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## A taste of the wild

A local naturalist teaches how to forage for edible plants responsibly

By Karla Kane

On a Saturday morning in mid-March, a small group of hungry explorers met at Hidden Villa, the nonprofit farm, education center and nature preserve nestled in Los Altos Hills. They weren't there to pick up a CSA box of produce. Instead, the mission was to get a taste of the abundant wild plants growing in our area, under the expert tutelage of senior naturalist Garth Harwood. Over the course of two hours, they got a hands-on (and mouths-on) introduction to some of the edible greens all around us, including tips on how to identify and prepare them safely, courtesy of Harwood's "Make a Wild Salad! Foraging Basics" class.

Why forage? For Harwood, "the real motivation is really about growing my relationship with different plant members of my community," he told this news organization in an interview preceding the class. There are other benefits, too: Wild-foraged plants can have high nutritional value, he said. Plus, foraging is just plain fun.

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Magali Gauthier

Instructor Garth Harwood, right, introduces students to the common sow thistle during a foraging basics class at Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills on March 9.

## Menlo Park housing element certified by state

By Neil Gonzales and Angela Swartz

Menlo Park's housing plans for 2023 through 2031 have received a stamp of approval from the state.

The city announced on Thursday, March 21, that the Department of Housing and Community Development certified the plan. The state conditionally approved the state-mandated plan for nearly 3,000 new units, at different levels of affordability, on Dec. 20, 2023.

"Certification is a major milestone for the city's housing element and is essential to our efforts to meet the housing needs across all income levels," said Mayor Cecilia Taylor in a statement. "This accomplishment was made possible through the hard work of the

Menlo Park community."

Every eight years, jurisdictions across California are required to update their plan under the state's Regional Housing Needs Allocation program. The state approved Portola Valley's plan, after nearly three years of planning, on Jan. 30. Atherton and Woodside's housing elements are still in process.

According to HCD, eight out of 21 jurisdictions in the county are now in full compliance with their housing element. Besides Menlo Park, they are Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Millbrae, Portola Valley, Redwood City and South San Francisco.

Those that fail to get their plan certified are open to financial penalties, legal action and what's called "builder's remedy" — a state provision allowing developers to bypass local land-use regulations.

However, the state's certification does not nullify the builder's remedy proposals that the city already received before its housing element was fully compliant. The city has three preliminary applications filed under builder's remedy, including the controversial project to construct towers of up to about 400 feet on the former Sunset Magazine headquarters on 80 Willow Road.

Those applications are expected to continue through the city's review process.

Deanna Chow, Menlo Park's community development director, described the state's certification as a "validation of the hard work and dedication of the community, City Council and staff over the past several years."

The city is now turning its "attention to implementing the programs to meet the needs of



Magali Gauthier

Housing at 1545 San Antonio Street in Menlo Park in 2023.

the Menlo Park community," she said in an email to this publication.

The city has done some of those programs already such as rezoning for higher density in the El Camino Real and

Downtown Specific Plan area and updating the Affordable Housing Overlay zoning standards, she said.

"Staff will continue to work on

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Marco Troper as a toddler.

## Former Menlo School student Marco Troper remembered as radiant, sharp

By Jennifer Yoshikoshi

At the age of 19, Marco Troper, son of former YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki and Google executive Dennis Troper, passed away in his University of California at Berkeley dorm room on Feb. 13, 2024.

Marco was born in Palo Alto on July 24, 2004, at Stanford Hospital. He grew up in Los Altos and started as a student at Menlo School in Atherton in sixth grade. He

shared an innate passion for math with his grandfather, Stanley Wojcicki, a former physics professor at Stanford University who passed away in May 2023. His aunts are also accomplished. His aunt Anne Wojcicki is CEO of 23andMe and his aunt Janet Wojcicki is an anthropologist and epidemiologist.

His love for math started as a young boy and carried into his first year in college as a mathematics major. At home, he and his oldest sibling were known

for challenging each other with math problems, so much that a rule had to be made to have no math at the dinner table, said Susan.

"I was always in awe of how he would grasp very complex mathematical and physics problems that master's or Ph.D. students would study and he would grasp those concepts so well and would explain them with such ease," said Dennis as he reflected on his son's talents.

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## State bill prompts Peninsula cities to reevaluate council pay

By Eleanor Raab

Being a city council member can sometimes mean a full-time commitment for less than part-time pay. Senate Bill 329, signed in June 2023 by Gov. Gavin Newsom, aims to address this by increasing pay caps for local elected officials. Many cities on the Peninsula have already responded by raising city council compensation, while other cities, like Menlo Park, are looking to do the same.

The bill gives cities a one-time opportunity to "reset" city council compensation to keep up with inflation and help improve diversity on councils statewide. This is the first time that the compensation limits for California city council members have been updated since 1984.

"No one runs for city council to get rich," said State Sen. Bill Dodd, the author of the bill, in a statement released when it was signed this past summer. California State Conference of the NAACP and the League of California Cities, among other groups, supported by the bill. "But the low levels of pay make it much harder to balance careers and personal obligations with the calling to serve their community. It's especially hard for working people and those from diverse or disadvantaged backgrounds."

The passage of SB 329 has already prompted several cities

around the Bay Area to look at increasing pay for their city council members. Since the bill was passed, Belmont, Los Altos, Palo Alto, San Carlos and San Mateo have increased monthly compensation for their council members.

Menlo Park may soon join the other Peninsula cities that have already increased their councilors' pay. During a March 12 meeting, the Menlo Park City Council received an informational brief about the history of its council pay increases, and the possible benefits and impacts of increasing City Council compensation.

SB 329 allows for different pay caps based on the population of the city, ranging from \$950 monthly in cities with fewer than 35,000 residents, to \$3,200 monthly in cities where the population exceeds 250,000. City councils can still increase compensation beyond the limits of this initial "reset," but future pay hikes are not to exceed 5% each year, or the rate of yearly inflation as determined by the California Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater. Menlo Park's population of 32,475 residents means that the city falls under the \$950 monthly pay limit.

Under the previous compensation structure for California city council members, council

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## Menlo Park community members honored for saving young girl's life in February

By Joshua Picazo

Bystanders and first responders were honored for their life-saving actions in February during a March 19 Menlo Park Fire Protection District board meeting.

"What a wonderful day it is to celebrate our community," said Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen. "All of us, whether we're dispatchers, police officers, bystanders, or firefighters, that's what we're here for: to help our community."

The 6-year-old survivor, Menlo Park resident Jules Arguello, had been spotted at a party on Santa Monica Avenue at around 6:40 p.m. on Feb. 10, lying facedown on a trampoline.

Responders included Capt. Dave Bragg, firefighters Taj Carpenter and Derek Sterling, and cadet Gavin Zamora, whose arrival was followed by Capt. John Renner and Josh Wittmayer.

They found Jules without a pulse.

Lorenzen commended the

team for working together to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and administer three rounds of medication before transporting her to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University.

On the route, they managed to get her breathing again, and her blood pressure returned to a healthy level, according to Lorenzen.

"Being willing to act is so critical," he added, praising the

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Courtesy Jon Johnston

Menlo Park Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen, far right, recognizing Jennifer Lin, Kristin Andruska and Erika Bailey for their life-saving efforts.

# AT&T hearing at CPUC over landlines inundated with telephone comments

Over 200 people called in with concerns about the phone provider

By Ruth Dusseault/  
Bay City News Service

On Tuesday, March 26, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 to pass a resolution against AT&T's request to the California Public Utilities Commission to be removed from its obligation to provide landline services to its customers throughout the state, according to a county press release.

The carrier of last resort designation, or COLR, is a cornerstone of utility regulation. It obligates a carrier to serve all customers within their territory no matter where they live, even in places with spotty cellphone service.

AT&T has been the state's COLR since 1996. It is the only state telecommunications carrier that operates landlines. If AT&T's designation is removed, so goes the physical infrastructure for landline service.

The potential loss of landlines has irked thousands of customers and spurred local governments to take a stance. Recent letters and resolutions urging the CPUC to deny the application have been written by the boards of supervisors in the counties of Santa Clara, San Mateo, Marin, San Joaquin and San Francisco.

The company's application to the CPUC says, "To satisfy its COLR obligation to provide basic telephone service, AT&T California still operates a legacy network composed of copper lines and antiquated circuit switches."

AT&T is also asking the commission to release it of its designation

as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, or ETC. It authorizes the company to receive subsidies from federal and state Lifeline programs so it can provide reduced rates to lower-income customers. AT&T says it does not want the ETC designation because the Federal Communications Commission intends to discontinue its subsidies.

"AT&T California has committed to continue participating in the state Lifeline program (which does not require an ETC designation) so long as it offers basic service," said the company in an email Tuesday. According to Regina Costa with The Utility Reform Network, a nonprofit watchdog group that advocates for affordable power and phone service, the two designation requests are linked in a slight-of-hand to get out from regulations.

If AT&T is released as the COLR, then it is no longer obligated to provide basic service. "There's the catch," said Costa, "They are saying they will provide California Lifeline, but only where it has an obligation. At the same time, they are asking for a release of the obligation as carrier of last resort. So, it's really a lot of smoke and mirrors."

Around 190,000 AT&T California customers receive Lifeline service through Federal Lifeline and California Lifeline, according to the Public Advocates Office at the CPUC. Basic service includes elements such as Lifeline rates for eligible customers, free access to 911, operator services and Telephone Relay Service, which allows people with hearing or speech disabilities to place and

receive phone calls.

Costa says that AT&T is allowed to offer Lifeline using Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), which is a digital service that can be transmitted on either copper or fiber optic wires, but she says the company chooses not to do that.

"So, it is being pitched as if they are getting rid of these old, antiquated lines," Costa said. AT&T also co-owns most of the utility poles with PG&E, said Costa. "So, if you want to use the pole, you have to negotiate with AT&T."

The Public Advocates Office said that AT&T reported that over 579,000 residential AT&T customers subscribe to copper landlines. "However, there are over 29 million Californians in AT&T's service territory that may be impacted if the COLR obligation is removed."

"As we have pursued regulatory relief for more than a decade in other states, none of our traditional landline customers have lost service as a result," AT&T said in an email Tuesday.

There have been a few back-and-forth revisions since the application was filed. In June, the Public Advocates Office filed a motion to dismiss an amended version. One reason, it said, was that AT&T has not named another carrier to be designated as a COLR.

"AT&T incorrectly assumes that the presence of a provider on a map is equivalent to actual availability of voice service for customers," the filing said.

Finding a substitute that can provide phone service to California's remote regions — through an infrastructure that

can sustain wildfires, floods and earthquakes — is the challenge at hand for the company and policymakers.

In Tuesday's meeting of the CPUC, supporters seemed to argue that if AT&T had to retain its COLR obligations, it would lessen the push for broadband access.

"Keeping up with modern technology is essential," said one caller from Torrance. "The pandemic was an example of a dire need for broadband for remote learning and telehealth."

Most callers urged the commission to deny AT&T's request.

"Because of our statewide cost of living crisis, more older adults are having to live in rural and semi-rural areas of California," said AARP's David Azevedo on behalf of 3.2 million members. "These areas have some of the highest emergency risk factors in the state due to hazards such as wildfires and also have the highest risk of social isolation."

Patricia Gutman said she worked in emergency communications in San Francisco during 1989's Loma Prieta earthquake.

"We lost all cellular. We used call boxes and landlines," Gutman said. "Conclusion — redundancy, redundancy, redundancy."

The Public Advocates Office says the schedule for the CPUC to make its final decision has been postponed until at least April 30, which is the deadline for other providers to express interest in becoming the COLR for one or more census block groups currently covered by AT&T. ■

## County Supervisors come out against AT&T's proposal to kill landlines

By Jennifer Yoshikoshi

On March 26, the San Mateo County Supervisors voted 5-0 against AT&T's request to the California Public Utilities Commission to be removed from its designation to provide landline services to its customers, according to a county press release.

AT&T's request will "threaten the county's most vulnerable residents during wildfire and other emergencies," board members said in a release.

The company's application to CPUC states that it wants to transition from copper phone lines to fiber and a wireless-based network. For residents

with unreliable cellular service, AT&T's desire to remove its designation as the Carrier of Last Resort will take away access to 911 and telephone relay service.

"Landlines are a lifeline in many areas of San Mateo County," said District 3 Supervisor Ray Mueller in a statement. "These residents live within a 20-minute drive to Silicon Valley yet have spotty or nonexistent cell service. Given the threats from wildfire, storms, tsunamis and other natural disasters, we simply cannot allow AT&T to leave these residents without ready access to 911 and other emergency services."

The resolution mentions that

during the storm in February, 74,000 electrical customers lost power and without landline services, cellular phone services are not guaranteed to work during an outage. Copper wire landline services however will continue to operate during power outages.

AT&T claims that they will continue to "offer basic telephone service in all of its service area unless and until it separately obtains all necessary permission to stop, so no customer will lose service if the Commission approves AT&T California's application."

Supervisors said, however, that the company's application "fails to explain how the

reliability of such alternative services will be assessed and assured," according to their approved resolution.

The town of Woodside also approved a letter opposing AT&T's application to the CPUC. Residents expressed their concerns during a town council meeting on March 12, stating their regular issues with spotty cellular service and the need for copper landlines for emergencies.

The CPUC will announce its decision on AT&T's application in the fall. ■

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Manresa Bread has hot cross buns available to order for Easter.

## On the hunt for Easter treats

By Karla Kane

The Christian holiday of Easter falls on March 31 this year. Do you have plans for a special meal on Easter morning? Maybe your first priority is chocolate (here's looking at you, Cadbury Creme Eggs) or perhaps marshmallow Peeps are what float your boat. But in case you don't want to live on candy alone (no judgment!), here are some local spots offering Easter brunch or seasonal at-home treats this year.

### The Village Bakery, Woodside

If you're looking for a sweet treat to have at home (or bring as a gift) but don't feel like baking, Woodside's Village Bakery has carrot cake (\$72), hot cross buns (\$30 for a dozen) and take-and-bake cinnamon buns (\$24 for six) available for preorder, to be picked up on Saturday, March 30. Easter morning Brunch reservations, featuring crab Benedict, are also available.

*The Village Bakery, 3052 Woodside Road, Woodside; 650-851-5555, Instagram: @thevillagebake.*

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### The Village Pub, Woodside

The Village Pub has a \$125 per person multicourse prix-fixe Easter brunch menu featuring, among many other things, entree choices including soft-rolled French omelet, lobster Benedict, sole à la Grenobloise, lamb noisette, and a lemon

ricotta souffle pancake.

*The Village Pub, 2967 Woodside Road, Woodside; 650-851-9888, Instagram: @thevillagepubwoodside.*

### MacArthur Park, Palo Alto

The 2024 Easter brunch buffet menu at this longtime Palo Alto restaurant includes a prime rib carving station, breakfast classics like eggs Benedict and French toast, and desserts from Faz Bakery. Brunch is \$69 for adults, \$35 for kids 6-12, and kids 5 and under eat free.

*MacArthur Park, 27 University Ave., Palo Alto; 650-321-9990, Instagram: @macarthurpark\_ca.*

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*Left Bank Menlo Park, 635 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 650-473-6543, Instagram: @leftbankbrasserie.*

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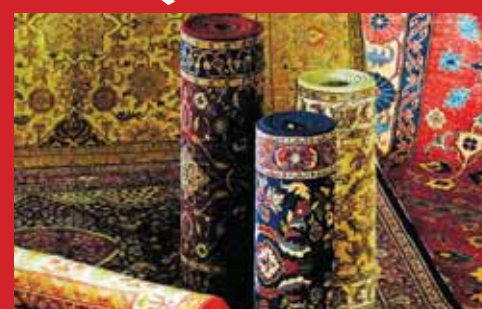
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**StanfordWaterPoloCamps.com** **(650) 725-9016**

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**OBITUARIES**

Local residents who died recently include:

**Oliver Franklin Hook**, 99, a resident of Menlo Park who was a World War II Navy fighter pilot and member of America's Greatest Generation and who was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and later was celebrated for his athleticism and academic achievements, leading to his induction into the Lee's Summit High School Sports Hall of Fame. He graduated with top honors from the University of Missouri, and had a successful 50-year career as a stockbroker in Palo Alto. Hook is survived by his two sons and four grandchildren. A graveside service is planned in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

**Donald Creevy**, 87, a resident of Portola Valley, who moved to California for his OB/GYN residency at Stanford University and delivered over 6,000 babies and was a pioneer in integrating midwifery into hospital settings. He leaves behind a legacy of compassion, a passion for classical music and photography, and a devoted family, including his wife Ginger, his daughters Catherine and Kristin, stepchildren Nancy and Michael, and several grandchildren.

**Linda Caren**, 82, a resident

of San Jose, who was born in Corsicana, Texas, and who was a pioneering immunologist with degrees from Ohio State University and Stanford University and had a notable academic career, including teaching positions at Santa Clara University and California State University, Northridge, and conducted research in collaboration with NASA.

**Michael (Mike) Mensick**, 63, an almost life-long resident of Palo Alto, who was the son of the late John (Jack) and Lucia Mensick, brother to the late John (Chip) and Mark Mensick and who was married to Andrea Evans Mensick for 32 years. He was the father of Nicole Mensick and Michael Mensick, Jr. A Cubberley High School and Foothill College alumnus, Mike built a career in construction sales, contributing to significant projects like Oracle Park and the State Capital of Hawaii. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, and horses before he died.

**Mary Roberta (Robin) Duggan**, 74, of Mountain View, who was known for her artistic talents, particularly in crafting and making artistic greeting cards and dedicated her life to her family, volunteering at her children's schools, and expressing her kindness and generosity through

her art and hospitality and who graduated from Palo Alto High School, attended Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, and earned her teaching credential from the College of Notre Dame, Belmont. Robin is survived by her husband Kevin, her children Julie Pierron (Joseph) and Andrew (Chelsea), four grandchildren, siblings Linda, Marcy, Laurie, and Dan, and a wide circle of family and friends.

**Jean Garrett**, 101, of Palo Alto, who was a World War II veteran and breast cancer survivor, a committed peace activist and enjoyed walking in her neighborhood with her late husband, Paul, to whom she was married for 70 years until his passing in 2016. Born near Redding, California, in 1922, she met Paul during their military service and settled in Palo Alto to raise their two children. Jean delighted in nature and animals. Jean's final months were spent enjoying chocolate, orchids, her cat Lovey, and visits from her family. She is survived by her children, Susan and Doug, their spouses, grandchildren Carlos, Megan, and Justin, and seven great-grandchildren.

To read full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to Lasting Memories at [AlmanacNews.com/obituaries](http://AlmanacNews.com/obituaries). ■

# New bill may boost state enforcement powers over housing law

By Ruth Dusseault/  
Bay City News Service

California's attorney general may be getting more muscle to discipline local governments that have violated state housing law via a new bill that would allow fines to be levied more quickly.

Under Senate Bill 1037, announced March 20 by Attorney General Rob Bonta and state Sen. Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, the attorney general could seek new penalties to be assessed from the date of a violation.

If passed, it would subject governments to a minimum civil penalty of \$10,000 per month, not to exceed \$50,000 per month, for each violation from the date the violation started. The money would be earmarked for affordable housing in the affected jurisdiction.

Currently, California's Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized to notify the attorney general when it tells cities and

counties they are in violation of the state Planning and Zoning Law.

Every city and county in California must periodically update and streamline its housing element to meet its share of a 2022 statewide housing plan, which estimates the state must plan for 2.5 million new homes.

After receiving a court order to comply, local governments have 60 days to bring their housing elements into compliance before getting hit with a monetary penalty. Sometimes, with extensions, the hammer doesn't fall for a year.

"The reason for the bill is that the penalty system right now is very unworkable and it's easy for cities to evade it," said Erik Mebust, a spokesperson for Wiener, who introduced the law. "Right now, they get 60 days. So, they'll wait the full 60 days and then they can appeal things and they can kind of bury it in process for months."

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**50th anniversary of Wunderlich Park**

Wunderlich County Park in Woodside is celebrating their 50th anniversary on April 13 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The free event will include guided nature hikes, a food truck, horses, music and arts and crafts.

Parking at Wunderlich Park will be limited but a free shuttle from Woodside Elementary School will be available from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Find more information on the “parks” page at [smcgo.org](http://smcgo.org).

**Fentanyl and opioid safety education for youth**

On April 2 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. learn more about opioids and fentanyl safety during a free online event with local physicians Dr. Sunil Bhopale, emergency medicine physician, and Dr. Rex Huang, child psychiatrist at Kaiser Permanente Redwood City.

Parents, students, educators and community members can join the event to learn about how teens and young adults are being exposed to opioids and more about the effects of drugs on high school age children. Register on The Parent Venture’s Eventbrite page at [tinyurl.com/parentventureevents](http://tinyurl.com/parentventureevents) for more information.

**Menlo Park partners with UC Berkeley SafeTREC**

As part of Menlo Park’s Vision Zero Action Plan, the city has partnered with University of California at Berkeley’s Safe Transportation Research and Education Center, also known as SafeTREC, to conduct street safety assessments for Santa Cruz Avenue and Sand Hill Road, according to a press release by the city.

In April, city staff, community members and SafeTREC will analyze collision data and conduct field assessments. Santa Cruz Avenue and Sand Hill Road are part of Menlo Park’s High Collision Corridor Network, the 20% of city streets accounting for 93% of serious and fatal injury collisions. The assessment will produce safety recommendations that will help implement the Vision Zero Action Plan for the area.

The Vision Zero Action Plan is intended to eliminate fatal traffic crashes and injuries in half by 2030. For more information on the project, visit [menlopark.gov](http://menlopark.gov).

**Talk on d.school lecturer’s new book**

Join designer and educator Lesley-Ann Noel in a virtual event on April 5 from noon-1 p.m. as she discusses her new book, “Design Social Change.” This Stanford d.school book offers readers new approaches to inspire change and help families create lives that move toward an equitable future.

Noel is a lecturer at Stanford University and the University of West Indies and the former associate director of Design Thinking for Social Impact at Tulane University. Community members, parents, educators and students are all welcome to join this event. Register online at The Parent Venture’s Eventbrite page at [tinyurl.com/parentventureevents](http://tinyurl.com/parentventureevents).

**Applications open for Menlo Park’s Youth Advisory Committee**

Students entering grades 9-12 for the upcoming school year who live within Menlo Park city limits or attend a Menlo Park high school are eligible to apply for the city’s Youth Advisory Committee.

The YAC advises the Parks and Recreation Commission and city staff in a one year term from September through May. The committee is intended to engage the future leaders of Menlo Park giving youth the opportunity to be involved in municipal government and civic affairs.

Applications are due on May 24 and more information can be found at [menlopark.gov/yac](http://menlopark.gov/yac).

— Jennifer Yoshikoshi

**Caltrain seeks new space for headquarters**

Caltrain is looking for a new home.

The popular commuter rail line that brings 20,000 riders to 28 points between San Francisco and San Jose, with extensions to Gilroy, has been sharing its headquarters with SamTrans since the 1990s. SamTrans, San Mateo County’s bus system, is moving in 2025 to a new office space near the Millbrae Caltrain station. It has invited its roommate to



Courtesy Left Bank

Avocado toast with egg and salmon is among Left Bank’s Easter options.

**EASTER**

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**The Ameswell Hotel, Mountain View**

The Ameswell Hotel is open for Easter brunch reservations (cost varies) at its Roger Bar & Restaurant and is holding an Easter egg hunt on its grounds. Face painting will be available to kids from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., plus dog toys and treats will be available for furry friends.

*The Ameswell Hotel, 800 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View; 650-744-1030, Instagram: @theameswellhotel.*

**Mountain Winery, Saratoga**

Highlights of Mountain Winery’s Easter brunch menu include a build-your-own-pancake bar (rainbow sprinkles, anyone?) and a mac and cheese bar. Brunch starts at 10:30 a.m. and costs \$97 per adult and \$65 per child ages 3-12. Included in the admission cost are Easter activities (weather permitting) and a visit with the Easter Bunny.

*Mountain Winery, 14831 Pierce Road, Saratoga; 408-741-2822, Instagram: @mountainwinery.*

**The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay**

For a fancy Coastside option, Navio at the Ritz-Carlton in Half Moon Bay is offering Easter brunch all weekend, at \$255 per person. According to Navio’s website, caviar, flavored oysters, chocolate-chip pancakes, lobster and sunset mousse are among the many selections for the meal, billed as a “two hour luxury brunch experience.”

*Navio, 1 Miramontes Point Road, Half Moon Bay; 650-712-7000, Instagram: @navio\_hmb. ■*

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**HOUSING LAW**

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In November, San Francisco, under a state mandate to accommodate 82,000 new housing units by 2031, received a threatening letter from HCD when it missed a deadline to change its permitting policy. The city’s Board of Supervisors eventually

adopted an ordinance to bring the city into compliance.

“This bill was not generated directly in response to anything that happened in San Francisco,” said Mebust. “But San Francisco is definitely emblematic of a pattern we’re seeing statewide with a number of cities. San Francisco has the longest permit approval times in the state. There’s a lot of

changes to make in the culture so cities comply with the law, and San Francisco has not always been the best at that in the past, but it is trying to turn over a new leaf now.”

Wiener’s office expects the bill to be heard in committee next month, followed by a Senate vote in May. If approved by the legislature, it will go into effect Jan. 1, 2025. ■

## Caltrain receives \$1M in federal funding for safety improvements

By Jennifer Yoshikoshi

Caltrain received \$1 million in federal funding by congressmembers U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, and Kevin Mullin, D-South San Francisco, through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, according to a March 21 press release.

The funds will be used for safety improvements at several Caltrain grade crossings including, Whipple Avenue in Redwood City, Ravenswood Avenue in

Menlo Park, East Meadow Drive in Palo Alto and 16th Street and Mission Bay Drive in San Francisco.

“These critical infrastructure investments will have a real difference in the lives of many residents in our community while making our railways safer as Caltrain reinvents itself through electrification of the system,” said Rep. Mullin in a statement.

Caltrain Executive Director Michelle Bouchard expressed gratitude toward Eshoo and

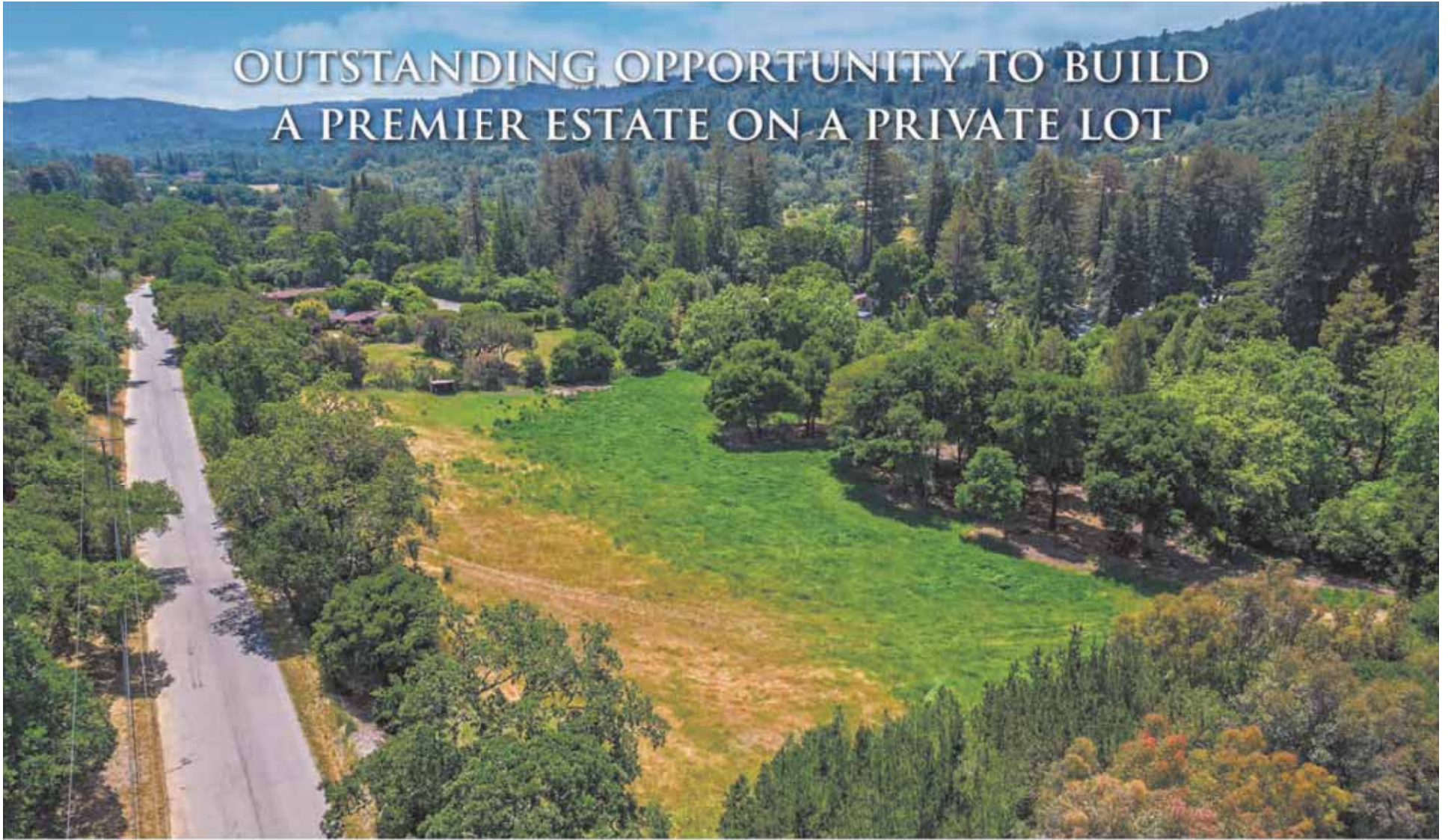
Mullin for their advocacy in making public transit safer.

“Safety is a core value at Caltrain that underlies everything we do. This funding will help to improve safety at grade crossings, protecting the public, keeping our trains moving and making getting around the Bay Area more convenient,” said Bouchard in a statement.

The funding will specifically go toward LED pavement markers, signage, pedestrian channelization, stop bars, gate relocation and track panels. ■

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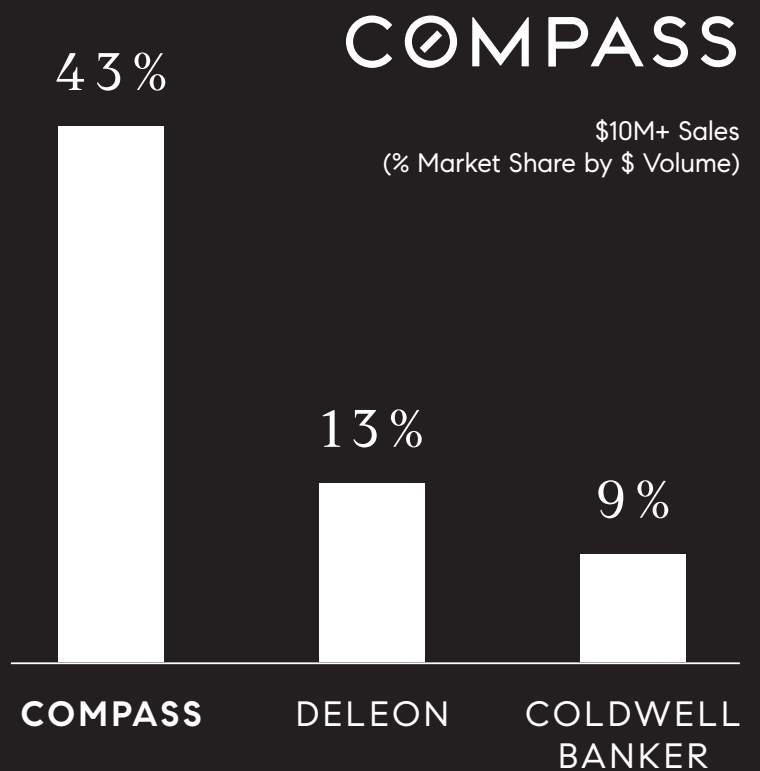
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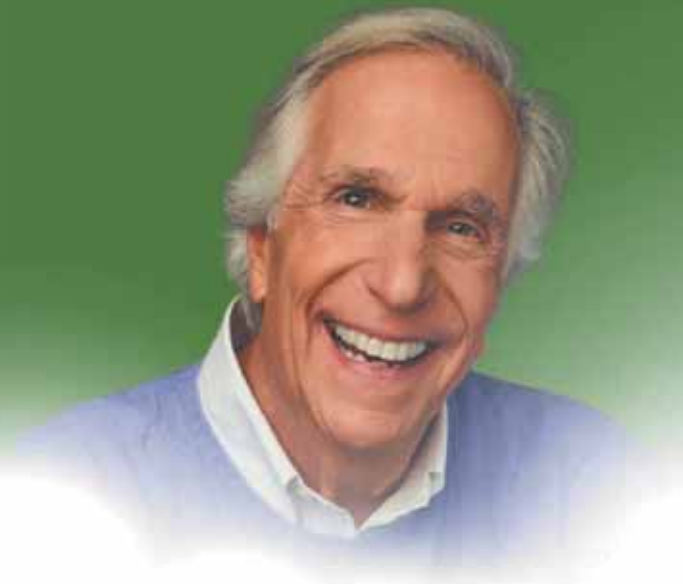
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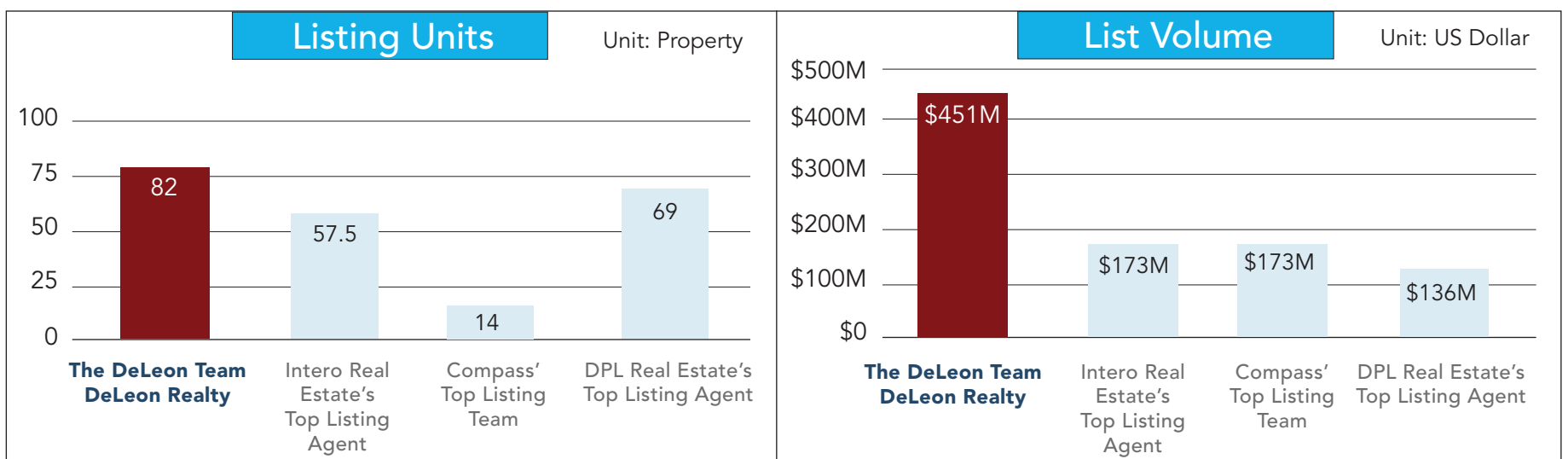
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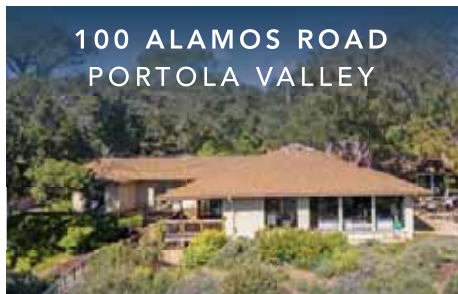
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**COUNCIL PAY**

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stipends for cities with under 35,000 residents were limited to \$300 per month. There were only minimal allowances for adjustments to keep up with inflation, which has risen over 300% since limits were last set in 1984.

In a comment made during the March 12 meeting, Menlo Park City Council member Maria

Doerr pointed out just how far Menlo Park City Council compensation has fallen behind inflation.

“In November 1965, the amount per month for City Council was \$150,” she said. “I enjoy looking at inflation calculators, and I was curious: What does \$150 in 1965 mean today? Today, that would be \$1,482 per month. ... What about in November 2000 when it was set at \$640 a month? That in today’s dollars would be \$1,169.”

Currently, Menlo Park council members are paid \$640 monthly, for a total of \$7,680 yearly. They are also eligible for retirement and health care benefits, which are not counted when determining pay under SB 329.

The Menlo Park City Council has not voted to increase their compensation since the year 2000. If Menlo Park elects to pay each council member the maximum monthly stipend that is now allowed, each would make

\$11,400 yearly, which would cost the city \$57,000 annually. This would be a 66% pay increase.

Compensation for Menlo Park City Council members currently ranks near the middle of other similarly sized cities on the Peninsula. The highest paid city council in the region is Colma’s, where council members make \$961 monthly. Whereas some city councils, such as in Atherton, Portola Valley and Woodside, operate on a volunteer basis and are uncompensated.

Despite the low monthly pay, the job of a city council member, even in a smaller city, is often a very demanding one.

“There have been weeks when the job has been more than full time,” said Menlo Park City Council member Jen Wolosin in an email to this news organization. “Duties include constituent services, meetings with staff and stakeholders, policy research, regional board and committee meetings, meeting preparation and more.”

Other Menlo Park City Council members agree that high demands are often placed on their time, which can discourage people from running for office.

“On average you’re looking at 10 to 20 hours per week — I think even 10 hours is being very conservative,” said Menlo Park Vice Mayor Drew Combs. “It is a really big time commitment, and it is to some degree elevated volunteerism. For a lot of people there isn’t the ability to fit the job in their lives when they don’t get compensated for it. ... The system we have is certainly one that by default excludes a lot of people.”

Combs has even taken time away from his full-time job to attend to his council duties.

“That has been a standard part of my service in this role,” he said. “And I have dialed into meetings from vacation with my family. I have dialed in some cases from work trips too.”

The people who are most discouraged from running for office by time commitments and low pay tend to be “low-income residents, single parents, people of color and young people,” according to a statement released by the League of California Cities.

Some Bay Area council members have even resigned before the end of their terms, citing high cost of living, low pay and the need to support their families.

In cities like Atherton where cost of living is extraordinarily high and council members are not compensated, the pool of candidates may be limited to an even greater extent.

**‘I’m excited for parents to be able to serve on council, folks from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to be able to serve on council, and was excited to see that this is an opportunity to look at compensation for council members moving forward.’**

MENLO PARK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER  
MARIA DOERR

When asked whether compensating council members would open up the opportunity to serve to more people, Atherton Mayor Diana Hawkins-Manuelian said in an email “practically speaking, having this be a non-paid job, limits it to those who can afford to work without pay and have the time to attend meetings. I was thrilled that we recently brought on Stacy Holland Miles to the council. She is a mom of a toddler. She brings a refreshingly different perspective and lived experience to the council. Perhaps having it be a paid position may allow more and different types of people to do this work.”

Hawkins-Manuelian noted that she has “never brought the concept of pay up nor has it ever been discussed by anyone” during her three years on the council.

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Anthony Suber said that the town’s “council members all have a profound commitment to public service.”

Menlo Park City Council members are excited about the prospect of higher compensation

opening up the role to more people.

During the March 12 City Council meeting, Doerr said: “I’m excited for parents to be able to serve on council, folks from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to be able to serve on council, and was excited to see that this is an opportunity to look at compensation for council members moving forward.”

However, in an area where cost of living is so high, some contend that looking at compensation alone may not go far enough. Combs remarked that looking at other aspects of the job in addition to compensation may help to attract more diverse candidates for local office in Menlo Park.

“I think compensation is one piece of it, but I would really like to see these positions become more attractive to a more diverse array of folks in our community,” he said. “I don’t know exactly how that happens, whether it’s compensation, or greater management of time commitment, or some combination of things. It’s a weakness of the system that so few talented, smart and passionate folks are able to take on this position.”

Though the hours are long and the pay is low, many city council members do their work primarily because it is important to them.

“For many of us it’s a labor of love for our community,” said Wolosin. “Sadly, not everyone who may be interested in serving has the flexibility, support and resources to do so.”

Hawkins-Manuelian feels similarly, saying in an email: “The Atherton council do this work as a form of community service and philanthropy. That means more of the city funds go directly to spending on the city. I find this work time consuming, but very personally rewarding.”

Menlo Park city staff plan to host a city council compensation study session to explore the possibility of increasing pay for the city’s council members. Any increase of pay that may be adopted would go into effect in November 2024, when city council elections are held, or later. ■

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**HOUSING ELEMENT**

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program implementation with the priorities being the creation of affordable housing on the city-owned downtown parking lots, the preparation of an anti-displacement strategy plan and an update to the city's Below Market Rate Housing Program guidelines," she also said.

Chow noted that the housing element does include "a midcycle review to evaluate housing-production levels, the effectiveness of zoning changes that have been implemented and potential governmental constraints. Depending on the findings, modifications could be recommended to improve effectiveness and reduce barriers."

Jeremy Levine, policy manager for the nonprofit organization Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County, praised Menlo Park for a feat that only a few jurisdictions in the area have achieved so far.

"Menlo Park's housing element reflects the commitment of staff and the City Council to promote housing affordability," Levine said in an email to this news organization. "The housing element commits to a number of important policies that will enable more housing options in the community, including rezoning in its downtown, dedication of city-owned parking lots for deeply affordable homes and implementation of tenant protections. The rezoning especially is essential to produce the housing Menlo Park needs."

However, Levine pointed out that further adjustments in the years to come may be necessary to keep on track with the housing goals.

Though the rezoning called for in Menlo Park's housing element makes a difference, he said, "it still may not provide adequate capacity for the city to meet its affordable-housing goals, which can only be met by a mix of 100% affordable and mixed-income market-rate development."

Depending on a mandatory midcycle review for the housing element in 2027, he also said, the city "may need to further rezone for more housing. The city's housing element already includes a program recognizing this potential necessity."

Additional policy changes may be required as well, he said.

"There are challenging questions for the city like does Menlo Park have the staff capacity to approve developments in a timely manner," he said. "If not, the city may need to streamline entitlement processes so developments can move forward on a faster timeline. And that's just

one example. The housing element lessens some constraints to housing, but it leaves many more in place so we'll just have to see if developments are able to overcome those barriers or if more changes will be necessary."

Menlo Park has been working on its housing element for the current cycle since March 2021. The city submitted what was to be the first of four iterations in July 2022. The state sent back the last three drafts for further revision before granting conditional approval to the fourth, which the city filed in early November 2023.

The City Council adopted latest amendments to the housing element on Jan. 23, 2024. The city's housing plan is on its website at [menlopark.gov/housingelement](http://menlopark.gov/housingelement). ■

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community for working together.

Jules' godmother made the call to dispatchers, and her calmness on the call was also commended by Lorenzen. Dispatchers included Veronica Ochoa, Amy Isenmann and Melanie Marasigan.

Erica Daly, Kristin Andruska and Jennifer Lin were honored for taking action before first responders arrived.

"We have responders who are so good, there's no way to put it into words, but all of you together saved Jules' life, and I'm forever grateful," said Valerie Frederickson, host of the party, joking that buying a home near a fire department was the right move.

"Thank you so much for not giving up," said Jules' father, Jason Arguello, thanking the community and officers. "Thank you for



Courtesy Jon Johnston

6-year-old Jules Arguello, second to the right, was saved by bystanders and first responders in February 2024 after she was found unresponsive on a trampoline at a Menlo Park home.

attending certification classes. My baby is here because of you guys." next First Aid and CPR training on April 6 at 2470 Pulgas Ave. ■

Board members urged attendees to receive CPR training. Menlo Park's Fire District will hold its

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Portola Valley, CA 94028  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
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 18, 2024. (ALM Mar 29, Apr 5, 12 and 19, 2024)

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)

HUSH LITTLE OWL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO.: M-296677  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) HUSH LITTLE OWL , located at 1460 Flores Drive, Pacifica, CA, 94044.  
Registered owner(s):  
LENA CAROLINE GRATZ  
1460 Flores Drive

Pacifica, CA, 94044  
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
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 February 16, 2024. (ALM Mar 8, 15, 22 and 29, 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)

SILICON VALLEY INTERPRETING SERVICES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO.: M-296594  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) SILICON VALLEY INTERPRETING SERVICES , located at 707 Bradford St Apt 313, Redwood City, CA 94063. San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
RUBY S. SLOVER  
707 Bradford Street, Apt 313  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA  
This business is conducted by: an Individual.  
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 February 08, 2024. (ALM Mar 15, 22, 29 and Apr 5, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: 24CIV01395  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: POLINA MOISEEVA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: POLINA MOISEEVA to POLINA REZHETS  
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: 05/09/2024, 9:00 AM, 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: 03/11/2024  
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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Mar 22, 29, Apr 5 and 12, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: 24CIV00947  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: SHELLY KNOWLTON & ADAM MILLER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
ZOE MAEVE MILLER to SCOTTIE MAEVE MILLER  
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: 04/23/2024, 9:00am, Southern Branch 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: 02/23/2024  
Elizabeth Lee

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Mar 15, 22, 29 and Apr 5, 2024)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: 24CIV01007  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: Nao Mastrangelo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SORA AIYANA MASTRANGELO to SORA FUJISAWA MASTRANGELO  
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: 04/30/2024, 9:00am, Superior court of San Mateo County 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: 02/28/2024  
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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Mar 15, 22, 29 and Apr 5, 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)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EDWIN BLUE  
Case No.: 24-PRO-00319  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EDWIN BLUE.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: TODD YANCEY in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: TODD YANCEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 03 2024 at 9:00 am in Department 1 of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.  
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account

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as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Petitioner in Pro Per:  
Todd Yancey  
PO Box 1410  
Menlo Park, CA 94026  
650-365-6100  
(ALM Mar 22, 29 and Apr 5, 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](http://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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://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 versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta 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](http://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 exención 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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://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**  
**NEAL I. TANIGUCHI, Clerk, by /s/ Anthony Berini, Deputy Clerk** (Secretario) (Adjunto)  
NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served (ALM Mar 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024)

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**MARCO TROPER**

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In high school, Marco also published a math paper on Harris Graphs while studying graph theory during a summer program at the University of Michigan. He also qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination, a challenging exam that only students who rank in the top 2.5% to 5% the American Mathematics Competition qualify for.

Menlo's head of school, Than Healy, recalls Marco's ability to take up difficult challenges and to approach them with an "innovative, entrepreneurial spirit."

He also played leading roles in clubs such as the school's hackathon and started the student Jewish Affinity Group.

"What he really enjoyed was figuring out how to explore and employ tools and systems in ways that others hadn't thought of before," Healy said. "He had a pioneer spirit to him and I think his teachers and peers really appreciated that about him."

Aside from math and science abilities, those who knew Marco describe his radiant personality as kind, warm, curious and happy.

"His kind soul left an indelible mark on all who knew him, reminding us to embrace our true selves and live with unwavering compassion," said his best friend of three years, Drake Piscione. "Marco was brilliant and full of ambition, destined for greatness. What made our bond so special was our ability to laugh together, to find humor even in the toughest of times. As a person, he had a heart of gold that radiated kindness and warmth. Being with him was like being blessed with this incredible energy that just made life better."

Marco's kindness stretched to people across the world as he had a passion for adventure and immersing in different cultures, said Dennis.

During a few months in high school he attended The Island School in the Bahamas, meeting other students from different states and countries. Some flew from as far as Vietnam to attend his funeral in February.

"He was just a fun, curious, social, beautiful kid that would make anyone smile," said Dennis.

As the middle child of five kids, Susan and Dennis reflected on his kindness toward his siblings, especially his strong relationship with his younger sisters. As the neighborhood babysitter, younger kids also enjoyed Marco's presence.

"Marco was that combination of kind and talented and

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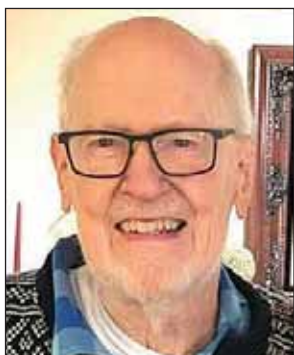
DRAKE PISCIONE, MARCO TROPER'S BEST FRIEND

the world will miss the positive contributions he would have made that would have helped make the lives of others better," Healy said.

On Feb. 21, friends and family gathered for a memorial service to celebrate Marco's life. During the service, his siblings sang the song "Yellow" by Coldplay, a nod

to his favorite color being yellow as a child.

"Our family believes that he has been bringing all the rainbows to the Bay Area," said Susan. "When we came home right after he died, we saw rainbows all over the road on the left, on the right, double rainbows that persisted throughout the week."



**Donald Charles Creevy, MD**

*April 22, 1936 – March 3, 2024*

After several years of declining health, Dr Don Charles Creevy, 87, died peacefully in his sleep on March 3rd, 2024. Don's life was enriched by a rewarding medical career, a devoted family, cherished friendships, much laughter, a lifelong passion for classical music and high-quality audio equipment, and a deep love for travel photography.

Don cultivated enduring friendships with nearly everyone he encountered, leaving a profound mark on their lives. At his retirement celebration in 2010, over 300 friends and family members gathered to honor his legacy and the deep connections he fostered, reflecting his widespread influence. With his compassionate listening ear and genuine warmth, Don touched the hearts of all who knew him.

Dr. Don Charles Creevy was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He earned his M.D. from the University of Minnesota Medical School and relocated to California to commence an OB/GYN residency at Stanford University, subsequently establishing his own private practice. Don facilitated the delivery of over 6,000 babies, consistently advocating for optimal birthing experiences for both mothers and infants. During the 1970s and 1980s, his pioneering efforts to integrate midwifery into hospital and birth center settings were unprecedented. As a trailblazer in his field, he played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Birth Place Resource Center and, later, The Birth Place, providing care for 1,200 mothers and newborns. Don's unwavering commitment to patient advocacy in childbirth and healthcare remained steadfast; many of the principles he championed during those formative years are now standard practice in the field.

Don is survived by his wife of 37 years, Ginger Hummer Creevy, his daughter and son-in law, Catherine Creevy and Aksel Fjaera, his daughter and son-in law, Kristin Creevy Lewis and Marc Lewis, his stepdaughter Nancy Niland and son-in-law Andrew Edwards, and his stepson Michael Hummer. He is also survived by his grandchildren Lauren Creevy Love, McKaila Lewis, Tessa Lewis, Sara and Bill Danielsson, Samuel Shatsky, Karijanne Pleifler and Adrian Haavik-Marthinussen. Don was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Donald Creevy and Alice Creevy, his son Jonathan Creevy, his former wife Anne Creevy, and his brother Mike Creevy.

Donations in his honor can be made to: TogetherWomenrise.org, Chapter 32. Don was a great supporter to Ginger who founded the local Portola Valley chapter in 2012 which donates funds to empower the poorest women and girls (families living on only \$2-4 per day) through health care programs, education, safety, financial literacy and gender equality worldwide.

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Dennis added: "We think it's a sign of Marco just looking after his siblings and after us."

Marco is survived by his parents, four siblings and his grandmother Esther Wojcicki. His parents plan to create math scholarships in his name.

As a message to others, Piscione said: "Follow Marco's example and live a life of no regrets. Life's too short not to pursue your passions and find happiness." ■

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Courtesy Susan Wojcicki

Menlo School alumni and former University of California, Berkeley math student.

**Oliver F. Hook**

*October 10, 1924 – March 7, 2024*

Oliver Franklin Hook of Scottsdale, Arizona, a Navy fighter pilot in WWII, member of "Americas Greatest Generation", died peacefully March 7 surrounded by his two sons. He was 99.



Born in Kansas City, Missouri October 10, 1924 to Ralph and Ruby Hook, he learned the value of hard work early. He grew up with three brothers on the 'Hook & Son's Dairy' farm in Lee's Summit, Missouri, attending grade school and high school there, where he excelled in athletics and academics. His athletic prowess in football, baseball, basketball and track eventually led to his induction into the "Lee's Summit High School Sports Hall of Fame" in 2015. At the ceremony, a former coach wrote, "Oliver was, quite simply, one of best natural athletes I've ever seen".

After graduation, Oliver enrolled at University of Missouri in 1942. Like so many of his peers, his college years were interrupted by the war. He enlisted in the Navy, entering the aviation program, earning his wings in 1944, graduating third from the top of his class. A gifted pilot, he continued as a Naval instrument instructor and flew in the Naval Reserves until 1965.

At the conclusion of the war, Oliver re-enrolled at the University of Missouri in 1944, lettering in baseball and graduating with top academic honors. He returned to Lee's Summit becoming owner of 'Hook Truck and Tractor' and a Buick dealership. He met and married Elizabeth (Betty) Kuhr, a nurse in Kansas City, in 1952, and their first son Stephen was born a year later.

In 1958, Oliver moved his young family to the San Francisco Bay Area to earn his MBA in Finance from University of California, Berkeley. The family settled in Menlo Park as their second son John was born in 1960.

Oliver embarked on a nearly 50 year career as a successful stock-broker in Palo Alto, serving as president of The Peninsula Stock and Bond Club, the Sharon Heights Homeowners Association, and Sharon Heights Country Club. He was also an active member of First Methodist Church in Palo Alto. He excelled as a skier, tennis player and golfer winning numerous club tournaments. He moved to Scottsdale in 2019, spending his final years at the Vi in Grayhawk.

Oliver was most proud of his family. Married for 55 years to "Betty" until her death in 2007, he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his brother Jim Hook (92) Raleigh N.C., sons Stephen (71) and wife Jessica of Salt Lake City, Utah. John (64) and Gina Hook of Scottsdale, AZ. and four grandchildren: Steve's son Adam (42). John's twin sons Kendall and Michael (19) and Makena (18).

A graveside service is planned in Lee's Summit, Missouri this fall, on what would have been Mr. Hook's 100th birthday. He will be interred with his wife Elizabeth.

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PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Jazz composer and pianist *Marta Sánchez* to perform five Palo Alto shows

Earthwise Productions hosts musician  
for concerts April 1-5

By Karla Kane

For pianist and composer Marta Sánchez, one of the most appealing things about jazz is its creative freedom of expression, even when playing within a set program.

“The possibility of being different every time, depending on the people you are playing with,” she mused. “The fact that you can create in the moment with other people, or by yourself.”

The Madrid-raised, New York City-based Sánchez will come to Palo Alto April 1-5 to play a run of five concerts at the Mitchell Park Community Center (Sánchez’s residency is part of a series of eight piano-centric shows in a row at that venue, all put together by Earthwise Productions).

Growing up in Spain, Sánchez studied classical music and began getting into jazz as a teenager. A teacher at her conservatory started giving her favorite recordings to listen to, she recalled, “and I started liking it more and more.” Soon, she was training in jazz and contemporary music, touring jazz festivals around Spain and winning national and international awards. A 2011 Fulbright Scholarship brought her to New York University, where she earned a master’s degree in music, and she’s made herself at home among New York’s creative scene, earning a reputation as an engaging and inventive musician.

Keeping up a very busy international touring and performance schedule, she’s also released several acclaimed records, most often with her quintet, including 2015’s “Partenika,” which the New York Times hailed as one of the 10 best albums of the year.

Despite her love of “the act of creation in the moment,” she is also very deliberate and dedicated to each of her projects as a unique entity.

“I always write for a specific project — the music is very focused on that project,” she explained. “For the way I write, I write very specifically for each instrument. I write based on who’s participating.”

Sánchez said she’s very excited about her next upcoming release, which was recorded with her trio. That album, “Perpetual Void,” is due out from Intakt Records on April 19 and features Sánchez on piano, Chris Tordini on bass and the Bay Area-raised Savannah Harris on drums.

She’ll be playing solo, though, at her Palo Alto shows, with songs specifically written for solo piano.

“The way I normally compose is by creating independent layers that interweave with each other, creating the final tapestry. While writing for solo piano, I thought about how to generate different timbres within the piano,” she explained. As she



Courtesy Marta Sánchez

Jazz pianist and composer Marta Sánchez performs in Palo Alto during the first week of April.

composed, she endeavored to prepare the piano to create these varied sounds, placing objects on or in between the strings to modify the tone.

“I use tape, magnets, paper, Blu Tack (adhesive putty), crystal rolls and paper clips distributed over the piano and that way I have different textures and colors within the same instrument,” she said.

She started writing these pieces several years ago, while participating in an artist residency at New Hampshire’s rural MacDowell colony (from which she received fellowships in 2017 and 2021), where the surrounding environment made its way into her music.

“Back then my main inspiration was the nature and the sounds around my cabin,” she recalled, as the chilly winter wind blew, sometimes softly, sometimes violently. Later, new themes emerged.

“I finished the pieces during the pandemic, and the inspiration switched. Now it was more about dark thoughts and philosophical ideas.”

And after her local performances, she’ll also be spending some of her time in the Bay Area in the studio making her next record, consisting of this solo material.

“That’s why it’s great for me to play all these songs” during her time in Palo Alto, she said.

According to Earthwise’s event listings, in addition to Sánchez, the bills will include other artists. Pianist and composer Ethan Iverson (best known, perhaps, for his work as a founding member of The Bad Plus) will perform at the first two shows, on April 1 and 2, with Motoko Honda Group booked for April 3, Dick Fregulia and Dick Conte trios April 4, and Myra Melford and Ben Goldberg April 5.

Sánchez has performed in Palo Alto twice in recent years, as a duo and with her quintet, and said she’s looking forward to her upcoming stay.

“I love the West Coast,” she said. “I always love to be there. Nice weather, nice food, and more relaxed than New York.” ■

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Marta Sánchez performs April 1-5 at Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$5-\$18 for each show. For more information, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

## Art in motion

Natasha Carlitz Dance Ensemble creates choreography from paintings and sculptures with ‘Gallery’

By Heather Zimmerman

You could say that Natasha Carlitz Dance Ensemble’s latest show is a bit of a museum piece — one that spans centuries and styles of art. “Gallery” is a series of vignettes that bring works of visual art to life through dance. The Palo Alto-based dance company presents the show March 29-30 at Cuberley Theatre.

The ensemble’s artistic director and founder, Menlo Park resident Natasha Carlitz, said she was looking to do a more diverse and varied show, following up an all-Mozart piece “In Parting,” that was spurred by the death of a close friend and focused on a singular subject.

“I don’t remember exactly where the idea came from,” she said, “but I thought, ‘art is so

different, and if I base works on different paintings and sculptures, they will take me in different directions and they will be associated with different types of music and different types of movement. It’ll be fun for the dancers to get to do a lot of different things after being very classical in the Mozart piece.”

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Courtesy Natasha Carlitz Dance Ensemble

Natasha Carlitz Dance Ensemble presents “Gallery,” a show of works inspired by paintings and sculpture.

# Peninsula high schooler creates artwork for orchestra concert

Golden State Youth Orchestra brings to life phantasmagoric 19th century symphony through music and art

By Ashwini Gangal

In 1830, lovelorn French composer Hector Berlioz wrote a symphony for the object of his obsession, actress Harriet Smithson. Titled “Symphonie Fantastique,” it tells the story of an artist whose unrequited love takes him down a dangerous, hallucinogenic path that ends in suicide by opium poisoning.

This controversial masterpiece from the Romantic era will be brought to life on stage, at the upcoming spring concert organized by the Golden State Youth Orchestra, in more ways than one. During the orchestra’s performance of this piece, original artwork inspired by the same symphony will be projected on a screen behind the musicians. The orchestra, formerly known as El Camino Youth Symphony, performs Berlioz’s work March 30 at Spangenberg Theatre.

The artwork has been created by Gunn High School senior Ethan Zhou, who is also a violinist in the orchestra. He has made five paintings, one for each movement or segment of the music.

“The symphony is almost autobiographical — that’s actually the composer (Hector Berlioz), with his signature closed eyes; it’s melodramatic,” said 17-year-old Zhou about the image that will accompany the first movement, which, as per Berlioz’s notes, represents daydreams and passions.

“It’s red because, I don’t know, I always imagined it’d be red, and I think red is a pretty passionate color. Also, orange is my favorite color so I’ve put a lot of orange

around there,” he said about the warm tones used in the portrait. “I personally like a lot of big shapes and keeping things less smooth.”

Among the artists that Zhou counts as influencing his style are Impressionist painter John Singer Sargent and contemporary digital artist Aaron Griffin. He created the five paintings for the concert digitally, using tools like Photoshop and PureRef. The device he paints on is a Wacom One tablet.

“In Photoshop you can draw strokes that are perfectly horizontal or vertical,” he said, amused that flawlessly straight lines like the ones created digitally are seldom seen in “real life.”

While Zhou said he found creating art digitally is easier than using actual paints, he also sees a flip side to it. While on the one hand, a digital artist doesn’t have to worry about things like paint supplies, on the other, the process affords disproportionate room for revision, something he thinks is not necessarily a good thing. On canvas, in contrast, an artist “has to be a lot more confident about every stroke,” he said.

“Digital artists are very spoiled,” he said. “It’s kind of cheating; you can just move things around, paint layers over things and under things, and get every color in the palette. And there are features that can change the colors to look more dramatic.”

“You have to also be a bit more responsible because you can do anything with just two keys,” Zhou said. “That’s a pretty powerful tool.” He said that if he had more formal training in

art he wouldn’t have to undo as much as he does while creating art digitally.

For Zhou, the second movement was the most difficult one to compose art for. “It’s more stylized than the first one — big shapes, unclear, not very defined features, because it’s a dream,” he said about this painting, which is an image of a woman.

For the third movement, his art represents an approaching storm; for the fourth, a guillotine; and bells for the fifth. All the art is in keeping with Berlioz’s own narrative, originally published in French, then translated into English.

“For any classical piece I try to find the history behind it, the story,” he said, admitting that he tends to obsess over every detail of his artwork. “I’m very particular ... I think every artist is overly critiquing of their own work.”

According to music director Yun Song Tay, Ph.D., who will be conducting the concert, Zhou’s art will provide a “visual handle” to the audience, especially those unfamiliar with classical music.

“The artwork is meant to supplement our performance and I believe our audience members will get more easily acquainted with the piece, especially since so many of our students’ parents will be listening to the piece for the first time,” said Tay.

Berlioz’s original dramatic storyline that informs this symphony makes this collaboration of art and music compelling. “The composer gave specific details about the music and



Courtesy Ethan Zhou

A digital painting by Ethan Zhou portrays composer Hector Berlioz. The work is one of five pieces by Zhou that will accompany a performance of Berlioz’s “Symphonie Fantastique” by Golden State Youth Orchestra, of which Zhou is a member.

images for the audience members to imagine,” Tay said. “So on top of the program notes, which the audience members will receive in their program booklet, describing the music in words, they are also going to get to see a visual cue to better appreciate the music they hear.”

The artwork on display will change at the end of each movement. “There is a break in between and the slides will change then,” he said. “So there should not be any distractions during the performance.”

This is not the first time a student has created art for the Golden State Youth Orchestra. Last year, Jessie Zhang made five original paintings, one for each movement of Beethoven’s

“Pastoral Symphony.”

This year, the theme of the event is “Masquerade Ball.”

Besides Berlioz’s music, the program also includes works by Anna Clyne (“Masquerade”), Camille Saint-Saens (Piano Concerto No. 2) and Ernest Bloch (“Suite Hébraïque”). ■

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The concert will take place on Saturday, March 30, 7 p.m. at Spangenberg Theatre at Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$15-\$25. For more information, visit gsyomusic.org.

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From a 16th century Dutch portrait to 1960s op-art, the show touches on many different artistic movements and styles.

Carlitz selected the art that inspired the choreography in a variety of ways,

“There are a mix of pieces that I have loved my whole life, which were just really fun to work with, like making a deeper connection with an old friend,” she said.

Chief among those old friends is Matisse’s “The Snail,” which Carlitz said she “fell in love with” when she was just 4 years old. The colorful painted collage enchanted Carlitz as a young child visiting London’s Tate gallery. Her family lived in England for a year and outings to the Tate would spark her imagination, she said.

She used favorite pieces as a jumping off point, but also included works by artists that she had never heard of before.

“I started seeking out new pieces of art — things that were new to me and sparked new ideas or were visually interesting to me. Some maybe four to six (pieces) are artists that I had not heard of before I started working on this project. All my YouTube and suggested links everywhere are now completely art-based, so I’ve just gone down some of those rabbit holes and learned new things,” Carlitz said.

Audiences will get to see the art that inspired the choreography projected behind the dancers during the show. In addition to Carlitz’s choreography, “Gallery” also highlights pieces by two guest choreographers who are dancers in the

company. Unifying the pieces is a prologue that sets the tone.

“There’s a prologue that introduces the artwork, and so I think that although the moods of the pieces are really different, it should feel kind of like entering a gallery and strolling through the rooms where there’s different art but you’re still in the gallery,” Carlitz said.

“And just for fun, for an inside joke, we’re using Mussorgsky’s ‘Pictures at an Exhibition’ for the prologue,” she added.

Selecting the music for each piece also led Carlitz down some illuminating paths.

“What I didn’t anticipate was how much fun it has been to choose the right music for each of the pieces because I got into researching the artists and their relationships with composers or their different connections,

which are all described in the program notes,” she said.

For example, she noted that a piece inspired by French artist Sonia Delaunay is accompanied by the traditional jazz championed by the Hot Club de France, a music society co-founded by her son, Charles Delaunay.

Company composer-in-residence Mike Coffin contributed music to the show as well, with two original works, one based on a travel poster and the other taking inspiration from Edward Hopper’s famous painting “Nighthawks.”

“I was not allowed to hear it until it was complete, so I did not influence it at all,” Carlitz said of Coffin’s Hopper composition. “And then I worked with the combination of the painting and the music to try to bring out what I felt were stories in both of them. The

piece is called ‘Four Stories.’”

While all of the pieces convey unique stories and emotions, from poignant tales to humorous moments, overall, Carlitz’s aim for the audience’s experience is simple.

“Joy, that’s it. Yes, I just want to make people happy. If they start getting more immersed in art or thinking about the musical connections or something like that, that’s a plus. That’s like extra credit. But really, I want them to feel happy,” she said. ■

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“Gallery” takes place March 29-30 at Cubberley Theatre, 4120 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$15-\$45. carlitzdance.org.



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Left: Instructor Garth Harwood, center, adds flowers from sour grass to students' salads during a foraging basics class at Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills on March 9. Above: Lauren Rueth trims the tops off of shepherd's purse.

## A TASTE OF THE WILD

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"You always feel like it's a bit of a treasure hunt, to learn that a plant you've known as a backyard weed your whole life turns out to be edible and delicious," he said. "And you can come across some exotic flavors and textures that are generally not to be found in the produce aisle."

You don't need to stray far from home to forage. In fact, you may not even have to leave your own yard.

This time of year on the Peninsula, for example, it's hard to avoid the ephemeral, invasive carpets of yellow-blossomed oxalis, which children often call sour grass and which can make a tasty treat in small doses.

"It's delectable," Harwood said, "especially if you like sour things."

One of the best known edible wild plants in this area is *Claytonia perfoliata*. You may know it as miner's lettuce, although Harwood steers away from that name out of respect for Indigenous communities.

A mild-tasting, spinach-like supergreen that's packed full of vitamin C, it got its association with miners, Harwood said, when in the 19th century they learned from Native Californians that eating "Indian lettuce" would fight off scurvy and other nutritional deficiencies. *Claytonia* is among the easiest to identify, with its round leaves, smooth stem and tiny white flower sticking straight through the middle. With Harwood's guidance, students gathered handfuls, making it the base of their wild salad.

At first glance, thistles may not look like something you'd want to put in your mouth. However, "most parts are edible, nutritious and often delicious, but a bit of a prickly endeavor," Harwood said of the spikey vegetation. The class encountered milk thistle, which is medicinal as well as edible, Harwood said, noting that he's seen milk thistle tablets selling for big bucks at pharmacies and grocery stores because of its association with liver-cleansing properties. It has even been used to help

counteract poison, he said. The class was also introduced to sow thistle and Italian thistle along its foraging journey.

Other wild edible plants found that day included bur clover, which later in the summer you'll likely be annoyed to find attached to your socks and sneakers but right now is perfectly digestible and comes with what Harwood called a "really big load of micronutrients;" shepherd's purse, with its heart-shaped seed pods and peppery taste; cheeseweed mallow, named for its round leaves that resemble a wheel of cheese; chickweed; wild oats; and curly dock, which has a surprisingly citrus-like flavor.

Harwood will lead two more foraging basics courses in

upcoming weeks: March 30 and April 6. The timing was chosen with both practicality and ethics in mind.

"This is the season of great abundance in the world of plant greens," he said. Each season has its edible delights, but in late winter and early spring, there is an "almost infinite quantity of delectable young greens," he said.

"Fall brings out the nuts and the berries, and those are a special kind of treat in and of themselves," he said, but those autumn favorites are more difficult to collect in quantity, and doing so has a bigger impact on the local wildlife who depend on them. "I don't like to encourage high-volume collecting of fruits and nuts," he said. "The wildlife

have enough stresses on them as it is."

In March and early April, the plants are new, tender and plentiful, which is when they are at their most palatable and "beginner-friendly," he explained. They haven't yet developed the robust defense mechanisms that can cause bitterness or toughness later on. "The plants are always at their best when they first emerge from the soil," he said.

During the class, Harwood often thanked the plants as he harvested them. Rather than yanking them out by the roots, which would kill them, he instructed students to use scissors to gently snip off small amounts. He also made sure they kept each plant in a

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Poison hemlock, left, is shown at the start of a foraging basics class to illustrate how similar it looks to other plants in the carrot family, like hedge parsley, center. No plants from the carrot family were picked by the instructor or students once foraging had begun.

separate container for safety so that it could be inspected before eating. When foraging, safe is always better than sorry.

For his entry-level foraging classes, “folks knowing the ABCs of how to identify plants, which is the first step in identifying hazardous plants,” is critical. Harwood’s general rule for students is that they identify a minimum of three convincing attributes of a plant before they plan to eat it.

“As a bottom-line safety measure they have to show it to me, every time,” he said.

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GARTH HARWOOD,  
SENIOR NATURALIST AT HIDDEN VILLA

Foragers should beware of hemlock, which is highly poisonous, Harwood said, showing the class a handful of it as an example. Hemlock is a member of the carrot family with similar-looking foliage, so he recommends avoiding that family entirely.

Stinging nettles are perfectly edible — Harwood recently ate some on a pizza — but, as anyone who’s felt their painful sting knows, they must be dealt with carefully. Edible, he also pointed out, is also not the same as palatable, and the great variation in wild plants means that even something you’ve found scrumptious in the past might not taste the same the next time you try it.

“Where you gather is as

important as what you gather,” he noted.

For example, foragers would do well to be mindful of poison oak and wash off what they pick before eating it (especially in areas well-trafficked by dogs). And foraging is not welcome everywhere. At Hidden Villa, public foraging is not permitted unless you’re part of a class. Most parks, too, have rules that should be checked beforehand. Sidewalks and vacant lots can be great spots to forage, but it’s advisable to avoid picking right near busy roads because of potential contaminants and pollution. Still, he said, “you shouldn’t lack for places to gather.”

Hidden Villa is a working farm, and Harwood said he’s happy to harvest plants that are often considered weeds around the property’s agricultural fields. “They see me weeding in my own way,” he laughed, noting that the farm crew might not always be thrilled that he doesn’t pull the plants out by the roots. “I want to see them regrow so I can come back and get another crop later,” he said.

As class member Lizzie Redford put it, the concept of a weed is sociological rather than botanical. Harwood agreed. It’s a matter of perspective, and a delicacy to one culture may be unappreciated in another. A weed, he said, is “a plant out of place.”

When you think about foraging, gathering mushrooms may be what springs to mind. However, Harwood does not include fungi in his foraging classes because, compared to plants, “the risk factors are infinitely higher. Probably close to half of all fungal species that occur in our region are of unknown toxicity,” he said. “That’s just playing with fire, even if you did your identification well.”

There are ethical environmental considerations, too. The



Magali Gauthier

A salad made of foraged plants picked during a foraging basics class at Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills on March 9.

popularity of foraging for mushrooms “is so extreme right now that areas tend to be overharvested and many species are in retreat,” he said.

Harwood, who has master’s degrees in education and biology, grew up in Menlo Park, Mountain View and Pescadero, spending as much time as possible outside.

“I think it would have been fair to describe me as a feral kid,” he said. Foraging, if you’ll excuse the pun, came naturally. “I learned a lot about snacking on plants that grew in my neighborhood from my peers,” he recalled.

In his 20s, still fascinated by the environment around him, he sought out more information about what local plants were good and safe to eat, and how to best find and harvest them. As a longtime naturalist and teacher, it’s all the more important to him to continue to “cultivate (his) connection to

the Earth and the living things around (him) by depending on them to some extent...and interacting with them in those most intimate ways,” he said.

Last year was the first in which he offered stand-alone foraging classes, but he’s been incorporating elements of it in his teaching since he first started with Hidden Villa back in 1999.

He recommends that all would-be foragers consult and cross-reference resource guides for their local area. Some of his most trusted include “The Flavors of Home, a Guide to Wild Edible Plants of the SF Bay Area” by Margit Roos-Collins and “The Bay Area Forager” by Mia Andler and Kevin Feinstein, along with the “The Foraged Foodie” blog (foragedfoodie.blogspot.com).

For the grand finale of the class, the collected greens were inspected again, rinsed and mixed. Harwood brought out some fragrant three-cornered

The next foraging basics classes will be offered on March 30 and April 6 (\$30/person) at Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Visit [tinyurl.com/hiddenvillaforaging](http://tinyurl.com/hiddenvillaforaging) to register.

garlic, along with oxalis blossoms to sprinkle as a garnish and a dressing of oil, vinegar and lemon juice.

Harwood said the sometimes intense flavors of wild plants can come as a shock to palates dulled by the grocery store, as cultivated crops are selected for their sweetness and sameness.

“Your taste buds may go, ‘Whoa, I haven’t been called upon to do this much identification in years!’” Harwood said, “But that’s what they’re designed for.” ■

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From left, milk thistle, bur clover and shepherd’s purse were spotted during a foraging basics class at Hidden Villa.

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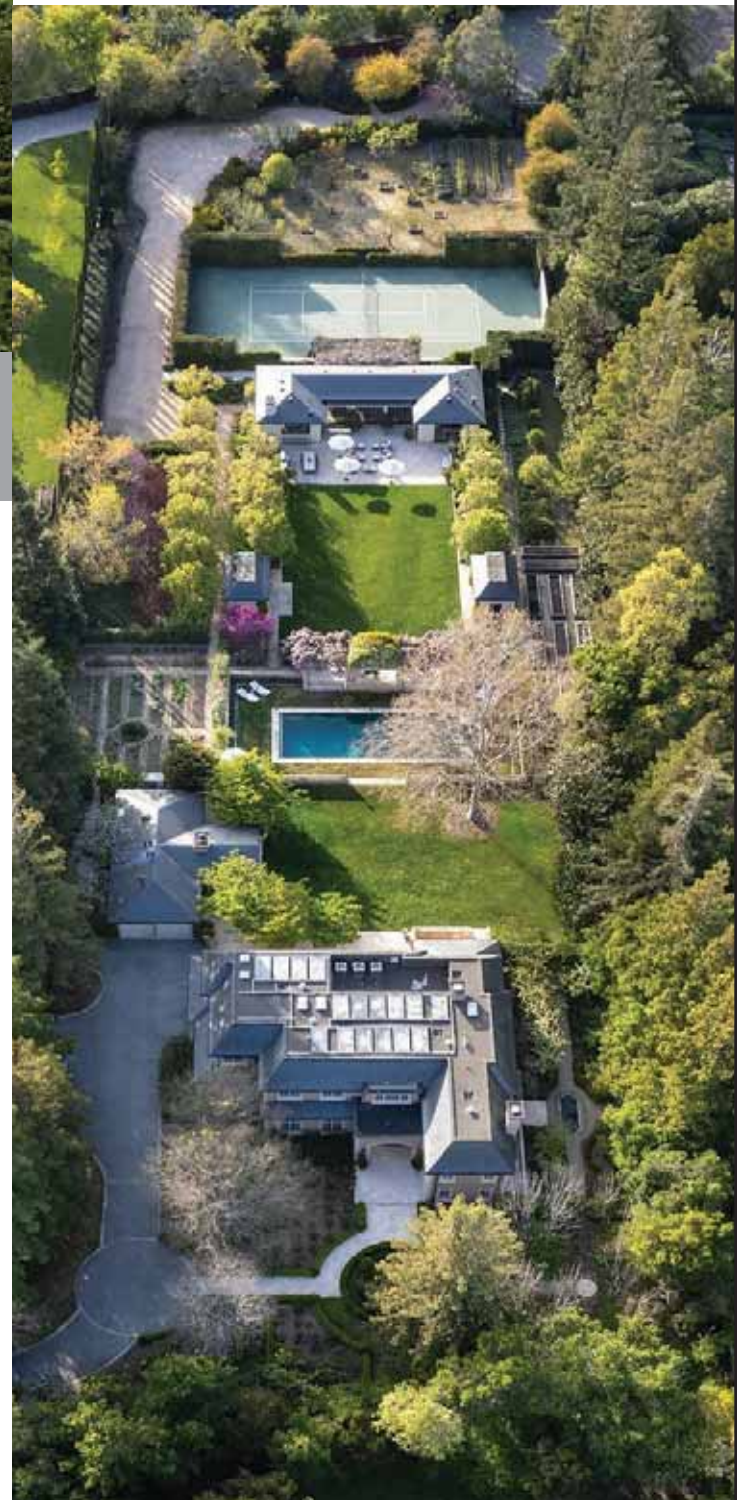
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