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Halloween Hoopla brings costumed crowds to downtown Menlo Park

See highlights from the annual event in our photo story, starting on page 12.

Discrimination claim filed against administrators over arrest of Menlo-Atherton High student in April

By Neil Gonzales

An adverse learning environment for minority children with special needs in the Sequoia Union High School District allegedly contributed to an escalation of events that culminated in a Menlo-Atherton High student being forcefully restrained and injured by police in April.

In a claim filed against the district on Wednesday, Oct. 25, San Francisco-based

law firm Special Education Collaboration Project makes that and other allegations on behalf of the M-A student. Students' videos of the arrest circulated widely online, and the case spawned youth-led protests against police misconduct and grabbed headlines.

"This young man has not been educated for many, many years, and much of that amounts to disability discrimination," said Evan Goldsen, the firm's co-founder. "We're also raising

claims for discrimination on the basis of race."

Attempts to obtain comment from the district and its Board of Trustees were not immediately successful.

The claim names the student only as "K.C." because he is a minor but describes him as an African American youth with the disabilities of emotional disturbance and speech-and-language impairment.

"At the age of 7, K.C. witnessed the shooting of his mother and

uncle," the claim says. "K.C.'s uncle died as a result of the shooting, and his mother survived. K.C. was traumatized by this event, and the negative impact would exacerbate challenges he encountered throughout his educational career."

The claim points out that the district gave K.C. an individualized education plan (IEP), a personalized roadmap laying out the special-education

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Commissioners agree on naming new community campus after Onetta Harris

Menlo Park council to make final decision

By Cameron Rebosio

After an outpouring of support for naming the new Menlo Park Community Campus after Onetta Harris, city commissioners agreed to recommend honoring the late Belle Haven resident and community activist to the City Council. An overwhelming majority of members of the Menlo Park Parks and Recreation and Library commissions supported the idea at a joint commission meeting Oct. 25.

Following a Sept. 18 meeting where most of over 100 comments sought for Onetta Harris to be honored at the new complex, a total of 34 residents spoke on Oct. 25, with 32 of them supporting putting Harris' name on the new community campus, which is still under construction in the city's Belle Haven neighborhood, east of U.S. Highway 101. Many speakers were so passionate they went over their allotted 90 seconds of time.

Onetta Harris was a community activist in Belle Haven, and the former community center at 100 Terminal Ave. was named for her in a unanimous vote from the Menlo Park City Council, according to the Menlo Park Historical Association. The Onetta Harris Community Center was torn down to make way for the new Menlo Park Community Campus (MPCC) in the same location.

"Miss Harris's trend of activism should be highlighted and

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Who is overlooked right here in our own community?

We are living through extraordinary and uncertain times with many worthy concerns vying for your attention and support. One that is often overlooked and neglected: **The well-being of our senior adults and their essential daily needs**, even right here in our own community. They are your parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends--the ones who have contributed so much to the communities we enjoy today. Where would we be without them?

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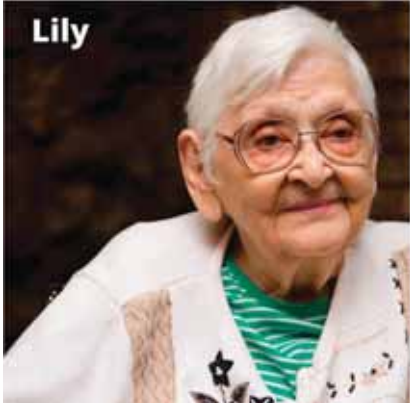

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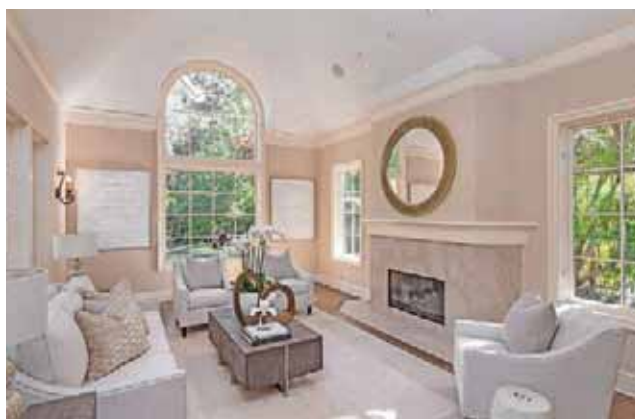
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Matt Sharp Chaney, courtesy of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

A Myotis bat – one of the 15 bat species found around the Bay Area – hides from the camera.

Yes, that's a bat in your yard

Midpeninsula residents report seeing the winged insect-eaters for the first time

By Isha Trivedi

With Halloween still in the air, skeletons, pumpkins and ghosts have appeared all over the Midpeninsula. But there's one harbinger of Halloween that sticks around in Palo Alto year-round — bats.

Longtime Palo Alto resident Pamela Weiss is one of a few Palo Altans who reported a bat encounter at her home this month. While the sighting seems rare, experts say the winged creatures are actually

more common in this area and less dangerous to humans than you might expect. And they serve a vital role in the wellbeing of our environment.

Weiss said she was sitting down for dinner with family and had just closed the screens covering her backyard porch to keep bugs out when she saw what she thought were small birds flying in circles inside her porch. But a closer look revealed that the birds were actually bats, and they settled down just long enough for her to take a picture.

"I've lived here more than 26 years and never saw any," she told this publication via email.

Weiss said she's normally careful about watching out for small animals like cats or birds getting stuck around her house, but now she's adding bats to the list as well.

"The bravest of us ventured outside and reopened the screened doors," she said. "They eventually fled the scene, poor things."

Mike Belcher has lived in

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State officials urge vaccinations against 'triple-threat' of winter viruses

By Thomas Hughes/Bay City News Service

The California Department of Public Health is urging Californians to get immunized against a triple-threat of viruses that are expected to surge in the coming months.

Rates of COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, are expected to spike in the late fall and winter months as more people gather indoors, and as fewer people are getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

But a shortage of RSV antibody doses this season has federal and state health officials shifting

their guidance to include more vaccinations for those who are pregnant during certain periods of their pregnancies.

Vaccination rates for COVID-19 are much lower compared to the past two years. The vaccines were previously free for patients, with the cost paid by the federal government, but are now on the commercial market. Those without health insurance can still access free vaccines through a state program called My Turn, which can be accessed at myturn.ca.gov.

Dr. Tomas Aragon, the state's public health officer, said during a virtual press conference

Thursday, Oct. 26, that vaccination rates have been lower among Californians with lower incomes, and among certain racial and ethnic groups.

Aragon recommended anyone older than 6 months to get a COVID and a flu shot.

Newborns and toddlers between birth and 19 months old are at the highest risk of severe RSV, along with adults older than 65.

Aragon recommended wearing masks, washing your hands, and staying home when sick as prevention methods.

More information can be found at vaccines.org. ■

Local home remodeling company returns to Mountain View

Now employee-owned, Harrell Design + Build started in a Menlo Park garage in 1985

By Emily Margaretten

A trailblazer in the home remodeling business for nearly 40 years, Harrell Design + Build, a women-founded and employee-owned company, celebrated its grand opening in Mountain View with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday morning, Oct. 26.

"We're so excited to be back in Mountain View," said CEO Lisa Sten, who spoke to a gathering of employees, local residents and city representatives, that included Mayor Alison Hicks and Mountain View Chamber of Commerce CEO Peter Katz.

The launching of Harrell Design + Build, located at 2284 Old Middlefield Way, isn't the company's first foray into Mountain View. But it certainly is the most ambitious. "It's our 'forever home,'" Sten said.

The newly-renovated 12,720 square-foot building, which used to house Art and Frames Unlimited, features a 7,000 square-foot showroom with full-room displays, home interior products and open spaces for workshops and community events.

"It took a few years to get here, but we have one spot for everything now," Sten said.

"And the building still has opportunity to grow," she added.

Harrell Design + Build, which employs about 50 people, takes up a little over half of the building, leasing out the rest of the space to other businesses.

At a time when the city is making a concentrated effort to bring businesses back to Mountain View, the return of Harrell Design + Build, which was based out of Palo Alto for seven years, is especially welcome news, Katz said.

Originally known as Harrell Remodeling, Harrell Design + Build got its start in a Menlo Park garage in 1985. Iris Harrell founded the company with her life partner, Ann Benson, whom she met in Texas as a touring musician. According to company lore, Benson put a screwdriver in Harrell's hand and said, "Start

doing something." Harrell never looked back.

At the time, Harrell was one of the few women in the country to run a residential construction company. Many of her earliest clients were "little old widowed ladies" who preferred not to be alone with men working in their homes, according to the company website.

Harrell found her niche and continued to differentiate her business with a personal touch that focused on clients' needs. Even to this day, the company builds the homes that clients want, Sten said.

Sten joined Harrell Remodeling as a designer in 2000, just as it was getting ready to move out of Menlo Park and expand to a new location on Old Middlefield Way in Mountain View. Around this time, Harrell started to offer an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) that provided company shares to employees. When Harrell retired in 2014, the company transitioned from 37% to 100% employee-owned, Sten said.

In 2016, the company sold its Mountain View building and relocated to a rental space in Palo Alto. "But we saved our pennies, knowing we would be homeowners again," Sten said. In 2020, the company's CEO at the time, Ciro Giammona, retired and Sten took over right before the pandemic hit.

While construction stalled during the early months of the pandemic, demand for home remodels quickly surged, and every year since then has been "our best year ever," Sten said. The company brought in \$14 million in revenue in 2021, according to an industry publication.

In 2022, the company rebranded as Harrell Design + Build and finalized the purchase of its "forever home" in Mountain View.

Harrell Design + Build spent the next year renovating the building to create a home design showroom that customers could walk into and experience directly in a tactile way. It also focused on its exterior features,

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Fourth version of Menlo Park housing element heading to City Council for approval

By Cameron Rebosio

Menlo Park's fourth try at drafting an acceptable housing element is coming back to the City Council next week, and the document is available online for public viewing.

One of the final steps before resubmitting the housing element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) was a seven-day public review period of the latest changes, made in response to the HCD's and City Council's requests. The review period ends at 5 p.m. Nov. 3, and the housing element will come back before the City Council on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The housing element update is a state-mandated process that occurs every eight years — and the state is strongly enforcing penalties for failing to comply. California requires cities to plan for future development with an eye toward balancing jobs and housing. Menlo Park's housing target, also known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), says the city must plan for close to 3,800 net new housing units by 2031, and show how it will accomplish it in a document known as a housing element.

Menlo Park first submitted its housing element to the HCD in July 2022, but state housing officials didn't accept it and

sent it back for revisions. A second attempt was shot down by the state in April. The third and most recent iteration of the housing element was submitted in June and rejected in August.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for community members to see the changes being made in the housing element based on comments that we've gotten," Council member Maria Doerr said. "I'm feeling positive about this round of the housing element."

Among the issues that the state took with Menlo Park's latest housing element version was that housing opportunities were unequally distributed between the city's east and west sides.

Doerr said that a big part of making good on the housing element is the ongoing conversations about zoning that will return to the Menlo Park City Council in late November.

Council member Drew Combs expressed concern that zoning changes to encourage denser housing development are too concentrated in the Belle Haven and Bayfront neighborhoods that make up District 1, represented by Council member Cecilia Taylor. The planning commission recently met over rezoning issues, singling out downtown Menlo Park as an

area that could support higher density buildings in the future. Combs said he is still hopeful that the other changes city staff made are enough to get the housing element over the finish line.

Until Menlo Park's housing element is approved by the state, the city is under the threat of builder's remedy projects — like the high-rise proposal at the old Sunset Magazine headquarters on Willow Road — that can bypass the city's own development rules.

Mayor Jen Wolosin said that she's optimistic that the latest iteration of the housing element will make it over the finish line, especially since city staff has been speaking with HCD staffers as they make the necessary changes.

"I'm hopeful that this time we've reached the necessary sort of approach that the state is looking for," Combs said. "...I'm hoping that some of the changes and that face-to-face engagement is enough to make this time successful."

When the housing element comes back to the Menlo Park City Council at the Nov. 7 meeting, it will be up for the council's approval and submission to the state. ■

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CRIME BRIEFS

Three burglars break into Atherton home

Three burglars broke a front glass door and entered a home on Ridgeview Drive in Atherton on Wednesday, Oct. 25, police said.

The break-in occurred at approximately 7:15 p.m. in the first block of Ridgeview, according to a statement put out by the Atherton Police Department on Oct. 26. The incident is under investigation and police said they would not release any further information at this time.

Anyone who lives around Ridgeview Drive is asked to check surveillance video and report any possible leads to the Atherton Police Department by calling 650-688-6500.

Police reminded Atherton residents that home alarm systems can be monitored for free by Atherton Police Dispatch Center, and that a "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CPTED) review of homes by a specially trained officer is available by calling the department at 650-688-6500.

— *Almanac staff*

Motorcyclist in fatal crash identified

A motorcyclist who died after being involved in a collision Saturday, Oct. 21, on northbound U.S. Highway 101 in Palo Alto was identified Oct. 25 by the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner's Office as Melvin Alfredo Torres Guzman.

The 38-year-old Redwood City resident was driving a Harley-Davidson Sportster on Highway 101 just north of San Antonio Road around 2:40 a.m. on Oct. 21 when he collided with the rear end of a Chevrolet S-10, causing him to be ejected and the bike to careen into another vehicle.

The other vehicle, a Jeep, rolled over and landed upright in the collision. Neither of the other drivers was reportedly injured, but Torres Guzman died as a result of the crash, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The collision is under investigation by the CHP.

Stanford investigating cyberattack

Stanford University said it is continuing to investigate a cybersecurity incident that targeted its Department of Public Safety last week.

The university is working to determine the extent of the attack but said that it appears limited to the Department of Public Safety and didn't impact other parts of the school.

Police emergency response functions weren't impacted, according to school officials.

"Our privacy and information security teams have been giving this matter their concerted attention, in coordination with outside specialists," Stanford officials said in a statement posted on the school's website. "The investigation is ongoing and once it is completed, we will act accordingly and be able to share more information with the community."

— *Bay City News Service*

OBITUARIES

Local residents who have died recently include:

Peter Bohley, 81, a former Woodside mayor and council member who spent most of his life in Palo Alto, interrupted by a brief two-year stint in Pakistan during the early days of the Peace Corps, and who later launched his own civil engineering company that he ran into 2016, on Oct. 18.

Esther Joki, 95, a longtime Palo Alto resident with an interest in camping trips and traveling, and who worked an assortment of jobs after her children left for college including a home business where she would sew custom-made corsets for men and women, on Oct. 4.

Wendell Milburn, 51, who grew up in Palo Alto and worked at a number of Whole Foods in the area, and whose hobbies included art, photography and a love for automobiles and vintage cars that led to a first-place spot at the Monterey Autobahn for his BMW restoration work, on Sept. 19.

Frederick Schwerer, 82, a research scientist who studied the properties of materials for companies including U.S. Steel Research Center, and who would later go on to volunteer for local organizations including food banks, United Way, the Palo Alto Bridge Club and Martha Lloyd Community Services, on Oct. 24.

Phyllis Cima, 95, a Menlo Park resident who discovered an early passion for Ikebana flower art, serving as the Ikebana International San Francisco Bay Area chapter president and became an expert teacher in the craft, on Sept. 28.

James Wong, 97, a Palo Alto resident who served in the U.S. Navy and attended UCLA before eventually moving to Palo Alto, where he was an active community member and was well-traveled in his retirement years, on Oct. 2.

To read the full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to Lasting Memories at AlmanacNews.com/Obituaries. ■

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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors agrees that sheriff's office needs some type of oversight

Proposal would include a civilian advisory board and a separate supervisors' oversight committee

By Sue Dremann

Following more than eight hours of public discussion, including comments from law enforcement officers and proponents of civilian supervision, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors determined that the sheriff's office needs a form of oversight.

While some San Mateo County residents want a civilian oversight committee with subpoena powers to look into matters involving the Sheriff's Office, a move the agency said isn't necessary and would undermine department stability and trust among deputies, supervisors instead considered a hybrid approach.

It would create a supervisors' criminal justice or oversight committee and a separate civilian advisory board. The supervisors would hire an inspector general for critical cases, but the board would retain subpoena power, they said during a study session Oct. 24.

The discussion came just days after the back-to-back deaths in the Maguire Correctional Facility in Redwood City, which is overseen by the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Christina Corpus, who took the helm when she was elected last November, unseating incumbent Carlos Bolanos.

Supporters of oversight, including advocacy groups and community members affected by the department's actions, advocated for the committee to increase transparency in light of past and recent incidents, and racial disparities in arrest rates. And while a citizen oversight body has an estimated \$3.5 million annual price tag, it would be a good investment, according to some proponents, as the county has paid thousands of dollars to settle claims against the department.

Opponents argued that oversight could lead to a potential for political interference as well as a possibility for increased bureaucracy that could draw staff away from essential duties. They believe that existing oversight procedures are sufficient for overseeing law enforcement conduct without civilian involvement.

The potential civilian oversight committee has been a long-term goal of local grassroots organization Fixin' San Mateo County, which wants transparency in the department and civilian review of incidents involving the sheriff's office. The organization proposed that the county hire a full-time

inspector general, give civilian committee members the right to issue subpoenas and create an 11-member oversight committee, among other things. Individual committee members would receive \$500 per meeting.

Reducing deputy misconduct; increasing accountability

Corpus asked the supervisors for more time to implement her plans. Corpus won on a platform of transparency and community policing, and a promise to change the department's culture.

The department faced a public outcry after the death of Chinedu Okobi, a Black man experiencing a mental health crisis. Deputies used a Taser, pepper spray and batons during the jaywalking incident in which Okobi died. San Mateo County paid \$4.5 million to settle a wrongful death lawsuit with Okobi's family.

Bolanos' direction for four deputies to raid an Indiana car shop in the Batmobile incident became another sore spot that advocates for oversight said further eroded public trust, questioning whether the Atherton resident who ordered the custom car got preferential treatment.

Jim Lawrence, board chair of Fixin' San Mateo County and a founding member of the Coalition for Safer San Mateo County, said he supports Corpus' reforms.

Corpus "embodies a vision of change and progress, one that promises to elevate the standards of law enforcement and public service in our county," Lawrence said, adding that the organization's changes are aimed at meeting the community's changing needs and ensuring that public safety is a collective responsibility.

"A civilian oversight board with an inspector general's office is the first step in achieving that goal here in San Mateo County," he said.

Between 2013 and 2021, the sheriff's office made 23,164 arrests; 77% were considered low-level crimes by today's standards, he said.

According to Lawrence, people of color are arrested at a rate 17 times higher than that of white individuals, with Latinos facing twice the likelihood of arrest.

"Digging further into the data, police shootings where the police did not try non-lethal force before shooting, was 50%," he said.

"Building trust between law enforcement and the community is vital," he said.

If people believe there's a fair

and unbiased process, they're more likely to cooperate with active investigations, he added.

County resident Akena Okobe said she is a strong supporter of independent oversight of the sheriff's department. Five years ago, the San Mateo Coroner ruled her brother's death a homicide at the hands of sheriff's deputies, she said.

The county later paid out "an historic amount" to settle the civil case the Okobe family brought on against the family, Akena Okobe said. "And none of the deputies involved in his murder were ever held accountable," she said.

She challenged the board members and the county's response to her brother's murder.

"Is the county prepared to break its own settlement record because another family has lost someone due to reckless and violent sheriff's department deputies?" she said. "If an institution has shown itself to be far more deadly towards certain groups within the community, our community members are entitled to take a more active role monitoring the actions, outcomes and culture of

that institution," she said.

While many people are satisfied with the Corpus' job performance, the issue isn't about any one person, she added.

"It's about institutional culture. It's about practices. It's about motivations. And so when I say that there should be a robust public oversight of the sheriff's department, I'm not trying to talk about any one person. I'm saying that these are institutions that have significant impact on individual lives and in the lives of the community as a whole," Okobe said.

Cameron McElhiney, executive director of the National Association of Civilian Oversight for Law Enforcement (NACOLE), said civilian oversight is a critical component in building legitimacy in law enforcement. Civilian oversight operates outside the overseeing law enforcement agency, she said.

"One of the things that is a very important component of civilian oversight is that it helps to build legitimacy in law enforcement," she said. "The community being able to review

things like investigations, policies and practices, helps to build legitimacy in the process and with the community. It also allows for people to have a better idea of what's happening in a world that is sometimes not as accessible or visible to the community as a whole."

Redundant oversight and political infighting?

Susan Manheimer, the former police chief of the city of San Mateo, said civilian oversight boards have mostly been disastrous where they have been implemented.

She disagreed that civilian oversight is necessary for an effective working relationship between law enforcement and the public.

"That has not been my experience and has not been borne out by the experiences I've had in three departments that had direct oversight. And in fact, some have been so dysfunctional and counterproductive, including some here in the Bay Area," said Manheimer, a strategic site liaison with the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the U.S. Department of Justice.

She pointed to Oakland and San Francisco, whose oversight boards have become mired in politics.

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Día de los Muertos celebration returns to downtown Redwood City

This year's event will spotlight Mayan cultural traditions

By Michelle Iracheta

Casa Círculo Cultural, in collaboration with the San Mateo County History Museum and the Redwood City Library, is set to host its 13th annual Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration in downtown Redwood City on Sunday, Nov. 5.

This year, the event will spotlight the captivating traditions of the Mayan culture.

Scheduled to kick off at 4 p.m. at Courthouse Square, the annual festivity has been a staple in Redwood City since it

began in 2011. Starting at 6 p.m., guests of honor will initiate the event with a welcome speech and procession.

Each year, event planners choose a theme that resonates deeply with Mexican heritage and traditions. For this year, the focus is on Mayan culture, offering the community an opportunity to learn about an ancient civilization that was prominent in southern Mexico and Guatemala.

Visitors can look forward to a gamut of activities and offerings, including face painting, free children's events and live

entertainment. Food vendors will also be selling traditional Mexican fare like hot chocolate, pan de muerto and tamales.

Attendees are invited to participate in building ceremonial altars, called ofrendas, for a special week-long exhibit at the San Mateo County History Museum. The exhibit will run from Nov. 5 to 11.

Though the Day of the Dead is a tradition steeped in the themes of mortality and the afterlife, the event focuses on the joyous aspect of remembrance. The Día de los Muertos offers a unique



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lens through which to celebrate life by honoring those who came before.

For more information on this year's Día de los Muertos

celebration, visit the Casa Círculo Cultural's event page at casacirculocultural.org.

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used to inspire everyone that walks in that building to build upon her legacy of leadership," resident Taylor Barber said. "Onetta Harris was an important voice and a catalyst for positive change in Menlo Park, and Belle Haven specifically, for 30 years. Why would you want to erase that?"

Only two speakers suggested different names to the MPCC. Belle Haven resident Pam Jones suggested naming the complex the Belle Haven Multigenerational Campus in honor of the area, with a plaque inside documenting the naming process and all of the passion shown by residents.

"Belle Haven is the name that was used in the 1960 Civil Rights Movement when they were documenting the redlining," Jones said. "Belle Haven is the name that's remembered. This land that we're on is Belle Haven ... We have a lot of legacy here, a lot of people here that have done a lot. Belle Haven is what anchors us."

A petition given to the joint commissions had 250 signatures in support of calling it the Onetta Harris Community Center, and residents told stories of their time at the old community center. Memories ranged from learning to swim and watching Bruce Lee movies to making life-long friendships.

"She lives through us," David Harper said. "Her soul is here



Courtesy city of Menlo Park

A rendering of the Menlo Park Community Campus, which is still under construction in the Belle Haven neighborhood.

right now, her legacy is here right now, her spirit is here right now, so we are Onetta Harris. We will fight for her as she fought for us, and we are a

reflection of her."

Many public comment speakers brought up the erasure of Black history in the United States, with several pointing to new laws against teaching it in states like Florida. The speakers said that not having Onetta Harris's name on the building would be an attack on local Black history in Belle Haven.

While comments were overwhelmingly supportive, one speaker and two commissioners argued that the campus shouldn't be named after Harris since the entire original campus was never officially named for her, only a portion of it was. Despite that nuance, the name caught on and was used colloquially on everything from bus

lines to official Menlo Park city communications.

One commissioner suggested that the center be called the Belle Haven Community Center, with one of the programs named after Harris, saying that the building is not a continuation of the former Onetta Harris Community Center, and it never officially had that name. One commissioner suggested naming it the Belle Haven Community Center, but renaming Terminal Avenue, the street it's on, after Onetta Harris.

The majority of commission members said they had heard no other name seriously proposed, and that calling it Onetta Harris could honor not only the late activist but also the community's fight to preserve the name.

The commissions submitted two recommended names for the building: Onetta Harris Community Campus and Onetta Harris Community Campus at Belle Haven. The five programs that will be housed at the complex have the suggested names of Belle Haven Pool, Belle Haven Branch Library, Belle Haven Community Center or Onetta Harris Community Center, Belle Haven Senior Center or Menlo Park Senior Center and Belle Haven Youth Center. There is also an option where the names of all five programs were left blank, in order to be named after significant community leaders.

The vote on the naming recommendation passed in a 10-2 vote with Library Commission Chair Vamsi Velagapudi and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Wonman Lee opposed. The Menlo Park City Council will make the final decision at a future date. ■

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Review and Approval/Denial of a Resolution of Intention and Recommendation to the Town Council to Amend Chapter 153 (Zoning) to Align the regulations in the Town's Municipal Code for Accessory Dwelling Units with Amended Provisions in California Government Code Section 65852.2 (State Assembly Bill 2221 and Senate Bill 897).

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“Show me the model that’s working. Show me the model where it’s not a highly politicized body that in fact at times, is based on mistrust and has driven wedges with the very departments that communities are looking to build a bond with,” she said.

Civilian oversight also creates cumbersome bureaucracy, using many staff resources “to oversee the overseers. The level of debt and the level of responses to this external body oftentimes takes the very staff that you need to go out and do the work off of the streets,” she said.

Assistant County Attorney David Silberman, whom the supervisors previously directed to look into existing law enforcement oversight, noted that 14 entities or agencies already have various forms of oversight over alleged law enforcement wrongdoing, from the state Attorney General to the District Attorney’s Office, the U.S. Department of Justice, Grand Jury, the Board of Supervisors and others.

“The Board of State and Community Corrections is responsible for regulating our jails. It has 70 pages of regulations that the sheriff’s office needs to comply with,” he said.

He also described 14 examples of significant new oversight-related legislation, including bills that cover press access, attorney general review, personnel records and use of force tactics and policies.

“Senate Bill 2 is a sea change. It requires the sheriff to hire only certified officers, certified by POST (the Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training). It made it easier to sue law enforcement officers for civil rights violations,” Silberman said.

The bill also bars officers with significant misconduct records from POST certification. The bill establishes a new Peace Officer Standards Accountability Office, to be staffed by 32 investigators, which will review and potentially conduct further investigations into serious misconduct within the sheriff’s office, he added.

A nine-member board appointed by the governor and legislatures includes a majority of public members, including those with a background in police accountability and members who have experienced wrongful use of force, he said. Sheriffs must report all allegations of serious misconduct regardless of the merit under SB2. It requires the sheriff’s office to complete all investigations involving severe misconduct. Previously, there were concerns that sheriff’s offices would not complete investigations on officers who resigned.

Assembly Bill 953, the Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015 (RIPA), is another sea change in enforcement, Silberman said.

It requires every state and local agency, including the sheriff’s office, that employs peace officers to annually report detailed data on all stops made by peace officers, covering demographics of those stopped and specifics of the encounters. The information, which is also made public, includes the location, perceived race, gender, LGBTQ status, age, language proficiency, and disability status, along with the reasons for and outcomes of the stop, he said.

A path forward, but different visions on how to get there

Corpus pointed to reforms she has made to change the culture within the sheriff’s office and build community relationships. She created a behavioral health unit in the jail and a swim club on the coast. The club has taught 80 children to swim after two farmworkers drowned.

In January, Corpus formed the Community Advisors for Responsible Engagement program (CARES), which holds advisory forums in North County, South County and Coastside. Sheriff’s office leadership meets with residents, community organizations and small businesses to discuss ideas and develop solutions.

Corpus said at least a handful of deputies told her they would leave immediately if a civilian oversight board were created.

“Some are concerned about subpoena power. I’ve had some tell me that they’re concerned that if they want to go get help — mental health services — that would stop them from doing it because they don’t want (their) information to be put out there,” Corpus said. “Not because we’re trying to hide anything, but because it takes a lot of pride for somebody to ask for help, especially when you’re an enforcement officer, and you go through a lot of — you see a lot of tragedy.”

The department is short-staffed by 96 deputies. Many on the force are feeling burnout from the overtime, long-distance travel and long hours away from their families, she said.

Representatives from sheriffs’ organizations agreed.

“We’re barely making it to run the jail, to run the courts, to have deputies on the streets. And the way we’re doing it is on the backs of the men and women of the sheriff’s office and their backs are broken. They’re waving the white flag. They can’t sustain this. So on top of all these issues, community oversight or civilian oversight

on top of that, it’s going to be a disaster,” said Deputy Carlos Tapia, president of the Deputy Sheriffs Association.

Sgt. Hector Acosta, a representative of the Organization of Sheriffs’ Sergeants, said deputies have told him that if oversight comes to San Mateo County, they will leave and go to other agencies.

“What civilian oversight would do is have a snowball effect,” he said.

Millbrae resident Michael Kelly noted that Corpus has only been on the job for 10 months out of a 72-month term. He wanted the supervisors to hold off on an oversight committee and allow an iterative process to refine the changes over time. Then, perhaps in a few years, the sheriff might be open to an oversight body if needed.

Supervisor Warren Slocum said he is not in favor of giving a civilian board subpoena power. He was certainly not in favor of spending \$3.5 million nor funding civilian board members \$500 per day, he added.

“Subpoena power would come from the board and in collaboration with the county attorney and the county executive, and if a subpoena was needed, that’s the way it would come forward,” he said.

Slocum suggested that the board create a sheriff oversight committee comprising a subset of supervisors working with the sheriff on matters regularly. A separate civilian advisory body would facilitate public safety, transparency, accountability and community engagement. They could hold public meetings and do outreach, provide feedback, submit reports and make recommendations and perhaps produce an annual report.

He proposed creating a nine-member civilian advisory body with appointments shared among the Board of Supervisors, the sheriff, the county executive and other officials. This group, aided by a staff liaison and including sheriff’s office and county attorney representation, would not engage in personnel or disciplinary matters, nor would it conduct investigations or make referrals on issues currently under investigation.

The county executive, on their initiative or at the direction of the board of supervisors, could deal with the question of an as-needed inspector general with whom the county might enter into a contract, he said.

The supervisors didn’t vote on his proposal, but they concurred that it sounded promising. They directed city staff to return with ideas for how the two bodies would function. ■

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS**Housing element community workshops in Atherton**

This month, the town of Atherton is hosting two community workshops related to its housing element, the state-mandated document outlining how the town will accommodate new housing development over the next eight years.

A general housing element update is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 8, followed by a workshop on objective design standards on Monday, Nov. 13. Both will start at 6 p.m. and take place virtually.

To join via Zoom, go to us02web.zoom.us/j/89234674328, or join by phone by dialing 669-444-9171 and using the webinar ID: 892 3467 4328.

Questions can be submitted ahead of time by emailing council@ci.atherton.ca.us with the subject line “Housing Q&A” or can be asked live via the Q&A feature during the webinar.

— *Andrea Gemmet*

Meta scales back community market

Meta announced that its mobile market ceased operations Oct. 29, saying it will transfer the program to a “scaled back” model but did not give any specifics as to what that might look like.

Meta’s Community Mobile Market began operations in 2016 at 415 Ivy Drive in Menlo Park with the goal of bringing fresh and organic produce, protein essentials and flowers to the Belle Haven neighborhood and East Palo Alto, according to the organization’s website.

Ride Plus free rides extended to end of year

Ride Plus, a ride-share service operating in Menlo Park’s Belle Haven neighborhood and East Palo Alto, as well as Half Moon Bay, is extending its free promotional rides through the end of the year.

Ride Plus launched in June and its microtransit vans now makes nearly 2,800 trips a month. Rides must begin and end within the service areas, but passengers can use Ride Plus to transfer to connecting SamTrans routes.

Rides will be free until Dec. 31, at which point one-way fares will be the same as bus tickets: \$2.25 for those paying with cash and \$2.05 with Clipper. Eligible discount fares will be \$1.10 for cash and \$1 with Clipper.

League of Women Voters hosts evening with former Redwood City mayor

The League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County is hosting “An Evening with Giselle Hale” on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Hale is the former mayor of Redwood City and ran a campaign for State Assembly in the last election. Hale spoke out about her experience with negative ads while running for Assembly and the effect it had on her family.

At the event, Hale will share her insights on running for elected office so that attendees can understand what campaigning is like. It starts at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 14 at the Redwood City Veterans Memorial Senior Center at 1455 Madison Ave. Event Coordinator Susannah Hill can be reached via email at copv-program@lwvssmc.org for more information.

Join National Novel Writing Month at the Menlo Park Library

National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo, kicked off on Nov. 1, but local writers can come together at the Menlo Park Library for write-in on Nov. 7.

NaNoWriMo challenges participants to write a 50,000-word novel in the month of November, and the Menlo Park Library hopes to help with a night of writing sprints, prompts and discussions to get the ink flowing.

The write-in will take place at the Menlo Park Library at 800 Alma Street on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 6-7 p.m.

Caltrain looks for riders for Bicycle and Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Caltrain is seeking two transit users to apply to be members of its Bicycle & Active Transportation Advisory Committee (BATAC), which serves to aid residents who use “active transportation,” such as walking or bicycling, to access Caltrain.

The committee is seeking a member of the public from Santa Clara County and a representative of a bicycle advocacy group from San Mateo County to join the committee of nine volunteer members. Applications are due by Thursday, Nov. 30, and can be found at caltrain.com/batac or calling 650-508-6391. The group meets every other month at 5:45 p.m. via Zoom.

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Band students from La Entrada and Hillview middle schools march down Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park on Oct. 28.

Halloween Hoopla brings costumed crowds to downtown Menlo Park

Story by Andrea Gemmet | Photos by Marvin Fong

Downtown Menlo Park was crawling with superheroes and monsters, flowers, fairies and fiends as the city's annual Halloween Hoopla event took over Santa Cruz Avenue and Fremont Park Saturday, Oct. 28.

Serenaded by the combined forces of La Entrada and Hillview middle schools' bands, costumed kids and their adoring parents marched from the Cheeky Monkey toy store parking lot to the park for games and entertainment. ■

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Riker Huang, 9, wearing a Spider-man outfit, takes a shot.



An armored knight makes an appearance at the Menlo Park Halloween Hoopla.



Above: Alvin Ly, 10, wears a candy vending machine costume at the Menlo Park Halloween Hoopla.

Left: Children line up to play a game at Fremont Park.



Clockwise from above: Costumes at the Halloween Hoopla included an angel, firefighters, super heroes, unicorns and cartoon characters.



Above: Spectators line the sidewalks and take photos of the Halloween Hoopla parade on Santa Cruz Ave.

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UC Berkeley plans to build \$2 billion research center at NASA's Moffett Field

Public-private partnership looks to expand frontiers of science and technology

By Emily Margaretten

As part of a joint venture with the University of California at Berkeley and real estate developer SKS Partners, NASA is preparing to launch a \$2 billion research center at Moffett Field, with the intent to advance new frontiers of knowledge and technologies for future generations of scientists and explorers.

"Ever since NASA took over stewardship of Moffett Field, after the naval air station was closed in the mid-90s, we have envisioned a major academic campus to complement the federal industry," said NASA Center Director Eugene Tu at a press conference Monday morning, Oct. 16.

"And we're building it right here in the heart of Silicon Valley," he added.

The proposed development — known as the Berkeley Space Center — will sit on 36 acres of the former military base, with 1.4 million square feet of mixed-use space largely dedicated to research and development laboratories, as well as space designated for classrooms, offices and retail.

The venture is a unique opportunity to bring federal, private and academic sectors together, at an unprecedented scale, said UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ. The collaborations will fuel new research and cutting-edge technologies, as well as interdisciplinary and educational opportunities for students looking to enter a diverse range of fields, from aeronautics to space medicine, she said.

Housing will be part of the development of the campus, said Darek DeFreece, director of the Moffett Field Project for UC Berkeley. "The ground-lease currently contemplates 300 units of housing that could be market-rate," he said, adding that the project intends to build faculty and student housing as well as short-term tenancy options for visiting staff, researchers and affiliates.

The site plan also devotes about 18 acres to outdoor space in order to support physical and mental well-being, said Daniel Kingsley, managing partner at SKS Partners.

But the space also provides opportunities for what DeFreece called "accidental collisions," referring to the chance encounters of when people bump into each other and new collaborative partnerships and ideas are born.

With the campus addition, the site will be more open to the public too. The area largely has been a desert for community engagement, DeFreece said, but with the possibility of community classes, workshops and talks, everybody in Mountain View can be a student.

The project also serves as an opportunity to pioneer large-scale sustainable building designs and construction practices, Kingsley said. To minimize its carbon impact, the project proposes to follow a number of green initiatives that include LEED building certifications, on-site treatment and retention of storm water and the installation of low-carbon energy sources as well as other practices.

While short on details, financing for the project will roll out in phases, Kingsley said, noting that tenants will have opportunities to sign leases in advance of construction.

To mitigate the financial risk of the project, DeFreece, who was speaking for UC Berkeley, said the institution was being very deliberate with its spending and looking at private financing so that public money was not put at risk.

To date, UC Berkeley has contributed \$1 million to the Berkeley Space Center; if approved, the project likely will incur annual expenses of approximately \$750,000 per year to support faculty, staff and students, according to a press release.

The university expects that the project will generate \$40 million in annual revenue, from several project sources, that includes funding from grants, industry partners and real estate revenue, the press release stated.

Construction for the Berkeley Space Center is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2026. ■

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DRE 01085354

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2428 WHITNEY DRIVE, MOUNTAIN VIEW



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\$710,000 • 1 Bed • 1 Bath • compass.com



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DRE 01490400

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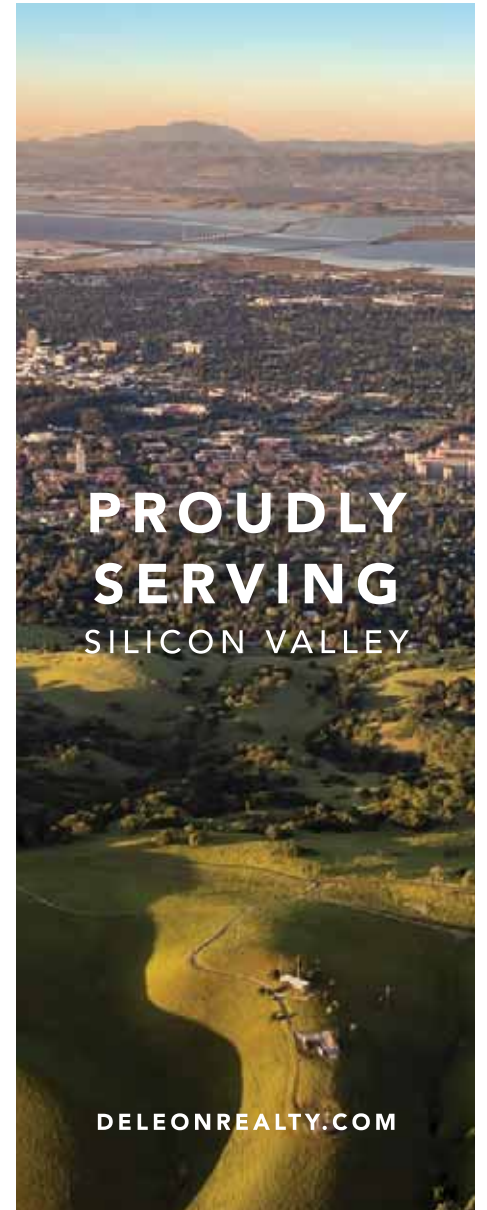


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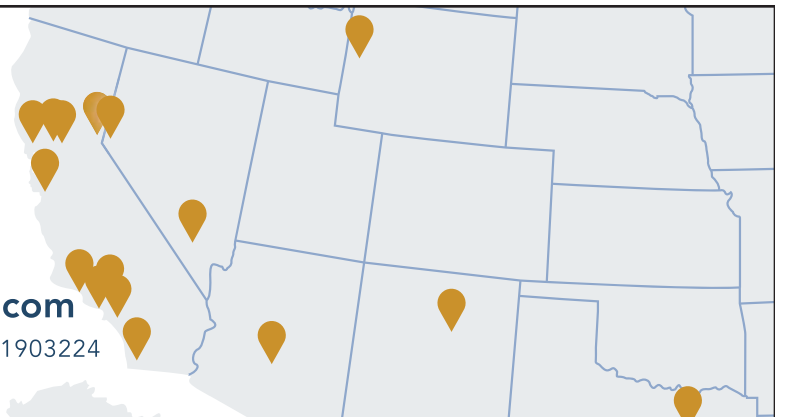
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 23-00202-2FNT Loan No: El Mirador Ranch, LLC APN: El Mirador Ranch LLC's interest in those certain APN #: 076-330-071, 076-330-073, 076-330-074 and 076-330-075 identified as 076-330-074 and 076-330-075 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FIXTURE FILING DATED JUNE 26, 2013. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 22, 2023, at 01:00 PM, at the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94061, CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, as the duly appointed Trustee (the "Trustee"), under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing recorded on June 26, 2013, as Instrument No. 2013-095785 of official records in the office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, CA, executed by: El Mirador Ranch, LLC a California limited liability company, as Truor (the "Truor"), in favor of Peninsula Open Space Trust, a California non-profit public benefit corporation, as Beneficiary, and any modifications thereto are collectively referred to herein from time to time as the "Deed of Trust"; WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF (THE "LAND"). 23-00202-2FNT EXHIBIT "A" ALL OF TRUSTOR'S 50% UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN AND TO ANY AND ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: PARCEL I: BEGINNING AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY DEED FROM STANLEY W. MORSHEAD, ET UX, TO THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 18, 1950 IN VOLUME 1939 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS AT PAGE 514 AT SAN MATEO COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO KATHLEEN KELLY AND ANN KELLY RECORDED FEBRUARY 28, 1944 IN VOLUME 1105 AT PAGE 156 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE PORTOLA ROAD, SAN MATEO COUNTY ROAD NO. 52 (ROUTE 7, SECTION 3) AS IT NOW EXISTS; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES: SOUTH 78° 20' WEST 330 FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND SOUTH 71° 24' WEST 110 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF BULL RUN CREEK (WHICH CREEK IS SOMETIMES CALLED SAUSAL CREEK OR SAN JON CREEK OR SMITH CREEK); THENCE UP SAID BULL RUN CREEK, FOLLOWING THE MEANDERING CENTERLINE THEREOF (AND LIKEWISE FOLLOWING THE OLD, RECORDED DESCRIPTION OF EL MIRADO RANCH) THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES: NORTH 74° 40' WEST 77.98 FEET, SOUTH 12° 54' WEST 108.66 FEET, SOUTH 43° 37' WEST 137.39 FEET, SOUTH 17° 8' WEST 87.26 FEET, SOUTH 84° 34' WEST 158.14 FEET, SOUTH 39° 45' WEST 217.80 FEET, SOUTH 63° 0' WEST 42.18 FEET, SOUTH 42° 35' WEST 117.68, FEET SOUTH 21° 53' WEST 81.25 FEET, SOUTH 38° 2' WEST 129.46 FEET, SOUTH 13° 38' EAST 33.20 FEET, SOUTH 3° 45' WEST 89.52 FEET, SOUTH 78° 8-1/2' WEST 65.46 FEET, SOUTH 48° 44-1/2' WEST 163.08 FEET, SOUTH 2° 34-1/2' WEST 103.54 FEET, SOUTH 27° 41-1/2' EAST 89.62 FEET, SOUTH 28° 17-1/2' WEST, 169.99 FEET, SOUTH 21° 09' WEST 72.08 FEET, SOUTH 81° 21' WEST 71.52 FEET, SOUTH 42° 39' WEST 108.18 FEET, SOUTH 55° 38' WEST 119.92 FEET, SOUTH 0° 26' WEST 62.65 FEET, SOUTH 47° 02' WEST 58.97 FEET, SOUTH 3° 19' EAST 64.25 FEET, SOUTH 55° 11-1/2' WEST 47.73 FEET, SOUTH 3° 44-1/2' WEST 71.77 FEET, SOUTH 12° 08-1/2' EAST 54.41 FEET, SOUTH 54° 30-1/2' WEST 124.38 FEET, SOUTH 31° 37-1/2' WEST 81.24 FEET, SOUTH 69° 55' WEST 97.35 FEET, SOUTH 55° 33' WEST 100.32 FEET, SOUTH 71° 28' WEST 79.64 FEET, NORTH 72° 44' WEST 74.37 FEET, NORTH 82° 38-1/2' WEST 36.73 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE OF SAID BULL RUN CREEK, SOUTH 81° 31' WEST 85.63 FEET TO A REDWOOD STUMP STANDING ON THE NORTH BANK OF SAID BULL RUN CREEK; THENCE ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THE LAND OF SAID MARTHA E. HALLIDIE AND THE LAND OF THOMAS J. AND EUGENE D. KELLY, ALSO KNOWN AS THE HUGH KELLY RANCH, THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES, TO WIT: NORTH 54° 39-1/4' WEST 115.52 FEET, NORTH 36° 03' WEST 228.20 FEET NORTH 60° 39-1/2' WEST 237.53 FEET TO AN OAK TREE TWENTY-EIGHT INCHES IN DIAMETER, SOUTH 72° 35-1/4' WEST 115.35 FEET, SOUTH 87° 32-1/2' WEST 49.24 FEET, NORTH 59° 50' WEST

112.27 FEET, NORTH 66° 50-1/2' WEST 258.94 FEET, NORTH 74° 20-3/4' WEST 181.17 FEET, NORTH 66° 32' WEST 67.81 FEET, NORTH 75° 10-1/2' WEST 74.97 FEET, AND NORTH 66° 35-1/4' WEST 683.78 FEET TO THE COMMON CORNER OF THE LAND OF SAID MARTHA E. HALLIDIE, THOMAS J. AND EUGENE D. KELLY, ALSO KNOWN AS THE HUGH KELLY RANCH AND LAND OF T. H. WATERS AND MARY JANE WATERS, SAID COMMON CORNER BEING LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF AN OLD ROAD LEADING FROM SEARSVILLE SOUTHWESTERLY THROUGH THE LANDS OF THOMAS J. AND EUGENE D. KELLY, ALSO KNOWN AS THE HUGH KELLY RANCH, AND CONTINUING UP THE HILL; THENCE ON AND ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES, TO WIT: SOUTH 7° 20' WEST 128 FEET, SOUTH 33° 59' WEST 94.5 FEET, SOUTH 66° 15' WEST 89.2 FEET; SOUTH 27° 26' WEST 84.1 FEET, SOUTH 4° 21' EAST 113.4 FEET, SOUTH 73° 49' WEST 108.2 FEET, SOUTH 10° 12' WEST 93.5 FEET, SOUTH 62° 19' WEST 177.3 FEET, SOUTH 10° 41' WEST 90.2 FEET, SOUTH 1° 11' EAST 78.4 FEET, SOUTH 48° 57' EAST 138.9 FEET, SOUTH 35° 38' WEST 117.3 FEET, SOUTH 62° 21' WEST 255.3 FEET, SOUTH 7° 21' WEST 80.7 FEET, SOUTH 19° 59' WEST 121.1 FEET, SOUTH 74° 51' WEST 122.4 FEET, SOUTH 50° 33' WEST 304.4 FEET, SOUTH 76° 20' WEST 147.2 FEET, SOUTH 52° 38' WEST 253.2 FEET, SOUTH 2° 20' WEST 196.6 FEET, SOUTH 40° 00' WEST 186 FEET, AND SOUTH 37° 0' EAST 173 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID CENTERLINE OF SAID OLD ROAD WITH THE CENTERLINE OF THE MAIN PUBLIC OR COUNTY ROAD LEADING FROM SEARSVILLE TO LA HONDA (ALSO CALLED REDWOOD CITY AND LA HONDA COUNTY ROAD); THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID MAIN PUBLIC OR COUNTY ROAD LEADING FROM SEARSVILLE TO LA HONDA TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID ROAD WITH THE CENTERLINE OF A ROAD RUNNING ALONG THE TOP OF THE RIDGE AND ON THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE LAND OF MARTHA E. HALLIDIE AND THE LAND OF RAPLEY, DISTANT SOUTH 25° 45' EAST 650 FEET; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID MAIN PUBLIC OR COUNTY ROAD LEADING FROM SEARSVILLE TO LA HONDA SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD RUNNING ALONG THE TOP OF THE RIDGE ON THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE LAND OF SAID MARTHA E. HALLIDIE AND THE LAND OF RAPLEY, THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES, TO WIT: SOUTH 56° 20' EAST 126 FEET, AND SOUTH 35° 30' EAST 200 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL CONVEYED BY LAURENCE KELLY TO S. W. MORSHEAD UNDER THAT CERTAIN INDENTURE DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1911, AND RECORDED ON OCTOBER 3, 1911, IN BOOK 201 OF DEEDS AT PAGE 410 OF SAN MATEO COUNTY RECORDS, AND THEN FOLLOWING ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL (BEING ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD RUNNING ALONG THE TOP OF THE RIDGE) TO THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID PARCEL AND A POINT IN THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE LAND OF ORTON AS REFERRED TO IN SAID INDENTURE; NORTH 25° 55' EAST ALONG THE FENCE REFERRED TO IN SAID INDENTURE ON LINE BETWEEN THE LANDS OF SAID KELLY AND SAID ORTON 499.7 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF SAID NEAL'S GULCH SOMETIMES WRITTEN NEIL'S GULCH, AT WHICH POINT THE TRAVERSE REJOINS THE TRAVERSE OF AFOREMENTIONED OLD DESCRIPTION OF EL MIRADOR RANCH; THENCE GENERALLY NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF NEAL'S GULCH TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED TO THE PORTOLA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BY DEED DATED AUGUST 2, 1956 FROM STANLEY W. MORSHEAD, ET UX, RECORDED IN BOOK 3080 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, PAGE 721, SAN MATEO COUNTY; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE NORTH 29° 09' 30' WEST 736.82 FEET MORE OR LESS, TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED TO THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL BISHOP OF CALIFORNIA, BY DEED DATED OCTOBER 1, 1956 FROM STANLEY W. MORSHEAD, ET UX, RECORDED OCTOBER 8, 1956 IN BOOK 3108, PAGE 97, OFFICIAL RECORDS, SAN MATEO COUNTY; THENCE ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE SOUTH 7° 22' WEST 101.74 FEET TO THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF LAST MENTIONED PARCEL; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF LAST MENTIONED PARCEL NORTH 82° 38' WEST 227.76 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LAST MENTIONED PARCEL; THENCE NORTH 7° 22' EAST 397.34 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID PORTOLA ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID

PORTOLA ROAD GENERALLY NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 2280 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 5° 03' 09" AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 201.06 FEET; THENCE NORTH 74° 56' WEST 401.23 FEET; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 530 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 28° 36' 59"; AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 264.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCELS OF LAND: (A) ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY STANLEY W. MORSHEAD AND PHOEBE W. MORSHEAD, HIS WIFE, TO J.S. MORSHEAD AND GENEVIEVE S. MORSHEAD, HIS WIFE, BY GRANT DEEDS DATED RESPECTIVELY DECEMBER 31, 1951, AND RECORDED IN VOLUME 2180, PAGE 100 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, SAN MATEO COUNTY, AND JANUARY 2, 1952, AND RECORDED IN VOLUME 2187, PAGE 463 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS, SAN MATEO COUNTY, WHICH PARCEL IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY DEED FROM STANLEY W. MORSHEAD, ET UX, TO THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 18, 1950 IN VOLUME 1939 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS AT PAGE 514 AT THE SAN MATEO COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO KATHLEEN KELLY AND ANN KELLY RECORDED FEBRUARY 28, 1944 IN VOLUME 1105 AT PAGE 156 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE PORTOLA ROAD, SAN MATEO COUNTY ROAD NO. 52 (ROUTE 7, SECTION 3) AS IT NOW EXISTS; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID PORTOLA ROAD FROM A TANGENT WHICH BEARS SOUTH 46° 19' 01" EAST ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 530 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 28° 36' 59" AN ARC DISTANCE OF 264.71 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 74° 56' EAST 401.23 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS DISTANT SOUTH 15° 04' WEST 30 FEET FROM THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S STATION "L" 143+39.09 BG ON THE CENTERLINE OF SAID PORTOLA ROAD AS REALIGNED IN 1946-1950; THENCE LEAVING THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID PORTOLA ROAD SOUTH 13° 24' 45" WEST 349.54 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 55° 05' 15" WEST 852.43 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE WHICH MARKS THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH 32° 18' 15" WEST 138.38 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 49° 51' 45" WEST 259.25 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 71° 42' 15" WEST 339.80 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 39° 21' 30" WEST 144.97 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 17° 02' 15" EAST 86.34 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 52° 12' 30" EAST 145.07 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89° 36' 15" EAST 231.04 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89° 36' 45" EAST 161.05 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89° 37' 15" EAST 59.48 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89° 39' 15" EAST 83.47 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 6° 06' 30" EAST 110.33 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN 363 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY MARTHA E. HALLIDIE, A WIDOW, TO STANLEY W. MORSHEAD DATED OCTOBER 25, 1911 AND RECORDED OCTOBER 27, 1911 IN VOLUME 200 OF DEEDS AT PAGE 298 OFFICIAL RECORDS, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES INCLUDING WATER, POWER, LIGHT, GAS AND TELEPHONE AND ALSO THE RIGHT TO USE TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY, THE EXISTING PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS. (B) BEING A PORTION OF THE RANCHO EL CORTE DE MADERA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: SAID STATE HIGHWAY TO BE 100 FEET WIDE AND 50 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF A CENTERLINE COMMENCING AT A POINT KNOWN AS STATION "A" 78+ 13.45 P. O. T., "Q" 78+ 13.45 B. C. OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY COMMISSION SURVEY; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID SURVEY, FOLLOWING THE CURVATURE THEREOF IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO A POINT IN THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF THE PRESENT COUNTY ROAD, KNOWN AS STATION "Q" 95+70.0 P. O. C. OF SAID SURVEY, AND DISTANT ALONG SAID LINE 70.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM A FENCE CORNER THEREIN, COMMON TO THE LANDS OF THE GRANTOR AND E. D. CONALLY; CONTAINING AFTER DEDUCTING THOSE PORTIONS BELONGING TO THE LANDS OF EDWIN B. DIMOND AND AJ. SANTOS, AND THAT PORTION USED AND ACKNOWLEDGED AS A COUNTY ROAD. (C) BEING A PORTION OF THE RANCHO EL CORTE DE MADERA; SAID PORTION BEING A STRIP OF LAND 100 FEET, 50 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE CENTERLINE OF

THE SURVEY FOR THE LOCATION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY BETWEEN LA HONDA ROAD AND ALPINE ROAD KNOWN AS ROAD IV, SAN MATEO COUNTY, ROUTE 55, SECTION D; SAID CENTERLINE BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: COMMENCING AT STATION "P" 80+50.00 P. O. C. OF SAID SURVEY, DISTANT NORTH 0° 04' 28" WEST -362.67 FEET FROM A 3" X 4" HUB MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE PROPERTY LINE COMMON TO THE LANDS OF J. P. MITCHELL AND WELLS FARGO BANK and UNION TRUST COMPANY, A CORPORATION, WITH THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID RANCHO EL CORTE DE MADERA; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF COMMENCEMENT ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT FROM A TANGENT BEARING SOUTH 48° 50' 39" EAST, WITH A RADIUS OF 450 FEET, THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 9° 10' 39"; FOR A DISTANCE OF 72.08 FEET TO STATION "P" 81+22.08 E. C.; THENCE SOUTH 39° 40' EAST -1755.09 FEET TO STATION "P" 98+77.17 B. C.; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT TANGENT TO THE LAST MENTIONED COURSE, WITH A RADIUS OF 500 FEET, THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 19° 30' 38"; FOR A DISTANCE OF 170.26 FEET TO STATION "P" 100+47.43 P. O. C. OF SAID SURVEY, DISTANT SOUTH 21° 59' WEST -46.06 FEET FROM THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER COMMON TO THE LANDS OF THE GRANTOR AND C. S. CRARY, AND BEING ALSO DISTANT SOUTH 46° 35' 26" EAST -1726.98 FEET FROM SAID 3" X 4" REDWOOD HUB HEREIN-ABOVE REFERRED TO; CONTAINING, EXCLUSIVE OF THAT PART NOW USED AND ACKNOWLEDGED AS A PUBLIC ROAD AND THOSE PARTS ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF SAID STRIP OWNED BY SAID J. P. MITCHELL AND SAID WELLS FARGO BANK and UNION TRUST COMPANY. (D) BEING A PORTION OF THE RANCHO EL CORTE DE MADERA, SAID PORTION BEING A STRIP OF LAND 30 FEET WIDE, 15 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF A LINE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: COMMENCING AT A POINT, DISTANT SOUTH 31° 18' WEST -52.89 FEET FROM STATION "P" 95+05.00 P. O. T. ON THE CENTERLINE OF THE SURVEY FOR THE LOCATION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY BETWEEN LA HONDA ROAD AND ALPINE ROAD KNOWN AS ROAD IV, SAN MATEO COUNTY, ROUTE 55, SECTION D; THENCE SOUTH 31° 18' WEST -97.11 FEET TO A POINT DISTANT SOUTH 50° 20' WEST -141.80 FEET FROM STATION "P" 95+53.92 P. O. T. OF SAID SURVEY; AND DISTANT SOUTH 44° 06' 32" EAST -1227.83 FEET FROM A 3" X 4" REDWOOD HUB AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE PROPERTY LINE COMMON TO THE LANDS OF J. P. MITCHELL AND THE WELLS FARGO BANK AND UNION TRUST COMPANY, A CORPORATION, WITH THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID RANCHO, SAID HUB BEING REFERRED TO IN THAT CERTAIN DEED A. J. SANTOS TO WELLS FARGO BANK AND UNION TRUST COMPANY, A CORPORATION, DATED JULY 17, 1929 AND RECORDED JULY 20, 1929 IN VOLUME 419 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, AT PAGE 449, SAN MATEO COUNTY RECORDS, CONTAINING EXCLUSIVE OF THAT PART NOW USED AND ACKNOWLEDGED AS A PUBLIC ROAD. (E) ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY GENEVIEVE S. MORSHEAD, JEFFERY S. MORSHEAD, MERRILL C. MORSHEAD, JR., AND PHOEBE W. MORSHEAD TO PHOEBE W. MORSHEAD RECORDED IN VOLUME 5271, PAGE 561, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 17, 1967, WHICH PARCEL IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF PORTOLA ROAD AS SAID LAND WAS ESTABLISHED BY DEED FROM STANLEY W. MORSHEAD AND PHOEBE W. MORSHEAD, HIS WIFE, TO THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DATED AUGUST 23, 1950 AND RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1950, IN VOLUME 1939 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS AT PAGE 514 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO KATHLEEN KELLY AND ANN KELLY, RECORDED FEBRUARY 28, 1944 IN VOLUME 1105 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS AT PAGE 156, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAID RECORDER; AND RUNNING THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING EASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF PORTOLA ROAD ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 530 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 28° 36' 59" AN ARC DISTANCE OF 264.71 FEET; THENCE TANGENT TO SAID CURVE SOUTH 74° 56' EAST 168.43 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF PORTOLA ROAD AND PROCEEDING IN A GENERAL SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF A 12 FOOT PRIVATE ROAD THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES; SOUTH 15° 25' 49" WEST 54.94 FEET; SOUTH 1° 03' 49" WEST 62.79 FEET; SOUTH 19° 41' 41" EAST 64.77 FEET; SOUTH 27° 31' 48" EAST 109.92 FEET; SOUTH 18° 22' 11" EAST 125.23 FEET; SOUTH 29° 17' 41" EAST 427.31 FEET; SOUTH 14° 33' 51" EAST 92.20 FEET; SOUTH 9° 33' 39" WEST 97.59 FEET;

SOUTH 15° 38' 20" WEST 307.41 FEET; SOUTH 2° 33' 40" EAST 100.57 FEET; SOUTH 6° 52' 25" WEST 75.06 FEET; SOUTH 39° 39' 17" WEST 74.59 FEET, SOUTH 71° 24' 32" WEST 69.77 FEET, NORTH 71° 07' 21" WEST 75.55 FEET; NORTH 49° 16' 36" WEST 160.33 FEET; NORTH 34° 45' 55" WEST 113.32 FEET; NORTH 58° 45' 55" WEST 214.30 FEET; NORTH 76° 22' 33" WEST 245.34 FEET; NORTH 56° 30' 18" WEST 68.87 FEET; NORTH 7° 03' 48" WEST 67.08 FEET; NORTH 13° 43' 44" EAST 47.12 FEET; NORTH 9° 25' 03" EAST 110.33 FEET; NORTH 28° 59' 42" WEST 138.38 FEET; NORTH 46° 33' 12" WEST 259.25 FEET; SOUTH 75° 00' 48" WEST 339.80 FEET; SOUTH 42° 40' 03" WEST 144.97 FEET; SOUTH 13° 43' 42" EAST 86.34 FEET; SOUTH 48° 53' 47" EAST 145.07 FEET; SOUTH 4° 09' 19" WEST 203.69 FEET; SOUTH 2° 20' 46" EAST 79.32 FEET; SOUTH 16° 06' 31" EAST 82.83 FEET; SOUTH 29° 35' 16" EAST 77.69 FEET; SOUTH 25° 04' 46" EAST 52.05 FEET; SOUTH 7° 06' 56" EAST 53.91 FEET; SOUTH 22° 30' 04" WEST 91.88 FEET; SOUTH 27° 01' 04" WEST 57.41 FEET; SOUTH 36° 10' 34" WEST 58.86 FEET; SOUTH 54° 39' 14" WEST 40.29 FEET; SOUTH 69° 46' 44" WEST 76.08 FEET; SOUTH 55° 35' 59" WEST 58.03 FEET; SOUTH 0° 43' 11" EAST 50.32 FEET SOUTH 40° 26' 41" EAST 120.29 FEET; SOUTH 30° 42' 56" EAST 86.53 FEET; SOUTH 11° 14' 06" EAST 104.39 FEET; SOUTH 1° 00' 26" EAST 104.43 FEET; SOUTH 1° 07' 41" WEST 119.70 FEET; SOUTH 25° 14' 11" WEST 74.96 FEET; SOUTH 67° 20' 51" WEST 64.98 FEET; NORTH 89° 50' 59" WEST 60.33 FEET; NORTH 74° 52' 18" WEST 3.70 FEET; THENCE LEAVING THE CENTERLINE OF SAID PRIVATE ROAD SOUTH 3° 38' 56" WEST 6.12 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; AND RUNNING THENCE FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED 12 FOOT PRIVATE ROAD THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES: NORTH 74° 52' 18" WEST 78.86 FEET; NORTH 79° 54' 48" WEST 248.75 FEET; NORTH 66° 52' 53" WEST 74.40 FEET, AND NORTH 65° 03' 43" WEST 58.76 FEET; THENCE CROSSING AND LEAVING SAID PRIVATE ROAD NORTH 62° 18' 16" WEST 58.02 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 48° 32' 23" WEST 169.66 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 29° 19' 16" WEST 51.93 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 29° 19' 16" WEST 202.79 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON PIPE; LAST SAID IRON PIPE BEING HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS A POINT "A"; THENCE SOUTH 69° 15' 45" EAST 246.44 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON PIPE HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS POINT "B"; THENCE NORTH 72° 09' 13" EAST 72.13 FEET TO A 2" X 2" REDWOOD STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 72° 38' 25" EAST 274.86 FEET TO A 2" X 2" REDWOOD STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 74° 01' 27" EAST 145.47 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 30° 20' 54" EAST 82.71 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 10° 19' 41" WEST 68.52 FEET TO A 2" X 2" REDWOOD STAKE; THENCE NORTH 3° 38' 56" EAST 230.36 FEET TO A 2" X 2" REDWOOD STAKE; AND THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 3° 38' 56" EAST 7.86 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL II: A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT APPURTENANT TO THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES OVER A STRIP OF LAND 60 FEET IN WIDTH OVER THE SOUTHERLY PORTION OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY STANLEY W. MORSHEAD, ET UX, TO THE PORTOLA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BY DEED DATED AUGUST 2, 1956 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 3080, PAGE 721, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the Property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the Property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the Property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this Property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the Property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed,

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and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this Property, you may call 1.866.684.2727 or visit this Internet Website www.servicelinkasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-00202-2FNT. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Beneficiary has elected and hereby elects to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code Section 9604(a)(1) (B) and to include in the nonjudicial foreclosure of the estate described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale all of the personal property and fixtures described in the Deed of Trust and in any other instruments in favor of Beneficiary, which property is more particularly described in Exhibit "B" hereto. Exhibit "B" All of Trustor's 50% undivided interest in and to any and all of the following and any and all additional rights or interests which Trustor acquires in any of: 1. that certain real property located in the County of San Mateo and State of California which is more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof or any portion of the real property; all easements, rights-of-way, gaps, strips and gores of land; streets and alleys; sewers and water rights; privileges, licenses, tenements, and appurtenances appertaining to the real property, and the reversion(s), remainder(s), and claims of Trustor with respect to these items, and the benefits of any existing or future conditions, covenants and restrictions affecting the real property (all of the items set forth in this paragraph are referred to collectively as the "Land"); 2. all things now or hereafter affixed to or placed on the Land, including all buildings, structures and improvements, all fixtures and all machinery, building service equipment (including, without limitation, all equipment for the generation or distribution of air, water, heat, electricity, light, fuel or for ventilating or air conditioning purposes or for sanitary or drainage purposes or for the removal of dust, refuse or garbage), partitions, appliances, furniture, furnishings, building materials, supplies, and other property now or in the future attached, or installed in the improvements and all replacements, repairs, additions, or substitutions to these items (all of the items set forth in this paragraph are referred to collectively as the "Improvements"); 3. all present and future income, rents, revenue, profits, proceeds, accounts receivables, insurance proceeds and other benefits from the Land and/or Improvements and all deposits made with respect to the Land and/or Improvements (all of the items set forth in this paragraph are referred to collectively as the "Rents and Profits"); 4. all damages, payments and revenue of every kind that Trustor may be entitled to receive, from any person owning or acquiring a right to the oil, gas or mineral rights and reservations of the Land; 5. all proceeds and claims arising on account of any damage to, or Condemnation (as defined in the Deed of Trust) of all or any portion of the Land and/or Improvements, and all causes of action and recoveries for any diminution in the value of the Land and/or Improvements; 6. all licenses, contracts, permits, or certificates relating to the ownership, lease, use, operation or maintenance of all or any portion of the Land and/or Improvements and all names by which the Land and/or Improvements may be operated or known; 7. any portion of the Real Property which may be personal property, and all other personal property, whether now existing or acquired in the future which is attached to, appurtenant to, or used in the construction or operation of, or in connection with, the Real Property; 8. all rights to the use of water, including water rights appurtenant to the Real Property, pumping plants, ditches for irrigation, all water stock or other evidence of ownership of any part of the Real Property that is owned by Trustor in common with others and all documents of membership in any owner's association or similar group; 9. all equipment, machinery, and fixtures, and all substitutions, replacements of, and additions to, any of the these items used in connection with the Property; 10. all sales agreements, deposits, and agreements entered into with respect to the sale of any part of the Real Property, and all proceeds of the sale; and 11. all proceeds from the voluntary or involuntary disposition or claim respecting any of the foregoing items (including judgments, condemnation awards or otherwise). All of the

Real Property and the Personal Property are collectively referred to as the "Property" CAPITALIZED TERMS NOT DEFINED HEREIN SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS THOSE IN THE DEED OF TRUST AND ANY/OR OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS. Beneficiary reserves the right to revoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, at Beneficiary's sole election, from time to time and at any time until the consummation of the trustee's sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and this Notice of Trustee's Sale. No warranty is made that any or all of the personal property still exists or is available for the successful bidder and no warranty is made as to the condition of any of the personal property, which shall be sold "as is", "where is". The real Property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real Property described above is purported to be: 865-885 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA which may also be known as 875 and 877 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto). The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the Property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$59,864,051.85 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The Property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the Property receiver, if applicable. DATE: October 19, 2023 CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, TRUSTEE 23-00202-2FNT 5170 Golden Foothill Parkway, Suite 130 El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 916-636-0114 Jenny Taylor, Authorized Signor SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.servicelinkasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 1.866.684.2727 23-00202-2FNT A-4799875 10/27/2023, 11/03/2023, 11/10/2023 (ALM Oct 27, Nov 3 and 10, 2023)

SUMMONS Case No. 21STCV37482 (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Jessica Schatz, an individual; (A VISO AL DEMANDADO): Joel Cameron Buchsdrucker, an individual, and DOES 1 to 20, Inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Fatemeh Beikzadeh, an (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): individual

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond Within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be In proper legal form If you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more Information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp) your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may

want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp) or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award Of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. IAVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede declr/r en su contra s/n escuchar su verslón. Lea la Información a continuación Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citacñn y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta code y hacer que se entregue una copla a/ demandante. Una carta o una llamada te/efñnica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la cone. Es posib/e que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más informacñn en e/ Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacñn, plda al secretario de la cone que le dé un formulario de exencñn de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder e/ caso por Incumplimfento y la corte le podrá quitar su suefdo dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos lega/es. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado Inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servjcio de remlsn a abogados. S/ no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servlcios legales sin fines de luca Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en ef sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cones de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o ponéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. A VISO: Por ley, la corte liene derecho a recfamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cua/quier recuperacñn de \$10,000 más de valor reciblda medlante un acuerdo o una concessñn de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagarel gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar e/ casa e name an a resso e cou s: (El nombre y direccñn de la corte es);

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccñn y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Michael H. Moghtader, Esq. (SBN 206421) (818) 996-9600 (818) 996-1700 Christine Avakian, Esq. (SBN 319921) MHM LAW GROUP, APLC, 16530 Ventura Blvd., Suite 606 Encino, California 91436 DATE: 1 212021 Clerk, by H. Flores-Hernandez, Deputy (Fecha) (Secretario) (Ad/unto) NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an Individual defendant.

(ALM Nov 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2023)

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DISCRIMINATION

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instruction, resources and services to help a student with a disability thrive in school. Part of K.C.'s IEP placed him in M-A's Successful Transition Achieved with Responsive Support (STARS) program, which provides academic, behavioral and other support to special-needs students.

However, if Sequoia Union had "fostered a non-hostile learning environment for K.C. and other Black and Brown students with disabilities, utilized positive behavior-intervention strategies consistently and applied trauma-informed de-escalation strategies on April 28, 2023, K.C. would not have been violently assaulted by Atherton police in front of his high school and peers or facing criminal charges," the claim contends.

On that day, as shown by bystander videos, Atherton police pinned and arrested K.C. at a bus stop across from the M-A campus.

Police previously reported that they were dispatched to the scene after receiving a call about a student pushing a school administrator against a wall and yelling homophobic slurs at him.

The student also tried to push the administrator's glasses off his face and spat on him, police said. When officers arrived, police said the student walked away from them and resisted.

In the days leading up to the arrest, the claim says, K.C. and his friends were playing a game at M-A using "water toys," which school staff confiscated.



Courtesy Celine Chien

Menlo-Atherton High School students led a protest against police brutality on May 3, 2023, after a classmate was arrested at a bus stop across from the Atherton campus.

K.C.'s friends eventually were able to get their toys back, so he went to the school's main office to pick his up.

But as the school secretary was about to hand the toy to him, the claim says, then-Vice Principal Stephen Emmi "physically blocked K.C." from retrieving it. This caused K.C. to bump into Emmi, the claim says.

"Mr. Emmi was confrontational with K.C. and repeatedly told him that he cannot have his 'water toy' back as K.C. grew more and more emotionally distressed," the claim says. In this highly agitated state, K.C. shouted at Emmi to return his toy as it was unfair given that others had gotten theirs back.

During this confrontation, the claim says, Emmi used his cell phone to surreptitiously record the boy without the youth's consent.

As staff called police, the claim says, K.C. walked out the office and to the bus stop, where officers approached him and his friends.

When officers "grabbed K.C.'s shoulder," the claim says, the boy told them not to touch him "while raising his hands and backing away. K.C. does have sensory sensitivities associated with his disabilities that are heightened when in an emotionally dysregulated state."

However, an officer "slammed K.C. into the ground," the claim says. "K.C. had recently undergone surgery on a hernia, and the force of his body slamming to the ground caused him significant pain and discomfort."

The whole ordeal caused K.C. considerable physical, emotional and other injuries — including stomach and back pain, scrapes, damage to his reputation, lost

educational opportunities and removal from the school, the claim says.

Among the system failures, the claim says, the district denied K.C.'s IEP team "the opportunity to discuss how the lack of training for its staff in positive-behavior intervention and appropriate de-escalation strategies led to the April 28 incident in the main office."

The claim also argues that the district should have explored "remedial measures" by the school to head off a similar situation in the future.

Instead, the claim says, the district "offered K.C. an alternative school placement in the STARS satellite program that is housed at a district office. The STARS satellite program is isolated from the general student population with a disproportionate amount of Black and Brown students who (the district) has identified as having serious mental-health and behavioral needs."

Furthermore, the claim maintains that the district was dismayed by the outside attention K.C.'s case brought. Because of this, the claim alleges, "internal efforts were carried out to besmirch K.C.'s reputation by sending the message that he is an extremely behavioral Black student with a serious mental-health condition who cannot control his behavior."

An example of this besmirching tactic is Emmi's surreptitious cell-phone video of K.C. being shown to the district board, the claim says, while the boy's mother and legal team have yet to receive a copy.

Goldsen asserted that the

issues detailed in the claim are a districtwide problem. "Look, from my perspective, it's pervasive, and it extends far beyond just K.C. alone," he said. "I think it's all similarly situated students in that district."

His firm is investigating other potential cases in the district, he said. "We're just trying to see how big that pool is."

Defendants named in the claim include Emmi, M-A Vice Principal Nick Muys, Principal Karl Losekoot and district Superintendent Crystal Leach.

If the district rejects the claim as anticipated, Goldsen said, his firm can proceed to file a lawsuit in state or federal court.

The claim is the second such legal filing to follow K.C.'s arrest. The other was filed against Atherton in June by the Oakland-based practice of well-known civil-rights lawyer John Burris, alleging that officers' use of unnecessary force caused substantial injuries to K.C. In August, Atherton denied that claim.

In the wake of K.C.'s arrest, M-A students launched several protests, speaking out against police brutality and calling for de-escalation training on campus. Their efforts brought widespread media coverage to K.C.'s case.

Meanwhile, K.C. is being homeschooled. "He has not been able to return to school because of his safety and welfare," an investigator for the boy's legal team said. "We're fighting for him, and the district's not cooperating. We want him to be placed in a place where he can get a fair, objective and healthy education." ■

BAT

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Palo Alto for 30 years and also recently — and for the first time — encountered bats in his backyard on Middlefield Road.

"It was dusk, and there were two or three flying around our trees, darting and circling as bats do," he told this publication. "They were there for at least 10 minutes until it became dark and I went inside."

Matt Sharp Chaney, a biologist with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, said 15 species of bats are native to the Bay Area and around Palo Alto. In fact, Gov. Gavin Newsom just signed a bill last week

designating the pallid bat — a species of bat native to North America — to be California's state bat.

Bats are "as diverse as Californians," the bill reads.

Chaney said the recent sightings are to be expected during this time of year, since in the fall most bats usually leave their "maternity roosts" — where they raise their newborn pups through the summer — to find a new home for the winter with more consistently cooler temperatures. Bats prefer different types of homes during this time, including caves, cave-like structures in buildings, or hollowed out trees.

"That's kind of like a little mini hibernation, where they

can kind of lower their heart rate, lower their breathing, and basically go inactive for a period of time, and then wake back up from that whenever they need to," he said.

The National Wildlife Federation reported that these migration patterns could play a role in the animal's association with Halloween because they are often in closer proximity to humans during the same time each year.

Chaney said it's also possible that bats have been more visible around the Bay Area recently because of the higher-than-usual rainfall last winter, which caused an increase in vegetation and a corresponding increase

in insect availability. Since bats are insectivores, there could be more food options available to them this fall, he said.

"They could be showing up in areas that you maybe hadn't seen them before," he said.

But seeing more bats in the area is not as concerning as their spooky reputation might lead us to believe — Chaney said bats play "essential" roles in the ecosystem because of the rate at which they consume pests. Healthy bat populations help limit the need for insecticides on farms and have likely saved the agricultural industry billions of dollars every year.

Chaney said concerns about bats spreading rabies are often

"overblown," with only 2% to 4% of the bat population actually testing positive for rabies. Merlin Tuttle's Bat Conservation actually found that 99% of human rabies cases come from dogs, rather than bats.

However, rabid bats have been found in open space preserves in the area — one in August in Foothills Nature Preserve and, last year, another in the Palo Alto Baylands, according to animal control staff.

Anyone who encounters a bat should exercise caution and avoid direct contact with the animal, Chaney said.

"Just appreciate the bat and then go ahead and move on," he said. ■

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particularly its signage.

"We wanted to have a good street presence," Sten said. "We

wanted to contribute to the neighborhood and feel like we've elevated the design a little bit in this area. "We hope that others will follow," she added.

Katz expressed a similar

desire, describing Harrell Design + Build as a homecoming that would help uplift an often-overlooked part of the city. "It's important for us to understand that there are different parts of

the city that need another bit of renovation," he said.

"We talk a lot about downtown, we talk a lot about El Camino, a lot about San Antonio Center. So, it's wonderful to be

out here on Middlefield," he said. ■

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Income-based electricity bill plan is a mistake that will raise rates

By State Sen. Josh Becker (D-Menlo Park) and State Assembly member Marc Berman (D-Menlo Park)

Last year, California passed Assembly Bill 205.

We supported the legislation due to the critical clean energy reliability and permitting streamlining provisions, as well as the creation of a financial relief program for utility bills incurred throughout the pandemic.

However, tucked into the bill was a provision that required the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to modify a portion of electricity rates to make them dependent on a household's income.

There are real concerns and real risks to this approach.

Most of the proposals that have been submitted would create additional financial burdens for low- and middle-income customers in the Bay Area, since the income thresholds are tied to federal and

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statewide income thresholds.

Given the Peninsula's high cost of living, particularly for housing and child care, these financial thresholds do not accurately represent the financial struggle many of our constituents are facing.

In turn, many low- and middle-income San Mateo and Santa Clara County residents struggling to make ends meet will see increases to their electricity bills.

Not only are the income thresholds geographically inequitable, it's clear that Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) is using this proceeding as a way to raise your rates.

The three monopoly utilities, including PG&E, jointly proposed using this change as an opportunity to raise the overall revenue they collect from customers.

Incomes between \$28,000-\$69,000 would pay an additional \$120-\$288 per year; incomes

between \$69,000-\$180,000 would pay an additional \$492-\$876 per year; and those above \$180,000 would pay an additional \$1,020-\$1,536 per year.

The federal low-income threshold for a family of four living in San Mateo County is \$149,100, making this proposal financially burdensome for many of our low- and middle-income constituents.

In addition, this change would disincentivize energy conservation and efficiency, as well as rooftop solar and battery use, as it would increase the fixed costs for many households relative to what they pay per kilowatt of electricity used.

Undermining our energy conservation and efficiency goals, especially in this moment when the Bay Area is looking to electrify buildings and the cost of a kilowatt of electricity can make-or-break the financial decision to switch a home appliance to electric, is a huge problem.

There are meaningful solutions

the Legislature can and should use to decrease rates. We have fought — and are fighting — for those solutions.

California should subsidize the clean energy buildout by funding some of it through a proposed climate bond, which we are both strongly advocating for.

California provides our utilities with the highest "return on equity" for shareholder profits, which according to experts overestimates the financial risk return. These profits could be rebalanced.

We have also fought against boondoggle programs and outdated legal obligations that are paid for by taxpayers.

PG&E has been allowed to put extensive costs from the horrific wildfires, some of which were started by their own equipment, as well as the significant costs of prevention of future wildfires, into electricity rates.

Instead, we should follow the Legislature's proposal to stop

ratepayers from footing the cost of these wildfires and pay for them out of a Climate and Equity Trust.

Electricity affordability is a top priority that we both support, but it's critical that we proceed thoughtfully and don't undermine our existing climate policies.

This proposed change is at risk of being poorly implemented, with long-lasting affordability and climate impacts for the Peninsula.

The CPUC needs to consider the impacts to all California communities. ■

State Sen. Josh Becker was elected in 2020 to represent the 13th Senate District and serves as the Chair of the Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, and Energy.

Assembly member Marc Berman was elected to the Assembly in 2016 to represent the 26th Assembly District.

LETTERS

Our readers write

Menlo Park train station needs some TLC

The other day I stopped by Philz for a cup of coffee but could not help but notice the condition of the Menlo Park Train Depot, a California Historical Landmark. It is also the oldest railroad station still in use in California, has history and character dating back to 1867. Yet it is slowly deteriorating and becoming an eyesore.

The depot is in need of some TLC. One would think that because of the new businesses and buildings in the immediate area,

the depot should stand out as a gateway to Menlo Park, not as an embarrassment to Menlo Park.

*Lydia Cooper
University Drive, Menlo Park*

SUHSD board's lack of transparency

I'm a concerned parent within the Sequoia Union High School District, and in recent months, I've been actively advocating for the reinstatement of honors classes at Menlo Atherton High School. The decision to discontinue these classes was made without the knowledge and approval of the SUHSD board and without due consideration for the needs of the entire student body. An appeal, bearing over 860

signatures, primarily from parents and students, has been submitted to the board, urging the reinstatement of honors classes.

Menlo Atherton High School's decision to limit learning opportunities by placing all students in the same classes presents a significant challenge. The crux of the issue stems from the vast range of abilities among incoming ninth grade students. Conflating these diverse needs within a single class does a disservice to all students. Menlo Atherton High School may not be fully recognizing that, by discontinuing honors classes in an effort to address equity/belonging/achievement gap, they inadvertently undermine socio-economically disadvantaged

students. All students, regardless of their backgrounds, deserve access to challenging academic opportunities that fuel their intellectual curiosity.

The reinstatement of advanced classes in high schools is not exclusively about enriching an "elite" few; it's an essential step toward constructing an inclusive educational system that acknowledges and nurtures the unique needs and potential of every student, fostering a high quality and inspiring educational environment.

*Christine Arnould
Sunset Lane, Menlo Park*

Support electrification grant for Belle Haven homes

I was glad to see your Oct. 20 article (Menlo Park to focus funds on Belle Haven for home electrification retrofits) saying that the Belle Haven area may receive state funding for electrification retrofits. Without funding, lower-income homeowners are likely to find that replacing natural gas appliances is too expensive. And yet these homeowners will also need to go electric if Menlo Park has any chance of meeting their goal of electrifying 95% of existing buildings by 2030.

The intrinsic costs of providing heat pumps and other electrical appliances to the public are not much higher than for natural gas appliances. But the volume of sales is too low compared to gas appliances. And in general,

HVAC contractors are not yet set up to install electric appliances as readily as gas appliances. Rebates from the Inflation Reduction Act are not yet available for retrofits.

We very much need a jump start with the funding available from the California Energy Commission. Please urge the Menlo Park City Council to take advantage of this grant opportunity.

*Rob Hogue
Siskiyou Drive, Menlo Park*

Standing up for gender equality

I am disgusted at recent preachings of both the Catholic Church and other Christian churches. Specifically, I refer to the letter to Catholics from Bishops Cordelone and Barber which explicitly opposes gender equality. Their letter complains that gender equality promotes "a notion of gender identity which is left to the choice of the individual."

Think about that. Who would ever, in our culture, "choose" to be gay or transgender when being so brings down upon them so much hate and discrimination, particularly from the churches and church-people?

People are who nature made them to be; they did not "choose" any more than I chose to be heterosexual.

Cordeleone and Barber are ignorant and arrogant men.

*Don Barnby
Spruce Avenue, Menlo Park*

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From skates to straw

Actor, dancer and ice skater Noelle Wilder portrays Scarecrow at the Palo Alto Players, the first Deaf actor on the company's stage

By Heather Zimmerman

At a recent rehearsal for the Palo Alto Players' production of "The Wizard of Oz," cast members were practicing the choreography for a lesser-known song from the musical: "Jitterbug." Under the spell of the Wicked Witch of the West, the characters are forced to dance in a fast-paced, swing dance style — maniacally and in unison.

At stage right, in the front row of performers, Noelle Wilder is executing the rigorous choreography precisely but also in a floppy, loose way, instantly recognizable for both the boneless physical comedy and easygoing nature of their character, Scarecrow.

"I think Scarecrow is just a fun character who tries their best, who's just a very clumsy person. But their friends don't care. You know, they just kind of keep going. I feel like I'm that friend in every friend group I'm in. I'm the one who's always trying and I'm very clumsy. But my friends don't care. They still love me all the same," Wilder said in an interview via an American Sign Language interpreter.

Wilder is the first Deaf actor to perform in a Palo Alto Players production. "The Wizard of Oz" will be a bilingual show, with Wilder portraying Scarecrow in American Sign Language, as another cast member, Lauren D'Ambrosio, voices the character.

Wilder, who uses they/them pronouns, came to the stage in part through dance — they have been dancing since the age of 3, when they were enrolled in dance classes and fell in love with it pretty quickly,



Courtesy Hsiao-Tiao (Rainbow) Lin

From left to right, Kayvon Kordestani (Crow), Kai Harris (Crow), Lauren D'Ambrosio (Voice of Scarecrow/Crow), Noelle Wilder (Scarecrow), Chloe Angst (Crow), and Penelope DaSilva (Dorothy) rehearse the song "If I Only Had a Brain" from "The Wizard of Oz" at Palo Alto Players.

beginning with ballet, and then going on to learn tap, jazz, contemporary, hip-hop and Afro-Caribbean styles. They have choreographed productions for Stage 1 and for the Bay Area International Deaf Dance Festival and Deaf After Dark.

Wilder dances to the vibrations they feel in the rhythm of the music.

"I feel and listen to the music, I tend to go toward the speaker and feel it first and then go on stage and dance or perform," they said.

They also ice skate, another love discovered at a young age, when a friend invited them to join them at an ice skating class. Skating is something they still do

competitively — in the past year, with San Francisco Theatre on Ice, Wilder took part in national and international competitions.

Both dancing and ice skating have some things in common with their work on the stage.

"Well, with dance, it's all on the stage, just like in theater. By nature, we're acting as well. I'm just kind of a natural actor, because you know, it's all in the face while we're dancing. We have to show our emotions while we're dancing. And then on the ice, it's the exact same thing except on ice instead of on land. So there's a lot of similar artistic technique, technical parts of both," they said.

Wilder works as a preschool teacher at California School for the Deaf, and they credit their wiggly young students with inspiring some of Scarecrow's signature moves.

"That's been an ongoing joke since we started rehearsal, because every time (director Stacey Reed) tells me to flop, (I think) 'okay, so just like my preschool students,' so I just copy their movements and kind of apply that to myself," they said with a laugh.

The process of staging a bilingual English-ASL production has been evolving during rehearsals, Wilder said. Songs tend to be easier for them to rehearse because they can memorize the tempo on their own time.

"With the lines, it's a little more complex, because with staging, wherever we're placed, sometimes we realize afterward, 'Oh, I can't see Lauren,' or I repeatedly miss the line because I don't have access and I'm not aware of my cue. So for example, if someone else is talking and they're set across the stage where they're not looking at me, I don't know until they're finished with their line — I don't know if it's my turn. So we've had to move around or restage some scenes several times. It's just part of the process," they said.

Wilder said they hope that people will come away from the production with a better understanding of the importance of making theater accessible for everyone, on and off the stage.

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Honoring 'A Textured Life'

Los Altos Hills Town Hall exhibition is a memorial to much-loved artist Dee Ropers

By Karla Kane

Perusing the paintings included in "A Textured Life," an exhibition of the diverse work of the late Dee Ropers, one gets a sense of Ropers' openness to change and experimentation — both as an artist and in general.

"She kept reinventing herself," Ropers' daughter Kelyn Dewar said at the celebration marking the exhibition's opening at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall in early October. "She was always interested in life and always growing."

A longtime resident of the Los Altos area, where she sometimes displayed and sold work at Gallery

9 in downtown, Ropers continually displayed a creative spirit and artistic talent, Dewar said, which she nurtured throughout her life as a student and practitioner, not just through painting and collage but sculpture, furniture design and more.

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The piece "SMA Te Amo," a detail of which is shown here, pays tribute to Dee Ropers' second home, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where she settled for the last two decades of her life.

Courtesy the Ropers and Dewar families

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"I'm hoping people will open their minds further to think about how they can make theater more accommodating and accessible for everyone, and not just providing interpreting for one day and that's it. If you have a deaf actor, cast them, find out how we can best provide that accommodation for them — and what that would look like not just for the deaf actor, but also for other minority groups on how we can best provide access and accommodations for everybody,

and not just the bare minimum," they said.

The Wizard of Oz plays Oct. 3-19 at the Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. The company offers ASL-interpreted performances Nov. 12 and 18 at 2 p.m., Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. On Nov. 11, 2 p.m. the company offers a "relaxed" performance, in partnership with the Magical Bridge Foundation. Tickets are \$20-\$60. paplayers.org. ■

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Spread throughout the town hall's rooms, "A Textured Life" includes vibrant works from throughout Ropers' artistic career, in a variety of media and styles.

Early oil paintings in representational and impressionistic styles were followed by an abstract, modern "white phase," exploring neutrals, ink, acrylic paint and the art of collage. An avid world traveler, Ropers spent time in the Caribbean in the 1980s, which inspired an explosion of vivid color and bold graphics. A summer spent in Florence, Italy, in the 1990s allowed her to study classical art, including sculpture and frescoes, adding new dimensions to her work and palette.

She had a longtime love and respect for Mexican culture, Dewar said, and it was in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, that Ropers was to find her ultimate artistic home, settling there for the last two decades of her life. She opened a popular gallery there, in the Fabrica La Aurora art complex, and taught mixed-media workshops until her sudden death in 2015.

"I love looking at all the different phases of the art," said her son Mark Ropers at the exhibition opening. "Since we grew up in Los Altos, it's nice to bring her back to our hometown."

The title of the exhibition — "A Textured Life" — refers not only to Ropers' personal and artistic journey but also to her love of mixed-media, literally creating texture by layering materials such as newsprint, photographs, paint, handwriting, sand and found objects in her work.

"She'd pull all the different things she knew in her life and she'd just make something beautiful," Dewar said.

Ropers was "so curious, so fearless, and ageless," said Tracy King, an artist who was mentored by Ropers and became a close friend and colleague. King

emphasized how Ropers was not only a prolific artist but also a beloved teacher to many in the San Miguel de Allende community and beyond. Her work and her spirit especially touched folks who were going through — or were interested in making — big changes in their lives.

"She believed that a person could always reinvent themselves and transform," King said of her late mentor, whom she met when she left a long corporate career in search of a more creative life and signed up for one of Ropers' workshops.

Before dedicating herself fully to making and teaching art, and in addition to raising three kids, Ropers earned a teaching degree, worked in advertising and had a career in tech, Dewar said. She had a keen mathematical and scientific mind, family members and friends agreed. She took pleasure in organization and working with patterns and geometry — a left-brain side of her that also shows in the exhibition, such as in the trio of intricate gold-and-silver leaf works that contain precisely wrought rectangles within squares.

With eight years having passed since Ropers' death, the exhibition is a chance for loved ones to celebrate and reflect on her legacy and introduce her work to new viewers.

"We've healed. We're all saying it's so great that she worked so hard and we're able to see it," Dewar said. "To be able to share it with everyone."

"A Textured Life" is available for free public viewing during the town hall's open hours (26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills; Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.) and will be on display through March 2024. On Friday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m., Dewar will offer a guided tour of the exhibition. More information is available at <https://deeropersgallery.wordpress.com>. ■

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Worth a Look



Courtesy Maren Celest

Performance collective Manual Cinema presents its version of the sci-fi horror classic "Frankenstein" Nov. 4-5 at Stanford Live.

Manual Cinema's 'Frankenstein'

Performance collective Manual Cinema visits Stanford to present its version of the sci-fi horror classic "Frankenstein." The show incorporates puppetry, live music and cinematic techniques while interweaving the biography of author Mary Shelley in with the gothic tale. "The real-life and fictional narratives of Shelley, Victor Frankenstein and Frankenstein's monster expose how family, community and education shape personhood — or destroy it by their absence," according to Stanford Live. The show is recommended for ages 8 and up. After the performance, audiences are invited to come up on stage, ask the cast questions about their work and take a closer look at the puppets.

Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 5 at 2:30 p.m. at Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Tickets start at \$32. live.stanford.edu.

Alec Lytle & Them Rounders

Indie folk/Americana artist Alec Lytle and his band Them Rounders will be joined by Bay Area rock'n'roll duo Effie Zilch and singer-songwriter Megan Keely for what the Guild Theatre is billing as a "locals night" event. According to his website, Lytle lives with his family in the Santa Cruz Mountains, in a house he designed and built, and takes inspiration from the redwood forest surrounding him. His video for "The Mountain" was filmed at The Mountain House restaurant in Woodside. Effie Zilch is a rootsy collaboration between longtime friends (Grammy winner Steve Wyreman and Evanne Barcenas) and San Francisco artist Keely has released multiple albums over the years, including 2022's gentle "Companion," recorded entirely from her home.

Nov. 3, 8 p.m. at The Guild Theatre, 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Tickets are \$28. guildtheatre.com.

Sitkovetsky Trio at Music@Menlo

Music@Menlo's flagship event may be a three-week summer festival, but the chamber music organization presents concerts and other programming throughout the year. Case in point: Music@Menlo is hosting a performance that's part of a festival taking place statewide. A joint creation of the Los Angeles

Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, and San Diego Symphony, the inaugural California Festival brings together over 50 organizations from around the state to celebrate new music. As part of the festival, the Sitkovetsky Trio returns to Music@Menlo on Nov. 3 for a program highlighting "Etched in Smoke and Light," a new work they commissioned from composer Julia Adolphe in 2022. The program also features selections by Edvard Grieg, Cecile Chaminade and Felix Mendelssohn.

Nov. 3, 7 p.m. at St. Bede's Church, Menlo Park. \$30-\$65. music@menlo.org.

Cubberley open studios

Palo Alto's Cubberley Artist Studio Program (CASP) welcomes the public to take a peek into its art studios to meet more than 20 participating artists and check out their work. The first 200 visitors can score free Risograph prints. Two of the participating CASP artists, Darryl Dieckman and Robin Mullery, will host a "FrankenStuffie" workshop in Studio F5 from 2 to 4 p.m. Attendees can nab a donated stuffed animal (or bring along one of their own) to dissect and then reassemble it into a one-of-a-kind fuzzy creation.

Nov. 4, 1-5 p.m., at Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto (studios located in the E, F and U wings). Free. cityofpaloalto.org. ■

Food & Drink



Left, The historical designation of Chez TJ, located at 938 Villa St. in Mountain View, has made it difficult for the restaurant owner, George Aviet, to sell his property to developers. Photo by Michelle Le. Right, Aviet points to the reinforced redwood beams in the restaurant's wine cellar, to show one of the few original parts of the house. Photo by Emily Margaretten.

Chez TJ owner wants to call it quits but can't because of financial worries

How a historical designation derailed the retirement plans of one of Mountain View's most famous restaurateurs

By Emily Margaretten

It was a quiet weekday morning in the small Victorian house on Villa Street in Mountain View. George Aviet, owner of the city's only Michelin-starred restaurant, Chez TJ, sat at one of the white-clothed tables with his head bowed and fingertips pressed against his temples.

"Every day I open my eyes, and I feel like I'm going to die. Because the stress of this restaurant, this business, is so much," Aviet said. "I constantly think about, how am I going to retire?"

After 41 years of running a restaurant that has launched the careers of world-renowned chefs, and has received international culinary acclaim, Aviet thought he would leave the industry with the financial means to retire comfortably. But for the 67-year-old restaurateur, this likely will not be the case.

Six years ago, Aviet had plans to sell his property to developer Daniel Minkoff for \$7 million. Minkoff proposed to combine the adjacent lots of Chez TJ, located at 938 Villa St., and Tied House, a microbrewery housed next door, to construct a four-story office complex with a restaurant on the ground floor.

But once the plans became public, community members opposed the development, citing historical considerations. Chez TJ, formerly known as the Weilheimer House, was built in 1894, and is a part of the city's founding history, according to the Mountain View

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CHEZ TJ OWNER GEORGE AVIET ON HISTORICAL DESIGNATION

Historical Society. Similarly, the former Tied House building, which was built in 1931, had ties to the city's aviation history as the Air Base Laundry.

Aviet countered that very little of the Weilheimer House is in its original form. Over the years he has made substantial modifications to it, essentially gutting the entire interior and rehabbing the exterior of the house. Only the porch posts, window frames and some foundational beams in the basement are original, he said, adding that even the stained-glass window at the front of the house was put in by him.

Aviet proposed to relocate the Weilheimer House to a new site as a historical landmark, but this did not appease the critics. In a narrow 4-3 decision in late 2017, the Mountain View City Council came out in opposition to the mixed-use development even with the relocation strategy in place, citing historic preservation as a major concern.

Aviet said he has never recovered from

the disappointment and, since then, has experienced health issues related to stress, depression and heart problems. "All my investment was on this property, with the idea that hopefully one day I would sell it and make some decent money out of it to live and retire," he said.

"They took that away from me," Aviet added.

News of the city's plan to update its Historic Preservation Ordinance, which includes a new look at properties that qualify for the historical register, has reopened these grievances for Aviet.

When the city first asked him to put the Weilheimer house on the historical register in the 1990s, Aviet said no. Every decade since then, his answer has been the same. Aviet framed his decision to "opt out" as having the freedom to do what he wanted with his property. "I said no, I'm not going to take any benefits from it, like a tax break, and I have not. I want this property to be under my control. I own it as a civil right of this country," he said.

But this is a fundamental misunderstanding of the opt-out process, said Robert Cox, vice president of the Mountain View Historical Association and a steering committee member of Livable Mountain View, an organization that supported the preservation of the Weilheimer House. Opting out of the register does not mean a person has a stronger hold on their property rights; it just means they do not intend to seek financial assistance for maintaining the

property's historical character, he said.

While Aviet declined to add the property to the city's register, in practical terms, it has not made a difference to the house's historical status. In 2019, Livable Mountain View nominated the Weilheimer House and Air Base Laundry to the California Register of Historical Resources. The commission determined both properties were eligible.

"The key consideration is whether you qualify for the register, not whether you're on it," Cox said, adding that once a property is considered eligible for the California Register, it is eligible for the National Register too.

For his part, Aviet is not entirely aware of which register the Weilheimer house is on, preferring not to know the details because it is too upsetting, he said. But he does know that the historical designation has severely hamstrung his prospects of selling to a developer that would enable him to retire with financial security.

The most he likely can sell the house for is \$3 million now, Aviet said. "After paying all the bills, after paying the taxes and the mortgage that we have, not much is going to be left," he said, adding that he also can't afford to live elsewhere, as he currently resides on the property in a backyard cottage.

But the stress of the job, of maintaining a unique dining experience, is becoming too much for him, too. "It's something I go through everyday feeling like, 'Oh my God, they put me in a trap,'" Aviet said, referring to the city of Mountain View. ■



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