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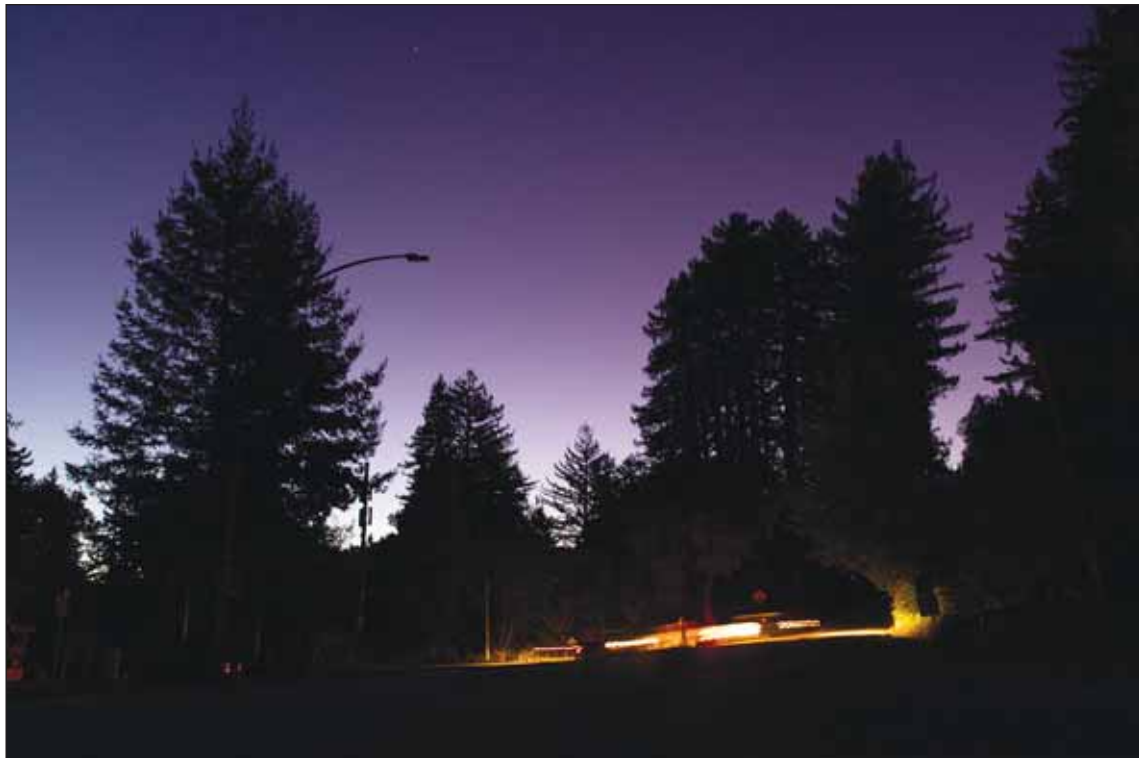


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Cars drive through the powerless intersection of Highway 84 and Skyline Boulevard in Woodside on Monday, Oct. 28.

Nearly 60,000 San Mateo County customers lose power in weekend shutoff

PG&E warns another blackout expected this week

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

As PG&E crews worked to restore power on Monday to nearly 60,000 customers in San Mateo County who lost service Saturday, Oct. 26, in the third planned shutoff this month, the utility warned another blackout would likely begin Tuesday.

It is likely some PG&E customers in the Bay Area will not have their power restored from the weekend shutoff before the next one begins. The anticipated shutoff coincides with a weather pattern expected to trigger another significant “wind event,” said Andy Vesey, PG&E’s president and CEO.

According to a potential shutoff map on PG&E’s website, parts of San Mateo County, including Woodside and Portola Valley, could lose power Tuesday.

In an email Monday afternoon, the town of Portola Valley said it had been notified by PG&E that another shutoff could start early Tuesday.

“As before, if the power does go off in your neighborhood PG&E will have to inspect all the power lines before the power

gets turned back on and it could take 36 hours to 5 days,” according to the email. “Please be prepared for the power to go off and be off for several days.”

Further information was not available before The Almanac’s press deadline Monday afternoon. Check almanacnews.com for the latest news.

PG&E customers can visit pmps.ss.pge.com to determine whether their power may be cut in a planned shutoff.

The weekend shutoff began around 8 p.m. Saturday and impacted 57,218 customers in the county, including portions of Woodside and Portola Valley, as well as parts of cities stretching as far north as South San Francisco and south to Redwood City, according to PG&E. Some 965,000 customers — more than 2.5 million people — were affected by the shutoff as of Sunday evening, PG&E said.

Woodside Councilman Brian Dombkowski and Mayor Pro Tem Ned Fluet said in separate emails that they lost power Saturday evening.

Dombkowski said that he and his family did everything they could to prepare in advance.

“We worked through our perishable foods, powered up the

extra phone chargers and had the kids complete their homework while we still had working WiFi,” Dombkowski said.

Dombkowski said that he thinks customers have been given “a false choice between fire safety and having power because of PG&E’s ‘infrastructure choices over the last couple of decades.’”

“For a state of our caliber, with its high tax rates and its cost of power, it’s astonishing to realize the utility, its regulators and the state itself has created this false choice we now must work our way out of over many, many years,” he said.

Fluet, another Western Hills resident, said his propane generator kicked in after his power went off.

“I am glad that PG&E is taking a proactive approach to fire prevention, but I think these shutoffs are a short-term solution to a large-scale problem, and the shutoffs cannot become the norm,” he said.

If PG&E implements another shutoff Tuesday, it would be the fourth planned blackout this month. The move is intended to reduce the risk of catastrophic

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Mary Margaret ‘Moo’ Anderson, art collector and philanthropist, dies at 92

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

Mary Margaret “Moo” Anderson, who along with her husband, donated the core of her family’s 20th-century American art collection to Stanford University, died Oct. 22 at her home in Atherton at the age of 92, according to a news release from the university.

The Andersons announced in 2011 that they would donate 121 works by 86 artists to the university, with Stanford in charge of constructing a free-standing building to house the collection. The Anderson Collection, which is housed next to the university’s Cantor Arts Center, opened its doors in 2014.

By that time, the Andersons had already donated much of their collection, which once numbered more than 1,200 pieces of art, to various museums, including Stanford, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Mary Margaret Anderson’s husband, Harry “Hunk” Anderson, died last year at the age of 95.

The Anderson gallery includes works from schools of American modern art including abstract Impressionism, color field painting, post-minimalism, California funk art, and light and space. Helen Frankenthaler, Franz Kline, Morris Louis, Joan Mitchell, Robert Motherwell, Mark Rothko, Frank Stella and Jackson Pollock are among the artists that are included.

“Mary Margaret Anderson will forever be remembered for her love of art, but also for her love of sharing art,” Stanford President Marc Tessier-Lavigne said in a statement. “In the early days of her and Hunk’s collecting, she listened and learned from curators and art historians, and spent a great deal of time examining the artwork in museums, galleries and artists’ studios in person.”

Mary Margaret Anderson was born in Boston and graduated from D’Youville College in Buffalo, New York. She met her husband in Geneva, New York, in the summer of 1948, according to the news release.

They were married there two



Photo courtesy of Harrison Truong

Mary Margaret Anderson died Oct. 22 at her home in Atherton.

years later before the couple moved to Ohio, where their daughter Mary Patricia “Putter” was born. The family then moved to the Bay Area in 1964, when Harry Anderson opened the national headquarters of Saga, a food service company specializing in serving college dormitories nationwide, in Palo Alto. Saga later moved to Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park, where Quadrus is now located.

The Andersons first fell in love with Impressionist art during a trip to Europe in the 1960s and started collecting art shortly after.

They soon began working with Stanford art professors Nathan Oliveira and Albert Elsen, focusing on 20th-century American art, where they found that more high-quality works were available compared with the older European paintings.

At first, they displayed and stored the art in their home, but as the collection grew, Harry Anderson began exhibiting some of the works from the collection on the walls of the Saga Foods headquarters.

Mary Margaret Anderson also developed a library of art books and catalogs related to the art and artists represented in the collection, according to Stanford.

As part of the Andersons’ original gift, they donated a large percentage of that library to Stanford so that scholars can benefit from the same educational material as the family.

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Menlo Park school board approves 5% raise for teachers

By **Angela Swartz**
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park City School District teachers will see a 5% pay bump this school year, according to a contract agreement the school board unanimously approved at its Oct. 24 meeting.

The district's teachers union, the Menlo Park Education Association, reached the preliminary agreement after the school board approved a “teacher compensation philosophy” earlier this year that emphasizes giving teachers pay increases that are higher than what neighboring districts offer.

Teachers will receive a higher raise than they have in recent years. The school board last approved raises for all district employees on June 20, 2017, when it authorized a 2% pay increase for the 2017-18 school year and a 3% increase for 2018-19, according to the district website.

“The 5% raise will decrease the runaway of financial solvency (defined by Board policy) from the current four years, to two years without going out for replacement of Measure X parcel tax passed in 2016,” according to a staff presentation prepared for the Oct. 24 meeting. “MPCSD (Menlo Park City School District) will be more competitive in the highly competitive recruitment & retention market for high quality teachers.”

The district's Measure X, a seven-year parcel tax with an initial rate of \$360 per parcel, passed in 2017. The school board has had preliminary discussions about pursuing another parcel tax to go on the November 2020 ballot to help address deficit spending that could come, in part, from raising teachers' salaries, said Chief Business and Operations Officer Ahmad Sheikholeslami.

The agreement comes with a new teacher evaluation system, which was designed collaboratively between the teachers union and the district, according to the presentation. The focus of the new system is on “direct and ongoing feedback, support, commendation and coaching,” according to the presentation. It also provides a performance rubric. The new system requires teachers to be coached when their performance is not meeting student needs or district expectations.

Cheryl Marelich, president of the teachers union, said in an email that the union “appreciated the collaborative, albeit fast-paced, nature of working with the District and School Board in revising the current teacher evaluation system, and will continue to advocate for our teachers as we prepare to move into the next round of negotiations this year.”

The pay increase will be retroactive to July 1, 2019, according to the agreement. The contract runs from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

Menlo Park school district teachers made \$106,986 on average during the 2017-18 school year, according to California Department of Education data.

At the same meeting, the school board approved a contract to hire Mary McElhinney Stark as interim chief business official.

McElhinney Stark will replace Sheikholeslami, who is leaving the district on Oct. 31 to become assistant superintendent of business services in the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Vaping public health emergency

The school board also approved a resolution declaring a public health emergency in regard to youth use of e-cigarettes, also called vaping devices, in light of a 2019 National Youth Tobacco Survey that shows that vaping among high school students more than doubled from 2017 to 2019, to 27.5% of students.

The resolution expresses the board's support for the town of Atherton, the city of Menlo Park and San Mateo County to restrict the sale of tobacco products in order to prevent youth access to vaping devices. The school board suggests these local jurisdictions do this by:

- Prohibiting the sale, manufacture, and distribution of flavored tobacco products, along with e-cigarettes and electronic vaping devices
- Prohibiting the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies
- Setting a minimum price and minimum pack size for sale
- Restricting the marketing, product placement, coupons and promotional materials, and self-service displays of tobacco products in and from retailers
- Reducing the concentration and density of tobacco stores, particularly near schools and other areas youth frequent. ▣

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Mary Patricia Anderson Pence, left, Harry (Hunk) and Mary Margaret (Moo) Anderson in their home, where many of their artworks were displayed before they donated them to establish the Anderson Collection on the Stanford campus. Mary is the Andersons' daughter.

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Some of the books and catalogues are signed by authors or artists. The printed materials, housed in the Denning Family Resource Center at the museum, help fulfill the educational mission of the Anderson Collection and have become a vital library and teaching space within the museum.

More than 30 doctoral candidates in art history at the university have interned at the Anderson family collection and the Anderson Collection at Stanford, engaging in intensive study and curating exhibitions.

"It's good to study art in books, but something happens in the presence of the original. It affects the brain, taste, feelings and more," Mary Margaret Anderson said at the opening of the Anderson Collection. "I think in order

to enjoy art, you have to share it." After her husband's death in 2018, Mary Margaret Anderson and her daughter continued to collect art with an emphasis on emerging artists, according to the news release.

Mary Margaret Anderson remained involved with the Anderson Collection until her death, and saw it grow through gifts from other members of the community. She also loaned artwork from her private collection to the museum in order to engage visitors in new ways, according to the Stanford news release.

"Moo's gifts of passion, of warmth and of believing that great art belongs to the world will forever energize the collection and the students and guests who visit and learn from it," said Jason Linetzky, the Anderson Collection's director.

Mary Margaret Anderson was

also a volunteer at the Sacred Heart Schools, the St. Francis Center in Redwood City and Stanford Hospital for many years, and enjoyed working with children through Art in Action in Menlo Park, according to an obituary written by the family. She was also an entrepreneur and part owner of 3EP LTD, an art publishing workshop in Palo Alto, her family said.

"She was savvy, thoughtful, curious, and energetic, bringing 150% to everything she did," the Anderson family said.

Anderson is survived by her daughter, Mary Patricia Anderson Pence of Los Angeles, and a granddaughter, Devin Pence. The family has planned a private mass in her honor.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Anderson's memory may be made to the St. Francis Center, 151 Buckingham Ave., Redwood City, California 94063. ▣

Facebook announces \$1 billion investment package to bolster affordable housing

By **Kate Bradshaw**

Almanac Staff Writer

Facebook, the social media behemoth headquartered in Menlo Park, announced Oct. 22 that it plans to invest \$1 billion over the next decade toward affordable housing in California and elsewhere, including some existing commitments.

In a post on the company's newsroom website, Facebook's Chief Financial Officer David Wehner stated that the funds will go toward creating up to 20,000 new housing units "to help essential workers such as teachers, nurses and first responders live closer to the communities that rely on them."

These job types typically represent what policymakers refer to as the so-called "missing middle,"

or middle-income earners who don't qualify for existing subsidy programs but are increasingly not earning enough to live in the Bay Area.

Wehner announced a new \$250 million investment from Facebook for a partnership with the state of California aimed at developing mixed-income housing on excess state-owned land "in communities where housing is scarce."

(This refers to areas where affordable housing and a housing supply are scarce compared with the demand, not necessarily rural areas where there is a low housing supply overall, a Facebook spokesperson confirmed via email.)

As part of the press release, Gov. Gavin Newsom said, "State government cannot solve housing affordability alone, we need others

to join Facebook in stepping up — progress requires partnership with the private sector and philanthropy to change the status quo and address the cost crisis our state is facing. Public-private partnerships around excess land is an important component in moving us forward."

Facebook announced it also plans to contribute an additional \$150 million to an affordable housing investment fund operated by the "Partnership for the Bay's Future," a coalition announced in January that has dedicated \$540 million over 18 years to preserving and building affordable housing and promoting policies that support housing affordability.

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



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Facebook was an initial contributor to that partnership, along with the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, a separate limited liability company funded by Facebook

CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Dr. Priscilla Chan, that supports a number of charitable projects.

In reiterating older news, the announcement confirmed Facebook's plans to build more than 1,500 units of mixed-income

housing on land that has been recently rezoned for housing in Menlo Park. Facebook says the value of that newly-rezoned land it already owns is \$225 million, which it counts as part of its \$1 billion investment commitment.

Specifically, the \$225 million figure is based on an assessment of the improved land value of the mixed-use part of Willow Village, according to a Facebook spokesperson.

Facebook's Willow Village development proposal has just initiated its environmental review process. In documents submitted to the city of Menlo Park, Facebook makes clear it plans to explore the impact of building up to 1,735 housing units on the site.

Menlo Park mandates that no less than 15% of the apartments be dedicated as below-market-rate housing, but it's not yet clear whether Facebook plans to go beyond that minimum.

Wehner also counted Facebook's plans, announced last week, to commit \$25 million toward building teacher and "essential worker housing" on public land in Santa Clara County to support local school districts. This includes an offer to provide permanent housing for the 22 teachers currently housed at 777 Hamilton Ave. in Menlo Park.

Years ago, Facebook agreed to subsidize housing for the teachers currently in the Hamilton Avenue housing as part of a pilot project, a condition agreed to in negotiations with the city during its last expansion cycle. Until last week, it wasn't clear what would happen to the teachers after the pilot program ended.

Last week's announcement

stated that the \$25 million will increase the number of homes a future housing development at 231 Grant Ave. in Palo Alto can offer to between 90 and 120 housing units. Units will also be available to teachers and school staff from the Palo Alto Unified School District, Mountain View Whisman School District, Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, Los Altos School District and Foothill-De Anza Community College District.

Lastly, Wehner noted in the announcement, Facebook plans to commit an additional \$350 million for further to-be-announced efforts to support affordable housing in other communities where Facebook has offices, "based on the rollout and effectiveness" of the other initiatives it plans to fund first.

A new emphasis

Altogether, the announcement represents a dramatic ramp-up of the company's commitment to housing.

In the past, most of its efforts around housing have been focused locally, with numbers that have represented contributions on the order of tens of millions of dollars, not hundreds of millions.

And while \$1 billion is a lot of money, it is not enough to fully build the 20,000 housing units from scratch, as it would only cover about \$50,000 per unit if split evenly across all of them.

At the same time, Facebook has been rapidly expanding its office footprint throughout the region. In August, it opened a new 351,000-square-foot campus in Sunnyvale, with plans to accommodate 5,000 employees at over

1 million square feet there at two additional buildings by March 2021, according to a Facebook spokesperson.

Last year, it also announced plans to lease a 767,000-square-foot office development in Burlingame, and more than 1 million square feet in Fremont, via rental deals with commercial real estate firms Peery Arrillaga and The Sobrato Organization.

In June, Maya Perkins, strategic initiatives manager at Facebook, talked to The Almanac about why Facebook was getting involved in housing — not with this set of investments specifically, but in its work with local youth on a housing study and its contributions to a local "Catalyst Fund."

That fund was started in 2016 as the company negotiated with community stakeholders and activists in its last round of expansions. Facebook initially contributed \$18.5 million to the fund, managed by Local Initiatives Support Coalition, with a goal to leverage funding up to \$75 million for investing in affordable housing projects in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto.

She explained that Facebook is "taking the long view" when it comes to investing in housing production at all levels.

"It's not just teachers who are in need of an affordable place to live with reasonable rent," she said. "Broader change is necessary."

She added that the housing crisis can't be solved by just one sector or community.

"It really does take all folks working together to make something like this happen," she said at the time. "We're proud to be a partner with others, and proud to be a leader." ▣

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**WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District Board of the West Bay Sanitary District will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday evening, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider a proposed increase in some of the customer rates for year 2020 effective January 1, 2020 for the collection of waste recyclable materials in the West Bay Sanitary District for 2020.

The need for this increase was discussed by the District Board at the October 9, 2019 Board meeting. The staff report for this matter is available at the District Office located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park or online at www.westbaysanitary.org.

WHAT ARE THE NEW RATES:

Approximately fifty-seven percent (57%) of residential service containers are a 32 gallon size. The new rate for 2020 for a 32 gallon container would increase from \$49.00 per month to \$51.00 per month, a \$2.00 per month increase. The new rate for the 20 gallon container would increase from \$39.00 per month to \$43.00 per month, a \$4.00 per month increase. 20 gallon containers have been grandfathered to current users but are no longer available to new customers or to customers wishing to migrate down to a 20 gallon container.

The District's proposed rates are designed to transition the "per can" rate to a full "cost of service" rate. For comparison purposes, the typical residential rates for 32 gallon containers for SBWMA Cities including Atherton, Burlingame, Belmont, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, and San Mateo, range from a low of \$23.64 (Foster City) to a high of \$50.00 (Atherton), based upon 2019 rates. 2020 rates are not yet available.

The following table shows the current rates and the proposed monthly rates for West Bay Sanitary District Franchised Customers to be effective beginning January 1, 2020.

Customer Service Level	MONTHLY RATES			QUARTERLY RATES		
	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Monthly Rate	Monthly Increase (Decrease)	Current Quarterly Rate	Proposed Quarterly Rate	Quarterly Increase
Residential:						
20 gallon can	\$39.00	\$43.00	\$4.00	\$117.00	\$129.00	\$12.00
32 gallon can	\$49.00	\$51.00	\$2.00	\$147.00	\$153.00	\$6.00
64 gallon can	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$216.00	\$216.00	\$0.00
96 gallon can	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$315.00	\$315.00	\$0.00
*Commercial: (Per Pick Up)						
1 yard bin	\$195.32	\$185.55	(\$9.77)	n/a	n/a	n/a
2 yard bin	\$370.68	\$352.15	(\$18.53)	n/a	n/a	n/a
3 yard bin	\$412.78	\$392.14	(\$20.64)	n/a	n/a	n/a
4 yard bin	\$550.36	\$522.84	(\$27.52)	n/a	n/a	n/a
6 yard bin	\$682.28	\$648.17	(\$34.11)	n/a	n/a	n/a
32-Gallon Cart	\$49.00	\$51.00	\$2.00	n/a	n/a	n/a
64-Gallon Cart	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$0.00	n/a	n/a	n/a
96-Gallon Cart	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	n/a	n/a	n/a

*Commercial bin rates reflect collection charge for one pick up per week; to calculate charge for more than one collection per week, multiply rate by number of collections per week. For example, 1-Cubic Yard Bin (at proposed rate) collected 3 times per week = \$556.65 (\$185.55 x 3 collections/wk)

At this hearing, the Board of Directors will consider public comment as well as written protests by ratepayers regarding the proposed increase in monthly collection rates. If you would like additional information on the proposed rates, please call the District at 650-321-0384.

Any person interested, including all solid waste/recycling collection customers of the West Bay Sanitary District, may appear at the public hearing and be heard on any matter related to the proposed increase in monthly rates.

West Bay Sanitary District Board of Directors
San Mateo County, California

/s/ Phil Scott
District Manager
Dated: October 9, 2019

The fight isn't over yet for Feldman's Books, Menlo Park's last used bookstore

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

For many local bookworms, Menlo Park is synonymous with a certain institution in town that starts with F and has "book" in its name.

No, it's not Facebook. It's Feldman's Books, a used bookstore threatened with future demolition.

The shop is an unassuming 23-year-old used bookstore in a

century-old building at 1170 El Camino Real where people can spend hours perusing the shop's maze of shelves, inhaling the dusty aroma of first-edition tomes from a bygone era.

Today the store, as well as its neighbor at 1162 El Camino Real — current home of SafeSpace, a mental health service organization for teens — face likely destruction as plans move forward to redevelop the site to

replace the bookstore and build nine apartments in its place.

The development proposal comes from Prince Street Partners, led by Chase Rapp and Brady Fuerst, who are also redeveloping 506 and 556 Santa Cruz Ave. and 1125 Merrill St. in Menlo Park as new mixed-use buildings. As part of the approval process for those buildings, the developer agreed to dedicate two apartments at the El Camino Real project to be below market rate. One of the conditions of that agreement was that the new below-market-rate units should be built within two years of the occupancy of the other buildings, creating a sense of urgency to get the apartments built.

During a Menlo Park Planning Commission discussion of the proposal on Monday, Oct. 21, commissioners heard from a number of concerned locals who urged them to find a "third way" to preserve the bookstore while still complying with the California Housing Accountability Act, which states that if a housing development proposal complies with local zoning rules and the city's general plan, the relevant city council or planning commission has to approve it. That law has been in effect since 1982 and was strengthened in 2017.

Aidan Stone, a resident of unincorporated Menlo Park, carried a bag of well-loved books, many first editions, to the podium during the public comment portion of the meeting. He pulled out examples of some of the great finds he's had at Feldman's: "Don Quixote," Dr. Seuss, Julia Morgan, Ernest Hemingway. "You can get real treasures here," he said. "Look at the books you'd be missing out on. ... These bookstores are necessary." He urged the commission to find a better alternative.

While acknowledging that it has limited veto power when a proposal complies with city zoning, the commission explored the possibility of at least getting more housing units out of the site. Commission Chair Andrew Barnes said he wanted to see more residential units on the site, and added that he believed the city would be willing to negotiate on the two-year deadline for the below-market-rate units if Rapp and Fuerst were to consider increasing the number of apartments at the site.

Rapp and Fuerst ultimately told the commission that they were open to the idea and agreed to a meeting with city staff to discuss it, but emphasized that they wanted the process to move quickly.



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

Proposed Solid Waste Fee Increase

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Community Hall at Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California on the following:

To consider a new solid waste franchise agreement with Green Waste featuring a change in solid waste services and a proposed increase in solid waste rates to implement the new agreement.

Information pertaining to the proposed agreement and rate increase may be viewed at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For further information, please contact Brandi de Garmeaux, Assistant to the Town Manager, bdegarmeaux@portolavalley.net or (650) 851-1700 ext. 222.

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Town Council to be heard at the time and place mentioned above. 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).

Publication Date: October 30, 2019
Sharon Hanlon, Town Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING

3. Townwide ZOAM2019-0005

Town of Woodside Town Geologist: Craig Stewart

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All application materials are available for public review at the Woodside Planning and Building Counter, Woodside Town Hall, weekdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Woodside Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.

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'A NATIONAL EPIDEMIC'



Educators, parents and health officials are sounding the alarm on vaping. Here's what they're doing about it.

By **Angela Swartz**
Almanac Staff Writer

Doctors, parents and teachers are increasingly concerned about teenagers using electronic cigarettes and vaping devices, and the data shows why.

While the cigarette smoking rate is 3.1% among ages 14 to 18 in San Mateo and San Francisco counties, 20.8% of teens in those counties vaped in 2018, up from 11.7% in 2017, said Edith Cabuslay, director of the San Mateo County health department's Tobacco Prevention Program, which aims to reduce the number of county residents using tobacco products. The 2018 rate of teens vaping in San Mateo County is "alarmingly high" compared with the statewide rate of 10.9% of teens vaping, she said.

With figures showing a steep rise in youth use of vaping devices — U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams declared vaping an "epidemic" among young people late last year — and a growing outbreak of lung injuries tied to

vaping, local schools and government agencies are stepping in to address the issue. One of the challenges they're facing, however is a lack of recent data from the Sequoia Union High School District. While districts throughout the state were surveying students on their use of e-cigarettes, alcohol, drugs and tobacco, the Sequoia district, which includes Woodside and Menlo-Atherton high schools and TIDE Academy, quietly transitioned away from administering the surveys. With the help of a recent state grant, the district will return to surveying students this school year.

"Unfortunately, vaping has become a national epidemic," said Sequoia Superintendent Mary Streshly in an email. "The District has used every resource available to develop curriculum, provide professional development and establish partnerships in order to educate our students on the dangers of vaping and to equally enforce that our district does not permit the use of vaping in our schools."



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Above: The number of young people who vape rose by about 9% in San Mateo and San Francisco counties between 2017 and 2018. **Top:** There are an array of vaping devices on the market today.

Growing concern

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is now tracking the outbreak of lung injuries associated with using e-cigarettes — also called vapes, e-hookahs, vape pens, tank systems, mods and electronic nicotine delivery systems, according to the CDC. E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that work by heating a liquid, which typically contains nicotine or THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, to produce an aerosol that users inhale into their lungs.

Although the effects of vaping are still in the early stages of study, 1,604 lung injury cases associated with vaping products were reported to the CDC between March 31 and Oct. 22. There have been 34 deaths in 24 states tied to vaping products, according to the agency. Most patients report a history of using products containing THC.

The specific chemicals causing these lung injuries is unknown, and no single product or substance has been linked to all lung injury cases, according to the CDC.

“The outbreak is occurring in the context of a dynamic marketplace for e-cigarette, or vaping, products, which may have a mix of ingredients, complex packaging and supply chains, and include potentially illicit substances,” according to the CDC website. “Users may not know what is in their e-cigarette or e-liquid solutions. Many of the products and substances can be modified by suppliers or users. They can be obtained from stores, online retailers, (and) from informal sources such as friends or family members.”

Countywide data

County officials plan to meet to assess why the teen vaping rates locally are higher. Cabuslay suspects teens in San Mateo County have an easier time purchasing vaping devices since they often come from families with higher incomes. The marketing for e-cigarette maker Juul may be more prevalent in the area since Stanford University students developed Juul and the company is headquartered in San Francisco, she said.

“To me, the real issue that we should be discussing is the fact that vaping manufacturers go above and beyond to create vaping tools that look like everyday school products, creating additional barriers for schools to combat usage,” Streshly said. “We need legislation to outlaw their blatant desire to turn students throughout the nation into long-term dependent consumers.”

Surveys of youth often show that vaping usage is actually lower than they expect, and if teens

know this it can actually deter vaping, said Javier Gutierrez, the district’s health and wellness coordinator.

“It helps them better understand it’s actually not that many students (who are vaping),” he said. “It reinforces positive decisions; if you find out the majority of people are also not using, you’ll feel like you have that community that’s on the same side as you.”

Missing data

The Sequoia district, which has nearly 9,500 students enrolled, last administered the Healthy Kids Survey during the 2014-15 school year. The survey, used by public school districts throughout the state, includes questions for students on their alcohol, drug and tobacco consumption, as well as questions about vaping. If a school district receives the California Department of Education’s Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Program (TUPE) grant, the survey — which takes about 15 to 30 minutes for students, parents and staff members to complete — must be administered at least once every two years in grades seven, nine, and 11, according to the survey’s website.

“It was a big loss for us as a county not to have (Sequoia’s) data included in the countywide pool of data,” said Cabuslay. “The survey tries to give us a good picture every two to four years about the health of our different communities. To have one of our biggest high school districts not participate (means) we have to give the caveat that our data doesn’t include Sequoia.”

The county currently can’t give substantive direction to Sequoia leaders about how to handle vaping on its campuses since there isn’t data to guide the conversation, she added. (Most local elementary school districts in The Almanac’s coverage area last administered their Healthy Kids surveys during the 2017-18 school year.)

The Sequoia district missed the 2017-18 survey cycle because it no longer had the grant, which also helps fund tobacco-specific student instruction, reinforcement activities, events and intervention programs for students, Gutierrez said. The survey can be voluntarily administered by districts if they don’t have the grant, but district and school staffers then have to provide their own survey planning, get parent consent and do related administration work, according to the survey’s website.

In 2018, the district began to administer the Panorama survey, which focuses more on school climate and culture, engagement and communication. Panorama doesn’t include questions about students’ alcohol, drug and tobacco consumption.

“The move to the Panorama survey was before my time, but I felt it critical to reintegrate back into our district, so we are relaunching it this school year,” said Streshly.

This fall the state granted the district a three-year TUPE grant totaling \$234,000, Gutierrez said. This will help fund administering the Healthy Kids survey this school year and during the 2021-22 school year, he said. The grant will also help fund peer support and educational prevention programs around tobacco usage.

Local efforts to curb vaping

This school year, the Sequoia district hired intervention counselors for each of its four comprehensive high schools through district funding and through a grant from San Mateo County. These counselors work to support students who are at-risk, as well as those with behavioral, academic or social and emotional struggles, including students who might be vaping or considering vaping, said Gutierrez.

Before the grant funding came through, the district addressed vaping concerns through educational efforts, he said. The district has sent communications to parents about vaping through newsletters starting during the 2017-18 school year, before vaping was even at the forefront of peoples’ minds, he said.

Ninth graders in the district also learn about the “neuroscience of addiction” in their life skills classes, Gutierrez said.

The Sequoia Healthcare District, which provides community-based health care services to local residents, received a \$25,000 grant from Breathe California to train high school students about vaping prevention so they could educate fellow students in middle school. The work began last spring, according to Karen Li, director of school health for the health care district.

The Bay Area Community Health Council, a nonprofit focused on eliminating health disparities through education and services, has partnered with Black Student Union (BSU) clubs at Sequoia and Menlo-Atherton high schools to educate African American youth and their peers about the dangers of flavored tobacco products. Youth tend to listen to their peers more than they listen to adults, said Shawnee Stevenson, project manager of the nonprofit’s tobacco education program, in an email.

“Our engagement with the BSUs led to them choosing to complete a social justice oriented-tobacco education project,” she said. “The project included peer-to-peer education activities, a youth-designed social media



Local jurisdictions have passed restrictive measures in an attempt to curb vaping among youth. Menlo Park is the latest to consider an ordinance limiting flavored tobacco sales.

campaign called Vape Stops Here, and other advocacy activities such as writing letters to the editor and collecting petitions to restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products in retail stores in Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and Redwood City.”

Last week, the Menlo Park City School District’s school board approved a resolution declaring a public health emergency about youth use of e-cigarettes in light of a 2019 National Youth Tobacco Survey that shows that vaping among high school students more than doubled from 2017 to 2019, to 27.5% of students. The resolution expresses the board’s support for the town of Atherton, the city of Menlo Park and San Mateo County to restrict the sale of tobacco products in order to prevent youth access to vaping devices.

In 2018, the San Mateo County Board Supervisors passed an ordinance restricting the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies and flavored tobacco products in unincorporated areas, according to the county’s website. The ordinance aims to address the increase in vaping among young people.

Menlo Park Mayor Ray Mueller suggested the City Council consider an ordinance restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products in town at the council’s Oct. 15 meeting. He said the proposed ordinance could first come before the council during a Nov. 5 study session.

In September, the San Mateo County Office of Education and Sequoia Healthcare District hosted the Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Summit. During the summit, county educators and community partners learned about strategies to reduce the use

of tobacco, vaping and marijuana among students.

During a panel made up of several district students, some shared how they took up vaping to fit in with older students. Some explained that they recently quit vaping because of news reports about people dying after using vaping devices.

The Parent Education Series, a Sequoia district program in which experts in subjects like academic success and student well-being discuss their fields with district parents, staff and community members, has held presentations on the risks of vaping.

On Nov. 20, Richard Ceballos, a project coordinator with the Stanford Tobacco Prevention Toolkit, will present on: “What’s All the Buzz with JUUL & Similar Vape Devices?” at Woodside High School. The toolkit is an online educational resource that can be adapted to fit the individual needs of educators and students in all types of settings, including elementary, middle and high schools, community-based organizations, and health-related agencies.

“The goal (of the Parent Education Series) is always to give parents strategies to educate their kids,” said Charlene Margot, founder and director of the Parent Education Series. “I don’t want people getting inaccurate data. When they (parents) talk to their kids, we want them to be fully informed. It’s not about scare tactics.”

On the cover: Vaping has become “a national epidemic,” Sequoia Union High School District Superintendent Mary Streshly said. Illustration by Doug Young.



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Nearly 60,000 customers in San Mateo County lost power Saturday, Oct. 26, in the third planned PG&E shutoff this month.

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wildfire ignitions from its energized power lines that could fall during inclement weather.

About 1,000 customers in San Mateo County, including portions of Woodside, lost power around 1 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, as part of PG&E's planned power shutoff, according to the utility. Power was fully restored in the

county just before 6 p.m. that day, according to a San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services alert (SMC Alert). Approximately 179,000 customers in 17 Northern California counties lost power.

PG&E also shut off power to 738,000 customers in 34 counties starting on Oct. 9, including nearly 15,000 customers in San Mateo County. Many streets in Portola Valley and Woodside lost power in that shutoff, and schools in

the Portola Valley Elementary School District were closed Oct. 10 as a result. Customers in Portola Valley and Woodside who lost power generally had it restored within about 24 hours.

The utility was widely criticized for its handling of the event, including for poor communication with customers and local governments. ▀

Assistant Editor Julia Brown and Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

Woodside to repair Old La Honda Road bridge

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

The Woodside Planning Commission has approved an environmental review and conditional use permit for a project to repair a 95-year-old bridge on Old La Honda Road, about a tenth of a mile west of Portola Road.

A recent Caltrans study reported that the bridge is "structurally deficient" and experiencing advanced deterioration of its exterior girders and abutment walls and gave it a 36.8 rating for "sufficiency," with 100 being the highest score possible, according to Woodside Planning Director Jackie Young.

"A rating of zero is the worst

possible bridge," she said.

The planning and design cost of the bridge is expected to be about \$1.1 million, with an additional \$600,000 to \$800,000 for construction, according to Woodside Public Works Director Sean Rose.

A repair or replacement of any bridge with less than a 50 rating is eligible for federal funding, which Woodside will use to pay for 89% of the cost, with the town paying for the rest, Rose said.

Rose recommended the repair plan that calls for placing a culvert 84 inches in diameter along with cement under the bridge to create a channel instead of replacing the entire structure.

"Right now there's a rectangular

concrete opening," Rose said. "We're going to put a pipe inside the opening and build concrete walls and encase the culvert in concrete."

The bridge, which normally carries about 120 vehicles per day, will stay open at all times during the repair work, according to the staff report.

The bridge is still safe to travel on, but the public works department has put in traffic markers to guide drivers toward the center of the bridge, away from weaker areas on the edges, Rose said.

Public works hopes to receive Town Council approval and put the project out to bid in January with work to last about two months beginning in May or June, Rose said. ▀

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As for Feldman's, when Barnes asked if Rapp would be willing to consider leasing ground-floor retail space to the bookstore at one of its new buildings, Rapp responded by asking if the city would be willing to subsidize the bookstore's rent.

Philz Coffee has signed a lease for ground-floor retail space in one of the new buildings, Rapp confirmed. But the gap between what Feldman's is paying now per square foot and what the new buildings expect to generate per square foot is significant: Feldman's currently pays about \$1.90 per square foot, while the Philz lease is for \$5.45 per square foot, according to the developer.

Rapp added that there are a number of vacant retail locations on Santa Cruz Avenue where Feldman's could relocate, though many would be smaller, and said he wanted to see the owner exploring other locations.

The future of Feldman's Books

When The Almanac talked to the bookstore owner Jack Feldman two days later, he said he was open to relocating the shop, but would prefer to stay in place — moving the shop's inventory

of 50,000 books somewhere new would be no small feat.

He said he's not yet ready to retire — at 63 he's got energy to take on another decade of running the bookstore if there's a way to make it work, but noted that the rents in the area are "ridiculous."

Even if the developer didn't build the project and displace the bookstore, he added, the owner could still raise the rent and price Feldman's out that way.

Since he and his brother, Steve, began the bookshop 23 years ago, he added, retail rent has about tripled. They've adapted by selling some books online and taking a selective eye toward what inventory goes on the shelves, but he acknowledged that used bookstores are in trouble.

"Every town in the Peninsula used to have a bookstore," he said. "Now they're a pretty endangered species."

With the bookstore's future up in the air, he said, he's been managing with an existentialist's take-it-as-it-comes attitude. Still, he added, "I appreciate everyone coming out and standing up for us and appreciating us. It feels good."

"We're just going to keep on going and hope for the best," Feldman said. ■

Cheryl Lita Eitner-England

December 10, 1958 - September 24, 2019

After battling Stage IV Metastatic Breast Cancer for 3 years, Cheryl Lita went home to be with her Lord and Savior.

Lita was born in Redwood City, and lived in Menlo Park for 31 years. After she married her husband, Garonn, she lived in Union City for 30 years. Besides her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Mica England, also of Union City. She is also survived by her four brothers, Max, Dan, AJ, and Bill Eitner, all living on the San Francisco Peninsula, as well as her aunt, Denise Cox Boyd and several cousins, living in Northern California.

Lita graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School, Menlo Park, in 1977. She graduated from San Jose State University With Great Distinction earning a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology in 1981 and received a second Bachelor's Degree With Great Distinction in Television and Film in 1986.

She published two Young Adult Historical Fiction Novels, Bullmina the Courageous Bulldog in 2004, and its sequel, Bullmina the Courageous Bulldog to the Rescue in 2010. In Summer 2018, she finished her third and final book in the Bulldog Trilogy, Bullmina the Courageous Bulldog Comes Home, including short story Payasito (all books available through AuthorHouse Publishing).

She was the Sr. Contract Administrator and Accounting Manager of R.P. Coatings, Hayward, for 21 years, and a former employee of Total Video Company, So. San Francisco for 4 years.

As well as being a season ticket holder with the San Jose Opera for several years and a film aficionado, Lita was an avid rose gardener who enjoyed traveling and fine dining with friends. She also attended First Presbyterian Church of Newark and Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, and frequently visited Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church, Oakland.

A private memorial service will be held in November. Please don't send flowers. Make a donation to "Metavivors" at <https://www.metavivor.org/> or to the American Cancer Society.

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Mary Margaret "Moo" Ransford Anderson

November 1, 1926 – October 22, 2019

Mary Margaret "Moo" Ransford Anderson was born on November 1, 1926 in Boston, MA. Moo died peacefully at home on October 22, 2019 surrounded by loved ones. The family has planned a private memorial mass in her honor.

Originally an East Coast gal, Moo (then nicknamed "Murma") attended D'Youville College in Buffalo, NY and met her future husband Harry W. "Hunk" Anderson at the Seneca Yacht Club in the summer of 1948.

The couple was married on July 1, 1950 in Geneva, NY and spent the early years of their marriage growing Hunk's business, Saga Corporation. In the late 50s, they lived happily in Oberlin, OH, where their first and only daughter Mary Patricia "Putter" was born.

In 1964, the Anderson's moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Moo embraced her love of philanthropy and golf (she had three hole-in-ones!). She liked to say she was a professional volunteer, becoming a champion of Sacred Heart Schools, St Francis Center, and Stanford Hospital for many years. Later in life, she enjoyed teaching kids through Art in Action in Menlo Park.

Moo was also an entrepreneur and part owner of 3EP LTD, an art publishing workshop in Palo Alto, with Paula Kirkeby and Joseph Goldyne. 3EP was a place where many artists gathered to produce graphic works with Moo's help.

Moo's passion for art started in galleries, artist studios and at home, where she would "talk" to the works and listen as they "talked" back to her. She was an equal partner in building one of the most important modern and contemporary art collections in the U.S.

Like Hunk, Moo always believed art was meant to be shared and had generosity and conviction to give a significant portion of their collection away. These gifts have included a group of pop artworks and Frank Stella paintings to SF MOMA; 655 prints to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco; and 121 masterworks to the Anderson Collection at Stanford University.

Amid all her accomplishments, Moo's roles as a mother and grandmother were her favorite. She went to every one of Putter's swim meets and horse shows and even helped her with her art business, teaching Putter how to identify and promote great, young artists. Moo was also the best grandmother to

Devin Pence, taking train trips across the country, teaching her how to drive the '79 bug in Glenbrook, and sharing her love of golf in Borrego Springs.

We will always remember Moo as an incredibly strong woman, one who voiced her opinions, ensured she had equality in her marriage, and earned the respect and admiration of people from all walks of life. She was savvy, thoughtful, curious, and energetic, bringing 150% to everything she did.

As Hunk used to say, Moo was a tiger! We will miss her so much but feel at peace knowing she's with her husband, the "Pinch & Giggle" group, and other friends and family in heaven.

Moo was SUPER and her positive attitude and spirit will stay with us.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Moo's honor to St Francis Center at <https://www.stfranciscwc.org/donate/>. Checks can also be mailed to 151 Buckingham Avenue, Redwood City, California 94063.



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Atherton committee to weigh off-leash dog park at Nov. 6 meeting

By Angela Swartz

Almanac Staff Writer

An Atherton committee decided to continue to explore the concept of building an off-leash dog park in Holbrook-Palmer Park at its meeting earlier this month, despite some reservations from one committee member who is concerned a dog park could impact the park's tennis players.

At the Atherton Park and Recreation meeting Oct. 2, committee member Christine David presented a proposal for a 21,000-square-foot, fenced-in dog park between the Playschool preschool and the tennis courts in the 22-acre park. Committee member Bob Roeser expressed concern that noise from barking dogs would impact tennis players' serves, according to an Oct. 16 report from City Manager George Rodericks.

"Our plan does allow for room to build a sound barrier where the dog park faces the tennis courts," David said in an email after the meeting. "We are hoping this might mitigate any sounds. Plus, we will create a noise ordinance



Michelle Le/The Almanac

Dogs must be on leash in Holbrook Palmer Park. Some Atherton Park and Recreation Committee members would like to see an off-leash dog park in the park.

asking dog owners to manage their dogs to keep barking at a minimum. Atherton has more dog owners than tennis players and, in fact, dog walkers may be the highest daily use category for the park."

Michael Jessup, owner of Player Capital Tennis, runs the park's tennis program and spoke at the meeting about concerns that a dog park placed next to the tennis courts could be disruptive to tennis players, with more noise from dogs interacting with one

another. He told The Almanac he's not opposed to a dog park in Holbrook-Palmer Park, but thinks it might be better situated in another part of the park.

"Will parents feel safe with a large amount of dogs next to tennis courts?" he said.

The park now requires dogs to remain on leash. A 2015 survey showed that an off-leash dog area was the greatest single requested new use in the park, which currently has indoor and outdoor facilities that include a baseball

field, tennis courts, a playground, gardens and walking paths. Other local off-leash dog areas range from a half-acre to 1 acre in size. There are dog parks in nearby Nealon and Willow Oak parks in Menlo Park.

According to Holbrook-Palmer Park's 2015 master plan, an off-leash dog area would ideally be located between the tennis courts and the preschool, and would be designed to blend in with existing features around the park.

The estimated cost of the dog park is between \$65,000 and \$100,000, according to David's proposal. The project would include fencing; two self-closing double gates; two to three sets of aluminum benches/side tables; one high-low water fountain; two pet waste stations; a keyless access service to the dog area using a cellphone; signage; and a donor wall with donor levels indicated by brick size and bricks bearing the dog's name, family name and paw print.

David previously stated that there's enough interest from residents that the dog park could be fully funded through donations,

and said she hopes to include a few years of maintenance if possible.

The proposal also includes alternate and short-term options in lieu of building a permanent dog park. These include: allowing off-leash dogs on the park's North Lawn with limited hours; establishing a temporary off-leash area by enclosing the recommended area with temporary enclosures; and creating a temporary, enclosed off-leash dog area on the park's Entry Lawn.

Committee members agreed to consider alternate options, discuss and assess the pros and cons, and evaluate any associated costs before bringing the item back for discussion at their Nov. 6 meeting. At this meeting, committee members hope to discuss, and then finalize, the best placement for a dog park in the park.

If approved by the committee, it will present its recommendations for the dog park at the City Council's Nov. 20 meeting.

The Atherton Park and Recreation Committee next meets at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 6 in Holbrook-Palmer Park. ■

Atherton couple pleads guilty in college-admissions scam

By Sue Dremann

The former CEO of a Palo Alto venture-capital firm and his wife changed their pleas to guilty on Oct. 21 in the largest college-admissions scam ever prosecuted by the U.S. Department of Justice, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Manuel Henriquez, 55, the former CEO of venture capital and private equity firm Hercules Capital in Palo Alto, and Elizabeth Henriquez, 56, admitted in Massachusetts federal court to one count each of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and honest services mail and wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering. They previously pleaded not guilty in April.

The Henriqueses worked with college-admissions counselor William "Rick" Singer, 58, to bribe college-admissions-test proctors to cheat on their children's SAT and ACT college-entrance exams and bribed a tennis coach to help one of their daughters be admitted to a prestigious university under false pretenses, prosecutors said.

Thirty-three parents, including the Henriqueses, are among 50

people charged by federal prosecutors in March with taking part in the scheme.

The Henriqueses paid Singer \$25,000 in 2015 to have proctor Mark Riddell fly from Florida to oversee their eldest daughter's SAT exam in Belmont. Riddell provided the daughter with answers to the exam.

The couple paid Singer an additional \$400,000 to help get the daughter into Georgetown University as a tennis recruit, misrepresenting her tennis experience. The daughter also provided fraudulent SAT scores, according to the complaint.

The Henriqueses also hired Singer in 2016 to have Riddell provide answers for the ACT exam to their younger daughter at a testing facility in Houston, Texas.

Singer paid his accomplices \$70,000 for their roles in facilitating the falsified exam for the Henriqueses' younger daughter and another student. Manuel Henriquez agreed to help Singer secure the admission of an applicant to Northeastern University instead of paying for the cheating on the younger daughter's ACT exam. The couple also paid Singer \$25,000 in cash to facilitate cheating for the younger daughter in the SAT exam, according to the complaint.

Elizabeth Henriquez will be sentenced on Feb. 7, 2020, and Manuel Henriquez will face

sentencing on March 5, 2020. The prosecution's recommendation for sentencing has not yet been released.

The charges each carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and fines totaling up to \$750,000.

The Henriqueses are the first parents to switch their pleas. On April 29, Mill Valley resident William McGlashan, 55, formerly of Palo Alto, and Marci Palatella, 56, of Hillsborough also pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud and honest services mail fraud and money laundering conspiracy. A federal grand jury in the District of Massachusetts indicted 11 parents, including McGlashan and Palatella, on additional charges in their cases, including conspiring to commit federal-program bribery, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston announced Oct. 22.

The bribery conspiracy charge carries up to 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Palo Alto residents Amy Colburn, 59, and Gregory Colburn, 61, filed motions to dismiss their cases on April 15. They are each charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud and honest services mail fraud and money laundering conspiracy.

Eight other parents who faced conspiracy to commit mail fraud and honest services mail fraud charges have received prison

sentences ranging from no prison time to five months. Peter Jan Sartorio, 53, of Menlo Park, was sentenced on Oct. 11 to one year of probation, 250 hours of community service and a \$9,500 fine for his role in the scandal. Menlo Park resident Marjorie Klapper, 50, on Oct. 16 received a three-week prison sentence, one year of supervised release and 250 hours of community service.

Hollywood actress Felicity Huffman, 56, received a two-week sentence and a \$30,000 fine; Gregory Abbott, 68, a New York beverage business executive, and Marcia Abbott, 59, a former fashion editor at Family Circle, each received a one-month prison sentence and \$45,000 fine; and Gordon Caplan, 53, a Connecticut attorney, received a month in prison and a \$50,000 fine. All of their sentences include a year of supervised release and 250 hours of community service.

Napa vintner Agustin Huneus Jr., 53, was sentenced to five months in prison and issued a \$100,000 fine, two years of supervised release and 500 hours of community service; and Los Angeles business executive Devin Sloane, 53, received four months in prison, two years of supervised probation, 500 hours of community service and a \$95,000 fine.

Former Stanford University head sailing coach John Vandemoer, 41, of Palo Alto, pleaded

guilty on March 12 to conspiracy to commit racketeering after accepting \$800,000 in bribes for athletics programs to place students on the sailing team. He was sentenced to one day of incarceration, which he already served prior to the court hearing; two years of supervised release, with the first six months to be served in home detention; and a \$10,000 fine.

Davina Isackson, 55, of Hillsborough, pleaded guilty on May 1 to conspiracy to commit mail fraud and honest services mail fraud. Her husband, Bruce Isackson, 61, pleaded guilty to committing mail fraud and honest services mail fraud, money laundering conspiracy and conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Prosecutors are recommending incarceration at the lower end of sentencing guidelines for Davina Isackson, plus one year of supervised probation, a \$100,000 fine and restitution or forfeiture. Bruce Isackson faces recommendations of incarceration at the lower end of sentencing guidelines, one year of supervised probation, a \$150,000 fine and restitution of \$139,509 to the Internal Revenue Service and forfeiture.

They are scheduled for sentencing on May 21, 2020. ■

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

Menlo School puts on production of 'Cabaret'

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo School Drama will bring the eight-time Tony Award-winning musical "Cabaret" to its stage to kick off the 2019-20 drama season, according to a school press release.

The musical, which originally debuted in 1966, takes place in 1930 and follows struggling novelist Cliff Bradshaw, who falls in love with Sally Bowles, a cabaret singer at Berlin's Kit Kat Club. Fraulein Schneider also falls in love with her Jewish tenant, Herr Schultz.

Despite the Kit Kat Club's motto to "leave your troubles outside ... life is beautiful," there is no reprieve from what's to come — World War II. The play serves as a reminder of the dangers of political apathy, according to the press release.

"As young people today, we all know how easy it is for people to fall victim to ignorance," said Menlo School senior Emma Dressel, who plays Bowles, in the press release. "Staying knowledgeable about the present day societal and political issues as well as understanding the tragic parts of history helps us approach this complex emotional show."

This will be Director of Creative Arts and Upper School Drama Steven Minning's 18th time directing a mainstage show for Menlo School.

This is the final season of shows that will be performed in Menlo School's Florence Moore Auditorium. The school's new theater — the 384-seat Spieker Center for the Performing Arts — is under construction and scheduled to open in fall 2020.

"One of the most intriguing things about directing 'Cabaret' is how the show requires the space (the theatre) to become a cabaret, with a whole world happening simultaneously outside," Minning said in the press release.

Florence Moore Auditorium is small, which has created challenges for past productions. But for "Cabaret," the theater offers "a smaller space in which the show flourishes best, where it's easier to break down the fourth wall and make the audience



Photo courtesy of Bella Guel

The cast of Menlo School's production of "Cabaret" poses for a photo. The musical debuts on Thursday, Oct. 31.

feel part of the cabaret itself, enmeshed with the cast and story," Minning said.

Menlo School's production of "Cabaret" will benefit The Sentry, a nonprofit organization made up of financial investigators, international human rights lawyers and regional experts who work to end financial profiting from war crimes and genocides.

Menlo Drama has raised more than \$40,000 over the past six seasons for nonprofit organizations.

Performances are on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 2, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 3, at 5 p.m., in the Florence Moore Auditorium, 50 Valparaiso Ave. in Atherton.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at store.menloschool.org and at the box office one hour before each performance. The show is recommended for middle-school audiences and older. ▣

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'Minorities' "Minorities," a work by choreographer Yang Zhen, includes a cast of actors, dancers and a singer who hail from Tibet, Xinjiang, inner Mongolia and Europe. It is the final installment of Zhen's trilogy of works that examine society roles and class divisions in China. Nov. 1-3; times vary. \$45; discounts available. Bing Studio, Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

'Monty Python's Spamalot' Adapted from the 1975 film "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," "Monty Python's Spamalot" is an irreverent parody of the Arthurian legend. Through Nov. 3; times vary. \$20 - \$42; discounts available. Woodside High School Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave., Woodside. woodsidetheatre.com

'Sweat' "Sweat" by Lynn Nottage, winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, tells of a group of steel workers in Berks County, Pennsylvania, who find themselves pitted against each other in a desperate fight to stay afloat. Through Nov. 10; times vary. \$34; discount for students, seniors. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

'Voices of the Earth: From Sophocles to Rachel Carson and Beyond' "Voices of the Earth" explores the troubled relationship between humans and the natural world through the writings of famous authors, environmental pioneers and native voices. Nov. 1-3; times vary. \$5. Pigott Theater, 551 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford. taps.stanford.edu

Concerts

Halloween Concert: Stanford Wind Symphony and Stanford Symphony Orchestra The Stanford Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Paul Phillips, and the Stanford

Wind Symphony, conducted by Russell Gavin, will perform their annual Halloween concert. Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m. \$18; discount for students, seniors. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

P.S. at Freewheel Brewing Company P.S. performs classic rock, R&B and folk at Freewheel Brewing Company. Nov. 1, 7-10 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Fifth Annual 'Skullfest' with Dr. Colossus Dr. Colossus performs rock covers, including Weezer, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Stone Temple Pilots, for Freewheel Brewing Company's fifth annual "Skullfest." Costumes are not necessary but encouraged. Oct. 31, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Festivals & Fairs

Dia de los Muertos The San Mateo County History Museum will join with Casa Circulo Cultural and the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library to present a Mexican Day of the Dead celebration. Nov. 3, 4-8:30 p.m. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. historysmc.org/dia-de-los-muertos

Poltergeist Podcasts & Plays: Halloween Podcast Festival Palo Alto's Midpen Media Center hosts the Halloween Podcast Festival, featuring Halloween ASMR, radio play and candy and wine. Oct. 31, 7-9 p.m. Free. Midpen Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Talks & Lectures

'Secrets of Sand Hill Road' In "Secrets of Sand Hill Road," Scott Kupor explains how venture capitalists decide where and how much to invest and how entrepreneurs can get the best possible deal and make the most of their relationships with VCs. Oct. 30, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$30; \$40 with book; discount for members and J-Pass holders. Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall (Bldg F), 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org

Family

Zoppe Italian Family Circus: 'La Nonna' Zoppe presents "La Nonna," a special show honoring women. This

one-ring circus honors the best history of the old-world Italian tradition and stars Nino the Clown, along with many other mostly women-based acts. Through Nov. 3; times vary. \$10-\$28. Red Morton Park, 1455 Madison Ave., Redwood City. redwoodcity.org/zoppe

Museums & Exhibits

'Cointraptions: Classic Coin-Operated Machines' "Cointraptions: Classic Coin-Operated Machines" explores what life was like before the era of credit cards with classic coin-operated machines, including gambling devices, a mutoscope, vending machines and more. Friday-Sunday through Feb. 16, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. The Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. moah.org

'In High Places': an Exhibition of Watercolor Paintings by Yvonne Newhouse The Portola Art Gallery presents "In High Places," which 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, 2020, 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 Residences 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

Public Tour: 'West x Southwest' The Capital Group Foundation's gift of 1,000 photographs to the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University includes works by American photographic masters Ansel Adams, Edward Curtis, John Gutmann, Helen Levitt, Wright Morris, Gordon Parks and Edward Weston. Thursday, Saturday, Sunday through Jan. 5, 12:30 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.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, 2020. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Food & Drink

Kafenya Mid-Week Breather The Kafenia Peace Collective hosts weekly communal meals, featuring dialogues, music and time to socialize 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

'My Dragon & Me' This weekly course is designed to be a bonding experience as participants sing, dance and tell stories with their bodies and voices. Each week, the class will repeat songs and dances while the children engage in dramatized interactive storytelling. Tuesdays through Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-noon. \$10; free for Redwood City residents. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. rwcyt.org/toddlers-pre-k

Health & Wellness

Building Resilience and Joy in a Stressful World: Weekly Meditation In this weekly program, Segyu Rinpoche will introduce the Vajrayana system in the form of the healing practices of the Medicine Buddha and the meditations and philosophies that underline those practices. Wednesdays through Dec. 18, 7-9 p.m. \$25 per week. Guild Hall, Woodside Village Church, 515 Hillside Drive, Woodside. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Outdoor Recreation

Nature Hike Hikers are led through a variety of natural communities, including oak woodlands and redwood groves. Hikes are held in light rain. Refunds will be issued in the case of heavy rain. Saturday mornings through Nov. 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$15. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

Home & Garden

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

Business

33rd ATHENA Awards and Silicon Valley Woman of Wisdom Luncheon The Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce presents the 33rd ATHENA Awards Luncheon, recognizing local women who reach the highest level of professional accomplishment, excel in their chosen field and through their work open paths for others. Nov. 7, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$65; discounts available. Garden Court Hotel, 520 Cowper St., Palo Alto. paloaltochamber.com

Community Groups

Adult Board Game Meetup The Menlo Park Library hosts board game day for adults. Attendees are invited to choose from the games provided or bring their own. Nov. 3, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

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Picking pumpkins

In anticipation of Halloween on Thursday, Eli Hill, 11, and Sam Hill, 4, from Mountain View visited Webb Ranch in Portola Valley on Oct. 24. Together, they filled a wagon with pumpkins and gourds to take home and decorate.



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