at Burgess Park.

Larry Dahl, a longtime Menlo Park resident, recalled the days when the city had multiple theaters that offered double features, films that changed twice a week, and, in the pre-#MeToo era, a Woody Allen film festival that circulated through the theaters in town. Now, he says, there will be no movie theaters in Menlo Park.

Marian Sanders of East Palo Alto said she liked the Guild for its single screen and the small, old-fashioned atmosphere. She didn't mind that it lacked ultra-plush seats like many newer theaters offer, she added.

Menlo Park resident Steve Walton said that the theater has "been here longer than I've been here. I hate to see it go." ▀

Jeanne Fisher Chandler

April 29, 1933 - September 11, 2019

Jeanne Fisher Chandler of Los Altos Hills, CA, an accomplished painter, classical pianist, gourmet cook, and gardener-extraordinaire, passed away peacefully with her daughters at her side September 11, 2019. Jeanne was born on April 29, 1933 in Edmond, Oklahoma to Roy and Mildred Wallis Fisher. Her grandfather, Dr. Jonas



Wakefield Fisher, participated in the Oklahoma Territory land run in 1889. She graduated from Edmond High School, attended Scripps College, and graduated from the University of Oklahoma. A gifted artist, her creative talent began at an early age and was a driving force throughout her life. She played drums in her high school band, studied and played classical piano and guitar, and was a theater major and homecoming queen in college. She married Stephen Sanders Chandler, III in 1955, moved to Marblehead, MA, where they sailed the coast and she performed in summer stock theater. Two years later they moved to Palo Alto; settling in Los Altos Hills four years later, where she lived until her passing. She loved the Northern California landscape and the abstract expressionist painters it inspired, such as Richard Diebenkorn and Nathan Oliveira. While devoted to her children - expressed through countless gourmet dinners inspired by Julia Childs, and one year putting over 100,000 miles on her car driving her daughters to tennis tournaments - Jeanne remained dedicated to her own painting; for years working long nights after everyone else was asleep. Her hard work was rewarded with gallery exhibits of her paintings in Carmel, Healdsburg, Dallas, and Fredericksburg. Her beautiful home and creatively designed gardens were among her most treasured canvasses and works of art, where she enjoyed hosting family for summer pool parties and holidays and loved to lead everyone in the singing of her favorite hymn, We Gather Together by Valerius. Jeanne made life so beautiful for her entire family, and they feel so blessed and grateful to carry on her legacy. Survivors include her daughter, Karen Wickers and her husband Bob of Portola Valley, her daughter Anne Porter and her husband David of Sausalito; and her four grandchildren, Chandler Wickers, Robert Wickers, Cole Porter and Wes Porter. She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Marilyn Wantland and her brother Roy Fisher, Jr. She will be laid to rest at her family's plot in Edmond, OK on October 19th. A celebration of life will be held later this year at the Cantor Art Center's Rodin Sculpture Garden on the campus of Stanford University.

PAID OBITUARY

The new Guild

The Menlo Park City Council approved plans in May 2018 to transform the vintage movie theater into a nonprofit live music venue.

The initiative is led by the Peninsula Arts Guild, made up of Menlo Park resident Drew Dunlevie and backed by two affluent locals: investor Pete Briger and entrepreneur Thomas Layton.

As to the current status of the project, Dunlevie explained in an email to The Almanac on Monday, Sept. 23, "We're (hopefully) close to getting permits from City of Menlo Park so we can get started in earnest."

Dunlevie said he is in conversations with the theater operator to have some additional final film screenings.

He said he thinks they're close to completing all of the steps necessary to get permits from the city of Menlo Park,



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY Planning Commissioner Needed

The Town Council is seeking two volunteers to serve on the Town's Planning Commission through January 2024. The Planning Commission consists of five members appointed by the Town Council, and meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

The Planning Commission is responsible for addressing policy matters related to general land use and development in Town. The Commission provides recommendations to the Town Council on legislative actions such as amendments to the Zoning Code and the General Plan. In addition, the Commission reviews and acts on certain types of applications, such as conditional use permits, subdivisions, and variances, as well as reviewing appeals of ASCC and administrative staff decisions.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest to the Town Council by 5pm on Friday, October 25, 2019. The Town Council will conduct interviews at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 13, 2019. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Town Manager Jeremy Dennis at jdennis@portolavalley.net or (650) 851-1700 x215.

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Daisy's Day program provides emergency help to low-income pet owners

Fund pays for badly needed veterinary care

By Sue Dremann

Travis used to spend his days wandering the streets of Menlo Park. Homeless, the little rat terrier/chihuahua mix with sad brown eyes was abused, neglected and had a badly injured jaw and mouth, bad teeth and a skin infection.

With the love of a local woman and help from Daisy's Day — a veterinary-care program offered by the Palo Alto Humane Society — Travis got a new home four years ago and a happier, healthier life.

On Sept. 30, Travis, who is now 9 years old, celebrated his fifth "re-birthday," said Rhea Sampson, who rescued the white, black and tan dog. He is one of 100 animals aided by Daisy's Day, a program that helps pet owners who can't afford the high costs of veterinary care.

The fund was started by a donation from Stanford resident Sue Klapholz in honor of her beloved dog, Daisy. Klapholz, her husband and three children adopted the scrawny, scared 2-year-old German shepherd and chow mix in about 2000 from Palo Alto Animal Services. Daisy

had given birth when animal-control officers found her, but they didn't find her puppies.

She was so shy, the family decided to take her home in part because they thought she was less likely to be adopted. At first, Daisy hid under the bed. But she loved hugging and cuddling, and with training and much attention, Daisy soon became a happy part of the family, going everywhere with the family and wearing a matching T-shirt in family photos, Klapholz said.

"We were all amazed how you could communicate so well with another species," said Klapholz, who had always had cats and hamsters but never a dog.

But then Daisy developed two cancers, requiring surgery, hospitalization and weeks of expensive radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Klapholz realized many people can't afford the kind of care for their beloved pet that her family gave to Daisy. Routine veterinary services such as checkups, immunizations and preventive care alone can cost hundreds of dollars.

When Daisy died about 10 years ago, Klapholz began thinking of a way to honor her. Five



Photo courtesy of Cassie Boris Photography.

Rhea Sampson and her dog, Travis, received financial assistance to help defray more than \$1,000 in veterinary expenses from Daisy's Day, a fund through the Palo Alto Humane Society.

years ago, Klapholz started saving money to start the Daisy's Day fund with a \$10,000 donation. The fund would help pet owners, mostly those whose incomes fall below the federal poverty line, to defray veterinary costs. Many recipients are out of work, have a disability, are homeless or on a fixed income, said Carole Hyde, the Palo

Alto Humane Society's executive director.

The fund, now in its third year, complements other safety-net programs the 111-year-old non-profit organization offers to low-income individuals and families with pets, according to Hyde.

"We like to say that we keep families together," she said, noting that pets are often a person's only family or source of companionship and comfort. Daisy's Day funds have helped a woman with severe depression to keep a pet she credited with saving her life; seniors who live alone without family nearby and persons with disabilities. In some cases, the funds helped save a homeless pet by making it possible for someone to adopt them.

"We've treated dogs, cats, rabbits. Our tiniest client was a hamster named Butterscotch," Hyde said.

Grants cover expenses such as emergency room visits, lab tests and X-rays, anesthesia, wound care, surgery and end-of-life care.

When Sampson, who is in her 60s, found Travis, she couldn't afford on her own to pay for the \$1,100 in veterinary costs to restore his health, she said. Her partner, who was just retiring, couldn't contribute any money.

A \$200 grant from Daisy's Day and a \$300 discount from the Palo Alto Animal Hospital helped Sampson with the bills.

She paid \$500 to \$600 out of her own pocket, she recalled. Travis was neutered, had four bad teeth extracted and received treatment for the skin infection. He also received shots.

"It really helps animals in need get medical care for people who can't afford it," Sampson said of the fund.

She has since returned that gift many times over. Sampson has volunteered for Palo Alto Humane Society for five years. She wrote a children's book, "Saving Travis," which is sold at Menlo Park's Cheeky Monkey toy store and raises money for the fund. Travis was also the "poster dog" for a Daisy's Day fundraiser in 2016, which raised thousands of dollars, Sampson said.

Last year, the annual event drew in \$60,000 in contributions. This year's Daisy's Day fundraiser will take place on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 1-4 p.m. at Quadrus Conference Center, 2400 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Tickets are \$75 and online registration is at paloaltohumane.org/event/daisys-day2019/. People can donate to the fund at any time, however. In addition to the Humane Society's Daisy's Day fund, there is a veterinary-assistance program for stray and rescued animals and a spay and neuter program for strays. ■

Sue Dremann is a staff writer with the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac's sister paper.

Catching up with Molly Tuttle

Palo Alto-raised virtuoso returns to her roots

By Karla Kane

Singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Molly Tuttle was absorbed in the music world from a young age, thanks to her dad, noted local musician and teacher Jack Tuttle, who along with Molly and her two brothers (plus vocalist AJ Lee) formed the bluegrass band The Tuttles with AJ Lee. The Palo Alto-raised musician headed east to study at Berklee College of Music and now calls Nashville, Tennessee, home, when she's not touring the world in support of her career.

Lauded with numerous honors for her playing, singing and writing, she was named "Instrumentalist of the Year" at the 2018 Americana Music Awards and was the first woman ever named International Bluegrass Music Association's "Guitar Player of the Year" — which she won a second time soon after. Her full-length solo album "When You're Ready" was released by Compass Records in April of this year. Tuttle was back in her old hometown to help fete Gryphon Stringed Instruments on Sept. 29, as well as to perform at Mitchell Park Community Center on Sept. 30.

Q: How did growing up in Palo Alto shape who you are as a person and as a musician?

A: I was surrounded by such a supportive music community in Palo Alto. The people at Gryphon Stringed Instruments helped me buy my first guitar and they did everything they could to encourage me as a young musician. I've always been treated with so much respect there. I also met a lot of friends my age around the area through my dad's group classes at Gryphon and through attending Peninsula School in Menlo Park for middle school. John Fuller, who teaches music there, opened my ears to so many different styles of music and encouraged me to explore playing different genres.

Q: I know you're in the midst of a lot of touring. What are your favorite and least-favorite aspects of being on the road and playing gigs?

A: My favorite aspects are playing with my band and seeing how our sound and dynamics evolve. I love working up new music with them and feeling the show get



Photo courtesy of Molly Tuttle

Palo Alto-raised musician Molly Tuttle was in town last month to celebrate Gryphon Stringed Instruments' 50th anniversary and to perform at Mitchell Park Community Center.

tighter over time. I love getting to connect with fans and feel the audience respond to my music. I also love when I get to play a festival where I can meet other musicians and do some collaboration. It's really hard for me not to have a normal routine though. Every day is different so it's hard to establish healthy habits like exercising and eating well. I also

miss my friends and family a lot and don't get to see them as often as I'd like to because I'm traveling so much.

Q: As a songwriter, how do you find inspiration and how and when do you go about choosing collaborators?

A: I keep my ears open to all different styles of music and I go out to see live music pretty often. I also try to do other creatively stimulating things like going to an art museum or writing in my journal. With collaborators it really just has to feel right and there has to be a certain chemistry there. Maybe you connect over shared musical interests or you play together and interact in a way that is super fun. Collaborations that happen naturally usually feel the best to me.

Q: Can you please tell me a bit about your work with National Alopecia Areata Foundation?

A: The National Alopecia Areata Foundation (NAAF) helps people who have lost their hair because of Alopecia Areata, which is an autoimmune condition that causes your white blood cells to attack your hair

and make it fall out. I lost all my hair when I was 3 and I try to give back to the foundation because they have helped and continue to help me make sense of living with total hair loss. They connect me and so many others with a community of people who understand, they provide information on research developments, and recently they have started a youth mentorship program where they pair young adults with children who have Alopecia. I'm a mentor in the program, which has been really rewarding. I also raise money for them each year and play at their annual conference.

Q: When you're not focused on music, what else do you like to do, and what career or studies might you have chosen if not music?

A: I like to go on bike rides and write in my journal. I like to read. I think I would have loved to go into anything that has to do with literature, like being an English teacher. ■

Karla Kane is the arts and entertainment editor with the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac's sister paper.

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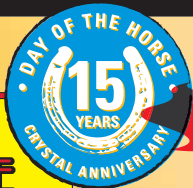
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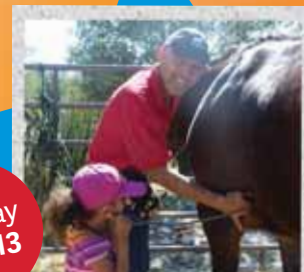
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Bayfront Expressway in Menlo Park was shut down for more than an hour Oct. 2 after a man brandished a machete and knife at Caltrans road workers and threatened to kill them, according to Menlo Park police.

At 11:20 a.m., police responded to the area of Bayfront and University Avenue following a report that an armed man had threatened workers who were cleaning up trash on the side of the roadway, police said in a press release.

The man ran into the marshlands off Bayfront before police arrived. Officers set up a perimeter and began a search, and Menlo Park Fire Protection District personnel responded with their drone to look for the man but they were unable to find him.

While searching for the armed man, officers encountered a 33-year-old transient who was agitated and yelling, according to police. The man grabbed a

large tree branch and swung it at an officer, striking him in the face.

The officer, who sustained non-life-threatening injuries, was able to grab the man and detain him. The man was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer and taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

Traffic in the area was diverted from about noon until shortly after 1 p.m.

Anyone with information on this case and/or who witnessed the initial incident is asked to call the Menlo Park Police Department at 650-330-6300 or the anonymous tip hotline at 650-330-6395.

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Pair accused of stealing high-end bikes

Atherton police arrested two people accused of stealing two bikes with a total value of \$11,000 from the University of California at Davis and attempting to sell them on Craigslist's Atherton page, according to a press release.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, Atherton police met with two people, a 33-year-old Colfax man and a 28-year-old Antelope woman, to buy the stolen road bikes after the bike owners found the Craigslist postings and contacted police, according to police.

Police verified the bikes belonged to the victims, and they were returned to their owners. The thieves were arrested for possession of stolen property, according to police.

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'The Phantom Tollbooth' Palo Alto Children's Theatre presents "The Phantom Tollbooth," which follows Milo into the fantastical world of the Lands Beyond on a quest to rescue princesses Rhyme and Reason. Oct. 17-27; times vary. \$14-\$16. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre

'The Kingdom of Cards' "The Kingdom of Cards," by Rabindranath Tagore, written in 1937, parodies the fascist atmosphere that hypnotized Europe and explores human responses to radical change. Oct. 11-13; times vary. \$15-\$50. Cubberly Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

'Mark Twain's River of Song' TheatreWorks Silicon Valley continues its 50th anniversary season with the West Coast premiere of "Mark Twain's River of Song." Through Oct. 27; times vary. \$30-\$100; discounts available, pricing subject to change. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

'Sweat' As layoffs, promotions and picket lines begin to chip trust away between a group of friends who have spent their lives sharing drinks, secrets and laughs while working together on the factory floor, they find themselves pitted against each other in a fight to stay afloat. Oct. 17-Nov. 14; times vary.

\$20-\$37; discount for students, seniors. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org/

Music

Third Annual Silicon Valley Jazz Festival The third annual Silicon Valley Jazz Festival features trumpeter Carl Saunders, as well as local school and professional jazz ensembles, including Octobop, the Dave Miller Trio with singer Rebecca DuMaine, Teresa Bleux and Bleux Chemistry, and more. Oct. 12-13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive, Menlo Park. business.menloparkchamber.com

Festivals & Fairs

Orchard Festival Filoli's Orchard Festival features apple, pear and cider tasting and a chance to learn about tree care and fruit harvesting from garden staff and volunteers, get tips from master food preservers and more. Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$10; discount for children. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

Peninsula Oktoberfest 2019 Over 200 years after Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen wed, the Hiller Aviation Museum joins the celebration with a special Oktoberfest beer, music and dining event. Oct. 12, 6-11 p.m. \$20; discounts available. Hiller Aviation Museum, 601 Skyway Road, San Carlos. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Talks & Lectures

Ijeoma Oluo with W. Kamau Bell Author Ijeoma Oluo and comedian W. Kamau Bell discuss the bestselling book "So You Want To

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Talk About Race." Oct. 14, 7:30-9 p.m. \$20 or \$40 with book; discount for students. Spangenberg Theatre at Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. keplers.org

Nic Stone with Dasha Slater Kepler's Books welcomes Nic Stone, author of the New York Times bestseller "Dear Martin," to discuss her new book, "Jackpot," a romance that examines class, privilege and how a stroke of good luck can change an entire life. Oct. 17, 7-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Family

West Bay Model Railroad Open House Long passenger and freight trains will run on a scenic two-level layout surrounded by industries, buildings, bridges, trestles and tunnels while club members answer guests' questions. Oct. 12 and Nov. 9, 1-4 p.m. Free; donations accepted. Menlo Park Caltrain station (south end), 1090 Merrill St., Menlo Park. facebook.com/wbmrma

Zoppe Italian Family Circus This one-ring circus features clowns, acrobatic feats, equestrian showmanship and lots of audience participation. Oct. 11-Nov. 3; times vary. \$10-\$28. Red Morton Park, 1455 Madison Ave., Redwood City. zoppe.net

Museums & Exhibits

'The Cat Behind the Hat' Peabody Fine Art and Framing presents a gallery show of paintings and illustrations by Dr. Seuss. Oct. 12-27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Peabody Fine Art and Framing, 603 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. peabodygallery.com

'In High Places': an Exhibition of Watercolor Paintings by Yvonne Newhouse The Portola Art Gallery presents "In High Places," watercolor paintings by Yvonne Newhouse of San Mateo. The exhibit highlights the artist's paintings from her many treks through the High Sierra. Through Oct. 31, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

'Jordan Casteel: Returning the Gaze' Featuring paintings made in the last five years, Jordan Casteel's large-scale portraits of Harlem community members are intimate portrayals of often overlooked members of society. Through Feb. 2, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Kahlil Joseph: 'BLKNWS' Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, presents his work "BLKNWS," a two-channel video projection that blurs the lines between art, journalism, entrepreneurship and cultural critique. Through Nov. 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

'West x Southwest': Edward Weston and Ansel Adams This exhibit features landscapes, still lifes, nudes and portraits created by Edward Weston in Mexico and Ansel Adams in the American southwest. Through Jan. 6, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

The People of Filoli This 90-minute tour of the house and garden uncovers new stories about the community of people who created and sustained Filoli. Friday-Sunday through Nov. 17, 2-3:30 p.m. \$15. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

Food & Drink

Kafenia Mid-Week Breather The Kafenia Peace Collective hosts weekly communal meals, featuring dialogues, music and time to hang out together with friends from all cultures and backgrounds. Wednesdays through Oct. 30, \$20; discount for kids, students, seniors over 80. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Monday Night Pub Quiz Teams and individuals compete in a trivia contest for a chance to win prizes. Mondays through Nov. 25, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free; food and drink available for purchase. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. freewheelbrewing.com

Lessons & Classes

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

History of Botanical Art This class is an in-depth study of the rich history of botanical art from its beginning through the 20th century, including its recent revival and the role it plays today. Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. \$80; discount for members. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

■ POLICE CALLS

These reports are from the Menlo Park and Atherton police departments and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.

MENLO PARK

Drug activity:

■ A Menlo Park man was stopped for jaywalking at the corner of Chilco Street and Constitution Drive and officers found him to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Oct. 1.

■ A Novato man was arrested for being in possession of drug paraphernalia and for being under the influence of a controlled substance at the intersection of Bayfront Expressway and the Dumbarton Bridge. He was arrested and booked into San Mateo County Jail. Sept. 29.

Fraud:

■ An East Palo Alto man tried to cash a forged check at Mi Tierra Linda in the 1200 block of Willow Road. When officers arrived, they arrested him and he was booked into San Mateo County Jail for grand theft burglary, forgery exceeding \$950 and conspiracy to commit a felony. Sept. 30.

■ Someone used personal information to withdraw \$1,700 from a checking account. The incident was reported in the 3600 block of Haven Avenue. Sept. 26.

Auto burglaries:

■ Someone broke into a vehicle and stole a set of DeWalt tools valued at \$970 in the 1100 block of Windermere Avenue. There was no sign of forced entry. Sept. 30.

■ Someone broke into a vehicle by forcing open a window and stole a laptop, bracelet, medication and wallet with \$800 in cash for a total loss of \$3,651. Sept. 26.

Burglary: Someone broke into a locked garage in the 1100 block of Willow Road and

stole a tool bag, a shop vacuum, pots and pans, a car jack, and a brake fluid pump valued at a total of \$544. Sept. 30.

Hit and run: The driver of a green Mercedes hit a gray Honda Accord from behind at the corner of Newbridge Street and Sevier Avenue and then fled the scene traveling west on Sevier without stopping to exchange information. Sept. 28.

Driving under the influence: A Union City woman was arrested for drunk driving after officers arrived at the scene of an accident at the corner of Marsh Road and Bayfront Expressway. She was arrested and booked into San Mateo County Jail. Sept. 27.

Battery: One participant in an argument threw a water bottle at the other and slapped her in the face with an open hand in the 1300 block of Willow Road. The person then fled the scene before officers arrived. Sept. 25.

Vehicle collision: A rider of an electric long-board tried to avoid a collision with a van at the corner of Hoover Street and Valparaiso Avenue but was unable to slow down and ended up running into the van's hood. The rider had pain in his hip and knee and some road rash but was not taken to the hospital. Sept. 25.

WOODSIDE

Permit violation: A bicycle race at the corner of Old La Honda Road and Portola Road was shut down at 9:36 a.m. The race organizers had a permit from San Mateo County, but not from Woodside. Sept. 28.

Vehicle theft: A vehicle that was left running was stolen out of a driveway in the 100 block of Preston Road. Sept. 28.

Possession of a controlled substance: A San Francisco man was found to be in possession of a controlled substance without a prescription in the 4200 block of Farm Hill Road. He was cited and released on a promise to appear. Sept. 27.

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1. \$8,100,000 570 Berkeley Avenue	2. \$7,100,000 1050 Louisa Street	3. \$6,000,000 2312 Loma Prieta Lane	4. \$5,625,000 670 Magnolia Street
5. \$5,500,000 1465 Bay Laurel Drive	6. \$5,500,000 860 Vine Street	7. \$5,350,000 507 Emerald Way	8. \$5,300,000 1020 Winchur Drive
9. \$5,210,000 1745 Croner Avenue	10. \$4,500,000 882 College Avenue		

ACTIVE LISTING
Q3 19: 165 (+31%)
Q3 18: 126

PENDING LISTING
Q3 19: 83 (-2%)
Q3 18: 85

SOLD LISTING
Q3 19: 71 (-14%)
Q3 18: 83

AVERAGE SALES PRICE
Q3 19: \$2,720,069 (+2%)
Q3 18: \$2,674,160

AVERAGE SALES PRICE/SQ Ft
Q3 19: \$1,324 (+4%)
Q3 18: \$1,269

AVERAGE SOLD DAYS ON MARKET
Q3 19: 32 (+23%)
Q3 18: 26

MONTHS OF INVENTORY
Q3 19: 3.90 (+56%)
Q3 18: 2.50
If no further homes/units were to come to market, the area would be SOLD OUT of residential real estate in the number of MONTHS shown.

SALE/LIST PRICE
Q3 19: 101.80% (-2%)
Q3 18: 104.40%

30 YEAR MORTGAGE RATE
Q3 19: 3.91% (-21%)
Q3 18: 4.92%
Source: Bloomberg

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