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Measure A appears headed to landslide victory

85 percent side with county in sheriff dispute

By Eleanor Raab

Final election night voting results show that San Mateo County's Measure A, the ballot measure that would amend the county charter to give the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors the power to remove embattled San Mateo County Sheriff Christina Corpus, appears likely to pass.

With 92,003 ballots counted, 85.22% of voters opted to approve the measure, while 14.78% voted against the measure. Early voting results include all mail-in ballots received by the Monday, March 3 and all ballots turned in at a vote center. As of 11 p.m. on March 4, ballots from 20.7% of registered voters in the county have been counted.

This ballot measure is distinct from a traditional recall election. The measure would alter the county charter to give the Board of Supervisors the ability to remove the Sheriff. The board

does not currently have the authority to remove a sheriff or any other elected official from their post.

The measure outlines the reasons for which the board could remove Corpus, including flagrant or repeated neglect of a sheriff's duties, misappropriation of public funds or property, or obstruction of any investigation into her office. As the measure is written, the authority to remove a sheriff would expire at the end of 2028, which coincides with the expiration of Corpus' current six-year term.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted in December to place Measure A on the ballot following the release of a 408-page report from an independent investigation commissioned by the board. Following the release of the report, the Board of Supervisors and two sheriff's unions formally called on

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Anna Hoch-Kenney

San Mateo County Sheriff Christina Corpus was rebuked by voters who appear to have approved Measure A on Tuesday.

Veteran housing project breaks ground in Menlo Park

62 units planned at Veterans Affairs campus

By Bay City News Service

An affordable housing development for veterans that has been a few years in the making officially broke ground in Menlo Park on Feb. 26.

Dozens of local leaders, funders and developers of the project gathered to celebrate the beginning of construction for Oak Gardens, a 62-unit housing complex on Chapel Lane at the Veterans Affairs campus that is home to the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs Medical Center-Menlo Park.

"Seeing that the ground has been broken, it really is a

testament to what we can do in partnership with the federal government, the state, the county, and the city," said Abby Goldware Potluri, senior vice president and co-head of housing development at MidPen Housing.

MidPen Housing, a nonprofit developer of affordable housing in Northern California is in charge of developing the project. It has previously developed several affordable housing sites in Menlo Park.

Of the 62 apartment units, 55 will be reserved for veteran households experiencing homelessness. In San Mateo County, 12% of the homeless population are veterans.

Veterans make up only 6 percent of the adult population.

Veteran households that make between 30% and 50% of the Area Median Income, or AMI, will be eligible for a spot. The AMI for San Mateo County in 2024 for a single person household was \$130,600. Therefore, veterans seeking a single apartment for one are eligible if they make between \$41,150 and \$68,550 per year. A breakdown of income eligibility by family size can be found at this website.

Prices will range from \$950 to \$2,240 for one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments. Oak Gardens will not only provide below market rate housing

but a supportive community offering services such as case management, life skills development, computer learning, employment preparation, and financial literacy.

"The current housing market in the Bay Area makes it almost impossible for someone just coming out of a program like the Homeless Veteran's Reintegration Program to find a place to live," said Jean Gurga, executive medical center director at VA Palo Alto Health Care. "With Oak Gardens, that becomes a little bit easier through enhanced use leases."

The VA has an Enhanced Use Lease Program which allows the

VA to lease underutilized VA land for the purpose of developing supportive housing for veterans.

"One of the hardest impediments we face to build housing is the land," said District 3 Supervisor Ray Mueller of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. "That you're willing to share it and lease it is an incredible thing."

The VA Palo Alto campus in Menlo Park is federal land. The city of Menlo Park identified the two-acre lot on the campus as an opportunity site for below market rate housing. Project

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Woodside High's photography program sparks student creativity

Program provides students with the tools to explore their passion

By Simmerdeep Kaur

When then 13-year-old Kaitlynn Fukuhara unwrapped a camera as her Christmas present, her excitement for photography peaked. She was impressed with the quality of her shots, despite having no formal training, but her middle school did not have a photography class that could feed her passion. That all changed when she came to Woodside High, where the digital photography program was exactly what she had been looking for.

"I think it (the photography class) really healed my inner child who always wanted to take pictures," said Fukuhara, now a junior at the school.

The photography program at Woodside High was started in 2008 by Aaron Campbell who had joined the school as a math teacher in 2005. Soon his own passion for the subject inspired him to advocate for the creation of the program, which quickly became a popular elective.

In its early days, the photography class had only three computers and five cameras, shared among 30 students. Then in 2013, the school built a wing for digital media arts where students can learn photography, animation, audio



Simmerdeep Kaur

Kaitlynn Fukuhara, a Woodside High junior, standing outside the Digital Photography Lab on Feb. 26.

production, coding and other creative skills.

Today, Campbell teaches his students in a fully equipped digital photography lab, complete with Canon DSLRs, a variety of lenses, tripods and around 30 computers for editing.

"The kids love it. I love it because it's a passion of mine,"

he said. "So sharing that with the kids is just a dream come true."

He currently teaches four foundational photography classes and one advanced class, each with about 30 students. The curriculum begins with the fundamentals of art

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Who built East Palo Alto?

'Living legends' set out to keep story alive

By Lisa Moreno

Frank Omowale Satterwhite, who has a doctorate from Stanford University, is a former Ravenswood School District superintendent and lead organizer for the movement to incorporate East Palo Alto as a city. With a big smile, he looked at a crowd of over 50 people in East Palo Alto's EPA Center on Feb. 28, and reflected on how the city has changed over the past decades.

"People ask me now, 'What was it like in East Palo Alto?'" Satterwhite said in a buoyant voice. "We weren't just a village, we were like Wakanda without the technology."

In an era coined the Nairobi Movement, Black East Palo Altans set out to build their own institutions in the 1960s, when they were often excluded from health, social and educational resources. The movement gave birth to a Black school board, a Black chamber of commerce, a local Committee of the Poor, the Nairobi Culture Center, Nairobi College, Nairobi Shopping Center and much more, Satterwhite said.

It was this work, in part led by Satterwhite, that built the city of East Palo Alto.

The city of East Palo Alto, JobTrain and the East Palo Alto Community Archive hosted its first "On the Shoulders of Giants," event to celebrate the contributions of Black leaders in the community, as Black History Month came to a close.

Larry Moody, former East Palo Alto mayor and government affairs and community liaison with local nonprofit Job Train, pitched the idea for the event in an effort to highlight Black contributions in a changing neighborhood.

"We would like new residents to be active participants in the community, not just rest their heads here, but be engaged in our schools, at our parks, with our nonprofits — there's always room at the table," Moody said.

People often only get together for funerals or family reunions, he said, and Moody saw this event as a family reunion.

As the event began, EPA Center, an East Palo Alto community and arts center, was relatively quiet. Inside a room covered in murals, colorful tables sat empty. But as the event progressed, longtime and new East Palo Alto residents alike entered the room, embracing one another and recalling memories.

The room was filled with chatter and laughter — with residents excited for the opportunity to hear from "local legends," Satterwhite, Robert Hoover and Clayborne Carson.

During the main portion of the event, these men answered questions regarding lessons they've learned, the history of East Palo Alto and how Black movements have evolved over time.

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Menlo Park holds firm on downtown housing

Council wants to see development proposals

By Neil Gonzales

For now, Menlo Park will stay the course on the plan to build affordable housing on city-owned parking lots downtown.

The decision comes in the face of strong grassroots opposition that has built up over recent months. Some are clamoring for the city to consider other locations such as the Civic Center area instead.

During a study session Tuesday, March 4, the City Council agreed to hold off

looking into other sites in favor of waiting for the results of a request for qualifications from developers interested in building units on the downtown lots.

"I personally am very eager to see the responses to the RFQ and to see what is proposed (and) how many we get," Vice Mayor Betsy Nash said, addressing her council colleagues. "I think that at that point there will be a lot of discussion around that."

The city and residents would see if a developer proposal "would work with our downtown and hopefully enhance

our downtown," Nash said. "I feel that that's the time when we should be discussing any future sites that we may or may not want to look at right now."

The deadline for developers to submit their response to the RFQ is 5:30 p.m. on March 31. The city is asking for their development and financing approach and other ideas for converting three lots between Santa Cruz and Oak Grove avenues into at least 345 affordable units, replacement public parking for a minimum of 506 vehicles and other complementary uses.

Menlo Park Principal Planner Tom Smith told council members that city staff will look over submissions, check whether the proposals pass the criteria given and make recommendations for them to discuss and eventually consider a decision. The council could start those deliberations in late spring or early summer.

The downtown plan would go toward helping the city in its efforts to see nearly 3,000 new dwellings built during the 2023-31 cycle as called for in the state-mandated planning document known as the housing element.

The state certified Menlo Park's housing element a year ago following an intensive community-engagement process of nearly three years.

During Tuesday's meeting, staff reviewed how that process evaluated all 49 city-owned parcels to determine which could meet state conditions and city objectives for housing.

Many of the sites were removed from further study — including the Civic Center — because of existing uses and

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Local residents protest Trump's address, actions

Dozens gather in Redwood City to show disapproval for administration policies

By Simmerdeep Kaur and Jennifer Yoshikoshi

The intersection of El Camino Real and Jefferson Avenue in Redwood City echoed with chants for saving democracy as about 100 people gathered on Tuesday, March 4, to protest President Donald Trump's policies and executive orders. The significance of the day: Trump's joint address to Congress.

"Too many people are silent," said Lori Schulman, a Redwood City resident. "And I think the issue is that silence is essentially going to kill us."

The protest was organized by Indivisible Portola Valley, a group founded in 2017 by residents of Portola Valley and neighboring communities during Trump's first administration. Other groups like La Honda Indivisible and Showing Up for Racial Justice, along with residents of Redwood City joined the protest at noon.

The protestors stood on each corner of the intersection, ringing bells, playing drums and chanting on microphones — "Tell me what democracy looks like....this is what democracy looks like," "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Trump and Musk have got to go," "The people united will never be defeated," and "We can't let our country fail, put Elon in jail."



Jennifer Yoshikoshi

Local residents gather on Jefferson and El Camino Real in Redwood City on March 4, in protest before President Donald Trump's joint address to Congress.

Through social media and word of mouth, the demonstration grew larger than organizers expected with residents joining from Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Mountain View, San Mateo and Atherton.

"He (Donald Trump) is a puppet for Putin. The way that he's treated Zelensky in the office the other day, it was just appalling," said Cathy Cunha, a member of Portola Valley Indivisible. "It's so disturbing and I can't believe he's going to last four years."

While some carried signs saying, "We Need a President, Not a Dictator," "Hands off our Social Security, Medicare & Medicaid" and "Billionaires Only Serve Themselves," others waved flags of the United States, Ukraine and LGBTQIA+ community.

Many passersby honked their vehicles in support and the protest remained peaceful.

"Individuals need to get together in their own communities because it's also something they can control on some level,"

said JoAnn Loulan, a member of Indivisible Portola Valley.

The local social justice group at Ladera Church has been hosting community discussions on how to protest peacefully and how to promote civil discourse while acknowledging the divided views among neighbors, family and friends, said Karen Turner, a member of Ladera Church.

According to Loulan, the

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Coyotes spotted throughout Menlo Park

Experts say to give animals space, back away

By Eleanor Raab

In the first few months of 2025, Menlo Park residents have been taking to Nextdoor, Facebook and other social media sites to report sightings of coyotes throughout the city. Coyotes have been spotted in broad daylight downtown, near Burgess Park, near Sharon Park and in other areas of West Menlo Park.

Resident Ken Wolff saw one of the coyotes on Cloud Avenue in West Menlo Park while on a bike ride. Wolff said that the canine seemed "fairly used to traffic and people."

"The coyote stepped onto the sidewalk (very considerate) and took a few looks into neighbors' yards, but continued on toward the (Holy Cross) cemetery," he wrote in a message to this news organization.

Colleen Crowley, communications manager for the Peninsula Humane Society, which runs

animal control in San Mateo County, told this news organization that the organization has received an increase in calls regarding coyote sightings in the last month or so. She also said they get a lot of calls this time of year.

Late winter and early spring is the time when coyotes are out looking for mates, dens and food for their pups.

The Peninsula Humane Society recommends that residents who spot coyotes give them a wide berth. Residents can make loud noises to frighten off coyotes and ensure that they maintain a healthy fear of humans. She also mentioned that residents should remove any food or water that may attract coyotes to their properties.

"Give them space, back away if you encounter a coyote," said Crowley. "Try not to leave pet food and water outside, because it can attract coyotes. Fallen fruit from trees may do this as well."



Courtesy Abigail Wong

A coyote walks down Menlo Avenue near El Camino Real.

Crowley said that in general, unless wildlife is sick, injured or orphaned, animal control does not interfere with wildlife spotted in suburban and urban areas. However, residents are encouraged to report any wildlife that is acting aggressively toward humans or pets, or any direct contact with wildlife.

Residents can also report any coyote sightings at bayareacoyote.org — a project that aims to document human-coyote interactions throughout the Bay Area in order to help foster wildlife coexistence in suburban areas. ■

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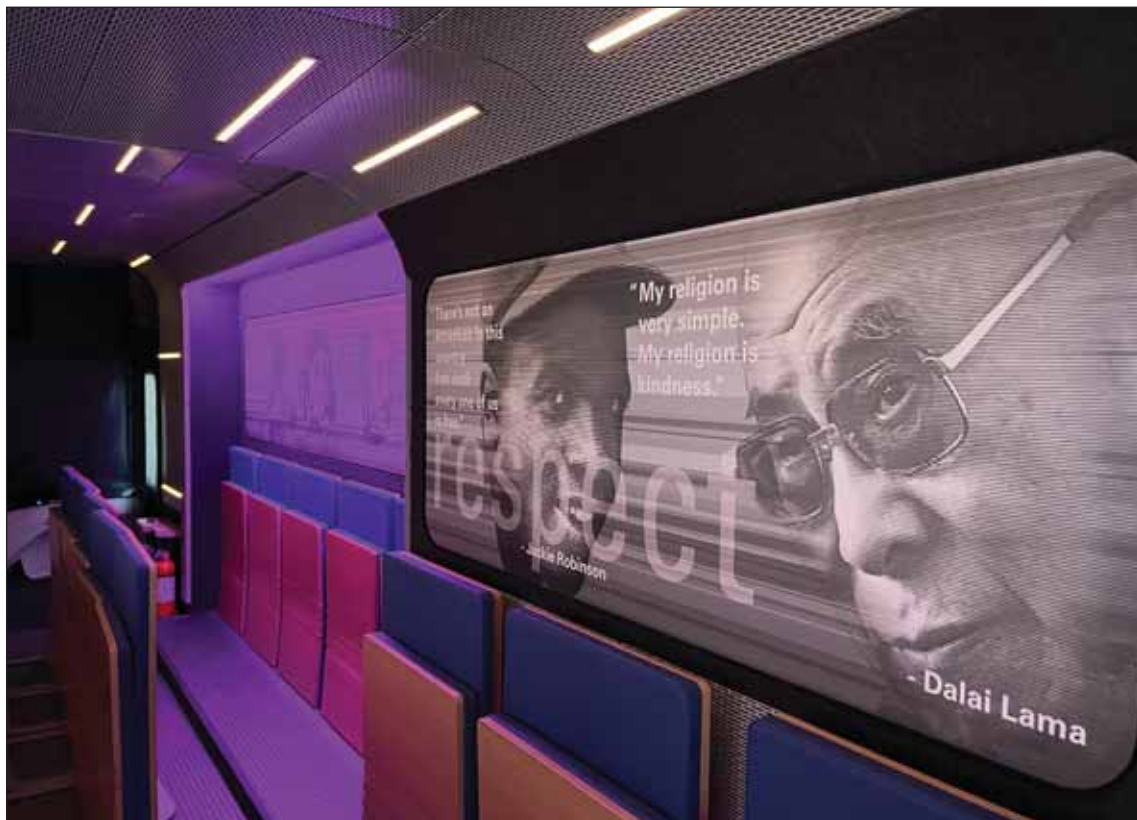
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The interior wall of the Mobile Museum of Tolerance.

Mobile museum brings education about Holocaust to Hillview Middle School

School responds to hate speech

By Jennifer Yoshikoshi

Over the past two years, multiple instances of antisemitic hate speech occurred within the Menlo Park City School District. Since then, school administrators have worked to increase education, awareness and communication about hate to foster a future of compassion among teachers and students.

Hillview Middle School partnered with Jewish Family and Children's Services Holocaust Center and the Mobile Museums of Tolerance to bring Holocaust and genocide education on campus. The event ran from Feb. 26 through Feb. 28 and included an immersive learning experience in the museum and a training for all teachers at Hillview Middle School.

"We really wanted to be proactive, moving forward around educating our students about the impact of their words and actions, about the historical context behind some of the things that they were hearing and then knowing what's happening on a local, state and national level," said Hillview Principal Danielle O'Brien.

Curriculum about the Holocaust and World War II are not part of the state education standard for middle schools, but district educators believe that starting discussions about that history at the sixth-grade level will greatly limit hate, she added.

O'Brien said she is working toward getting Hillview Middle School certified as a No Place for Hate school. The program aims to improve school climates by focusing on hate issues that need to be addressed in the community.

Through the mobile museum exhibit, sixth-graders learned about the story of Anne Frank, taking away lessons about empathy and compassion. Seventh-graders were taught about civil rights and learned how they can use their voices to stand up for what they believe in.

The Mobile Museums of Tolerance is an extension of a Los Angeles museum. The mobile version is a project of the California Teachers Collaborative to increase accessibility to the museum's exhibits with the goal to reach communities that are in rural or disadvantaged areas, said Franka Rissman, program manager of the Mobile Museums of Tolerance.

There are currently a total of six mobile museums across the country.

Inside the mobile exhibit, students and teachers learned about the Holocaust through interactive lessons using tablets, said Jackie Young, content and learning specialist of the Mobile Museums of Tolerance. The interior of the museum is fitted with 30 seats and large screens for presentations and visuals.

Expanding education about hate

The California Teachers Collaborative, an initiative of Jewish Family and Children's Services, uses patterns in history and current events to "inspire youth and adults to be morally courageous and inspire empathy," said Morgan Blum Schneider, director of the JFCS Holocaust Center.

"We don't want to look at these events as isolated, events that operate in a vacuum, but we want to look at patterns of dehumanization and propaganda. The collaborative is committed to elevating underrepresented voices and experiences," she added.

Having discussions about hate, genocide and current events can be difficult for teachers to facilitate in classrooms, said O'Brien. In order to support educators around leading conversations about sensitive topics, the California Teachers Collaborative has created a training model for teachers to learn through monthly meetings and serve as a resource to be prepared to answer their students' questions.

Jewish Family and Children's Services has curated a digital library with teaching materials about the Cambodian, Uyghur, Rwandan and Guatemalan genocides and more. These lesson plans are available for educators

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



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After mid-year review, Portola Valley finances appear stable

Town Council hears budget is essentially balanced

By Jennifer Yoshikoshi

Portola Valley Town Council members were relieved to hear about the town's balanced budget after Finance Director Tony McFarlane gave a presentation on mid-year budget updates during a council meeting on Feb. 26.

The update comes after the town approved a revised budget in November in the midst of a financial crisis. The new proposed budget estimated town expenses would be reduced by \$2.5 million, leaving the town with a surplus of \$97,000 for fiscal year 2024-25.

The town's cash balance is currently at a total of about \$22 million and fund balance is around \$3.8 million. According to McFarlane, the first half of the current fiscal year ending on Dec. 31 shows a general fund deficit of about \$8,500.

"The fund balance is what we use for budgeting purposes and cash balance is what we use to actually pay but very rarely will cash and fund balance equal," said McFarlane in response to a public commenters question on the difference between funds.

McFarlane clarifies that the current \$8,500 deficit lines up with what he considers a balanced budget.

The revenues for the past six months are \$3.84 million which is about 50 percent of the annual budget of \$7.4 million, according to the staff report. Revenues from planning have already exceeded budget estimates and building revenues are expected to increase from now until the end of the fiscal year.

Biggest concerns on current spendings

Consultant fees are still a concern with staffing vacancies, said McFarlane. Without a permanent town manager, planning and building director, town clerk and town engineer the town is relying on the service of consultants which is putting a strain on the services budget, writes the staff report.

Building permit revenues are falling short of estimations, but McFarlane expects that as the town works through approving backlogged permits, this will increase building activity in town and bring up revenue.

Currently about \$1.2 million have been spent on employee salaries due to payments that were made for separation contracts, but staff vacancies will reduce the costs as the town moves into the second half of the fiscal year.

Goals for the 2025-26 fiscal year

For the next month, McFarlane has set a goal for the town to focus on fiscal responsibility. He also will be thinking about the budget, public safety and responsible land use. He foresees that staffing levels and use of consultants will continue to be a challenge moving into the next fiscal year of 2025-26.

McFarlane also plans to increase education about Portola Valley's finances with the Town Council and the community in future.

The town will be identifying future capital improvement plans, which are projects that enhance the value of the town's property. These plans include infrastructure maintenance for storm drains and roads. McFarlane said a town culvert failed a few months ago and the repair will be a priority. Others will be identified and discussions will be held with the town engineer and council.

The finance director's agenda also includes a conversation with the Finance Committee on what the budget policies are and what the reserve levels should be. The town currently has a 60% reserve and a fund balance of \$1.9 million, which is not compliant with the fund balance reserve policy. This discussion among the committee

will also explore whether the town should focus on building reserves, enhance revenues or lower expenses on services.

The sheriff's contract has been one of the most expensive items on the town's budget with previous expectations of a \$600,000 increase for the 2025-25 fiscal year.

Responding to Mayor Judith Hasko's question on when the next payment for the contract would be, McFarlane announced that he was able to meet with the sheriff and agreed on a payment every six months in December and June. This payment schedule will allow the town to use its property tax revenue as the second installment of property taxes is due in May.

Property tax revenue is currently 54 percent of the annual budget, according to the staff report.

Expectations from Town Council

"I'm thrilled that we are still on target and have essentially a balanced budget and looks like we will have one by the end of the fiscal year," said Council member Rebecca Flynn. "I feel very comfortable that we will be able to manage the next two years with the team we have in place."

As the town moves forward under its current budget, Council

member Craig Taylor asked McFarlane if he could explain the costs of prioritizing certain projects and budgeting for one item over the other. For example, consultants versus staffing and deferred capital improvement projects compared to those that are considered a priority.

"I totally appreciate the work you've done to get us to a balanced budget because that's what we asked you to do but we've done that on the back of reduced staff, reduced office hours and reduced services to the public so I don't see this as the long-term vision I have for the town," said Taylor, as he asked for more discussions around budget priorities.

Hasko agreed with Taylor's statements and emphasized that it will be important to budget wisely on contractors and to continue focusing on the town's needs.

"This is so much more information and it's useful information allowing us to have the visibility that I think we are going to need for some hard choices going forward," Hasko said.

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Paws for Tales is helping kids become stronger readers

Trained dogs help readers build confidence

By Jennifer Yoshikoshi

Furry friends are offering kids at San Mateo County Libraries a helping "paw" when it comes to learning how to read with confidence. The Paws for Tales program invites volunteers and their therapy dogs to join a 10-minute reading session with kids to help them practice their reading skills in a judgment-free environment.

The Peninsula Humane Society started the program in 2008 and has since partnered with local schools, county jails and high school English learning programs, said Marivic Dizon, coordinator of the PHS Pet Assisted Therapy Program. They are currently working with the San Mateo County Libraries in 18 locations.

Petting a dog while reading not only helps create a positive attitude toward reading but it also lowers blood pressure, heart rate and stress levels, and increases oxytocin, also known as the "love hormone."

"There continues to be a



Courtesy San Mateo County Libraries

Young readers practice their reading skills with therapy dogs at the San Mateo County Libraries' Paws for Tales Program.

reading gap for many of our children in San Mateo County, especially at the third-grade level," said Carmen Letona-Adams, community manager of Portola Valley and Woodside libraries. "A lot of studies show that if a child is not at reading level in third grade, it seriously impacts their ability to catch up well into high school."

The libraries are aiming to

make reading more accessible and entertaining to kids in kindergarten through third grade to combat the reading gap. Rather than reading in front of a teacher in a classroom, the Paws for Tales program allows young readers to feel more comfortable sounding out words and working through any reading struggles.

Parents are also learning how

to best support their children in their reading journey by observing how the program model works, said Letona-Adams.

"As a parent or caregiver, when a child is reading to you, you want to correct them. You almost can't help it. But the dogs and volunteers don't do that. They allow the child to read," she added.

While the program is helping children become strong and confident readers, it's also benefiting the dogs as well. As kids read to the dogs and pet them, it increases the human-animal bond and creates an effect of "mutual relaxation," said Dizon.

All of the therapy dogs at Paws for Tales have gone through an extensive training process and have passed the Canine Good Citizen Test, a national measure of good manners in dogs. The canines and their handlers are also evaluated to see if they are well suited for the program.

Parents will also bring their kids to the libraries to help them overcome their fear of dogs or to figure out if a dog would be

a good fit for their family, said Letona-Adams. Adults often feel safer being in the presence of these animals because they are trained and certified.

Others will come to the libraries to interact with the dogs because they can't have one at home but still seek a connection with an animal.

The program is exposing more families with the idea of adding a furry friend to their family and encourages them to visit and meet the dogs at the shelter. The volunteer handlers are also open to answering questions that families may have about adopting a dog, said Letona-Adams.

The Paws for Tales program is available across multiple libraries including Portola Valley, Woodside, North Fair Oaks and East Palo Alto. Register for a 10-minute reading slot by visiting smcl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events.

If you own a therapy animal and are interested in joining the Pet Assisted Therapy team, visit phs-spca.org/pet-assisted-therapy. ■

Navigation Center unveils mural representing community

Artwork aims to bring color and hope to unhoused residents

By Simmerdeep Kaur

San Mateo County's Navigation Center, located in Redwood City, unveiled a new mural during a brief ceremony on Feb. 28, with the hope of adding color and joy to the lives of its unhoused clients.

"It (the mural) shows a space with unity and stability," said Jose Reyes, who has been living at the center for a little over 90 days. "The streets are ugly, so to be in a place like this, we feel alive."

Designed by artist Heather Hardison, the mural transformed a once-gray wall outside the center's dining hall into a colorful canvas of overlapping hands, symbolizing the power of positive community connections.

The Navigation Center opened in April 2023. It's an initiative led by the county in partnership with nonprofit LifeMoves, with the mission to help people experiencing homelessness find permanent housing and employment.

According to Anat Leonard-Wookey, vice president of programs at LifeMoves, the center serves about 250 clients at a time who all have their own rooms. Most units also have private bathrooms.

"So we're really able to support folks who may have had more traumatic experiences in their background, where having their own space is deeply



Anna Hoch-Kenney

Community members and LifeMoves team members came together to celebrate the completion of a mural at the San Mateo County Navigation Center in Redwood City on Feb. 28.

powerful to help them feel safe, get a good night's sleep and really start to heal and move on in their journey towards permanent housing," Leonard-Wookey said.

She added that each client is paired with a case manager to understand their experiences and needs on a personal level.

Aimee Shapiro, executive director of the San Mateo County Office of Arts and Culture, told this publication that the department received funding from former Supervisor Warren Slocum to bring a public art piece to the

Navigation Center, leading to the project's creation. The county then issued a call for artists, assembled an art review panel and met with various candidates before selecting Hardison for her concept, which celebrates

community connections.

To capture the essence of the people living at the center, the El Cerrito artist asked residents questions like "What does home mean to you?" and "What does inclusion mean to you?" The

words on the mural represent the answers she received in different languages like "Aiga," or family in Samoan, "Hogar," home in Spanish, "equity" and "everyone is given a fair shot."

Hardison's end goal was to uplift the voices of the center's residents and place their perspectives at the heart of the artwork.

After the pandemic, Hardison began experimenting with community-focused art featuring hands, inspired by the isolation people had experienced. She wanted to create something that prioritized human connections over individualism.

"I also think it's a lot of American individualism that has led to the public homelessness crisis that we have," she said. "And we don't value everyone equally."

As for the mural at the Navigation Center, Hardison hopes it brings more brightness and positivity to the space and empowers its residents with a sense of safety, comfort and stability. ■

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to use in their classrooms.

Ongoing efforts within MPCSD

Throughout the country, over 10,000 antisemitic incidents were recorded by the Anti-Defamation League between Oct. 7, 2023 to Sept. 24, 2024. As antisemitic sentiments continue to grow out of the news about the Israeli and Palestinian conflict, local schools like those in MPCSD are working toward combatting hate speech through education and awareness.

The visit from the Mobile Museum of Tolerance and the JFCS Holocaust Center is part of a broader initiative from the school district to continuously hold conversations about harmful speech and actions. Since January, every second-through eighth-grade classroom in MPCSD has been visited by a school administrator to hear a

presentation about hate.

In February 2024, Superintendent Kristen Gracia hosted a community meeting at Hillview inviting community members and parents to hold discussions about the district's goal to increase awareness and denounce hate speech of all kinds. Gracia said the meeting was about transparency and it allowed parents to share their own experiences and concerns directly to her.

"[These] events are part of an ongoing commitment to our district's vision to educate and empower students in an effort to strengthen understanding and grow student belonging," said Gracia. "We hope to be a model of how to lean in during challenging times, seek to understand and then work together as a community to create meaningful learning opportunities for students." ■

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Fired from Palo Alto VA, veteran joins Liccardo for Trump's address

Daniel Sandecki lost his dream job — and then got it back — as part of effort to cut federal workforce

By Gennady Sheyner

After 10 years of active duty in the U.S. Army, Daniel Sandecki last year landed what he felt was a dream job in Palo Alto.

Following a training program and a seven-month hiring process, Sandecki joined the VA Palo Alto Health Care System in the role of an emergency management specialist, which required him to ensure that there is continuity of care and that business operations would proceed smoothly even in the face of disasters like forest fires, earthquakes and power outages, he said.

But on Feb. 13, it looked like the dream job was coming to an abrupt end after just four months. Sandecki was at the end of his shift, working

with his supervisor to complete his final tasks for the day when he received an email from the Office of Personnel Management, telling him he would be immediately terminated, he said.

"The email said it was for performance-related issues, which was not factual," he said.

Sandecki was one of 10 employees of the Palo Alto VA — and 2,400 throughout the national VA system — who lost their jobs in February as part of the Trump Administration's effort to cut the federal workforce, according to U.S. Rep. Sam Liccardo, whose 16th District includes Menlo Park. Many of these cuts were orchestrated by the Department of Government Efficiency, the advisory body led by Elon Musk that has been infiltrating — and in some

cases gutting — federal agencies. The group has already dismantled much of the U.S. Agency for International Development and has been involved in efforts to fire thousands of probationary employees in various federal departments, including the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Forest Service.

On Tuesday, Sandecki joined Liccardo in the nation's capital to watch Donald Trump address the Joint Session of Congress. A key goal, Liccardo said, was to force the president to see someone — in this case an Army veteran who was injured in the line of duty — who was directly impacted by Trump's policies. The firing, he said, was an example of White House chaos.

"This is just reflective of what we have right now running this country at DOGE," Liccardo said. "A bunch of 22-year-old reckless rookies, I'm guessing who've never served our



Sam Liccardo

country, or seen a war or served anyone in a hospital who is disabled and needs care.

"Yet they are making decisions for a system that has 40,000 vacancies, serving veterans — and not serving them well enough because of all these vacancies — and laying off thousands more," he said.

Sandecki's story took another turn on March 4, shortly after Liccardo announced on Instagram that the veteran would be his guest for the Trump address. Less than two hours after the announcement, Sandecki was alerted by the OMB that his termination was being rescinded and that he would have his job back. Liccardo said that he was relieved to see Sandecki return to his post, but noted in a statement that "we will not quickly forget how recklessly he was fired."

In a statement, Liccardo characterized the DOGE actions as "amateur hour at the White House."

"By rescinding Daniel's termination, DOGE admits that he should never have been fired in the first place. This isn't

saving any money—it's chaos," Liccardo said.

Some Democrats in Congress opted not to attend Trump's address, in some cases opting to instead host town hall meetings or virtual discussions. Liccardo said he felt it was important for him to attend the address and to bring Sandecki to the event.

"Donald Trump will know from those of us who are in the chamber, the steely reserve we have to stop him and all of his excesses in power," Liccardo said.

Sandecki had his own objective in attending the address: to combat misconceptions about federal workers.

"There's a misconception about government employees that they're low-skilled or underdeveloped or just push papers and sit around doing nothing and not do a lot," he said. "I'm here to dispel that myth. Some government employees are the best in their field at what they do, regardless of what field they work in." ■

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Mountain Lion talk

At 6 p.m. on March 20, the Oakland Zoo will be presenting an update on the three mountain lion cubs rescued from Portola Valley in late January. The mountain lion talk will take place in the Community Room at Town Center.

The event will feature presentations from the Oakland Zoo Vice President of Veterinary Services Dr. Alex Herman and Vice President of Conservation Amy Gotliffe.

Register for the event visit tinyurl.com/mountainliontalk.

— Jennifer Yoshikoshi

Atherton to host community emergency preparedness forum March 13

On March 13, the town of Atherton, the Atherton Disaster and Preparedness Team and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District are cohosting a community forum on wildfire preparedness from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Jennings Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Ave.

Atherton Police Chief Steve McCulley and Fire Protection District Chief Mark Lorenzen will

lead the discussion on fire safety and mitigation, emergency evacuation and home preparedness.

The meeting will take in place and will not be broadcast, however a video recording of the meeting will be posted to Atherton's website following the meeting.

Learn more and RSVP to the free event at atherton.news/CommunityForum

Menlo Park will celebrate World Storytelling Day with performance from Spontaneous Combustion

The Menlo Park Library will host a performance from storytelling duo "Spontaneous Combustion" in celebration of World Storytelling Day. The event is set from 6 to 7 p.m. on March 19 at the Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St.

Spontaneous Combustion is made up of performers Tom and Sandy Farley, Redwood City-based performers who have been telling stories together since 1979.

The performers will be telling stories from author Eric Sabelman who hails from Menlo Park.

Play Nature Loteria in East Palo Alto on March 22

On March 22, Peninsula Open Space Trust, Canopy and Latino Outdoors are cohosting a nature-themed Loteria — a game similar to bingo, in East Palo Alto. The event will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Bloomhouse event space at 2555 Pulgas Ave.

The event will include specially designed loteria cards, created by San Jose artist David Cipres. There will be prizes, food, music and nature education.

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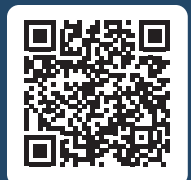
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Appellate court affirms Holmes, Balwani convictions in Theranos case

By Bay City News Service

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has affirmed the convictions of former Theranos founder and CEO Elizabeth Holmes, and her business partner and former lover Ramesh “Sunny” Balwani, in their entirety.

Holmes and Balwani were convicted of multiple counts of fraud relating to Theranos’s failed blood-testing technology. Holmes and Balwani are currently serving terms of 135 and 155 months in prison, respectively.

The 54-page opinion by a three-judge panel does not mince words. Judge Jacquelyn H. Nguyen, writing for the court, called Theranos’s promise that it could run hundreds of blood tests from a single drop of blood from a fingerprick a “mirage,” describing the “grandiose achievements and touted by Holmes and Balwani” as “half-truths and outright lies.”

Although the indictments

against Holmes and Balwani were identical, they were tried separately in federal district court in San Jose, California, and convicted in 2022. The Holmes jury acquitted her of fraud charges related to patients but convicted her of lying to investors. Balwani was convicted of all 12 counts — of fraud against both investors and patients — of the original indictment.

On appeal Holmes challenged the admission of damaging testimony by former Theranos lab directors that the technology, including the infamous Edison machines that supposedly ran the multiple blood tests, didn’t work. Holmes argued that this testimony was improper expert opinion that did not comply with the legal framework for permitting experts at trial.

Although the appellate court agreed that some of this evidence “veered into expert testimony,” it found that testimony by other Theranos employees similarly

established that the technology was a bust. Because the outcome of the trial would have been the same even without the challenged evidence, the court concluded that any error was harmless.

The court also rejected arguments that testimony by Theranos employee Erika Cheung as to the unreliability of the Edison device also amounted to improper expert testimony, explaining that a lay person could reach the same conclusions that the young lab associate did: “if a certain model of a toaster consistently burned bread or short-circuited when run on regular settings, and those problems consistently manifested across multiple toasters of the same model, a lay person using the toaster could reasonably reach the conclusion that there is a problem with the design or manufacturing of the toaster.”

Holmes also challenged evidence about events that occurred

after the misrepresentations to investors that the jury found were fraudulent, including a report prepared by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services in 2016 finding that the Theranos tests presented an “immediate jeopardy” to patients and a decision by Theranos’ last lab director, Kingshuk Das, to void every Theranos test ever done. The appellate court held that the district judge, Edward Davila, did not abuse his discretion or improperly prejudice Holmes by allowing the evidence in.

The appellate court also rejected Holmes’s effort to offload responsibility to Balwani, saying that the district court properly excluded statements by Balwani to the effect that he, not Holmes, was in charge of the company’s financial projections.

Balwani’s arguments similarly failed, including his claim that some of the investor-witnesses lied at trial. One of the witnesses, Chris Lucas, testified in Balwani’s trial that Holmes told

him the Theranos technology was being used in the Middle East and on the battlefield. In fact, Balwani argued, a recording of Holmes talking to investors did not include that statement. The appellate court found that Balwani failed to preserve the argument for appellate review and that, in any event, Lucas had “regular contact with Holmes between 2006 and 2013 leading up to his investment” during which such statements could have been made.

Both Holmes and Balwani challenged the calculation of their prison sentences and the district court’s restitution order that restitution be paid to the victims. The appellate court rejected all of the claims. Because the Theranos shares effectively became worthless once the fraud became public and the investors lost everything, the appellate court concluded that the district court correctly awarded \$452 million in restitution, “the full value of their investment.” ■

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Build up

In a Palo Alto Proclamation dedicated to Hoover, he is described as a “social giant,” a U.S. Air Force veteran who founded the Nairobi College, an independent Black institution that served hundreds of students, and East Palo Alto’s Junior Golf program, which teaches minority youth honesty and patience through the sport.

These are only a few of his many accomplishments, but unlisted, was his creation of the “Floating Crap Game,” in the 1960s. It was a quasi-governmental organization that met once a month to lay out development plans for East Palo Alto.

At the event, he spoke on stage about the advice he would tell his younger self.

“I remember I was complaining to Stokely Carmichael about how long it was taking us to accomplish some of the things we were trying to do,” Hoover said. “And he said, ‘Hoover, do you realize that the things that we’re struggling for are not going to be realized in our lifetime?’”

So, while he now knows that his fight against racism and struggle to incorporate East Palo Alto would span across decades, he said the legacy of that work would last lifetimes.

In 1962, Hoover’s mentors realized that neighboring cities were beginning to annex East Palo Alto land, he said. In response, they recruited about 30 people to create the “floating crap game,” which

began the fight to incorporate the area.

“It takes a village to raise a child,” Hoover said. “And I just tried to be a member of the village.”

Incorporation

“Everything that happened in East Palo Alto was the people’s movement, but the people wouldn’t have moved if Bob Hoover hadn’t been there to help guide them,” said Satterwhite.

In 1979, a pro-incorporation mayor of the East Palo Alto Municipal Council, formed the East Palo Alto Citizens Committee on Incorporation, and appointed Satterwhite as the chair.

But when the San Mateo County Local Agency Formation Commission — a bureau dedicated to facilitating governmental changes, better known as LAFCo — learned about the incorporation committee, it hired a consultant to conduct a study on the possible incorporation of East Palo Alto, Satterwhite said.

The study found that incorporation would have negative effects, Satterwhite said, so the East Palo Alto incorporation committee set out to find a more “credible” study.

Satterwhite hired Stanford research specialist Tom Fletcher, whose specialty was municipalities around the world, to conduct a new study, which found that incorporation would yield positive effects. When the study was presented to LAFCo, the agency agreed with the results and permitted an election to

incorporate East Palo Alto.

But the election was tainted with votes from Menlo Park that opposed the incorporation. Satterwhite and his committee then mobilized to publicize the “unfair election,” and garnered the attention of KCBS, which included multiple editorials against the decision to include Menlo Park voters.

“They began to run editorials all day long, for several weeks, chastising the county for creating a ballot measure where non-East Palo Altans defeated our self-determination effort,” Satterwhite said.

The county then allowed the group to re-apply for incorporation, but the decision was quickly challenged by former U.S. Rep. Pete McCloskey, who filed a voter fraud lawsuit that reached the Supreme Court. Once that lawsuit was rejected, East Palo Alto

became a city in 1983, winning by 15 votes in a local election, Satterwhite said as the crowd in EPA Center stood up and cheered.

Looking forward

Clayborne Carson, a Palo Alto resident and pioneer in the civil rights movement and Martin Luther King Jr. studies, was also honored at Friday’s event in a video presentation created for the event.

“How old was Dr. King when he was assassinated?” Carson asked. “Before they could answer, I said ‘... 39 years old.’”

While there are plenty of studies on what King Jr. accomplished, Carson said, people should focus on what he would have accomplished in the following 39 years.

“[King Jr.] focused on economics, the inequalities around the world, but he also focused on the

future,” Carson said.

As a new generation begins to take over Black and cultural movements, Hoover feels organizations and nonprofits have become siloed, and don’t work together like they used to.

But in times when people feel most oppressed, Satterwhite said, people often feel more connected.

“I predict over the next four years, we’ll see some of the best organizing,” he said. ■

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Art Lim

CEO of ActBlue and former East Palo Alto Mayor Regina Wallace-Jones interviews Frank Omowale Satterwhite at a Black History Month event in EPA Center’s theatre on Feb. 28.

OBITUARIES

Local residents who died recently include:

Everett Spiva, 93, a Redwood City resident who served in the Korean War before coming to California, and later worked at Stanford Hospital for 31 years, on Feb. 23, 2025.

Peter Earle Thurston, 84, an MIT graduate who worked for IBM as a sales representative, and who volunteered with numerous organizations including Hidden Villa, Filoli and the Los Altos Rotary Club, on Dec. 19, 2024.

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



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Employment

Engineer

Pacific Biosciences of California, Inc. has an opening in Menlo Park, CA. Engineer (Consumables/NPI Systems): support for manufacturing of semiconductor chips, incl validation, debugging, development & quality control; manage & own functional spec review & documentation. Salary range: \$112,570 - \$146,200 per yr. Work at home may be permitted in Menlo Park area. Submit resume (principals only) on the Pacific Biosciences website at <https://www.pacb.com/careers/> EOE

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Everett Spiva

May 17, 1931 – February 23, 2025

It is with great sadness that the family of Everett Spiva announces his passing on February 23, 2025. He was 93 years old. Born and raised in Puxico, Missouri. He entered the Army in 1951 and served in the Korean War. A member of the 8th Army Regiment and 519th Military Police, he was injured in combat. After being discharged, he moved to California to live with his sister Dorothy.



He enrolled in classes at San Jose City College and there met the love of his life, Teresa Najera, at The Newman Club during a social event for young Catholic students. They married in 1965 and built a beautiful life together; he was married to her for fifty-nine years until her death in 2024. They first lived in Berkeley as he completed his training to be a Radiology Technician. They then relocated to Menlo Park. There they created a loving home and welcomed their son John in 1975. Everett started a job at Stanford Hospital and worked there for 31 years until retirement. At work he was known for his kindness and his ability to put patients at ease. In his personal life, he was known for his wry sense of humor and his great storytelling ability.

He had a keen eye for art and design and enjoyed traveling and visiting the art museums of the world. As a young man, he worked at an antiques shop and the apprenticeship there resulted in a life-long interest in art history, antiques, and furniture restoration. He was very handy with tools, able to create and fix almost anything. He was also a gifted amateur painter in his own right.

He and Teresa were a couple known for their generous and welcoming spirit. Together they created a home, first in Menlo Park for 47 years and then in Redwood City, that became the center for family gatherings. Largely self-taught, he was a wise man and knowledgeable about so many topics; conversations with him were always delightful. Whether it was sharing a glass of Dubonnet—"the Queen's favorite!" Or enjoying his hobo coffee, we remember fondly the afternoons out on the backyard patio, filled with laughter and camaraderie. He will be missed.

He preceded in death by his son John and his wife Teresa. We take comfort in knowing he is at last reunited with them.

The family kindly requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a charity of your choice.

Holy Cross Cemetery

March 7, 2025 at 12 pm

We will be honoring Everett for his service.

PAID OBITUARY

DOWNTOWN

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other constraints, staff said.

But those opposed to turning the downtown lots into housing have insisted that the Civic Center and other sites were not adequately assessed and remain feasible. They also contend that dense development and the loss of parking spaces would wreck downtown's village character and jeopardize businesses there.

In addition, opponents are skeptical about the city's ability to provide replacement parking, which could cost tens of millions of dollars.

"We can't afford to just rip up the downtown and build whatever parking the below-market-rate units need together with replacing" the vehicle spaces lost from converting the three lots into housing, resident Rich Johnson told the council Tuesday. "It just doesn't work. There's no money for it."

But the Civic Center has plenty of room for the housing and parking, Johnson said. "The Civic Center is so much more logical. ... That's where the housing should be. It should not be in downtown."

Downtown property owner Kevin Cunningham urged the council to again study the city-owned properties outside the business district.

"Please do the right thing, take a step back (and) evaluate all sites on a level playing field that are better options than

downtown," Cunningham said. "We can't move forward with downtown when the repercussions are so grave. The outreach that you're getting is a direct result of a half-filled plan. That is why so many people oppose this."

But that doesn't mean those folks are against affordable housing altogether, he said. "Whatever side of the subject you're on, I think we all are unified in support of affordable housing in Menlo Park. ... We know it's important. We know it's needed."

Leading the opposition is Save Downtown Menlo, a group of residents and business owners that has so far raised close to \$117,000 toward a \$300,000 goal for a possible legal fight against the parking-to-housing conversion. The group has also collected about 3,400 signatures for a petition opposing the downtown housing plan.

Other public commenters expressed support for using the lots for housing. They also raised concern that Menlo Park's housing element could come at risk with the state the longer it takes for the city to enact the plan for those lots.

The city should move "forward with the affordable housing on the city parking lots without delay," resident Sarah Zollweg said. "Our community is bleeding families. I've lost multiple neighbors in the last two years to more affordable communities

because they couldn't afford to stay here with their growing families."

Proceeding immediately with converting the lots "is also a way for us to comply with the housing-element laws and avoid the builder's remedy - which I think we would all be pretty unhappy about," Zollweg said.

She was referring to a California provision that allows developers to bypass local land-use regulations when a city or county does not have a state-certified housing element.

In response to criticism that the city's evaluation of sites was not adequate, Council member Jeff Schmidt begged to differ.

"The city's analysis was not haphazard (and) was not flawed," Schmidt said from the council dais. "We didn't leave out some big hidden Narnia-like land that we should have considered."

But Schmidt was pleased that the council held the study session, which he requested, to recap with the community the process the city went through in considering sites and hear further thoughts from residents and business owners.

"This session to me was about making sure people really understood we are listening," he said. ■

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construction is estimated to cost \$35 million. Funding is being drawn from multiple public and private sources such as the city of Menlo Park, San Mateo County, Housing Trust Silicon Valley, and First Citizens Bank.

Construction is expected to be completed in Spring 2026.

Mueller acknowledged the steep challenges to get affordable housing built when community members push back. He said he thought that getting the go-ahead for Oak Gardens was probably easier since people may be more sympathetic to veterans experiencing homelessness.

"It is difficult to build affordable housing, it's difficult to build it anywhere," Mueller said.

"Everyone needs housing. Every family needs housing. While their service to our country might make it easier for people to understand that, everyone has a place in our society and needs a place to sleep," he said.

Both Mueller and Menlo Park Mayor Drew Combs used the groundbreaking as an opportunity to emphasize their beliefs that affordable housing should be able to pop up everywhere, regardless of for whom it is being built.

The development will fall within District 2, which Combs represents on the city council. "My hope is that this project represents a testament that affordable housing should be built everywhere in our community" Combs said. ■



Bay City News

Officials dig shovels into the ground to commence construction of Oak Gardens affordable housing for veterans at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System Campus in Menlo Park on Feb. 26.

2025 Peninsula Photo Contest is now accepting entries

Give us your best shots for a chance to win money and have your work featured in a Palo Alto Art Center exhibit

By Julia Brown

Photographers, it's time to focus: The Six Fifty Peninsula Photo Contest is accepting submissions now through April 17. Peninsula photographers of all ages and skill levels who live, work or attend school within the 650 area code are invited to submit entries for six different visual categories:

- Abstract
- Landscapes
- Moments
- Portraits
- Travel
- Wildlife

Each category offers adult and youth divisions. Adults 18 and older must submit entries to the adult division, but youth 17 and younger (and 18-year-old high school students) can submit to either division. Entry fees include a \$5 registration fee for adults plus \$5 for each entry (up to 10); no registration fee for youth (use code YOUTH), \$5 for each youth entry (up to 10).

All submitted entries must be original work(s) created

by the entrant and taken no earlier than Jan. 1, 2020. Use of AI tools is not permitted. Photographers can submit work previously entered into other contests except photos that have been awarded a best in show, first, second or third place in any contest. (Photos awarded honorable mention in other contests will be accepted.)

For complete guidelines or to enter, visit peninsulacontest2025.artcall.org. The entry deadline is Sunday, April 17, at 11:59 p.m.

Winning photos and those selected for exhibition will be displayed at the Palo Alto Art Center Sept. 12-Dec. 7. An in-person awards ceremony is scheduled for Sept. 12 at the art center. Prizes include \$200 for each adult division category, \$100 for each youth division category and \$500 best in show.

Winners will be notified by May 17. Winning images will also appear on Palo Alto Online and its social media accounts; in The Six Fifty's newsletter and its webpages; and in the Palo Alto Art



Elie Bodner

The 2024 Travel photo winner for youth was Elie Bodner who won for this photo called, "Harp Man," taken in 2022, in Cuzco, Peru.

Center's publications, website, social media and promotions. A selection of winning photos will also be published in the Palo Alto Weekly. Photos will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, artistic

merit and overall impact. ■

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Ex-Stanford employee found guilty of unlawful access, alteration of breast cancer database

By Bay City News Service

A former employee of Stanford University was found guilty of accessing a clinical research database for a multisite breast cancer study and altering patient records after her authorization was revoked over a decade ago, according to federal prosecutors.

Naheed Mangi, 66, was convicted on Feb. 21 following a two-week trial, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California said in a statement Feb. 24.

Mangi was employed as a clinical research coordinator in the Clinical Trials Office at Stanford's National Cancer

Institute from September 2012 through August 2013. Prosecutors said she worked with doctors and patients in the clinical research program, reporting patient events, monitoring research, helping with patient appointments, and entering data.

Mangi was reportedly assigned to a Genentech-sponsored study being conducted at Stanford for breast cancer patients that was referred to as the "Velvet Breast Cancer MO27782 Study." The study sought to determine the safety and efficacy of a new, experimental pharmaceutical treatment for patients with metastatic or locally advanced breast cancer.

Prosecutors said Mangi was responsible for reporting any serious adverse events that a patient may experience during the study and entering patient medical data into the database.

On Aug. 19, 2013, Mangi was sacked by Stanford and her supervisor tried to revoke her Stanford-related computer access and privileges. The supervisor emailed Genentech to terminate Mangi's access to the clinical database, but her credentials were not disabled until the following day.

Based on court documents and evidence shown at trial, Mangi logged into the clinical database later that day and altered data in the Velvet

Breast Cancer MO27782 Study, replacing patient medical data with erroneous information and insults about her former supervisor.

Prosecutors said that due to her actions, Stanford undertook an internal investigation, reentered all of the data about its participants in the study from source documents into the study database, and reported her to local and federal regulatory authorities, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said Mangi's actions caused thousands of dollars in financial loss to Stanford University and the Stanford School of Medicine.

"Naheed Mangi intentionally tampered with a breast cancer research database by entering false information and personal insults. Her senseless actions undermined a study into the safety and efficacy of a new treatment for breast cancer patients," Acting United States Attorney Patrick Robbins said in a statement. "The jury's verdict holds the defendant accountable for her crimes."

Mangi was convicted of two counts of intentional damage to a protected computer and one count of accessing a protected computer without authorization.

She will be sentenced on July 21. ■

PHOTOGRAPHY

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and composition.

During the first month, students shoot black-and-white photos on their phones. According to Campbell, viewing the world in black and white helps students focus on shapes, lines and forms, strengthening their understanding of

composition. Once they have mastered these concepts, they transition to shooting in color with digital single-lens reflex, or DSLR cameras, learning the technical aspects of photography, including shutter speed, aperture and other adjustments. Students also learn how to work with different lenses for capturing diverse scenarios like sports, wildlife and motion

photography.

Campbell believes that half of the job of a professional photographer is editing. So on any given day, half the class is out shooting while the other half edits their previously shot pictures using Adobe Suite.

One of his favorite class projects is macro photography where students get detailed shots of flowers, bugs or bees,

standing just a foot away from the subjects.

"They are just blown away by the quality of their photos," he added. "And when I see the excitement in their eyes, it gets me excited too."

For Fukuhara, the best part of the class is the freedom and flexibility it offers, allowing students to shoot the things that interest them the most.

She has used this creative freedom to capture images of her favorite sports like volleyball.

She wants to be a psychology major in the future but plans to carry photography with her as a hobby throughout her life, practicing the skills she is learning at Woodside. ■

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Public Notices

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 736 Fremont Street #1
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 603 Columbia Drive
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 Registered owner(s):
GMRS MD INC
 1838 Valparaiso Avenue
 Menlo Park, CA, 94025
 State of Incorporation/Organization: California
 This business is conducted by: a Corporation.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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 Registered owner(s):
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 1611 Ascension Drive
 San Mateo, CA 94402
 State of Incorporation/Organization: California
 This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
 Case No.: 24-CIV-07626
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner: Jun Hee Choi and Seo Young Moon

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
WOOJIN CHOI to OWEN WOOJIN CHOI
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: Mar 27, 2025, 09:00 AM, 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: Feb 10, 2025
 Hon. Stephanie G. Garratt
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
 (ALM Feb 28, Mar 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO COUNTY
 Case No.: 25CIV00906
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner: Henrik Constantin Pflanz filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
HENRIK CONSTANTIN PFLANZ to HENRIK LUEDERS
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.
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ALMANAC
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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
 (ALM Feb 28, Mar 7, 14 and 21, 2025)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
 Case No.: 25-CIV-00631
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner: Isabella Avila and Alfred Tuineau filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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 Case No.: 25-CIV-00631
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 Petitioner: Isabella Avila and Alfred Tuineau filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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 Case No.: 25CIV00686
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PROTEST

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protest was organized to voice opposition against “the illegal things that Trump and Musk are doing.”

Ahead of Trump’s joint address of Congress, Loulan believes it’s important to “get out into the world and tell people that we do not agree with this.” She added that their group decided to organize the protest at a busy location to make themselves visible to as many passersby as possible.

Loulan pointed to the crowd and said, “This is the State of the Union. We’re mad, we’re angry and we’re scared for the people that are going to be summarily dismissed.”

For Patty Mayall, a member of La Honda Indivisible, the motivation to protest stems from her grandparents’ journey of immigrating from Eastern Europe — a decision that likely saved their lives during World War I.

“I would not be alive if they had not escaped tyranny in their own countries,” she said. “And I can’t stand that we’re having tyranny here.”

For others, the reasons varied from access to healthcare, Social Security benefits and the loss of human rights.

Redwood City resident Hannah Doress has a mother on Social Security benefits and a disabled brother who relies on Medicaid and Social Security benefits. She’s worried for her family’s health and future.

“These people want to kill our family members and they want to take our money just because they’re greedy and want power,” said Doress. “It’s completely wrong and we have to stand up until they’re gone.”

Diana Reddy, former vice-mayor of Redwood City, said that many of her Latino friends are afraid to step out of their houses.

“So it’s up to us, those of us who can do something, to do that work,” Reddy said. ■

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LEHUA GREENMAN

“They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.”

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MEASURE A

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Corpus to resign. Their calls were echoed by local, state and federal officials, and six cities in San Mateo County including Redwood City and Woodside.

The report, unveiled by the board in November 2024, details allegations of retaliation, corruption and abuse of power by Corpus and the Sheriff's Office executive team, as well as a multi-year affair between Corpus and her former chief of staff Victor Aenlle that allegedly involved Corpus fast-tracking pay increases for Aenlle. Corpus has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing, and has said that she will not resign.

Corpus has called the independent investigation "disgusting," "biased" and a "witch hunt" commissioned by people who are "out to get her." She also alleged that the investigation into her office was motivated by misogyny and racism. In January she filed a \$10 million lawsuit against the county arguing that the March 4 election had been improperly scheduled, hoping to stall the election.

However, a San Mateo County Superior Court judge ruled on Feb. 26 that the election could go forward, but did not rule on

the contents of the independent investigation into Corpus or any of its findings and allegations.

What happens if Measure A passes?

If Measure A passes, Corpus would not be immediately ousted. The Board of Supervisors must wait to take a vote and determine her fate until election results are certified on April 3. At that point, Supervisors may vote to begin procedures for Corpus' removal.

The Board must provide Corpus with written notice explaining their reasons for seeking her removal. Corpus must also be afforded the opportunity to defend herself in front of the Board before supervisors can take a final vote regarding her removal.

If Corpus is then voted out, Undersheriff Dan Perea would immediately begin acting as sheriff, according to a presentation given by the San Mateo County Attorney's Office to the Independent Civilian Advisory Commission, which clarified procedures in the county's charter for filling a vacant sheriff position.

The Board of Supervisors would then have 30 days to appoint an interim sheriff or call for a special election to

fill the position. If no action is taken, the County Elections Office must schedule a special election after 30 days. The appointed sheriff would serve the remainder of Corpus' term.

If a special election is called, it must be held within 102 to 131 days after the order unless a general election is already scheduled within 270 days.

The Board of Supervisors has not indicated whether they plan to appoint a successor or hold a special election if Measure A passes and Corpus is removed.

There is precedent for this type of charter amendment in California. Other counties, including Los Angeles, San Bernardino and San Francisco, allow their supervisors to remove a sheriff for specific causes with a four-fifths vote. Under Measure A, the sheriff would be allowed to mount a defense of her actions before the board could take any vote.

Opponents of the measure say that it is a "political power grab by a few local supervisors," and that the measure "strips voters of their power to elect an independent sheriff," as it is not a direct voter-initiated recall.

On social media, Corpus urged her supporters to vote "no" on the ballot measure. She wrote that the measure would

"put public safety at risk," "steal (the public's) right to vote," and allow the supervisors to "pick their own crony instead."

Supporters of Measure A argue that keeping Corpus in office poses a significant risk to the county. Based on the findings of retaliation, abuse of power and racial and homophobic slurs that were sustained by the independent investigation, supporters of the measure argue that the county is open to "millions of dollars in liability and lawsuits." They also note that mass resignations and lack of confidence in the sheriff by sworn personnel pose a threat to residents' safety.

A Political Action Committee created to support Corpus called Stop the Political Power Grab raised \$2,472 in opposition to Measure. The PAC's sole donor was Corpus, according to campaign finance filings that cover the period between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15. All of the money was used to pay for the printing of "No on Measure A" yard signs.

A PAC created in support of Measure A, called Law Enforcement Against Corruption, created by the San Mateo Deputy Sheriff's Association, raised a total of

\$146,332 in support of the measure since it was formed in mid-December, including \$75,000 in loans from the Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Other notable donors include former San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos Bolanos, Assemblymember Diane Papan, Redwood City Council member Diane Howard, Burlingame City Council member Donna Colson, San Mateo City Council member Lisa Nash, the Sonoma County Deputy Sheriff's Association PAC, the Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriff's Association PAC, the Oakland Police Officer's Association PAC, the Peace Officers Research Association of California Political Issues Committee, the Peninsula Law Enforcement Association and over 20 employees of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. ■

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Thrills and chills

Musical comedy whodunit about the scandalous sex lives of seniors premieres in Palo Alto

By Ashwini Gangal

When a play is called “Happy Pleasant Valley: A Senior Sex Scandal Murder Mystery Musical,” one is entertained long before the show begins.

The musical comedy, directed by Jeffrey Lo, will have its world premiere at TheatreWorks Silicon Valley. The show opens March 8 and runs through March 30 at the Lucie Stern Theatre, Palo Alto. It is co-produced by Walnut Creek-based Center Repertory Co., where it will be staged this summer.

Happy Pleasant Valley is the name of the senior community where the characters in the play live. While primarily a light-hearted drama, it does have emotional depth, Min Kahng, playwright, lyricist and composer, told the Weekly in an interview.

The title, admits Kahng, is “intentionally redundant” and the subtitle, “intentionally blatant.” In combination though, the name has a purpose beyond creating intriguing and arousing curiosity. “It’s much more than just that,” he said.

For one, it’s an allusion to the metaphoric “valley” between June, a Korean-American grandmother played by Emily Kuroda, and Jade, her Gen Z granddaughter played by Sophie Oda. “They have their own trauma and history to work through,” he said. “It’s about family relationships and

intergenerational dynamics.” (Also, the title can be acronimized to spell HPV, which is Kahng’s tongue-in-cheek allusion to a sexually transmitted disease.)

In spite of their differences, Jade teams up with June and her neighbors to solve a series of murders in the senior community, uncovering a lot about the goings-on there in the process.

Kahng started creating this show at a TheatreWorks writers’ retreat in January 2019. During the development phase of the piece, he recalls speaking with Giovanna Sardelli, current artistic director of TheatreWorks, who was the company’s director of New Works at the time, about the receptiveness of the audience to an unusual theme like this. Sardelli, he said, encouraged him to “just go for it.”

The play, which was later turned into a commissioned piece, has been the focus of several workshops at TheatreWorks, and was also featured in the company’s 2023 New Works Festival. “TheatreWorks has been with this project through its entire development,” Kahng said.

For inspiration, Kahng drew on his early love for murder mysteries — he grew up on shows like “Murder, She Wrote,” cartoons like “Scooby-Doo,” and books like “Encyclopedia Brown” and “Sherlock Holmes” — and his more recent fascination with news articles about the rise of sexually transmitted diseases in

senior living communities.

“As a writer I’m interested in the stories that aren’t told as much,” he said. Beyond the initial “shock value,” it is the “humanity” of the subject that interests Kahng. “It makes sense because, you can’t get pregnant, maybe your spouse has passed, and now you’re in this very college dorm-like environment where you have eligible partners down the hall from you. Why wouldn’t you explore and have fun?”

Ages of many cast members range from the late 50s to the early 70s. Working with seniors, Kahng, said, involves coordinating with the director and choreographer to understand possible physical limitations and being mindful about the way actors’ voices might have evolved with age — “and yet, that’s not 100% true because we do have a couple of sopranos on the cast,” he said.

The maturity, insight and experience of senior actors aided the process in many ways. “Getting their perspectives on these characters has been so rich,” he said. “Especially when it comes to identity and sexuality and sex lives; one actor in particular shared that she appreciated and wanted more of this idea that it’s still awkward, it’s still human, it’s still imperfect past a certain age. Just to be careful of going too far into idealizing it.”

Part of Kahng’s diverse oeuvre is a play called “The Four Immigrants: An American Musical Manga,” which was



Courtesy Reed Flores

Top to bottom: Dean (Ezra Reaves), Vicki (Lucinda Hitchcock Cone), June (Emily Kuroda), and Jade (Sophie Oda) try to solve murders in a senior living community in “Happy Pleasant Valley: A Senior Sex Scandal Murder Mystery Musical.”

produced by TheatreWorks in 2017. Though it has a “humorous aesthetic” in common with Kahng’s current work, that play was far more intense and research-heavy, he said.

“I needed to research Japanese immigration, cartoon history, early 20th-century history and immigration history,” he said. “It took a lot of my energy and emotion.”

Which is why, this time around, he was happy to explore a lighter, more fun subject, like the sex lives of seniors set against the backdrop of a murder mystery. “It’s a celebration ... it’s been a joy to work on,” said Kahng, hoping the play appeals to a wide spectrum of theater-goers,

from people who like musicals to those who enjoy mysteries to those who are relatively new to the world of theater.

“And to those for whom the identity representation — queer representation, Asian American representation or senior representation — matters,” he said. ■

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“Happy Pleasant Valley” runs through March 30 at Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$34-\$115. For information visit theatreworks.org.

A banker for the ‘little fellow’

Documentary chronicles the life of a figure whose big influence on the Bay Area isn’t widely known

By Heather Zimmerman

Over the course of working on his documentary about pioneering banker A.P. Giannini, filmmaker Davide Fiore says he has come to regard the man like a grandfather. And given the number of important local projects that Giannini helped finance, he might also be described as one of the grandfathers of the Bay Area. Among those projects: the Golden Gate Bridge and providing capital to the future

founders of Hewlett-Packard.

But Giannini’s story isn’t as widely known as one might expect for all of the projects he touched. That’s what spurred Fiore to make a documentary about him.

Fiore’s film, “A Little Fellow: The Legacy of A.P. Giannini,” which chronicles Giannini’s unusual approach to business and his local and national impact, will screen March 13 at the Cinequest Film and Creativity Festival.

Fiore, who moved to the Bay Area from Italy eight years ago,

had been seeking a subject for a short film to demonstrate his work to the American market as he waited for his work permit. But the subject he stumbled upon quickly grew into a larger project.

He originally learned of Giannini’s story from a plaque on a building on Montgomery Street in San Francisco commemorating it as the headquarters of the Bank of Italy, the institution founded by Giannini that would later become Bank of America.

“The whole idea came out of the fact that I was curious, and I



Courtesy Cinequest

A still from the documentary “A Little Fellow.”

was looking for more news about him. I went to the library, got a lot of books, and I was just reading. Then I said, ‘OK I want to see a documentary. I want to see a movie about him.’ And I couldn’t

find anything,” Fiore recalled. “It all started very small. To be fair, it was just a proof of concept for me to show what I was able to

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do. And really the moment I got to work ... the project became bigger and bigger and bigger.”

Amadeo Peter Giannini was born in 1870 in San Jose to Italian immigrant parents. He lived in San Francisco before moving to San Mateo in 1905, where he would live until his death in 1949. His San Mateo home, Seven Oaks, still stands and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

“Even my producers — they are all Americans — and when they heard (his) story, they were like, ‘Why don’t we study this guy (in history class)? Because we studied J.P. Morgan, Rockefeller, and we don’t study this guy that actually was very important for the American economy, because he introduced branch banking.’ There was no branch banking before him,” Fiore said.

Giannini was the first in the U.S. to popularize offering satellite branches of banks in various cities. But the title of Fiore’s film highlights what made Giannini’s work as a banker particularly unusual. Giannini worked for a time at a San Francisco bank where his father-in-law had ties, but he decided to leave and start his own financial institution when his fellow bankers balked at his idea of doing business with the area’s growing community of immigrants.

Soon after, in 1904, Giannini founded the Bank of Italy, which aimed to serve immigrants and other working people who hadn’t typically been welcomed by banks — including women, Fiore noted.

“He used to say that he was helping the little fellow all the time. When you read his biography, when you read his speeches, the people he helped were the little fellow. These are his words,” Fiore said, pointing out that Giannini was the first to implement innovations for the time such as printing brochures in other languages to better accommodate his immigrant customers and offering “women’s departments” staffed by female workers at a time when women were rarely welcomed into banks as customers.

Right after the 1906 earthquake, Giannini quickly moved Bank of Italy deposits and records from San Francisco to the family home in San Mateo — concealing them in farm wagons to protect from theft, the story goes — and was able to begin operating again ahead of the city’s other banks. The move also gave him a head start on offering loans to local businesses looking to rebuild in San Francisco.

The Bay Area played a significant role in Giannini’s work, Fiore said.

“I think the region was very important, partially for the melting pot that the Bay Area has always been — so the fact that you had people from everywhere coming to this region to be part of something bigger. So it’s always been a very multicultural community and that was something very important to him,” Fiore said.

“Of course, the other side was the landscape of the Bay Area. The agricultural business was a very good business that wasn’t developed already. It was a wealthy area because of the gold rush. But they weren’t reinvesting that wealth into agriculture yet, and the land was very good for agriculture, right? So that played a big role.”

Fiore spent seven years working on the film part-time, with the COVID-19 pandemic delaying the project. He combed through libraries and archives, including the Library of Congress, and found historians who could speak to Giannini’s legacy.

“Giannini became my Italian-American grandpa, because I went deep into these families, into archives, meeting a lot of people that knew him when they were kids,” Fiore said of his research.

He also was eventually able to contact Giannini’s family, and interview two granddaughters.

“They shared a lot of documents that were pretty impressive, because, literally, they had letters from Roosevelt. They had pictures with the Kennedys. It’s so funny that they went on a vacation with the Kennedys,” Fiore said, noting that these mementos included photos of President John F. Kennedy as a child, playing with young members of the Giannini family.

Even so, rubbing shoulders with bigwigs wasn’t really what Giannini was known for, Fiore points out, as the film title emphasizes.

“People commented that the thing for him was that you had to be a hard worker. They say that he checked the calluses on your hands. So if you were a hard worker, he gave you a loan,” Fiore said. “I think that he was like looking at people, not as numbers, but as human beings.” ■

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“A Little Fellow” shows March 13, 7:10 p.m., at Hammer Theatre Center, 111 Paseo De San Antonio, San Jose, as part of the Cinequest Film and Creativity Festival. Tickets are \$14 per person and available at tickets.cinequest.org. The Cinequest festival runs March 11-23 at various venues in downtown San Jose. For more information, visit cinequest.org.

Worth a Look

Fantastic Negrito

The multi-Grammy Award-winning, eclectic Oakland musician Fantastic Negrito (Xavier Amin Dphrepaulezz), whose breakthrough came via National Public Radio’s Tiny Desk Concert series back in 2015, comes to the Guild to celebrate his recent release, “Son of a Broken Man.” The record dives into the complications of generational trauma and the father-son relationship and is his most personal album to date, according to the Guild’s event listing. Influenced by blues, rock and more, “Son of a Broken Man” was released on the artist’s own Storefront Records label.

March 8, 8 p.m., *The Guild Theatre, 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; \$49 general admission; guildtheatre.com.*



Courtesy Thomas Lange/Big Hassle

Fantastic Negrito plays March 8 at The Guild Theatre.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is the acclaimed author of books including “Purple Hibiscus,” “Half of a Yellow Sun” and “Americanah.” Her newest novel, “Dream Count,” follows four women — travel writer Chiamaka; her cousin Omelogor; her best friend Zikora; and her housekeeper Kadiatou — all of whom must reckon with their choices, their relationships and the nature of love. Kepler’s Literary Foundation is presenting an event featuring Adichie in conversation with Key Jo Lee of San Francisco’s Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), held at the Hammer Theatre Center at San Jose State University. “Dream Count” “pulses with emotional urgency and poignant, unflinching observations of the human heart, in language that soars with beauty and power,” according to the event listing.

March 8, 7 p.m., *Hammer Theatre Center, 101 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose; \$17.79-\$79.74, depending on ticket type; keplers.org.*

‘Fly By Night’

In the rock-infused musical “Fly By Night,” by Kim Rosenstock, Will Connolly and Michael Mitnick, audiences follow the intertwined lives of a sandwich maker, a waitress and an aspiring actress during the 1965 Northeast blackout. Hillbarn Theatre takes on the “whimsical and heartfelt” show that “offers a touching and poignant journey that resonates with the beauty of unexpected connections,” according to the company’s website.

Through March 23, *Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City; \$34-\$62; hillbarntheatre.org.*

Tony Lindsay

With a whopping 11 Grammy Awards, Tony Lindsay is best known for his many years as the lead singer for Santana. He’s also sung the National Anthem at

various Bay Area Sporting events, been a singer with “Dancing With the Stars” and a prolific songwriter over the course of his long career, which also includes a number of solo records. He’ll perform the songs of Burt Bacharach with the Michael O’Neill Trio at his Palo Alto shows this weekend.

March 7 and 8, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., *Meyhouse Palo Alto, 640 Emerson St., Palo Alto; \$50; meyhousejazz.com.*

Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival

The Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour is an annual event sharing short films from around the world, celebrating adventure in the great outdoors. Spanning two nights, with different programming each evening, audiences can catch such films as “Going East” (Austria, 2024), about a group of skiers determined to get as far east as they can on a three-week ski trip using only public transportation, and “The Last Observers” (U.S.A., 2024), about the folks observing and recording the weather at one of the last manual weather stations.

March 7 and 8, 7 p.m., *Fox Theatre, 2221 Broadway St., Redwood City; \$32; foxrwc.showare.com.*

An Evening with Branford Marsalis

Saxophonist and bandleader Branford Marsalis is a jazz master, a classical soloist with acclaimed orchestras and a composer of music for films and theater, earning Grammy Awards and Tony and Emmy nominations along the way (and even had stints serving as musical director of “The Tonight Show” and the host of National Public Radio’s “Jazz Set”). Marsalis will jazz up Stanford’s Bing Concert Hall with a performance March 12.

March 12, 7:30 p.m., *Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford; \$25-\$135; live.stanford.edu.*

Food & Drink

REGROWTH — IN THE — REDWOODS

A HISTORIC SAN MATEO COUNTY RESTAURANT AND STORE HAS ENTERED ITS NEXT CHAPTER AS A NONPROFIT

By Julia Brown

Nestled among the redwoods with a population of around 200 people, Loma Mar feels far removed from Silicon Valley. Part of the unincorporated San Mateo County coast, it's a census-designated place rather than a town, which means it lacks some of the municipal services and resources found in more populous areas. Self-sufficiency is part of the appeal of living in Loma Mar and at the same time a skill that comes in handy when heavy rain or high winds lead to power outages and downed trees blocking roadways.

In a community as small as Loma Mar, self-sufficiency means relying on yourself as well as your neighbors to sustain a more rural way of life. And for nearly a century, generations of residents who call themselves Loma Martians have relied on an outpost that serves as a gathering place as well as a critical resource for food, communication and information.

Widely known as the Loma Mar Store & Kitchen, it's the site of the only store in Loma Mar and has been home to the community's lone post office, gas station, restaurant and volunteer fire department over the years. Originally a lumber mill, it later transitioned into a post office and added a general store in the 1950s. Former owner Roger Siebecker started a dinner club inside the store in the 1970s called the Blue

Eyed Goose, and the store was also once home to the Dancing Dog Diner.

In 2014, Loma Mar residents Jeff and Kate Haas bought the Loma Mar Store & Kitchen from previous owner Beth Williford and soon got to work on major renovations that paused the store's operations until 2019. The respite after reopening was brief — first came the pandemic, followed by the CZU Fire forcing residents to evacuate.

Through it all, the Loma Mar Store & Kitchen has stood the test of time as a South Coast hub, a symbol of

the community's resilience with its own transformations and adaptations throughout its nearly 100-year existence.

That mission has inspired the business' next chapter — a transition to nonprofit status along with a new name, Loma Mar Outpost, and new faces leading the charge. In a letter posted online, Jeff and Kate Haas announced that the Loma Mar Store was "transitioning from a husband-and-wife-owned, for-profit business into a community-driven, board-led project called the Loma Mar Outpost."

"I think it was the right time for Jeff and I," Kate Haas said. "We had done something we were very proud of, and we wanted to see it continue. We saw the opportunity for this to be a community hub."

While nonprofit cafes are common in Great Britain, nonprofit eateries are harder to find in the United States. Bay Area examples with similarities to Loma Mar Outpost include Ada's Cafe in Palo Alto, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that hires and trains employees with disabilities, and San Francisco's Delancey Street Restaurant, a full-service training school that's part of the Delancey Street Foundation.

The couple's original intention had been to run Loma Mar Store & Kitchen as a nonprofit, but they were advised against it. About a year ago, they began revisiting the idea and talking to people about how it could work.

Those conversations led Jeff and Kate Haas to Janet Clark, a fellow longtime Loma Mar resident with a background in journalism, nonprofit work and marketing who has served on the Cuesta La Honda Guild board of directors and as president of the Pescadero Community Foundation.

"I think it is an amazing place that they've created," Clark said. "The atmosphere inside the building — it's just charming. It speaks to everything that we are here on the South Coast...it is nestled in the redwoods, it's built out of redwood, it has this rich history."



Top: The Loma Mar Outpost, formerly the Loma Mar Store & Kitchen, is located off Highway 84 near Memorial Park on the unincorporated San Mateo County coast. Above: The exterior of the Loma Mar Store & Kitchen, now the Loma Mar Outpost, in 2022. Photos by Devin Roberts.



Courtesy Janet Clark



Devin Roberts

Janet Clark is the new executive director of the Loma Mar Outpost.

Kate and Jeff Haas owned the Loma Mar Store & Kitchen from 2014 until fall 2024, when it transitioned into a nonprofit.

“The biggest selling feature for me was in our conversation, Kate and Jeff were talking about why they wanted to really focus on community,” she added. “They were talking about the fact that we live in a world that is increasingly digital-oriented and people, particularly since the pandemic, have had a hard time connecting, and that what we really need are places like this that will provide resources and reasons for us to connect with each other.”

Clark is now executive director of Loma Mar Outpost, which officially debuted Oct. 1 — with a power outage.

“It just demonstrated the need for a community resource hub,” she said with a laugh.

Besides Clark, Loma Mar Outpost is led by a board of directors made up of South Coast residents and a staff that includes familiar faces like kitchen manager Marcy Steiner and store manager Nichole Vroman. As a nonprofit, the business doesn’t have owners anymore, and the board operates the nonprofit, Clark explained.

The business now effectively has two sides — the operational side, which involves running the store and kitchen, and the nonprofit side that’s programming-based. Clark expects grants, donations, catering and workshop fees to help fund pay-it-forward and pay-what-you-can programs along with initiatives to boost resiliency, like getting a new generator.

“In some respects it’s like running two different sides of the same organization,” Clark said. “It’s all nonprofit — every bit of everything we make, whether it’s from grant funding or from sales at the store and restaurant, are going to support this mission of nourishing our neighbors and our neighborhoods and supporting the South Coast in general.”

Clark’s goal is to make the operations “at least self-sustaining,” but she added that Loma Mar Outpost will need outside support.

“Some of what we’re doing is trying to build supports for a community that is not super resource-rich,” Clark said.

Loma Mar Outpost will focus on four areas of programming — food, community, opportunity and resilience. The food component will center around sourcing ingredients locally, hosting regular pay-what-you-can dinners and developing a pay-it-forward program. Clark also wants to give people opportunities to build community with open mic nights, community dinners and other events.

With the opportunity focus, Clark plans to create youth programming and paid internships for South Coast adolescents, as well as economic development opportunities by partnering with and promoting nearby farms and businesses. And building resilience means developing backup systems to ensure Loma Mar Outpost is a safe place even in prolonged power outages and stocking essential supplies like batteries and propane.

While the business has a new name and business model, much of its familiar charm remains. The physical building is the same except for a new workshop space called the Coop, and the weekly specials and monthly Loma Mar Motor Gathering will continue.

“You don’t have to live here to be part of the Outpost community,” Clark said.

While the Outpost is serving a menu that’s largely the same as the Loma Mar Store & Kitchen’s, featuring items like its signature Reuben sandwich and the

Pomponio Burger with beef sourced from nearby Pomponio Ranch, they’ll look to expand offerings in the future and keep within the seasonal eating model, Clark said. In the meantime, they’re beginning to serve breakfast on weekends, working to bring in more locally sourced foods and even lowering pricing on some groceries and dishes by 10%-20%.

“We’re just trying to make it make more sense for the community,” Clark said. “We’re trying to keep it at a reasonable cost but also keep the quality really high.”

With Loma Mar Outpost now in its second quarter of operations since the nonprofit transition, the restaurant has already hosted a build-your-own vision board workshop and its first quarterly pay-what-you-can dinner, a Valentine’s Day community meal with nearly 100 guests over the evening. Logistical items continue to crop up as well, and Clark appreciates that Kate and Jeff Haas have been helpful in sorting

through them as the Outpost’s landlords and advisers.

The Haases still keep tabs on the restaurant and store’s happenings, but they’ve embraced stepping back from their former business to give the new leadership room to continue in its next stage. Jeff Haas compared stepping away from his business to sending a child off to college — “you want them to go but you don’t want them to leave,” he said — but added that it was the right move at the right time.

“We’ve made so many friends: bicycle friends and motorcycle friends and car friends and camping friends and neighbors...it’s humbling when we think about it,” he said. “With good direction, the Loma Mar Store, now the Loma Mar Outpost, is really we think doing a terrific job, and we’re very excited to see how it’s going to advocate for the South Coast communities.”

“It’s been a real privilege to be the ones clapping in the background, which is what we’re doing — celebrating them and what a good job they’re doing,” Kate Haas said.

With a future path carved out for the restaurant among the redwoods, Kate Haas said she hopes Loma Mar Outpost will inspire the creation of comparable community hubs in rural areas.

“I hope there’s more of them,” she said. “The more we can see our community hubs and these support networks in rural communities, I think this is a wonderful direction.”

Clark said it would be a success to establish something that’s a model for others to create their own outposts. In the meantime, cultivating human connection is at the forefront of her mind.

“The Outpost is surrounded by natural beauty, so the more that we can do to get people in touch with that beauty, with the connection to their food sources, with actual human connection, the better off we’re all going to be,” she said. ■

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Above down: The Loma Mar Store & Kitchen, now the Loma Mar Outpost, in the 1970s. The Loma Mar Store & Kitchen, now the Loma Mar Outpost, in 2006. Photos courtesy Loma Mar Store & Kitchen.

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