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Thousands attend Redwood City's Día de los Muertos celebration

Courthouse Square becomes a gathering place for honoring the dead

By Nicholas Mazzoni

Thousands of people gathered in Redwood City's Courthouse Square Sunday, Nov. 5, to celebrate Día de los Muertos, a Mexican cultural event that honors and celebrates the lives of people who have died.

This year marks the 13th city-wide celebration of Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, hosted by Casa Circulo Cultural, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating cultural Latino events in the Bay Area.

Casa Circulo Cultural Founder and organizer for the Día de los Muertos celebration Verónica Escámez said she wanted to create a space for the community to celebrate the Mexican holiday. She described the celebration as a deeply personal tribute to the dead, reflecting on their lives and memories.

"We are happy because they left us their memories. Everything that comes with them is still with us, so that is why we celebrate Día de los Muertos," Escámez said.

The free celebration spanned three blocks around the

Courthouse Square. Mexican Artist Fernando Escartiz created the visual designs for the event and built around a dozen ceremonial altars on the street decorated with hundreds of marigold flowers and candles. The event centered around a stage on the square where live performers and musicians played throughout the night. Near the end of the night, multiple public officials spoke.

Each year, the nonprofit chooses a theme for the event. This year's theme was dedicated to the Mayans, who lived in Guatemala and Southern Mexico. Escámez spent six weeks in Guatemala this summer learning about Mayan culture for the city's event. She learned that Guatemalans create large barriletes, or kites, to fly over the cemeteries to honor the dead. The kites comprised seven layers of colored paper, which represent different moments in a person's life and its roots date back to the Mayans, she said.

The theme was notable for San Mateo County Supervisor Noelia Corzo, who is Guatemalan American.

"Being that many of my ancestors, most of them, are in a



Magali Gauthier

Liseth Chamagua and her son, Liam Arce, thank a group of Catrines and a Catrina for taking a photo with them at the Día de los Muertos celebration in Redwood City on Nov. 5.

different country, it's sometimes difficult to feel as connected as you would be in those countries," Corzo said. "For me, this event is really special because we have such a large immigrant community. It's an opportunity for us to feel more connected to our ancestors and to remember the

traditions of our home countries."

During the Día de los Muertos festivities, participants had the opportunity to immerse themselves in cultural traditions with skull face-painting, exploring a vibrant marketplace featuring handcrafted ofrendas, enjoying diverse Latin American

culinary offerings, and viewing a unique exhibit of festively decorated low-riders.

Attendees could be painted like a Catrin or Catrina — icons and prominent figures within Mexican culture associated with

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The Almanac launches annual Holiday Fund campaign with \$300K goal

Annual charitable giving drive funds local nonprofits that serve families, children, individuals in need

By Almanac staff

The annual Almanac Holiday Fund campaign is getting underway this week with the aim of raising much-needed funds for local nonprofits that provide a safety net for families, children and adults in need on the Peninsula.

Ten diverse and well-respected local nonprofits that deliver

effective services will receive the funds raised this year. The agencies are Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, Ecumenical Hunger Program, Fair Oaks Community Center, LifeMoves, Literacy Partners Menlo Park, Ravenswood Family Health Center, Second Harvest Food Bank, StarVista, St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room and Upward Scholars.

A complete list of last year's grantees and donors are on our website, Almanacnews.com/holiday_fund.

"Each year, community members step forward to contribute to the health and well-being of our entire community through the Holiday Fund," said Bill Johnson, CEO of the Embarcadero Media Foundation. "As in years past,

you can rest assured that 100% of your donation, large or small, will be directed to the local agencies for services. Embarcadero and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation absorb all of the administrative costs."

In addition, every contribution from the community will be doubled, thanks to matching grants from two additional Holiday Fund partners, the Packard and Hewlett foundations. Several family foundations and major donors also contribute matching funds anonymously.

The Menlo Park Rotary Foundation is a major Almanac

Holiday Fund donor.

This year, the Almanac's goal is to raise \$300,000. Last year, the Holiday Fund exceeded expectations, bringing in \$310,000.

"Thank you in advance for joining this community campaign once again and helping to make it another record-breaking year," Johnson said.

The Holiday Fund runs through mid-January 2024. All donations are tax-deductible and may be made in one's own name, in honor or memory of a friend, relative or organization, or anonymously. For more information, go to embarcaderomediafoundation.org/holiday-fund. ■

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Peninsula Volunteers, Inc.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

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?

The growing challenges of aging intensify during the holiday season

We hope you enjoy a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. For many local seniors this will not be so. Older adults on fixed incomes are disproportionately **vulnerable to inflation** and **struggling to stay afloat** with rising costs--running out of funds for food each week and **facing impossible choices now** between paying for food, medications, transportation, or other critical needs. **Senior hunger**, widespread **loneliness**, and **social isolation now** reach more deeply into every corner of our diverse community putting more seniors at risk.

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Join us as we transform aging and reach more seniors in need

PVI is changing the way seniors are cared for and treated as respected and vital members in our local communities. Together we can fill empty plates with nutritious food and provide Alzheimer's and caregiver support, stimulating wellness activities, and on-demand transportation to your neighbors who need us most. Help us **protect our local seniors and families** and create a future where no senior in our community is isolated or hungry. We are inspired by the community support that can make this possible.

Yes, I want to make a difference today: Your special year-end gift of an amount that is right for you* means everything to the **thousands of local families relying on us** for their daily health and well-being. Please help us close our current Meals on Wheels waitlist and Got Groceries gap this holiday season. You may give securely online at www.1pvi.org/donate or by scanning the QR code. Give this message to friends who share your passion to help extend senior health and independence. We are so grateful for your support.

***\$500 funds** one month of PVI Meals on Wheels for two at-risk seniors; or a fitness membership for one year; or helps fund Aging Life Solutions; **\$700 funds** one week of Adult Day Services; ***\$2,500 funds** an iPad and training for a senior; or Ride PVI transportation services for one month for five seniors.

With hope and gratitude,

Peter Olson
Chief Executive Officer

Georgie Gleim
Board President



Lily

When Lily's caregiver daughter moved to Sacramento, Lily found herself relying on soup or costly microwave meals. She was afraid she might have to move from her home and her Redwood City community of 53 years. Now PVI's Meals on Wheels " is a true lifesaver"! Lily is so thankful for the healthy food and those who deliver the meals and talk with her. She can remain in her home and **"now I won't be lying to my daughter when I tell her I have something good for dinner!"**

DAILY SENIOR IMPACT:

- 1 in 6 seniors is facing hunger**
- 1 in 2 seniors living alone are without the finances for basic needs**
- 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's**
- 1 in 4 seniors live alone and feel lonely**
- Nearly 1 in 5 spousal caregivers passes away before their loved one**



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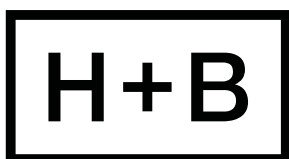
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Courtesy Diana Toppelhofer

Corte Madera students watch as Portola Valley School District trustees applaud at an Oct. 20 ribbon-cutting event. Pictured, from left, are trustees Aimee Armsby, Gary Hanning, Amod Setlur and Bob Bauer, architect Brent McClure, former Superintendent Eric Hartwig, former trustees Brooke Day, Jeff Klugman, Karyn Bechtel and Anne Fazioli Khiari.

Portola Valley school district celebrates completion of \$49.5 million building projects

By Angela Swartz

Nearly five years after passing a \$49.5 million bond measure to build new facilities and modernize existing ones in the Portola Valley Elementary School District (PVSD), the project is complete.

Community members cel-

brated the milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration on Oct. 20 at each of the district's two schools, Ormondale and Corte Madera.

"As we embark on this exciting new chapter, I look forward to witnessing the positive impact these state-of-the-art spaces will have on the educational journey of our students," Superintendent

Roberta Zarea told attendees, according to a press release. "The opportunities that lie ahead are infinite, and I am confident that these facilities will empower our students to thrive academically and personally."

District voters approved Measure Z in 2018 to fund the con-

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Swastika-like symbols at Woodside High School prompt investigation

By Sue Dremann

Two symbols that appeared to be swastikas were found on the Woodside High School campus on Wednesday, Nov. 1, prompting an investigation that included the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, a letter from school Principal Karen Van Putten confirmed on Friday, Nov. 3.

The two symbols were drawn or scratched into the pavement, according to witnesses.

In a message to the Woodside school community, Van Putten

said administrators were informed of "two drawings that appeared to resemble a symbol of hate," on Nov. 1.

"We contacted the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department in order to investigate the matter and determine if our school was at risk of a potential threat."

An investigation by school administrators and the sheriff's office determined the school isn't under a threat, she said. Instead, the school confirmed the drawings were not intended to be hate speech targeted at

anyone or any group.

"Our mutual investigation was able to confirm that it was a spiritual symbol from Japanese Buddhism known as Manji popularized by anime. To make that determination, beyond interviews, we were able to view the anime/manga images used as the genesis of the drawings and were able to verify the testimony we received," she said.

Van Putten didn't say whether the person or persons involved faced any repercussions for

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Woodside district's new fire marshal driven by a sense of service

Kimberly Giuliacci is taking over for retiring Fire Marshal Don Bullard

By Neil Gonzales

Kimberly Giuliacci took a few turns in her career path before finding her calling. But she never lost sight of the sense of service.

She worked in a veterinary hospital for a while before looking into nursing. Then she went to EMT school where most of the students were men going into the fire service.

"I started considering that's something I could do," she said. "I can handle everything that they would do on an engine and respond to calls."

She enrolled at the Fire Academy at College of San Mateo, and this detour into the fire service ultimately brought her to what she feels is her purpose.

Giuliacci, 45, is the new fire marshal for the Woodside Fire Protection District. She takes over for Fire Marshal Don Bullard, who is retiring next month after 35 years working for the district.

Although she traveled through various occupational fields, searching for a way to serve others or the community seemed to have guided Giuliacci's career decisions.

The fire service certainly offers that opportunity. "I found a passion for working with the community and working with people for something that I saw very valuable - life and safety," said Giuliacci, who lives in San Mateo with her husband, Eric, and their son, Gianni, 14, and daughter, Nica, 9.

"Where I am now in this point in my career, I feel like I have found a purpose," said Giuliacci, who has been working with Bullard the past several weeks during a transition period before she officially takes over Jan. 1.

Bullard sees his successor as having the skill set to help lead the district amid new challenges and fast-evolving changes in the industry and local community.

"When I started with the fire district in 1988, we had no Fire Prevention Division," Bullard



Courtesy Kimberly Giuliacci

Kimberly Giuliacci

said. "The fire marshal, at that time, was the responsibility of one of our line battalion chiefs."

Now on top of the district's normal process to review plans for new construction, additions and remodels, he said, "modern technology has kept our Fire Prevention Division busy over the years with the installation of photovoltaic systems, energy-storage systems and back-up generators."

The division will just get even busier, he said, because of the anticipated increase of residential units in Woodside and Portola Valley as part of the state's requirement for local jurisdictions to expand housing.

With that backdrop, Bullard described Giuliacci as bringing "a well-rounded, diverse background in fire prevention to the district. She has a background in all phases of fire prevention" with a dozen years of experience working in various roles for different fire agencies throughout San Mateo County.

He also noted that Giuliacci will be the second female fire marshal for the Woodside district. Before Bullard became fire marshal, Denise Enea served in that role for more than 20 years. Another female fire marshal, Christine Reed from the Central County Fire Department, just retired in August.

It was at Central County where Giuliacci got her

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held for the Woodside Fire Protection District Board of Directors to consider enacting the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE FIRE DISTRICT

The proposed ordinance is also identified as Ordinance 2023-04.

All interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing and be heard on this matter. The Public Hearing will take place on November 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM at 808 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028. This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, and the public may also attend this meeting virtually. Details on participating by Zoom or other virtual format will be available on the published November 28, 2023 agenda for the Board of Directors meeting.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE: The purpose of the ordinance is to establish fees, as defined in the California Constitution, that are no more than necessary to cover the reasonable costs of Fire District governmental activities, and that the manner in which those costs are allocated to a payor bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor's burdens on, or benefits received from, the Fire District's governmental activities. The fees established by the Ordinance are authorized pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 13916 and any other applicable provisions of California statutes and regulations.

All interested parties are encouraged and invited to submit written comments regarding the merits of the proposed ordinance prior to the hearing or participate in the public hearing. Reasonable accommodations will be made to individuals with disabilities. To submit comments electronically, please forward them to Kimberly Giuliacci, Fire Marshal at kgiuliacci@woodsidefire.org. To submit comments via U.S. Mail, please forward them to the Woodside Fire Protection District Fire Marshal to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. one day prior to the meeting at the following address: 808 Portola Ave. #C, Portola Valley, CA 94028.

Please note that any challenge of the proposed action in court may be limited to addressing only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence submitted to the Fire Marshal at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The proposed Ordinance 2023-04 is available for review online at <http://www.woodsidefire.org/prevention> and will be available in the agenda packet for the November 28, 2023, meeting.

A certified copy of the proposed Ordinance 2023-04 is also available upon request by contacting the District Office, at (650) 851-1594, 808 Portola Rd. #C, Portola Valley, CA 94028.

The data indicating the amount of cost, or estimated cost, required to provide the service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fees are charged, and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service or the cost of enforcing any regulation, including general fund revenues, is available for public inspection at the District Office, 808 Portola Rd. #C, Portola Valley, CA 94028.

Run Dates: November 10 and November 17

CRIME BRIEFS

Three teens arrested with guns, cocaine and cash

Five firearms including an AR-15 rifle with a 60-round magazine, drugs packaged for sale, and \$4,000 in cash were seized in the arrest of three teens following a shooting, East Palo Alto police said Friday, Nov. 3.

The teens, two who are age 15 and one who is 16, were arrested on Nov. 2 when police searched their residences, the department stated.

Images of the three were captured on surveillance video in connection with a shooting Oct. 13 in the 2300 block of Cooley Avenue, police said. No one was injured in the shooting.

The drugs included more than 22 ounces of cocaine, MDMA pills and marijuana, police said.

Anyone who has relevant information is asked to contact the East Palo Alto Police Department by anonymous text to epa@tipnow.org or 650-409-6792. An anonymous voicemail may be left at 650-409-6792. ■

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Menlo Park Police Department receives \$74,000 road safety grant

The Menlo Park Police Department received a grant for \$74,000 to use for road safety improvements by September 2024.

The grant comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety and the money will go toward efforts to reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on the road, including DUI checkpoints and patrols and enforcement operations focused on cell phone use while driving, speeding and stop sign violations.

Menlo Park's most recent road safety data from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is from 2020, when the city ranked sixth worst out of 91 similar-sized California cities in bicycling collisions where the cyclist was injured or killed, and the third worst for cyclists under age 15. The OTS reported that Menlo Park had a total of 88 crashes resulting in injury or death in 2020, the 13th highest among comparable cities.

— Cameron Rebosio

Forum on how to talk with kids about violence and war

The local nonprofit Parent Venture will host a talk on how to provide comfort and support around conversations with kids about violence and war.

The forum will be non-political, trauma-informed and compassion-based and led by population health psychologist Eran Magen, according to the organization.

Sign up at tinyurl.com/forumonviolencewar.

Grab coffee with the new town manager

Portola Valley's new town manager, Sharif Etman, will be meeting with residents for coffee on Dec. 5 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Town Center Heritage Room (next to the library), 765 Portola Road.

The town appointed Etman to the role in August. He filled the vacancy left by longtime town manager Jeremy Dennis.

— Angela Swartz

Books and toys for low-income families

Low-income households in San Mateo County can look forward to receiving toys and books during the holidays, according to county officials.

Families on time-limited programs and served by the Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo are invited to complete a survey listing at least three appropriate gift choices for each child living in their home, county officials said in a statement Monday.

The child will receive at least one gift from their wish list. The deadline for the survey is Nov. 17.

Toys will be distributed by HACSM staff during the second and third weeks of December, according to county officials.

"Every year, all of us at the Housing Authority look forward to this tangible reminder that we provide more than rental assistance — first and foremost, we are here to support families," HACSM coordinator Victoria Grant-Velgado said in a statement.

According to county officials, the effort is a joint project between HACSM, the County Human Services Agency and the Peninsula Library System.

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Hate crime investigation into hit-and-run that injured Arab Muslim student at Stanford

Student reports that driver made eye contact, accelerated and shouted abusive comment

By Wendy Medina/
Bay City News Service

An Arab Muslim student at Stanford University was targeted by an allegedly pro-Israel student on Friday, Nov. 3, in what is being investigated as a potential hate crime. Shortly before 2 p.m., the Arab student was crossing the street near the student residences at Campus Drive and Ayrshire Farm Lane when he was hit by a car and the driver sped off while yelling, “F— you and your people.”

Officials reported that the student sustained non-life-threatening injuries and is currently still hospitalized.

According to a statement from the victim after the incident, the driver made eye contact with him before accelerating.

“As soon as he hit me, as my body was turning around, the driver yelled, ‘f— you and your people,’” the student said.

Upon locking eyes, the victim identified the individual as someone who has taken to filming pro-Palestine activists on campus, a newly widespread tactic employed to intimidate and dox students.

The suspect is described as a white male in his mid-20s, with short dirty-blond hair, round framed eyeglasses and a short beard.

The car is described as a black Toyota 4Runner, model year 2015 or newer, with an exposed tire mounted to the rear center and a Toyota logo in the center of the wheel. The white California license plate had the letters M and J, with M possibly being the first letter and J in the middle, the student told police.

University police were alerted of the hit-and-run shortly after, but did not issue a campus-wide alert informing the student body of the violent crime until 10:30 p.m.

A statement from Stanford

Students for Justice in Palestine demanded that the university take immediate action.

“The university must deploy its resources to determine who the perpetrator was, support the survivor of this attack (and others) with specialized resources, care, and any and all resources they need at their request, and release a statement condemning the violent Islamophobic and anti-Arab hate crimes in particular and with that language that have occurred on campus,” the students wrote.

“At present, Stanford University is complicit in the white supremacist violence Arab and Muslim students have faced on campus. To the university administration, we say unequivocally: shame on you. Your silence is enabling violent Islamophobic and anti-Arab hate crimes on our campus and the genocide of the Palestinian people.”

The hit-and-run comes amid

mounting criticism of the university’s refusal to address an ongoing sit-in protest by student activists who demand the school denounce Israel’s invasion of Gaza, and provide additional support to Palestinian students.

The students have been camping out in Stanford’s White Plaza since Oct. 20 and have no plans of stopping. Among the demands are for the university to offer counseling and academic accommodations for students impacted by the genocide in Palestine, along with access to free legal aid for those experiencing harassment.

According to the Department of Public Safety, “Stanford is continuing to work to provide a safe and secure campus environment in the context of heightened tensions related to the events in Israel and Gaza. This includes additional security that has been deployed at key locations on campus.”

The San Francisco Bay Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations said it strongly condemned the targeting of the student.

“This shocking incident comes as a stark reminder of the rising climate of Islamophobia and anti-Palestinian hate that has been escalating since Oct. 7,” CAIR-SFBA Executive Director Zahra Billoo said in a statement Saturday.

Oct. 7 was the date of an attack by Hamas fighters that killed more than 1,400 Israelis, touching off Israeli retaliation that has killed and injured thousands of Palestinian civilians in Gaza.

Billoo said Arab and Muslim students have sought the university’s assistance in the last several weeks and remain concerned about the “inadequate response that has left them vulnerable.”

The California Highway Patrol, which has jurisdiction over injury collisions on the Stanford campus, is currently investigating the hit-and-run as a potential hate crime.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact CHP at 650-779-2700 or Stanford public safety at 650-329-2413. ■

Tentative agreement gives Sequoia Union teachers nearly 8% pay raise

By Neil Gonzales

Teachers and other certificated workers in the Sequoia Union High School District would see what appears to be a record pay raise of nearly 8% for the current academic year, according to a tentative agreement reached between their union and employer.

“It is a huge achievement to have come to this agreement,” Sequoia District Teachers Association (SDTA) President Edith Salvatore said in an email to this publication Wednesday, Nov. 1. “This is the largest salary increase I can remember in my 27 years in this district, and I am proud that our team and the district were able to work together to bring it to our members.”

After months of bristly negotiations and teacher rallies at school board meetings, SDTA and the district have agreed to a new two-year contract featuring a 7.75% raise for 2023-24. Talks are to resume at a later date about an increase for 2024-25.

The union planned to tell its 605 members about the agreement, Salvatore said. The members — classroom teachers, counselors, librarians and other non-management, certificated employees in the district — were scheduled to vote this

week on whether to ratify the settlement.

District board President Rich Ginn praised both sides’ efforts in finding a resolution. “The board wants to thank the negotiating teams for all of their work,” he said in an email.

In a report to its members, the union credited their advocacy for getting the district to reallocate more than \$10 million in its budget to make room for the 7.75% increase.

Union members showed up in large numbers to board meetings in person and via Zoom, urging district leaders to bring up pay in line with the Bay Area’s high cost of living.

In its report, the union pointed out that it decided to go with the raise this year only while continuing negotiations later for the 2024-25 pay “to ensure that we were able to capitalize on the unprecedented surplus in the district’s budget.”

Addressing the board during its Oct. 11 meeting, longtime Menlo-Atherton High School teacher Patrick Roisen contended that “the district has a \$40 million excess.”

He also argued that property-tax revenue has climbed on average about 6% annually for the past decade.

This publication could not immediately confirm those

numbers with the district.

“While we understand that it is preferable to know what your salary will be before the (next school) year begins,” the union in its report said to members, “the district is generally hesitant to make large commitments until they know for sure what their property-tax income will be for the year, so while we hope we can have answers for next year by June, that will depend on how negotiations go.”

But Salvatore is confident about the district’s revenue growth.

“We are optimistic that revenues will continue to increase for the district and that we will have productive conversations when we reconvene to discuss next year,” she said. “We don’t have a timeline for that yet but

anticipate we will begin talking in early to mid-spring. We want to have enough time to come to a settlement before the end of the school year, if possible, but also want to give our committees enough time to meet and make recommendations.”

In regards to how much of an increase the union could seek for 2024-25, she said, it will review Sequoia Union’s budget in the months ahead “and

determine what we think is a fair amount that allows the district to continue doing its vital work while giving our members an opportunity to thrive in this area.”

Previously, SDTA sought an 8% salary bump for this current year and 7% for 2024-25. The district had countered with 4.75% and 2.5%, respectively,

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After heated debate, Sequoia district trustees to meet about honors courses on Nov. 15

High school community deeply divided on whether to separate out college-bound ninth graders in honors classes or teach everyone in mixed groups

By Sue Dremann

The Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees debated heatedly over the timing of a discussion about contentious curricula changes for the next academic year after the topic failed to materialize on the agenda for more than a month.

The board first met on Sept. 20 to receive a district report regarding removing honors classes in the ninth grade and merging students into a class that would foster diverse learning and enhance college readiness among all students, but after an emotional seven-hour long meeting, the Zoom broadcast shut off abruptly, and the trustees were not able to weigh in.

District Superintendent Crystal Leach said during the Oct. 11 board meeting she didn't get to share the next steps for the program due to the abrupt ending in September.

"Absent of any board direction, I am working with staff and teachers on calibration of our current ninth-grade offerings," she said.

Staff will hold meetings with its feeder districts to better refine curricula in the seventh and eighth grades since she has heard that ninth grade classes repeat

some of the same lessons.

"I am also working with principals on the overall ninth-grade experience. What do we want that to look like, both inside and outside of the classroom? We currently have in the works a ninth-grade short survey. ... It's going to ninth graders; it's very simple questions to gauge what their ninth-grade experiences are like so that we can adjust accordingly to make sure that we are creating the best and welcoming environment both socially and academically for our ninth graders," she said.

Board President Richard Ginn, who has voiced concerns about the district losing families seeking more course choices, suggested offering a school with maximized choices and proposed adding the topic to the Oct. 25 agenda. He noted that the course catalogs for the coming year will likely be finalized sometime in December.

The September study session reviewed the district's 121-page report, "Streamlining Course Offerings and Creating More Diverse Learning Environments to Increase Student Access and Success." The report analyzed an existing program merging ninth-grade students eligible for honors classes and students who were not in college-eligible classes. The merged or "heterogeneous"

classrooms were more targeted to individual student-level needs while theoretically uplifting all students who would also benefit from working together.

The district wants to increase the number of students who pass classes needed for college acceptance, which is part of its effort to provide more equitable outcomes. But some parents and students have claimed the study is flawed. Removing the honors classes robs them of equitable educational opportunity by holding them back, they said at the Sept. 20 meeting. The report and many teachers disputed those claims, saying that more students passed the college-required classes.

During the Oct. 11 board meeting, when Ginn first proposed continuing the September study session, trustees Carrie Du Bois, Amy Koo and Shawneece Stevenson wanted to wait until Leach returned with the reports of the staff findings, which Leach said wouldn't be ready by the Oct. 25 meeting. Trustee Sathvik Nori was absent.

Ginn wasn't satisfied with tabling the discussion, however.

At the Oct. 25 board meeting, he again proposed that the study session continuation be added to the Nov. 15 meeting — the only meeting the trustees are

scheduled to have during that month. Ultimately, Koo and Nori supported him after a long debate. Stevenson and Du Bois were strongly opposed.

"We've given no guidance on this," Ginn said. "In my opinion, the board has not given any guidance. And I don't feel like it's right for us to, as the governing board, to not say anything on the topic until after the deadline to make any decision. If the decision is to do nothing, I feel like the board should say that the board's decision is to do nothing."

"I don't feel like it's right. In my opinion, for us to just stay silent and then say, 'Oh, sorry, the deadline passed,' that's not proper leadership and governance," he added.

He also criticized the lack of clear guidance provided to the superintendent, "which is where I believe we're at right now; that there's been a big discussion, and then the meeting ended," he said. When merged-class changes arose two years ago, the board didn't offer any thoughts at that time, he noted.

Ginn also read a lengthy statement earlier in the meeting regarding his views on the reduction in class choices.

In the statement, he said he'd spoken to families whose parents or older children had attended Sequoia district schools and had decided to send younger children to private schools, due to recent years' reduction in course options. "These families were supporters of our schools and now we have lost their support," he said.

"If our district does not offer more

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End of daylight saving time correlated with car crashes, heart attacks

Experts say the time change doesn't have any positive impact on our health

By Isha Trivedi

This Sunday, Nov. 5, marked the end of daylight saving time. But what does that actually mean, and why are we still changing our clocks twice a year?

On the second Sunday of every March, we set our clocks one hour ahead and lose one hour of sleep — entering daylight saving time, where our days feel longer with the sun rising later in the day and setting later in the day. But on the first Sunday of every November, we set our clocks one hour behind and daylight saving time ends.

The legislation behind daylight saving time

While large swaths of North America still abide by the twice-per-year time change, a recent effort to eliminate the bi-annual changes has sparked conversation about the benefits and disadvantages of this disruption to our routines.

California voters first approved an initiative to establish daylight saving time back in 1949. While every state except for Hawaii and Arizona currently abide by daylight saving time, in 2018 former Assemblymember Kansen Chu, D-San

Jose introduced a bill that would put California in permanent daylight saving time, meaning the sun would rise consistently later and set consistently later.

But despite widespread support from Californians, the legislation hasn't gotten the support it needs from federal lawmakers to actually go into effect.

The Sunshine Protection Act also attempted in 2018 to make daylight saving time permanent, and the Senate even approved the bill in March 2022 with plans to implement it this month. But the legislation has since lost steam and fizzled in the House.

The health impacts of daylight saving time

Rafael Pelayo, a sleep specialist with the Stanford Sleep Medicine Center, said daylight saving time actually has no health benefits, as the sudden addition or elimination of an hour from our days typically leads to an increase in car accidents and heart attacks every year.

"We're really a sleep-deprived country to begin with, so you're robbing an hour of sleep from people who don't have that hour to spare," he told this publication,

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Menlo Park Planning Commission recommends boosting apartment density as high as 150 units per acre

City Council to weigh in at Nov. 14 meeting

By Cameron Rebosio

Relief was tangible as the Menlo Park Planning Commission on Monday, Nov. 6, concluded its year of zoning conversations, recommending that the City Council raise density in apartment districts to a maximum of 150 units per acre.

Zoning changes are required

to demonstrate that the city is removing barriers to developing affordable housing by allowing denser housing in more parts of the city.

Menlo Park has yet to get its housing element approved. City officials are working on a fourth round of revisions to the state-mandated plan after it was sent back in August. Since the housing element was not certified by the

Jan. 31 deadline earlier this year, the city now has until Jan. 31, 2024 to adopt the zoning changes.

If the city does not meet the rezoning deadline, its housing element risks being decertified even if state has approved it.

“Tonight, we’re at the end of a very long process,” Commissioner Andrew Erich said. “I think there’s been a lot of great work done, and the most important thing that we can do is provide a

strong recommendation to City Council in hopes that the City Council can move swiftly ... to approve this, and we end up with a compliant housing element.”

One of the major changes is the upzoning in Menlo Park’s R-3 apartment districts, which includes areas of downtown Menlo Park, to as much as 30 units per acre. With affordable housing overlays, which act as a density bonus, R-3 zoned

properties could allow up to 150 units per acre.

The Planning Commission also focused on mixed-use zoning, allowing residential and retail to coexist. The mixed-use zones would prioritize retail, restaurants and multifamily housing.

The City Council is set to review the recommended zoning changes at its Nov. 14 meeting. ■

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Menlo Park council targets school zones for traffic safety measures

By Cameron Rebosio

Facing grim collision data from the state, the Menlo Park City Council focused on school zone safety and “high-collision corridors” in its first conversation about the Vision Zero Action Plan at a Nov. 7 meeting.

The Vision Zero plan outlines policy, analysis and street safety regulations with the goal of eliminating collision-related fatalities and reducing by half the number of non-fatal collisions by 2030.

On average, six people are killed or severely injured in collisions in Menlo Park each year, and an additional 124 people are injured, according to a report from city staff. Staff identified the city’s “high-collision corridors,”

which account for 20% of roadway miles, but see 83% of all collisions and 93% of collisions resulting in death or serious injury. The list includes El Camino Real, Bayfront Expressway, Willow Road, Ravenswood Avenue and Middle Avenue.

Crash data from the state paints an even bleaker picture of Menlo Park streets. The most recent crash data from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), from 2020, ranks Menlo Park the sixth worst out of 91 similar-sized California cities when it comes to collisions where a bicyclist was injured or killed, and the third worst for cyclists under age 15. The OTS reported that Menlo Park had a total of 88 crashes resulting in injury or death in 2020, the 13th highest among comparable cities.

Matthew Rascoff, co-chair of the Safe Routes to Schools Committee at Oak Knoll School, called the council’s attention to OTS data from 2019, which showed 176 people killed or injured in collisions. Rascoff said that number is the equivalent of 1 in every 200 Menlo Park residents, as the city has a population of about 35,000. He commended council members for their work on the controversial Middle Avenue pilot project to remove parking spaces and create buffered bike lanes to enhance safety for bicyclists.

“I know how difficult some of these decisions have been for the City Council, especially on removing parking,” Rascoff said. “I think we’ve got some real momentum, the Middle Avenue Project to me has been a

tremendous success, and it took some political courage from this council.”

Staff said their Vision Zero plan accounts for human error, because mistakes shouldn’t have to result in injury or death.

Assistant Public Works Director Hugh Louch said that staff focused on targeting areas that see the highest risk behaviors, as well as making lower-cost safety improvements throughout the city. Some quick-build improvements could look like the intersection of Menlo Avenue and University Drive, where pilot project eliminated a right-turn lane to improve crosswalk safety. That T-intersection, by Draeger’s market, was the site of about a quarter of total pedestrian-involved collisions in Menlo Park in 2022.

Council member Betsy Nash recommended a focus on school zones, a sentiment echoed by Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor, who suggested school speed zones become

a near-term priority. Taylor also recommended adding crossing guards not only in school zones but also for seniors. Several Menlo Park schools are located along these high-collision corridors, as are bike routes used by children.

“A lot of times, these high-collision corridors, they don’t really have a champion,” Mayor Jen Wolosin said. “The fact that they account for so much of the collisions and fatalities is critical to get this work done.”

Wolosin called for protected bike lanes as well for student safety, saying that one weak link could make a chain of safe bike routes fall apart. If there is one street that can’t safely be crossed, then that can no longer be considered a safe route.

The City Council is set to allocate funding for Vision Zero projects during its annual budget discussions. ■

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Defendant in horrific San Carlos samurai sword slaying refuses to come to court

Karina Castro, the mother of accused killer’s baby, was slain in September 2022

By Nicholas Mazzoni

In the case of the San Carlos man charged with killing the mother of his infant child using a samurai sword, prosecutors are tasked not with proving he committed the act but rather with establishing his sanity at the time of the crime.

Opening statements began Tuesday, Nov. 7, in the trial of Jose Rafael Solano Landaeta, 33, of Hayward, who is accused of killing Karina Castro, 27, the mother of his 18-month-old child, after an alleged violent argument ensued between the two in front of her San Carlos

apartment on Sept. 8, 2022.

Landaeta previously pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. While his attorney, Robert Cummings, spoke about mental illness, paranoia, and self-defense during his opening comments in San Mateo County Superior Court, Prosecutor Joshua Stauffer opened his statement with a definition for the word vengeance.

“She (is) looking to get smoked, blood,” said Stauffer, who was reading excerpts from an alleged thread between Landaeta and a friend in an Instagram direct message hours before the alleged crime. “The defendant, Mr.

Jose Solano Landaeta, used this sword in the act of vengeance against the victim, in this case, Karina Castro.”

On Monday, Nov. 6, Landaeta appeared in court while the jury selection process was finalized. Wearing a black suit and white turtleneck, he stood with his hands crossed at his waist, appearing poised and facing the potential jurors as they walked into the room after a recess. At one point, Judge Lisa Novak misspoke during the hearing; she made a joke, and Landaeta cracked a smile, along with the rest of the room.

Yet on Tuesday, Landaeta

remained in his cell, refusing to come to court. It marks the first day of trial, to which he faces 26 years to life in prison for murder.

San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said the last time someone didn’t come to trial for a murder case in the county was in the late 1980s, but that was for a death row sentencing.

“I have never seen in a murder trial in this county a defendant failed to come to court for the trial on whether he committed the crime,” Wagstaffe said.

On the day Landaeta is alleged to have killed Castro, Stauffer said three witnesses were walking along Laurel Street shortly before noon when they approached a couple arguing on the sidewalk. The witnesses crossed the street to avoid the argument. One of the witnesses reported hearing Castro ask Landaeta if he was going to hit her, and then she pushed him. Shortly after, Stauffer said the witness would tell the jury that Landaeta

punched Castro with a closed fist. He grabbed an item from a nearby car and struck Castro in the arm so severely that her arm was nearly severed from her body, prosecutors told the jury.

Stauffer said witnesses saw Castro run behind a vehicle away from Landaeta. He said she left a trail of blood and blonde hair because Landaeta allegedly swung the sword at her head, chopping her hair as she ran away. When Castro got to the rear of the vehicle, witnesses said they saw Landaeta raise the item above his head, striking her many times around the neck and head. Landaeta allegedly put the sword back in the vehicle and drove away. One witness toward Castro attempted to help her but found that she was dead near her car in the street. The second witness called 9-1-1 and ran away from the scene. The third witness remembered a police officer two blocks away during their walk

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Phyllis Elaine Cima

April 14, 1928 – September 28, 2023

Phyllis Cima, known by her friends and family as a bastion of taste, beauty and elegance during her life, passed away peacefully from complications of Alzheimer's disease at the age of 95. A consummate host, Phyllis invited family and acquaintances from her extensive world travels, into a home that was curated under her exacting eye.



During her early life on a farm in Murray, Iowa, Phyllis learned all that was required for success there: feeding the chickens, canning fruit, sewing and baking. Her parents, Elnora and Charlie Thurman, had a large extended network of family close by and Phyllis saw the importance of family connections, whether it was at a barn raising or a simple potluck celebration.

Starting school she skipped a grade – kindergarten – so was actually a year younger than all of her classmates but excelled. Upon high school graduation she moved to the “big city” of Des Moines to work in the banking industry. She met her love and life partner, Norman, through family and church friends and they married in 1950. Moving to St. Louis where they bought their first house, their daughter Joyce was born, and during a 6-month TDY to Oxnard, CA, their son Alan was born. Loving the weather in California, Phyllis and Norm moved to Orange County and then to the Bay Area where they lived in the same house for over 60 years. She concentrated on raising her family, advancing Norm's business career, and making the world a more beautiful place.

Discovering a love of travel early in their marriage, Phyllis and Norm saw the world together, allowing her to have a hands-on appreciation for the art of other cultures. With Norm's business taking him to Japan frequently, Phyllis discovered Ikebana, the ancient Japanese art of flower arranging. Appealing both to her green thumb and precise nature, it was the perfect way to spend her time while Norm was working. She served as Ikebana International San Francisco Bay Area chapter president, organized many flower exhibitions at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park and became an expert teacher to others in the Ikenobo style school. Like a poem or painting made with flowers, Ikenobo expresses both the beauty of flowers and the beauty of longing in our own hearts. Visiting her home one could always find an understated but elegant flower arrangement reflecting the season and the balance of line, color, and form.

Like her favorite hummingbirds, Phyllis was constantly moving, picking up and putting things in their right places, moving quickly, and seemingly 3 feet ahead of everyone else. She was a gracious and generous hostess who prepared elegantly simple meals with the freshest ingredients. Guests were in awe as she did this all in the background of lively mealtime conversation. An expert in noticing the tiniest of details, Phyllis loved nothing more than to find something beautiful as the perfect gift for someone she loved.

Preceded in death by her husband Norman, she is survived by her daughter Joyce Anthony (Tom) of Woodside, son Alan Cima of San Carlos, grandchildren Rebecca Lyon (Adam) of Bothell, WA, Jessica Cima of San Carlos, Tyler Anthony (Ashley) of Denver, Tori Post (Zenon) of San Jose, and great-grandchildren William and Andrew Lyon. She is also survived by her sister Marilyn Fritchen of Campbell, CA and brother Eldon Thurman of Columbus, OH, who's weekly phone calls enhanced her life even when she could no longer speak.

The family is extremely grateful for the long-term care and love she received from the Sage Eldercare Solutions team, and especially her devoted home care providers Art and Silvio. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests gifts may be designated to the Norman and Phyllis Cima Fellowship Fund at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

PAID OBITUARY

SWASTIKA

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defacing the school.

Campus staff could be seen painting over the symbols on Friday, but not everyone felt the matter was settled.

At least one member of the school community told this news publication via text they were deeply upset by the symbols and questioned the explanation.

“What a crock of !#%\$,” the community member said. The school knows “full well how painful it is for Jewish students and staff to see but then goes and has it painted over if it's only anime?”

The person said they were heartbroken after learning that another parent told their child to stop wearing a Star of David necklace to school.

Van Putten said she understood that some community members might not accept the explanation.

“I know that the idea of hate speech on our campus is heartbreaking for all of us. I, too, was saddened by the idea that hate speech may have occurred on our campus, as we do not



Contributed photo

Two symbols that appeared to be swastikas were found on the Woodside High School campus on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

tolerate any hateful speech or actions on our campus,” she said.

“I recognize that this explanation may not feel like enough for some in our community. This is an isolated incident that we have investigated with sensitivity and seriousness, and we are committed to educating all our students. When you have a concern, our staff and I will listen and problem-solve with you because your safety, well-being, and feeling of being a part of our community

are top priorities at Woodside High School.”

The Sequoia Union High School District Superintendent Crystal Leach didn't return requests for comment, nor did most members of the Board of Trustees as of Nov. 3. Trustee Carrie Du Bois said that all press inquiries would be handled by President Richard Ginn. ■

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Menlo Park Monthly Market Report

October 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023

TOP 10 SALES*			
1. \$7,300,000 575 Oak Knoll Lane	2. \$6,485,000 1055 Valparaiso Avenue	3. \$6,250,000 960 Lucky Avenue	4. \$5,250,000 559 Placitas Avenue
5. \$5,210,000 1200 Rosefield Way	6. \$5,200,000 840 San Mateo Drive	7. \$5,100,000 930 Colby Avenue	8. \$5,100,000 2031 Carmine Al Lago
9. \$4,980,000 1055 Atkinson Lane	10. \$4,620,000 426 Bay Road		

ACTIVE LISTING Oct: 66 Sep: 69 -4%	AVERAGE SALES PRICE Oct: \$3,464,824 Sep: \$3,389,444 2%	AVERAGE SALES PRICE/SQ Ft Oct: \$1,392 Sep: \$1,428 -3%
PENDING LISTING Oct: 35 Sep: 38 -8%	AVERAGE SOLD DAYS ON MARKET Oct: 29 Sep: 19 53%	MONTHS OF INVENTORY <small>If no further homes/condos were to come to market, the area would be SOLD OUT of residential real estate in the number of MONTHS shown</small> Oct: 1.90 Sep: 2.60 -27%
SOLD LISTING Oct: 34 Sep: 27 26%	SALE/LIST PRICE Oct: 102.20% Sep: 103.30% -1%	30 YEAR MORTGAGE RATE <small>9/27/2023 7.55% 10/25/2023 8.0%</small> Oct: 8.01% Sep: 7.55% 6%

*October 2023 compared to September 2023

*Source: MLS Listings for Single Family Properties | Fixerhomes | Condos

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FIRE MARSHAL

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professional start in the fire service, as a fire-prevention intern. Then she worked as a part-time fire inspector serving both the Millbrae and San Bruno fire departments. After Central County absorbed the Millbrae department, she became a full-time fire-prevention specialist.

After a few years with Central County, she was hired by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District as a fire inspector 1. She eventually made fire inspector 2 there.

When the Woodside district was hiring for a fire inspector 2, she said, “I was ready to make a change to a different type of community and challenges because they’re a wildland-urban interface. It’s a community that’s very different from anything I’ve ever done before, and I just felt because of the goals that I had to one day be a fire marshal I wanted to be very well-rounded and be familiar with every aspect of fire prevention.”

So she joined Woodside in January, developing and deepening her knowledge of wildfire

prevention. Several months later, she tested for the post being left by Bullard and was promoted.

Becoming fire marshal is something Giuliacci aimed to do for a long time. “Every opportunity I’ve had — every training, every class I’ve taken — was always with the goal of fulfilling this role one day,” she said, “and now after all these years, it’s exciting to know I’ve accomplished that, but I still have a lot ahead of me.”

She agreed with Bullard that among the key challenges moving forward is the prospect of rapid residential growth due

to the state’s housing mandate. That growth translates to an increase in fire-related calls.

“Anytime there are more people, there are more emergencies and there are more car accidents and there’s more of everything,” Giuliacci said.

That’s why it’s critical to beef up fire personnel and access funding, she said. “We can support the community more with having inspectors out in the field that can hit every single parcel and every single house.”

Although the area that the district covers is affluent, she said, it’s still vital to pursue grants and other funds to help residents prevent or prepare for fire disasters.

“Just because it’s more of an affluent community doesn’t necessarily mean that everybody has the means or the resources to be able to do what needs to be done,” she said.

The district has also been working on strengthening local

fire codes and helping forge an evacuation plan in the event of large-scale emergencies such as the deadly wildfires up north the past few years or just recently in Maui.

Spreading public education about fire prevention is also a particularly important piece of strategy given that the Woodside and Portola Valley area is a high-vegetation zone during a time of increased wildfire catastrophes statewide.

“It’s basically raising awareness of where we are and what we’re in and the vegetation that surrounds us,” Giuliacci said. “We have to create fuel breaks or create our defensible space and cut down everything that’s dry and dead.”

She added: “It’s such a beautiful community, but with that beauty comes the responsibility to also manage it.” ■

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PVSD

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struction of classroom buildings, facilities and grounds. A mix of sources — the district’s general fund, state funding and Measure Z — financed the projects, which began in 2019.

District officials said that the project included upgraded energy-efficient systems that will reduce PVSD’s environmental footprint.

The project updated lighting to more long-lasting LED bulbs and installed energy management systems for HVAC units, costing about \$227,000, according to district officials. This comes from state funding for energy efficiency projects, according to a district presentation.

Construction of the new facilities at the K-3 Ormondale School was completed early this year, according to the press release. There’s a new STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) lab and sensory garden, where students take “Garden Thyme” classes. Students take woodworking classes in the new art room on Wednesdays and Fridays, according to a district board staff report.

Corte Madera School’s new middle school opened this April. Construction of the new fourth and fifth grade building was completed in August. Updates include a new amphitheater and an outdoor classroom deck. ■

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OBITUARIES

Local residents who have died recently include:

Dr. John Borghi, 86, a resident of Los Altos who was a psychologist and proud forensic examiner for the Superior Court of California, die-hard fan of the 49ers, Giants and Sharks and also an opera aficionado and lover of fine foods who possessed a wicked sense of humor, on Oct. 18.

Donald Max Garz, 84, a former Palo Alto resident who worked in construction, as an ABS technician, and retired from AT&T as an engineering supervisor, who took special pride in his cabinet making,

enjoyed ocean fishing and traveling, and hosted special occasions for family and friends, on Oct. 22.

Bailey L. Merman, 61, a former Palo Alto resident and the adopted child of Marion and Harry Lewenstein, who built a landscape design business with husband Marc Merman, and who was a life-long artist known for, among other works, complex Celtic drawings and large outdoor murals, on Oct. 12.

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

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



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District Board of the West Bay Sanitary District will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday evening, December 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park or attend by Zoom or telephone.

Please refer to: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86725615742?pwd=8VwBabZqwsDlIvBwmQKyBw0bVcP72b.1> Meeting ID: 867 2561 5742 Passcode: 183235

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The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider a proposed increase in some of the customer rates for year 2024 effective January 1, 2024 and for year 2025 effective January 1, 2025 for the collection of waste and recyclable materials in the West Bay Sanitary District for 2024 and 2025.

The need for this increase was discussed by the District Board at the October 11, 2023 Board meeting. The staff report for this matter is available at the District Office located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park or online at www.westbaysanitary.org.

PROPOSED NEW RATES:

Approximately fifty-seven percent (57%) of residential service containers are a 32 gallon size. The new rate for 2024 for a 32 gallon container would increase from \$56.00 per month to \$61.00 per month and for 2025 to \$63.75 per month. The new rate for 2024 for a 20 gallon container would increase from \$50.00 per month to \$54.00 per month and for 2025 to \$56.43 per month. 20 gallon containers are grandfathered to current users and are no longer available to new customers or to customers wishing to migrate down to a 20 gallon container. As further detailed in the Rate Study, the purpose of these increases is to align the Solid Waste Rates with the actual proportionate cost of providing the service to customers in each Customer Service Level.

The District’s proposed rates are designed to transition the “per can” rate to an actual “cost of service” rate. For comparison purposes, the maximum typical residential rates for 32 gallon containers for SBWMA Cities including Burlingame, Belmont, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, and San Mateo, range from a low of \$27.52 (Foster City) to a high of \$64.60 (Hillsborough), based upon 2023 rates.

The following table shows the current rates and the proposed monthly rates for West Bay Sanitary District Franchised Customers to be effective beginning January 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

Proposed Maximum Solid Waste Rates for 2024 and 2025

Customer Service Level	MONTHLY RATES			QUARTERLY RATES		
	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Monthly Rate (2024)	Proposed Monthly Rate (2025)	Current Quarterly Rate	Proposed Quarterly Rate (2024)	Proposed Quarterly Rate (2025)
Residential:						
20 gallon can	\$50.00	\$54.00	\$56.43	\$150.00	\$162.00	\$169.29
32 gallon can	\$56.00	\$61.00	\$63.75	\$168.00	\$183.00	\$191.24
64 gallon can	\$72.75	\$78.75	\$82.29	\$218.25	\$236.25	\$246.88
96 gallon can	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$109.73	\$315.00	\$315.00	\$329.18
Commercial:(Per Pick Up)						
	Current Rate	Proposed Rate (2024)	Proposed Rate (2025)	Current Quarterly Rate	Proposed Quarterly Rate (2024)	Proposed Quarterly Rate (2025)
1 yard bin	\$176.27	\$179.80	\$187.89	\$528.81	\$539.40	\$563.66
2 yard bin	\$334.54	\$341.23	\$356.59	\$1,003.62	\$1,023.69	\$1,069.76
3 yard bin	\$372.53	\$379.98	\$397.08	\$1,117.59	\$1,139.94	\$1,191.24
4 yard bin	\$496.70	\$506.63	\$529.43	\$1,490.10	\$1,519.89	\$1,588.30
6 yard bin	\$615.76	\$628.08	\$656.34	\$1,847.28	\$1,884.24	\$1,969.02
32-Gallon Cart	\$56.00	\$61.00	\$63.75	\$168.00	\$183.00	\$191.24
64-Gallon Cart	\$72.75	\$78.75	\$82.29	\$218.25	\$236.25	\$246.88
96-Gallon Cart	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$109.73	\$315.00	\$315.00	\$329.18

*Commercial bin rates reflect collection charge for one pick up per week; to calculate charge for more than one collection per week, multiply rate by number of collections per week. For example, 1-Cubic Yard Bin (at proposed rate) collected 3 times per week = \$539.40 (\$179.80 x 3 collections/wk)

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

Any person interested, including all solid waste/recycling collection customers of the West Bay Sanitary District, may appear at the public hearing and be heard on any matter related to the proposed increase in monthly rates or attend by Zoom or telephone to encourage social distancing. Again, please refer to: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86725615742?pwd=8VwBabZqwsDlIvBwmQKyBw0bVcP72b.1> Meeting ID: 867 2561 5742 Passcode: 183235

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

/s/ Sergio Ramirez
General Manager
Dated: October 11, 2023



HONORS COURSES

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course choices, then families wanting more course choices will seek alternatives. This debate/discussion hinges on how, and how much, each of us believes that our course offerings impact public perception of our schools and how much each of us believes that the public's perception of our schools, in the medium to long term, has an impact on our schools. I believe that our course offerings do impact the public's perception of our schools; and I believe that if the public's perception of our schools is not strong, that perception will have a negative impact on our schools as families seek alternatives," Ginn said.

The trustees might consider

having one of the schools maximize choice while the other schools continue with their current offerings, he suggested. Incoming families could decide whether their children will attend the "choice school" and transfer to that school or transfer away from that school if they prefer fewer choices.

The board could also consider looking for district graduation requirements that exceed state requirements. If the district could reduce them, it would create room in a student's schedule for more choice, he said.

But frustration boiled over for one Menlo-Atherton High School English teacher, Abbie Korman, who was the lone public speaker.

"I'm alarmed to hear this conversation, trying to agendize a vote, essentially pushing to

reverse the decades-long work this district has been doing that was not only supported through our in-house, 121 pages of research about our students ... but ... is supported by almost all administrators and staff who have degrees upon degrees in education, as well as the majority of the community," she said.

Opponents of the merged classes are in the minority, perhaps 10% of parents, she said.

"We've spent quite a long time, almost a year so far, hearing from this small group of well-resourced parents, and I hope the rest of the board uses their vote to make sure we're prioritizing all of our parents and all of our students and trust those with degrees in education," she said.

Du Bois said she was opposed to moving the discussion

forward without the final staff report answering a number of questions.

"I think it really hurts what we're trying to do and building trust. I would not do it. We've got staff that has worked really hard. And we have a capable superintendent. And there is distrust in the comments we got tonight. There has been distrust in other topics that we've had. And this board needs to build trust. Or we will accomplish nothing," she said.

Stevenson was concerned that the tenor of Ginn's comments would end up leaving more disadvantaged students behind.

"What I'm really struggling with right now is different ways that we're talking about choices but not talking about it in the context of our community, in the

sense of the 8,000 kids that we have and the vast diversity that we have," she said. "I'm getting really triggered on a couple of different things that I'm really struggling with, and it may be a separate discussion, but really around race and equity and status, socio-economic status," she said.

Stevenson said those issues need to be part of the curriculum discussion.

"We're going to have a discussion around heterogeneous classes again, and I am really struggling because the silent message that I'm getting, whether it's intentional or unintentional, is whether or not kids — certain kids — belong in our district and whether or not we're going to serve them," she said. ■

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DAYLIGHT SAVING

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referring to the spring start of daylight saving time.

In fact, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife issued a bulletin Friday, Nov. 3, encouraging drivers to exercise caution when driving on state roads and highways after the time changes this past weekend, given the annual spike in vehicle

and wildlife collisions associated with it every November.

"As drivers adjust to less daylight during the evening commute during the first week of November, please understand this is also the time of year that deer, elk, bears and other animals are typically on the move for migration, mating or foraging," the bulletin reads.

Pelayo said in the face of the obvious negative health impacts

of daylight saving time, it's largely those in the commerce industry who support keeping it — those who benefit financially from consumers having more time in their days to spend money on optional expenses.

"People think we'll go shopping more, spend more time in retail if when they get out of work there's more light," he said.

He said even the Sunshine Protection Act would have

negative health impacts because it would put us in constant daylight saving time with darker mornings. An earlier attempt to do so in the 1970s led to an increase in children dying in car crashes while waiting for school buses in the dark, he said.

"The American Academy of Sleep Medicine, the California Sleep Society and other health organizations propose that we just stay in permanent standard

time, or standard real time, which makes biological sense," he said.

Pelayo said Californians should keep in mind that young children and pets won't be aware of the time change, and we should keep an extra eye on them this time of year.

"So even though the clock is changing, your animals are still going to want to get walked at the same time and will be active at the same time as before," he said. ■

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RESOLUTION NO. 2393 (2023)

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

Lands of Michael William Poutre and Janeen Michelle Poutre, as Trustees of the Poutre Living Trust dated November 11, 2021

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

- A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District's "Zone Master Annexation Resolution" ("ZOMAR"), which was adopted by the District Board August 12, 1996. The provisions of ZOMAR are incorporated by reference into this Resolution of Intention.
- B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property (the "Parcel") to the District's On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone (the "Zone"). The Parcel is described in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the description contained in the Exhibits are incorporated by reference. The name and address of the applicants and the number, type, volume and location of on-site wastewater disposal systems which are proposed to operate on the parcels to be annexed are described in Exhibit "B" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the information contained in the Exhibit are incorporated by reference.
- C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board that the Parcel constitutes "real property" for the purposes of Section 2(b) of ZOMAR in that:
 - X All of the conditions described in Subsections i., ii., iii., iv. and v. of ZOMAR Section 2(b) are satisfied; or
 - Other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone. If applicable, those conditions are also set forth in Exhibit "B" and are incorporated by reference.
- D. All of the conditions and requirements of ZOMAR Sections 2(a), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) have been fully satisfied.

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

IT IS RESOLVED by the District Board as follows:

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

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

Date: December 13, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

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

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

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

Passed and adopted by the District Board of the West Bay Sanitary District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 11th day of October, 2023 by the following vote:

Exhibit A

"EXHIBIT A"

DATE: 2-9-2022
ANNEXED TO: WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT
NAME OF ANNEXATION: WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT

GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION
LANDS OF POUTRE
AND A PORTION OF GROVE DRIVE
PROPOSED WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ANNEXATION
1.52 ACRE +/- PARCEL

ALL THAT REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING ALL OF LOT 2, AND PORTIONS OF GROVE DRIVE, AS DESIGNATED ON THE MAP ENTITLED "STONEGATE MEADOWS", SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON JUNE 21, 1996 IN BOOK 65 OF MAPS AT PAGES 4 AND 5, AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "B" ATTACHED HERETO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE MOST NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 3 AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP, THENCE SOUTH 38°17'39" WEST 121.40 FEET (1);
THENCE SOUTH 25°29'42" WEST 185.06 FEET (2) TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF GROVE DRIVE, 50 FEET IN WIDTH;
THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID GROVE DRIVE, NORTH 65°50'00" WEST 41.82 FEET (3) TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 1000.00 FEET;
THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 293°4'00", AN ARC LENGTH OF 44.80 FEET (4);
THENCE SOUTH 65°16'00" EAST 30.39 FEET (5);
THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE, NORTH 21°16'29" EAST 339.65 FEET (6);
THENCE NORTH 63°39'00" EAST 73.04 FEET (7);
THENCE NORTH 40°02'00" EAST 48.20 FEET (8);
THENCE SOUTH 72°29'00" EAST 91.52 FEET (9);
THENCE SOUTH 45°13'30" EAST 124.41 FEET (10);
THENCE SOUTH 69°29'00" WEST 106.61 FEET (11);
THENCE SOUTH 23°09'00" EAST 68.07 FEET (12) TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 1.52 ACRES +/-

FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES ONLY. THIS DESCRIPTION OF LAND IS NOT A LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AS DEFINED IN THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT AND MAY NOT BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR AN OFFER FOR SALE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED.

APPROVED
SAN MATEO LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION
455 COUNTY CENTER
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

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LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR
Richard F. Matner
8341
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
08-14-2022

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Exhibit B

WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT
EXHIBIT "B"
SITE LOCATION
315 GROVE DRIVE
PORTOLA VALLEY, CA
GRINDER PUMP SYSTEM

APN: 079-020-090
315 Grove Dr
Portola Valley, CA
Connect to existing
sewer force main on Grove Dr

OWDZ Force Main

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SLAYING

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and ran to the officer to report the crime, Stauffer said.

Stauffer passed around photos of Castro's body during Tuesday's hearing, and multiple jury members were visibly bothered, breathing heavily and wiping their eyes.

Castro's mother, Laura Engman, who said she was at her daughter's residence minutes before the killing, dropping off groceries, said she wished those witnesses would have attempted to stop Landaeta.

She said Castro had only been home a few days after spending two weeks in a hotel because she was avoiding Landaeta, who had a restraining order to stay away from Castro. Stauffer said that about 20 minutes after the alleged crime, Landaeta returned to the scene with his mother and surrendered himself.

But Landaeta's defense counsel painted a different picture of what happened inside Landaeta's head on the day of the alleged crime.

Cummings said arguments between Castro and Landaeta boiled up to a point where Castro threatened to have Landaeta, his mother and his brother killed by her gangster friends. Landaeta was paranoid and worried about his family's safety, causing him to act.

Landaeta, who has a history of mental illness, was apparently off his medications for days before he left his job in Berkeley and allegedly went home to Hayward, retrieved a samurai sword to protect himself and went to Castro's home in San Carlos, where he acted in self-defense after Castro attempted to stab him with a pink knife, Cummings said.

Leading up to the trial, Cummings had made court motions doubting Landaeta's competency to stand trial, but doctors found that he was competent. Earlier this year, Cummings renewed a competency motion. However, Stauffer gave Novak evidence that Landaeta had spoken over the jail telephone and to a medical staffer that if he stopped taking his medication, he was going to beat the case and would be freed, Wagstaffe said.

Ultimately, Novak denied the motion for new competency proceedings.

During Tuesday's trial in Redwood City, Engman and Castro's relatives and friends sat in and listened to the prosecution. Shortly after the prosecutor's opening statements, they were all visibly bothered and crying.

"I relive this every day," Engman said. "I just want it to be over already."

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DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

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the holiday. They are adorned with flowers and brightly colored hats, and their faces are painted like calaveras or skulls.

There was a classic car area that featured around a dozen low-rider cars decorated in the spirit of the event. There were more than 70 retail vendors and a dozen vendors offering a variety of food, such as Tijuana-style hotdogs, empanadas, pupusas and tamales.

One of the retail vendors, Andrea Manjarrez Tamayo, created miniature ofrendas, or offerings. Traditional offerings are designed on a table and displayed during Día de los Muertos. The table had items that represented the person being honored as a way to celebrate their life, Manjarrez Tamayo said.

She had around 10 generic ofrendas for sale with various items on the table, equipped with a small frame for a picture of the honored person.

Manjarrez Tamayo started



Magali Gauthier

A woman lights candles at an ofrenda at the Día de los Muertos celebration in Redwood City on Nov. 5.

making small ofrenda ornaments as gifts for people mourning the loss of a loved one, and it became so popular, she decided to sell them. The ofrendas range in price from \$25 to \$35.

“We are celebrating somebody’s life,” Manjarrez Tamayo said.

While the day was made to celebrate, San Mateo County

Sheriff Christina Corpus and Maria Sarasua, the Pacifica Police Department’s chief of police, partnered to create a ceremonial altar inside the San Mateo County History Museum for the five women who have died from domestic violence incidents since 2022.

Their names are: Grace Marie Kelly, 49, who was shot and



Magali Gauthier

Celia Avendano, right, paints Monica Sosa’s face at the Día de los Muertos celebration in Redwood City on Nov. 5.

killed in her Daly City garage; Yesenia Lopez-Hernandez, 41, stabbed to death in her Redwood City home, leaving two children, ages 17 and 5, without a mom; Claribel Estrella, 41, whose brutal stabbing in San Mateo was recorded and posted to Facebook by her alleged killer; Maria Romero-Molina, 30, strangled to death in South San Francisco;

Frances Lucero shot and killed in Daly City in front of her two young children, ages 3 and 4.

The ofrenda is located in the San Mateo County History Museum historic courtroom on the second floor and will be on display until Friday, Nov. 10. It is decorated with personal items and pictures to honor their memories. ■

AGREEMENT

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according to the union.

“I want to recognize the contributions of the teams that

made the negotiations possible. The board and I are grateful for our dedicated educators and are pleased to have reached an agreement,” said Superintendent Crystal Leach.

Salvatore said she appreciated Leach in particular for her role in helping close the gap for this year.

“We are especially grateful to our superintendent, who has

only recently found a new assistant superintendent of administrative services/CBO to fill her old shoes and who was instrumental in looking at the budget and finding the money to make

this possible,” Salvatore said.

The tentative agreement also covers deals pertaining to work hours, transfers, health and welfare benefits, stipends and other labor issues. ■

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Going public

A look at the art collection now open to visitors at Google campus' new community space

By Sheryl Nonnenberg

The Google Visitor Experience opened on Oct. 12 with much fanfare and media coverage. Although the multinational tech company's headquarters in Mountain View is privately owned, it is adjoined by public parks and greenspace. So, it was possible to walk around the 26-acre site but not really have much interaction with Google employees. The new visitor center changes all that, with opportunities to, as Communications Manager Bailey Tomson explained, "create a welcoming collection of public amenities by connecting the community space — now called the Huddle — with a pop-up shop and public cafe." And now there is also a chance to enjoy the corporate art collection.

After parking in the lot near the Shoreline Amphitheater, a short walk leads you to the first of several Guest Visitor stations. Visitor Experience employees cheerfully direct you to the store, the cafe or the art, all of which are located on one side of the signature Gradient Canopy building.

Walking across the street to an expansive park with walking paths, a large water feature, and lots of geese, offers a landscape that is not only scenic but must provide Google employees with ample opportunities to

step outside and reset. The first public art work you'll encounter is "Halo" by SOFTlab, a colorful structure with a domed roof that re-creates the appearance of light reflecting off soap bubbles. According to the artist's statement, "the dichroic film on the crystalline interior of this artwork produces its beautiful effect through the principle of thin-film interference — selectively passing the light of a small range of colors while reflecting others." Taking a seat inside the structure, the prismatic light show is engaging, while also being meditative. Apart from the soft whirring sound of the Google buses going by, one would never know that you are only a short distance from Highway 101 and the hustle and bustle of Silicon Valley.

Cross the street, while watching out for the many Google bikes, and another Visitor Experience staff person will direct you to the main plaza, which contains numerous large-scale outdoor sculptures. The pieces are sited directly on the plaza or carefully installed amid the native plants along the walkways. All are labeled with titles and QR codes for those who want more information.

"Quantum Meditation II" by Julian Voss-Andreae is a



Above: "Halo" by SOFTlab is a colorful structure that re-creates the appearance of light on soap bubbles. Below: "Quantum Meditation II" by Julian Voss-Andreae is created from vertical slabs of stainless steel. Courtesy Mark Wickens.



Courtesy Mark Wickens

"Curious" by Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson Art utilizes over 160,000 pennies laid on their edges to re-create the texture of a grizzly bear's fur, but the unusual medium also makes a statement about how species like the grizzly bear can easily become extinct.

sculpture of a seated woman constructed of parallel slabs of stainless steel. In the yoga world, she is in hero's pose, a meditation position in which the person sits with knees bent, resting back on the heels. It's fun to view the piece from several vantage points, moving from side to side. As the description promises, her solid figure virtually disappears when you cross her line of gaze.

Moving on, a decidedly non-high-tech sculpture will capture your attention. It is a big, brown bear covered with 160,000 pennies. It's a whimsical piece and fun to see a figurative object in a high-tech collection but it does have a serious message. The artists behind the piece, entitled "Curious," are Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson Art and they want to make a statement about how species like the grizzly bear can easily become extinct.

An interactive sculpture titled "GO" is inspired by the world's oldest board game. The artists, a duo known as Hou de Sousa,



also say that it references the astounding 3.5 billion questions asked on the Google search engine every day. The black and white discs — there are 600 of them — can be flipped and each one is inscribed with a question.

Some are profound, like "Is there anybody out there?", some personal, such as "What is your earliest memory?" and some just silly, like "What makes the best pizza?" Hours could be spent reading the queries and



Courtesy Iwan Baan

“Orb” by Marc Fornes is made of almost 7,000 flat pieces of aluminum that have been joined by over 200,000 rivets, all constructed by hand.

changing the black and white patterns.

The largest artwork on the plaza is “Orb” by artist Marc Fornes. This curvilinear construction, made of almost 7,000 flat pieces of aluminum that have been joined by over 200,000 rivets, has been constructed by hand, according to the artist statement. The white strips seem to twist, turn and continue without a stopping point. Viewers can enter into the structure and enjoy views of the sky through the open roundels. The artist’s statement explains that the piece was developed “using cutting-edge computational methods,” which makes it very fitting for the setting.

A visit to the café is worthwhile, both for the food and to enjoy the space. The café is bright, spacious and airy, and helpful employees will take your order for organic offerings like salad, soup or sandwiches which are then delivered to your table. While eating your meal, you can enjoy the large, three-section wall mural that surrounds most of the dining area. It was created by John Patrick Thomas and is called “Farm to Table Roundtrip.” It is a brightly hued narrative of just what goes into getting food from the ground where it is grown to our dining tables.

Adjacent to the dining area is The Huddle, a designated community space. “These new public amenities provide opportunities for local community groups, nonprofits, small businesses and artists to host events, showcase their work, and bring the community together to celebrate each other’s contributions,” Tomson said. Currently on view in this space is an example from Google’s Artist in Residence Program, silk-screened art works by Miguel Arzabe.

In an email interview, the artist explained that he was invited to hold a series of paper weaving workshops. “The workshops were a great way to have conversations with people unmediated by technology or screens. I hope the artwork creates a visual reminder

of the event when the public gathered together and used their hands — and encourages them to continue to do so,” Arzabe said.

The corporate store has been thoughtfully designed, with sleek, minimalist displays of the company’s many consumer products (phones, earbuds, tablets, security devices, etc.). There are also examples of artists’ work here, like the monotype prints created by Angelica Trimble-Yanu. Entitled “Maka Oniye (Breathing Earth),” the prints depict “how advanced technologies, such as AI, are absorbed into Indigenous worldviews that already center a circular and harmonious relationship between humans and non-human entities, like animals and the earth.” Yanu, who is a member of the Oglála Lakota Sioux nation, had a very positive experience as a Google artist in residence. “Google provided me with a safe space to dream big when it came to my art. This collaborative approach with AI felt like a great way to speak about how my work incorporates new technology with traditional modes of printmaking.”

There have been well-publicized layoffs at Google lately, as well as a halt to plans to build housing communities in San Jose, but Tomson says the company still plans to acquire more art. “We’ll continue to explore more ways we can recognize artists and bring new artwork into our spaces — from commissioning artists to create site-specific original artworks to having workshops led by various artists in residence.” ■

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The Google Visitor Experience, located at Google’s Gradient Canopy building, 2000 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. visit.withgoogle.com

Worth a Look



Courtesy The Young Dubliners

Earthwise Productions presents The Young Dubliners on Nov. 11 at the Mitchell Park Community Center.

The Young Dubliners

Veteran Celtic rock band The Young Dubliners, led by the Dublin-born singer and guitarist Keith Roberts and including multiinstrumentalist Chas Waltz, bassist Ethan Jones, drummer Dave Ingraham and guitarist Justin Pecot, will return to the Midpeninsula for an Earthwise Productions-hosted show in Palo Alto as part of their autumn tour. While the music is rooted in influences from the Emerald Isle, “the sound was intended to be a hybrid because we all come from different backgrounds,” Roberts states on the group’s website. “In truth the Celtic riffs can just as easily come from the American band members. Everyone writes now so you never know what you’ll end up with.” Coastside power trio Finians Call opens the show.

Nov. 11, 8 p.m., at Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$25. eventbrite.com.

Roy Hage

Operatic tenor Roy Hage was born in Virginia and raised in both the U.S. and Lebanon, received opera training from a number of prestigious institutions, and has, according to his website, sung in more than 70 operatic and symphonic performances in eight languages. This year, the two-time Grammy nominee also earned an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Hage brings together his acclaimed musical career and his recent academic pursuit when he offers his multidisciplinary presentation, “Finding My Voice,” at the Bing Concert Hall Studio on the Stanford campus. Hage weaves music, poetry and spoken word together in this exploration of his Middle Eastern and American identities.

Nov. 11, 7 p.m., at Bing Studio, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Tickets are \$15-\$45. live.stanford.edu.

Marriage Made in Heaven

Symphony San Jose Chorale and Cantabile Youth Singers team up for a program that makes the most of the big, dramatic sound of a church organ paired with the airy, celestial quality of choral music. Elena Sharkova leads the combined choirs in works that include Benjamin Britten’s “A Wedding Anthem,” Penelope Thwaites’ “Missa Brevis” plus masterworks by Brahms, Elgar, Walton and Gretchaninoff.

Nov. 11, 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Tickets are \$15-\$25. symphonysanjose.org.

Jazz and wine at QD Gallery

The pop-up gallery based at Stanford Shopping Center hosts a festive event on Nov. 11 showcasing local art. Visitors can enjoy some vintage jazz from the 1920s, ‘30s and ‘40s from the Toppman Trio and sip on wine from Napa’s Vandella Vineyards while taking in works in a variety of media by 31 Bay Area artists.

Nov. 11, 2-7 p.m. at QD Gallery, Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Suite 850, Palo Alto. qdgallery.com.

Adam Grant

According to organizational psychologist and writer Adam Grant, “the true measure of your potential is not the height of the peak you’ve reached, but how far you’ve climbed to get there.” In his latest book, “Hidden Potential: The Science of Achieving Greater Things,” Grant argues that growth and progress depend less on innate talent and more on developing character, motivational structures and systems that support opportunities. As his website states, “we can all improve on improving.” Grant, who’s also the author of “Think Again,” “Originals,” “Give and Take” and “Option B” (with Sheryl Sandberg), is a professor at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He will discuss “Hidden Potential” with Michael Lewis at an event hosted by Kepler’s Literary Foundation.

Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Fox Theatre, 2221 Broadway St., Redwood City. Tickets are \$25-\$60. keplers.org.

Public Notices

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 #s: 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 Trustor (the "Trustor"), 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 SEARVILLE 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 SEARVILLE 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 SEARVILLE 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 SEARVILLE 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' 1' 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, 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

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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 "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 decl/r en su contra s/n escuchar su versión. Lea la Información a continuación Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta code y hacer que se entregue una copia a/ demandante. Una carta o una llamada te/efónica no 10 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 informaclán 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 presentación, plda al secretario de la cone que le dé un formulario de exención 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 iega/es. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servjclo de remisión 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 lucra Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en e/ sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cones de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose 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 recuperacián de \$10,000 más de valor reciblda mediante un acuerdo o una conceslón 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 direccián de la corte es);

CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT 312 N. SPRING STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección 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)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. M-294408 The following person(s)/registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): GOLDEN EAGLE SPA & MASSAGE 148 W 25th Avenue San Mateo, CA 94403, San Mateo County FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON: 05/25/2023 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): BO ZHOU 6401 Vista Pacifica Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY An Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County on October 10 2023. (ALM Oct 20, 27, Nov 3 and 10, 2023)

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OLLIN REMEDIES HEALING CENTER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: M-295802 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) OLLIN REMEDIES HEALING CENTER , located at 915 Oak Lane, Apt 2, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County. Registered owner(s): OLLIN REMEDIES LLC 2710 Crown Canyon Rd, 1180 San Ramon, CA 94583 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 03, 2023. (ALM Nov 10, 17, 24 and Dec 1, 2023)

EVERYTHING MATTERS PSYCHOTHERAPY PC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: M-295612 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Everything Matters Psychotherapy PC, located at 570 El Camino Real, STE 150-459. Redwood City, CA 94063. Registered owner(s): MARGAUX A. DEVER LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER PC 570 El Camino Real, STE 150-459 Redwood City, CA 94063 CA This business is conducted by: a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/01/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 16 2023. (ALM Oct 27, Nov 3, 10 and 17, 2023)

OLLIN REMEDIES BODEGA AND BOTANICA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: M-295801 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) OLLIN REMEDIES BODEGA AND BOTANICA , located at 915 Oak Lane, Apt 2, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Registered owner(s): OLLIN REMEDIES LLC 2710 Crown Canyon 1180 San Ramon, CA 94583 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 03, 2023. (ALM Nov 10, 17, 24 and Dec 1, 2023)

CAFE ZOE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: M-295445 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) Cafe Zoe, located at 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025. Registered owner(s): NEIGHBORHOOD PIZZA LLC 1929 Menalto Ave. Menlo Park, CA 94025 California This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/2023 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 26 2023. (ALM Oct 20, 27, Nov 3 and 10, 2023)

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THE CHRISTMAS STUDIO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: M-295538 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) The Christmas Studio, located at 100 Baltic Circle Unit 130, Redwood City, CA 94065. Registered owner(s): DEBORAH ANNE HOOVER 100 Baltic Circle Unit 130 Redwood City, CA 94065 This business is conducted by: an Individual. Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 05 2023. (ALM Oct 20, 27, Nov 3 and 10, 2023)

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A MODERN SPIN ON ITALIAN TAVERNA FARE

Acclaimed San Francisco eatery Che Fico is the latest big-name addition at the Springline development



By Julia Brown
Photos courtesy Eric Wolfinger

Handmade pastas and naturally fermented pizzas are key ingredients on the menu of the latest restaurant making its debut in Menlo Park this month. But you'll also find freshly made mozzarella stuffed with an ounce of caviar and vongole in crosta, clams dressed with herbs and nduja butter, wrapped in pizza dough and baked in an oven before the dough is cut tableside.

Che Fico Parco Menlo opens at the Springline development Nov. 8. The sister restaurant of the acclaimed Che Fico and Che Fico Alimentari in San Francisco, it's one of the final eateries to open at the development. The lineup includes Robin Menlo Park, the sister location of the renowned San Francisco sushi restaurant; Andytown Coffee Roasters, tapas bar Canteen and sister cafe Canteen Coffee Shop, grab-and-go cafe Proper Food, Burmese restaurant Burma Love and Barebottle Brewing Company. Remaining eateries coming to Springline include Che Fico's Italian market, opening later this year, and contemporary Mexican restaurant Mirame, opening in 2024.

Executive chef and co-owner David Nayfeld opened Che Fico in 2018 with co-owner Matt Brewer. Brewer grew up on a 40-acre horse ranch and vineyard in the Sonoma Valley, working on the ranch before school and helping his mother prepare dinner with produce from their garden. He moved to Chicago after graduating from culinary school and worked at L2O in Chicago as chef de partie before moving to a front-of-the-house role in 2010 to help open Gilt Bar, according to Che Fico's website. Brewer returned to the Bay Area in 2014 with the goal of opening his own restaurants.

Nayfeld also grew up in the Bay Area,

taking his first job at a produce market at the age of 13. After graduating from The Culinary Institute of America, he worked at restaurants including Eleven Madison Park and Cru in New York City before taking a nearly year-long trip around Europe in 2012 to work with renowned chefs. Upon his return, Nayfeld went to Los Angeles before making his way back to San Francisco, also looking to open his own restaurant.

Despite the success of Che Fico, Nayfeld said he and Brewer were skeptical about their ability to grow economically in the Bay Area. As the pandemic hit and the two mulled an expansion, they discussed opening another restaurant outside the region.

"Economically speaking, it's really challenging to make businesses work (in the Bay Area)," Nayfeld said. "We went through a lot of different thought processes during the pandemic about whether we should expand in other locales. Both Matt and I are young fathers, so the idea of being on an airplane and away from our kids was not our favorite option."

The Springline development attracted Nayfeld and Brewer, and developer Presidio Bay's investment in Che Fico Parco Menlo's buildout "changed the economics such that a business like ours was able to come in and be successful," Nayfeld said.

"Ultimately when you ask what drew us here it was the idea that we could build community around this project," he added.

While the menu in Menlo Park includes Che Fico favorites like focaccia with whipped mascarpone and Sicilian olive oil and suppli — a rice croquette filled with tomato and fontina — the vast majority of the offerings are different. New items include Parmigiano Fritti, fried Parmesan that "almost looks like

a round churro pinwheel" made with choux batter, and Frittella al Tartufo Nero, a black truffle fritter with a fontina fonduta.

"I don't want to prescribe what each team is going to be doing — each space feels different," Nayfeld said. "We're all about trying to meet our guests where they're at and providing what the community wants and needs most. We're opening a restaurant with a menu we write on paper and it's 85% different than the one in the city ... it's not as much fun if we say both menus are exactly the same."

Pasta dishes range from garganelli with fresh shelling beans, heirloom tomatoes and house-cured pancetta to Gnocchetti Sardi De Zafferano, a saffron-infused pasta with spicy sausage, tomato ragu and pecorino Sardo. Pizzas include classics such as Margherita and the pineapple and chili, as well as newer varieties like the amatriciana with black pepper, tomato, pecorino and guanciale.

For dessert, choose from homemade soft-serve gelato, ice cream sandwiches or seasonal crostatas.

Wine director Jason Alexander created a 400-selection wine list that is mostly Italian, with other beverages including produce-driven cocktails, local and Italian beers and nonalcoholic options. Che Fico Parco Menlo has a horseshoe-shaped bar that seats eight, a chef's table for 12, a main dining room with 26 seats, a weatherized patio that seats 80 and a private dining room with a 70-person seating capacity. The restaurant was designed by Jon de la Cruz of DLC ID and includes touches like Murano blown glass chandeliers, graphic terrazzo floors and plush red leather booths.

"At Che Fico (in San Francisco) it's in an old auto body garage," Nayfeld said.

Above: Garganelli with Great Northern beans, soffrito and pancetta is among the pasta dishes on the menu. Top: Che Fico Parco Menlo's interior includes a horseshoe bar, a chef's table and a main dining room.

"There's a raw, uncut gem feeling in that space. Here in Menlo Park, there's a much bigger feeling of (a) polished, finished gem that has been built bespoke for this space."

The Che Fico space will expand in the next couple of months with the opening of a separate market at Springline that will sell fresh produce, meat and fish as well as sandwiches, salads and other lunch items for people who work or live nearby. The market will also serve gelato on fresh waffle cones from a walk-up window, letting patrons watch as their gelato is paddled in front of them.

"We really view it as a way of opening up the keys to our cuisine to guests who live around here," Nayfeld said.

And one of the key components of Che Fico's cuisine is its grounding in traditional Italian cooking that feeds its modern approach.

"Knowing historical context allows you to break the rules in a more thoughtful fashion that shows you have an understanding and respect of cultures, and that's when it becomes appreciation," he said. "The older I get, the more I recognize refinement and simplicity is the ultimate show of a chef."

Che Fico Parco Menlo, 1302 El Camino Real Suite A, Menlo Park; 650-384-6514, Instagram: @cheficoparcomenlo. Open Tuesday-Sunday from 4:30-10 p.m.; brunch and lunch coming soon. cheficoparcomenlo.com. ■

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