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Air hugs, outdoor rooms and weekly testing

Inside a private Menlo Park school's first day back in the classroom

By Elena Kadvany

At a glance, it looked like a normal first day of school: Kids climbed excitedly on a jungle gym, a teacher led story time, a group of fourth graders went over classroom expectations for the year.

It was far from normal. All the students and staff had been privately tested for the coronavirus before being allowed to return to campus. Classes were being held under tents in parking lots and in storage spaces converted into outdoor or open-air classrooms. One teacher led her class remotely from a screen as she quarantined at home after traveling for a family emergency. Kindergarteners, on their first-ever day of in-person school, were learning about "air hugs" and using "airplane arms" to stay 6 feet apart.

Synapse School, a small private school in Menlo Park, is one of at least 20 San Mateo County schools that have been

granted waivers to reopen in person for elementary grades. Wednesday, Sept. 16, was its first day of the new school year (the restart was delayed by two days because of poor air quality). With San Mateo County now in the less-restrictive red tier of the state's COVID-19 classifications, schools could reopen fully for in-person instruction if the county remains in the red tier for two weeks.

Synapse offers a unique look into how one local private school — one with ample resources and a reputation for being scrappy and innovative — has approached reopening, from partnering with Stanford University and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital to provide weekly COVID-19 testing to reconfiguring the campus to educate students outdoors.

"Schools can do this — maybe not this robustly. We're small. We have some resources," Head

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Magali Gauthier

Paige Carey, a Synapse School teacher, plays a game with her kindergarten students on the first day of in-person classes in Menlo Park on Sept. 16.

More businesses can open as San Mateo County moves into less restrictive 'red tier' for COVID-19 risk

By Bay City News Service and Almanac staff

San Mateo County moved to the less-restrictive red tier of California's COVID-19 classifications on Tuesday, meaning additional businesses can open.

The county maintained a case rate of less than 7% for the last two weeks, allowing it to move out of the most restrictive purple or "widespread" risk tier to the red or "substantial" risk tier, indicating a lower risk of COVID-19 transmission.

This means restaurants, shopping centers, museums, places of worship, movie theaters and

gyms can open indoors with limited capacity. People can visit [covid-19.ca.gov/safer-economy](https://www.covid-19.ca.gov/safer-economy) and type in "San Mateo County" for specific industry guidelines.

"Hallelujah, we are out of the purple and into the red," San Mateo County Supervisor David Canepa said in a statement. "Now we can eat indoors again, go see a movie and get some exercise at the gym."

"What each and every one of us can do is to commit to patronizing our local businesses," said Warren Slocum, president of the county's Board of Supervisors. "Let's be safe, be healthy and help ensure our small businesses are with us

today and tomorrow and the future."

Some businesses like bars, breweries, nightclubs and saunas must remain closed. Schools must continue distance learning and may not reopen fully for in-person instruction until the county has been in the red tier for two weeks.

Fran Dehn, president and CEO of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, said the switch to the red tier provides relief to some businesses, especially those that weren't able to open for business outdoors. With fall on the way, she said, seasonal changes will make outdoor operations more difficult.

Restaurants will now be able to offer patrons more choices based on their safety preferences, whether they want to eat indoors, outdoors or take their food to go, Dehn said.

Atherton Mayor Rick DeGolia said the new classification is good news, but people should still "be more cautious than ever" this fall since the virus could spread more easily in colder weather.

"The only way that we can avoid slipping back into the purple zone is by wearing masks more and rigorously insuring that we practice social distancing," he said in an email. "The problem is that all we can do is

apply a short-term fix, a (Band-Aid), until we have a successful vaccine that is widely accepted and used."

He added that to slow the spread of the virus, more testing needs to be available.

"This is especially important for those who are working in essential services because those people interact with large numbers of others and they can't always be socially distanced," he said. "They need to have readily available tests so that they can avoid going to work whenever they are positive."

Counties are assigned a tier

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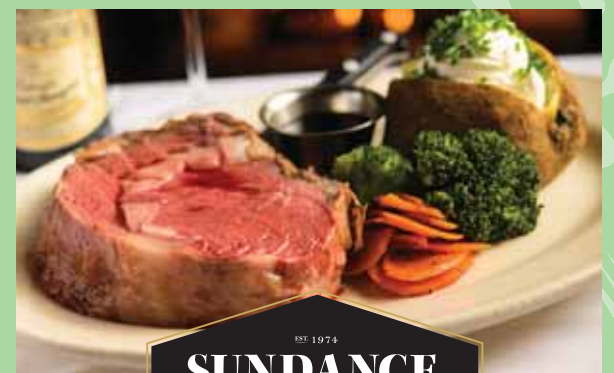
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An orange glow and smoke from wildfires in the Santa Cruz Mountains in San Mateo County are visible on the horizon from the Palo Alto Baylands the evening of Aug. 20.

CZU fires now 100% contained

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The CZU August Lightning Complex fires have been fully contained, Cal Fire announced on Sept. 22.

The fires that roared through the Santa Cruz Mountains in Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties were ignited by lightning in the morning hours of Aug. 16. Ultimately, they burned 86,509 acres, or about 135 square miles, claiming

one life and destroying 1,490 structures. About 22,755 of the acres burned were in San Mateo County.

While the fires are 100% contained, the area is still not completely controlled, according to a tweet from Cal Fire's San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit. The agency announced it will continue to monitor the fire zone for smoldering areas.

The fire complex was the largest on record in San Mateo County, Cal Fire reported. Five of the largest six wildfires

on record in California have happened in August and September this year, according to Cal Fire. Before that, the largest was the Mendocino Complex fire in July, but it has been surpassed by the August Complex fire in Tehama County, which measured nearly 860,000 acres on Sept. 23.

As the fires blazed, locals also stepped up to help fight the flames. The Almanac went for ride-alongs with Andy Kerr,

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Atherton mayor endorses newcomer for council over fire district dispute

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton Mayor Rick DeGolia has endorsed Diana Hawkins-Manuelian, who is challenging incumbents Elizabeth Lewis and Cary Wiest for one of the town's two open council seats in the Nov. 3 election. DeGolia's motivation: Hawkins-Manuelian opposes a controversial proposal for the town to detach from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

DeGolia says Wiest favors leaving the fire district. Wiest said he doesn't and that his position on the topic has been "mischaracterized" by DeGolia.

DeGolia said he is supporting Lewis, who has vocally opposed separation from the fire district. Talks of separation were spurred by a 2016 fire services study, which showed a disparity between the fixed percentage of tax revenues the town's property owners hand over to the fire district in return for emergency response services, and how much it actually costs the district to

provide those services to the town.

Wiest actively supports detachment, DeGolia claimed in a Sept. 21 email. But Wiest says on his campaign website that while he and the council supported collecting financial and service information from the fire district, he does not support detachment.

"I am disappointed that Rick is making false statements about my position," Wiest said in a Sept. 21 email.

"This misleads the public and creates discord within the council. I can only assume he has another agenda."

In his email, Wiest claimed that Hawkins-Manuelian did not gather any of the signatures required for candidates to qualify for the ballot, and that DeGolia recruited her right before the filing deadline and collected the majority of signatures for her.

Candidates are allowed to have supporters collect signatures for them and are not required to collect signatures themselves. San Mateo County rules simply require that any "circulators" of candidate nomination papers be age 18 or older and disclose their names and addresses.

Hawkins-Manuelian said it is



Cary Wiest



Rick DeGolia



Diana Hawkins-Manuelian

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Get out the vote? This year, it's get out the poll workers

Local teen joins nationwide effort to get young people to staff polling places

By Tyler Callister
Almanac Staff Writer

Micah Robinson, a sophomore at TIDE Academy in Menlo Park, is doing something good for democracy this election season. But it's not campaigning for any candidate or political party: It's getting the word out about a serious national need for poll workers.

With the coronavirus still in full force as the Nov. 3 election approaches, Robinson said, many senior citizens who

traditionally work the polls will elect to stay home. That's where Poll Hero, a national organization that Robinson joined this fall, comes in.

"The Poll Hero project is trying to get high school and college students to work the polls," he said. "They are less at risk, and they can help out."

When Robinson heard about Poll Hero through a friend, he was immediately excited about the idea.

"I've always been interested in democracy, and found this to be a really good cause," he said.

At 15 years old, Robinson is just below the 16-year-old cutoff age for being able to work at his local election station. But Poll Hero enlisted his other talents — video editing and social media marketing — and made him part of the team. Now he's helping to promote the project, which has spread across the nation.

"Elections can't happen without poll workers. And most poll workers are older and at a higher risk of complications from Covid ... Now is the time for young people across America

to step up, serve our country, and make sure the 2020 election is a success," according to Poll Hero's mission statement on its website.

The organization cites places like Milwaukee — where on primary day 175 out of 180 polling stations were closed because there weren't enough poll workers — and Philadelphia, where 8,500 poll workers are needed, yet only 2,500 signed up to work.

The organization has launched a massive campaign that spread quickly across the country,

bolstered by social media, since July, according to co-founder Avi Stopper. "The goal was to recruit a thousand poll workers and we reached that in a week," he said. "Now we actually just reached over 10,000 high school and college students recruited."

Stopper, who works in tech startups in Denver, said he was surprised when he came across the poll worker shortage. He had originally started a campaign to support vote-by-mail efforts, but he and his team's research

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High school superintendent out after teachers, administrators called for her ouster

By Tyler Callister

Almanac Staff Writer

More than a month after the Sequoia Union High School District's teachers union and 22 principals and top administrators called for her firing, Superintendent Mary Streshly is resigning, district officials announced Sept. 18.

In a statement, the Sequoia district board of trustees said that Streshly is leaving "in order to fulfill critical care responsibilities with her family."

"The board and Dr. Streshly believe this transition is in their respective best interests as well as the best interest of our educational community," said board president Allen Weiner in the statement.

Assistant Superintendent Crystal Leach will fill in as interim superintendent until the board hires a replacement for Streshly, the district said.

The announcement comes amid criticism of Streshly's tenure from the Sequoia District Teachers Association (SDTA), which announced a no-confidence vote against Streshly Aug. 3 and asked for her removal. A group of district administrators sent a letter to the board calling for her ouster on July 31. Both groups accused Streshly of mishandling the district's COVID-19 response and said she has a history of ineffectual leadership.

Speaking about her time with the district, Streshly said, "I believe we met the moment by remaining focused on students and parents. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the staff, board, and community for supporting our programs, services, and student-centered initiatives during my superintendency."

Streshly became superintendent in July 2017, signing on with a salary of \$240,500 per year.

In its statement, the district said that during her tenure Streshly "focused on equity and inclusion by dramatically reducing student suspensions and expulsions." She also "established a strategic goal of governing with an equity lens and implemented a successful plan to resume instruction this August despite the COVID-19 pandemic," the district said.

"We are sad to be losing our leader and friend, but thankful for all she has done and the many accomplishments during her tenure with the district," Weiner said in the statement. "Dr. Streshly has served ably in establishing high standards and leading by example for the district and our community. In every interaction, I have appreciated Mary's hard work



Mary Streshly

and valued her collaborative working style."

Criticism of Streshly

After the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted school life in March and the district grappled with implementing distance learning, district staff and faculty presented a united front against the superintendent over the summer as Streshly's three-year contract came up for renewal. In response, the district school board held a succession of closed-door meetings to evaluate Streshly. On Aug. 19, the board announced it would conduct an "independent information gathering process."

"Dr. Streshly's inability to make decisions, communicate plans, or articulate a coherent vision has resulted in frustration and exhaustion at all levels of certificated management," said the letter signed by administrators. "These ongoing issues are not new, but have been exacerbated by the pandemic crisis such that our ability to meet the needs of students, families, and staff is jeopardized."

The teachers union levied a list of 19 grievances against Streshly. In a resolution of no confidence passed by the SDTA's Representative Council, the union said Streshly has "consistently turned a blind eye to the issues of racial tensions" in the district. They also said

she "mishandled the opening and development of the TIDE alternative school."

After passing the no-confidence resolution at the SDTA's Representative Council, the group said, the resolution received 200 staff signatures in under 24 hours. The final number of signatures was 300, representing roughly 60% of the active membership of the union, the group said.

Twenty-two district administrators signed the letter against Streshly, including principals and vice principals at the district's four comprehensive high schools and East Palo Alto Academy. Menlo-Atherton High School Principal Simone Rick-Kennel and Woodside High School Principal Diane Burbank, as well as Assistant Superintendent Bonnie Hansen, were among the signers.

Allison Silvestri, the principal of TIDE Academy, did not sign the administrators' letter.

Teachers union president Edith Salvatore said, "While SDTA is pleased that Superintendent Streshly's situation has been resolved, this is a bitter-sweet victory for SDTA. There is no cause for celebration when someone is unsuccessful in their position and has to leave that position prematurely. We wish Dr. Streshly well in her future endeavors." ■

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Workers' comp for people affected by COVID-19

By Embarcadero Media staff

San Mateo County reported 29 new cases of COVID-19 on Monday, bringing the county's total to 9,625. One more person has died, raising the death toll to 144. Thirty-eight people are hospitalized as of Tuesday.

Santa Clara County reported 89 new cases of the coronavirus on Tuesday, raising the total to 20,587. Two more people have died, raising the death toll to 299. There are 99 people hospitalized, 11 of whom are new.

Newsom signs workers' comp bill

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill Sept. 17 authored by a Bay Area state legislator that will expand access to workers' compensation for front-line workers affected by the

coronavirus pandemic.

Senate Bill 1159 creates a rebuttable presumption of infection for people like grocery store employees, health care workers, firefighters and law enforcement officers who believe they contracted the coronavirus at work.

The law, authored by state Sen. Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, also creates a presumption of infection whenever there is a workplace outbreak over a two-week span of time.

"Everyone who is providing the benefits to our community and our society today, they need to be protected," Hill said. "This legislation ... has done that."

SB 1159 will take effect immediately as an urgency statute and will remain in effect through Jan. 1, 2023.

Newsom also signed a bill authored by Assemblywoman

Eloise Gomes Reyes, D-San Bernardino, that will require employers to report coronavirus outbreaks to their local public health department within 48 hours and to employees who may have been exposed within one business day.

Assembly Bill 685 also gives the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) the authority to close a worksite or place of employment that is actively exposing workers to the risk of contracting the virus.

"These bills give workers a choice and a voice," California Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary Julie Su said.

AB 685 will also remain in effect through Jan. 1, 2023.

"Protecting workers is critical to slowing the spread

of this virus," Newsom said. "These two laws will help California workers stay safe at work and get the support they need if they are exposed to COVID-19."

Comprehensive COVID-19 coverage

View interactive charts tracking the spread of the coronavirus in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties online at paloaltoonline.atavist.com/tracking-the-coronavirus. Find a comprehensive collection of coverage on the Midpeninsula's response to the new coronavirus by The Almanac and its sister publications, Palo Alto Online, and the Mountain View Voice, at tinyurl.com/c19-Almanac.

CalMatters and Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

Nonprofits step in to aid online education

Ravenswood students use learning hubs to stay on track at school

By Elena Kadvany

At Los Robles-Ronald McNair Academy in East Palo Alto on Wednesday morning, Sept. 16, a young boy sat quietly at a desk, writing words in Spanish in a notebook as he watched his teacher lead a dual immersion lesson on Zoom. More than 6 feet away, a girl stood up and stretched her arms over her head, mirroring her teacher on her own iPad screen.

They are among about 76 Ravenswood City School District students who returned to campuses last week in new learning hubs created by the district in partnership with local nonprofits.

Ravenswood has teamed up with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, San Francisco 49ers Academy and East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring to offer free, supportive in-person spaces to students to access distance learning. The school district is providing the classrooms, meals and custodial support while the nonprofits are in charge of the programming and responsible for adhering to all local and state public health guidelines. The program is permissible under recently issued state guidance that allows schools to offer in-person instruction for small groups of high-need students.

The hubs were created in response to a district survey that found about 25% of parents need child care during the school day, or for about 580 children. Families of about 250 students wanted to sign up for the hubs in the first days they were advertised, according to the district.

In the short term, Ravenswood

is hoping to serve 140 students across all of the learning hubs and, in the long term, accommodate more than 200 students, Superintendent Gina Sudaria said.

The hubs are open during school hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Los Robles-McNair and Cesar Chavez Ravenswood Middle School.

“The learning hubs not only help the student, it helps the families be able to carry on and sustain their household,” Sudaria said during a Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula webinar on Sept. 16. “Students are able to come into a safe place, access WiFi and ... (have) some accountability. There’s an adult in the room who’s there to not only respond to you emotionally as a child but to help academically when you get stuck, making sure you’re on time during the synchronous learning and making sure you’re actually carrying on with the work during that asynchronous work.”

Boys & Girls, for its hub, is overseeing three classrooms of kindergarten and first-grade students at Los Robles-McNair. Each classroom has a stable cohort of no more than 10 students from the same school — Los Robles, Costaño or Belle Haven — and two Boys & Girls employees, who all volunteered for this particular assignment. The students have their temperatures checked and are screened for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure daily (as were this reporter and photographer when they visited). They sit at socially distanced desks and wear masks. Only one student can go to the bathroom at a time, and they stop

at a “sanitation station” to use hand sanitizer when they return to the classroom. The staff use an incentive program to keep the students safe and on track, giving them points for properly wearing masks or staying on task during Zoom classes.

Boys & Girls staff said they were eager to leverage their resources to meet a need in the community as schools remain closed and many students continue to struggle with internet access, having a quiet space to learn or to simply focus on Zoom classes. The district has distributed more than 1,000 WiFi hotspots and is rushing to purchase more for students on a wait list, according to Sudaria. According to a survey at the start of the school year, nearly 300 families were without a stable internet connection.

The district is also working separately to increase attendance among all students. When the school year started, 72% of students were attending online school, according to the district. By Sept. 4, that increased to 82%.

At the learning hubs, students have reliable internet, meals throughout the day and adults to step in when they need help, whether to find the right Zoom code to log in to class or to stay on task during several hours of online learning. The Boys & Girls reached out to Ravenswood teachers to get each



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Matthias, a Costaño Elementary School kindergartner, sits at a socially distanced desk in a classroom at the Boys & Girls Club in East Palo Alto on Sept. 16. The Ravenswood City School District teamed up with several partners to create free learning hubs to support students with distance learning.

student’s daily schedule, which are written on whiteboards in the classrooms.

Spencer Haar, site leader for the Boys & Girls hub at Los Robles-McNair, said parents have been “thankful” when dropping their kids off. Parents are not allowed to come on the campuses, a particular disappointment for the parents who wanted to watch their kindergartners have their first-ever in-person classroom experience.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula also opened three of its own learning hubs last week: one at the nonprofit’s East Palo Alto clubhouse on Pulgas Avenue and two in Redwood City. On the morning of Sept. 16 at the East Palo Alto hub, which is next door to Los Robles-McNair, about 17 students of all ages were learning online, sitting at socially distanced tables set up in the parking lot outside the clubhouse.

The children are happy to be around other children, staff said. One young boy started crying at the end of the day on Tuesday because he didn’t want to leave school.

“It’s nice for them to see other kids,” said Jenny Obiaya, chief program officer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula. “It can be such an isolating time.”

Boys & Girls Clubs said it hopes its Ravenswood hub will eventually accommodate more students. One barrier for working parents, however, is transportation. Three sisters who started in the learning hub had to drop out, Haar said, because their mother couldn’t pick them up in the afternoons. He said they’re hoping the district can provide transportation to students who need it.

The Ravenswood school board recently approved

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Kade, a Costaño Elementary School first grader, reads a book in a classroom at the Boys & Girls Club learning hub in East Palo Alto on Sept. 16.



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Menlo Park district kindergartners and first graders can return to classrooms on Monday

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

About 540 students will return to classrooms in Atherton and Menlo Park next week.

The San Mateo County health department gave the Menlo Park City School District (MPCSD) the green light to resume in-person kindergarten and first grade classes starting on Monday, Sept. 28, according to a Sept. 23 district press release. This makes the district's three elementary schools — Encinal, Laurel and Oak Knoll — the first public schools in the county to reopen amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"The K-1 students will join most vulnerable learners who have returned to school as part

of the governor's specialized cohorting guidance," according to the district statement. "The district was well positioned to apply for the waiver, having developed a comprehensive Reopening Plan in August, based on health and safety protocols from California Department of Public Health and San Mateo County Health Department."

The district requires face coverings for all staff and students, physical distancing and limiting gatherings, according to the state.

"The district's strict health and safety protocols in many areas exceed the state and county requirements, most notably in requiring all students and staff to wear face coverings while at school, and a robust

weekly staff COVID testing program in partnership with Stanford Health Care," according to the statement.

Classes will serve only as many students who can be separated by 6 feet for social distancing, according to a report prepared by district staff for a Sept. 10 school board meeting.

Kindergartners will attend classes on either morning or afternoon schedules to accommodate smaller groups, with 10 to 12 students in each group, said Parke Treadway, the district's public information officer.

First grade staffing will be increased to provide smaller class sizes, the report states, and will be capped at 16 students. First graders will attend class from 9 a.m. to noon, but the school day may be extended after initial phase-in and review

from teachers about what is working and what needs to be adapted. Distance learning, likely for smaller reading groups and specialists, would then be scheduled for the afternoon.

Families that have enrolled in the district's Virtual Academy will remain with distance learning even as the hybrid model students return to their schools.

The district's school board voted to apply for a waiver to reopen during its Sept. 10 meeting, and applied on Sept. 11.

The county moved out of the most restrictive purple or "widespread" risk tier to the red or "substantial" risk tier on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

"MPCSD looks forward to the next phase in its reopening as it simultaneously also plans for the effects of San Mateo County being moved yesterday into the

Red Tier of the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Should the county data keep us in the Red Tier for two weeks, schools in the county will be allowed to reopen in person for all grades without a waiver."

A district survey suggested a majority of parents support the return to school for kindergartners and first graders. On Aug. 28, MPCSD sent a survey to all parents of K-1 students who opted for hybrid learning. When asked, "Would you send your child to school in person under a waiver?" 90.3% of respondents said yes and 9.7% said no.

The school board has scheduled a special meeting on Oct. 1 at 5 p.m. on Zoom to discuss how to proceed with further return of district students. ■

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co-owner of Alice's Restaurant, as he made meal deliveries to firefighters and holdouts who stayed behind in defiance of evacuation orders.

The scale of the blazes triggered an all-hands-on-deck response, with many community members providing assistance in addition to the efforts of local professional firefighters.

Plus, the professional firefighters themselves took extra steps to support the efforts. The Menlo Park Fire Protection District delivered supplies like cots, portable showers and water to exhausted volunteer firefighters in Boulder Creek.

Local volunteer firefighters, including those with the La Honda and Kings Mountain fire brigades, stepped up alongside professional firefighters to battle the blazes and defend their hometowns.

Local equestrians and members of the San Mateo Large Animal Evacuation Group also

took on the herculean task of evacuating nearly 1,500 animals from areas impacted by the fires. They identified evacuation sites, relocated animals and coordinated food deliveries to protect horses, cattle, donkeys, goats and more from the fires.

Even local park rangers and arborists contributed their expertise and machines to help protect public lands like Memorial Park, Sam McDonald Park and Pescadero Creek County Park. While an estimated 2,700 acres of Pescadero Creek County Park burned, San Mateo County arborist Dan Krug noted that the way that the fire burned on county property helped reduce the fire fuel loads on the ground, and could help the department better manage the forest moving forward.

With the fires contained, the next steps are to evaluate the damage and work toward restoration, he said. "There's going to be a broad closure likely for some time until we're really able to assess what is hazardous, and

we would implore the public to heed the closures," he told The Almanac.

Though there are still some minimal road closures in San Mateo County, the evacuation orders have ended and people have been permitted to return to their homes, with the exception of 14 single-family homes that were destroyed by the fires.

As recovery efforts move forward, one challenge will be to protect the watershed and prevent sedimentation — and later flooding — in areas like Pescadero Creek, said Kellyx Nelson, executive director of the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District.

The resource conservation district provides non-regulatory, confidential, free assistance and offers technical services to households affected by the fires.

Go to smcgov.org/smc-wild-fire-recovery for more information and resources about how to access help if you have been affected by the wildfires. ■

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based on test positivity and case rate.

San Mateo County has an adjusted case rate of 6.6 new cases per day per 100,000 people, and a 4.5% testing positivity rate for the week ending Sept. 12. Both numbers are based on a seven-day average with a seven-day lag. The county must continue to have an adjusted case rate

below 7% and a testing positivity rate below 8% to remain in the red tier.

"We've increased testing and have seen case rates decline but it doesn't mean this pandemic is over," Canepa said. "We must still practice social distancing, avoid large crowds and most importantly continue to wear our masks."

Social distancing, face coverings and limited gatherings are still enforced under the county's health order. ■



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Portola Valley launches racial equity discussions with author talk

By **Julia Brown**
Almanac Assistant Editor

Portola Valley is kicking off a series of virtual town hall meetings on racial equity and policing with an author talk next week.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m., the town and Portola Valley Library will host a lecture on implicit bias with Jennifer Eberhardt, a psychology professor at Stanford University, based on her book “Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think and Do.” There will be a brief Q&A at the end, according to the town. The event will be live and will not be recorded.

To register for the author talk,

visit tinyurl.com/bias-talk. To place a copy of the book on hold for curbside pickup, visit the San Mateo County libraries catalog at tinyurl.com/biased-book. To purchase a copy of the book for shipment to your home — proceeds will support Florey’s Books in Pacifica and the Foundation for San Mateo County Libraries — visit investinsmcl.org/biased-book-event.

While the upcoming discussions are geared toward residents, anyone can join and participate.

Three additional meetings have been planned, although dates have not yet been confirmed.

“Policing in the Sheriff’s Office, Post-George Floyd,” is

tentatively scheduled for Oct. 19. Panelists will include Sheriff Carlos Bolanos; Sheriff’s Office Capt. Christina Corpus; District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe; Rev. Lorrie Carter Owens, president of the San Mateo County chapter of the NAACP; Kevin Allen, an attorney with the San Mateo County Private Defender’s Office and organizer of a Black Lives Matter demonstration at local courts; and Dez Frazier, a Menlo College student and an organizer of the Redwood City Black Lives Matter protest. It will be moderated by Henrietta Burroughs, founder of the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media.

“BLM: No More Happy Talk,” will feature retired Judge

Ladoris Cordell, Jackson State University professor Robby Lockett and Chris Bridges with the Equal Justice Society, according to the town. A date for the event has not yet been determined.

“Residential Segregation in Southern San Mateo County,” tentatively set for early 2021, will delve into “barriers to homeownership that generations of people of color have had to deal with,” Councilman John Richards said at a meeting last month. He said the panel may include people who were previously affected by banned practices like redlining or blockbusting.

Portola Valley began efforts to engage the community in discussions on racial equality and

police reform following the killing of George Floyd in May. The council created a Race and Equity Subcommittee, which includes Richards and Vice Mayor Maryann Derwin, that has initiated efforts to engage with residents and the Sheriff’s Office about these issues as well as answer questions from council members and residents on topics such as interactions between deputies and people they pull over. Town Manager Jeremy Dennis has also reached out to city managers to start a dialogue between the five towns and cities that contract with the Sheriff’s Office. ▀

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Menlo Park council weighs options for monitoring air quality

By **Kate Bradshaw**
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After weeks of debate, the Menlo Park City Council agreed Tuesday to cancel an order to buy air quality monitors through PurpleAir.

The purchase was intended to address concerns that, until very recently, there were no air quality monitors in Menlo Park’s Belle Haven neighborhood. The neighborhood is surrounded on all sides by streets that, at least pre-pandemic, experienced very heavy commuter traffic where idling vehicles released air pollution on Willow Road, U.S. 101 and Bayfront Expressway. Council discussions in recent weeks then extended to the question of whether the city should get in the business of buying air quality monitors for areas that don’t have them. As of Tuesday’s decision, the council appears to have decided to at least hold off on buying extra monitors in an area where high-quality ones were recently installed.

Last year, the city agreed to work with SMC Labs to purchase and install air quality monitors in Belle Haven. SMC Labs is an initiative by San Mateo County’s Information Services Department to use “smart” technologies like the Internet of Things, machine learning, big data and blockchain to address regional issues, according to its website.

But toward the end of August, when the debate began, the monitors hadn’t been delivered, and the air quality had become unhealthy on some days due to smoke from the

state’s many wildfires.

The council at its Aug. 28 meeting agreed to send a letter calling on the county to deliver and install the monitors as soon as possible, and in the meantime, to purchase three air quality monitors from PurpleAir.

But then, the air quality monitors arrived. The new air quality monitors, run through the county and a company called Clarity, were installed Sept. 14, according to Assistant City Manager Nick Pegueros.

Anyone can view the air quality monitors and the readings they produce at openmap.clarity.io. Pegueros noted that the SMC Labs monitors are wireless, solar-powered and maintained regularly.

Mayor Cecilia Taylor opted to hold off on sending the letter since the monitors had arrived already, but then the council had to decide whether to cancel the order with PurpleAir.

PurpleAir monitors are considered consumer-level products and are not maintained regularly, Pegueros told the council Sept. 22.

However, as wildfire smoke blanketed the Bay Area, some residents found the company’s map to be useful because it reports out readings from its large network of air quality monitors in real time. Even though the readings from the regional Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are generally considered to be more reliable, they are usually several hours delayed. Plus, the nearest BAAQMD monitor to Menlo Park is in Redwood City and may not pick up on

air quality variations in nearby communities.

During the council’s Sept. 22 debate, a new question emerged: Should each council district within Menlo Park get its own small, discretionary budget? While council members Ray Mueller and Drew Combs said they didn’t agree with the idea of purchasing the additional PurpleAir monitors, they were willing to defer to Taylor’s wishes to acquire them — acknowledging that in the future, they might have their own district-specific budget items that other council members might not agree with.

But Taylor ultimately decided against the purchase and

proposed to cancel it.

Mueller said he felt that the city had already addressed the equity issue with monitors by bringing the high-quality monitors to Belle Haven through SMC Labs, which don’t exist elsewhere in the city. “I don’t think it’s good public policy,” he said.

Combs called the district-specific budget idea a “natural evolution” of the district system. “We will get there, I can promise you,” he said. “Almost every district system gets there.”

Councilwoman Catherine Carlton opposed both the purchase of the PurpleAir monitors and the idea of district-specific budgets. “Why are we

doing this if we are already using tax dollars to pay to do this?” she asked. She said she favored creating a grant system for residents to apply for monitors in unrepresented areas if they agree to maintain them.

She also defended the consensus-based budget process for vetting projects to fund based on their merit, rather than allowing council members exclusive say over particular line items. “This is the bad side of districting,” she said. “If we want to not have a frivolously spent budget, then we make decisions as a group.” ▀

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of School Jim Eagen acknowledged. “If you’re a smaller school and you can think creatively, I do think you can get to a spot where you can open safely.”

Synapse, which was born as a lab school in 2009, offers project-based instruction with a focus on social-emotional learning and neuroscience research (hence the name). Students don’t receive letter grades and are instead assessed on concepts like risk, communication and

iteration. Once a year, the entire school is turned into a “living museum” displaying students’ interactive projects based on an annual theme. Tuition ranges from \$32,000 for kindergarten to \$38,000 for middle school, plus fees.

Elementary students returned in person last week in a hybrid model. Stable cohorts of eight to 12 kindergarten through fourth graders are at the Edison Way campus in the morning, then head home for distance learning in the afternoon. Cohorts of the same size of fifth and sixth

graders who learn remotely in the morning attend in person in the afternoon, after the campus gets a deep clean during lunchtime. About 80% to 85% of students in these grades have returned; the rest have opted for full distance learning, according to the school.

All students and staff are being tested weekly on campus through what Eagen said is a cutting-edge research partnership. Synapse, which had an existing partnership with Stanford through the school’s Brainwave Learning Center, has teamed up with the university and children’s hospital for a study on COVID-19 diagnostics and the safe reopening of schools. In exchange for a team of researchers and doctors who provide the testing under a tent in a school parking lot every Thursday, Synapse raised money and dipped into the school’s rainy-day fund — and “it’s raining really hard right now,” Eagen said — to create a fund that the hospital can use “as they see fit to help reopen schools.”

The testing is led by Yvonne Maldonado, a Stanford pediatric infectious disease professor and the infection control medical director at Lucile Packard, and Jason Wang, associate pediatrics professor at the children’s hospital. Both have been consulting with the school on its reopening plans since June, as have medical experts from the University of California at San Francisco.

Students and staff who opt to participate in the study (as well as this newspaper’s reporter and photographer, who were tested before being allowed to visit Synapse) undergo three different kinds of COVID-19 testing: a nasopharyngeal swab (deep in the nose), lower nasal swab and saliva sample, which are analyzed at the Stanford University Clinical Virology Laboratory. The school promises a 48-hour turnaround for results.

There have been no positive tests yet, Eagen said, but the school has acknowledged that “even with the best control

strategies in place, there may be cases in our community.”

Synapse asks students and families to adhere to a set of guidelines that assess the risk levels of various off-campus activities, such as socializing, going for a hike or dining at restaurants.

Testing is just one layer of Synapse’s reopening strategy, which also includes the frequent cleaning of spaces, physical distancing, hand-washing, upgrading HVAC units and requiring all students and staff to wear masks while on campus. Athletics and field trips have been put on hold, and events like back to school night and all-school assemblies will take place online.

The 2-acre campus itself has been transformed to serve students mostly outside based on research that shows the coronavirus doesn’t transmit as easily outdoors, Eagen said. To create outdoor classrooms, the school purchased Wi-Fi hot spots, put down turf on parking lots, purchased large tents and built new desks and whiteboards in a campus makerspace. A multi-purpose room has been turned into two first-grade classrooms, with new carpet that has yellow designs that double as social distancing markers. The few classes that are meeting indoors are in spaces with large air flow.

“We took down walls,” Eagen said. “That’s our school’s approach. We’re a very innovative lab school, young and scrappy. Our parents expect that, actually.”

In one fourth-grade classroom, a converted storage space, students discussed on Wednesday morning norms for both usual and unusual school years: Be kind. Try your best. Be respectful — particularly when considering that some of their peers are now learning in tents without walls where noise travels easily.

Inside the school’s makerspace, a massive warehouse with high ceilings and large doors that can roll up to increase air flow, a group of kindergarten

students wore “first day on campus” paper hats as they drew and colored using pens in Ziploc bags designated for individual use.

Eagen said transparent, frequent communication with parents and staff was key to a successful reopening. Synapse hosted weekly Zoom town halls this summer, and he posted weekly video updates, plus a weekly newsletter. He met individually with each of the school’s 60 staff members, either outside from a distance or on Zoom. The staff also met with the school’s medical advisers, COVID-19 task force and board members.

A few non-teaching employees didn’t feel comfortable returning to work in person, Eagen said, while some who did want to come back were asked to stay at home. Art and music specialists, for example, who normally rotate among classes are working from home for their safety and the students’.

Eagen estimated that Synapse will spend close to \$2 million from the school’s reserves on reopening, including facilities upgrades, testing and adding staff. He acknowledged that not all schools are able to reopen in the way that small, well-resourced schools can.

“Smaller schools are going to have an advantage. I do believe that,” he said. “You can be nimble. You can make changes. You can just keep things small.”

But there are less costly approaches that other schools can apply, he said, including better communication, forming partnerships and, practically, repurposing a campus’ outdoor spaces.

“A big district can communicate transparently. They can reach out to experts, whether they’re within their own community, the parent population, or the broader community. They can partner on best practices,” Eagen said. ■

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

High schools will stay online

Students in the Sequoia Union High School district will continue learning at home for the rest of the fall semester due to COVID-19, the district announced in a statement Sept. 18.

The Sept. 16 vote by the Board of Trustees approved staff’s recommendation to continue with distance learning for fall semester’s “quarter 2,” the district’s statement said. “This was a difficult decision to make as a district because we know in-person instruction is the best way to serve our students, and we are deeply disappointed that the conditions in our community do not allow us to safely bring our students back to school campuses at this time.”

The decision was made based on discussions with labor groups and health officials, along with COVID-19 data, the district said.

At the time of the decision, San Mateo County was on the state’s “purple,” or “widespread” tier of coronavirus monitoring, meaning local schools could not open. In order to open the county would have to be one tier down — the “red” or “substantial” category — for 15 days. The county was placed on the red tier on Tuesday.

The district, which locally includes Menlo-Atherton and Woodside High schools along with TIDE Academy, has been conducting all classes online since mid-March.

—Tyler Callister

Sequoia district providing free meals

The Sequoia Union High School District is now offering breakfast and lunch to all children under the age of 18 — including students who don’t attend district schools — during distance learning, according to a post on the district’s Food Services Department website on Sept. 14.

Students can pick up multiple breakfasts and lunches at once. Meals are distributed Mondays and Thursdays at four locations:

■ Central Kitchen District Office, 300 James Ave. in Redwood City from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ East Palo Alto Academy, 1050 Myrtle St. in East Palo Alto from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Carlmont High School, 1400 Alameda de las Pulgas in Belmont from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, go to suhsdfoodservice.org.

—Angela Swartz

Peninsula Clean Energy offering credits to small businesses affected by COVID-19

Peninsula Clean Energy said Sept. 21 that it will make \$1.5 million in bill credits available for up to 6,000 small businesses affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic.

About 12,000 energy customers are potentially eligible for the credits, according to Peninsula Clean Energy. Businesses must have no more than two accounts in their name to qualify for the \$250 bill credit.

The energy provider will also make a \$50,000 donation to the San Mateo Credit Union Community Fund for the purpose of supporting small businesses during the pandemic.

“Small businesses at the heart of our communities are struggling just to survive as this pandemic and recession drag on,” Peninsula Clean Energy CEO Jan Pepper said. “We’re hoping to help keep the dream alive for these businesses and budding entrepreneurs.”

Peninsula Clean Energy plans to send letters to eligible businesses with information about how to apply for a bill credit.

—Bay City News Service

Teacher Hannah Gallagher reads to her class of third- and fourth-graders in an outdoor classroom at Synapse School’s Menlo Park campus on Sept. 16.



Magali Gauthier

Cities, counties join forces to better assess impacts of major projects

With new deal, communities seek to cement partnership on land use concerns

By Gennady Sheyner

When Stanford University proposed in 2016 to expand its campus, city and county officials that had rarely spoken to one another in the past suddenly rallied together over common concerns about the housing, traffic and school impacts of the planned developments.

Even though Stanford ended its expansion bid in November, when it withdrew the project, officials from Santa Clara and San Mateo counties are hoping to continue their newly formed partnership. They, along with city leaders from Palo Alto, Mountain View, Redwood City and East Palo Alto, are preparing to adopt a Land Use Compact under which they would meet twice a year to discuss significant developments with impacts that spill over the boundaries separating them.

The new compact was proposed last November by Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez, who called the county's collaboration with its San Mateo County counterparts "one of

the most important outcomes around the Stanford GUP (general use permit)."

"What became clear is that we have an opportunity to work with our sister organizations on either side of the county line, because so many big developments happen right along that alignment," Chavez said at the Nov. 5 meeting. "We don't want our needs to be traded off each other, but rather have a more comprehensive way to be at least having discussions."

On Thursday, Sept. 17, the Santa Clara County's Housing, Land Use, Environment and Transportation Committee received its first report since that November meeting about what the agreement would look like. Under the proposal presented by Deputy County Executive Sylvia Gallegos, the forum involving the participating jurisdictions would meet twice per year as well as any time any of the partners receive a significant nonresidential development application.

Participants would convene regular meetings to discuss the application until they agree by consensus that such meetings are

no longer needed. Discussions would focus on the development's impacts on transportation and housing, possible mitigations and ways to fund these mitigations.

'Everyone thinks we should plan regionally and no one wants to give (up) local control and political sovereignty.'

SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERVISOR
JOE SIMITIAN

While other jurisdictions have embraced the idea of regional cooperation, the effort faces some challenges. Gallegos said the county is still trying to determine what thresholds the compact members should adopt for developments that would trigger a meeting with regional partners. This could include factors such as square footage, the number of new employees in the new project or housing demand that the project would generate.

So far, there's been little

consensus or meaningful input. Gallegos said the county proposed 500,000 square feet of new development as a threshold of "significance" for the purpose of the conversation. For some, that number was too high.

"For example, the city of Palo Alto says that potentially in their jurisdictions, a 50,000-square-foot development would certainly be a very significant development in its community, notwithstanding the fact that by our standards, we would consider that a relatively small project," Gallegos said.

Supervisor Mike Wasserman, who chairs the committee, suggested that the threshold shouldn't be too small either.

"Unless a certain supervisor wanted to go sit in on those meetings, I wouldn't be supporting sending a couple of supervisors for a 20,000-square-foot project in Atherton," Wasserman said.

Another challenge, Gallegos said, is that regional planning, while great in theory, can be tricky in practice because local jurisdictions don't like to give up their own decision-making powers. Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian agreed.

"What I heard over the years in working with colleagues in the local government is that everyone thinks we should plan regionally and no one wants to give (up) local control and political sovereignty," Simitian said during the Sept. 17 discussion.

Gallegos also noted in a report that there was an expression of "caution or discouragement about the likely willingness of elected officials to engage their counterpart elected officials in negotiation of possible community benefits associated with a specific development project."

In some cases, she wrote, the primary aspiration is to improve cohesion among a jurisdiction's elected body. There was an acknowledgment, she wrote, that "interagency collaboration as a goal would follow these efforts."

Both Simitian and Wasserman supported the proposed forum, which is being set up as a way to share information rather than diffuse local power. Gallegos noted that the forum would have a purely advisory role.

Simitian recalled the first time he convened representatives from

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A benefit event for local non-profits supporting kids & families

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not true that she did not get any of her own signatures to run for office.

"I did help collect some signatures myself in my neighborhood and my husband, daughter and another volunteer all collected signatures for me while I rushed to get the required paperwork done on time," she said in a Sept. 22 email. "It is true that I decided to run last minute."

DeGolia said it is his understanding that Hawkins-Manuelian "definitely obtained a good number of the signatures that she required to run." Immediately before the candidate filing deadline, Hawkins-Manuelian called DeGolia to ask for his support to run, which he gave her once he understood that she was opposed to detachment from the fire district.

DeGolia said that "the big

issue is that the council position could change 180 degrees on this issue depending on the results from this election." He called it "a waste of time and money to continue to consider detachment." DeGolia said it is "disingenuous" to say that Wiest is not supporting detachment, adding that Wiest indicated he supported detachment during January and March council meetings. Wiest did not respond to requests for comment on this assertion before the Almanac's press deadline Wednesday.

"I don't take lightly supporting a challenger over an incumbent," DeGolia said. "Our five-member council has been the longest standing council in Atherton's history and we have been extremely collaborative. This issue of considering detachment from (the fire district) has fractured the council and this is why I am supporting a challenger

in this election. That doesn't mean that I don't have a great deal of respect for Cary. I do and will work really hard to avoid fractures on the council no matter who is elected."

Wiest said he sees a darker motive.

"He is mischaracterizing my position in order to advance a candidate with no experience and possibly to further his environmental agenda," Wiest charged in his email.

Hawkins-Manuelian is a 27-year Atherton resident and a newcomer to politics who currently serves on Atherton's Environmental Programs Committee. Her candidate website lists fire safety among her first priorities. She has a doctorate from Harvard University Graduate School of Education, a postdoctoral degree from MIT, and professional consulting experience with companies like NBC, MTV and Citibank.

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the six jurisdictions that include Stanford land — Santa Clara County, San Mateo County, Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Woodside, Portola Valley — to discuss the potential impacts of the university's proposed General Use Permit. Everyone realized that it was the first time in everyone's recollection that all six jurisdictions convened for such a conversation. "It was sort of an 'Aha!' moment," Simitian said.

Later in the process, county officials recognized that there are other local players who should be in the mix, including Redwood City and East Palo Alto, Simitian said. They also recognized that Stanford isn't the only large player in the region. Facebook and Google operate out of large campuses in Menlo Park and Mountain View, respectively, while Palo

Alto has Stanford Shopping Center and Stanford Research Park, both of which are close to the county's northern border. Any major redevelopments involving these, or other, projects are bound to have ripple effects in neighboring jurisdictions.

Gallegos said the notion of the compact is to "build upon existing relationships and establish new relationships, because there's changeover in administrative staff and elected officials."

The idea of forming the compact has broad support on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, which voted unanimously last November to move the process forward. San Mateo County officials are also interested. Steve Monowitz, San Mateo County's community development director, thanked Chavez at the November board meeting for bringing the idea forward.

"Although Stanford has

withdrawn its GUP application, our work toward ensuring that impacts of university growth are fully mitigated is not done. And the collaboration compact can provide an excellent forum for us to do this and to address other projects of regional impacts because ... We are much stronger standing together on these issues than going it alone."

Simitian acknowledged Sept. 17 that there are limitations to what people are willing to commit to in advance.

"But the one thing they are willing to commit to in advance is to sit down and talk and share information and listen to one another and hope that this then leads to some kind of commitment that is substantive, if and when the time comes." ■

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memorandums of understanding with the three nonprofits. Board member Sharifa Wilson cast the sole "no" vote, citing concerns about whether the nonprofit staff working at the hubs will be regularly tested for the coronavirus.

The district has allocated \$750,000 to support the learning hubs from \$3 million it received in federal funds to mitigate students' learning loss. The funds expire at the end of the year, so the district will look to the three nonprofits to pay to continue the hubs if schools remain closed into 2021.

With other organizations managing the hubs, the district will be able to learn from what works and what doesn't.

"We want to be able to provide direct instruction and bring kids back," Sudaria said. "We want to do so in a safe way and we think the learning hubs (are) a way to be able to launch and play out what it will be like to have kids on campus."

The learning hubs are open to any Ravenswood school district student. Families who are interested in applying for a spot at a leaning hub can do so here: tinyurl.com/epa-learning-hubs.

Other local nonprofits have stepped in to support Ravenswood students who are

struggling with distance learning. East Palo Alto education nonprofit Thiebaut Method started a new online learning program using volunteers to teach Ravenswood students how to use distance technologies, with a list of students waiting to sign up. All Students Matter, which pre-pandemic placed volunteers in Ravenswood classrooms to provide support, is now using volunteers to provide one-on-one virtual tutoring to students. Both organizations are looking for more volunteers so they can serve more students. ■

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Hawkins-Manuelian said in a Sept. 21 email that she is "thrilled" DeGolia is endorsing her.

Her other key priorities are helping local schools keep students safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, emergency preparedness and climate change. She said she hopes to see the town do more to make a difference in the fight against global warming.

Christine David is the other challenger in the race. David states on her candidate website that it shouldn't be up to the council to make a decision on whether to split from the fire district.

In January, the council voted to initiate a two- to three-month process of gathering community input on the review after deciding in December to consider the following options:

■ Complete an application to LAFCo for detachment from the fire district. Should the town proceed with a detachment process through LAFCo, that process would include various public meetings and could ultimately include a public vote.

■ Discuss possible legislative relief with county and/or state legislators.

The council last took action on the detachment process at a March meeting. Examining the services has been postponed until the pandemic ends since "the City Council felt strongly that positive partnerships with first responders was paramount," City Manager George Rodericks said in a Sept. 22 email. ■

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CRIME BRIEF**Alleged serial killer hospitalized**

A man charged with killing two young women in the 1970s on Stanford University property has been hospitalized right before his trial was set to begin in San Mateo County.

John Arthur Getreu, 76, of Hayward, is accused in the killings of Leslie Marie Perlov and Janet Ann Taylor, both 21, in 1973 and 1974, respectively. He was identified as the alleged killer through modern DNA techniques after eluding arrest for decades.

Getreu's case is scheduled to start on Monday, Sept. 28, with jury selection in his trial in San Mateo County for Taylor's death, but little is known about his condition, District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said. Prosecutors and defense attorneys have been informed that he does not have COVID-19, he said.

Getreu was arrested by Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies in November 2018 for the Feb. 16, 1973, strangulation murder of Perlov, who was found in the foothills under an oak tree near the present-day Stanford Dish. She was strangled with her pantyhose. That case is being tried in Santa Clara County where he is charged with first-degree murder with an allegation of attempted rape.

Getreu was identified as the alleged killer after DNA evidence linked him to the death. Familial DNA databases and new technology allowed investigators to match him to evidence found at the crime scene through samples of his DNA they obtained in 2018 from items he had discarded, authorities said at the time of his arrest.

Similarities in both cases led investigators in San Mateo County to test items found at the Taylor homicide against Getreu's DNA profile, which they obtained from Santa Clara County, and found a match. In both cases, investigators determined the women were not raped but said there was a sexual motivation behind each alleged crime based on Getreu's criminal history and other indicators found by law enforcement. Getreu has a history of murder and sexual violence against young women. He was first arrested and convicted in Germany of strangling, raping and killing a 15-year-old teen in 1963, where he spent several years in prison before returning to the U.S. to live with his family. He was 18 years old at the time of that crime. He also pleaded not guilty to a lesser charge in the rape of a Palo Alto teen in 1975.

San Mateo County prosecutors charged him with Taylor's murder in May 2019. Taylor was found strangled on March 25, 1974, off the side of the road at Sand Hill Road and Manzanita Way.

Getreu has pleaded not guilty in the Perlov and Taylor cases. He is scheduled for a trial setting hearing on Wednesday afternoon in Santa Clara County on the Perlov case.

Wagstaffe said that tightened protocols due to COVID-19 have made it difficult for Getreu's attorney to visit him and the attorney did not know yet why his client was hospitalized. Facing difficulty in planning for the trial without much information on Getreu's health, prosecutors plan to speak to hospital staff to learn more.

Prosecutors plan to begin having witnesses testify on Oct. 13 if all goes as planned, he said.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2227 - (2020)

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ON-SITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL ZONE

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District Board of West Bay Sanitary District finds and determines as follows:

- A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District's "Zone Master Annexation Resolution" ("ZOMAR")... B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property... C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board that the Parcel constitutes "real property" for the purposes of Section 2(b) of ZOMAR in that: X All of the conditions described in Subsections i., ii., iii., iv. and v. of ZOMAR Section 2(b) are satisfied; or Other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone... D. All of the conditions and requirements of ZOMAR Sections 2(a), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) have been fully satisfied.

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

IT IS RESOLVED by the District Board as follows:

- 1. It is the intention of the District Board to annex the Parcel to the Zone pursuant to the provisions of ZOMAR and applicable provisions of law. 2. In conjunction with a meeting of the District Board to be duly and regularly called and conducted, the Board will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering all matters pertaining to this Resolution of Intention.

The time, date and place of the Public Hearing are:

Date: October 28, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: West Bay Sanitary District Offices, 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

At the Public Hearing, all interested persons will be heard.

- 3. This Resolution of Intention shall be published and copies shall be delivered to the persons and entities as specified in ZOMAR Section 2(e)(i). 4. A true copy of this Resolution of Intention shall promptly be filed for record in the office of the County Recorder of the County of San Mateo. 5. The District Manager shall cause the matters set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of this Resolution of Intention to be completed as directed.

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PARCEL I LOT 13 AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "BLUE OAKS, TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", FILED IN OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON AUGUST 6, 1998, IN VOLUME 128 OF MAPS, AT PAGES 64 TO 92 INCLUSIVE.

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SAID EASEMENT IS TO BE APPURTENANT TO AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL I ABOVE.

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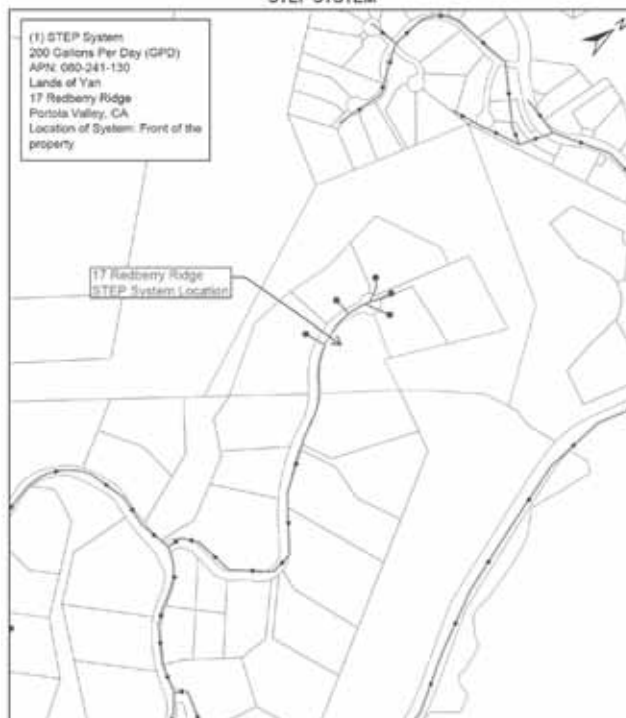
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Exhibit B

WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT EXHIBIT "B" SITE LOCATION 17 REDBERRY RIDGE PORTOLA VALLEY, CA STEP SYSTEM



POLL WORKERS

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discovered that the real need was a lack of poll workers, and Poll Hero was born.

He said that the success of Poll Hero is owed largely to young people like Robinson, who spearheaded the promotion efforts using only free social media services.

"We had literally zero budget," he said with a laugh. "It's all through the technology savviness of the young people on our team ... It's fascinating to see the convergence of the startup idea with the pure hustle of young people and their ability to tap into networks and create messages that are compelling."

Poll Hero is a dispersed project, started by Stopper along with a group of Princeton University and Denver East High School students. They now have a 75-member team in states across the country.

The project itself is simple. Once high school or college students arrive at the website — likely by way of Instagram, TikTok, or Twitter — they sign up and the group helps connect them with their local election official and guides them through the process of signing up to work the polls. Poll Hero also sends frequent reminders and updates to keep recruits engaged as November approaches.

In many jurisdictions, young people can even be paid for working the polls, Stopper said, and it looks good on resumes or college applications.

Robinson said that he plans to stay involved up through the election, and that the project has been a great outlet for him while having to stay home during these unusual times.

"For me, this is a meaningful experience, something I can do to help out," he said. "I'm meeting people, and doing my part for democracy."

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Five solutions to California's climate crisis Gov. Newsom should implement right now

By Dan Jacobson / CalMatters

GUEST OPINION

Like most Californians, I have not seen blue skies for weeks. The dirty air I'm breathing hurts my lungs and stings my eyes. My kids are confined to the indoors to protect their growing lungs, though I'm concerned that even our air indoors contains dangerous pollutants.

While fire crews work to stop more loss of life and officials work to update plans for the next fire season, California must face the toughest challenge of all: How do we slow and ultimately stop the changes in our climate that are making wildfires in California even more dangerous and deadly?

Those asserting that our climate will magically "start getting cooler" are dangerously misguided — and we cannot allow Californians to continue to pay for the ignorance of leaders who refuse to follow the science. The disastrous consequences of climate change will only intensify in the future

if California doesn't take bold steps to accelerate the transition off of fossil fuels — starting today.

Californians take pride in all that we've done already to slow global warming, but the hard truth is that we have much more work to do. Our planet is getting hotter and more dangerous, and we must stop adding fuel to the fire.

We appreciate Gov. Gavin Newsom's recognition that our current climate targets are inadequate. Here is a checklist of five key solutions that can be implemented right now.

1. Clean energy. The California Energy Commission (recently) released draft plans to get to 100% clean electricity by 2030. We should. To generate 100% of our electricity from renewable sources by 2030, we need more solar panels, paired with batteries with consistently increasing storage capacity, on our schools. We'll also need

more wind farms off our coasts to generate power. And in the interim, as the state builds up its solar, wind and battery resources, we can all do our part to conserve energy.

2. Clean transportation. We should build 1 million electric vehicle charging stations in California by 2030 to accelerate the shift to electric vehicles that's already underway. We should also set a timeline for all-electric buses and trucks by 2035 — five to 10 years ahead of current plans. California workers and factories are manufacturing these vehicles already. Since this will take a historic effort — and protect our health, wildlife and environment — we should build these with the same urgency with which we built tanks and planes in World War II.

3. Turn our buildings and homes into clean energy generators. California cannot afford to continue to expand its fossil fuel infrastructure — yet every time a building is hooked into the gas system for heating and cooking, that's what we're doing.

By adding an electric baseline to the California Energy Commission's 2022 building code, we can ensure new homes and buildings built from 2023 onward will have appliances that run on clean energy — not fossil fuels like gas. Only appliances that run on clean energy should be sold from 2027 onward. In addition, we can make it easier to put solar panels and batteries on residential and commercial properties by offering more money to owners who sell energy back to the grid.

4. Stop drilling for oil and gas. When I was very young, my mother told me: "When the bathtub is overflowing, turn off the water." Our atmosphere is overflowing with greenhouse gases. We should create "public health protection zones" that forbid oil and gas operations from being within 2,500 feet of homes and other sensitive populations like schools. Furthermore, we should stop issuing permits for new drilling.

5. Let nature help. For too long we have fought Mother Nature. But she can still play a leading

role in thwarting climate change. Our forests and large bodies of water can be carbon sinks that absorb carbon dioxide from the air. We can plant crops that do the same — even kelp offshore.

It would be easy to assume we simply need to adapt to crisis rather than mitigate it. The reality is that unless we stop burning fossil fuels, transition to renewable energy and give nature a chance to heal, our world is going to get much hotter and more dangerous, with each "new normal" worse than the one before. We have too much to fight for to let that happen. We can and must do more to create a better world for our children, and there's no better time to start than right now.

Dan Jacobson is state director of Environment California and can be reached at djacobson@environmentcalifornia.org. This piece first ran Sept. 16. CalMatters is a Sacramento-based nonpartisan, nonprofit journalism venture that works with more than 130 media partners throughout the state, including The Almanac.

Invitation for Bids

District-wide Invasive Species Management, 2020 - 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District will receive bids at the Office of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, 330 Distel Circle, Los Altos, CA **on or before 1:30 p.m. on October 16, 2020** for the furnishing of all labor, materials and services required for the following designated scope of work: provide vegetation management at various selected sites throughout Midpen's Open Space Preserves. The scope of work shall include vegetation management techniques that include manual, mechanical, and chemical treatment of selected invasive plant species. **All bidders must attend a mandatory pre-bid conference for 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020.** Reservations required.

Contact: Coty Sifuentes-Winter, Senior Resource Management Specialist at csifuentes@openspace.org or 650-691-1200 x560 no later than 12:00 p.m. on Day Before Pre-Bid Meeting, September 30, to make a reservation and receive directions.

Complete project information is contained within the project Bid Package, which is available online at the District's website: <http://www.openspace.org/bids>

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LETTERS

Our readers write

Climate change challenge

Aside from the coronavirus crisis and political upheaval, 2020 is confronting the climate change challenge. These past few weeks, California fires directly caused by humans have been exacerbated by dry forest conditions.

Pictures of blazing orange skies on my friends' social media resembled an apocalypse movie poster. Yet the 3.5 million acres burned by nearly 8,000 wildfires in California are not just another unfortunate event of this year — they're sparks of increasingly common and more severe wildfires in the years ahead.

Moreover, environmental issues are inseparable from social justice and public health; those most harmed by environmental degradation are the most marginalized, such as inmate firefighters and low-income neighborhoods near hazardous waste sites.

Starting college in California last year, I loved the environmental awareness and political advocacy in the atmosphere but hastily evacuated in March. As I sit at home, I wonder when I can ever return to campus and breathe in the fresh air without a mask because of respiratory viruses or wildfire smoke.

*Catherine Luo
Stanford*

Yes on Measure RR

Caltrain service is an indispensable transportation resource for our tri-county area. Measure RR proposes a modest one-eighth cent sales tax in order to continue to provide and improve efficient service, including faster and more frequent trains. It is crucial that consistent, long-term funding be provided to Caltrain as fares cover only 70% of operating costs. Once the electrification of the system is complete, Caltrain will offer a low-carbon alternative to their diesel engines, which is fundamental for our environment and well-being.

Measure RR reduces individual vehicle miles traveled,

which is a solution that eases the consequences of climate-related hardships, especially to low and moderate income households. Under the plan to upgrade the train, discounts for low-income passengers would be added. Caltrain preserves the maximum protection of public health and the environment. Please vote yes on Measure RR.

*Donna Davies
Mountain View*

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Artscene

PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Blue trees and recycled labyrinths: The art of public art

By Johanna Hickle

There's an art to executing public art well.

"(It's) who we are as a community and what we aspire to be," according to Elise DeMarzo, current public art program director for the city of Palo Alto. If public art is an orchestra, DeMarzo is the conductor. Thanks in part to her spirited efforts in recent years, new sculptures and murals have sprouted up all over Palo Alto.

Her influence shines brightest with a rotating series of temporary installations at City Hall's King Plaza. You might recall the brilliant blue magnolia trees in 2018 or the more recent triangle-paneled pavilion. Its latest display presents the Bucolic Labyrinth, a winding design of artificial grass by Paz de la Calzada.

Implementing public art well, especially within the political context of the plaza, takes far more consideration than most of us could ever dream. To ensure respect from the community it serves, each piece in the series relies not only on the artist's touch, but also on more than a few insider's insights by DeMarzo.

DeMarzo has been activating public spaces through art since an internship with Arts for Transit back in the '90s. Working with New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority to bring color to dim, gritty subways, she fell in love with the mission behind the work.

One pillar of public art she's learned over the years?

"I think the most important thing when you're planning public art is that it's not stock art," DeMarzo said. "You're not choosing a sculpture to place in a space — because frequently that ends in controversy."

To this end, she seeks a deeper understanding of an area's nuances before searching out the creative mind who

will mesh with the vision.

"You have to understand who is using this space," DeMarzo explained. "If you're working at a park, is there a 5 a.m. tai chi group who is here every morning? Is there peewee soccer? Are there bad behaviors taking place that maybe public art might be able to help alleviate?"

What happens when officials don't pay attention to human needs? Look no further than the fiasco of "Tilted Arc," a 120-foot long, 12-foot high slanted wall of rusted steel. The artist intentionally dropped this installation in the middle of a plaza in Manhattan, cutting off commuters from their scenic morning shortcut. Despite his intention to make the viewer "aware of himself and of his movement through the plaza," over a thousand irate local workers petitioned for its removal — the city relented.

So when it came to King Plaza and its prime location outside of Palo Alto's City Hall, DeMarzo had to ask herself, "Who are the users? Who is working at that facility and what kind of things are important to them? What kind of mental state are people in as they enter that facility? What are they seeking? What are they looking for?"

Through public meetings and focus groups, DeMarzo takes into consideration the diverse perspectives of community members, artists, stakeholders, and architects.

"Those conversations tend to be really robust when you're looking for the right (artist) for the job," she said.

Additional care must be taken for a place as politically charged as City Hall. "That's going to



Magali Gauthier

Elise DeMarzo walks the Bucolic Labyrinth in King Plaza in front of Palo Alto City Hall on Aug. 26.

be a pretty weighty process to try and select one sculpture or mosaic visual that's going to represent your city. That's really challenging!" she said. That's one good reason to opt for temporary installations instead.

Rotating artists collectively offers different insights, perspectives, and styles — all while addressing current issues. "The beauty of temporary public art is that you can take more chances ... It stimulates an ongoing public conversation!"

All planning and theorizing aside, what's that strategy look like in action?

The Dr. Seuss-like trees with their (environmentally safe) blue paint highlighted Palo Alto's identity as a tree-loving community and brought awareness to deforestation. The Cache Me if You Can pavilion, with its triangle panels and images with different narratives of the site, celebrated a day in the life of

the plaza and the diversity of its visitors.

But let's focus on its most recent addition — the Bucolic Labyrinth — brought to life by de la Calzada. Crafted from repurposed astroturf from the local soccer field at Cubberley Community Center, it exhibits the beauty of transformation and new life.

Labyrinths have long been considered a metaphor for life's journey and the process of metamorphosis, and de la Calzada hopes to give visitors an urban meditation environment for self-reflection during the stressful times of the pandemic. (She's even recorded an accompanying meditation guide to listen to while walking it).

Though inspired by the ancient Cretan labyrinth, its design also takes into account the patterned ground of the plaza.

"I see my work more as a collaboration with this space or the stories that it carries," de la Calzada said. "I try to transform

the relationship we have with the urban landscape."

De la Calzada's overall creative approach is also well-suited to public art. She described it as a desire to explore "how art can help heal relationships that are imbalanced, not only between people but between ourselves and the public space."

So the next time you're in downtown Palo Alto, dare to see King Plaza's widespread space through DeMarzo's eyes — as one giant stage just waiting to be performed upon.

"Public art is a really powerful thing that can stimulate conversation in a way that artwork in a gallery doesn't," she said.

So walk the labyrinth before it departs in November, then prepare for the next "act."

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Food & Drink

At the table with Mina Makram of Misfits Bakehouse

Story by Elena Kadvanly | Photos by Magali Gauthier

Three years ago, Mina Makram had surgery on both of his hands. Carpal tunnel, the doctor told him, the result of baking too much.

It didn't slow Makram down. He spends more time in his Palo Alto bakery than at his home, mixing his secret gluten-free flour blend late at night and experimenting with baked goods that most people assume could never truly taste any good without gluten: bagels, croissants, focaccia, donuts, pita bread. He's visibly energized by the challenge of accomplishing something that he's told is impossible.

That's the driving force behind Misfits Bakehouse,

whose gluten-free baguettes, bagels, cinnamon rolls and cookies have a seriously devoted following — so much so that they raised more than \$13,000 for Makram when his first bakery, Ducks and Dragons, fell apart and he had to rebuild, and have been pre-ordering paleo baklava they've never tried so that he can buy a dough sheeter to produce the baklava at scale. Customer support poured in again when COVID-19 hit. Makram, who's on a mission to prove that gluten-free goods can actually taste good and still be good for you, is in the rare position of doing better financially now than before the pandemic.



Mina Makram, the owner of Misfits Bakehouse, brushes rolls with an egg wash before sprinkling them with cheddar cheese in the Palo Alto bakery's kitchen on Sept. 1.

I talked with Makram for the first installment of "At the table," my series of interviews with local chefs and restaurant owners over a meal at a restaurant of their choosing, since the shutdown started. Instead of meeting at a restaurant, we had socially distanced takeout from his choice: Higuma Japanese Restaurant in Redwood City. You can read about our full conversation online at tinyurl.com/misfits-mm.

Over salmon nigiri and negi-hama rolls, Makram told me the unlikely success story of Misfits Bakehouse. Makram is an Egyptian refugee who graduated from high school at 16 years old and worked as an engineer at General Electric before becoming a self-taught baker determined to overcome the "stigma" of gluten-free bread. He's not celiac himself, but was sorely disappointed by the gluten-free bread he could eat on a low-carb diet he started when he weighed over 400 pounds. Most of what he makes is also paleo, keto and dairy-free.

We talked about his baking triumphs and failures, the day he became a U.S. citizen, his unusual, transparent approach to social media and why he identifies with the concept of a misfit. The name of the bakery was in part inspired by Apple's 1997 "think different" commercial narrated by Steve Jobs, who says: "Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the trouble-makers, the round pegs in the

square holes. ... The ones who see things differently ... the ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do."

"That resonated a lot with me," Makram said. "I'm not from the food world. I was actually pretty much rejected by everybody

in the food world. I was called stupid. I got kicked out of restaurants. No one wanted to talk to me.

"I wanted to make these types of breads tasty," he said, "and that sounded like a tall order." ▣

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Baker Fabiola Hernandez dips one side of a bagel in a bowl of poppy seeds at Misfits Bakehouse in Palo Alto on Sept. 1.



Chana Richey hands Corey Katz a bag of baked goods at Misfits Bakehouse in Palo Alto on Sept. 3.

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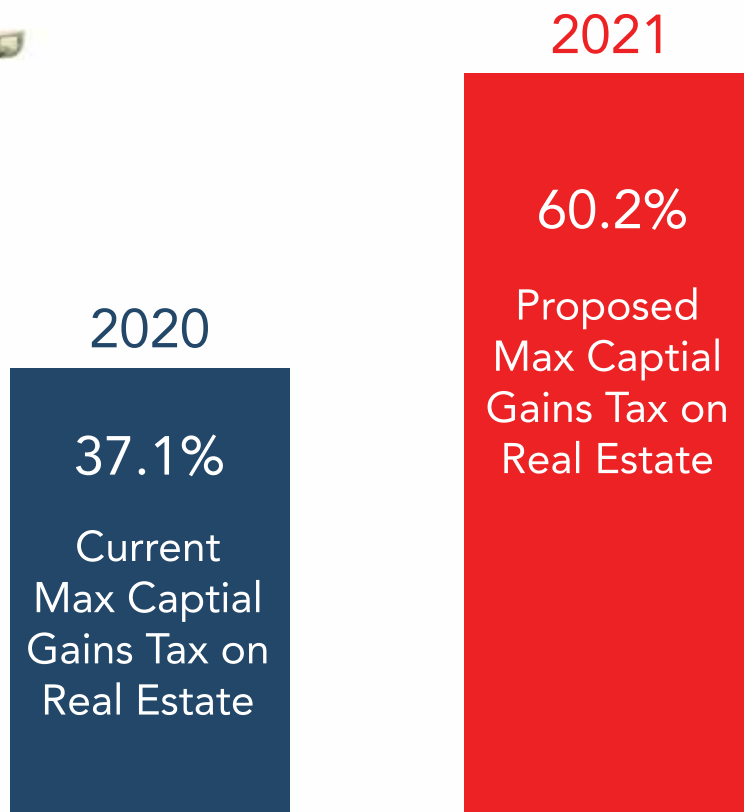
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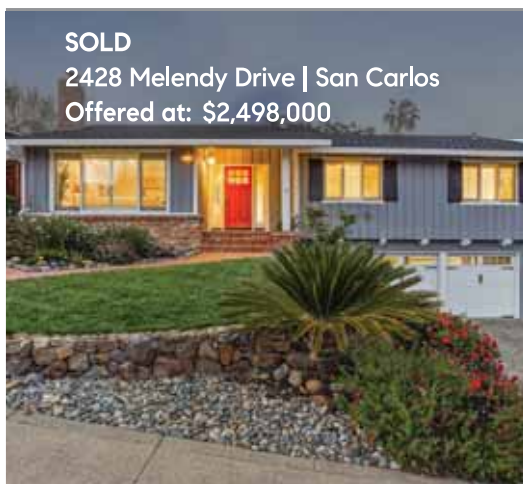
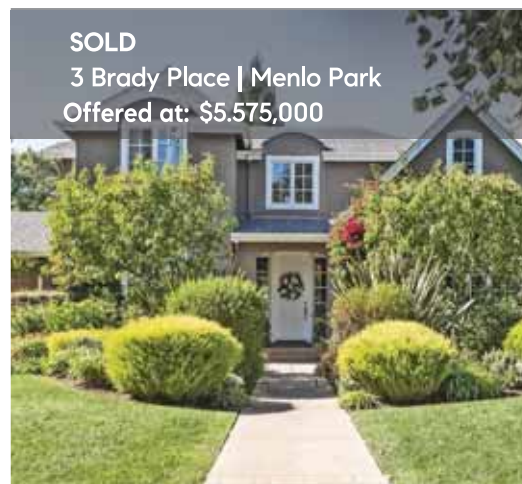
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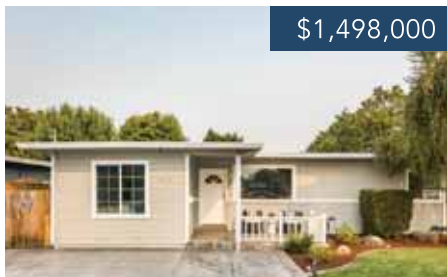
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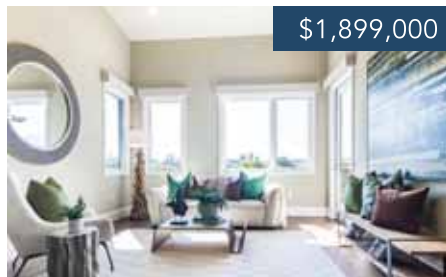
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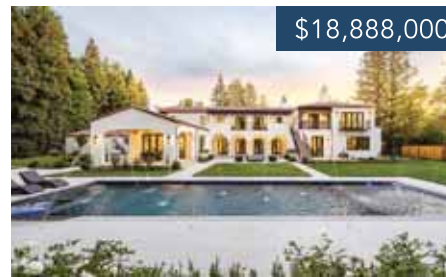
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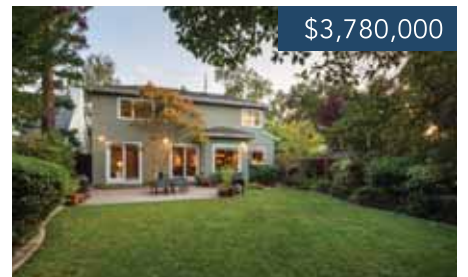
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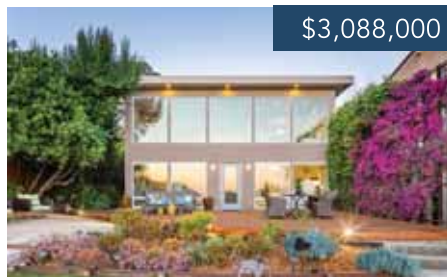
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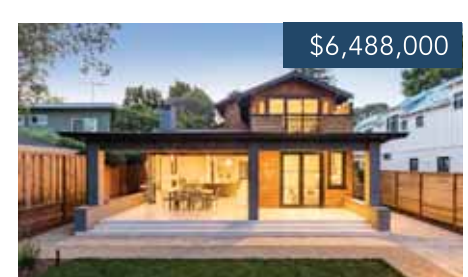
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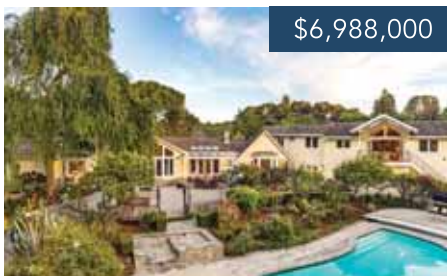
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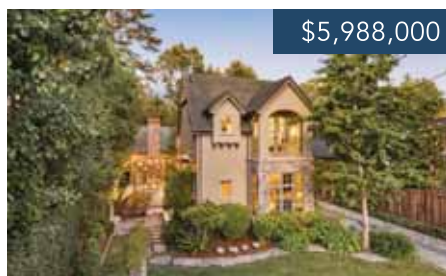
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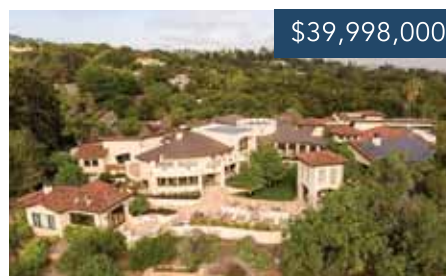
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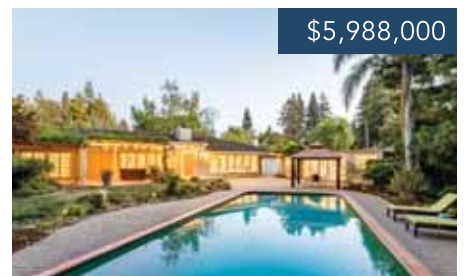
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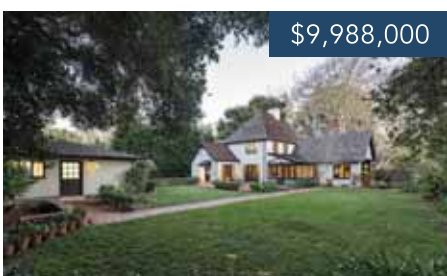
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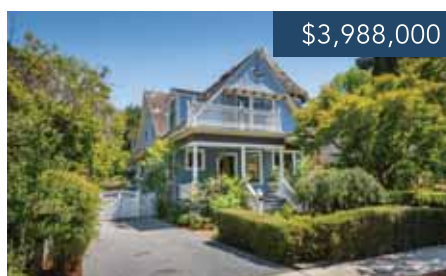
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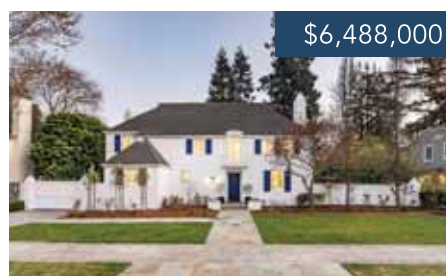
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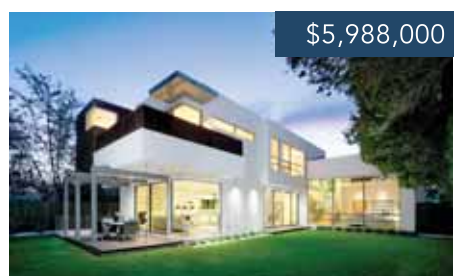
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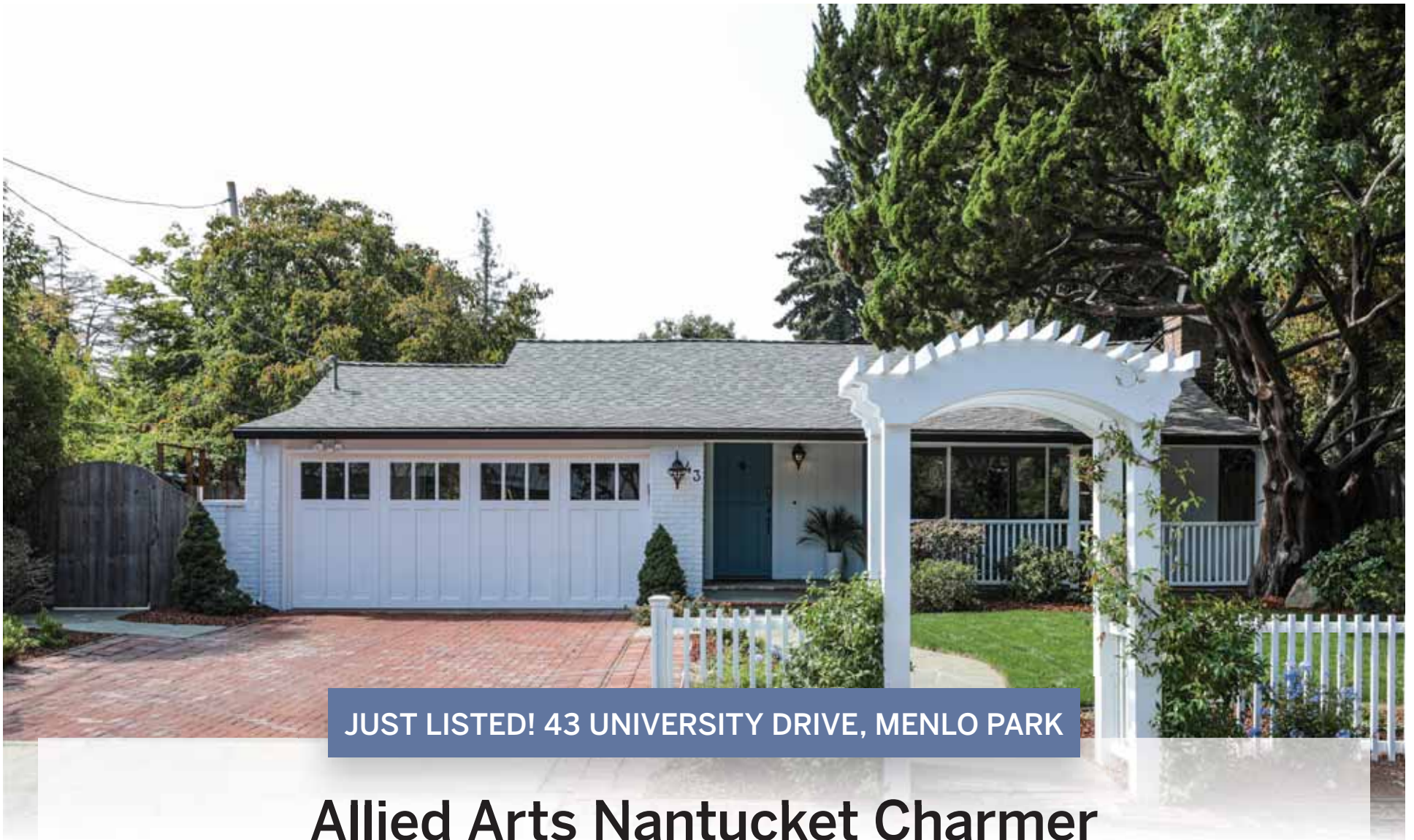
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