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Menlo-Atherton High students hold protest march, call for de-escalation training following teen's arrest

By Cleo Rehkopf

On the afternoon of May 3, over 100 Menlo-Atherton High School students, teachers and community members gathered to protest the Atherton Police Department and school administration's handling of an incident Friday, April 28, when police handcuffed two students and pinned one to the ground at a bus stop just outside the Atherton campus.

Despite heavy rain, the protesters walked for over an hour. They started on Oak Grove Avenue, Marcussen Drive and Middlefield Road, stopping at the bus stop where police knelt on the student's back. In videos of the incident, he and his friends can be heard pleading for the officers to get off of the student because he was in pain from a recent surgery.

The protesters continued back down Oak Grove Avenue, blocking traffic on El Camino Real all the way to the Safeway on Middle Avenue in Menlo Park, chanting slogans like "No justice, no peace, no racist police,"

"Black Lives Matter," "Hands up, don't shoot," and "This is what democracy looks like."

Community member Maurice Goodman, who serves as vice mayor on the Millbrae City Council, said, "I watched the video last week and I saw myself, I saw my sons in those young men's eyes. I just knew someone had to do something. I'm glad students did something when parents and adults were quiet. I'm glad the students are holding adults accountable to do something."

Eboni Freeman, a freshman and social media manager for M-A's Black Student Union (BSU), was involved in planning the event.

"I'm very proud of the student body and all the members of the community who showed up," Freeman said. "I feel like we accomplished something today."

Teacher Anne Olson said that there were a few people on the streets who asked about what was happening and what the protest was in response to. "That was an opportunity to educate the community about something that they hadn't heard



Courtesy Celine Chien

Menlo-Atherton High School students chanted and marched during a protest on May 3 questioning the actions of both the school administration and police over an incident with a student.

about yet," Olson said. "I think that protesting is also important because it reminds us that we have the collective power to enact change. In situations like what happened on Friday where power was taken away from a

human being, it's really important to reclaim that power."

Students then assembled in the PAC Cafe on campus to listen to speeches by students, members of the BSU, and J.T. Faraji, an organizer from the

protest group Tha Hood Squad.

Faraji, who said he was speaking on behalf of the arrested student's family, said, "They want to make sure that this is

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Portola Valley resident's LLC threatens to sue if town doesn't do more environmental analysis on housing plans

Environmental study of fire and other dangers for Portola Valley's housing element is deficient, alleges lawyers for PublicSafety4PVNow

By Angela Swartz

A Portola Valley resident notified the town of plans to sue if the Planning Commission and Town Council don't rescind their votes to approve environmental studies supporting the town's housing and safety plan.

The threatened litigation by a limited liability corporation

(LLC) controlled by Lloyd "Rusty" Day challenges the council's approval of the environmental review and zoning code amendments and seeks to have a "privileged and confidential" settlement discussion between Day and town officials. The Portola Valley Town Council is set to vote on finalizing its state-mandated housing element at a meeting on May 10.

"Rusty's letter threatens yet another litigation with (the) town unless the Town Council negotiates with him unilaterally and behind closed doors, an approach that undermines nearly two years of a democratic process at the taxpayer's expense," Vice Mayor Sarah Wernikoff told The Almanac.

In a letter Thursday, May 4, to the Town Council and town

attorney, Day, who is challenging the town through an LLC called PublicSafety4PVNow, said that the environmental review conducted by the town, called an initial study/mitigated negative declaration, is "deficient in numerous important ways." PublicSafety4PVNow wants the town to undertake a full environmental impact report to assess the significant

adverse environmental impacts that changes to municipal code and the elements themselves would have on wildfire risks, geology and transportation, the letter said.

The Almanac reached out to Day for comment on May 5, but has not received a response as of Wednesday afternoon, May 10.

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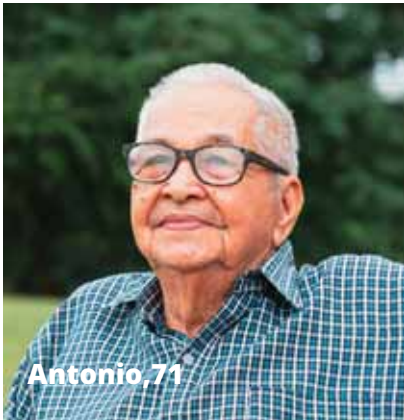
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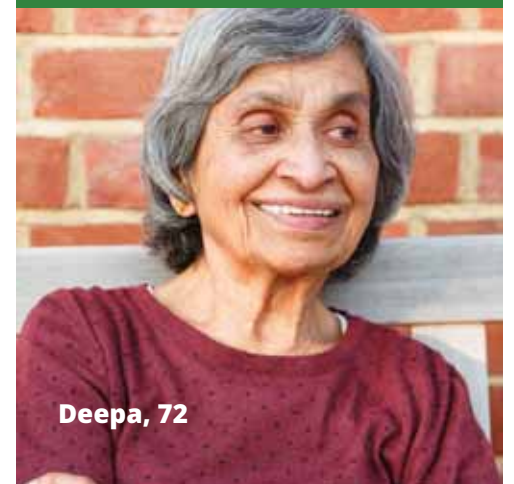
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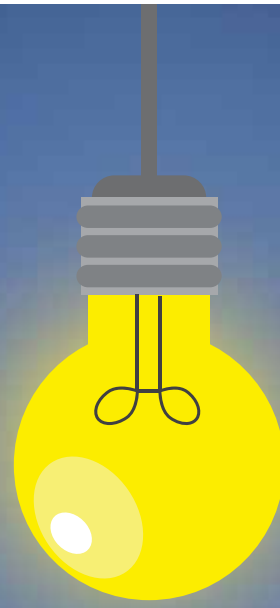


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Dressed to impress at Woodside May Day Parade

Kathy Dizio, left, and Odette Riegman of WHOA! ride in the May Day Parade in Woodside on May 6. Read more on page 14.

How will Menlo Park pay for \$4M quiet zone along train tracks?

As residents plead for relief from train horns, city weighs creating an assessment district

By Cameron Rebosio

Residents came out in droves at Tuesday's Menlo Park City Council meeting to support a quiet zone along the train tracks, sharing stories of incessant horn noise disrupting their quality of life.

People speaking at the May 9 meeting asked the council to

add funding for a citywide quiet zone to city's capital improvement plan, an element of Menlo Park's current budget planning for the coming fiscal year. Seventeen residents spoke about the city's need for quiet zones, along with 15 residents on Zoom who used the name "Quiet Zone supporter." Other meeting attendees stood up to show their

support but didn't speak.

Resident Alex Johnson said that he was supposed to host a guest from Germany last summer for a month, but after the first night his guest said he couldn't stay due to train horns that woke him in the middle of the night. The guest measured the decibels of the train horn on the porch and said that the levels were higher than what is legally allowed in Germany.

Johnson also said that he'd attempted to rent the extra bedroom in his home but wasn't able to due to train horns.

"(Potential renters) left before even entering my home because they were so disturbed by the horns while they were parking," Johnson said. "This is upsetting for me because I'd love the extra income a renter would provide and should disappoint you as well because I know this city desperately needs all the affordable housing options that it can get."

Carrie, who did not provide a



Michelle Le

Westbound traffic on Ravenswood Avenue waits for a Caltrain to pass during the evening commute.

José Andrés' restaurant plan at risk as Stanford Shopping Center owner threatens suit over gas ban

Letter: Zaytinya relies on 'traditional cooking methods that require gas appliances'

By Gennady Sheyner

The owner of Stanford Shopping Center is threatening to sue Palo Alto after the city had indicated that it will not allow a new building that is set to house a restaurant from world-renowned chef José Andrés to use natural gas.

The City Council on May 8 discussed in a closed session a letter that the city received on April 28 from an attorney representing Simon Property Group (SPG Center LLC), which is looking to construct three new buildings at the former location of the Macy's Men's store. The shopping center filed its initial application in November 2019, long before the city revised its building code to ban natural gas connections in all new buildings.

According to a letter from Anna Shimko, an attorney representing Simon Property Group (SPG Center LLC), the city has indicated that because SPG Center LLC, has not yet secured a building permit for the restaurant building — known as Building EE — the building cannot connect to the gas line that has already been installed to serve the structure.

"The city would thus deprive SPG of use of the gas line built specifically to serve Building EE and its planned restaurant facilities," Shimko wrote.

"SPG is confident that the enforcement of the new reach code in this context is legally defective and unconstitutional, and SPG is thus prepared to take all actions necessary to enforce its legal rights to employ gas facilities with Building EE."

Specifically, the letter argues that the city's prior approvals of the project have given Stanford Shopping Center vested rights to use gas and any refusal to do so would be an "unconstitutional taking that requires just compensation." SPG applied to construct the one-story restaurant building and two others — a three-story Restoration

Hardware and a two-story Wilkes Bashford — at the site of the former Macy's Men's store in 2019, and over the following two years it had secured approval for its plans from the city's Architectural Review Board and from the city's Planning and Development Services Department.

The greenlighted plans had specified that the plans would include a gas line, which SPG installed in January 2021. Two months later, Andrés' restaurant Zaytinya expressed an interest in opening a new location at Stanford Shopping Center, according to the letter. Seeking more space for the restaurant, SPG submitted revised plans for the restaurant building, which the Architectural Review Board approved in May 2022. By the end of the year, the shopping center had entered into leases with Zaytinya and with the restaurant Dumpling Time, which would also occupy Building EE.

"More than once, before the Reach Code was enacted, SPG secured approval to install the gas line specifically and directly leading to Building EE," the letter states. "SPG relied in good faith on those approvals by entering into contractual lease obligations and spending significant sums to construct gas connections for Building EE. As a result, SPG has obtained a vested right to provide gas connections within Building EE."

While city officials have long touted the benefits of induction stoves, the letter suggests that Zaytinya will not come to Palo Alto if the restaurant does not have gas connection. The restaurant, according to the letter, relies on "traditional cooking methods that require gas appliances to achieve its signature, complex flavors."

"Some of its more conventional cooking equipment can be made electric, but other unique pieces of gas-fired equipment critical for Zaytinya's

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Convicted murderer sentenced to decades in prison for Menlo Park slaying of retired arborist

By Bay City News Service

A 30-year-old man has been sentenced to 26 years to life in prison for the fatal stabbing of a woman in Menlo Park in 2018, San Mateo County prosecutors said May 5.

Francis Wolke, a resident of Cincinnati, was convicted in March of first-degree murder

for the killing of 62-year-old Kathy Hughes Anderson at her home in the 900 block of Valparaiso Avenue on Dec. 12, 2018.

According to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, Wolke used a pen and handsaw in the killing of Anderson, whose friend came over to visit and found Wolke

inside the home. The friend called 911 and kept Wolke at knifepoint until police arrived.

Prosecutors said there was no known relationship or prior contact between Wolke and Anderson before the fatal stabbing.

After a jury in March found Wolke guilty of the murder charge and an enhancement for

the use of dangerous weapons, and also determined he was sane at the time of the murder, a San Mateo County Superior Court judge on May 4 sentenced him to the 26-years-to-life term with more than 1,600 days credit for time served.

Wolke's defense attorney was not immediately available to comment on the case. ■

Former Uber executive sentenced for covering up data breach

Joseph Sullivan of Palo Alto ordered to serve three years of probation

By Joe Dworetzky/
Bay City News Service

A federal judge in San Francisco on May 4 imposed a sentence of three years' probation on the former head of security at Uber for his role in covering up a data breach that allegedly exposed the personal information of more than 50 million riders and drivers.

Prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco had asked U.S.

District Judge William Orrick to impose 15 months imprisonment for Joseph Sullivan, 54, arguing that "probationary or token prison sentences for corporate executives in general undermine respect for the law ... and disregard the core principle that all defendants are equal before the law regardless of their position and power."

The sentencing comes after a four-week jury trial in 2022 in which Sullivan was found guilty on one count of obstruction and one count of

"misprision," or actively concealing a felony.

Sullivan lives in Palo Alto and has deep connections in the Silicon Valley tech universe.

He was trained as a lawyer at the University of Miami and came to the Bay Area in 1997 to work in the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco, the same office that 25 years later would lead his prosecution.

In 2002, he was hired away from the U.S. Attorney's Office, where he was prosecuting high

tech crimes, to join eBay Inc. as senior director of trust and safety, a position that involved combatting cyber-crime, often in close cooperation with law enforcement.

Four years later, he moved from eBay to PayPal Holdings Inc. to lead the company's North American legal team. According to his court filing, "During this time, Mr. Sullivan also emerged as a public face for the cybersecurity

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CRIME BRIEFS

Mass shooting wounds five people in Redwood City

The Redwood City Police Department is searching for a man they said shot five people, including a 16-year-old boy, on Sunday morning, May 7.

The five people were hospitalized with serious but not life-threatening injuries, police said.

The shooting occurred around 4:30 a.m. on the 400 block of Redwood Avenue in the Palm Park neighborhood. Redwood City police said in a news release that a man walked up to the five people, which included four adults and one teen, and opened fire while the group was sitting on the sidewalk. According to police, he used a 9 mm handgun.

The shooter has not been arrested, and police do not yet have a good description of the suspect, according to a police spokesperson.

Anyone with information regarding the shooting is asked to contact Det. James Schneider at 650-780-7607.

For information on Redwood City cases, call the Redwood City Police Tip Line at 650-780-7110.

—Michelle Iracheta

Arrest in day spa sexual assault

A man suspected of sexually assaulting a woman at LaBelle Day Spa and Salon in Palo Alto's Town and Country Village shopping center was arrested last week in Gilroy, police said May 8.

The woman told police she had been sexually assaulted during a massage appointment by a masseur on April 15 at LaBelle Day Spa & Salon, located at 855 El Camino Real, according to a police press release.

Police identified the suspect as Cesar Eduardo Castro Moreno, 58, and obtained a warrant for his arrest on May 2.

He was taken into custody on May 4 at his Gilroy home in the 8200 block of Murray Avenue and booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail.

The salon fired the Moreno upon learning of the investigation, according to police.

"We were made aware of the arrest today (May 8) by the Palo Alto Police Department. We take these accusations with the utmost seriousness and have been fully cooperating with law enforcement in their investigation," LaBelle Day Spa & Salon said in a statement to this news organization. "The safety and well-being of our clients and staff are our top priority and will always be. We will continue to work as a unified team to provide our best for our clients, our staff, and our community."

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the 24-hour dispatch center at 650-329-2413. Anonymous tips can be emailed to paloalto@tipnow.org or sent via text message or voicemail to 650-383-8984.

—Bay City News Service

DNA connects man to Atherton, other burglaries

The Atherton Police Department has arrested a man on burglary charges after he allegedly targeted Atherton homes in spring of 2022, according to a news bulletin from Chief Steven McCulley on May 5.

The man was identified using DNA technology and is suspected of being a member of a South American gang allegedly responsible for burglaries across the state, including several in Atherton, McCulley said in the bulletin.

The DNA evidence came from an April 2022 burglary reported on Alta Vista Drive in Atherton in which \$60,000 in property was reportedly taken, including jewelry, designer luggage and purses. The burglar entered through a smashed window, leaving blood smudges in the master bedroom that were used as DNA samples, according to McCulley.

Atherton police received a DNA match in June 2022 for the suspect, who was previously arrested by the Newport Beach Police Department in connection with a burglary in November 2021. The DNA received two more matches in August from the Los Angeles Police Department involving burglaries in May and June of 2022, McCulley said.

The suspect was arrested by Inglewood police on unrelated charges on April 22 and extradited to Atherton on April 29, where he was booked into San Mateo County Jail.

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Activists protest San Mateo County 'jail mail' policy as case over constitutional rights moves to federal court

By Avery Luke

Mail is a lifeline for many incarcerated people. But as of two years ago, any physical letters sent to people incarcerated in the San Mateo County jail are directed to a private, for-profit company in Florida that digitizes and destroys them.

On April 18, activists stood outside of Maguire Correctional Facility in Redwood City to demand an end to the county's mail digitization policy on the second anniversary of when it was enacted. They say it passed quietly in 2021 — with no opportunity for public feedback.

"Mail is a right," said Zach Kirk, an organizer with Silicon Valley De-Bug, one of the groups that led the Jail Mail Solidarity Rally. "(The ordinance) decreases the amount of contact between families and their loved ones inside, and decreases any chance of rehabilitation."

Three free-speech groups, Electronic Frontier Foundation, Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University and the Social Justice Legal Foundation, filed a lawsuit on behalf of five people incarcerated in San Mateo County on March 9. The lawsuit was also filed on behalf of a group of their friends and family members and A.B.O. Comix, an organization that sends and receives art and writing from incarcerated people.

It alleges mail digitization of incarcerated people violates their First and Fourth Amendment rights, and their rights under the California Constitution because it denies inmates the "ability to use a uniquely expressive medium of communication" and "involves the seizure of correspondence and other information ... without any suspicion of



Avery Luke

Activists call out to people incarcerated at Maguire Correctional Facility in Redwood City on April 18.

wrongdoing."

"We feel that the county's actions to get rid of physical mail are dehumanizing," said attorney Pilar Gonzalez Morales with the Social Justice Legal Foundation, one of the organizations that filed the lawsuit. "They cut off our clients' connections to their loved ones, to their children, to their family members, their partners."

According to the suit, senders must route their mail through a system called MailGuard, owned by Smart Communications, which stores it in a searchable database for at least seven years, even if the recipient is released from custody.

San Mateo County permits law enforcement officers across all jurisdictions to search MailGuard correspondences "for any reason, or no reason at all," the lawsuit says. Officials can specify keywords of their choosing and receive alerts whenever a piece of mail contains one. Incarcerated people at Maguire Correctional Facility and Maple

Street Correctional Center can view those letters on a shared tablet in public during their free time, but only if they agree to certain terms.

San Mateo County first signed a contract with Smart Communications in May 2020 authorizing the use of its "SmartVisit Video Visitation System" in the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office's correctional facilities. The contract states visits will be "monitored and recorded and will be preserved for seven years." The county then extended its contract with Smart Communications in September 2021, tacking on additional services offered by the inmate communication company, including its SmartTablet system, electronic messaging software and MailGuard, the service in question, which digitizes mail sent to people incarcerated at its jails at no cost to the county.

MailGuard is patented as a service that digitizes physical mail and consolidates sender, recipient and institutional information

"into a format that is easily reviewable and provides tracking data," according to the Smart Communications website. Smart Communications could not be reached for comment.

San Mateo County's contract with Smart Communications places no limit on how the company can use the information it gathers from physical mail.

According to Smart Communications, MailGuard has become increasingly popular in correctional facilities across the U.S., with implementations ranging from modest 100-inmate county jails to extensive state prison systems holding over 50,000 inmates.

In San Mateo County, former Sheriff Carlos Bolanos said the county's mail policy was meant to "prioritize ... safety and security" over concerns about fentanyl exposure when it was enacted, according to the lawsuit. Smart Communications' website advertises MailGuard as a service that eliminates "contraband and secret communications in inmate postal mail."

A San Mateo County spokesperson deferred to the Sheriff's Office. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office did not respond to this news organization's requests for comment.

San Mateo County settled a different lawsuit last December filed by a group of criminal defense lawyers on the Peninsula in opposition to MailGuard. It alleged the county gave no warning it would be able to

see correspondence between incarcerated people and their attorneys. The county admitted no fault or liability for the alleged practice but said it would implement a "professional account" feature on Smart Communications for attorneys to communicate confidentially with their clients beginning Jan. 22.

The March 9 lawsuit, now in a federal court, comes as mail scanning is becoming an increasingly common trend nationwide, with Smart Communications being one of several for-profit inmate communication companies nationwide.

The case against San Mateo County was also filed in federal court on April 17 after Sheriff Christina Corpus requested the higher court remove the case from the county's court on the grounds that the alleged First and Fourth Amendment violations should be tried in a federal court due to the case involving the constitutionality of the rights of the incarcerated individuals of which San Mateo County has no jurisdiction.

The county case has been paused pending the outcome of the federal case.

San Mateo County is due to respond to the lawsuit by May 29. The county's current contract with Smart Communications runs through 2024. ■

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QUIET ZONE

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last name, said that she has lived in Menlo Park for 16 years and has never gotten used to the train horns. Carrie listed several ways the noise has negatively impacted her life, from an inability to host events in her backyard to needing to pause work meetings when horns interrupt her.

"We now virtually have no waking hours without excessively loud, nearly constant horns going off," Carrie said.

Transportation Director Hugh Louch said that the city would only need to construct improvements to two of the railroad

crossings at Ravenswood and Oak Grove avenues in order to meet Federal Railroad Administration standards and establish a quiet zone throughout the city. The railroad crossings at Encinal and Glenwood avenues have lower traffic volumes and fewer collisions, so the city does not have to make modifications.

"In the time that we have been on this call ... about three hours, I have heard the trains pass by and the horns ring about 19 times," resident Jeff Jacks said. "It is a pervasive part of daily living."

The city is considering establishing an assessment district to

generate the estimated \$4 million needed to build the quiet zone, and city staff is conducting an analysis to see if the district would be valuable. The quiet zone was ranked as a "Tier I" priority among capital improvements. The city added \$150,000 from the downtown public amenity fund toward the project for a total of \$450,000 toward the project.

In capital improvement plan discussions, the city also added purchasing electric leaf blower equipment to the operating budget. ■

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PROTEST

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an awareness opportunity. They also want you to know that there are two sides to every story, so they want to make sure that students are respectful to authority and to the administration.”

On Wednesday, the Atherton Police Department released a statement which said, “The student ... physically assaulted a school administrator by pushing them into a cubicle wall, tried to push the administrator’s glasses off their face, spit on them, and called them derogatory homophobic slurs.”

In his speech, Faraji said, “The family of the student wants to make sure that you know that the statement that the police came out with today is categorically false.”

Atherton police told The Almanac that the encounter is under administrative review. The student’s family is being

represented by Oakland-based civil rights attorney John Burris. Burris told The Almanac that his office is investigating the student’s treatment by police and he will be making a recommendation about whether to file a lawsuit soon.

Freeman, who also gave a speech, said, “Yes, it was a harmful situation, and that is what admin said, but you haven’t mentioned how it was traumatic, you haven’t mentioned how there was a little boy being pinned to the ground, begging for someone to come help him, and no one did. They didn’t even acknowledge that there was M-A staff watching the whole time, not a thing was done, no one helped him. It felt like he was alone, and I felt like I was alone — because what if that was me?”

In an email sent to students on Sunday, April 30, M-A Principal Karl Losekoot said that site administrators called for police

department support “due to an interaction with a student that escalated to the level that our site team felt concerned for their safety, as there was physical contact made against one of our site leaders along with several verbal threats made towards that staff member.”

BSU advisor Chloe Gentile-Montgomery told protestors, “What happened on Friday could have been avoided had more people on campus been trained in de-escalation practices, had more people on campus had stronger relationships with students, had more students on campus felt safe going into the office and didn’t feel like they needed to enter on the defense.”

M-A’s BSU organized the protest and also a petition to “End Police Brutality in Sequoia Union High School District.” Among the demands are de-escalation training for all Menlo-Atherton staff, contacting parents before calling the



Courtesy Celine Chien

Menlo-Atherton High School students led a protest in the rain on May 3.

police and a school-wide assembly on the event. The group is also asking that an additional counselor be hired to help with de-escalation, plus training for student conflict mediators, clearer policies regarding the employment of M-A’s School Resource Officer (SRO), and increased hiring of Black staff. Many students also went to the

PAC Cafe on May 1, to plan the protests and make posters to raise awareness about the arrest.

Freeman said that the BSU has met with the high school’s administration to discuss the incident, but added, “I want to talk when things aren’t so high emotion, because I know that the answers aren’t gonna satisfy me right now because I’m so angry. Next week, I do want to sit down and have an actual conversation. We can’t change this now, all we can do is prevent this from happening to any other students.”

Sophomore Melanie Osuna, who was at the bus stop on Friday, said, “I think it’s important to show our dedication and we’re not going to stop until we get what we need. It just shows that we’re strong as a community and we all have each other’s backs. And we can go through this and have a better future for future students coming to the school so that they can feel safer.”

Many protestors interviewed were dissatisfied with administrators’ response to the situation, both in calling the police and in statements released on Monday and Tuesday. Freeman said, “There was a lack of transparency and I was left with more questions than answers. It felt like they didn’t care and like they were siding with the police. I was mad and I felt lied to by M-A because you hear about all these things about how they’re aware of how Black people are treated in society, but then when a situation like this happens in real life, they are nowhere to be found.”

Sophomore Joey Stout said, “What we really need to be doing is standing our ground and telling the school that we are not okay with what they’re doing. And that’s what a protest is, a protest is a way to amplify our voices.” ■

Cleo Rehkopf is a student journalist at Menlo-Atherton High School. This story was originally published in the M-A Chronicle. Angela Swartz contributed to this report.

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UBER EXECUTIVE

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industry, championing safety measures that thwarted phishing attempts.”

In 2008 he jumped to Facebook Inc., where served as chief security officer overseeing the company’s security team, a group that grew from 10 people to 130 during his tenure. While he was at Facebook, the company’s platform had explosive growth and Sullivan dealt with new and cutting-edge cyber-security issues.

Uber Technologies Inc. hired Sullivan as Uber’s chief security officer in April 2015.

When he arrived, the Federal Trade Commission was investigating Uber for a 2014 data breach that compromised about 50,000 consumers’ personal information.

In supervising the company’s responses to FTC investigators, Sullivan gave testimony to the FTC on Nov. 4, 2016 about the company’s data security practices, including the steps Uber had taken to keep customer data secure.

Ten days after that testimony, Sullivan learned that Uber had been breached again, this time by hackers who demanded a ransom in exchange

for deleting the data, which included records on approximately 57 million Uber users and 600,000 driver’s license numbers.

According to the prosecutors, Sullivan “almost immediately recognized that this second breach revealed that Uber’s prior representations to the FTC about encryption practices and the scope of Uber employees’ access to such data — including those (Sullivan) had made under oath — had been false.”

Sullivan then allegedly worked to cover up the breach, arranging to pay off the hackers in exchange for non-disclosure agreements and allegedly blending the transaction into the company’s so-called “bug bounty program” in which the company compensated outside people for finding problems with the company’s code.

Uber paid the hackers \$100,000 in bitcoin in December 2016.

In the fall of 2017, Uber’s new management began investigating the 2016 data breach and it was eventually disclosed publicly and to the FTC. According to prosecutors, the FTC’s lead investigator said that when Uber’s counsel finally informed him of the

breach in November 2017, it was “probably the single most frustrating experience that I had at my time at the Federal Trade Commission.”

After Sullivan was convicted, his lawyers, as is customary in these cases, prepared a “sentencing memorandum” to point out to the judge the reasons why leniency — in this case a sentence of probation — was appropriate.

The memorandum argued that Sullivan had been a hard-working, unassuming professional throughout his career, always working to protect customers and the public against harm. He was a family man and a mentor to young people. He worked to aid disadvantaged youth and support freedom fighters in the Ukraine.

He had also engaged in public service and was a leader in the cybersecurity area. The memorandum noted that in 2016, President Barack Obama appointed Sullivan to the President’s Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity.

Sullivan’s filing included a vast number of letters of support — 185 according to his lawyers — from family, friends, colleagues and others who know him and wanted the

judge to extend him leniency. They included a letter signed by 60 cybersecurity professionals and another from more than 40 chief security officers.

The letters were intended to support the argument that “Joe Sullivan has lived an exemplary life marked by hard work, integrity, and a commitment to doing the right thing.”

The government’s sentencing memorandum turned many of Sullivan’s arguments back against him.

The prosecutors said that they did not “dispute any of Defendant’s good deeds or general moral qualities as reflected in the many letters submitted on his behalf.”

But then they said “those same moral qualities only underscore that Defendant knew how wrong his conduct was.”

And as for the volume of letters provided to the court, prosecutors said, “white-collar defendants in general, and successful corporate executives in particular, will almost always have deep networks of supporters to call upon in difficult times. One does not become an executive at a company like Uber without having such a network.”

The letters, prosecutors

argued, “only underscore Defendant’s extraordinarily privileged position among the many individuals the Department of Justice prosecutes ... They mainly demonstrate that Defendant is a wealthy, powerful man, with a strong network of family and friends that has benefited him throughout his life.”

The government then employed its harshest rhetoric, noting that an undocumented drug dealer sentenced in federal court “is unlikely to have had the opportunity to white-wash his criminal record by volunteering to help war-torn Ukrainians, nor the network or resources to make an extensive showing of other good deeds in his life.”

Sullivan wrote his own five-page letter to the court in which he said he accepted responsibility for his actions and recognized that he had hurt many people. He apologized.

He closed the letter saying, “I won’t let the mistakes I made happen again on my watch. Ever. And I want to dedicate my life to making up for it.”

Judge Orrick came down on the side of probation, adding a \$50,000 fine and 200 hours of community service to the sentence. ■



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HOUSING PLANS

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The town is required to come up with housing and safety element plans to submit to the state every eight years, which were due Jan. 31. This latest round includes an obligation to plan for much more new housing than in years past, and San Mateo County municipalities have struggled to submit plans that meet the stricter state requirements.

“Given the catastrophic impact in recent years of the fires on the Coffey Park, Paradise, and Marshall communities, as well as countless others, it is essential that the wildfire impacts be thoroughly studied in accordance with CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) to avoid a similar disaster,” according to the letter, written by Silicon Valley Law Group on behalf of PublicSafety4PVNow. “We believe that it would be beneficial if the parties had the

opportunity to further discuss the issues raised in this letter to avoid any need for litigation to enforce the applicable CEQA requirements.”

The law firm said it appears the town filed a notice of determination for its approval of the environmental review with the San Mateo County clerk on April 12, thereby triggering a 30-day period within which litigation may be brought to challenge the town’s determination under CEQA.

The law group proposed a so-called tolling agreement, which establishes a deadline for the parties to negotiate before a plaintiff will file suit to enforce legal rights. In this case, it is set for June 11.

Without a tolling agreement, the law firm will file a petition for a court order to reference the town’s votes on the initial study/mitigated negative declaration by May 12. Mayor Jeff Aalfs said the Town Council has not yet signed the agreement, but will be

discussing it at a closed session meeting on Tuesday, May 9.

The council met for two hours on May 2, to discuss threatened litigation, Aalfs confirmed.

“The town has now spent nearly two years in an open and public process to write a housing element that complies with our obligations under California law, while establishing robust measures to ensure safety and preserve our local values regarding rural character. That process included over 140 hours of meetings and dozens of town volunteers, hundreds of residents observing and commenting, and the involvement of our local partner agencies,” Aalfs said in a written statement. “After the time invested by such a large segment of our community on this effort, it is unfortunate that a lawsuit funded by a small group of disgruntled residents has the potential to negate the work of a community.”

The state deadline for the housing element was Jan. 31, but the council opted to continue working on its plan. It went up for a vote again on March 29. At that meeting, the council approved the environmental study, but three of the five council members said they didn’t feel comfortable sending the housing element to the state.

In public comments submitted ahead of the May 10 meeting, a number of residents urged the town to pass a housing element to avoid potential lawsuits from housing advocates and the so-called builder’s remedy, which could allow for residential development projects to move forward even if they do not comply with Portola Valley’s development standards. Aalfs’ statement included other potential outcomes, such as increased density mandated and monetary fines imposed by the state along with hundreds of thousands of



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A potential lawsuit threatens to upend Portola Valley’s progress toward approving its state-mandated housing element, which missed a Jan. 31 deadline.

dollars of “needless” attorney’s fees incurred by the town.

With recent staff departures, the town’s small staff is stretched thin as they continue working to “meet the ongoing demands” of its as-yet unfilled housing element on top of their regular job duties, said resident Lorrie Duval. She fears more staff will depart.

“I am stunned and deeply concerned that after 18 months of hard work prior to December 2022, and now another three months in 2023, our town has not submitted an HCD-compliant housing element plan to the state,” she said, referring to the state’s department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). “We risk losing the two things we all hold most dear: our rural character and our autonomy as a self-governing municipality. Please submit the current plan to the state.”

Resident Mark Fletcher said: “I do not want the town to risk having the state come in and mandate development. I do not want our town mired in budget sapping lawsuits. Please, pass the housing element now.”

Resident Angelo Aloisio posted

comments defending the threatened litigation on PV Forum.

“Nobody is trying to bankrupt the town,” he wrote. “The group appears to me to be knowledgeable in these matters and made up of folks who care deeply about this town, its residents, and our long term safety. I’m not sure I can say the same for our high-density housing advocates.”

Aloisio added, “The lawsuit that will bankrupt the town is the one that comes to light after disaster strikes and we are found negligent in our duties related to safety and security of our residents having been made aware of the possible risks.”

History of the LLC

Day is a director of the volunteer-led group Portola Valley Neighbors United, which was highly critical of the town’s handling of the initial study/mitigated negative declaration in an April newsletter.

The LLC threatening litigation was formed on Feb. 2, 2022 under the name Prudent Productions, according to public records, and Day is named as its agent. An agent is a person appointed to handle necessary government, tax and legal correspondence about the business, according to Forbes. Prudent Productions filed paperwork in Delaware to change its name to PublicSafety4PVNow on May 1. Day has been involved in local fire safety-related issues. Last fall, Day sought a seat on the Woodside Fire Protection District board, which includes Portola Valley, but lost to incumbent Matt Miller.

The Town Council’s May 10 meeting agenda is online at portolavalley.net. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Historic Schoolhouse, 765 Portola Road, and on Zoom.

Read the full letter PublicSafety4PVNow to the town at tinyurl.com/PVtownletter. ■

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April 21; **Marshall “Mike” S. Smith**, 85, a Menlo Park resident who served as an influential figure in American education and social policy for over six decades as director of policy and budget at the National Institute of Education under President Gerald Ford, assistant commissioner for policy at the U.S. Office of Education, chief of staff for the first secretary of education during the Carter administration, and secretary of education and acting deputy secretary of education under the Clinton administration, died on May 1.

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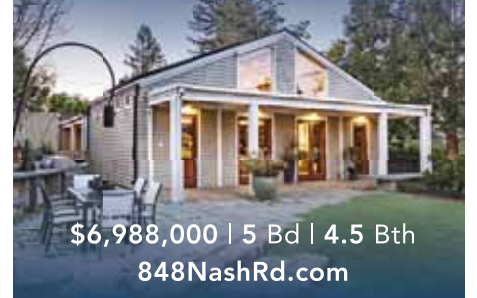
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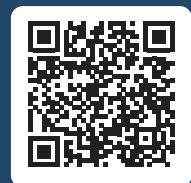
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Sophia Riccardi, Woodside's 2022 Jr. Rodeo princess, waits for the parade to begin at the 101st Woodside May Day Parade in Woodside.



Kids pass out treats at the Woodside May Day Parade.



Bill Todd performs with the Los Trancos Woods Community Marching Band.

With a song in their hearts, Woodsiders celebrate the 101st May Day Parade

By Almanac staff | Photos by Lizzy Myers

Nothing could rain on this parade, as Woodside turned out to celebrate its 101st May Day Parade and Carnival on Saturday, May 6. This year's theme of "All Things Music" gave participants lots of leeway in choosing their costumes.

Dr. Vicki Coe Mitchell, a longtime Woodside resident and anesthesiologist at Stanford and Sequoia hospitals, was the grand marshal, with Woodside Elementary School music teachers Beth Dameron and Kara Ireland D'Ambrosio serving as deputy marshals.

In its traditional place of honor riding on the 1942 vintage fire truck "Old White" was the Kindergarten Royal

Court. This year's court was made up of Queen Olivia Warren, King John Nouri, princesses Valeria Martinez and Amelia Vargas, and princes Dylan Nash and Will Rotelli.

D'Ambrosio directed the traditional May Pole dance led by the third grade class, which was held indoors this year, instead of at the amphitheater.

Michelle Ahlstrom was announced as the Woodside Citizen of the Year. The award goes to the person who has contributed consistently to the Woodside Elementary School community.

The Woodside School Parent Teacher Association hosted the parade and carnival. ■



Olivia Warren, queen of the Kindergarten Court, watches the parade with her friends.



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Bigger fines for selling tobacco to kids

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously May 9 to strengthen regulations intended to prevent children and young adults from buying tobacco products.

The ordinance increases permit fees, fines and inspections of retail shops and requires permit suspensions for businesses that sell tobacco products to anyone younger than 21.

“We need to put teeth into enforcement for two big reasons: one is that we need to make the penalty large enough to negate the profit in selling to minors. And two, we need to do everything we can to keep cigarettes and other tobacco products out of the hands of kids,” said Supervisor Warren Slocum.

The new rules, which were proposed by the San Mateo County Health Department, increase fines up to \$500 for a first violation and up to \$1,000 for all subsequent violations within a 60-month period and prohibit new tobacco sales permits for locations within 1,000 feet of a “youth populated area” like schools and parks or within 500 feet of an existing tobacco retailer.

They also require a fine for any violations, increase the number of required on-site inspections of shops that sell tobacco to two a year and increase the annual permit fee to sell tobacco from \$174 to \$672.

According to the county Health Department, 11 of 74 tobacco retailers, or about 15% of shops, in unincorporated San Mateo County sold to underage

youth decoys during Sheriff’s Office enforcement operations from April 2021 to June 2022.

“Big Tobacco has preyed on our youth with flavored products like bubblegum and cotton candy for years,” Supervisor David Canepa said. “What we’ve done today is to tell our retailers that if you are caught selling to minors or selling banned flavored tobacco products you will be fined heavily.”

The new ordinance only applies to unincorporated areas of the county, but county officials said in a news release May 9 they will encourage cities within the county to follow suit.

—Kiley Russell/
Bay City News Service

Sudden Oak Death Blitz is May 20-22

The Peninsula’s Sudden Oak Death Blitz survey project takes place from Saturday, May 20, to Monday, May 22.

There will be “Blitz” stations set up at both Woodside (2955 Woodside Road) and Portola Valley (765 Portola Road) town centers where people can pick up and return leaf samples. Packets will be available from 10 a.m. on Saturday and must be returned to the stations by 5 p.m. on Monday.

The 16-year old project is a citizen science program designed to map the distribution of sudden oak death (SOD) in California and identify locations where native oaks should be treated to prevent infection and death.

The SOD pathogen is exotic and invasive and can spread

through innocuous infections of California bay laurel leaves, according to organizers.

When a local outbreak is mapped thanks to a SOD Blitz, oak owners in the area will be alerted their oaks are at risk. Preventing oak infection by SOD will also mitigate wildfire risk and hazards caused by tree failures, organizers said.

After multiple dry years in a row, rain from recent winter storms will increase the presence of the pathogen, Blitz organizers said.

Go to sodblitz.org for more information.

Ravenswood spring family survey

The Ravenswood City School District is surveying families this spring.

This survey is an opportunity to anonymously share feedback with the school district for future improvements. Questions range from if student feels safe at school to how parents or guardians feel about their communications with teachers.

Fill out the survey at tinyurl.com/ravenswoodspringsurvey.

Weigh in on the design of Belle Haven Elementary field

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The Portola Valley Cultural Arts Committee is seeking individual donations or business sponsors to give to the second-annual PV Palooza on June 10.

The event will be an all-day music festival featuring over a dozen local bands on two stages, plus local art, food trucks, wine and beer.

Go to pvpalooza.com/donations-sponsorship to donate.

—Angela Swartz

Supervisors chip in \$1M toward farmworker housing projects

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors is exploring ways to provide more housing for farmworkers in the county, nearly four months after a mass shooting in Half Moon Bay exposed an urgent need for more living options for agricultural workers with low income.

Supervisors at a May 9 meeting approved dedicating \$1 million to kickstart planning, project management and other work for dozens of manufactured housing units.

“We are 100 percent committed to this effort,” Supervisor Ray Mueller said. “This \$1 million represents the startup costs necessary to move forward with speed.”

The money is coming from funding from Measure K, the county’s half-cent sales tax. The Half Moon Bay Farmworker Project calls for placing between 45 to 50 manufactured housing units at a yet-to-be determined location in Half Moon Bay.

The county is seeking grant

money from the state to help fund the plan through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program, which is designed to help farmworkers become homeowners.

Housing for farmworkers in the county became a focus for the Board of Supervisors after shootings at two farms in Half Moon Bay on Jan. 23 revealed many farmworkers living in substandard or unpermitted housing on farm sites.

The county is seeking options for long-term housing for 19 families that were displaced after the shootings.

“All of our farm working families deserve a safe and healthy place to live,” Mueller said. “If we are going to ensure that we maintain a thriving agricultural community on our coast, what we need more than anything else are affordable homes for our farmworkers and their families.”

—Bay City News Service

Pop-up information event for Willow Oaks Park

The city of Menlo Park will provide a pop-up information booth at Willow Oaks Park at 490 Willow Road on Saturday, May 11. The information booth will show upcoming improvements in Willow Oaks Park.

The improvements include playground renovations, changes to the dog park, a new area for picnics, a new bathroom and changes to pedestrian and bike paths throughout the park. Construction is expected to begin this summer. More information can be found on Menlo Park’s website at tinyurl.com/willow-oaks-info.

—Cameron Rebosio

GAS BAN

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success do not have electrically powered equivalents. Without a gas connection and appliances, Zaytinya would be forced to alter its signature five-star reputation and if SPG cannot provide gas in Building EE, Zaytinya will likely choose not to locate within the city.”

“This would be an unfortunate loss for the residents of Palo Alto, as well as a compensable loss for which SPG would be forced to seek redress,” Shimko wrote.

The council did not take any reportable actions during its May 8 closed session. City officials confirmed to this news organization that Shimko’s characterization of the city’s

position on potential gas use in Building EE is accurate.

Simon Property Group is far from the only property owner concerned about the implications of recently adopted building codes that seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by barring installations of new gas lines. Berkeley, which in 2019 became the first city to ban installation of gas lines in new

buildings, suffered a blow last month in its effort to restrict natural gas when an appeals court struck down the law. The ruling, which was made in response to a legal challenge from the California Restaurant Association, concluded that the ban violates the federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act, a 1975 law that regulates energy use.

The ruling from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals could have a significant impact on the more than two dozen cities that have adopted similar

“reach codes” to restrict natural gas. The Palo Alto City Council approved last October a host of revisions to the city’s building code, including an “all-electric” requirement for all newly constructed buildings. This was a significant expansion of the city’s prior building code, which only applied the all-electric requirement to low-rise residential buildings. ■

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Right: The logo for the new Third Thursday live music event was designed by Gunn High School senior Austen Cho. Courtesy Austen Cho/Third Thursdays.

Heard mentality

Six bands launch live music at California Avenue's new Third Thursday events



By Emily Margaretten

While already known for its restaurants, retail and public art, Palo Alto's California Avenue is ready to reboot as a live music scene on the third Thursday of every month, starting May 18.

Third Thursday will kick off its inaugural event with six bands, a student art contest and opportunities for people to browse stores while enjoying California Avenue's offerings of restaurants, cafés and bars. "I wanted to bring the community together through joy and happiness. And I want to be part of supporting economic vitality for businesses in our town," said Carol Garsten, the event's producer.

Inspiration for regular live music on California Avenue came from Garsten's longtime involvement with the First Friday music scene in Los Altos — a downtown fixture that features 18 bands and performers every month.



Garsten wanted to bring something similar to Palo Alto, a place that she has called home for 20 years and deeply connects with as a Barron Park resident and a former small business owner in Town & Country Village.

California Avenue already hosts a live music scene, one that popped up during the pandemic with the support of restaurant owners. Garsten envisions Third Thursday as a continuation of what already exists, just on a larger scale that involves more local musicians, businesses and community participation.

The closure of California Avenue to cars also makes it an ideal location. While the first Third Thursday will start with six bands, Garsten plans to expand it to the train station and park so people are immersed in music right when they step off the train. "It's such a great opportunity to really activate the entire street," she said.

To help Third Thursday get off the ground, the city of Palo Alto and Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce provided \$6,000 in seed money. "We're hopeful that it will ultimately become a self-sustaining enterprise, where people recognize the value of it and are able to contribute funding," said Assistant City Manager Steve Guagliardo. Garsten anticipates attracting corporate sponsors in the future. Ideally, she would like to provide an honorarium for the musicians who are not paid.

For Russ and Sonia Kao, playing for the community is what draws them to perform on the streets. The husband-and-wife team regularly play at First Friday in Los Altos and plan to debut at Third Thursday with their band, Wandering Acoustics. "It's just about connecting with people, having a good time, bringing joy wherever we go," Russ Kao said.



Singer-songwriter Joanna Finnis, who has lived in Palo Alto for 20 years, emphasized the unique opportunity for community members to come out and enjoy a range of musical talents while also supporting a revived arts and culture scene on California Avenue. "We're artists and so we want people to hear us, but we're also bringing music to people that maybe can't get opportunities to hear live music and hear different things," she said.

The first Third Thursday will showcase a diverse range of musical genres, from classic rock, pop and country to opera, blues and jazz.

"It will have something for everybody," said Maico Campilogno, co-owner of iTalico and Ter√jn restaurants. Third Thursday also is an opportunity to promote businesses on California Avenue, Campilogno said. "I love music surrounding people on the street. After you're done with dinner, you take a walk and spend time looking at those retailers who are open. Music makes people happy to spend on something special," he said.

Several stores plan to stay open late and offer promotions. Jessica Roth, owner of The Cobblery, hopes the event will attract new people to California Avenue. "I think a repeat event on the street is helpful for getting people outside of the area to know this is happening down there, every third Thursday," she said, adding that even if people didn't buy anything, they might want to come back to California Avenue another time.

Along with live music, Third Thursday will feature student artwork in stores and restaurants, a direct nod to the designation of California Avenue as "Palo Alto's Avenue of the Arts." The attention to art — and youth's contributions to it — also is seen in the Third Thursday logo, designed by Gunn High School student Austen Cho who created an acoustic guitar in the image of the number three. Garsten wants to bring in other forms of creative expression for future events, including local theater groups.

Live music, however, ties it all together. "After being sequestered for a while from the pandemic, just coming together, maybe putting our cell phones down a little bit, just being present and out on the car-free street meeting up with friends and family, let's celebrate the joy of live music," Garsten said.

Palo Alto Third Thursday will run from 6 to 9 p.m. on May 18 and every third Thursday of the month. More information can be found at 3rdthursday.fun. ■



Photos courtesy Third Thursdays

Performers featured at the inaugural Third Thursday event are: Tebo's Experience (top row); Wandering Acoustics, singer-songwriter Enzo Anchieta (from left, middle row); singer Cynthia Mahood Levin, Jazz Before Midnight and singer-songwriter Joanna Finnis (from left, bottom row).

Worth a Look



Veronica Weber

The Stanford Powwow features a weekend of dancing and drumming competitions, live performances and more.

Stanford Pow Wow

Honoring Indigenous traditions with music, dance, art and food, the Stanford Powwow draws performers and vendors from around the nation for a weekend of dance and drum competitions and live performances, as well as an Indian art market, an array of traditional foods and a May 13 fun run. This year's theme is "Intertribal Unity," and aims to honor elders for their strength and knowledge, according to the event program

May 12-14 at Eucalyptus Grove, 291 Lasuen St., Stanford.

Admission is free; single-day parking is \$10; weekend parking is \$25. stanfordpowwow.com.

Jazz Mafia

Legendary singer-songwriter Stevie Wonder has brought sunshine into a lot of lives over the decades. What better way to pay tribute to such a luminary than with an annual birthday concert, featuring Wonder's best-known hits as well as some deeper cuts? San Francisco-based musical collective Jazz Mafia pays tribute to Wonder and his works each year with their Stevie Wonder Birthday Bash. In this musical celebration featuring vocalists Trance Thompson, Nataly Michelle Wright and Tym Brown, the ensemble unleashes the full power of its brass section while emphasizing the music's funk elements through groovy guitar and bass. Back in 2009, Wonder himself dropped in on a small San Francisco club gig with Supertaster, a group that's part of the Jazz Mafia collective, and sang "All Day Sucker" with the band.

May 13, 7 and 9 p.m. at The Studio at Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Tickets are \$10-\$40. live.stanford.edu.

Laurie Lewis and Men of Note

Bay Area-based bluegrass powerhouse Laurie Lewis teams up with a group that seems perfectly named: Men of Note. This group came together in 2022, with Lewis fronting the band on guitar, banjo and vocals, joined by the swinging bluegrass bass of Mark Schatz, jazz-inflected accordion of Sam Reider and the fleet-fingered fiddle stylings of Brandon Godman. The group plays a variety of traditional songs and originals in a program of folksy Americana, bluesy tunes and tender ballads. Lewis' strong, spare vocals can keep along with the fiddle's highest pitches or unite in rich harmonies, and the quartet has an easy, warm onstage rapport that's as appealing as their music. Laurie Lewis and Men of Note play May 14 in a show presented by Earthwise Productions in Palo Alto, with songwriter Alyssa Burgart opening the show.

May 14, 7 p.m. at the Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$20. eventbrite.com. ■

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Planning Commission
May 24, 2023

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M.

*This is meeting is held virtually and in-person
at the Council Chambers 80 Fair Oaks Lane*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the projects as listed below during their regular meeting.

This meeting will be held in-person and via teleconference pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) to provide the safest environment for staff and the public while allowing for public participation. The public may participate in the Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom Meeting or by attending in-person in the Council Chambers at 80 Fair Oaks Lane, Atherton, CA 94027.

Town of Atherton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Atherton Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Time: May 24, 2023, 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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There are no Projects under Public Hearing:

New Business: The Planning Commission will consider the annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2023/24 – 2027/28 to make findings of consistency with the Town's General Plan. Capital Improvement Program is not considered a "Project" pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

A copy of the Planning Commission staff report and application materials can be found online, by **Friday, May 19, 2023**, here: <https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/641/Agendas-Minutes>

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said application is set for hearing by the Planning Commission at its meeting on **May 24, 2023, at 6:00 PM** in-person and via teleconference accessible through the above-described information, at which time and place all persons interested may participate and show cause, if they have any, why the projects listed in the public hearing section should or should not be approved.

IF YOU CHALLENGE the listed projects in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Planning Commission decisions are appealable by any aggrieved person to the City Council within 10 days of the date of the decision.

If you have any questions on the item please contact If you have any questions on the item please contact Radha Hayagreev, Senior Planner, (408) 796-4370 at rhayagreev@ci.atherton.ca.us or directly to the Planning Commission at planningcommission@ci.atherton.ca.us

Any attendee who wishes accommodation for a disability should contact the Building Division at (650) 752-0542 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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ATHERTON PLANNING COMMISSION
/s/ Radha Hayagreev
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Food & Drink

How *Cuisinett* transformed into a 'little French world' bistro and market

Dine on French wine and comfort food in San Carlos for **Peninsula Restaurant Week**

By Kate Bradshaw

As a preview of some of the restaurants participating in our third annual Peninsula Restaurant Week May 19-27, we're speaking to the restaurateurs behind local eateries. First up in our Q&A series is Geoffroy Raby, owner and restaurateur of Cuisinett Bistro & Market in downtown San Carlos.

For more information about Peninsula Restaurant Week, go to peninsularestaurantweek.com.

Cuisinett Bistro & Market is a San Carlos French restaurant that opened in 2011. Owner and restaurateur Geoffroy Raby opened the eatery as an ode to the neighborhood cafe he grew up with, according to Cuisinett's website. Since then, it has evolved into a bistro and market offering wine, charcuterie and other goods from France alongside classic French comfort foods like ratatouille, beef Bourguignon, and croque madame and monsieur sandwiches.

I recently met Raby to discuss the upcoming Peninsula Restaurant Week and how the French native is bringing a piece of France to the Peninsula through Cuisinett. We talked about Cuisinett's plans for Restaurant Week, how its business model changed during the pandemic and how Raby is working to dispel misgivings about French food.

This conversation has been edited for brevity and clarity.

Peninsula Foodist: Can you tell me a little bit more about your backstory?

Geoffroy Raby: I've been in the U.S. since 2001. I'm originally from Lille in the north of France. I studied marketing and finance, but in order to make money, I worked in restaurants. That's how I got the passion for restaurants and the hospitality business.

When I graduated, I did a couple of different jobs, selling insurance mostly to restaurants and leasing restaurant equipment. I am not a trained chef. I didn't go to culinary school. I like the operations: That's my real passion.

In 2011, I knew I was ready to open. We were coming out of the 2008 (economic) disaster. It was a good time to look for a location and everything. I was looking in the Peninsula. My wife and I have twin boys. They are 11 years old now, going on 12 — like the restaurant.

We live in Redwood Shores. We love our community. And so I got (a space in) San Carlos. When I opened the restaurant, it was fast-casual. At that time, there was no fast-casual French restaurant (in the area).

Peninsula Foodist: How have you been impacted by the pandemic?

Geoffroy Raby: When COVID hit, (I realized) that French food to go is not financially viable. I had to rethink the whole business model. So I decided to open a French market.

I wish we would be on a busier foot-traffic street, because this concept basically has proven to work. But San Carlos is not the top-notch place because (the city closed) Laurel Street, so basically we lost tons of foot traffic.

Being on the less-busy street, it's like, "How do we gain people?" The French market is one of the ways to do it; Restaurant Week is another one. We've done some secret items on our menu randomly during the weekdays to improve traffic.

One thing that I've learned through COVID and after COVID is that a great concept will always work, but a great concept combined with a great location definitely has more chances to succeed.



Courtesy Geoffroy Raby

Geoffroy Raby, Cuisinett restaurateur, sells wine and other French fare at a market inside the San Carlos bistro.

We don't have the foot traffic — the Caltrain attendance went down completely. People are still not in the office. If I look at Redwood Shores, most of the company parking lots are empty. We used to have a very strong lunch business with Oracle, Electronic Arts, Sony and multiple other companies close by. But we saw a drop.

Peninsula Foodist: What would you say makes your restaurant special?

Geoffroy Raby: The restaurant business is really (about) how do you create magic? People come here to shop and stay to eat at the restaurant. Coming to Cuisinett is cheaper than an airplane ticket to France.

We have a pretty big French community as well. I think one of the things that they've really enjoyed is the fact that we went back to a more casual approach. We're trying to stay away from stereotypes that people may have from French food. We don't have a French onion soup, because most French people don't (eat) it. I'm really trying to bring the kind of neighborhood bistros that we have in France. You'll

find sandwiches like the Merguez sandwich — the spicy sausage is definitely a classic. We do items that my mom used to make (like) a French grilled cheese.

I go back to France at least once a year because I always like to see what's happening. We haven't reinvented the wheel or anything, which is kind of the beauty of it.

We're open all day, from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and the idea is you should be able to come here to our place for a quick bite, but also for a nice meal. We're very casual, and we want you to be able to have a beautiful, healthy and filling salad or a nice little sandwich at night.

We don't do many breakfast items because we're not a breakfast place. I think sometimes when you try to do too many things, it's difficult to excel in one.

I think we're well known in San Carlos and within the surrounding area. The goal is to open more Cuisinett Bistro & Markets because the concept basically works, it's just now I need to find locations where I have more foot traffic.

Peninsula Foodist: What are some examples of the regional

cuisine where you're from in northern France?

Geoffroy Raby: We have a special called carbonnade flamande. The best way to describe it is the cousin of beef Bourguignon. It's a beef stew, but we use dark beer, as well as some brown sugar, and we let it simmer for a very long time, eight to 10 hours. We usually serve it with fries on the side.

You get this beautiful, slowly cooked braised meat and the beer adds a friendly acidity, I would call it, with a touch of sweetness from the brown sugar. And when you dip the fries into the sauce, the starch of the potatoes with the acidity and sweetness, plus a touch of the meat that's slowly braised — it's a great combination. It's super delicious.

We also bring secret items to the menu. We have a French truffle burger that we do. We announce it in email marketing or text marketing, or stories on Instagram, and it brings people in because we do a limited quantity. We have people that line up for it. We use this high-end black

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truffle spread that goes inside of the burger, and we use brie cheese on top of the beef patty. You have this combination of brioche bun, natural beef patty and the creaminess of the brie cheese, and the earthiness of the black truffle spread. When you do that in one bite, it's an umami moment where you have layers of flavors.

Peninsula Foodist: Tell me more about what you offer at your market.

Geoffroy Raby: We offer anything that's related with French food — French cookies, charcuterie, cheese and wine retail. We do dry goods, such as French olive oil, French vinegars and mustards. Everything is imported, which is challenging, because it gets caught at the port, and we have to wait.

What was great with the French market is we were able to add sales without adding much more labor. But in terms of experience, it added a tremendous amount of that French feeling, like you come in and you feel like you're in a little French world.

France is not just Paris or just Provence. France is made of different regions. Being from the north of France, (I wanted the menu to be) a representation of

different areas of France. I didn't want to focus on just one.

Peninsula Foodist: What are your plans for Restaurant Week?

Geoffroy Raby: We decided to go with a prix-fixe menu. It's basically an introduction to discover our menu — a classic, three-course prix fixe with an appetizer, main course and dessert for \$44.

When I created the restaurant, in the market research, one of the things people think of French food is (that) French restaurants are intimidating, because sometimes they don't know how to pronounce the name of the dishes or maybe they are too expensive.

Cuisinett Bistro & Market is the opposite of all that. We are a casual French restaurant. You could come here as a casual catch-up with friends or casual work dinner. You can come as a date. And you can come after sports events. We have a few families who come during the week — the kids do either soccer or karate — and they will come here right after because they know that they can have a quick bite and it's not gonna kill them financially.

We're very happy to do Restaurant Week. We're trying to broaden our audience and we're very excited to help people discover French food, especially for someone who hasn't tried it yet. We want (people) to know that it's something approachable,



Courtesy Geoffroy Raby

Charcuterie, escargots, salads and other French dishes are laid out at Cuisinett in San Carlos.

accessible and delicious.

Cuisinett, 1105 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos; 650-453-3390, Instagram: @cuisinett. ■

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Public Notices

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. M-290602

The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
4-GOOD FOUNDATION
217 Camino Al Lago
Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo County
FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON:
03/23/2022
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
THE DAVID AND HEIDI WELCH FOUNDATION
217 Camino Al Lago
Atherton, CA 94027
CA
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY A Corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County on April 24 2023.
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APOLO DAYCARE
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06/02/2022
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450 Bell St
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THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual.
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ALPINE OPTOMETRY
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File No.: M-294148

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Alpine Optometry, located at 3130 Alpine Road, Suite 220, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
FARIBA LESSANI
1120 Russell Avenue
Los Altos, CA 94028
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/14/2010
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ASPIN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: M-293894

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1.) Aspin, located at 1194 Manzanita Dr. Pacifica, CA 94044, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
BRANDI BISHOP
1194 Manzanita Dr. Pacifica, CA 94044
This business is conducted by: an Individual.
Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 31 2023.
(ALM Apr 21, 28, May 5 and 12, 2023)

CHECK THE CHIP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: M-294087

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) CHECK THE CHIP, located at 1139 San Carlos Ave, Suite #305, San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
CHECK THE CHIP, INC.
2100 Geng Road, Suite 210
Palo Alto, CA 94303
DE
This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/10/2023.
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Exemption from PVSD Parcel Tax

An exemption from the Portola Valley School District \$471 parcel tax is available to eligible seniors (age 65 or older by June 30), persons receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Applicants must occupy the property they own, located within the boundary of the School District. The exemption application is available at www.pvsd.net or by calling (650) 851-1777. Application and supporting documents must be submitted by June 15. The application does not need to be submitted each year.
(ALM May 12, 2023)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton City Council will hold a public hearing to consider adopting amendments to Chapter 2.04 of the Atherton Municipal Code regarding the Council's primary meeting location.

Join Zoom Meeting:
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Remote Public Comments:
Meeting participants are encouraged to submit public comments in writing in advance of the meeting. The following email will be monitored during the meeting and public comments received will be read into the record.
Email: asuber@ci.atherton.ca.us

Description: The City Council is considering amendments to Chapter 2.04 of the Atherton Municipal Code regarding the Council's primary meeting location. This purpose of such draft Ordinance amendments is intended to update the previously identified 94 Ashfield Road to 80 Fair Oaks Lane. A copy of the City Council staff report and draft Ordinance can be found online, by Friday, May 12, 2023 here: <https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/641/Agendas-Minutes>

The proposal has been determined to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to CEQA Section 15308, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for protection of the Environment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this amendment is set for hearing by the City Council at its meeting on **May 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM** via in-person and teleconference accessible through the above-described information, at which time and place all persons interested may participate and show cause, if they have any, why the amendments should or should not be approved.

IF YOU CHALLENGE any actions taken to adopt the amendments to Chapter 2.04 of the Atherton Municipal Code in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

If you have any questions or would like to submit comments on the item please contact George Rodericks, City Manager, at grodericks@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-752-0504. Any attendee who wishes accommodation for a disability should contact the Building Division at (650) 752-0542 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Date Posted: May 4, 2023

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/s/ George Rodericks
George Rodericks, City Manager



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