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Racing for a seat on the East Palo Alto City Council



Photo courtesy of Roman Tanière

here are two open seats on the East Palo Alto City Council with with Mayor Ruben Abrica and Council member Donna Rutherford's terms expiring this November. Six of the eight East Palo Alto City Council candidates, running for the two open seats, appeared at the Candidate Forum, which was held on October 3, 2017 at the St Mark AME Zion Church, which is located at 1794 Bay Road in East Palo Alto. The six candidates shown in this photo are left to right: East Palo Alto City Planning Commissioner Loren Court Skinner, Public Works and Transportation Committee member Bernardo Huerta, City Council member Donna Rutherford, community activist Patricia Finau Lopez and author and eBay Executive Regina Wallace-Jones. Mayor Ruben Abrica, who is also up for election along with Rutherford, did not participate in the forum. Randal D. Fields, a local businessman is also on the election ballot as a city council candidate, but he, like Abrica, did not participate in the forum.

Eleven candidates vie for 3 seats on the RCSD governing board





Editorial

Photo courtesy of Roman Tanière

he Ravenswood City Schood District has a five member board that is elected for four year terms. Eleven East Palo Alto residents are officially listed in the Statewide November 6 General Election as candidates for the school district's governing board : The list includes Special Education Aide Julian Alberto Garcia; Tamara Sobomehin, an educator; Paraeducator and parent Nicole Sbragia; RCSD Governing Board Member Ana M. Pulido; Curriculum Develop and Educator Stephanie Fitch; Daniel Cesena, Laura Nunez, Brooke N. Crosby, RCSD Governing Board Member and former Superintendent Charlie Mae Knight; RCSD Governing Board Member Marcelino A. López and School After care Director Maria Victoria Chavez. Seven of the eleven, shown in the photo above, participated in the Candidate Forum which was held at the St Mark AME Zion Church on October 3, 2017. They are vying for the open seats of the three incumbent board members: Pulido, Knight and López.

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Octeber 2018 Period still open to write in candidates for Nov. election

Those interested in running

as write-in candidates for school and special district of-

fices should file their write-in

documents at the San Mateo

County Registration & Elec-

tions Division, which is located at 40 Tower Road in San Mateo, CA. Candidates

are advised to set up an ap-

pointment with Filing Officer, Michelle Yue, by contacting

her by phone at 650.312.5293 or by email at myue@sm-

Candidates interested in

running as write-in candidates

for city offices should file their

paperwork with the city clerk

According to the San Mateo

County Registra-

tion & Elections Di-

vision, the November

6, 2018 Statewide

General Election

will be the second

election conducted

under the Califor-

nia Voter's Choice

Under the act,

voters will go to

Vote Centers,

rather than to their

Act model.

in their respective cities.



Graphic courtesy of https://www.datagraphicsinc.com

By Henrietta J. Burroughs

s there anyone, whom you'd like to see on the November 6, 2018 ballot who isn't there? If there is someone you'd like to see as a candidate, who now isn't, let them know that, as of September 10, 2018, they can file as a write-in candidate.

Write-in candidates for the November 6, 2018 Statewide General Election have a six week period from Monday, September 10 2018 until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 to file a required "Statement of Write-in Candidacy."

The write-In candidacy statement requests the candidate's name, residential address, and a declaration of candidacy for the office in which they're interested named office and the election date for which they are running. There is no fee or charge for filing the required



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ters will be open for voting for longer periods, and offer expanded voter services such as voter registration, multilingual assistance and disabled access voting options.

can now expect to receive in their mail a Vote-by-Mail Ballot, which can be dropped, with no postage required, into any mailbox or special ballot drop boxes located throughout

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Community News Briefs



Photo courtesy of the East Palo Alto Police Department

Double homicide occurs in
East Palo Altoa shooting at the Pulgas Av-
enue location. When officers

East Palo Alto police officials announced over the weekend that two people were shot to death and two others were seriously wounded on Sunday, October 14, 2018. The shooting took place at approximately 2:44 a.m. in the 2500 block of Pulgas Avenue.

This is the first homicide to occur in public in the City of East Palo Alto since June 10, 2016.

The East Palo Alto Police were alerted to the double homicide by a ShotSpotter activation and 911 calls reporting enue location. When officers arrived at the location within two minutes, they found four victims suffering from gunshot wounds.

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District and American Medical Response Ambulances also responded to the scene and began treating the victims. Two victims were pronounced dead at the scene and two others were transported to local hospitals with life-threatening injuries.

Eduardo Alvarado Sandoval, a 22-year-old Stockton resident, was identified as one of the deceased victims. The name of the other deceased victim will be released after identification by the county coroner and the family is notified.

According to the police, a dispute escalated into a physical altercation that was followed by gunfire at a private adult Halloween party at the rear of a business complex at the Pulgas location.

The suspect in the shooting fled the scene and is still being sought.

The East Palo Alto Police are urging anyone, who witnessed the shooting or has any information about it, to contact the East Palo Alto Police Department by any of the following means to:

The public is asked to call Detective Lydia Cardoza at 650-853-7249

Send an anonymous email to epa@tipnow.org

Send an anonymous text from your cell phone to 650-409-6792 or

Leave an anonymous voice mail by calling 650-409-6792

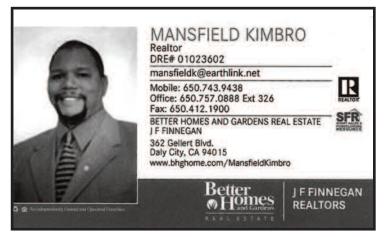
Saying goodbye to Carlos Martinez



Photo by Kimberly Carlton Carlos Martinez gets a present from Kamal Fallaha as a going away gift. Community residents and city staff members showed up in the East Palo Alto City Hall Chamber to praise and acknowledge Carlos Martinez for the contributions that he made to the East Palo Alto community over the 13 years that he worked for the City of East Palo Alto.

Martinez' farewell party took place on Tuesday, October 9, just three days before his official departure on Friday, October 12, 2018. After heading the city's Redevelopment

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Providing a spacious place for the arts in East Palo Alto



Photo courtesy of Andrew Yescas ents and donors.

It was, obviously, a fun-filled groundbreaking for federal and city officials, EPACENTER ARTS staff, students and donors.

By Henrietta J. Burroughs

As U.S. Congresswoman Anna Eshoo put it, "I think this day will be marked as one of the happiest and proudest days of East Palo Alto." There were probably few if any of those present at the event who would have disagreed. Eshoo was one of five speakers at the groundbreaking. The other included East Palo Alto's Mayor Ruben Abrica, the center's Executive Director, Nadine Rambeau, who was the event's mistress of ceremonies, the building's architect, Kulapat Yantrasast and 15-year old Jules Thomas, an East Palo Alto youth.

All of them made comments underscoring the uniqueness of the day and of the ground-

breaking itself.

In her remarks, Rambeau shared a quote from Nelson Mandela's Inauguration Speech, when he said so famously, "The moment to bridge the chasm that divides us has come.The time to build is upon us."

Rambeau went on to state that the EPA Center Arts building would be "a living monument to the past and a beacon for the future." Mayor Abrica expressed his belief that as human beings, we have to help each other and he was confident that the city's vibrant, diverse yourth would not only work successfully in the arts, but in everythings else as they look to the future. How appropriate it was that in breaking ground for a building that would be used by the community's youth, to give a place to one of the community's youth in the presenta-

tion. So, it was ironic that Jules Thomas, the youth who was among the day's presenters, told his listeners that his friends called him an "old man." It was a statement that brought laughter from the audience.

But, his words, conveyed his wishdom, 'Standing here on this special day," he said, "I say 'Believe it. EPA Center is real." He said that students would no longer have to scrawl their names on a wall, because they'll be able to paint them on a canvas. will be practiced in the future. "For all of us," he said, "this is a chance of a lifetime."

The entertainment provided at the event showed just how talented East Palo Alto's youth are.

Leah Dobson was the event's special guest performer and she sang with the Michael Turner & Company Band.

EPA Center Arts Hip Hop Dance Squad was led by Keontae Johnson and included Jose Angulo, Arianna Ayala, Dedeaux Brown, Alejha Broussard, Iris Lopez, Melanie Angulo, Da'Mauria Brown, Nadia Brown, Arlin Hernandez and Arianna Romero.

The EPACenter Arts Choir was led by Michael Turner and it included Tebecca Fakatou, Angela Hernandez, Jules Thomas, Jahkim Hendrix and James Pongi.

Much credit was given to the John and Marshall Goldman Foundation for its gener-

mon



Photo by HJB Burroughs

Executive Director Nadine Rambeau addresses the audience while Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Mayor Ruben Abrica and Jules Thomas also listen. Yantrasast added to the uplifting occasion and told what it meant for him.

I feel inspired by this community," he said. "This is a cocreation. This is not a diva product. This is a diverse project.... a symphony."

He shared that everyone worked together as a group and it is this working together that foretells how architecture ous support and to many community residents like Isaiah Thomas, city officials, the designers of the project, the EPA Center staff and instructors, to the Menlo Park Fire District and the the Ravenswood Family Health Center.

When all was said and done, there was nothing else left but to break ground for the building, literally and figuratively.

as those provided to the city's other executive management

From the Editor's Desk

The pendulum always swings, so vote!

ould you believe it? Current statistics show that President Trump's immigration policies are negatively affecting tourism and leading to a lack of available workers to fill vacant jobs in our country.

According to U.S Travel Association, one in nine jobs in the U.S. dependent on is tourism.

Data collected from Tourism Economics showed last October that Pres. Trump's travel ban, initially barring travelers from seven Mus-

lim countries, "resulted in a loss of billions of dollars to the U.S. economy," since it sent a "chilly message to travelers around the world," with a resultant drop in the number of tourists visiting the United States. The organization's research shows that the U.S. lost \$32 billion in revenue and 40,000 jobs. Cheatsheet.com states that fifteen U.S. cities throughout the U.S., including San Francisco, were affected.

Compounding this loss is the fact that, while the U.S. economy is booming, there are approximately 6 million job vacancies throughout this country going unfilled -- a situation that is beginning to cause considerable concern.

Wayne Winegarden, an economist at the Pacific Research Institute, a California think tank, noted "If you have less labor, you're going to have less growth unless it's compensated by more technology or higher productivity.'

With the holiday season approaching, some retailers are becoming alarmed by the lack of workers and concerned about finding enough employees for part-time and full time positions. Our restrictive immigration policies are only one factor at work, when it comes to a lack of available workers. But it's a factor that looms large.

If we really want a truly strong economy for any con-

dreds of immigrant children, who are wrongly separated from their parents.

Many believe that we live in a world of cause and effect, that brings consequences for everything that we do. Sometimes the consequences are immediate. At other times, it takes us years to see the ef-

fects of prior decisions and actions. We also liveina global econ-

as large and as powerful as the U.S. can have a major ef-

In his poem, A Creed, writpoet Edwin Markham wrote,

There is a destiny that

makes us brothers:

lives of others

Comes back into our own....

of Happiness(1913), Markham said:

He drew a circle that shut me out-

But Love and I had the wit to win:

We are at a crossroads in our country. It is a time when we all might be better served if we consider how we can draw circles that let people in.

Life shows us that we have terested in contributing?

We, obviously can't let everyone into this country, who would like to immigrate here. But, the current restrictive, discriminatory policies are having serious, unin-

Considering how the pendulum can swing, we never know when we - individually and as a country -- might one day find ourselves as the one on the outside needing to be let in. Your vote this November could contribute to the pendulum's swing.



Photo courtesy of Nuestra Casa

Did you observe October 8? Did you observe it as Columbus Day? Nuestra Casa observed the day as their second Annual Indigenous People's Day in honor of the millions of Native Americans who originally inhabited our country. The celebration took place in the parking lot of the Ravenswood Family Health Center between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Nuestra Casa' held the 1st Annual Indigenous People's Day last year on Monday, October 9, 2017. Do you think Indigenous People's Day will ever replace Columbus Day in the U.S.?

Letters in East Palo Alto Today



Tenants must have government-issued ID

Dear Editor:

These two political cartoons express my disgust with Woodland/Sand Hill Co.'s new policy of requiring tenants to present a government-issued ID in order to just pay their rent.

They claim this policy, along with other conditions in place, is to protect tenant privacy. How exactly?

As a friend said, it is eerily

voter fraud. This is being viewed by the community as an attempt to intimidate immigrant tenants.

Patricia Wishart East Palo Alto

[Editor's note: Due to space considerations, EPA Today can only print one of the cartoons.].

Polygraph test anyone?

Dear Editor:

fender, I've had numerous clients submit to polygraph exams

In scrutinizing the competing narratives of Dr. Christine Ford and Judge Brett Kavanaugh, consider the following:

There's a saying in our line of work: there are two types of polygraphs, one that your client passed, as Christine Ford did, and one that never occurred.

Brett Kavanaugh has hired a criminal defense attorney; there is apparently no statute of limitations on felonies in Maryland. And 17 year olds can be tried as adults.

Any criminal defense attorney worth his or her salt, alcertainly most had Kavanaugh take a confidential polygraph exam.

If Kavanaugh had passed his polygraph, you can be sure his attorney, and PR folks, would have already let the entire world know. You can take it from there!

Aram James Redwood City, CA

omy, which is intric ately connected. So, the deci-Henrietta J. Burroughs sions made in a country fect on many other countries.

ten in 1901, the American

None goes his way alone: All that we send into the

In another poem, The Shoes

Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.

We drew a circle that took him in.

to be very careful when it comes to gatekeeping, nationally and locally. Isn't it time we open the gates and accept the contributions of those, who are in-

tended consequences.

tinuing period of time, then it's worth it for our current administration to re-evaluate some of its policies. Not only are they negatively impacting tourism and job growth, but they are still adversely affecting hun-

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similar to those who want to suppress voters by claiming

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Why I'm voting for Karen Holman in the Nov. 2018 election

By Rita Vrhel

or the first time in several years, voters will be casting a vote for a new Director for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Ward 5, which encompasses most of Palo Alto, all of East Palo Alto, the Willows, Bell Haven and other parts of Menlo Park. This race, while receiving less press than other local races, is a very important race.

Why is it important? Voters passed a \$300 million bond in 2014 for the general protection, maintenance and preservation of the 24 open spaces preserves in the Midpeninsula area. Voters in Ward 5 realize the important of open spaces like Windy Hill, Cooley Landing, Rancho San Antonio and Los Trancos for year-round, free enjoyment. These are wonderful spaces to unwind, go for a walk, and get away from it all.

The Ward 5 Director will be your steward for these lands. Stewards need to be able to work with others, listen, build consensus, be respectful and attend all meetings in order to be effective.

I'm supporting Karen Holman because of her longterm service to Palo Alto,



Rita Vrhel

which includes an impressive list of civic and environmental activities and accomplishments.

These include, but are not limited to, co- chairing Mid peninsula Regional Open Space District's Visioning Committee; leading on the dedication and addition of 7.7 acres to Foothills Park; changing the focus in Palo Alto from recycling to Zero Waste; initiating and successfully obtaining passage of an anti-idling ordinance in Palo Alto; and successfully advocating for Palo Alto's urban canopy to be considered part of Palo Alto's infrastructure "portfolio".

During her tenure on Palo Alto's Planning and Transportation Commission, Ms. Holman was one of the first city leaders to consider the potential consequences of unlimited groundwater extraction

during underground construction.

As a Council member, she has since played a major role in supporting SavePaloAltos-Groundwater's efforts to meter groundwater extraction and implement regulations that limit construction dewatering's harmful impacts on our homes, our canopy and our infrastructure.

Ms. Holman has a long history of involvement with East Palo Alto organizations. She was a lead on the recent successful transfer of part of Palo Alto's water allocation to East

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Measure HH: A smart and fair way to level the playing field

By Scott Hochberg

Any in the East Palo Alto community were disheartened last year when Amazon leased the large office building on Donohoe and University but decided not to make a serious effort to hire local residents in that facility.

Though the company was required to make a good faith effort to prioritize local job seekers, Amazon instead looked for a way around the city's law, which had been in place for many years.

East Palo Alto residents need to ensure that this does not become the model for how tech companies interact with



Scott Hockberg

the local community. We know what happens when large businesses use East Palo Alto as their personal workstation and little more, because we are already seeing this story unfold. Pressure on the housing market increases, which raises rents, deepens gentrification, and worsens traffic

problems.

Within the next few years East Palo Alto may add millions of square feet of office space, which will likely accelerate all of these trends even further. It's time for a course correction.

On November 6, East Palo Alto voters have the chance to push back against these forces by supporting Measure HH. Measure HH would apply a modest tax to the owners of large commercial office space in the city. It would ask just a fraction more from enormous corporations, many of which received tax breaks this year alone worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Supporters of Measure HH believe that everyone, not just tech companies, should share the benefits of this booming economy.

Over the past year, the City Council has carefully considered this ordinance and how the proceeds from Measure HH should be spent, and it has chosen three legally binding spending priorities. The proceeds can be spent on: the construction of new affording housing units and supportive housing programs; job training programs in the STEM and building trades, so that local residents can climb the ladder to better-paying jobs; and efforts to strengthen the City's First Source Hiring program.

East Palo Alto residents are already shouldering many of the burdens created by these large businesses, in the form of higher rents, more displacement, and increased traffic. Indeed, residents are already increasing the city's revenue by paying sales and gross receipts taxes, **and ret**ail stores are complying with the City's First Source Hiring policy. It is time that we require very large businesses to pay their fair share towards fixing these problems as well.

For that reason, Measure HH will not affect the taxes on your home, and it will not affect locally-owned small businesses and retail stores.

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See Scott Hochberg and Mark Dinan discuss their views about Measure HH on the current Talking with Henrietta show called, Measure HH: Corporations Helping Communities. Get more information about the show on page 11 of this issue.

Urging a "No" vote on Measure HH

By Mark Dinan

East Palo Alto voters will be asked to vote up or down Measure HH in the upcoming

tended consequences of HH. If this development is stopped by this tax, East Palo Alto will still be impacted by gentrification pressures but will have lost out on millions of dollars in tax revenue to invest in housing, job training and other objectives of HH. HH will slow or halt entirely development in East Palo Alto. Should it pass, developers will put on hold projects and invest in projects in other parts of the region or growing areas like Denver or Austin. At this early stage in development, it will be very easy for developers to simply "bank" the land and keep empty lots available for a day when East Palo Alto is more open to rea-



city will benefit tremendously from having office workers here during the day - restaurants, beauty salons, and institutions like the YMCA all benefit when there are professionals spending money and using services in town. We will not have a successful downtown without daytime customers. EPA has .2 jobs for every resident, which means that we are a ghosttown during the day - everyone leaves the city for other places to work.

other extreme, with practically no development. If you are an EPA family looking for housing, it is sad to note that there have not been any apartments constructed that you can live in since 2005. There have been perfect conditions for development, a thriving local economy, extremely low interest rates, and high demand for both housing and commercial buildings. Surrounding cities like Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Mountain View, and Redwood City have seen thousands of apartments, office buildings, and retail spaces build. Monetary policy

election. HH is a bad idea, and East Palo Alto residents should vote "NO" on this measure. The objectives of HH are good ones: raise money for affordable housing, job training, and homelessness. The reality is that HH will put in jeopardy many developments in East Palo Alto, and the city will lose millions of dollars in revenue. The sponsors of HH did not bother to do an economic impact study before putting it on the ballot and are seemingly unconcerned with the unin-

Mark Dinan

sonable development. If you think this is a crazy idea, just look at the lot across the street from City Hall, which has stood vacant for several decades.

Many people are probably asking, "why should I care about office development in EPA?" Good question! The Developers will have no issue not spending in EPA. East Palo Alto is the only city on the peninsula that has not seen extensive development in the last decade. We are on the

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Lifecycles **Obituaries**

Dr. Faye McNair-Knox - June 7, 1950 - September 12, 2018

r. Faye McNair-Knox departed this life on September 12, 2018 to claim her heavenly home. She was a servant-leader and community icon known for her valiant efforts to engage and empower East Palo Alto residents to attain and maintain a good quality of life.

Dr. Faye was born in Munich, Germany to a Mississippi Army Chaplain and a Georgia teacher. She graduated from Ravenswood High



Dr. Faye McNair Knox

School and earned her Masters' and a doctorate degree from Stanford University. Honored as 'Woman of the Year' by California 21st Assembly District, the County of San Mateo and the City of East Palo Alto, she served since 2004 as Executive Director of One East Palo Alto Neighborhood Improvement Initiative.

Dr Faye is survived by her devoted daughters, Halili Knox, Rashida Knox, Muisi-Kongo Malonga and her beloved grandsons, Kiminou Knox and Matsoua Malonga. She is also survived by her dear sisters Dr. Corann Withers, Joyce K. McNair and Rev. Teirrah McNair, her brother Joseph D. McNair, her brother-in-love. Meredith Withers and a host of cherished cousins, nephews, nieces, friends and colleagues. Her vibrant, loving personality captivated many and she will be immeasurably missed by all who knew and

loved her.

Friends and family are invited to Quiet Hours from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26 and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 27 at Jones Mortuary, 660 Donohoe Street, East Palo Alto, CA. A 'Royal Celebration of Life' will be held on Saturday, October 27th at 11AM at Abundant Life Christian Fellowship, 2440 Leghorn Street, Mountain View, California. (Vallejo).

Domoniqu'e Deont'e White-Lewis - July 3, 1988 - August 30, 2018



Domoniqu'e Deont'e White-Lewis

omoniqu'e Deont'e White-Lewis was born on July 3, 1988 at Stanford Hospital. He was named by his grandpa, Bob White. Domoniqu'e was baptized at All Hallows Roman Catholic Church in San Francisco in 1988. His First Communion was in Mountain View.

He attended St Elizabeth Seton Catholic School from pre-k to mid-elementary. Domoniqu'e graduated from 8th grade at Shule Mandela in East Palo Alto where he gave the graduation speech. Domoniqu'e attended Woodside High School, but transferred to UPrep in Oakland in his senior year.

During his high school years he completed a chefs course at JobTrain. He later returned to focus on construction. He also had a great eye for landscaping which delighted his Mother, Kimberly, to no end!

Domoniqu'e was known as The Protector of the family, his words not ours. Domoniqu'e would always say, "I was born into this family. My family is the bomb and expectations are high, but I'm just going to be me. Respect it or keep it moving. I'm always one phone call away because I love my family." Especially his three children.

Dom would probably say that he didn't have friends

because he considered his friends as part of his family. He had a loving heart, always a kind word to say and the ability to call you on carpet about an issue. He was definitely not afraid to speak his mind about something that was important to him.

He was a great Dad and loved his children. He especially loved life and family

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Lifecycles

Retraining can lead to dreams coming true

By ivan Temes

n what could be termed a "miracle," Halley Crumb has now achieved one of her dreams by opening a home in East Palo Alto called Retraining the Village.

The home provides food, housing, clothing and support to veterans and other males coming from homeless or challenging situations.

Crumb has been relentless with little financial backing and her ability to foster support has been exceptional. Last week, Crumb and some of her formerly homeless folks and others joined a team at Equinox in Redwood Shores to put together 1,100 comprehensive hygiene kits for veterans.

Lockheed Martin has been a corporate sponsor along with Home Depot and Bed Bath & Beyond, which donated \$70,000 in merchandise including comforters.

Staff, mostly volunteers, includes Chris Grantham, who offers his financial expertise, Rhonda Labron, marketing arena and Vincent Hunta, who



Photos by Ivan Temes

Standing in a group embrace from left to right are Olatunde Sobomehin, Halley Crumb, Harry Walker, Vincent Hunta, Biniam Girma and Aaron Miles.

works as the operations director.

Retraining the Village also provides job readiness trainings. Crumb is continually working on grants to gain the needed financial support.

There are many poignant stories that Crumb can tell, since she works with the VA and seven prison systems to welcome people, who are redirecting their lives toward gaining employment and permanent housing.

Some of these stories reflect extremely challenging situations, such as that of Zollie, a Stanford law graduate, who is awaiting heart and kidney transplants. His desire is to do service work in the community.`

While some individuals need a period of readjustment, Crumb moves quickly with those who are ready to go to work.

Spurgeon, who became a client, was recently introduced to Crumb and, within three days of their meeting, was visiting JobTrain to signup for potential classes. He later gained an interview with UPS.

Biniam Girma, who is origi-

nally from Ethiopia, is another client. He served two tours of duty for the United States Army in Iraq and is further honing his software development skills to gain a new position.

The Santa Cruz Warriors coach, Aaron Miles, visited StreetCode Academy in East Palo to provide additional motivation to the young students. The Warriors had recently visited San Quentin prison.

In a tremendous quirk of fate, as Miles was leaving, in walked Crumb with several people. One of them was a friendly and rugged-looking basketball player named Harry. It turns out Harry Walker had only been out of San Quentin for two weeks, where he played basketball and had been introduced to Coach Miles.

Walker is now on the path to coaching youth when the opportunity arises. His dedication really showed when he sat down with some of the younger students at Streetcode and listened to their stories.

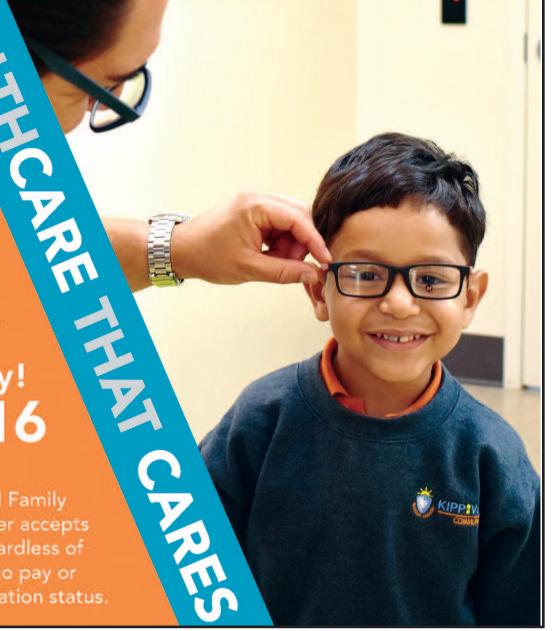
Find out more about Retraining the Village, by visiting the group's website at http://www.retrainingthevillage.org, where you will find Walker opportunities to volunteer and to donate.



Harry Walker sits with a happy child during a visit to Street-Code.

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Photos by Ivan Temes Someone certainly likes their new backpacks.

By Ivan Temes

East Palo Alto's annual summer Children's Day celebration turned this year into the first annual Hero Day in East Palo Alto.

By all accounts, the event. which occurred this year on Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. was a resounding success. It started with a march from the East Palo Alto City Hall to Bell Street Park.

The day was all about the KIDS. Hundreds of youth and adults participated in a myriad of activities in the park.

Super heroic co-founder Jason Mayden partnered with StreetCode Academy cofounder Olatunde Sobomehin along with the City of East Palo Alto (including the police department), and other agencies in an outstanding team effort.

Hero Day was a celebration of the kids getting ready for their mission of tackling the new school year. Backpacks and school supplies were given to hundreds of students at the end of the day. The sponsors emphasized the importance of play and bringing young people together to help them discover new skills, have some fun and unlock superpowers they never even knew they had.

In addition to many games and participative activities attendees were treated to lunch, beverages and ice cream.

A poignant moment on the stage included Jason Mayden and Tunde Sobomehin addressing the audience and 14 students who were awarded Super Heroic fellowships.

Mayor Ruben Abrica also spoke and reinforced the importance of coming together as a community.

Visitors included East Palo Altans who have gone on to successful careers after graduating from Stanford and other universities.

As Jason Mayden, who was visibly moved by all the young people who were present, said, 'This is about the kids and their creativity. They are our future,'



Both of these people are city councilmembers. One is Mayor Ruben Abrica and guess who is in the funny outfit? Yes, you're right.- Vice mayor Lisa Gauthier.

EPA Today's sports photos- Do you go to sports events? If so, do you take photos? Would you like to see them in print? If so, send them to us and we'll make sure that they get into EPA Today. You might even find yourself taking pictures with Roberto Perez and Pablo Maldonado, who've taken photos of sports games for EPA Today over the years. Here are two the photos that they took at the SF 49ers vs LA Chargers on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara. Do you remember that game Did you see it?



49ers defense relentlessly holding their position.

49ers backup quarterback #3 C.J. Beathard stays in the pocket releasing promising long passes.

White-Lewis

get-togethers. Dom's favorite saying was, 'Mommy, you don't have to worry. God has my back and I pray." To all of his friends he'd probably say, "Don't mourn me. I'm with God. Tell my boys and my baby girl I expect my family to push them to do great things. I'm out Rogue!"

Domoniqu'e was preceded in death by his grandDomoniqu'e leaves three precious children, Ja'vion Lewis, Sencere Lewis and Londyn Elisse Lewis.

He leaves 5 brothers and one sister, Bobby (KY), Malek, Khalil, and Zhi'ir (AZ), Zakai and Zinnia (SF). His best friend in life and love, Shanae Brown (Modesto), two great aunts, Gail Noble (Milpitas) and Wanda Harley (NY), one great uncle, Ronald Harley (NY), 5 uncles, Barry Edgerton (PA), Jeff Edgerton (Menlo Park), Michael James (EPA), Ken Harris (Fremont), and Donald Washington (Bay Area), 9 aunts, Rhona Edgerton-Harris (Fremont), Paris Edgerton (EPA), Amber Davis (EPA), Sandy Lewis (SF), Michelle Lewis (East Bay), Cynthia Lewis (East Bay), JoyInn Washington (East Bay) Eddeen Lewis (SF), and Nicole James (EPA) his granny Deana (SF), one nephew Dnero

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Blake (KY), one godson Samage Smith (Oakland), godparents Melvin and Lisa Landry (0akland), godbrothers Randall, Bruce and Robert Powell (EPA) and in Dom's words hecka cousins: Monique Burns, lesha Edgerton, Jaymillya Edgerton, Onetta Harris, Raquel Harris, Shyenna Robinson, YaQuir, Saidah, EJ, Vincente Miles, Kenneth Harris, Teyana Backey, Keesean Johnson, Charley Chew, Kaeden Sawyer, Mario Jr, Don-Don, Elizabeth, Ophelia, Classye, Kyle, llene, Ralph Lauren, Jasmine Washington, Shoshona, Eleanor, Dexter Washington (Maria), Forrest Lewis-White, Karim, Mary, Bridgette, Rivers, Rickelle, Lamar, Dominic, Diana, Jimmy, Norman, Tasia, Demetrius, Jordan, Lil Stanley, Eddie, Elaine, Marte, Antwan, Spoon, Ellise Harley and a host of family and friends.



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parents, Donald Edgerton, Bob White, Barbara Edgerton-White and Edmond Lewis, great grandmothers Jessie S. Esprit and Edmonia Savoy, and a close cousin, Paris Phills.

Dom was fortunate to have two living grandmothers, Marion Lewis (SF) and Betty Tolbert (EPA). Domo, as he was affectionately called, considered himself lucky for having 4 parents, Edmond and Dalia Lewis of San Francisco and David James and Kimberly Edgerton-James of Union City.

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3 tips for making better ethical decisions every day

By Christopher Gilbert, Ph.D.

International ethics expert provides guidance to help you avoid a double standard in how you treat others

ews reports bring us plenty of examples of poor professional ethics being practiced in business, entertainment, and government. But in terms of personal ethics as applied to everyday choices that we don't read about, what percentage of people lie, cheat, steal, cut corners, or take advantage of others?

Some studies show over 50 percent would cheat on their marital partner if they knew they wouldn't get caught, and well over 1 million cheat on their taxes annually. Ethical transgressions some would consider small by comparison, such as accidentally denting a car door in a parking lot and then not



Christopher Gilbert

leaving your contact information, or cutting someone off on the freeway, are just as important in living an ethical life, says international ethics expert Dr. Christopher Gilbert. That's because if we fail to make the correct ethical decisions and harm others in the little things, we can often rationalize that harm with the big things.

"No corporate president walks into their board and asks for a show of hands about scamming the consumer," says Gilbert, author of There's No Right Way To Do the Wrong Thing and senior consultant/ speaker at NobleEdge Consulting (www.nobleedgeconsulting.com). "They make immoral decisions and then, like us with the little stuff, rationalize so the choice seems fine - even good.

"We can often look for information or knowledge that helps us rationalize making a wrong choice," adds Gilbert. "But if we follow the Golden Rule consistently and treat others the way we want to be treated, the ethical decision is clear."

Gilbert provides some thoughts about understanding and practicing good personal ethics:

•Ethics are best understood when they are personalized. People often become conflicted in situations demanding an ethical decision. What helps the most? Personalize the choice. For example: If you dent a stranger's car door in some parking lot, don't think of them as a stranger. "Instead," Gilbert says, "ask yourself, 'What if this was my best friend's or my sister's car?' Or, what if you you returned to your own car and saw it scratched, with no note left behind. Don't you wish the perpetrator had identified their responsibility to you? The ability to practice 'right' when it involves those we know, and 'wrong' against those we don't, means our ethics only protect those we already care for. If that's true, no stranger should ever do a good deed for us, either. So much for the Good Samaritan, or being of service to others."

•Ethics bridge the gap between your knowledge and your wisdom. "Knowledge isn't wisdom," says Gilbert. "How someone uses their knowledge is an indicator of their wisdom. Wisdom is making the right choice, sometimes despite the knowledge you have," he says. "Our ethics are the bridge between what we know and what we should do about it." Additionally, Gilbert sees wisdom standing on three pillars: rational intelligence ("Knowing the right thing to do"), emotional intelligence ("Feeling right about what we do"), and spiritual intelligence ("Actually doing right").

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•Ethics combine empathy and compassion. Most people know the story of the Good Samaritan. In order to be ethical, Gilbert says, strangers help strangers even in the worst of times. "What's the difference between those that stop to help and those that take care of themselves? It's the way they framed their ethical choice. To the selfish, the important ques-

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Community New Briefs

Agency for more than a decade, Martinez was appointed as East Palo Alto's interim city manager in October 2014, and its city manager in March 2015.

He leaves the city to become the city manager of Richmond, CA, a position for which he was chosen by the Rihmond City Council in August 2018.

A highlight of his farewell party occurred when Kamal Fallaha, East Palo Alto's public works director, presented him with a helmet and safety reflector vest, to make sure that he would be clearly seen as he performs his future duties.

A proclamation was given in his honor by the council at its October 16, 2018 meeting

Sean Charpentier appointed as the Acting City Manager

At its regular city council session on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, the East Palo Alto City Council unanimously adopted a resolution appointing Sean Charpentier as East Palo Alto's acting city manager to temporally replace Carlos Martinez, whose resignation was effective October 12, 2018. According to city documents: Charpentier has worked for the City of East Palo Alto for 11 years. From April 2006 to September 2013, he worked on economic development, planning, and 194 engineering projects and programs for the Redevelopment Agency and the Community and Economic Development Department. He has served as the assistant city manager from April 2015 to Octber 2018, with responsibility for the areas of community and economic development, public works, and housing.

The council approved a compensation package to cover his new position that includes: a base salary of \$220,000 during the term of the city's agreement with him and benefits that are the same as those provided to the city's other executive management employees and a car allowance of \$300 per month.

City council members increase their paychecks



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In 1986, a monthly pay of \$300 was approved for the city's five councilmembers and they have not had a pay increase since. That is, until they approved an increase for themselves at their October 16, 2018 city council meeting. The review of their monthly pay was triggered by the demand by the city that council members repay the city for the official calls that they had made for more than a year on their city provided cell phones. It was a demand that several considered wrong and

So, the city staff took a look

at the compensation that

council members received

and recommended that an in-

According to the California

crease was in order.

unfair.

Government Code section 36516, which sets forth the rules by which salaries may be increased, "a city council may increase its salary, by ordinance, in an amount not to exceed five percent for each calendar year from the operative date of the last adjustment enacted by ordinance."

Given the date of their last increase, the council members were entitled to a maximum monthly salary of \$780. But, several of them said that they were serving on the council as a public service and it wasn't about the monthly.

The council took Council member Romero's suggestion that they opt for a middle range and they unanimously approved an ordinance that would increase their monthly salary to \$650.00.

Gloria Way Well Water Treatment Project is completed

East Palo Alto residents now have an approved backup water supply. City council members heard a report at their October 16, 2018 council meeting that Gloria Way Well is now producing drinkable water for the city. Mixed with Hetch-Hetchy water, the well is now producing approximately 175,000 gallons per day and is being used as an emergency and back up water supply. Since August 2018, It has only operated twice a week.

itive decision about the sale of cannabis within the city and several of them expressed their decision at the last city council meeting.



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The council promised that it would make a definitive decision about the sale of cannabis in January 2019.

Bernardo Huerta for East Palo Alto City Council

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Important issues I will address

Gentrification Cities around E.P.A. and in this region have known for years what E.P.A. is about, affordable housing for its residents. The City of E.P.A. has been unabashed to pass multiple acts to preserve, maintain and grow such housing. I will work to engage matters that create gentrification inside and outside of E.P.A. and hold these entities accountable. I am not for the current City Council status quo to ask for impacts funds when entities are about to complete a gentrifying action.

Commuter Traffic Residents want a control to commuter traffic and future commuter traffic. The legal frame work to do so is creating a Transportation Master Plan. I will work with Council members, staff and residents to start a Transportation Master Plan.

Reopen Parks, Recreation and Community Services Look around. This is common in every city in the region

Kicking the cannabis can down the road

Some city residents have not been happy that the city council has not made a definexcept in E.P.A. This fiscal year the City has a \$44 million surplus and next year will be the same. It takes a budget of less than \$1 million to reopen this critical City service.

First Source Hiring The City's First Source Hiring Program has to be replaced as it is and will no longer be effective due to City staff and Amazon. The only model in the region that has not been surpassed is what the City of San Francisco has. I will work with Council members create a similar program here.

Water Quality The City has just been approved for an extra 1.5 million gallons of water this year. There are interties with all three water service companies in the City. I will work with Council members and residents to make sure residents have their fare share assured.

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Why I'm voting for Karen Holman

Palo Alto. She worked with then Mayor Lisa Gauthier on community projects in Palo Alto and East Palo Alto for Make a Difference Day. Ms. Holman is also an award recipient from Project We hope.

Ms. Holman has the endorsement of ALL 7 Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. She has

countless other local and prestigious endorsements including: The Sierra Club, Congresswoman Anna Eschoo, the San Mateo Democratic Party, Dean Democratic Club of Silicon Valley, and DEM-FEMS of Silicon Valley. Local leaders endorsing Ms. Holman include: Hon. Ruben Abrica, Hon. Lisa Gauthier,

Hon. Carlos Romero, Hon. Donna Rutherford, Hon. Duane Bay, Hon. Paul Collacchi, Hon. Pat Foster and Judge LaDoris H. Cordell.

Ms. Holman is one of the most civil and inclusive people I know. She shows ups, does her homework, and works tirelessly to makes things happen. Karen is an outstanding communicator

who treats everyone with respect.

Please visit: HolmanFor OpenSpace.com for additional information on her grass roots all-volunteer campaign.

Her campaign is funded by those who realize her decades of environmental and civic contributions.

Karen was recently endorsed

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by both the Daily Post and the Palo Alto Weekly for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Ward 5 race"

Please vote for Karen Holman on November 6th. Make your vote count and your voice heard. Thank you.

Rita Vrhel, is a Palo Alto resident, who is very involved in local issues.

Measure HH - A smart and fair way

development in East Palo Alto. As we have seen, developers are starting new projects at a frenetic rate in Silicon Valley, and East Palo Alto continues to be one of their most important targets.

This very small additional tax on their projects, which amounts to less than 21 cents per square foot per month, is

a drop in the bucket for companies making hundreds of millions in profits each year.

To suggest that such a small additional tax would change their behavior is both misleading and overly cautious. Rather, Measure HH begins to level the playing field between neighboring cities, so that companies in

East Palo Alto pay similar amounts in rent to their counterparts in Menlo Park and Palo Alto.

East Palo Alto is at a crossroads. The City will likely see more high-tech businesses and thousands more workers entering in the coming years. What will be the relationship between tech companies and local residents?

Should East Palo Alto be a home base for the next wave of big businesses to build their headquarters but contribute nothing else? Or, do we want to build a future in which everyone-including these businesses-pay their fair share towards creating a community where everyone can thrive and

Urging a No vote

designed to stimulate stagnant economies in the rest of the country resulted in a huge, cheap money supply for our local businesses East Palo Alto somehow managed to not benefit from this through a mixture of poor strategic planning (eg, letting the city run out of a water supply), political antagonism towards developers, and city staff in the Planning Department that were borderline incompetent.

A lack of development has

led us to where we are today: a city with blighted, vacant lots throughout vast stretches of the city.

Broken glass, graffiti, and weeds are on sites that could be generating the city millions of dollars in property taxes. Many of these vacant lots will need extensive investment to be developed, whether it is new sewer lines, utilities, or contamination abatement.

Layering more fees and taxes

like HH on top of the huge costs to develop these sites makes it a money losing proposition to build in EPA.

East Palo Alto should be doing all it can to encourage development. While we missed out on the past decade of cheap money, we are still ideally located for businesses, in the middle of the "golden triangle" between Facebook, Google, and Stanford University.

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Blocking development will not in any way mitigate the effects of being in the center of the tech world, and will hurt efforts to combat displacement, develop affordable housing, jobs for local residents, and provide services for the homeless.

Discouraging development with high fees and taxes like HH is simply a bad idea. Join me in voting "NO" on HH.

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3 tips - better ethical decisions

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tion is, 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' To the empathetic and selfless, the important question is, 'If I don't stop to help this man, what will happen to him?' The second question evidences all three pillars of wisdom. Now, that raises some interesting moral questions in our country's immigration and family separation policies."

"Ethical decisions increase

our trustworthiness, unethical choices erode that trust," Gilbert says. "Since trust is the foundation of all human virtues xamining your ethical standards," Gilbert says, "our ethics aren't philosophical, or about codes or laws. They are at the heart of all our relationships."

Dr. Christopher Gilbert, the author of There's No Right Way To Do the Wrong Thing, is an international ethics consultant and senior consultant/speaker at NobleEdge Consulting (www.nobleedgeconsulting.c om).

Dr. Gilbert completed work for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on a sustainable food-security program across four nations of sub-Saharan Africa, and he has been a professor of business ethics who taught at universities on four continents.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Join the city and your neighbors for a community litter cleanup that focuses on the streets and sidewalks throughout our neighborhoods.

Volunteers will be asked to focus on their own streets and neighborhoods. You can get more info at www.cityofepa.org.

Help keep East Palo Alto beautiful and litter free. Attend the cleanup in your neighborhoods. City officials are asking for about an hour of service

from each member of the community to celebrate.

The city will provide disposable gloves and clear bags to support this event.

For more information please email:

EPA at rhalapio@gmail.com

Mid-town Revitalization Event -October 27, 2018 -11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, 1050 Bay Rd, East Palo Alto. Join us for a neighborhood block party and "get to know you" event to beautify, unite, and green the community.

East Palo Alto Mid-town residents who attend can learn about resources to help save energy, water, from Acterra, Canopy, GRID Alternatives, Ecumenical Hunger, El Concilio of San Mateo County, Pono Home, Build It Green, and many other groups.

Musics, local food trucks, and hands-on activities like tree planting, street cleaning and electric vehicle

S. Rodney Halapio CLEAN ZONE- demos, plus viewing of home weatherization and solar installation projects in the neighborhood.

Community Connect Resource Fair -Thursday, October 25, 2018 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location: 1858 Bay Road, East Palo Alto

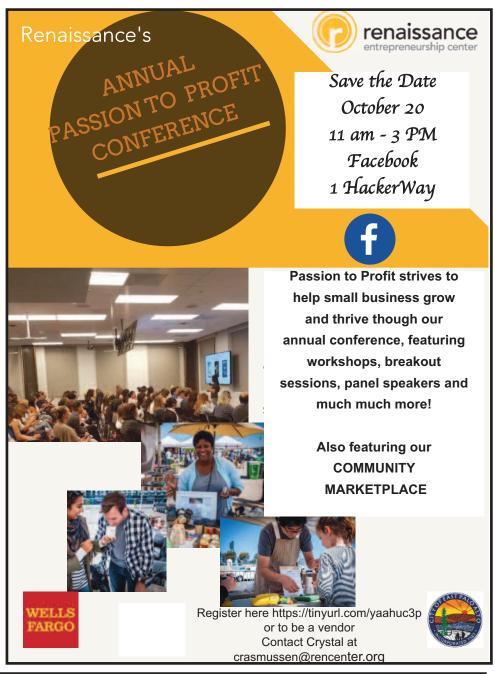
If you are homeless, at-risk or in need we invite you to attend this special one day event to connect with service providers and employers in the area. Free breakfast and lunch provided for attendees.

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cardsm git breakfast, catered lunch, baby clothes and free gifts.

For more information, contact Alicia Garcia at 650-779-5049 or by email at agarcia@projectwehope.com



Talking with Henrietta **Measure HH - Corporations Helping Communities**



Photo courtesy of Talking with Henrietta

From left, Mark Dinan, Karen Camacho, show host Henrietta J. Burroughs, Ofelia Bello and Scott Hochberg sit on the set of the Talking with Henrietta television show after their discussion on October 11, 2018 about Measure HH.

This show can be seen on Channel 30 on the Midpeninsula and on the Internet at the days and times below until Friday, October 26, 2018 on Sundays@5 p.m., Mondays@2 p.m., Tuesdays@8 p.m., Wednesdays@2 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Thursdays@8 p.m., Fridays@3:00 a.m. and 12 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m.

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