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Election results: Liccardo, Simitian poised for showdown in Congress race

By Gennady Sheyner

Former San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian appear to be on the way to a November face-off for a chance to succeed U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo in Congress, early results from the March 5 election show.



With the initial votes counted, Liccardo and Simitian were leading the 11-candidate pack in both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, according to the California Secretary of State.

Across the 16th Congressional District, which makes up much of Silicon Valley, Liccardo had 21.7% of the votes as of 3 a.m. on Wednesday morning,

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Magali Gauthier

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian addresses a crowd of supporters after initial results show him in second place for the U.S. Congress District 16 seat at the Palo Alto Creamery on March 5.

School bond measure headed for approval

By Jennifer Yoshikoshi

Early election night results show that Measure E, an initiative that would authorize a \$36 million bond for classroom repairs and creek stabilization for the Woodside Elementary School District is leading a vote of 64.3% to pass, according to final, March 5, election night results.



The San Mateo County Elections Office reported that 467 voters have voted yes on the measure and 259 have voted no.

Results so far include vote-by-mail ballots received in the mail, and returned to vote centers and ballot drop boxes, by Friday, March 1, along with all ballots

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Early results hint at potential Gauthier, López runoff for San Mateo County District 4 supervisor

By Neil Gonzales

Preliminary results point to a face-off between East Palo Alto council member Lisa Gauthier and East Palo Alto Mayor Antonio López in the race for San Mateo County's District 4 supervisor, as Gauthier has yet to clinch the majority needed to steer clear of a November 2024 runoff.

Gauthier took an early lead Tuesday night, March 5, but



never reached the 50% threshold needed to secure the victory outright.

Early figures from the San Mateo County Elections Office show Gauthier at the forefront with 48.12% of the vote (5,491 votes), closely followed by López, who garnered 22.98% (2,622 votes). The other candidates, Maggie Cornejo, Paul Bocanegra, and Celeste Brevard, trailed behind with 14.26% (1,627 votes), 8.28% (945 votes), and 6.35% (725 votes), respectively.

Gauthier's lead over López is substantial, reflecting a

significant gap in voter support. With Gauthier receiving 5,491 votes, she holds a notable advantage of 2,869 votes over López, who has secured 2,622 votes.

Gauthier felt confident about her chances to capture the district seat.

"I'm not going to say I'm shocked," she said of her early, comfortable lead Tuesday night. "But I'm grateful for the votes, and I'm grateful for the support."

She still needed more than 50% of the votes to win outright and not go to a November runoff against the second-place

vote-getter in this primary. But she liked her position in the polls.

Gauthier, an East Palo Alto native, began her career in politics in 2012 and has served as mayor and vice mayor three times each. She led the city during the COVID-19 pandemic and last year's storms when the town dealt with power outages.

"It is very early," she said from her home, monitoring the election outcome with her daughter and grandson. "We're continuing to watch the results, but we're excited for where we are right now."

The low voter turnout, however,

disappointed candidates.

"I thought there would be more because voting has been made easier," Gauthier said. "I don't know how we can re-engage voters in the primaries. We know in November it'll be different. Everyone has to realize their vote matters."

López described the District 4 race as being close and eyes a possible showdown with his fellow East Palo Alto council colleague in November.

"We're poised to make the top two," he said, "and I look

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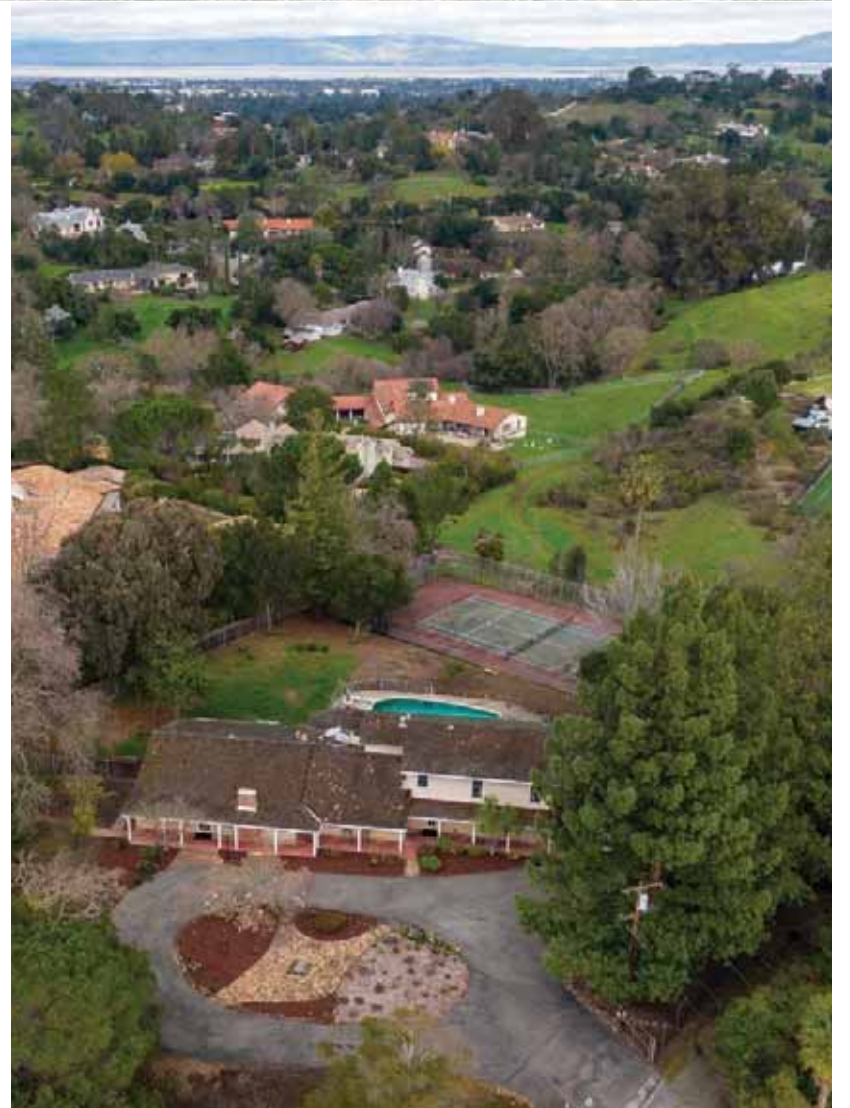
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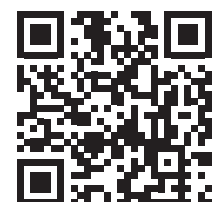
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Smoke visible in Portola Valley during a prescribed burn in Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve on March 4.

Controlled burn at Stanford's Jasper Ridge this week

By Jennifer Yoshikoshi

From Monday, March 4, to Friday, March 8, there was a controlled burn at Stanford University's Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve 'Ootchamin 'Ooyakma, according to an announcement from Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve on X.

Nature preserve officials warned that although smoke may be visible in the area, only call 911 for emergencies. The prescribed pile burning is intended for wildfire fuel reduction, which removes

overgrown vegetation for wildfire prevention in the Sand Hill Road and Westridge area, according to officials.

During the pile burn, mounds of cut and dried vegetation were burned with a crew of 12 working under a state-certified Burn Boss, who plans and manages prescribed fire on state or private lands.

Stanford noted that the fuel reduction project has been in the works since October 2023 and the pile burning marks the completion of the project. Additionally, the project

allows researchers to model Indigenous cultural burning practices as well as creating a lab for wildfire management research.

To prepare for burning, Jasper Ridge staff worked with CAL Fire and the Woodside Fire Protection District to include them in the planning process, according to Stanford.

For more information about the preserve visit jrpb.stanford.edu. ■

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Toasting the shapeshifting legacy of a historic tavern

By Ashwini Gangal

When he looks out the window of his ground level office at Alpine Hills Tennis and Swimming Club, General Manager and COO Garth Walker can see people strolling along the foot trail on Alpine Road with their horses in tow.

The visual instantly takes him back in time. "I can imagine a hitching post outside the roadhouse, where people riding from a ranch nearby would tie their horses up and go inside to have a beer," he said, glancing out his office window. "I can picture the history."

In the context of this property, history indeed is the operative word.

The club stands on land that was originally part of a grant dating back to 1832; it belonged to Maximo Martinez and was subsequently passed along to Eugene Kelly, who ran a roadhouse there. In the 1920s, Andrew and Ida Mangini bought 10 acres of the Kelly property, where they ran a popular picnic park — with dance pavilions, barbecue pits and baseball fields — and also built a stone structure in the 1930s that still stands.

In the 1950s, the Manginis sold the property to tennis pro and building contractor Sandy MacKay, who turned it into a club.

In the 1970s, members of the

club purchased it from MacKay. Presently, Alpine Hills Tennis and Swimming Club is a private, member-owned, nonprofit organization.

In January, Walker, on behalf of the membership — which comprises around 750 families — accepted an award from the Portola Valley Town Council, for the restoration of the clubhouse.

"I'm not the one that drove this renovation," said Walker, who has been working for the club for the last two and a half years. "It was the membership that did."

Around 2018-19, the members voted to rebuild the property. "They wanted to preserve that building — it has a lot of sentimental and emotional value to the town of Portola Valley," he said.

"Part of that re-building of the clubhouse was the renovation of the roadhouse," he said about the adjacent structure, which, between 1977 and 2017 was rented by Windmill Preschool, which now operates out of a different facility in Portola Valley.

A large part of the restoration work was about strengthening and stabilizing the structure. "The club spent a significant amount of money getting it up to code for earthquake standards," Walker said, about the newly reinforced, thickened walls, due to which the structure

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Menlo School students host panel discussion on the Muslim American experience

By Jennifer Yoshikoshi

Muslim identity, history, discrimination and faith were the topics of conversation during a panel discussion on Feb. 29 hosted by Menlo School in Atherton that was hosted by junior Saniya Ahmed and United Menlo Muslim Alliance (UMMA).

The event, entitled "What It's Like Being Muslim in America," opened with a presentation by Farid Senzai, a professor of

political science and international relations at Santa Clara University. He provided an overview of Muslim immigration to the United States and how the current community of 5 million Muslims has integrated into American society.

After his presentation on Muslim immigration to the U.S., Senzai explained that the Muslim American while many do well, are also struggling with wide economic disparities, high rates of alcohol abuse, suicide

and divorce. Senzai adds that 40% of the community makes below the average income of less than \$30,000 a year, compared to 32% of the U.S. population as a whole, according to a 2017 study by Pew Research.

"Muslims are no different than your neighbors and no different than the people you go to school with. Ultimately, Muslims want to be just like everyone else," said Senzai, to close out his presentation.

Next, was a panel discussion

with Anas Osman, vice president of strategy and operations at Google, and Dr. Aaliya Yaqub, an internal medicine physician. As Muslim Americans in the workforce, they recounted their personal experiences with Islamophobia and anti-Muslim sentiments.

When asked how they deal with the rise in anti-Muslim sentiments after 9/11, Dr. Yaqub responded: "What I personally struggle with is, how do I convey to people that I'm the norm?"

"The reality of the situation is that you have to learn not to apologize for other people because the vast majority of terrorism is not committed by Muslims," Dr. Yaqub said.

Osman, although not having experienced direct Islamophobia, added to the conversation that members of his team have experienced familial loss in the recent bombings in the Middle East but

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Belle Haven Community Campus construction could wrap up March 8

By Neil Gonzales

More than two years after breaking ground, work on the new Belle Haven Community Campus (BHCC) in Menlo Park could wrap up in just a few days.

During a joint meeting on Feb. 28, the city Parks and Recreation and Library commissions heard a brief construction update indicating that the project is tentatively on track to garner a temporary certificate of occupancy on March 8.

That designation would allow Menlo Park to take possession of the site at 100 Terminal Ave., city staff said in a report. Staff would then be able to access the building to make final preparations such as installing furniture, having inspections and training employees, paving the way for BHCC to open to the public possibly before the end of May.

“We’re super excited that this long journey toward building a new community campus in Belle Haven is coming true,” Sean Reinhart, the city’s library and community services director, said during the meeting.



Courtesy Meta/Hart Howerton

A rendering of Belle Haven Community Center at 100 Terminal Ave. in Menlo Park.

“We really have arrived at the point where the project has entered the home stretch and should open in the spring.”

The 37,000-square-foot, two-level project broke ground in late 2021 and replaces the previous Onetta Harris Community Center on the same site.

Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson Mayrin Bunyagidj told this news organization that the new center will serve all of Menlo Park. But at the same time, she said, BHCC represents Belle Haven’s

“values, tradition and history. We’re very excited to see all the programming,” which will be multigenerational, and include youth services and a senior center.

In addition, she said, BHCC still keeps the legacy of late neighborhood activist Onetta Harris alive.

“This is our large home where we can gather,” Bunyagidj said. “We look forward to the new space in honor of Ms. Harris.”

BHCC’s recreation program assumed Harris’ name although

a community campaign had lobbied for the whole complex to take it.

Initial programs and classes at BHCC would cover subjects and activities that Belle Haven residents have expressed interest in such as dancing, martial arts, financial literacy and job assistance, staff said.

BHCC, which also includes a library and an aquatics facility, is estimated to cost about \$65 million funded by the city and Meta, the Menlo Park-based parent company of Facebook.

According to Menlo Park spokesperson Kendra Calvert, the city spent about \$25 million on BHCC’s construction.

Meta contributed about \$40 million to the project, according to company spokesperson Tracy Clayton.

“We are proud to have partnered with the city of Menlo Park and the community to make this project a reality,” said Juan Salazar, director of public policy at Meta. ■

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Atherton council considers all-electric regulations

By Joshua Picazo

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and implementing reach codes — local regulations that go beyond what is required within the state’s codes to make meeting state requirements smoother — were the focus of a meeting of the Atherton City Council on Monday evening, Feb. 26. The town is also taking into consideration how to approach such codes given a recent court decision that struck down the city of Berkeley’s natural gas ban.

TRC Companies (TRC) presented proposals like an all-electric or a mix-use of methane gas and electricity for new home construction in Atherton. Connecticut-based TRC consults on energy infrastructure to meet

and, in some cases, go further than upcoming state energy regulations.

The all-electric approach would make Atherton compliant with Building Energy Efficiency Standards and offer significant savings through Peninsula Clean Energy rebates and incentives. In contrast, the mix-use strategy would offer what is seen as “weaker” savings but still be compliant, according to TRC.

Pushback on the proposals occurred when the issue of the cost of installations in older homes necessary to comply with a new code was raised.

“To say it’s more cost-effective, I just don’t see that,” said Council member Bill Widmer. “So saying ‘it’s all going to be cheaper, don’t worry about it.’ I think the residents will come back and (take

an) exception to that.”

Moreover, Widmer said the PG&E grid has been unreliable lately.

Representatives from TRC said they would return with the data showing cost-effectiveness when the council returns to the subject at a later date.

‘Electrification ready’ vs. electrification mandates

In November 2022, Atherton adopted a reach code that required new buildings to be all-electric going forward; however, the town suspended the requirement after a court ruled against similar policies put in place by the city of Berkeley.

Atherton then adopted an updated model, which extended the path to becoming carbon neutral to 2045.

California may soon adopt a code this summer that requires heat pumps to replace air conditioning in buildings beginning in 2026. In 2027, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is looking to end the sale of tank-type gas water heaters in the Bay Area, among other changes.

“(Berkeley) essentially banned the ability to use gas appliances in exchange for the use of electric,” said Atherton City Attorney Mona Ebrahimi, on

how the town would protect itself from being sued after the Berkeley decision.

“What staff is recommending for your consideration is if you mandate a policy that requires electrification ready, that’s not the same as mandating the actual use of electrification,” Ebhrami added. “Then the builder gets to decide as to what they want to do to reach certain GHG emission targets that they have to do.”

“What I don’t want to do is require residents to incur a significant cost that doesn’t yield any benefit,” Council member Rick DeGolia said; however, he added he did like some of what was presented, such as requiring electric-ready pools.

The details of the proposals were also met with some confusion due to the overlapping nature of different codes.

“The most important thing that should come out of this is that we should be educating the consumer, not just the builder but the consumer, about why we should be doing this,” said Mayor Diana Hawkins-Manuelian. “And some of that didn’t really come out here.” ■

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New laws aimed at phasing out gas appliances are already in effect in several Bay Area communities. An induction stovetop is shown inside an all-electric barn in Woodside in 2023.

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Menlo Park council takes up possible pickleball expansion

By Neil Gonzales

Could Menlo Park become the pickleball epicenter of the Peninsula?

During its regular meeting Feb. 27, the City Council delved into recommendations from the Menlo Park staff and Parks and Recreation Commission for expanding or enhancing an already robust pickleball program launched in 2020.

To that end, the council directed staff to look into a possible feasibility study that would assess potential sites for additional pickleball capacity.

But whether or not the program expands, the council acknowledged the need to resolve noise concerns from residents, tennis players' complaints about losing court space and other issues.

"It's amazing how one little (paddle) and a ball create so much interesting conversation," Council member Jen Wolosin said during the meeting. "The noise issue I think is real for people, and I think we would be foolish not to try to address that."

Council member Betsy Nash concurred.

"My top concern for pickleball is for the residents nearby and the noise issues," she said. "Pickleball seems to have a unique noise issue."

Sean Reinhart, the city's library and community services director, told the council that staff has already been studying noise-mitigation measures such as baffling and will continue to do so.

He acknowledged the council's desire to find an answer for the noise sooner than later.

"We've kind of made a note here that we should keep that moving forward without waiting for a feasibility study," he said.

Mayor Cecilia Taylor believes

the city has enough room for both pickleball and tennis.

Bolstering the pickleball program is an opportunity to provide a community benefit, the mayor said, but at the same time, "I think Menlo Park has a lot of recreational opportunities and also enough space to create space without taking away space."

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MENLO PARK COUNCIL MEMBER
JEN WOLOSIN

Right now, the city provides a total of eight pickleball courts — four each at Nealon and Kelly parks. At each location, a converted tennis court allows for pickleball activity.

The city is joining a sport expanding in popularity. Pickleball participation nationwide grew by more than 85% year-over-year with nearly 9 million players in 2022, according to the Maryland-based trade organization Sports & Fitness Industry Association.

Late last year, the Parks and Recreation Commission studied various development options and timelines for the future of pickleball in the city and with staff developed recommendations for the council to consider.

Among the recommendations were to:

- Continue pickleball play on the converted tennis court at Nealon Park with a temporary rather than permanent designation.

- Make the pickleball courts at Kelly Park permanent. This option would mean removing the court configuration for

tennis and putting in striping exclusively for pickleball.

- Add noise-dampening material onto the existing fence at those parks.

- Build two new pickleball courts at Willow Oaks Park as part of continuing renovations there.

- Pursue the feasibility study, which would evaluate parks, joint-use sites owned by local school districts and other places for pickleball play. The study would also take into account cost, noise impacts, accessibility and other factors associated with each site.

Conducting the study should cost no more than \$85,000, according to Reinhart. But he told the council that it would likely turn out to "be far less than that."

Council members pointed out that this effort exploring pickleball's future should not neglect matters related to the city's tennis program.

"My concern is that by looking at pickleball in a vacuum ... some of the recommendations that might come out could potentially lead to a cannibalization of tennis courts," Wolosin said. "It seems like (pickleball and tennis) have to be looked at in tandem."

She and Taylor also expressed their preference not to make the pickleball courts at Kelly Park permanent.

Resident Pam Jones liked that approach.

"It seems to me to have them temporarily is a good way to have multi-use of a court," Jones said, addressing the council. "Whenever it's pickleball season, you have the have it set up so that pickleballers could play, and when it's tennis season, you have it for tennis."

Jones doesn't believe that the city needs to expand the pickleball program.

"I don't think it's necessary for us to create any type of

programs, redoing our courts in such a way where we now have Menlo Park as the pickleball center of the universe," she said.

Julianne Hanson, an eighth grader and player on Hillview Middle School's tennis team, told the council that the rise of pickleball has been a challenge to her sport.

"We rely on Nealon Park tennis courts for several months of the tennis season for matches and practice," Julianne said. "Last year, we had over 34 kids across four tennis teams, which is a lot of kids. The loss of one of the five tennis courts at Nealon Park to pickleball severely impacted us."

Joseph Grass, the father of Julianne, backed up what his daughter said and told the council that the city should re-engage the community further.

"I think just a bit more community engagement, especially with young people and the tennis team, would really be helpful going forward," Grass said.

But he has nothing against pickleball. "I think pickleball is great," he said. "Anything that gets people out exercising is fantastic. I think it's great for older people like me that can't quite run around as far."

The council's deliberation on pickleball is also part of an effort to incorporate a long-term vision for the sport in the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, a comprehensive roadmap for overseeing and developing the city's open spaces and recreational opportunities. ■

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by Monica Corman

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Person struck and killed by Caltrain in Atherton

By Angela Swartz

A person was struck and killed near Fair Oaks Lane in Atherton by Caltrain on Friday morning, March 1. Caltrain single tracked through the incident area for about four hours on March 1, according to Caltrain.

The person was hit when a northbound train approached at around 10:12 a.m., Caltrain

spokesperson Dan Lieberman said in an email.

The railroad crossing at Fair Oaks and the tracks was closed until about 11 a.m., according to a town of Atherton news bulletin.

There were no injuries reported among the 103 passengers on board the train, according to Caltrain. ■

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Woodside-based Urban Market Bags offers a luxury sustainable product

By Jennifer Yoshikoshi

Woodside residents Kerri Stenson and Cindy Goldberg came together to start a company for luxury reusable shopping bags in 2014 to create a sustainable and useful product. As busy mothers, they both saw how many bags they needed throughout their day and created an eco-friendly product that was gender and age neutral.

Stenson and Goldberg said they “immediately clicked” when they met through their daughters Woodside Preschool. Since then, they’ve been great friends and business partners.

With Goldberg’s background in computer programming and Stenson’s career as a lawyer, they found a commonality as they were both multi-tasking through their life trying to balance work, volunteering and caring for their families at once.

Goldberg and Stenson, who moved to Woodside in 1998 and 1999 respectively, both express happiness in finding each other as like-minded people and growing their families

together over the past 20 years. “We were both interested in having fun while doing the work,” said Stenson.

As the original publisher and editor for Edible Silicon Valley, a lifestyle magazine on local sustainable foods, Stenson found that there was a large audience that was eco-minded. As the climate movement began to progress, they took the opportunity to create a reusable bag that was unlike others already on the market.

“We knew we could move the needle to saving the environment,” said Stenson. “Single use bags are one of the most egregious polluters of the world.”

Prior to their business, they responded to the need for reusable bags by creating a tote bag fundraiser for Woodside Elementary School’s PTA, which they used quite often. It was during this time that the original idea for Urban Market Bags was born.

When designing their bags, they prioritize quality and aesthetics. Compared to other reusable bags that often use rip-stop nylon, Urban Market Bags

uses premium recycled fabrics which gives their products durability and a luxurious feel.

“The choice of material reflects our commitment to longevity and sustainability, as the fabric is not only of higher quality but also sourced responsibly,” said Stenson and Goldberg.

Along with using recycled materials, Urban Market Bags are machine-washable, anti-wrinkle, tested to hold 50 pounds and will fold up to fit in a car cup holder.

Their color selections of black, brown, green, navy, tan and yellow offer neutrality and sophistication compared to brands that gear toward patterns and floral designs, said the owners of the brand.

“Why ruin an outfit with a messy, wrinkled bag?” said Goldberg, who emphasizes that the bags will come out of the wash without wrinkles.

They found that other reusable bags on the market were hard to wash and were easily stained by their groceries. Urban Market Bags was designed to be a “true reusable



Courtesy Urban Market Bags

Urban Market Bag Founders, Cindy Goldberg, left, and Kerri Stenson, right, with their new Galaxy bag set.

bag system” that allows customers to wash and reuse continuously.

Currently, they’re targeting a male audience after finding that many men are using their product as well.

Although they have found success in their business, it was not an easy journey. Since launching their business in 2014, they’ve faced the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of their manufacturer all while managing their home lives and dedicating time to volunteering.

Rising from the pandemic, Urban Market Bags transitioned into using recycled fabric when they moved their production to a new manufacturer in Cambodia.

“Our product is very high quality and it’s expensive to manufacture,” said Stenson.

Stenson and Goldberg, with their busy schedules, strategically found that selling their products through e-commerce

fit well with their lifestyle. They are currently selling through their website and working to get their new products with 100% recycled fabric onto Amazon.

“We do feel like we have a niche product. It’s a solution that works for everyone and it’s a high scale item,” said Goldberg.

True to their multi-tasking abilities, the company is mainly run by Stenson and Goldberg who manage all the legal and technical work of their company. As mothers who were always on the go, they successfully created a brand suited not only for busy mothers but also to anyone who needs a bag to hold their everyday necessities.

Three packs of the bags start at \$30.

For more information, go to urbanmarketbags.com. ■

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cast at vote centers, according to the Elections Office. Results do not include: vote-by-mail ballots received after March 1 and provisional ballots.

This bond measure would fund repairs and facility improvements for Woodside Elementary, including HVAC units, fixing leaking roofs, classroom updates and creek stabilization project to ensure the school is up to code.

YES on Measure E, a campaign led by school board president Jenny Hayden and campaign co-chair Christina Hengehold, raised \$52,000, according to its latest campaign finance report.

“I’m feeling really good,” Hayden said shortly after 8 p.m. on election night. “I’m grateful to the voters in Woodside that they want to continue to invest in the school. I feel a lot of responsibility that we spend it wisely. Now onto the nitty gritty of the facilities planning.”

Measure E will need 55% voter approval to pass. Election night results include votes by mail ballots received by mail and returned at ballot drop boxes and vote centers by March 1.

The next round of results will be released Thursday, March 7, after The Almanac’s Wednesday afternoon press deadline. ■

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Man dies from wounds after East Palo Alto stabbing

By Bay City News Service

A man who was stabbed in East Palo Alto in early February died on March 2 at Stanford Hospital, East Palo Alto police said early Monday morning.

According to the East Palo Alto Police Department, officers were alerted at 8:25 p.m. on Feb. 8 to a stabbing reported in

the area of University Avenue and Bell Street.

They arrived to find two male victims, one of whom had minor injuries and was treated at the scene. The other suffered life-threatening injuries and was taken to a hospital in critical condition. Meanwhile, the suspect had fled.

On March 2, one of the victims identified as Frank

Finney passed away at Stanford Hospital due to his severe injuries, police said. Police said they need public assistance to find the suspect. According to the victims, the perpetrator was Hispanic male with a mustache and a dark hooded sweatshirt.

Finney's death came about two months after East Palo Alto officials celebrated a

community milestone: Zero homicides in 2023. In 1992, East Palo Alto recorded 42 homicides, the highest on record. Since then, the number has dropped to fewer than 10 in every year except in 1997 and 2005.

Mayor Antonio López and Police Chief Jeff Liu attributed the reduction in homicides to strengthened partnerships

between the police and the community, though some residents had pointed to demographic shifts and gentrification as contributors to the trend.

Anyone with relevant information is asked to contact the East Palo Alto Police Department at (650) 833-9904. ■

Staff Writer Gennady Sheyner contributed to this report.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Menlo Park opens tennis and pickleball courts to community

The city of Menlo Park has opened its tennis and pickleball courts to all community members for free drop-in play. Tennis keys are not required but with a reservation fee, spaces at select courts can be confirmed ahead of time.

New signs at the courts will indicate which spaces can be reserved and which can be used for drop-in only.

Locations and reservation schedules for pickleball and tennis courts can be found on menlopark.gov.

Atherton Waste Wise event

On April 6 and 7 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Atherton will be holding its annual Waste Wise event at Holbrook-Palmer Park for Goodwill donation collection, self-service compost giveaway and secure paper shredding and e-waste recycling.

Paper shredding and e-waste recycling will only be held on Saturday and proof of Atherton residency is required. Residents can bring a maximum of three standard banker boxes.

The event will be held until the listed time or until the truck is full. For more information on the event and acceptable items for donation visit ci.atherton.ca.us.

Hillview Middle School band to play at Giants game

Student musicians from Hillview Middle School will be playing the national anthem at the San Francisco Giants game on March 26. The game will be for the Bay Bridge Series against the Oakland A's. Students will be performing the anthem at 4:45 p.m. and the game will start at 5:05 p.m.

The Menlo Park City School District invites the community to support the students and enjoy the game. Hillview has 500 seats reserved for a discounted price of \$10, which a portion of will benefit the Hillview Music Department Disney Fund.

Tickets can be ordered at fevo-enterprise.com/event/HawksSF.

Rally for Riekes 2024

The Riekes Center in Menlo is holding its annual community building fundraiser that supports the organization's programs and scholarships. The event will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 5-9 p.m.

Funds raised during the event will support their programs and ensure that over 33% of Riekes Center participants receive scholarships to enable individuals from all socioeconomic backgrounds to take part in their programs.

Ticket prices range from \$225 to \$2,500. The code "EarlyBird24" can be used at checkout for 20% off until March 15. For more information visit bidpal.net/rally24.

Early Learning Center launches pilot for 2-year-olds program

Applicants are open for a pilot program for 2-year-olds in the Menlo Park City School District's Early Learning Center, which launches in August 2024 at its Laurel Elementary School's Lower Campus location at 95 Edge Road in Atherton. Students must be 2 years old by Aug. 22, the first day of school.

The program will be similar to the ELC's play-based preschool program and will focus on growth of independence, self-help skills, communication and social awareness while focusing on the developmental considerations of 2-year-olds.

There will be two schedule options:

- School-day schedule: 7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
- Part-day schedule: 7:45 a.m.-noon

Tuition will be \$3,350/month for the full school day. It is \$2,950/month for the part day.

There is also a non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 that will be required to reserve a space (which is not applicable for tuition assistance applicants). Families who wish to withdraw within 60 days before the first day of school will be required to pay a minimum of 60 days' tuition unless the ELC is able to fill their child's space within the 60 days. For more information and applications visit earlylearning.mpcsd.org or call 650-463-1236. Spaces will be offered on a rolling basis.

Local schools receive California Distinguished Schools Award

Corte Madera School and Hillview Middle School were both recognized as a California Distinguished School in 2024 along with four other schools in San Mateo County, according to a press release by the Portola Valley School District and Menlo Park City School District.

This award acknowledges schools that show high student performance and work towards closing the achievement gap. The California Department of Education assesses eligible schools based on their performance on the state indicators, demonstration of excellence, positive school climates and growth in academic achievement.

"I commend the strong partnership that our staff members, parents and community nurture every day," said PVSD Superintendent Roberta Zarea in the press release. "This collaboration makes our schools exceptional places for student learning and growth."

"Middle school years are often challenging for students in many ways, and Hillview teachers and leaders have created a special place that really attends to the needs and interests of our middle school kids," said Kristen Gracia, MPCSD Superintendent in their press release. ■

—Jennifer Yoshikoshi

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forward to spreading our campaign's message of results for San Mateo County. Voters want a supervisor who improves public safety, builds affordable housing and funds education. I'm looking forward to watching the results play out."

López, 29, who grew up in East Palo Alto and is a first-generation college student, became the city's mayor in December after serving as a council member for some time. He attended Duke University, Rutgers-Newark and later received his master's degree at Oxford University before spending some time as a district representative for state Sen. Josh Becker, D-Menlo Park.

A key objective in Brevard's campaign for District 4 was to encourage people to vote. But the voting numbers early on showed "a lack of faith in democracy," Brevard said.

However, she hoped that those numbers would rise.

By Wednesday morning, March 6, a total of 92,359 votes had been counted, representing about 21.2% of total registered voters, according to the county.

"There are still many votes that haven't been counted," she said. "So I will say I am hopeful for a much more robust turnout, and I am excited to see the shift in results as more are counted."

But she wasn't expecting any shift would help her contend.

"This was my first campaign," she said. "It was a long shot to win."

However, she enjoyed the experience of running for local office and could do so again. "We'll see," Brevard said.

Bocanegra also believes the election outcome remains far from decided. "It's still a tight race," he said.

The winner of District 4 will oversee much of the mid-Peninsula and concerns particular to the area such as sea-level rise, housing, public safety, the ongoing gap between the affluent and poor, and the expanding technology sector as the county has become an extension of Silicon Valley.

The district covers an area of approximately 33 square miles and encompasses Redwood City, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and the unincorporated community of North Fair Oaks. More than 142,000 residents live in the district.

As of March 6, the Elections Office has received approximately 150,000 ballots. Of these, 92,359 ballots have been cast and counted, with approximately 57,641 ballots in various stages of processing, said Jim Irizarry, San Mateo County assistant assessor-county clerk-recorder & assistant chief elections officer. ■

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is now a foot smaller in all directions on the inside. “It’s a solid building now.”

Other additions include a restroom, a “modest” food preparation area and some changes to the bar.

“The desire was to restore the bar to its original look and use,” he said. “The floors, walls and ceilings all look like they probably did 80-90 years ago.”

While some aspects were remodeled, others, like the main door and wood-framed windows with old-style latches, have not been replaced.

“Just walking up to it sets the mood before you even enter. It’s got that old, kind of beat up, look to it but it’s pretty cool,” he said. “It has a renovated yet

antique feel to it — you’re not worried about falling through the floor but you still feel like you’re in something that has a historic value to it.”

And a lot of this value is found in living memory, reflected in the stories told by some of the long-standing members of the club who have seen the space evolve over the decades.

“There’s a gentleman in his 80s, who used to attend Stanford in 1954 and remembers coming to the roadhouse and getting a couple of beers in-between classes,” Walker said. This was around the time the roadhouse — briefly known as Rudy’s Alpine Inn — was operated by Bavarian couple Rudy and Elisabeth Hubner, famous for serving German Rhine wines.

For the most part, though, it was known as Mangini Roadhouse, thanks to the eponymous Italians who ran it with gusto for years, turning it into a landmark for the people of Portola Valley and others, who would come from as far as San Francisco to escape the hustle of the city and hang out with friends and family.

Many of the younger families who visit the club today are children of older members. It’s



Courtesy Garth Walker

A shot of the exterior of the former roadhouse that was restored at Alpine Hills Tennis and Swimming Club in Portola Valley.

common to see kids walk down to the club after school, from Corte Madera and Woodside Priory, to sit in the Alpine Room — which is designated for kids — and do their homework before going to swim practice, junior tennis courses or martial arts classes.

“This tradition goes back to the ‘70s; a lot of their parents did the same thing when they were kids!” Walker said, marveling at the generational legacy these children have inherited along with their club memberships. “Some day they

will recognize the value and community that Alpine Hills represents,” he said.

Other than sporting activities, members also use the club to host parties, business meetings and events. The room where Mrs. Mangini famously served spaghetti to her guests back in the day is now a “multi-use, general purpose” area.

Though the place has gone through different iterations of use over the years, it has the same spirit.

“It has gone from being a bar to a Town Hall (1964-76) to a

preschool and now a club — it was built to host families and be a social hub for the valley and that’s what it still is,” Walker said.

Walker, who is relatively new to the Bay Area, is very taken by the laidback, friendly vibe of Portola Valley.

“Though it’s a tech hub, the place still has that rural remoteness,” he said. As a self-confessed history buff, having this property as his place of work is an experience that “touches my soul,” he said.

“It feels like the building and the redwood trees around it have grown up together,” Walker said.

Originally from Ohio, he spent the last eight years in Denver before moving to California. “I’m from the Midwest and I sense a lot of Midwest values here. It’s nice to see how unpretentious the people are,” he said.

To him, the club is an extension of the community. “That carries over to why they chose to preserve the roadhouse the way they did, instead of tearing it down and building some gleaming, fancy structure.” ■

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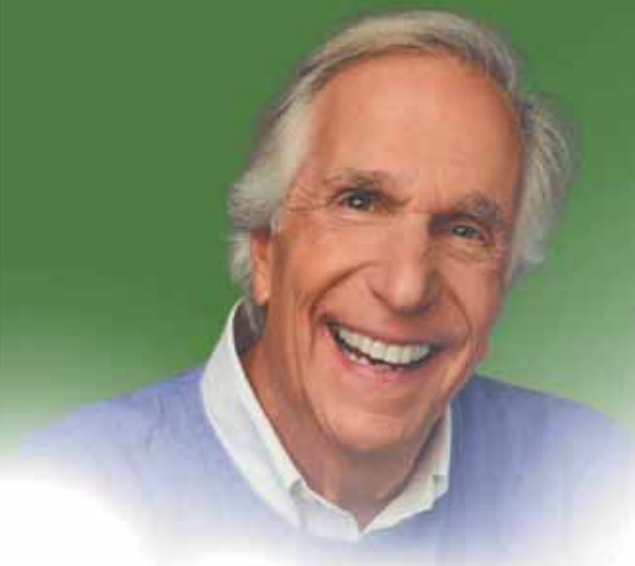
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March 6, while Simitian had 17.7% of the votes, according to the Secretary of State.

In addition to leading the district as a whole, Liccardo is leading in both Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, according to county results. Simitian is in second in each of the two counties.

The early results, which are based on ballots that had been mailed in before the election, showed Assembly member Evan Low in third place in both counties. He received 15.6% of the total votes counted as of early Wednesday morning.

The top two vote getters will square off in the Nov. 5 election, where they will vie to represent a district that stretches from Pacifica to Los Gatos and includes the Midpeninsula cities of Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley. Eshoo has been representing the area for the past three decades.

Ohtaki is one of two Republicans in the race, along with Karl Ryan, who did not raise any money or participate in any campaign events. Early results suggest that neither Republican is likely to make the top two. Ohtaki was in fourth place with 13.6% of the vote, while Ryan had 7.5% as of 3 a.m.

Trailing Ohtaki were Portola Valley resident and tech entrepreneur Peter Dixon, Ryan and Saratoga council member Rishi Kumar, who had twice challenged Eshoo for the Congressional seat. Kumar fell short in this third attempt, with 6.3% of the votes so far.

The list of candidates also includes Palo Alto council member Julie Lythcott-Haims and Ahmed Mostafa, an attorney and former Google employee, who have thus far received 5.2% and 2.4% of the vote, respectively. Palo Alto council member Greg Tanaka and Joby Bernstein, a Stanford University graduate student and investor in climate change, were in the back

of the pack with 1.4% and 0.9% of the votes, respectively.

The highly watched race included more than \$10 million in expenditures from the candidates and political action committees supporting them. Among the highest spenders was Dixon, who had raised more than \$1.5 million for the race and who received 7.7% of the votes in the district. This included 12.1% of the votes in San Mateo County but only 6.4% in Santa Clara County.

If the results hold, the November showdown will feature two experienced lawmakers who are well known around Silicon Valley's political establishment. Liccardo, a two-term San Jose mayor, touted throughout the campaign his experience as a big-city mayor and has amassed a large campaign chest and a long list of endorsements from other mayors and business leaders.

Liccardo said in an interview

that while the results are still coming in, the early tallies reflect what he's been hearing about the priorities of the residents in the communities that make up the district.

"The fact that we're in this very competitive position aligns with what I've been hearing from thousands of our residents as I've been knocking on doors from Pacifica to San Jose," Liccardo said. "That is that our residents want to see a Congress working together to create solutions for homelessness and the high costs of everything from utility bills to childcare."

"As much as I expect I'll be fighting in Washington for reproductive rights and to protect Democratic institutions, we need to get something done on these critical issues that our communities grapple with daily."

The early results also reflect the highly competitive nature of the race, he said, with several

strong candidates vying for a chance to serve in Congress.

Barring a major turnaround, his opponent in the race will be Simitian, an attorney who had spent decades in public service as a Palo Alto council member, a state Assembly member, a state Senator and a Santa Clara County supervisor. Simitian, who has been endorsed by Eshoo, has represented 15 of the 16 cities in the Congressional district and his list of endorsements includes dozens of local elected officials from both counties.

Shortly after 9 p.m., Simitian addressed a crowd of supporters at the Peninsula Creamery in downtown Palo Alto. He acknowledged that the final results won't be certified for days but expressed confidence based on the early showings that he would be moving on to the general election.

"We have enough to say this: We're in the top two and we're

going to November," Simitian said.

He said in an interview that he looks forward to the coming months, when he will have a chance to meet more constituents from the communities that make up the district. With Eshoo announcing her decision to retire from Congress just before Thanksgiving, candidates have had very little time to campaign before the March 5 primary, he said.

"This is one of the relatively infrequent opportunities we have to actually get people together," Simitian said. "With eight months, now we can have those conversations and I think this will benefit the campaign."

"I know I will both enjoy and benefit from hearing from people in those communities that I'm aspiring to represent." ■

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1. **Scope of Work:** Grind and replace approximately 28,565 square feet of asphalt to a six-inch depth. This work to include all necessary traffic control and will involve grinding, sweeping, tack coating, replacing asphalt to appropriate depth in an appropriate number of lifts, replacing any damaged pavement markings, delineation and/or markings, and finish rolling per Town of Atherton Standard specifications and special provisions. Some hand work around utility access-hole covers will be necessary (special provision #107). Some root trimming at digout locations may be required.
2. **Plans & Specifications:** Plans & Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Atherton's website at: <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/bids.aspx> at no cost. Additional information is contained in Town of Atherton Standard Specifications, which are available at: <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/285>. Contractor shall be responsible for any addendums that may be posted on the Town's website. **No Planholders list will be made be available.**
3. **Project Schedule:** The work shall be completed within THIRTY-FIVE (35) working days from the First Day of Construction as defined in the Notice to Proceed.
4. **Bid Submission:** SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 80 Fair Oaks Lane, Atherton, California 94027, until 1:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time **March 26, 2024**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All proposals must be submitted not later than the date and time prescribed. The Bidder is wholly responsible to ensure its Bid is submitted on the date and at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any Bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.
5. **Engineer's Estimate** for the project is: **\$240,000.**
6. **Bid Requirements:** Bids must be for the entire work and shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked: "Bid of (Contractor) for **2024 SPRING PATCHING PROJECT, Project No: 56086**", along with date and time of bid opening.
Bidders shall refer to the **Bid Requirements** section of the project Plans and Specifications for additional information and requirements.
7. **Required Contractor's License:** Bidder must possess a current **California Class "A" General Engineering or a "C-12" Earthwork and Paving** contractor's license issued by the State of California, at the time the Bid is submitted. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall be licensed by the State of California in the class appropriate for the work contemplated. Failure of Contractor or his/her subcontractors to possess such current license at the time of bidding may be deemed sufficient cause for rejection of the bid.
8. **Portion of Work to be Performed by the Contractor:** The General Contractor shall perform, with his own organization, work of a value amounting to not less than 50% of the total contract, excluding specialty items as may be indicated on the bid schedule.
9. **Department of Industrial Relations Registration:** A Contractor or Subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Public Contract Code 4104, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as that term is defined in Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 of the Labor Code, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. (<http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>)
10. **Reservation of Rights:** The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to make any awards or any rejections in what it alone considers to be in the best interest of the Town and waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids. If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the Town may likewise elect to reject all bids received.
11. **Substitution of Securities:** The successful bidder may substitute securities for retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract, in accordance with California Public Contract Code, Section 22300.
12. **Prevailing Wage Rates:** Bidders are hereby notified that provisions of California Labor Code regarding prevailing wages and apprentices are applicable to the work to be performed under this contract. Pursuant to Section 1773 et seq. the general prevailing wage rates have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations and appear in the California Prevailing Wage Rates. Copies are on file at the office of the City Engineer and are available to interested parties upon request. The successful bidder shall post a copy of the wage rates at the job site.
13. **Bid Preparation Cost:** Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of plan and specification printing and preparing their Bids.
14. **Town Contact:** Questions regarding the project should be directed to Robert Ovadia, PE, by written Requests for Information (RFI) to: Public Works Department, 80 Fair Oaks Lane, Atherton, CA 94027, no later than eight (8) business days before bid opening. RFIs may be emailed to rovadia@ci.atherton.ca.us.
15. **Understanding:** By submitting a bid in response to this advertisement for bids, the bidder shall be conclusively deemed to have read, understood, and agreed with all of the information and materials contained in the bid documents, including but not limited to the standard specifications, the special provisions, the required nature and amount of insurance and the documentation evidencing said insurance.
16. **Bid Protests:** The lack of a prompt procedure to resolve disputes regarding the bidding process would impair the Town's ability to carry out its purpose of constructing this project in a timely manner. Therefore, to the maximum extent authorized by law and notwithstanding any other procedures specified in documents referenced herein, all disputes and/or protests regarding the bidding process shall be subject to the following procedure. In submitting a Bid to the Town for this project, the Bidder agrees to comply with and to be bound by this procedure.
Any Bid protest must be submitted in writing to the Office of the City Clerk, Atherton Town Hall 80 Fair Oaks Lane, Atherton, CA 94027, before 5:00 p.m. on the fifth (5th) working day following Bid opening.
The initial protest document must contain a complete statement of the basis for the protest, and all supporting documentation.
The party filing the protest must have actually submitted a Bid for the Work. A Subcontractor of a party submitting a Bid for the Work may not submit a Bid protest. A party may not rely on the Bid protest submitted by another Bidder, but must timely pursue its own protest.
The protest must refer to the specific portion of the Contract Documents which forms the basis for the protest.
The protest must include the name, address and telephone number of the person representing the protesting party.
The party filing the protest must concurrently transmit a copy of the initial protest document and any attached documentation to all other parties with a direct financial interest which may be adversely affected by the outcome of the protest. Such parties shall include all other Bidders who appear to have a reasonable prospect of receiving an award depending upon the outcome of the protest.
The Town will give the protested Bidder five (5) working days after the receipt of the protest to submit a written response. The responding Bidder shall transmit the response to the protesting Bidder concurrent with delivery to the Town.
The procedure and time limits set forth in this paragraph are mandatory and are the Bidder's sole and exclusive remedy in the event of Bid protest. The Bidder's failure to comply with these procedures shall constitute a waiver of any right to further pursue the Bid protest, including filing a Government Code Claim or legal proceedings.
If the Town determines that a protest is frivolous, the protesting Bidder may be determined to be non-responsible, and that Bidder may be determined to be ineligible for future contract awards.
17. **List of Subcontractors:** Each Bidder shall set forth in its Bid (on the form provided herewith) the following information in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code sections 4100-4113: The name, Contractor's license number, public works Contractor registration number and the location of the place of business of each Subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service to the prime Contractor in or about the construction of the work or improvement, or a Subcontractor licensed by the State of California who, under subcontract to the prime Contractor, specifically fabricates and installs a portion of the work or improvement according to the Contract Documents, in any amount in excess of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the prime Contractor's total Bid, or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), whichever is greater.
The portion of the work which will be done by each such Subcontractor. Only one Subcontractor shall be listed for each such portion of the work as defined in the Bid.
The Bidder is considered the Prime Contractor and shall perform at least fifty percent (50%) of the work, as determined by a percentage of the value of the work.
If the Bidder fails to specify a Subcontractor for any portion of the work to be performed under the Contract, the Bidder agrees to perform that portion of the work itself.

By: Robert Ovadia, P.E., City Engineer

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MUSLIM AMERICAN

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personally felt it was too risky to share the information with their coworkers.

“This is a really insidious part of diversity, equity, inclusion and justice,” Osman said. “The exclusion through silencing and the inability to express yourself is extremely widespread.”

By emphasizing the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion workshops, Dr. Yaqub points out that people are happier, healthier and productive in workplaces that allow them to voice their opinions and be included.

Following the panel discussion, East Palo Alto Mayor Antonio López spoke to the audience about his multifaceted journey in converting to Islam and his path from a Menlo School student to mayor.

López learned more about the Islamic religion during his

college years at Duke University. Growing up in East Palo Alto in a Mexican and Catholic family, his announcement of converting to Islam was met with shock by his family members, who thought he was recruited by the terrorist organization the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS.

Although he laughs at that moment now, he reflects on how much of the world misconceives the Middle East and the Islamic religion.

“Sometimes we’re at family dinners, sometimes we hear things that are anti-Semitic or Islamophobic. It’s your responsibility to make a space to change the paradigm and to change the culture,” said López.

Naiel Chaudry, a Mountain View High School student and the first Muslim, Pakistani-American winner of Food Network’s Kids Baking Championship, spoke on his experiences as a Muslim youth

on television and media.

As a child who aspired to become an actor, he reflected on how the media’s only representation of Muslim people in movies like *The Jungle Book* and *Aladdin*, were often framed as barbaric.

year business, an invitation to audition for Food Network’s Kids Baking Championship and eventually winning the competition.

“Although the \$25,000 cash prize was a really nice addition to winning, the feeling of being

able to represent little kids was priceless,” said Chaudry.

Finally, Stanford Law professor Shirin Sinnar spoke on her experiences as a Muslim lawyer who has worked on cases involving discrimination hate crime as well as the recent silencing of activists.

“The First Amendment is what protects our right to speak out and yet, we are also seeing that many people ... want to

She encouraged the audience to take responsibility in upholding the nation’s values of being able to settle differences through “peaceful political processes,” to criticize the government and debate with one another.

At the end of the event, Saniya Ahmed thanked the speakers, audience members and those who contributed to the forum.

“During this time I feel like there’s such a heated conversation and a lot of misconceptions surrounding religion,” said Ahmed after the panel discussion. “This event was towards presenting the truth and addressing misconceptions that are often surrounded in America since 9/11, before that, and especially now with Palestine and Israel.” ■

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William Field Meyer

June 28, 1936 – January 25, 2024

A beloved husband, father and grandfather (“Eph”) passed away on January 25, 2024. He was a heart-attack survivor who managed to live years beyond his doctor’s projections.

He will be remembered as someone with a deep faith in God, patriotic to his country, dedicated to his family, and enthusiastic to his various professional pursuits.

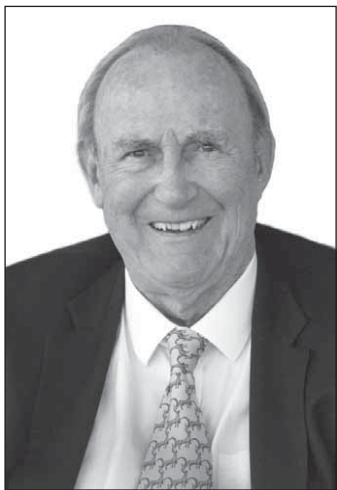
Bill was born in Nashville, Tennessee, grew up in St. Louis, Missouri and moved to Alton, Illinois when in high school. Freshman year in college was attended at Purdue University and Bill graduated with a BS and MS in Engineering at the University of Missouri. Bill was a naval officer aboard the USS Coral Sea and attained Officer of the Deck.

After his discharge from the Navy, Bill and his wife Bette settled in Menlo Park in 1969, and he became a corporate manager and director at AT&T Long Lines, Transamerica, and Seagate Technology. The couple moved to the Monterey area in 2003. He later authored news articles and 2 books. He became an independent consultant for several years as well as an adjunct professor at Cal State San Francisco and Cal State Monterey Bay.

He was active in many community activities: helping to build a missionary in France, sourcing speakers for organizations, and serving as President of 2 men’s groups. When Bill was less busy, he enjoyed the game of golf, and also kept fit through swimming. In 2021, Bill and Bette moved to Davis, CA to be closer to family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Meyer and Lorraine Floss, and his nephew, Randolph Meyer (“Randy”). Bill is survived by his wife Bette Meyer (wife of 61 years), his children Stephanie Szymoniak, Susan Meyer, and Clark Meyer, and his grandchildren Griffin, Anna, and Collin Szymoniak. He is also survived by his brother James Meyer and sister-in-law Karen Meyer.

Services will be held at Carmel Presbyterian Church in Carmel-by-the-Sea on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11:30am.



PAID OBITUARY

‘Sometimes we’re at family dinners, sometimes we hear things that are anti-Semitic or Islamophobic. It’s your responsibility to make a space to change the paradigm and to change the culture.’

EAST PALO ALTO MAYOR ANTONIO LÓPEZ

“I couldn’t understand why Muslims on TV always had to be villains,” said Chaudry. “As I grew older and started middle school, I realized that if I wanted my younger cousins to grow up watching normal kids who looked like them on TV, something had to change.”

During the pandemic, Chaudry and his sister took up baking as a hobby which quickly turned into a three

OBITUARIES

Local residents who died recently include:

Edward Hollis, 79, raised in Palo Alto and a skilled woodworker, musician and an avid reader. Edward spent his time volunteering for local theater groups and with his local congregation of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He loved a wide range of music, composed his own songs and was a founding member of the 1960s band The Vejtables. His passion in life was the importance of valuing people, and he often reminded anyone who would listen of how nothing should replace spending time together.

Heather Vail, 59, born in Berkeley and raised in Ashland, Oregon, she attended San Francisco State and Southern Oregon University before pursuing a career as a corporate secretary in Palo Alto. She lived in Redwood City for almost 30 years, where she raised her two children and enjoyed a life full of music, playing piano and violin in addition to the trumpet, even playing trumpet in two of her son’s school musicals. A bright and fun person, Heather had a great sense of humor and a passion for telling the stories of her life.

Dr. Clayton Wilson Bates, Jr., 91, born and raised in Harlem, New York City, excelled as an engineer and in his athletic pursuits before earning a Bachelor of Science from Manhattan College and master’s degrees from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and Harvard University, and later a Ph.D. in physics from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. His illustrious career spanned several decades and included pioneering work at Stanford and Howard Universities that paved the way for groundbreaking discoveries and patents. A devoted husband and loving father, he cherished his family and was a source of inspiration and support to all who knew him.

Richard Clark, 89, born in Detroit, Michigan, received his bachelor’s degree in industrial design before enlisting in the U.S. Navy, where he served for four years. After finishing his military duty, Dick headed west and never looked

back, pursuing a career in aerospace systems and later devoting himself to artistic pursuits and activism from his Palo Alto home, a place for art, design, collaboration, healthy debate and beauty — both natural and hand-crafted — and where he was known as a “sustainer of community” via his political, religious and social activism.

Jane Trautmann, 84, born in Oakland and raised in Piedmont, received a bachelor’s degree from UCLA where she met her husband before settling in Palo Alto. Full of determination, adventure and spirit, Jane was an eager life participant: teaching, coaching, volunteering, traveling, learning and immersing herself with spirit in everything she did. She had a successful career selling real estate, raised three children with her husband and served as a mentor to other breast cancer survivors.

William Meyer, 88, born in Nashville, Tennessee, grew up and attended college in the Midwest before serving as a naval officer. Settling in Menlo Park and later Monterey and Davis, he has a deep faith in God, was patriotic to his country, dedicated to his family and enthusiastic to his various professional pursuits. When Bill was less busy, he enjoyed the game of golf, kept fit through swimming, and was active in many community activities.

John Casterman, 83, of Redwood City grew up in Pittsburg, Kansas, and graduated from the University of Kansas before volunteering for the Vietnam War, where he served three tours, was awarded many accolades and designed the now-famous patch for the Blackhorse Regiment. Even outside of combat, John had an extraordinary appetite for adventure and was confidently original, practical and hyper-social. He effortlessly related to people whom others did not see, and he believed that everyone had a story worth hearing.

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Five burglaries reported in Atherton last week

By Angela Swartz

Three residential burglaries were reported in Atherton on Thursday, Feb. 29, according to three separate police news bulletins. That's following a report of two burglaries in town on Feb. 28, according to police.

The Feb. 29 burglaries took

place on Adam Way, the 100 block of Tuscaloosa Avenue and the first block of Fairfax Road.

The Feb. 28 break-ins were on the 200 block of Oak Grove Avenue and the 100 block of Encinal Avenue.

The incidents are under investigation.

If you live near the area where

the burglary occurred, police ask you to check your surveillance video, and report any possible leads, to the Atherton police at 650-688-6500.

New bait house program

The Atherton Police Department announced an initiative to deter would-be burglars by deploying decoy

devices at "bait houses" at areas in town identified as having higher burglary rates. These decoy devices are equipped with state-of-the-art surveillance technology allowing law enforcement to monitor and respond swiftly to break-ins, according to police.

Those interested in participating in the Burglary

Prevention Bait House program, can email Jennifer Frew at jfrew@ci.atherton.ca.us or call 650-752-0503.

Atherton police's Officer Igor Davidovich is also now working with K9 Maverick, according to a news bulletin. ■

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San Mateo County supervisors raise concerns about AT&T request to drop landline service

By Bay City News Service

AT&T's recent moves to scrap traditional landlines have generated concern from some Bay Area elected leaders who are hoping to preserve what's perceived as a vital service in isolated mountain and coastal regions.

In remote regions where cellular service is spotty, landlines can be a lifeline in a crisis, according to San Mateo County Supervisor Ray Mueller. At Tuesday's board of supervisors meeting, he told the company to share specifics.

"How many customers are you indicating right now?" he said. "In what time period will this happen, and how many of those do you contend will have reliable alternative services at that time? And what information do you have about the unreliability of the network on the coast, because AT&T is also a cellular provider?"

Daren Chan, the AT&T representative present at the meeting, agreed to find experts who will provide testimony and produce documents. The material will be

used in a hearing to study actions the county might take to address emergency preparedness in the unincorporated areas, like the coast side.

That public hearing in San Mateo is scheduled for March 12 at 1 p.m. Mueller's concern stems from the fact that many people in San Mateo live in remote coastal areas that get hit hard by storms. In the 2020 CZU fire, landlines allowed those people to receive reverse 911 calls from their county departments of emergency management.

He wants landlines to remain available to those residents during a hazardous event, like a flood or fire, when cell service gets knocked out. In March 2023, AT&T California applied with the California Public Utilities Commission, or CPUC, to be relieved from its legal designation as the "carrier of last resort" in targeted areas.

The designation, a cornerstone of utility regulation, obligates a carrier to serve all customers within their territory, including extending facilities where

necessary to provide service. AT&T California has held that designation since 1996. It is the only carrier in the state that has landlines. If its request to the CPUC is approved, the company can drop wires for most of its service area.

Letters to San Mateo residents started arriving in January. The company told people they may no longer be providing landline service if its application is approved. A map linked to the application on the CPUC website shows the affected areas, which include San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, Santa Cruz County and, in fact, much of the Bay Area.

A Thursday email from an AT&T spokesperson said there's been a dramatic and continuing decline in the number of customers who subscribe to their traditional landline voice service over the last two decades, and Californians have plenty of options available including voice service over fiber or wireless.

"In California, 99.7 percent of consumers within our service territory have at least three

facilities-based alternative options for voice service," AT&T said. "For customers who do not have alternatives available, we will continue to provide service until such time an alternative is available."

According to the Public Policy Institute of California, Senate Bill 156 (2021) provided over \$6 billion to expand broadband infrastructure in underserved communities. Even with funding, internet availability can differ greatly among neighbors due to individual financial constraints, a home's elevation, signal obstacles, accessibility for work trucks, and the accuracy of previous attempts to estimate an area's access.

A CPUC fact sheet provided with AT&T's application reads, "An area without a carrier of last resort could mean that there would be no landline telephone company serving that area and that there could possibly be no landline telephone access for customers in that area."

Other elected officials taking a position against AT&T's

request include U.S. Reps. Anna Eshoo (CA-16), Jimmy Panetta (CA-19) and Mike Thompson (CA-04). State supporters include State Sen. Josh Becker and Assemblymember Marc Berman. As of Thursday, said Mueller, Santa Cruz County will be collaborating with San Mateo, and they will be sharing their findings.

Santa Clara Supervisor Joe Simitian issued a statement Thursday saying he will also be asking his board of supervisors to take up the issue at their March 12 meeting. According to Mueller, the CPUC has received more than 3,000 public comments on AT&T's application, filled with testimonials about how important landline connectivity is to them and how it keeps them safe when there are wildfires, natural disasters, power outages and other emergencies.

The final opportunities for public comment on AT&T's application to the CPUC are scheduled for March 14 in Indio, and there is a virtual session on March 19. ■

Here's a list of things a home inspector is prohibited from telling you

By Silicon Valley Association of Realtors

One of the most important steps when purchasing a house is the home inspection. While there is a lot that an inspection report can tell a homebuyer about the property they plan to purchase, inspectors are not certified to examine everything in a home or provide unlimited advice.

They can't, for example, comment on whether you should address an item that might be a problem. Most importantly, they need to be objective and cannot comment on whether you should purchase the home. They are bound by a set of rules that limit what they can tell you, and giving real estate advice violates the International Association of

Certified Home Inspectors' code of ethics.

Here some things home inspectors can't evaluate or tell a homebuyer:

Pools, septic system, foundation repairs

Inspectors check for what they can physically see without having to move anything. They won't actively look for cracks or plumbing leaks or move furniture to see if an outlet is working. They may not be able to say whether the home's foundation is cracked behind the wood paneling. To dig deeper into what you might think could be a problem, contact a specialist.

Termites, rats and mold

Most inspectors aren't licensed to determine whether these types of infestation exist. Instead, they

may note "evidence" of things, such as sagging floors (sign of termites), shredded insulation (sign of rats), or black discoloration on the walls (sign of mold), which could indicate problems. Have a specialist follow up and investigate further.

Roof problems

Inspectors are not required to climb up on the roof and closely examine shingles and gutters. They can stay on the ground and report what they can see from there. They should still note any missing or damaged gutters or downspouts and the general condition of the roof based on what they can see from the ground. For more detailed information on the condition of the roof and repairs, contact a professional roof inspector.

Unnecessary vs. needed repairs

There are inspectors who will list every flaw in a home from chipped paint to window scratches. These things don't necessarily signify that the house is not in good condition. A homebuyer may want to investigate further, however, if the report mentions issues like condensation in a basement or crawl space, early signs of wood rot, cracks in foundation areas, standing water in a basement or crawl space, HVAC not working, electrical and plumbing issues or radon levels above 4 pCi/L (picocuries per liter). "Don't get overwhelmed if your report is long and detailed. The point is homebuyers also have to do their due diligence and find out more if they feel an item could cause

problems in the future. Your Realtor can review the report with you and provide advice on what is normal wear and tear and what you may want to have a professional investigate further," Eileen Giorgi, president of the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors, said. ■

Source: Information taken from *HouseLogic.com*, the consumer website of *The National Association of Realtors*.

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LETTERS

Our readers write

The public good of TK

I sympathize with quality preschools whose programs are being impacted by transitional kindergarten; but find it sad some of the early childhood educators featured in this article don't recognize more the public good TK represents. While universal TK might help underserved children the most, all California kids will benefit in kindergarten and beyond when more of their kindergarten classmates have had some experience with caring teachers, interactions with peers, exposure to English, etc. We talk a lot in our community about how to reduce educational achievement gaps in older children (e.g. middle school math, college readiness, etc.) — one of the most impactful ways to do this is to invest in children in their early years when the most rapid and profound brain development is happening (economists have been arguing this for years).

And, while it might be true that some TK classrooms have less "play" than some preschool classrooms, of course it depends on the individual program/classroom. According to the California Department of Education's website there is no minimum time period for math instruction in TK, for example. Experts in this State Department designed TK to support children's emotional, social, and developmental needs and with concrete goals such as fostering positive child-teacher relationships — similarly to quality preschool programs. Surely the implementation in every TK classroom will not be perfect — that is true of kindergarten and preschool classrooms as well; but there is no reason to think that Play-Doh, singing, or learning through play would not be incorporated into a TK classroom.

Research on TK shows it really has the potential to lift up thousands of children who would otherwise not have these types of learning — and playing — experiences at age four. So, instead of "just saying no" to TK; it would be more directly helpful to a larger number of children, and indirectly for everyone in the community, for early-childhood educators to advocate for the types of learning/structure/play

they want to see in these classrooms. Preschool has only been accessible to Californian children whose parents could afford it, let's celebrate accessibility for all 4-year-olds!

*Karinna Hurley
Alma Street, Palo Alto*

Much Ado over ADUs

There has been much change in the approval process for ADUs in California, but two things remain the same: The cost to build and connect the ADU are at peninsula "market rate," and the value of the construction (at \$500 per foot) is added to the applicant's tax liability.

Here's a recent local example. A 560-square-foot ADU built with a "low cost" contractor cost \$250,000; modular units end up about the same. That includes extending utilities to the back of the lot, adding fire sprinklers, and adding solar (the last two by city mandate). Budget about \$120,000 more for design fees, appliances, agency permits and fees, etc. The added taxes are \$2,800/year or more (\$1,400 every six months). With an experienced, efficient architect, it took two months to design, two months to permit and nine months to build, including the various inspections. The owner spent about 1,600 hours in support of the project, unpaid.

This example was rented out at \$2,300/month, the owner pays utilities and gardener. If the cost of borrowing \$370,000 is \$2,000/month, and utilities, insurance and county taxes add \$600/month, this is not positive cash flow for the home owner.

Maybe the tax bump will change some day?

I hope home owners build ADUs — this is still the best way outside of nonprofit "projects" that we can add hundreds of small, affordable homes on the Peninsula. Importantly, it should add to the property value. And of course it's there for the parents or re-nesters.

Zoning laws no longer hold back ADU approvals, but building regulations and county taxes are not helping out.

*Henry Riggs
Callie Lane, Menlo Park*

Land development should address local inequities

The article on the state of the "real" royal-estate in San Mateo County serves to highlight the real despicable inequities within this county. Considering the statewide issues of unhoused populations, and unaffordable housing for lower and middle class ordinary folk — people who work and live (or are forced to commute long distances) in this and surrounding counties (Santa Clara and San Francisco.) Public educators/front line working class folk are only a few but essential (undervalued) parts of this local and regional economy; they are examples of those who will likely never come close to earning \$500K per year.

In my opinion this "camino real" traversed these days in this time, by all, is not solely for nouveau royalty and does not serve community/ies and their inherent value in general very well. The state, counties, regions, municipalities, urban planners, developers, especially in "real"

estate, might well factor this into consideration within the scope of their short/mid and long range goals and objectives and bottom line, as populations continue to grow, ebb and flow in and out the San Francisco Bay Area.

As with many things, Newton was basically correct, what goes

up must come down. The hope is that there is more of a balance in the plan and the process for land development, and the allocation of vast resources for all residents in this "pristinely prized" environment as it evolves.

*Michel Bochow
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You can also submit a longer piece of 450 to 600 words for consideration to publish as a guest opinion column.

Questions? Email editor@AlmanacNews.com, or call 650-223-6537.

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TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. via hybrid format at the Historic Schoolhouse, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley and Zoom.**

The Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to the Town Council regarding Conforming Zoning Code Amendments to implement the Town's Housing Element that was adopted by Town Council and Certified by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Amendments to the Zoning Code consist of three new zoning districts including:

- 1) A new multi-family district allowing up to four dwelling units per acre;
- 2) A new multi-family district allowing 20-23 dwelling units per acre;
- 3) A mixed-use district allowing residential uses up to six dwelling units per acre;
- 4) Codification of the Affiliated Housing program that is currently implemented through the Housing Element. The zoning map would also be revised to reflect these new districts; and
- 5) Miscellaneous amendments, such as modifying or adding new definitions to facilitate these new codes.

Information pertaining to these actions may be viewed by contacting Adrienne Smith, Senior Planner at asmith@portolavalley.net. The agenda and staff report will be published at <https://www.portolavalley.net/town-government/planning-commission/minutes-and-agendas> in advance of the meeting.

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Planning Commission to be heard at the time and place mentioned above. If you challenge a proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a Public Hearing(s) described above, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s). Public Comments should be directed to housing@portolavalley.net.

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Jon Biggs, Interim Planning & Building Director

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TOWN OF ATHERTON

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Notice: The Town of Atherton (Town) hereby gives notice that it will accept bids for construction of the following public work:

2024 OVERLAY PROJECT

Project Number: 56089

- Scope of Work:** Milling and replacement of 2 inches of asphalt concrete pavement on Various Streets. Once roadway is grinded down, the contractor and the Town's project engineer shall identify any pavement failures for repairs. Grind and replace (digout) asphalt to a 4-inch depth from the milled surface; then contractor shall perform crack sealing (per specification). Some hand work around utility access-hole covers will be necessary. Repave the entire street with a self-propelled paver & finish per Town Standard Specifications. Temporary striping and pavement marking installation is also included in this project.
- Plans & Specifications:** Plans & Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Atherton's website at: <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/bids.aspx> at no cost. Additional information is contained in Town of Atherton Standard Specifications, which are available at: <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/285>. Contractor shall be responsible for any addendums that may be posted on the Town's website. **No Planholders list will be made be available.**
- Project Schedule:** The work shall be completed within SEVENTY-FIVE (75) working days from the First Day of Construction as defined in the Notice to Proceed.
- Bid Submission:** SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 80 Fair Oaks Lane, Atherton, California 94027, **until 1:30 p.m.** Pacific Standard Time **March 26, 2024**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All proposals must be submitted not later than the date and time prescribed. The Bidder is wholly responsible to ensure its Bid is submitted on the date and at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any Bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.
- Engineer's Estimate** for the project is: **\$740,000.**
- Bid Requirements:** Bids must be for the entire work and shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked: "Bid of (Contractor) for **2024 OVERLAY PROJECT, Project No: 56089**", along with date and time of bid opening.
Bidders shall refer to the **Bid Requirements** section of the project Plans and Specifications for additional information and requirements.
- Required Contractor's License:** Bidder must possess a current **California Class "A" General Engineering or a "C-12" Earthwork and Paving** contractor's license issued by the State of California, at the time the Bid is submitted. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall be licensed by the State of California in the class appropriate for the work contemplated. Failure of Contractor or his/her subcontractors to possess such current license at the time of bidding may be deemed sufficient cause for rejection of the bid.
- Portion of Work to be Performed by the Contractor:** The General Contractor shall perform, with his own organization, work of a value amounting to not less than 50% of the total contract, excluding specialty items as may be indicated on the bid schedule.
- Department of Industrial Relations Registration:** A Contractor or Subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Public Contract Code 4104, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as that term is defined in Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 of the Labor Code, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. (<http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>)
- Reservation of Rights:** The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to make any awards or any rejections in what it alone considers to be in the best interest of the Town, and waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids. If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the Town may likewise elect to reject all bids received.
- Substitution of Securities:** The successful bidder may substitute securities for retention monies withheld pursuant to law and under the terms of this contract to ensure performance of the contract, in accordance with California Public Contract Code, Section 22300.
- Prevailing Wage Rates:** Bidders are hereby notified that provisions of California Labor Code regarding prevailing wages and apprentices are applicable to the work to be performed under this contract. Pursuant to Section 1773 et seq. the general prevailing wage rates have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations and appear in the California Prevailing Wage Rates. Copies are on file at the office of the City Engineer and are available to interested parties upon request. The successful bidder shall post a copy of the wage rates at the job site.
- Bid Preparation Cost:** Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of plan and specification printing and preparing their Bids.
- Town Contact:** Questions regarding the project should be directed to Robert Ovadia, PE, by written Requests for Information (RFI) to: Public Works Department, 80 Fair Oaks Lane, Atherton, CA 94027, no later than eight (8) business days before bid opening. RFIs may be emailed to rovadia@ci.atherton.ca.us.
- Understanding:** By submitting a bid in response to this advertisement for bids, the bidder shall be conclusively deemed to have read, understood and agreed with all of the information and materials contained in the bid documents, including but not limited to the standard specifications, the special provisions, the required nature and amount of insurance and the documentation evidencing said insurance.
- Bid Protests:** The lack of a prompt procedure to resolve disputes regarding the bidding process would impair the Town's ability to carry out its purpose of constructing this project in a timely manner. Therefore, to the maximum extent authorized by law and notwithstanding any other procedures specified in documents referenced herein, all disputes and/or protests regarding the bidding process shall be subject to the following procedure. In submitting a Bid to the Town for this project, the Bidder agrees to comply with and to be bound by this procedure.
Any Bid protest must be submitted in writing to the Office of the City Clerk, Atherton Town Hall 80 Fair Oaks Lane, Atherton, CA 94027, before 5:00 p.m. on the fifth (5th) working day following Bid opening.
The initial protest document must contain a complete statement of the basis for the protest, and all supporting documentation.
The party filing the protest must have actually submitted a Bid for the Work. A Subcontractor of a party submitting a Bid for the Work may not submit a Bid protest. A party may not rely on the Bid protest submitted by another Bidder, but must timely pursue its own protest.
The protest must refer to the specific portion of the Contract Documents which forms the basis for the protest.
The protest must include the name, address and telephone number of the person representing the protesting party.
The party filing the protest must concurrently transmit a copy of the initial protest document and any attached documentation to all other parties with a direct financial interest which may be adversely affected by the outcome of the protest. Such parties shall include all other Bidders who appear to have a reasonable prospect of receiving an award depending upon the outcome of the protest.
The Town will give the protested Bidder five (5) working days after the receipt of the protest to submit a written response. The responding Bidder shall transmit the response to the protesting Bidder concurrent with delivery to the Town.
The procedure and time limits set forth in this paragraph are mandatory and are the Bidder's sole and exclusive remedy in the event of Bid protest. The Bidder's failure to comply with these procedures shall constitute a waiver of any right to further pursue the Bid protest, including filing a Government Code Claim or legal proceedings.
If the Town determines that a protest is frivolous, the protesting Bidder may be determined to be non-responsible, and that Bidder may be determined to be ineligible for future contract awards.
- List of Subcontractors:** Each Bidder shall set forth in its Bid (on the form provided herewith) the following information in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code sections 4100-4113: The name, Contractor's license number, public works Contractor registration number and the location of the place of business of each Subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service to the prime Contractor in or about the construction of the work or improvement, or a Subcontractor licensed by the State of California who, under subcontract to the prime Contractor, specifically fabricates and installs a portion of the work or improvement according to the Contract Documents, in any amount in excess of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the prime Contractor's total Bid, or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), whichever is greater.
The portion of the work which will be done by each such Subcontractor. Only one Subcontractor shall be listed for each such portion of the work as defined in the Bid.
The Bidder is considered the Prime Contractor and shall perform at least fifty percent (50%) of the work, as determined by a percentage of the value of the work.
If the Bidder fails to specify a Subcontractor for any portion of the work to be performed under the Contract, the Bidder agrees to perform that portion of the work itself.

By: Robert Ovadia, P.E., City Engineer

Date: _____

REPAIRING AMERICA

Atherton resident takes part in efforts to dismantle the legacy of slavery two people at a time; a new film captures the project

By Peter Canavese

At one point in PBS' "America Framed" documentary "The Cost of Inheritance," Martin Luther King, Jr. promises, "Now, when we come to Washington ... we are coming to get our check." These words spoken in 1968, the year of King's assassination, harkened back to the "promissory note" metaphor of his famed "I Have a Dream" speech five years earlier. Fifty-six years later, the check continues to "come back marked 'insufficient funds.'"

A burgeoning grassroots movement works every day to bring Americans together to right that wrong, as detailed in Yoruba Richen's richly informative and thought-provoking film. A special screening and Q&A event on March 12 at The Guild Theatre in Menlo Park will allow a local audience not only to see Richen's film, with its concise look at the pernicious legacy of slavery and today's efforts for truth, reconciliation and reparations, but to hear from two of the film's subjects: Atherton resident Sarah Eisner and her partner in the Quarterman-Keller Foundation, Randy Quarterman. Quarterman will fly out from his home in Georgia to participate in the conversation moderated by Christopher McAuley, Black Studies professor at University of California at Santa Barbara.

The story of how Eisner, who is white, and Quarterman, who is Black, came to meet and work together on racial healing forms one of four personal stories in the film. Eisner has family roots in the Hilton Head area of Savannah, Georgia, where her great-great-great-grandfather George Adam Keller enslaved tens of individuals, including Quarterman's great-great-great-grandfather Zeike. Eisner's walks through the family cemetery, which includes the lonely headstone of a Black woman named Rachel Butler, began a thought process about racial reckoning that led Eisner to Quarterman.



Keller gave Zeike Quarterman 10 acres in the 1800s, but when Eisner learned that the Quarterman family was under threat of losing some of that land, an idea took shape: by way of personal reparations, Eisner could lend a hand in helping the family to clear title on the 10 acres once and for all. Legal bureaucracy continues to pose a challenge, but the new friendship between Eisner and Quarterman paved the way for what became an educational foundation and its Reparations Project, funding scholarships and land grants along with raising awareness.

In a conversation ahead of the Guild event, Eisner explained, "Our ultimate goal is to work on a personal level and try to open minds and change hearts toward supporting federal reparations, realizing that that's going to take quite a while to work and to happen if it ever does. And even if it does, if tomorrow the federal government made everything that anyone would ask for and changed systems, made payments, offered apology, acknowledged the harm, it still would not change interpersonal relationships across the country. And so we really felt like we can't wait for the federal government to act."

Eisner and Quarterman agreed that they wanted to go beyond their own personal reparations, leading them to educate others about what's possible. "It can be purely based on racial repair and healing and education," Eisner says. "It can have money as a component, but it



Courtesy The Reparations Project

Sarah Eisner and Randy Quarterman are featured in the documentary "America Reframed: The Cost of Inheritance."

doesn't have to. It's really an interpersonal journey toward understanding our history and how we can work together to really admit to what happened and look at how we can change going forward."

Asked about reaching the hearts and minds of those white Americans eager to divest themselves of personal responsibility, Eisner paints the bigger picture of "what happened in the 140-something years after enslavement: with Jim Crow, with redlining, with mass incarceration, with all of these things that have continued the legacy of slavery and the privilege of not feeling, as a white person, in danger just walking down the street, (of) being able to get loans, being the recipient of things like the GI Bill, where Black soldiers were not, (and) white land grants. All of these things are completely distanced from whether or not your great-great-great-grandfather enslaved others.

"It's really interesting how many times I hear, well, my ancestors didn't enslave anyone. And the thing is like, well, are you sure? Because a lot of people really don't know. And it was pretty prevalent if your family was in the country back then, to find that actually they did. And if not, there's still all these advantages that were taken by white folks that were offered to white families from the government that Black families didn't get ... You know, you've got West Menlo Park and East Menlo Park and Palo Alto as well. And it's divided by that highway. And there's a reason they built the highway where they did, and there's a reason they took land from the families they did and not from others."

Eisner holds out hope that projects like "America Reframed: The Cost of Inheritance", which also looks at reparative work being done in Jesuit institutions like Georgetown University and by groups

like The Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation, African American Redress Network, Reparations4Slavery, and the National Black Farmers Association, can lead to more personal reparations and community organizing. For Eisner the complicated history begs a simple question: "How are we all in this together?" ■

Peter Canavese is a freelance movie critic and author of the website Groucho Reviews. You can reach him at GrouchoReviews@aol.com.

"America Reframed: The Cost of Inheritance" shows March 12, 7 p.m., at The Guild Theatre, 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Tickets are \$30. For tickets to the film screening and conversation, visit guildtheatre.com. To learn more about the Reparations Project, visit reparationsproject.org.

A dramatic sting: Miriam Laube talks bees, science and directing 'Queen'

TheatreWorks' latest tells of two scientists who fall out over data that challenges their research

By Heather Zimmerman

People build friendships on all kinds of common ground, but in the play "Queen," two colleagues' friendship based on years of shared research may be rocked by new data.

The drama, written by San Jose-based playwright Madhuri Shekar, opens this week at TheatreWorks. "Queen" tells of two female scientists whose study aims to pinpoint the reason for honeybee populations dying off. Their science seems sound, but input from someone outside the research realm sheds new light on their work.

Actor and director Miriam Laube is directing the show. Laube came to helm the production by way of a 17-year tenure with Oregon Shakespeare Festival, where she worked with former TheatreWorks Artistic Director Tim Bond and also met Shekar.

Ahead of the opening, we chatted with Laube. This conversation has been edited for length.

The Almanac: Tell us a little about yourself.

Miriam Laube: My mother was born and raised in Kerala, India, and my father was born and raised in different parts of Germany. I am a first-generation American. I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, my parents both immigrated to this country. I have been a theater artist for as long as I can remember, I didn't originally think I would pursue it, but eventually I did and it's been my passion and my job for these last 25 years.

The Almanac: How did you come to direct "Queen?"

Miriam Laube: I've worked with Tim Bond at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, when he first got there in the late '90s and then again in the mid-2000s. He saw a production I directed at Shakespeare Santa Cruz. He knew me as an actor, but then he saw my work as a director and consequently asked me to do this.

I know Madhuri Shekar. I've done a play of hers as an actor. I met her for the first time when she came up to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. She was working on "Queen" and when I talked to her about this play, she said it was inspired by her roommate who was getting her PhD (I believe it was in organic chemistry). What she



Courtesy Cynthia Smalley

Miriam A. Laube directs "Queen," presented by TheatreWorks Silicon Valley March 6-31.

realized is that the scientific community has an awful lot in common with the arts community — both undervalued and overworked and very, very passionate about what they do. It's not a normal 9-to-5 for either profession and their friends groups, both in the arts and the sciences, generally are the people that they are working with, which is a little bit unusual to be such good close friends as well as colleagues.

She also had a great friend who was getting her MFA with her that she considered a dear friend, like almost sisters, right? She asked herself the question as a sort of a writing prompt: what would be the worst thing that could happen to our friendship? She thought it would be that if her friends said to her, "you are not a writer." This play was sort of inspired by Madhuri's interest in the scientific community and in friendship — what happens to people who live and work together when they challenge each other's personal and professional integrity?

The Almanac: A research study about Colony Collapse Disorder kicks off the drama in the play. How do you approach directing a show that's about this complex scientific topic?

Miriam Laube: You do some research and you talk to people. We had a field trip to a beekeeper and we saw his hive. We put on the suits and we looked at the hive and explained to us how we could look to find the queen. So basically, you know, we sought out information. We're also doing this in collaboration with EnActe Arts ... led by Vinita

Sud Belani. Before she became a theater producer, she was in the tech world and she could explain the science to us.

... I'm not saying that I understand stochastic variations, but Madhuri, in her great playwriting wisdom, will bring these things up, and then she'll find the layman's way to explain these terms (like) confirmation bias and threshold effects.

The Almanac: What did you learn about bees that surprised you while working on this production?

Miriam Laube: I had no idea of how much of our food source came from bee pollination — that bees in fact are a bellwether for human civilization. Colony Collapse Disorder is a huge issue because if the bees are disappearing, that does not bode well for us. ... Learning about how our food is connected to the bees was fascinating.

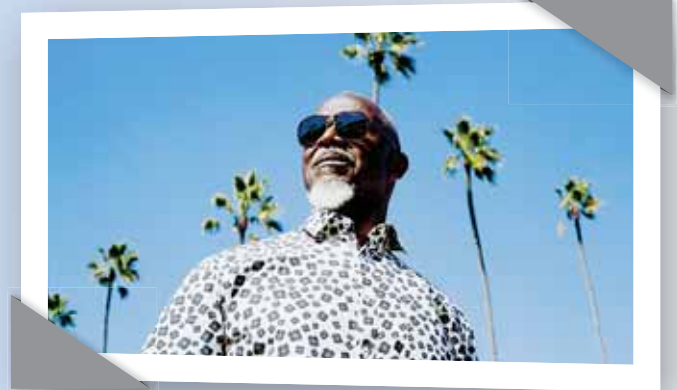
Western honeybees are such a community organism — they work together to survive. I have never had the chance before to see a beehive in full activity. I think I might have seen pictures. But when you're actually standing in front of one of them, and you get to pull up one of the honeycombs ... they're in complete motion and they're so alive and they communicate with each other. Their communications with each other are extraordinary.

When I first talked to our scenic designer Nina Ball — I think the scenic design is extremely beautiful — I said to her 'when we finally get to the beehive in the last scene of our play, it's like the difference between being and becoming.' It's not a static thing; becoming is a continual process of rebirth, right? Things die and then reemerge in a new way. ... I think it was an interesting thing to stand in front of the beehive. You can just feel it. And finally the sound of a beehive — the sound of a group of bees talking to each other is extraordinary. It's a beautiful sound. ■

Read a longer version of this Q&A at almanacnews.com/arts-culture.

Queen runs through March 31 at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$27-\$100, theatreworks.org.

Worth a Look



Courtesy Robbie Jeffers

Karl Denson's Tiny Universe plays The Guild on March 8.

Karl Denson's Tiny Universe

When this band takes the stage, the stars always align for a harmonious, full-bodied sound that pulls jazz, funk, soul and rock into a singular groove. Saxophonist, flutist and vocalist Karl Denson heads the group, leading the way with a blast of funky horns that melds wailing guitar, jazz-inflected keyboards and rumbling percussion and bass into a powerful, irresistible sound. A favorite at New Orleans' Jazzfest and on many other stages, the group brings its famously high-energy show to The Guild.

March 8, 8 p.m. at The Guild, 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, \$39-\$93. guildtheatre.com.

Esther Young, Kristina Robertson and Paloma Tahn

In the latest in Red Rock Coffee's 2nd Story series, showcasing independent music talent in its second-floor space, singer/songwriters Esther Young and Paloma Tahn, along with poet Kristina Robertson, will perform "Yours and Mine, Intertwined." According to an Instagram post by Tahn, the production tells a tale from multiple angles, as the "three Asian-American artists combine their songs and poems to tell a cohesive story about attachment, healing, and self-discovery." The event will also feature a special menu of treats by local baker Angelicakes.

March 9, 6:30 p.m. (doors), Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View, suggested donation \$10, eventbrite.com.

'Day Jobs'

The Cantor Arts Center's new exhibition is all about exploring the impact day jobs can have on the work of visual artists. While some may consider being able to be supported by an artistic career full-time as the definition of success, "Day Jobs," which was first exhibited at the University of Texas in Austin last year, challenges this notion, with work by 36 U.S.-based artists demonstrating how day jobs can inspire creativity, foster hands-on learning and/or simply provide the financial stability to support artistic endeavors. An accompanying catalog features interviews with and essays by artists on how their various day jobs impacted their artistic paths. "Conceived as a corrective to traditional art historical narratives, 'Day Jobs' encourages us to more openly acknowledge the precarious and generative ways that economic and creative pursuits are intertwined," the art center's website states.

Through July 21, Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford, Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., free, museum.stanford.edu.

Coffee and Cake with Philharmonia Baroque

There's nothing better than coffee and cake to make a pleasant morning, unless of course there's also live music! Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra & Chorale's upcoming concert in Palo Alto (in the San Francisco-based organization's Philharmonia Baroque Chamber Players configuration) will feature three of Johann Sebastian Bach's beloved Brandenburg concertos, after which audiences can enjoy the aforementioned refreshments (included in the ticket cost), along with the chance to chat with music director Richard Egarr.

March 8, 11 a.m., Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto, \$9-\$25, philharmonia.org.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE is hereby given pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the California Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, and Section 535 of the Penal Code. The undersigned, Menlo-Atherton Storage Storage ("MAS") in Menlo Park, CA, will sell via online public sale by competitive bidding the personal property of Nancy G. Kerry, Hector Gonzalez Ortiz, Jerry Wellson and Sione Fetuu. Property to be sold: mini safe, personal affects, shelving units, bed, Makita battery charger, children's items, tools, small rocking chair, bicycle, artwork, other misc household goods, boxes of unknown contents & more. The auction will be held online at www.storagetreasures.com. The sale will begin March 13, 2024 at 9am and end on March 20, 2024 at 9am. Goods must be paid for in CASH at MAS and removed at completion of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between MAS and obligated party. Menlo-Atherton Storage, 3757 Haven Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025 650.366.3757. Please refer to www.storagetreasures.com for all other terms and conditions governing the bidding and auction process. (ALM Mar 8 and 15, 2024)

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B COMMA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: M-296641 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) B COMMA , located at 580 Remillard dr., Hillsborough, CA 94010. Registered owner(s): SAERA BAIK 580 Remillard dr. Hillsborough CA 94010 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA This business is conducted by: an Individual. Registrant has begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/02/2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 13, 2024. (ALM Feb 23, Mar 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

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PV PICKLEBALL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: M-296806 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) PV PICKLEBALL , located at 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028. Registered owner(s): CYNTHIA ROWE 333 Ramona Road Portola Valley, CA 94028 STEPHEN ROWE 333 Ramona Road Portola Valley, CA 94028 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA This business is conducted by: an Unincorporated Assoc. Other Than a Partnership. 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 March 01, 2024. (ALM Mar 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

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HECTOR'S GOPHER CONTROL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: M-296586 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) HECTOR'S GOPHER CONTROL , located at 2645 ILLINOIS ST, EAST PALO ALTO, CA 94303. Mailing Address: PO BOX 50701 Palo Alto, CA 94303. Registered owner(s): HECTOR DAVID MAGANA RODRIGUEZ 2645 ILLINOIS ST EAST PALO ALTO, CA 94303 This business is conducted by: an Individual. Registrant has begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/07/2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 07, 2024. (ALM Feb 16, 23, Mar 1 and 8, 2024)

ADVENTURES IN WINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: M-296674 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 1.) ADVENTURES IN WINE , located at 440 Talbert St., Daly City, CA 94014. Registered owner(s): BARSAC, INC. 440 Talbert St. Daly City, CA 94014 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA This business is conducted by: a Corporation. Registrant has begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/1987. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 16, 2024. (ALM Mar 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: 24-CIV-00406 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Duncan Anderson King filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DUNCAN ANDERSON KING to DUNCAN ANDERSON KING GRENIER THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: 04/09/2024, 9:00 AM, Civil Department of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: ALMANAC Date: 02/07/2024 Jonathan E. Karesh JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (ALM Feb 23, Mar 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: 24-CIV-00755

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Birdie Kiet Nguyen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: BIRDIE KIET NGUYEN to BIRDIE KIET NGUYEN SHARIFI SUMMER SHARIFI to SUMMER SAFIYA SHARIFI MATEEN ADAM SHARIFI to ZAYN ADAM SHARIFI THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: 04/10/2024, 9:00am, MC of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: ALMANAC Date: 02/15/2024 Lee, Elizabeth K. JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (ALM Mar 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: 24-CIV-00761 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Elizabeth Mills Berry filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ELIZABETH MILLS BERRY to ELIZABETH BERRY GIPS THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: 04/15/2024, 9:00AM, Civil Department of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: ALMANAC Date: 02/15/2024 Elizabeth Lee JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (ALM Mar 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: 24-CIV-00001 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Caleb Isreal Albers filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CALEB ISREAL ALBERS to CALEB ISREAL JOYROAD ALBERS THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: 05/06/2024, 9:00 AM, m/c of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: ALMANAC Date: 02/13/2024 Elizabeth K. Lee JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (ALM Feb 23, Mar 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

SUMMONS **Case No. 23-CIV-06104** (CITACION JUDICIAL) NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (A VISO AL DEMANDADO): **JULIE HAHN, DOES 1 to 10 YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): SHIRLEY KRAUS, Trustee of the Shirley Kraus Family Trust Dated February 21, 2017**

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. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. 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 corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas información en el 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 mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): **San Mateo County Superior Court, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063**

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el numero de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): **Stanley W. Smith/SBN 72728 Niven & Smith, LLP, 275 Battery Street, Suite 1120, San Francisco, CA 94111; (415) 981-5451**

DATE (Fecha): **12/22/2023**
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Food & Drink

Take it easy habibi

How two brothers turned their family's struggling San Bruno market into a thriving Mediterranean restaurant set to open its second spot

By Adrienne Mitchel

Jordan Makableh was 20 years old attending community college when his brother Saif came back from a stint working at eateries in Australia with an idea to convert their father's grocery store into a restaurant.

"I was like, 'Yo, he's about this, I'm about this. Let's do this,'" Jordan said.

A year after opening Mazra in San Bruno, the brothers' restaurant earned second place on Yelp's Top 100 Places to Eat, and Mazra made the nationwide list again this year, at No. 23. Now, the brothers are setting their sights on opening the second location of their Mediterranean restaurant in Redwood City April 2, an opening delayed since last summer due to a variety of regulatory agencies needing to grant approval of Mazra's indoor charcoal grill.

The delay puts a whole new meaning on Mazra's slogan: "Take it easy, Habibi — good food takes time."

"We learned why they don't do this out here," Jordan said with a laugh in reference to the indoor charcoal grill.

The San Bruno location will temporarily close March 24 to undergo renovations, and the charcoal grill will be brought indoors to match Redwood City's.

"As soon as Redwood City opens, the bulldozers are going, and they are literally tearing down a huge portion of the building," Saif said. "I bite my tongue when I say this, but contractors are telling me six to eight months (to complete the work)."

Mazra opened March 26, 2020, in San Bruno, and the concept was inspired by Saif's time working in restaurants in Australia.

"When I was in Australia, I saw a few of these fast-casual Middle Eastern concepts," he said. "They give you these super high-quality ingredients and plates, but you're picking it up like counter service. So it was a super casual environment, but without the casual food."

In 2005, Saif and Jordan's father opened Green Valley Market in San Bruno, a grocery store that sold halal meat, hot takeout dishes and Middle Eastern and Mediterranean groceries. But by 2012, business was



Devin Roberts

Jordan Makableh helps a customer at Mazra San Bruno. The Makableh brothers' restaurant has made Yelp's Top 100 Places to Eat twice in four years.

not good, Saif said. His dad's solution was to lease the entire building and step away from the business, but Saif wanted to revive the store and transform it into a fast-casual Middle Eastern concept. Saif would develop the recipes and his brother would handle the business side.

"My dad was all for it," Saif said. "He put a lot of trust in us."

Saif began finding ways to update his parents' recipes from Green Valley Market, making small changes like using Persian cucumbers instead of English, using labneh instead of yogurt and sourcing ingredients locally, which made a huge difference in taste and quality.

"One thing I remember (about Green Valley Market) that would

always irk me was these three-compartment takeout boxes where you put rice and your meat, but you also have your cold salad in there and hummus," he said. "It would steam up the hummus and the salad, and I remember just saying, 'I could create a way better version of serving this food.' The taste was there, but so many things were missing."

Mazra translates to "farm" in Arabic, and the brothers aim to use locally grown produce at Mazra. The garlic is from Gilroy, the artichokes are from Calistoga, the lettuce is from Salinas and the tomatoes are from Bolinas, Saif said. Learning how to properly store produce also made a big difference; for

example, the brothers learned on TikTok that tomatoes should be stored at room temperature.

"It tastes so much better," Saif said.

The changes paid off — the brothers took a failing business and turned it into an eatery that has since made Yelp's Top 100 Places to Eat twice in four years. While Mazra is known for its cooked-to-order wood-fired meats, Yelp cites the restaurant's variety of vegetarian options as a reason for its high ranking. Mazra's street wraps, whole cauliflower, falafel mezze samplers and halloumi cheese rolls are just some of its vegetarian offerings.

"We never wanted to create vegan or vegetarian dishes like



Courtesy Mazra

Mazra's motto, "Take it easy, Habibi," is displayed along a wall of its soon-to-open Redwood City location.



Courtesy Mazra

Mazra San Bruno will temporarily close March 24 to undergo renovations, including bringing the large outdoor charcoal grill indoors to match Mazra's newest location in Redwood City.



Courtesy Mazra

Mazra offers chicken, beef, lamb, oyster mushroom, shrimp and octopus wood-fired kababs.

imitated meat,” Saif said. “We thought that vegetables taste so good on their own there’s no reason to turn them into something else.”

In addition to being inclusive for vegetarian eaters, Saif said much of Mazra’s menu is gluten-free as well.

“You could literally come in,

have six different allergies, and I promise you we still will have multiple items on our menu that are gonna go ahead and satisfy you,” Jordan said.

“The only thing that people cannot come to our restaurant is if they have a garlic allergy,” Saif added. “Everything has garlic.”

While the new location will have a near identical menu to San Bruno’s — they’ll continue offering complimentary tea service and allowing guests to bring their own alcohol — there will be some new additions, including a cafe bar. The brothers are introducing new nonalcoholic beverages like Turkish



Courtesy Mazra

Unique to Mazra Redwood City is a cafe bar offering nonalcoholic beverages like Turkish coffee and Lebanese mocktails.

coffee and Lebanese mocktails, including fruit-based cocktails with ashta cream.

“When we would go to the Middle East, the street vendors would offer these really cool Lebanese mocktails — and they’re basically fruit shakes with fruit in it, with ashta, with pistachios and honey — and it’s just such a nostalgic thing,” Saif said. “When you’re eating shawarma, it’s almost standard for you to have these shakes with it.”

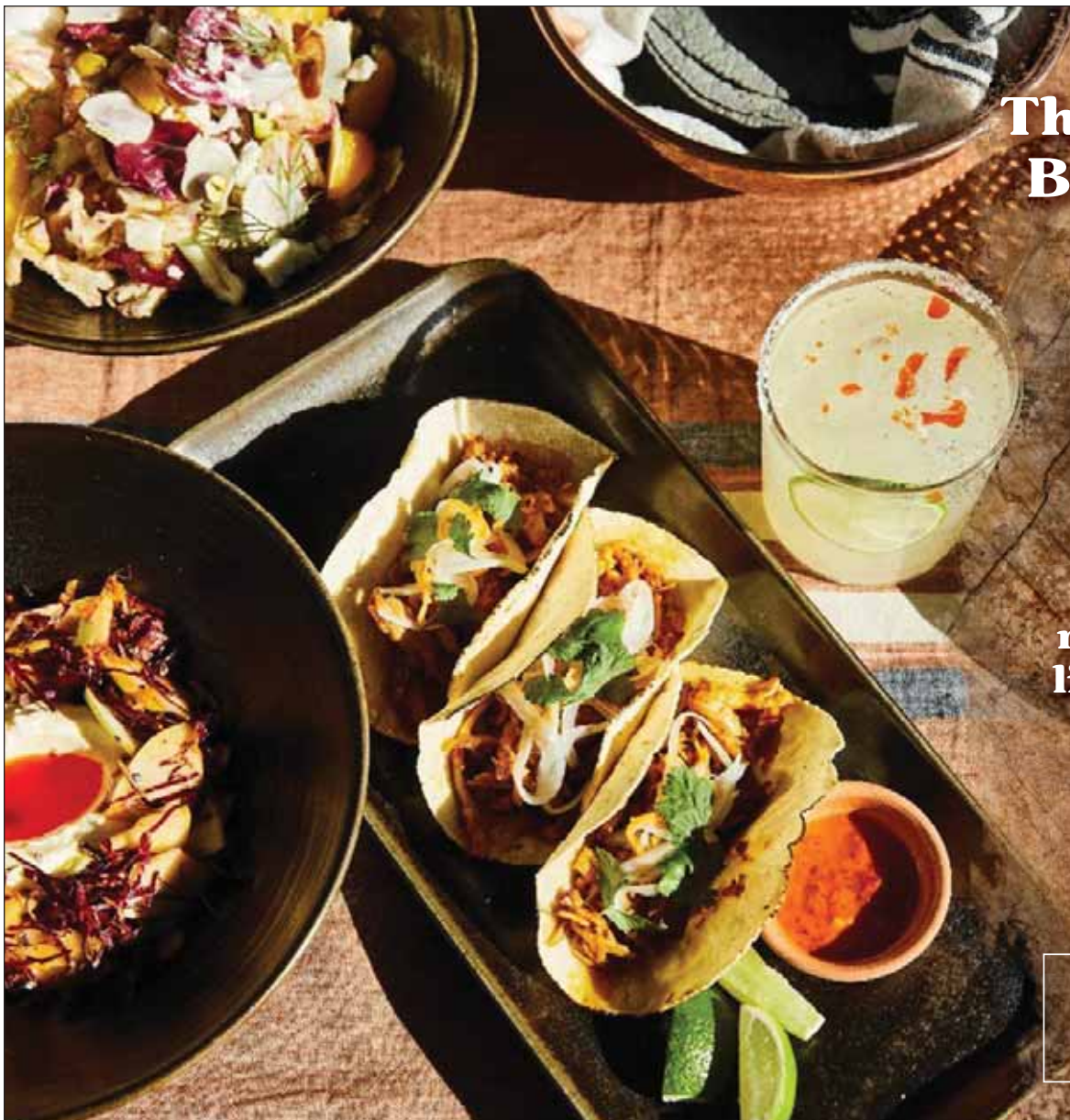
The Redwood City location will be “as light-filled as

possible,” said Saif, adding that they took out half the roof to create a glass ceiling.

“We wanted to bring so much natural light so we can grow our plants in there and continue to offer that openness that San Bruno offers,” he said. ■

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