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EPA families demand justice



By Astrid Marie Casimire

One year after the fatal shooting of Eduardo “Lalo” Sandoval and Mario Mendez at an East Palo Alto party, their families and friends marched in the streets, demanding justice.

In the early hours of Oct. 14, 2018, a fight broke out at the Pulgas Avenue party and someone fired shots, injuring two people and killing Sandoval and Mendez. That night, Veronica Sandoval lost her son Lalo, 22, and Leslie Vidales lost her brother Mario, 23. Both families are coping with the loss of their loved ones and the fact that no arrests have yet been made, even a year later.

“We’re still very much in disbelief that he lost his life,” Vidales said. She described via Facebook messenger her brother as caring, light-hearted and loved by many.

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East Palo Alto community members march for justice on Bay Road on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019. Photo courtesy of Astrid Casimire/Peninsula Press

Engaging mural unveiled in East Palo Alto

By Addie Whisenant

On Saturday, November 16th, Emerson Collective welcomed East Palo Alto residents to its space at 2555 Pulgas Ave, now known as Bloomhouse, and celebrated the completion of a new mural on the property. The name is a nod to the flower production facility which was on the site up until the 1960’s.

The creation of the mural was led by Bay Area muralist Sami See, who worked in collaboration with several youth artists from College Track and EPACENTER Arts

During the event, Emerson Collective’s Ariane Bertrand



The 100 ft. long x 14 ft. tall mural, known as Bloomface, is installed at 2555 Pulgas Ave in East Palo Alto. Photo courtesy of the Emerson Collective

who leads the Thriving Community work in East Palo Alto, and Vice Mayor Regina Wallace Jones welcomed the crowd and discussed the importance of the role the space will play in supporting the EPA

community. Lead muralist Sami See also addressed attendees, sharing the process behind the creation of the mural and how it symbolizes the strength, beauty and re-

silience of EPA. “One of our core principles is the belief that the most effective solutions lie within the community, so our work is rooted in service to people, continued on page 5

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New state law restricts payday, other “debt trap” loans

By Manny Otiko

A new report should raise alarms about the upcoming 2020 Census.

According to the Pew Research Center, the good news is that the overwhelming majority of Americans are aware of the census, and over eight in 10 say they are likely to participate.

The bad news is that nearly one in four blacks, young people, and lower-income people, and one in five Hispanics, are uncertain or reluctant to participate. If that does not change, it could have a truly negative impact on the most vulnerable.

The census is a big deal. The Constitution of the United States mandates a population count every 10 years. That count is used to allocate seats in Congress, to inform redistricting of political boundaries and to guide the distribution of literally hundreds of billions of federal funds.

If Hispanics or blacks are hesitant to participate, the undercount will impact how well represented they are, and how much federal money their neighborhoods get.

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE			
One payment of \$429.00 on June 01, 2015.			
84 monthly payments of \$495.31 beginning on July 01, 2015.			
One payment of \$64.81 on July 01, 2022.			

Image courtesy of California Black Media

In these polarized times, the census is in danger of being turned into a political football. The Trump administration sought to place a question about citizenship on the census, clearly designed to intimidate immigrants from participating. That was blocked by the U.S. Supreme Court, but the controversy around it may well impact the willingness of immigrants generally, and Hispanics in particular, to participate.

The Census Bureau classifies low-income people as “hard to count.” The census is mailed to households in

March. The homeless, however, have no mailbox. Low income people change addresses and jobs more often and are often forced into temporary housing with friends or relatives. Too often the people most in need of federal assistance are the very people who are not counted in the census that determines the allocation of funds.

The Trump administration has consistently sought to cut the budget for the Census Bureau. The 2020 census will be the first that is done largely online — but many Americans, particularly

older ones, aren’t as familiar with online responses. They will need extra help, and President Trump seems to be doing what he can to ensure that help is not there.

That increasingly leaves publicizing the census and providing assistance to complete the process, to the states. Some states like California and New York take this seriously. Others — like Texas and Florida — do not. Southern states, mired in the habit of not wanting African Americans to count, often do little as well. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, just 20 states

have appropriated funds to coordinate, advertise and partner with local groups on the census.

Again, an undercount can have major effects. In Texas, which has no state committee, 40 percent of the population is Hispanic, and many are no doubt terrified by the fervid debate over immigration. Texas could gain as many as three seats in Congress, if its population is counted. In fiscal year 2016, Texas received over \$59 billion in federal funds derived from census data. An analysis by Andrew Reamer, professor at The George Washington University, estimates that an undercount of merely 1 percent would cost the state nearly \$300 million in federal funds.

Citizen groups have scrambled to address the problem. The Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Hispanic Caucus have created projects, partnering with local groups and national organizations to spread the word about the census and to set up volunteer efforts. A fight over funding for the census is likely to occur in the upcoming

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City, County, State & U.S. Government Meetings & Contacts

East Palo Alto City Council

The East Palo Alto City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers, East Palo Alto City Hall, 2415 University Avenue; (650) 853-3100 or Fax: (650) 853-3115. Website: www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us

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Planning Commission
Second and Fourth Monday

Rent Stabilization Board
Second and Fourth Wednesday

Public Works & Transportation Commission
Third Wednesday

Youth Advisory Committee
First Thursday of each month

Senior Advisory Committee
Meets first Wednesday of the even numbered months from 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m. - City Hall.

East Palo Alto Sanitary District

The East Palo Alto Sanitary District office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and re-opens from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for service. Reg-

ular Board Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Menlo Park City Council

The Menlo Park City Council holds meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located at 801 Laurel Street. You can subscribe to receive the agendas and minutes by e-mail when they are published. For questions about an agenda, call the city clerk at 650.330.6620.

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Environmental Quality Commission
Finance and Audit Commission
Housing Commission
Las Pulgas Committee
Library Commission
Parks and Recreation Commission
Planning Commission
Transportation Commission

San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Warren Slocum Fourth District

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors meets on March 3, 17, 31, & April 14, 28 2009 in the County of San Mateo Hall of Justice & Records 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. Roll call at 8 a.m. 9 a.m. Regular & Consent Agenda Items. 650-691-2121

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Community News Briefs

City staff changes

Have you noticed some different names and titles among the City of East Palo Alto's current staff?

If you have, then you might have noticed that there is a new city clerk, Walfred Solorzano.

Solorzano, who served for three years as the deputy city clerk for the City of Dublin, became the city clerk in East Palo Alto this past October.

Prior to working in Dublin, he was the elections specialist



Walfred Solorzano

In his present job with the city, Solorzano said that he wants to help the city and the people of East Palo Alto.

You might have noticed that Patrick Heisinger, who joined

supervisor for the County of San Mateo from Feb. 2016 to August 2016.

the city staff in May 2018 as the city's housing manager, became the city's community development director in April 2019 is now, as of August 2019, the interim assistant city manager.

Prior to joining the East Palo Alto city staff, Heisinger spent six years working for the City of San Jose's Housing Department.

Heisinger was employed by



Patrick Heisinger

the County of Santa Cruz as its housing manager and as the director of housing for a non-profit developer in Southern California. Heisinger replaces Sean Charpentier who served at East Palo Alto's interim city manager following the retirement of former city manager Carlos Martinez in November 2017.

The city is currently recruit-

ing for a new city planning manager. It will have its first review of its current job applicants on December 6, 2019.

Future developments on the horizon across from EPA City Hall

Sand Hill Property Company announced that it had acquired the six-acre parcel in East Palo Alto known as Four Corners, which is directly across from the Municipal Building

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Need a job after Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping?

By Josh Green

The U.S. Census Bureau is now recruiting hundreds of temporary census takers in the Bay Area in advance of its Nonresponse Follow Up (NRFU) Operation for the 2020 Census.

The pay rate is as follows, according to county:

- San Francisco - \$30/hour
- San Mateo - \$30/hour
- Santa Clara - \$30/hour
- Santa Cruz - \$20/hour
- Marin County - \$25/hour
- Alameda - \$25/hour

- Contra Costa - \$25/hour
- Napa - \$20/hour
- Solano - \$20/hour

Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs.

The primary purpose of NRFU is to count people in person at housing units who have not self-responded to the decennial census questionnaire. Census takers visit and enumerate those households.

This operation requires more field workers than any other operation for the na-

tional population count which occurs every 10 years. NRFU is an integral part of the 2020 Census program that ensures a complete and accurate count.

The decennial count influences how hundreds of billions of dollars from more than 100 federal programs are distributed to states and localities each year.

For more information about 2020 Census jobs, call 1-855-JOB-2020.

Josh Green is a media expert with the U.S. Census Bureau.

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The US Census Bureau is currently recruiting for 2020 Census jobs.

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Field Representative	Perform various administrative and clerical tasks to support various daily operations	\$17-\$19	Now (ongoing hire)	Ongoing	1 year (can be extended)
Office Operations Supervisor	Assist in the management of office functions and day-to-day activities	\$31	Now (ongoing hire)	Late April 2019	Mid-June 2019 - Sept 2020
Census Field Supervisor	Conduct fieldwork to support and conduct on-the-job training for census takers and/or to follow up in situations where census takers have confronted issues, such as not gaining entry to restricted areas	\$33	Now	May 2019 - tbd	July 2019 - Sept 2020
Census Taker Enumerator	Interview and count residents of San Mateo County who have not responded during Self-Response phase. Must be available to work when people are usually home, such as in the evening or on weekends	\$30	Sept 2019 - tbd	February 2020	March - July 2020

Basic Requirements:

- U.S. Citizen & be 18 years of age or older
- Valid Social Security number
- Valid email address
- Must apply online and answer assessment questions
- Pass a Census-performed criminal background check, including fingerprinting
- Registered for Selective Service if applicable - males only (www.sss.gov)

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Federal Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339 TTY/ASCI www.gas.gov/fedrelay

For more information or help applying, please call
1-855-JOB-2020 (1-855-562-2020)

Replanting vandalized trees in Jack Farrell Park

By Maya Briones and Jack Dorsey

Canopy, a local urban forestry nonprofit, has been planting trees in East Palo Alto since 2006. In 2017, 30 trees were planted with the help of 200 volunteers at Jack Farrell Park, so that future generations in the community could have a place to gather and play under the shade of healthy trees.

However, 9 of those trees were vandalized leading the organization to replant them in 2018. In August, they were again cut down by an unknown vandal. Unsure of how to proceed the organization turned to the residents and city staff for guidance.

It was clear from outreach efforts that residents of the neighborhood wanted the trees to be replanted.

On Saturday, October 12, Canopy held a tree-care work



Photo courtesy of Canopy Neighborhood kids worked with Canopy staffers to replant trees at Jack Farrell Park.

day at Jack Farrell Park. There was free BBQ for anyone who came to help care for the surviving trees, as well as a voting booth where participants could choose their favorite tree species. Attendees were also able to give feedback to Canopy staff on how these trees should be protected, and what the future of the park should look like.

The voting board will also be posted at 1960 Tate st., where East Palo Alto Public

Works is housed.

Canopy hopes to continue engaging community members and encourages them to participate in the tree discussion by casting a vote for a tree species to be replanted.

This is also an opportunity for community members to let Canopy know of any other suggestions for Jack Farrell park. Additionally, while Canopy is planting trees in the University Village neighborhood on December 14, volunteers will be stationed at Jack Farrell Park to collect more votes.

It's very important to Canopy that it gets as much feedback as possible from the residents. Canopy will plant the winning species in the spring.

Maya Briones and Jack Dorsey are with Canopy.

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Saying "Goodbye" to Sean Charpentier with tears and applause

By **Henrietta J. Burroughs**

East Palo Alto community members said goodbye to the city's former Interim City Manager, Sean Charpentier, at a farewell lunch in his honor on Sept. 31, 2019.

The luncheon was held at the Cooley Landing Education Center and was attended by community supporters and members of the city staff.

During some of the presentations, there were tears.

When asked after the lunch what he thought his proudest accomplishments were, Charpentier listed 27 items that fell under 7 major headings: Solving Water



Photo by Henrietta J. Burroughs

When presented with a reflector vest and a hard hat at his farewell party, Sean Charpentier made jokes that Kamal Fallaha and audience members find very amusing.

Crisis, Flood Reduction Projects, Transportation and Infrastructure, Affordable Housing, Advance Planning, Current Planning and Economic Development.

His comprehensive list

gave some insight into the standing ovation he received during the appointment of East Palo Alto's new city manager, Jaime Fontes.

The list Charpentier gave is printed here in its entirety

as follows:

Solving Water Crisis.

1. Designed and successfully implemented a comprehensive strategy for resolving East Palo Alto's water supply crisis. Increased domestic water supply by 75%.

Prepared a local, regional, State, and Federal advocacy and communication campaign; imposed a moratorium on new water meters; and negotiated a 1 million gallons per day (mgd) water transfer from the City of Mountain View and a 0.5 mgd water transfer from the City of Palo Alto. Negotiated

with developers for \$4.5 million (90% of the cost) for the Mountain View water transfer. Prepared CEQA Negative Declaration for water transfers.

Pursued two groundwater well projects for domestic and emergency supply.

2. Adoption of Water Capital Surcharge raising \$500,000 per year for critical water supply projects; Water Capacity Fees for \$77 million in projects.

3. Completion of \$5 million Gloria Way Well project.

Flood Reduction Projects:

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East Palo Alto task force addresses accessory dwelling unit issues

By **Stewart Hyland**

The Second-Unit Implementation / Reduce Displacement Task Force met again on July 25, 2019, for the first time since October 2017 under the updated name of Anti-Displacement/ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) Task Force. Since July, the Task Force has sprung into action to complete their recommendations for the City Council by Dec. 2019.

It held the following public meetings and events:

An Anti-Displacement/ADU Task Force Public Meeting on Thursday, 10/24/19, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and a meeting at in the East Palo Alto City Hall, Council Chambers to hear the draft recommendations that will be made to the City Council.

A Community Teach-In & Neighborhood Revitalization Fair was held on Saturday, 11/9/19 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Community Church at 2201 University Ave, East Palo Alto.

Residents came to learn about new loans for low income homeowners and learn about how to build new second units.



Photo courtesy of Stewart Hyland

Task force members meet and strategize before creating their action plans to present to the community.

The People Cry Out

In the summer and fall of 2016, St. Francis of Assisi Faith in Action (FIA) local organizing committee began working with several families who were forced to leave their un-permitted second-unit housing after complaints lead to code enforcement inspections.....

The culmination of organizing actions; marching on the city council and research meetings with city staff and council members was the St. Francis LOC community white paper presentation October 2016.

One of the solutions proposed forming a Second Unit Task

Force of residents and staff to stop or reduce family separation and tenant displacement.

The City Council agreed, directed staff to convene the task force with facilitation support from Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center.

Task Force members are residents, FIA leaders, city and county staff, nonprofit staff from CLSEPA, Rosalie Rendu Center and Rebuilding Together Peninsula.

After just four meetings, the Assistant City Manager discontinued the task force in October 2017; due to short staffing and facing another result of the housing crisis, house-less residents living in

RV's on the street.

Progress and Innovation

During the task force hiatus both Faith in Action and Rebuilding Together Peninsula (RTP) continued to meet with residents and local contractors.

RTP formed the Garage Conversion Working Group (GCWG) to pilot four different garage conversions to rehabilitate and legalize existing un-permitted units; ranging from living space to complete ADUs with bathroom and kitchen.

The GCWG team works directly with Building and Planning, helping the city simplify the process for residents to

assess what kind of second unit can be built on their property and provide construction management for the pilot projects. The ADU Team has grown with the GCWG, which includes City Systems, SOUP and EPA CAN DO, while there are new staff leadership in Building and Community and Economic Development.

Please share with friends and join us as the task force wraps up its work so that more of us can get to work building lower cost housing for family or additional income that secondary units (ADUs) can provide.

Stewart Hyland is a long-time East Palo Alto resident who has been very active in community issues.

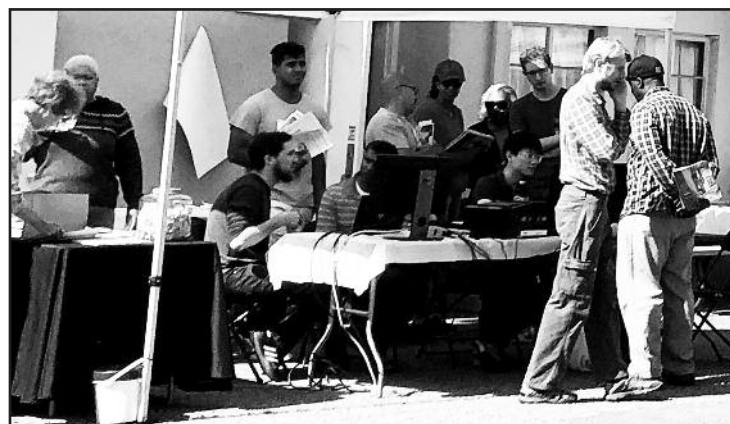


Photo courtesy of Stewart Hyland

Task force member distribute information to community members.

Candidate filing period closes Friday, December 6 for the presidential primary election

By **County of San Mateo**

Individuals interested in running for office in San Mateo County in the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election have until the close of business on Friday, December 6, 2019, to file candidacy papers. City candidates should

check the hours of their City Clerk's office.

All other candidates have until 5 p.m. to complete their candidate filing with the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo. The same deadline also applies to local jurisdictions that intend to place a measure on the

March 3, 2020 ballot.

Candidates are provided a 26-day window in which to file all necessary paperwork under the law. The complete Roster of Candidates is posted online and updated every evening. To view the roster, go to Current Election at www.smcacre.org.

If an eligible incumbent for

an office does not qualify as a candidate by the close of business on December 6, the candidate filing period for that particular office will be extended another five (5) calendar days and will end at the close of business on Wednesday, December 11. The eligible incumbent will not be permitted to file during the ex-

tended candidate filing period.

A 10-day public review period begins at the filing period deadline for each contest.

During the review period, any registered voter or the Chief Elections Officer may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction if any material is found to be misleading

Exciting new Dumbarton Corridor transit opportunities

By Supervisor Warren Slocum

We who live in this area are painfully aware of the bad and worsening traffic congestion experienced every day. But there is hope on the horizon for great improvements in public transit that will take cars off the road and give us more and better travel options.

These opportunities will affect both the existing Dumbarton Bridge for vehicles and make use of the parallel abandoned rail bridge, just south of the vehicle bridge.

The good news about the rail bridge is that the Dumbarton Corridor right-of-way—18 miles from the Redwood City Caltrain station to Newark in the East Bay—is already owned by the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans).

A recent study by SamTrans demonstrated that a new Dumbarton rail service serving the Peninsula and



Supervisor Warren Slocum

East Bay has the potential to attract high ridership and address financial and financial considerations.

If we can create this train service, there is good reason to believe we will see significant traffic relief by giving people a new option to driving.

More good news is that a new public-private partnership has been formed to give this project serious momentum.

As a result of public funding from the passage of the recent regional bridge toll measure (Regional Measure

3, June 2018) and San Mateo County's November 2018 sales tax Measure W (November 2018), there are public funds available to jumpstart the project.

Beyond that, private investors are interested in the project and have formed a partnership with SamTrans to move it forward. Planning and studies, paid for by the private sector, are underway already.

The goal is to begin construction by 2022 and begin train service, no later than 2025. In addition to the Dumbarton Rail project, there are short-term improvements planned for the existing Dumbarton Highway Bridge that will ease traffic congestion by making it much more attractive for travelers to take the bus or form carpools.

These will include additional bus-only lanes, new turn lanes and signals, plus much more frequent bus service, among other relatively low-cost improvements

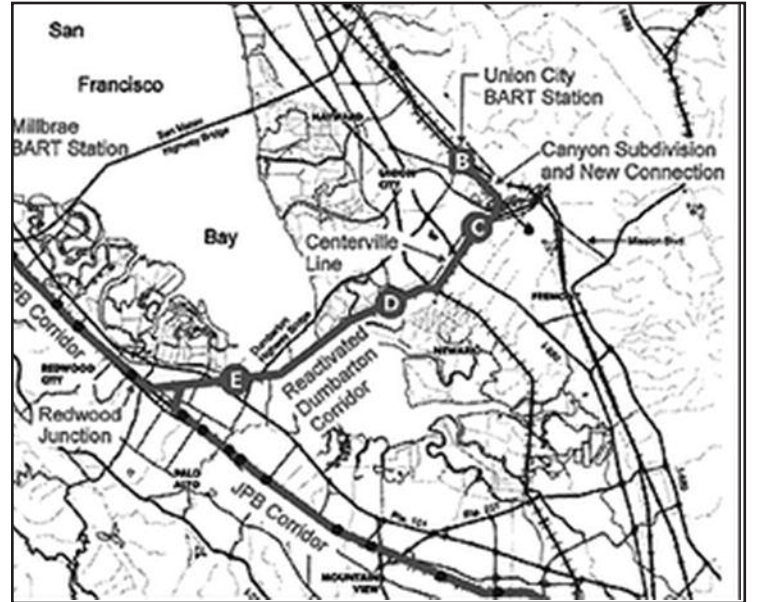
that can be in place within two years.

I hope you will be following this project over the coming months and years and that you will provide your feedback and ideas.

More information is available at these websites: San Mateo County Transit

District: (www.samtrans.com/Planning/Planning_and_Research/The_Dumbarton_Corridor.html)

Cross Bay Transit Partners: www.crossbaytransit.com
Supervisor Warren Slocum represents the 4th Supervisorial District in the County of San Mateo.



Courtesy of BatRail Alliance

Dumbarton Corridor Map

Mural unveiling



Photos courtesy of the Emerson Collective. Attendees at the mural unveiling had a chance to apply their own creative genius to the projects that they made.

not systems" stated Bertrand. "Emerson has worked in the community for nearly two decades, through College Track and other partners and we are incredibly excited about having this new presence in East Palo Alto. It is our hope that the Bloomhouse space will help catalyze more engagement with the EPA community. As we open this space to community groups to use for meetings and gatherings we want everyone to know that our doors are always open to the community."

The mural measures the entire length of the building on site at 100 ft long x 14ft tall. Its design incorporates the word "ROOTS" –which is an

acronym for "recording our own thriving stories." Stories of the artists accompany the mural through an interactive audio component.

Attendees at Saturday's event were also able to record their own stories, which will become part of the "living wall."



Don't they look as if they're having fun?

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At the gathering, guests enjoyed live performances by local spoken word artist Jeremy Michael Vasquez, local youth artists and music by DJ Lex. The event was emceed'd by D'Dra White, who has deep roots to the community.

Additional activities included interactive, intergenerational activities including mandala making, flower crowns, a photobooth, and a community altar. Food for the event was catered by local favorites Backyard, Yes Pudding and La Taquiza Zarape.

About the Emerson Collective

Emerson Collective, is a social impact organization focused on creating equitable pathways for individuals, families and communities through a variety of tools, such as philanthropy, policy solutions, storytelling and community engagement. The organization has worked within the EPA Community for more than over two decades.



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From the Editor's Desk

More nonprofits in East Palo Alto or more small businesses?

I had a discussion recently with an East Palo Alto resident who had some very strong feelings about the need for community residents to own their own businesses.

The conversation started when I saw her in a building that I was looking at for new office space for the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media and East Palo Alto Today, since the building in which they are now located will be torn down next year.



Henrietta J. Burroughs

The conversation started getting animated when I mentioned to her that East Palo Alto had a chance about 16 years ago to have a building that would be dedicated solely as office space for the city's nonprofits.

For some reason, the idea for the building gained strong opposition from one of the city's council members and the idea for it was nixed to the disappointment of the coalition of nonprofit leaders and business reps who supported the project.

Well, my comments about the proposed building drew a stiff response and the person to whom I was talking, whom I will not identify, said that she did not support such a building. She said that East Palo Alto residents need to start their own businesses and she was not a strong supporter of nonprofits in the city.

Furthermore, she even went so far as to say that people who run nonprofits are beggars and people in East Palo Alto needed to get out of the nonprofit mentality and get into business ownership.

Since I was in a hurry anyway, I told her that we'd resume the conversation at another time. What an escape!

I realized as the hours passed that our brief conversation triggered a lot of afterthoughts on my part. As someone who owned a small business for nearly two decades, I do understand

from personal experience the pros and cons of owning a business and I thoroughly support the idea of individuals starting their own businesses.

But, businesses and nonprofits serve different purposes and one does not take the place of the other. They are both worthy endeavors with different goals and clientele.

Yes, East Palo Alto has a number of nonprofits within its city limits and could certainly use and welcome more small businesses. However, just having more businesses in the city does not address some of the major issues the city faces.

Business owners might earnestly believe that they are serving the needs of their customers, but their primary interest is in making a profit.

Nonprofit leaders also believe that they are serving the needs of their clientele, but their primary interest is in having enough money to better the lives of the people whom they serve. Nonprofit leaders, just like business owners, might line their pockets, too, but there are laws against them doing that.

The State of CA doesn't at all agree with the person to whom I spoke about the importance of nonprofits, since it set aside a special day in the state to honor nonprofits. See the story in this issue on CLSEPA on page 9.

There are just so many examples in this community of the good work done by nonprofits. If nonprofit reps are asking for money, then they deserve to and those, who make money off of this community have a responsibility to give back to it to support the good work that is being done.

Hurray for nonprofits! Hurray for small businesses! Let's see what we can do in East Palo Alto to support both.



Photo by Henrietta J. Burroughs

These members of the Rotary Club of East Palo Alto Bayshore worked so very hard in holding their annual recycling event last Oct. 12 on Laura Lane. They even recruited several bystanders to help them collect old appliances and other goods for recycling to raise money for EPA projects. In the end, they wanted to take a group photo, which was gladly done. What a deserving group! Elizabeth Jackson, second from right, even brought her 90+ year old mother. What a dedicated daughter! See how many of them you recognize.

Letters in East Palo Alto Today

Response to Kimberly Carlton's article on cryptocurrencies, which appeared on page 10 of the August-September 2019 EPA Today - See www.epa-today.org/archive.html

Dear Editor:

I read [Kimberly Carlton's] ... recent or past article regarding the Blockchain.

You mention in near the last paragraph that you don't need to buy a whole token. That's not true.

A token is considered currency just like gold and silver, but it's in digital form. Every token (Bitcoin, Ethereum, Litecoin, Ripple, etc...) is priced different and have a certain value when it comes to buying or selling.

Whether you like it or not (or aren't aware) that Cryptocurrency is going to eventually replace the dollar.

Here's a Youtube video [called the Money Masters] that will prove that the economy will collapse in a matter of years to come, it could be

sooner than you think...

For those you have not participate in blockchain technology or crypto will be broke and have no money, because it will be obsolete.

People need to wake up the change is coming and 'The Mark of the Beast' is not too far away either (Revelation 13:16 17).

Rod White

[Editor's note: The YouTube video to which the writer refers was deleted due to copyright issues].

Poor People's Campaign

Dear Editor:

Join in a march to end poverty, racism, militarism and the devastation of climate change (5:45-6:45) with our sisters and brothers in the Poor People's Campaign, on national tour.

The march begins at San Francisco's City Hall (1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, which turns into Polk) and goes to Glide Memorial Church at 300 Ellis Street. At

Glide, hear the powerful speakers (7-9pm), co-chairs of the PPC, modeled on Rev. MLK Jr's 1968 campaign. This is an important stop on the second national tour of the PPC, which will culminate in the "Poor People's Assembly and Moral March" in Wash., D.C., June 20th, 2020.

Come to San Francisco by church bus, carpool, or take the train to be part of this event that will change your life and seeks to change the future of our lives and bring a moral conscience back to Washington D.C.

This year's dynamic campaign seeks to do MORE - to M-Mobilize, O-Organize, R-Register to vote, and E-Educate. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear these two preach and inspire you to join the movement and work for change! For more information email the event co-sponsors, the Women's Intl. League for Peace and Freedom: wilpf.penalinsula.paloalto@gmail.com.

Judy Adams

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Trump and the politics of the 2020 Census

By The Rev. Jesse Jackson

A new report should raise alarms about the upcoming 2020 Census.

According to the Pew Research Center, the good news is that the overwhelming majority of Americans are aware of the census, and over eight in 10 say they are likely to participate.

The bad news is that nearly one in four blacks, young people, and lower-income people, and one in five Hispanics, are uncertain or reluctant to participate. If that does not change, it could have a truly negative impact on the most vulnerable.

The census is a big deal. The Constitution of the United



The Rev. Jesse Jackson

States mandates a population count every 10 years. That count is used to allocate seats in Congress, to inform redistricting of political boundaries and to guide the distribution of literally hundreds of billions of federal funds.

If Hispanics or blacks are hesitant to participate, the undercount will impact how well represented they are, and how much federal money their

neighborhoods get.

In these polarized times, the census is in danger of being turned into a political football. The Trump administration sought to place a question about citizenship on the census, clearly designed to intimidate immigrants from participating. That was blocked by the U.S. Supreme Court, but the controversy around it may well impact the willingness of immigrants generally, and Hispanics in particular, to participate.

The Census Bureau classifies low-income people as "hard to count." The census is mailed to households in March. The homeless, however, have no mailbox. Low income people change

addresses and jobs more often and are often forced into temporary housing with friends or relatives. Too often the people most in need of federal assistance are the very people who are not counted in the census that determines the allocation of funds.

The Trump administration has consistently sought to cut the budget for the Census Bureau. The 2020 census will be the first that is done largely online — but many Americans, particularly older ones, aren't as familiar with online responses. They will need extra help, and President Trump seems to be doing what he can to ensure that help is not there.

That increasingly leaves publicizing the census and providing assistance to complete the process, to the states. Some states like California and New York take this seriously. Others — like Texas and Florida — do not. Southern states, mired in the habit of not wanting African Americans to count, often do little as well. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, just 20 states have appropriated funds to coordinate, advertise and partner with local groups on the census.

Again, an undercount can have major effects. In Texas, which has no state committee,

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Help us raise awareness and sympathy for survivors of murder

By Margaret Petros

Help us Raise Awareness and Sympathy for Survivors of Murder.....

Victor Gomez Rios, a 24-year-old young man is East Palo Alto's (EPA) only murder case so far this year, one case too many!

Eduardo (Lalo) Sandoval, a 22-year-old young man, Mario Mendez, a 23-year-old young man, and Danilo Perez, a 19-year-old young man, all three were murdered in EPA last year.

May you rest in peace; your precious lives taken too soon. We are praying for your family and friends to find comfort. To find peace.

To seek solace from one another. We can't make sense of such a senseless and cowardly attack on you. We understand that your families will not be the same again, and that the pain will never go away.

A little about Mothers Against Murder (MAM): we are Victim Advocates and experts who specialize in helping families of murder victims. Victims have constitutional rights that are often violated and we are here to help them secure these rights. Please, don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions or simply need to talk or cry to someone safe. We have many years of ex-



Margaret Petros

perience in dealing with the devastation wrought by senseless violence, we cannot take away your pain, but we can help you work it through...maybe help make things a little easier one day at a time.

To the Media:

Murder is everyone's business, not just the law enforcement's business. A civilized society must know what happened, how it happened, who, why, when, and whatever else necessary to bring the accused to justice. We can't leave it up to few individuals who always use the reason of no information can be given because it jeopardizes investigation. At MAM, we believe more should be done by the Media to bring truth, justice, sensitivity and sympathy to murder survivors as well as the Community.

Case in point, a year later

and the Public still doesn't know who is the murderer of the 2018 mass shooting that killed Lalo and Mario and seriously injured two other young men. A case where more than two dozen witnesses were present when it happened. How is this okay? How is it that only very little, by small newspapers have been covered by the Media until just recently and only because of pleadings by MAM to cover the "March for Justice," for the one year memorial anniversary that took place in EPA on October 13, 2019? Four men were shot and the public still doesn't

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Vape stops here

By Shawneece Stevenson

As a parent of high schoolers, I care deeply about the health and well-being of our youth and how they manage their stress. Through the San Mateo County Tobacco Education Coalition, I have learned the tobacco industry uses fruit- and candy-flavored tobacco products to target young people. Retailers make these products readily available at gas stations, convenience and corner stores where youth frequently visit.

Flavored tobacco products are considered "starter" products that lead young people to

long-term tobacco addiction. Tobacco companies disproportionately advertise in communities of color, which contributes to increased usage amongst youth. This is not a new tactic from the tobacco industry - I know all too well as my parents and family members started smoking in their teens and have struggled with nicotine addiction their entire lives. One of my relatives now grasps for every breath because of the resulting Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), a progressive lung disease.

Young people in our communities access vaping and fla-



Shawneece Stevenson

vored tobacco products from friends and other peers who routinely have them available on campus of middle and high schools and sometimes as early as elementary schools

(around 4th grade). They also purchase them directly from tobacco retailers, even though it is illegal to sell tobacco products to individuals under 21 years.

Last year, the Black Student Unions at Menlo-Atherton and Sequoia High Schools started a #vapestopshere campaign. In my work with the Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council (BACHAC), we began to spread the word at community events to make sure these courageous students' voices were heard. Parents and students started sharing their own stories. For example, one of

our students was approached by a Palo Alto parent who shared that her child "holds their bowels" because it's uncomfortable using the bathrooms at school, which are being used for vaping, and students feel pressured to take part, whether it's as a look-out or to vape themselves.

I cannot imagine the physical stress these students endure, even being able to take care of basic needs such as using the bathroom and feeling the pressure of being exposed and tempted to participate in vaping. But sadly, this is our children's

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Lifecycles

Jimmie Lee Wilson - September 23, 1933 - November 16, 2019

Deacon Jimmie Lee Wilson known to his family and friends as "Pop" was born on September 23, 1931 to the late Allan and Callie Wilson of Uniontown, Alabama. He was one of 13 children.

In 1951, he moved to San Francisco, CA to live with his Sister, Lucille. He attended Mission High School



Jimmie Lee Wilson

For some time and after finishing his education, he

worked as a laborer. While living in San Francisco he met Willie Drew Bell with whom he had four children (two boys and twin girls).

Jimmie accepted Christ into his life at an early age and continued his Christian walk when he moved to San Francisco at Evergreen Baptist Church where his son Jackey Wilson is cur-

rently senior pastor. He was ordained as a deacon in 1978 by Rev. John Waiters.

In 1958, while singing in church with the gospel singing group, Harps of the Coast, he met Jean Wilson whom he married a year later. This union was blessed with four sons. In 1960, Jimmie and Jean moved their children to East Palo Alto, CA.

-He was truly a jack-of-all-trades. While still working in San Francisco as a laborer, he also opened Wilson Brother's Candy & Record Shop at Nairobi Shopping Center, promoted and hosted many gospel singing events at then Garden Oaks School and toured with several gospel groups: The Gospel

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Cecilia Gichane-Bell - July 14, 1960 - October 24, 2019



Cecilia Gichane-Bell

Cecilia Gichane-Bell was born in Gatitu, Kenya on

July 14, 1960 to Francis Gichane and the late Margaret Nderitu Gichane. CC as was fondly known to us, was wife to Jim Gichane-Bell, loving mother to Brandon Gichane-Bell, Mathew Gichane-Bell and Travis Bell. CC was the eldest and beloved sibling to; Esther Salome Githinji, Alfred Gichane, Patricia Nderitu, Herbert Njoroge, Agnes Wangui (Kui) and Pastor Joyce Charles of

Oracle TV, Nakuru. Sister-in-love to Grace Gichane-Ndomo, Githinji, Virginia, Wanjohi and Charles Wanjagi.

CC was a doting auntie to Melanie Gichane, Megan Gichane, Marques Gichane, Reuben Thuita, Francis Nderitu Githinji, Bryan Githinji, Alfred Gichane, Francis Nderitu, Sharon Wanjiku, Melvin Nderitu, Ernest Kimani Njoroge,

Havillah Wangare, King David, Ruth Nduta, Joyce Wanjiru and Abigail Wangeci. CC cared a lot for her family always checking in and stepping in whenever anyone called upon her. She went out of her way even to her sisters and brothers in love. Such is her love that she is the godmother to her brother Alfred's three children Melanie, Megan and Marques. CC was blessed to

have 4 grandkids and lots of loving families and friends in Kenya and North America. Cecilia started her education at Baragoi Boarding Catholic School, in Kenya. After her elementary schooling known in Kenya as grade primary, CC would then attend high school in the USA.

In 1978, accompanied by her grandmother, Cecilia moved to the US where she

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Lifecycles

Recognizing Bernardo Huerta for community service

By *Henrietta J. Burroughs*

At its November 2019 city council meeting, the council presented a proclamation to honor Bernardo Huerta, an East Palo Alto resident who through his years of civic service gained the East Palo Alto-community's respect and appreciation.



Bernardo Huerta

Huerta, who was waging an intense struggle with lymphoma, died on November 27, 2019.

In announcing his death, the City of East Palo Alto issued the following statement: The City of East Palo Alto regretfully announces the passing of Bernardo Huerta. Mr. Huerta was surrounded by his family and friends in his final mo-

ments after courageously battling lymphoma and finally resting on November 26, 2019.

Mr. Huerta was recently honored by the City Council for his decades of work in the community. Mayor Lisa Gauthier said, "Bernardo was a wonderful family man who was deeply invested in helping the community of East

Palo Alto. His presence and contributions will be dearly missed. He was a dedicated public servant and a staunch community advocate."

Bernardo Huerta recently served as a Member for the Public Works & Transportation Committee since 2001; and was a commissioner with the

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East Palo Alto nonprofit receives a rare honor

By *Henrietta J. Burroughs*

Each year since 2014, the CA State Legislature has held an Annual California Nonprofits Day in which it recognizes the nonprofits of the year.

The event is held each year in Sacramento on June 5, known in California as California Nonprofits Day.

On this day, 102 state senators and assemblymembers honor the nonprofit that they've selected from their individual districts.

This past June 5, 2019, Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto was duly honored as a CA Nonprofit of the year.

CLSEPA was chosen and supported by Assemblymember Marc Berman, who repre-



Photos courtesy of <https://cal-nonprofits.app.box.com>
Phil Hwang

sents the 24th California Assembly District, in which East Palo Alto is located.

The award was presented to Phil Hwang, the CEO of CLSEPA during a celebration luncheon on the south lawn of the CA State Capitol that was attended by "more than 500 legislators and nonprofit staff, board members and volunteers."

According to the California

Nonprofits Day website, the "event fosters relationships between elected officials and nonprofits doing important work in their communities."

The resolution, which recognizes California Nonprofit Day, states "California nonprofit organizations are trusted in-

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Using generators safely

By Kris Kiser

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an international trade association representing power equipment, small engine, utility vehicle, golf car and personal transport vehicle manufacturers and suppliers, reminds home and business owners to keep safety in mind when using generators.

“Not having power when you need it is frustrating, so a generator can provide emergency backup power at a reasonable cost,” says Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI. “It’s important to follow all manufacturer’s instructions, and never place a generator in your garage or inside your home or building. It should be a safe distance from the structure and not near an air intake.”

Additional tips include:



Courtesy of Outdoor Power Equipment Institute

#1 - Take stock of your generator. Make sure equipment is in good working order before starting and using it.

#2 - Review the directions. Follow all manufacturer’s instructions. Review the owner’s manuals (look manuals up online if you cannot find them) so equipment is operated safely.

#3 - Install a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector in your home. This alarm will sound if dangerous levels of carbon monoxide enter the building.

#4 - Have the right fuel on hand. Use the type of fuel recommended by the generator manufacturer to protect this important investment. It is illegal to use any fuel with more than 10% ethanol in outdoor power equipment. (For more information on proper fueling for outdoor power equipment visit www.LookBeforeYouPump.com). It’s best to use fresh fuel, but if you are using fuel that has been sitting in a gas can for more than 30 days, add fuel stabilizer to it. Store gas only in an approved container and away from heat sources.

#5 - Ensure portable generators have plenty of ventilation. Generators should NEVER be used in an enclosed area or placed inside a home, a building, or a garage, even if the windows or doors are open. Place the generator outside and away from windows, doors,

and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to drift indoors.

#6 - Keep the generator dry. Do not use a generator in wet conditions. Cover and vent a generator. Model-specific tents or generator covers can be found online for purchase and at home centers and hardware stores.

#7 - Only add fuel to a cool generator. Before refueling, turn the generator off and let it cool down.

#8 - Plug in safely. If you don’t yet have a transfer switch, you can use the outlets on the generator. It’s best to plug in appliances directly to the generator. If you must use an extension cord, it should be heavy-duty and designed for outdoor use. It should be rated (in watts or amps) at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads. Make sure the cord is free of cuts, and the plug has all three prongs.

#9 - Install a transfer switch. A transfer switch connects the generator to the circuit panel and lets you power hardwired appliances. Most transfer switches also help avoid overload by displaying wattage usage levels.

#10 - Do not use the generator to “backfeed” power into your home electrical system. Trying to power your home’s electrical wiring by “backfeeding” – where you plug the generator into a wall outlet – is dangerous. You could hurt utility workers and neighbors served by the same transformer. Backfeeding bypasses built-in circuit protection devices, so you could damage your electronics or start an electrical fire.

For more information about outdoor power equipment visit www.opei.org - Kris Kiser is the president and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute

EPA families demand justice

Weeks after his shooting, she moved out of state to support her mother and has not been back since. “It’s been so hard to come to the conclusion that we’ll never see him laughing, dancing and just being himself. We try not to mourn his loss but to celebrate his life.”

Their murders were two of three murders in 2018 in East Palo Alto and came as a shock to a community, which had seen a decrease in murders from 42 in 1992 to just one in 2017.

On Oct 13—one year after the fatal shooting—family and friends marched from the St. Francis of Assisi Church on Bay Road to the East Palo Alto Police Department.

The crowd wore t-shirts and black ribbons with the faces of the slain young men. Many held white balloons and colorful signs. A large white banner read, “Enough is enough. We have a killer among our community.”

Kenia Najjar, from the local advocacy group, Youth United

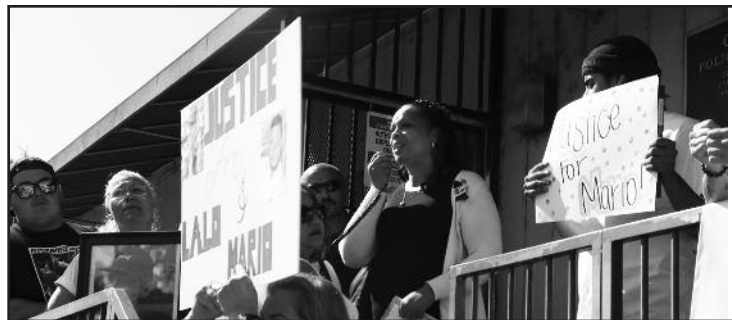


Photo courtesy of Astrid Casimire/Peninsula Press Mayor of East Palo Alto Lisa Gauthier addresses the crowd outside the East Palo Alto Police Department following the march. “Somebody was in the room when this happened,” she said. “And they’re staying quiet. I don’t understand how you stay quiet and watch a mother in pain.” Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019.

for Community Action, held a megaphone and directed chants that filled the air that Sunday afternoon: “Solve this case!” and “Justice for Lalo, justice for Mario!” Cars honked in support as the crowd marched towards the police department.

Also in attendance at the march were East Palo Alto Mayor Lisa Gauthier and Council Member Ruben Abrica along with representatives from advocacy group Mothers Against Murder.

In May, MAM offered a \$5,000 reward for information about the case. Now, the reward has doubled to \$10,000, and they are asking people with information to come forward and speak with police.

San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said he was grateful to everyone for attending the march.

“We know there are people who are out there who know more than they’ve told us,” said Wagstaffe. “If they

can come forward to the police department, they can bring it to us and then we can go into court and seek justice.”

Vidales said that the case should have been solved by now, especially because it’s “not a secret” who the gunman is.

While Vidales and her family could not be there at the march, she thanked everyone who showed up.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective

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Veronica Barries at 650-853-7248, send an anonymous text or voicemail to 650-409-6792, or send an anonymous email to epa@tipnow.org.

Astrid Marie Casimire is a journalism student at Stanford University.

Her story originally appeared on Peninsula Press, a project of the Stanford Journalism Program. It appeared with the title, One year after East Palo Alto shooting, families of murder victims demand justice.



Photo courtesy of Astrid Casimire/Peninsula Press Rev. Lawrence Goode blesses the crowd gathered outside St. Francis of Assisi Church preceding a march for justice in East Palo Alto, CA, Sun., Oct. 13, 2019. Beside him, Veronica Sandoval holds a portrait of her son, one of two young men who died from the Oct. 14, 2018 shooting.

Bernardo Huerta

East Palo Alto Planning Commission from 2005-2012. Mr. Huerta had also run for City Council.

Mr. Huerta was born and raised in East Palo Alto and attended Ravenswood Elementary School District schools. He graduated from Woodside High School. He was well-recognized by the community and often called by residents to help them

solve issues they were facing. Mr. Huerta was a professional plumber and used that knowledge to provide insight to the commissions he served on for the past decades.

Mr. Huerta is survived by his mother Consuelo G. Huerta; brothers Domingo G. Huerta, Jorge G. Huerta, Raul G. Huerta, Gerardo G. Huerta, and Leonardo G. Huerta; and by his many nieces and

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nephews.

Services for Mr. Huerta will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church located at 1425 Bay Road, East Palo Alto on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the March of Dimes or the American Cancer Society.

EPA nonprofit

stitutions that exist to provide services to the needy and vulnerable, improve quality of life, express community values, and promote social change.

These sentiments are certainly consistent with the ideas expressed in CLSEPA’S About Us description of itself on its website, where it is stated, “Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto is a

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nonprofit offering legal services that improve the lives of low-income families throughout the region. We specialize in immigration, housing, workers’ rights, records clearance, and consumer protection.

Our team...works side-by-side with low-income communities and partner with community-based organizations, churches, and schools to bring about lasting change. “

Earthquakes occur without warning

Important Preparedness Tips

By Tim Rhatigan

Earthquakes are unfortunately a common occurrence, especially in places with high seismicity, such as California. Because earthquakes occur without warning, it's important to take steps to prepare.

The Red Cross and FEMA offer tips for a safety checklist to know what to do before, during and after an earthquake. Here are additional reminders of what to do before, during, and after an earthquake.

Before an Earthquake

Create an earthquake readiness plan with your household. Everyone in your family should know what to do and where to go as soon as they feel the vibrations of an earthquake, as well as a common place to reunite after an earthquake in case there is limited or no

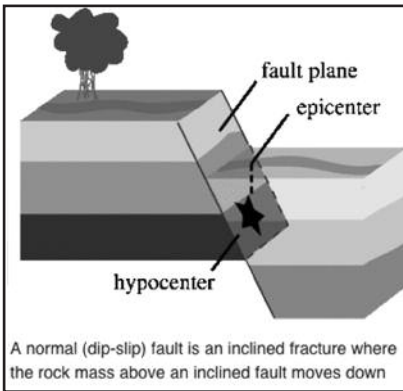


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means of communication.

- Be prepared with an earthquake kit comprised of water, food, medications, a first-aid kit, bandages for injuries, a flashlight, batteries, a radio, blankets, a pair of sturdy shoes, a change of clothes and other personal items. Because you don't know where you will be when an earthquake occurs, prepare a kit for your home, workplace and your car.
- In your emergency kit, include copies of important docu-

ments – such as insurance policies, financial records, credit card numbers, medical insurance cards, a list of medications and prescriptions, plus phone numbers and addresses for key contacts. Also include a small amount of cash, as ATMs, banks, and credit card systems may not be operating.

- Be sure you know how to turn off the water, gas and electricity in your home. A multi-function tool may be needed.

- Choose an "earthquake safe location" to take cover in every room of your house, office, school or any place that you go to on a regular basis. This location should be away from windows and any furniture that could fall on you.

What to Do During an Earthquake

- Drop down to your knees and cover your head and neck with your arms or an object so that you are protected from

any debris or furniture falling during the earthquake.

- Stay away from windows and furniture that can fall on you, such as book cases and televisions.

- If possible, go to your identified "safe location" or find a wall near the center of the building or house you are in, take cover in a doorway, or crawl under a heavy piece of furniture, such as a desk or table.

- If you are outside, get away from anything that could fall on you, such as trees, powerlines, buildings and houses.

- If you are in a car, pull over to a spot that is away from trees, powerlines and buildings. Wait in the car until the shaking stops.

After an Earthquake

- Once the shaking has stopped, if you are in an unsafe area (ceiling has collapsed, exposed electrical wires, broken glass, gas or smoke odor), find

the safest way to evacuate to an open space or take shelter in another area of the building.

Check your water, gas and electric lines for any damage. If they are damaged, shut off the valves. If you can smell gas, open all your doors and windows and leave your home immediately. Report a broken gas line to the authorities as soon as possible.

- Do not use candles, matches or any open flames as a source of light. Earthquakes often result in broken gas lines, which should not be mixed with open flames.

- Only use your phone for emergencies. You will want to save your battery for as long as possible.

Be prepared to repeat everything in the likely event of aftershocks, which usually happen within the first few days following an earthquake.

Tim Rhatigan is with United Healthcare of California

Naomi Echols - a style like none other

By Crystal Rasmussen

N'Vyed Style isn't your typical Styling Consultant, Owner and Founder Naomi Echols is much more specific and detailed than that. Naomi came to Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center in 2017 looking to expand and grow her business of style consulting.

After finishing Start Smart, a 4-week Introductory class, Naomi completed Renaissance's 10-week Business Prep course.

This course focuses on building a comprehensive business plan that is specific to the entrepreneur and tailored to their business. Naomi is an East Palo Alto resident and has also participated in many Renaissance community events, showcasing her amazing styles and accessories.

Naomi is a walking synonym for fashionable clothing coming to life. Naomi was also featured on Talking with Henrietta in early 2018, where she talked about her journey to creating her business and

brand. We caught up with Naomi to see where N'Vyed Style is at today, Naomi had this to say, "N'vyd Style believes that a product paired with amazing service is the key ingredient to success, with that said, N'Vyed Style is on the brink of officially launching the service side of the business. Imagine taking the guesswork out of what to buy, how to put your wardrobe together (daily), where to get your items from, and what accessories will bring your outfit to life? With the new service that N'Vyed Style will offer, I do the thinking for you.

Sounds amazing, right? It is!

N'vyd Style will offer this monthly style subscription service starting in January 2020 and I couldn't be any more excited about it!"

I asked Naomi, who are your clients and target markets? "This style subscription service is for professional and entrepreneur women whose ready to dress for their success! If you are a professional

woman and may need help identifying your style personality, looking to dress the part, need assistance finding stylish and affordable clothing, and who may have little to no time to prepare your attire to present your best self to the world, YOU are my client!"

As a working professional who is also a mom, I find it exciting to see a business that is so dedicated to each person their brand will touch and am excited to tell you more about N'Vyed Style, also known as NS.

Naomi explains the difference in NS compared to similar businesses. "N'Vyed Style is unique in how our clients are cared for. I believe in establishing a personal connection first, analyzation, and then their style personality. I have established relationships with other wonderful boutiques to offer the absolute best in everyday and special occasion fashion. I also offer in-home shopping parties, the ultimate Ladies Night In!

It was great to catch up with

Naomi and hear more about how she has turned her Passion into Profit. I was curious to learn what we can expect from N'Vyed Style in 2020, Naomi had this to say, "In addition to introducing the new monthly style subscription membership, in

a desire to see others well, healthy and feeling good about themselves. Thank you Naomi and N'Vyed Style for taking the time to share with us what you're up to. If you're interested in getting in touch with N'Vyed Style to let her help



Courtesy of Talking with Henrietta
 Naomi Echols is shown with Henrietta J. Burroughs and Crystal Rasmussen on the Talking with Henrietta set as they discuss what it takes to own a small business on Thursday, July 26, 2018. Get more info about TwH at www.epatoday.org

2020 I plan on creating a Look Well, Be Well Workshop for small businesses and corporations who is looking to improve the professional profile of their employees." Amazing, imagine pairing your passion with

you achieve the perfect looks you've been waiting for check out her on her webpage nvydstyle.com, Boutique's IG page: <https://www.instagram.com/Nvydstyleboutique/>

New state law

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Floyd Davis - December 1, 1931 - October 21, 2019



Floyd Davis

Floyd Davis, 87, peacefully returned to his heavenly home on October 20, 2019 at home with his family. His devotion to his family and very strong Christian belief in God gave him peace.

Floyd was the 11th child born to the late Edward Davis and Rosalind Williams Davis

on December 1, 1931. Floyd accepted Christ at an early age. He was baptized at the St. Peters Baptist Church in Pelican, LA.

Floyd moved to California and lived with his older brother in San Francisco where he attended S. San Francisco public schools. He worked for United Airlines for several years before taking a job with the City & County of San Francisco until he retired after 36 years.

Floyd met Melverdia Lucas while she was visiting St. John Baptist Church where Floyd was a member. In later years, Floyd told his son that when he first met his mother, he

knew she would make a good wife; he was obviously right because they were married for 63 years! To this union, four children were born, Floyd, Gregory and twins, Dennis & Denise.

Floyd was a faithful member of Starlight Missionary Baptist Church for many years until he later united with Macedonia Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Elward Thomas where he remained a faithful & dedicated member until his health failed.

Floyd's passion for sports was evident with his involvement in coaching his sons Little League baseball teams. He was fondly known as "Mr.

D" in the neighborhood. He became a reliable member of the Umpires Association after his sons no longer played Little League.

Floyd leaves behind his wife of 63 years, four children: Floyd (Vicki), Andra (Marsha), Dennis and Denise (Joe), five grandchildren who he adored and they adored him: Kanisha (Carly), Dennis, Brandon, Bryan (Dominique) and Desiree, two sisters-in-law: Victoria Drayton (San Francisco) and Bernice Shearer (Daly City), one brother-in-law Joseph Lucas (El Sobrante), one special niece, Ollis Mae (Long Beach) and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

*****You were the first man in my life and the first to leave a huge hole in my heart. You were the kindest, most gentle and forgiving, God loving man. Even when your patience was tested I NEVER in 58 years ever heard a bad word come out of your mouth, never saw you pick up a drink or smoke. You never said anything bad about anyone. I loved hearing that I was a "daddy's girl" because I was. Words cannot express how much I will miss you and hear your "Heyyy" whenever anyone would walk through the door. Rest in peace daddy - You will always be my hero!

Your daughter

James Woodrow (Woody) Beecher, Sr. - October 16, 1953 - September 27, 2019

James Woodrow (Woody) Beecher, Sr. was born in Colbert County Alabama to the late Henry and Freddie Beecher on October 16, 1953. He was the second child of this union. James received Christ at an early age. He was baptized at St James Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Davis in Leighton, Alabama. At the age of sixteen, James moved to Daly City, California, with his aunt



James W. Beecher, Sr

Lula and uncle Yance King. He completed his education at Daly City High School. He later moved to New York City,

then relocated to East Palo Alto, California, to begin his 44 year career at Stanford Hospital.

James had a humble spirit with a generous heart full of love for all people. He had a special understanding for the needs of youth in foster care. His compassion made him a wonderful, therapeutic foster care parent.

James met and married the love of his life, Ella Wiggins-Beecher, on January 24, 1989, and joined Faith Mis-

sonary Baptist Church. He served as an honorary sick and emergency hospitality host. He was in training to become a member of the Deacon Board.

James was a loving husband and father. He loved his siblings and was an outstanding grandfather. He leaves to cherish his loving memories, his beloved wife of 30 years, Ella Wiggins-Beecher; four children: James Woodrow Beecher Jr., Vester Wiggins, Masharika Wiggins-

Sigur (Chris), and Sekou Beecher. Richard Beecher and Edna Beecher preceded him in death. He also leaves his sisters-in-law: Loretta Wilcox, Deborah Springer, Vivian Carthe, and Ruth Rambo; 9 grandchildren: Shamika, Chareece & LeShawn Holcomb, Christopher Jr. and Hailey Sigur, Ka'Nesha, Azhane, De'Aaron and Shyelle Wiggins. James also leaves 5 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, and dear friends.

Jimmie Lee Wilson

Stars, The Leggett Brothers and many others.

If this wasn't enough, he also worked closely with the late Charles Jones at Jones Mortuary as his right hand man.

One of his proudest moments came when all four of his sons, Jackey, Mark, Alan and Roland, formed a quartet

gospel group called the Wilson Brothers. It took the boys a whole year to get Pop to join their group and when he did, they couldn't take the mic out of his hands unless he was whooping them with his handkerchief.

The Wilson Brothers toured many states and their name became prominent in

their community.

In 1999, Jimmie and Jean moved to Lathrop, CA to help care for Jean's parents. Jett and Leola Thomas. After Jett and Leola's transition to heaven, Jimmie and Jean stayed in Lathrop, where you could hear the soulful sound of Pop on 1420 radio station, see the Wilson Brother's mo-

bile van riding down the highway, join in on the laughter in a house full on Christmas morning or sit beside him while eating chicken wings at RoRo's.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Allie and Callie Wilson, 8 sisters, two brothers and one grandson.

He leaves to cherish his

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memories: his wife Norma Jean Wilson; siblings, Rosie Moore and Pearl Rainer; children: Jimmie, McRay, Carolyn, Merolyn, Jackey, Mark, Alan and Roland; 26 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Cecilia Gichane-Bell

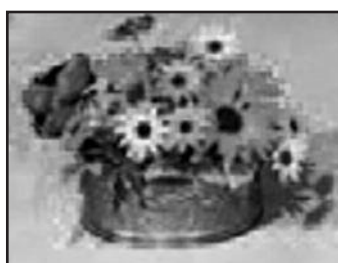
started high school at Gunn High School in Palo Alto. CC loved school and excelled in high school. Her drive and ambition got her into San Jose State university where she would later graduate.

CC's hard work paid off, as she was hired at the prestigious and world-renowned Stanford University, Engineering department where she was a Research Administrator, a position she held until the time of her death.

Having worked at Stanford for over 30 years, her co-workers and students would describe CC as someone who would prioritize others before herself. She was selfless and always went an extra mile to ensure everyone around her was comfortable and content. Her joy was to see everyone is happy first.

CC had a passion for cooking. Many are times that she hosted family and friends

for pasta dinner. Many will remember her yummy pasta and sauce and homemade bread, wondering when they would visit again for another meal to share and laugh. Her home was always open to everyone. CC would babysit her cousins' children and even friends of friends' children, such a warm hearted and caring person. CC will be deeply missed by many near and far. Last September 2018, CC had a scheduled



simple knee procedure that was successful. However, while undergoing treatment and healing, CC was diagnosed with AML (Leukemia).

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CC responded well to treatment and even went back to work. Even with everything going on, CC continued to do what she did best, work and be there for family. CC bravely battled and fought with a smile and determination to live, but succumbed to the cancer and rested on October 24th, 2019, surrounded by family.

CC, we love you, but God loved you more. May God's name be praised

Community News Briefs

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at the corner of University Avenue and Bay Road.

The announcement which came on November 18 stated the company's intends "to start speaking with the City and the community very soon to get feedback on what a future plan may look like" for the site.

In 2013, the East Palo Alto City Council approved the Ravenswood/4 Corner Specific Plan, that designated the site for mixed use, a designation that reflected the desires community residents and local groups expressed in a series of meetings that were held at the time.

The mixed use designation allows for "multi-story mixed-use buildings that have retail stores or community facilities on the ground floor, with apart-

ments or condominiums on upper floors."

According to Michael Kramer, the managing director at Sand Hill Property Company, the new owners want to develop the site into "a vibrant mixed-use project that the community can be proud of.

"This site has been vacant for decades, it is time to activate this important corner in the heart of East Palo Alto," Kramer said.

Sand Hill Property Company is an affiliate of Woodland Park Communities, which became a major housing provider in East Palo Alto when it acquired a large apartment portfolio nearly four years ago.

The announcement stated that "the operation of Woodland Park, and related devel-

opment plans, will be managed independently of the University and Bay site, which is held by a different ownership entity."

The East Palo City Council is slated to decide upon a development application submitted by Woodland Park "for the Euclid Improvements, [which is] a proposal to replace outdated buildings with new rent-controlled and mixed-income apartments with no displacement."

EPA resident is honored for her good work.

When Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto (CLSEPA) was honored by the State of California as an outstanding nonprofit of the year, the honor gave Ivan Temes, a concerned an involved commu-



Elizabeth Jackson

nity member, an idea.

Temes knew that Elizabeth Jackson was the founder of CLSEPA and used her credit card to support its incorporation.

Temes felt that Jackson should be honored, too.

So, he approached CA State Assemblymember Marc Berman, who nominated CLSEPA for the state honor it received, to honor Jackson.

VOILA!

On August 1, 2019, Jackson was presented with a proclamation that recognized her as the founder of CLSEPA and stated:

Thank you for your tireless and fierce advocacy for community members in East Palo Alto. Your efforts to organize local leaders and to use your personal funds to start Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto has enriched and protected countless individuals.

Your vision for a more just future, your dedication as a celebrated founder and fundraiser for the organization, your success in creating an organization that is now serving six cities with a budget of \$5.2 million, and your commitment to serving your community and protecting those most vulnerable is inspirational. Thank you for creating a lasting and meaningful organization that has touched so many lives.

Saying "Goodbye"

pass and JPA Phase I, which protected the Gardens from creek flooding.

5. Performed multiple emergency mobilizations to prevent flooding at San Francisquito Creek and West Bayshore during record setting rainy season in 2017.

6. Successfully applied for \$17 million CALOES grant for Safer Bay Levee that would remove most of East Palo Alto from the FEMA floodplain.

Transportation/Infrastructure

7. Adoption of the City's first comprehensive impact fees for \$225 million in infrastructure, parks, and public facilities.

8. \$14 million Highway 101 Pedestrian Crossing

9. Bay Road design and secured necessary \$4.4 million in EDA funding.

10. Cooley Landing Project Phases IV and V

11. Trash Capture Device and removal of the State Citation



Photos by Henrietta J. Burroughs

For some, the tears flowed as they bid farewell to Sean Charpentier.

Affordable Housing

12. Affordable Housing Commercial Linkage fee of \$10 psf of office development.

13. Created position of Housing Project Manager and raised philanthropic funding for it.

14. Adoption of the Affordable Housing Strategy that allocated \$30 million in City resources, established ambitious affordable housing production goal of 500 new units, and added 225 units to the pipeline (90 Light Tree and 135 at 965 Weeks).

15. Expedited permitting, construction, and community outreach process for Serenity

Senior 41-unit affordable senior housing project. Implemented comprehensive marketing campaign that resulted in 50% of the units being occupied by East Palo Alto residents

16. Prioritized and accelerated the entitlements and financing for the 90-unit Light Tree affordable housing project, which was awarded \$20 million AHSC grant. Oversaw developer selection for 965 Weeks Street (135 units)

17. Designed and implemented strategy to address RV camping that combined a prohibition on overnight parking of oversize

vehicles with the RV Safe Parking Program, which provides social services and parking spaces on a City-owned parcel for up to 60 RVs per year at a cost of \$700,000.

Advance Planning:

18. First update of the City's General Plan, which won an APA award of Merit

19. Update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

20. Adoption of a Pre-Application Ordinance

21. First original Development Code

22. First ADA Transition Plan.

Current Planning

23. Within 4 months of the removal of the water moratorium, issued draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for 90 Unit Light Project, Draft EIR for the Primary School, and Draft EIR for the Sobrato Phase II office project.

24. Entitlements and permits for the 25,000 sqft EPACenter Arts Performing Arts Center.

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Economic Development

25. Permitting and construction of 200,000 sqft new office building, with up to 1,300 new jobs and \$550,000 increase in property tax

26. Negotiated with developers for \$4.5 million (90%) of the \$5 million payment for water transfer with Mountain View; a \$250,000 contribution for park programs for local youth; major offsite infrastructure and park improvements; a \$90,000 annual PILOT payment to the General Fund; and the creation of the East Palo Alto Career Development Center to assist East Palo Alto residents with finding employment (estimated value of \$3 million over 10 years)

27. Agreement with Facebook for more than \$13 million for affordable housing, traffic projects, pipeline job training programs, and community programs.

Passion to Profit leads to more profit

By Crystal Rasmussen

Renaissance's Annual Passion to Profit, hosted at Facebook was again a success! Passion to Profit strives to help small businesses grow and thrive through the annual conference, featuring Panels, Breakouts Speakers, Awards and Networking.

This year Renaissance had panel speakers from prominent women owned small business owners to Government and County officials. Renaissance highlighted suc-



Crystal Rasmussen stands with Peter and Keisha Evans surrounded by Mayor Lisa Gauthier, Timothy Russell and East Palo Alto City Council member Larry Moody at the Passion to Profit event.

cessful women entrepreneurs who spoke about balancing running their businesses, with raising children, breaking

boundaries, labels and stereotypes to becoming successful in their respective fields.

This year three awards were presented to business owners, including East Palo Alto Natives, Keisha and Pete Evans of Pan African City Alive, who were presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Small Businesses. Keisha and Pete are members of the East Palo Alto Community and bring a plethora of experience and community to small businesses. Pan African City Alive has a boutique in the Renaissance Center in East Palo Alto and continues to be a lively presence in many of the community marketplaces.

Renaissance is honored to have to give this award to Keisha and Pete who are prominent leaders in the East Palo Alto Community. Pan African City Alive, was opened in September 1993 in Palo Alto by Pete and Keisha Evans, as an Afrocentric shop to provide for the Afrocentric needs of folks in the San Francisco Bay area. In 2007 they decided to move their store to Sunnyvale and eventually to Renaissance with a small boutique where they continue to serve the community and participate in many community events.

Vape stops here

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experience and reality.

Vaping has been deemed a youth epidemic by the US Surgeon General and FDA due to the increased usage amongst youth. 1, 3 This isn't just a national issue – it's very much a local one. So much so, that a Redwood City middle school is piloting a vaping sensor in the bathrooms and Ravenswood School District is considering this as well. Vaping Treatment programs are now available for individuals and youth who may be addicted.

When I think about school environments being safe - it's not just physical safety but emotional safety. Young people are constantly finding

ways to say no; staying away from negative peer pressure; managing adult relationships and expectations, and keeping focus on academic success.

Maintaining an environment at school and community that is safe for all youth will take a three-pronged approach – policy; youth, family and community engagement; and intervention/ treatment, where necessary.

Black Student Union (BSU) at Menlo-Atherton and Sequoia High Schools have partnered with BACHAC to help with policy and school and family engagement.

BSU's Youth Advocates are educating their peers and



Courtesy of Rainier Ridao

community members about the dangers of flavored tobacco and e-cigarettes and advocating for tobacco retail policies that restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products and e-cigarettes in physical retail locations.

I applaud the city councils of

East Palo Alto and Menlo Park for studying this issue and considering ordinances to protect the health of our youth.

Some neighboring communities are taking action, too, as we've heard about the over 2000 lung injuries and 42 deaths, 4 in California.²

I joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) urging individuals not to vape: "since the specific cause or causes of lung injury are not yet known, the only way to assure that you are not at risk while the investigation continues is to consider refraining from the use of all e-cigarette, or vaping, products."

Your health and our youth's health depend on it. Get more

information on how to take action, get involved, get help, and tell others at www.vapestopshere.com.

Shawneece Stevenson, MSW is a project manager consultant with the Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council (BACHAC).

BACHAC eliminates health disparities through innovative models of health education and services across the generations and diverse communities.

She's a long time resident of East Palo Alto and parent of students within the Sequoia Union High School District at www.bachac.org

The politics of the 2020 Census

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40 percent of the population is Hispanic, and many are no doubt terrified by the fervid debate over immigration. Texas could gain as many as three seats in Congress, if its population is counted. In fiscal year 2016, Texas received over \$59 billion in federal funds derived from census data. An analysis by Andrew Reamer, professor at The George Washington University, estimates that an under-



count of merely 1 percent would cost the state nearly

\$300 million in federal funds.

Citizen groups have scrambled to address the problem. The Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Hispanic Caucus have created projects, partnering with local groups and national organizations to spread the word about the census and to set up volunteer efforts. A fight over funding for the census is likely to occur in the upcoming budget battle. If — as seems

increasingly likely — there is no new budget, but merely an agreement to keep operating at current levels, the Census Bureau will face doing a census with inadequate funds.

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Help us

know who did it and the agonizing pain the survivors have been put through?

In addition to the trauma of losing a loved one, we know all four families suffered a huge financial losses in order to bury their loved ones.

There is little help from the State of CA Victim Compensation program through each County Victim Assistance Program, but majority of survivors never find out about this benefit, even in the most serious violent offenses.

Notifying and offering victims help to obtain state compensation for covered out-of-pocket losses is a mandate and a right, not a charity, but again the violations of this right is rampant.

Case in point, a year after the crime, the two young men that survived the mass shooting in EPA that killed Lalo and Mario had no clue they can be reimbursed for their out-of-pocket medical expenses and wage losses. Also, one of the murdered victim's mother and siblings



Courtesy of Talking with Henrietta Robin Yeamans and Margaret Petros sit with Henrietta J. Burroughs, center, as they discuss the assistance that's available for victims of violence. Get show info at <http://epatoday.org/tv.html#assistingvictims>

had no idea they can go to counseling, well over 9 months after the crime and when MAM helped initiate the process, a state representative incorrectly told a licensed therapist she's not eligible to be compensated.

Furthermore, all the witnesses in this mass shooting case maybe eligible for counseling, but none has been offered this service.....

We ask the Media to investigate the serious and everyday re-victimization of crime victims and survivors in the entire State of CA. Take your time and do it right.

To the Public:

Feel murder survivors' dev-

astation. Make it your business and get involved and as simple as keeping the survivors in your positive thoughts.

It is sad and upsetting to hear of such senseless violence, but naturally life goes on as usual for those who don't know the deceased victim. It's different to those who are survivors of murder (family and friends).

The four women who carried Victor, Lalo, Mario and Danilo for nine months and had many sleepless nights working hard to raise them have get sentenced to a lifetime of pain.

They didn't ask for this pain, no one does. They need our

sympathy and they need their rights protected.

They can't always speak up for themselves. We all should help. What we always find out soon after the crime is how shocked the victim's family is at the high cost of the funeral/burial services in California's Bay Area (\$20,000 - \$25,000 for a traditional service,) adding insult to injury.

Already they are suffering the worst thing imaginable to any parent, the loss of a child, and now they have to make final arrangements for their sweet children.

Then, the time will come where everyone will go away. The time will come when it will be so quiet that even the closest people to the parents will not know whether to speak of the victim or avoid the conversation altogether in fear of causing more pain. The Mothers will experience great despondency, maybe a breach of faith. The Fathers will feel they somehow failed to protect their children.

Mothers will most likely be told "life goes on....your child

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is in a better place....you must go on living....you have other children you must pay attention to....you have to let your child rest in peace and on and on." People will expect fathers to square their shoulders and carry on with life as usual.

People mean well, but sometimes they don't understand that these can be painful things to hear.

On the outside and to strangers. In time, the Mothers may appear to be maintaining but the truth is, they will never be the same again, not ever.

They lost a child, a huge piece of their hearts and souls. No parent ever gets over such a loss.

Anyone and all affected by this violent and heartbreaking tragedy is welcome to call us. We are always here to listen and wish to help survivors to build strength for the rough days ahead.

We'd also love volunteers who are compassionate and willing to advocate for a family in pain.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Funeral Arrangements for Bernardo Huerta - December 5, 2019

Vigil/Quiet Hours: Thursday, December 5, 2019 starting at 7 p.m. Jones Mortuary 660 Donohoe St, East Palo Alto, CA
Funeral Mass: Friday, December 6, 2019, at 9:30 am St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 1425 Bay Rd, East Palo Alto
Interment immediately following at 11:30 a.m. Alta Mesa Memorial Park 695 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto

San Mateo County Historical Association: Tree Treasures - Friday, December 6, 2019

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Address: 2200 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063 Description: Come celebrate the holidays with us! Tree Treasures is a family craft day, free and open to the public. Visitors can make old-time crafts and take pictures with Santa. Volunteers are needed to help man the craft tables. Volunteers give out craft materials

and instruct/assist visitors in making said craft. You do not have to volunteer the entire day. We will be breaking up the day into multiple shifts that volunteers can sign up for.

No experience needed, just a positive attitude and a willingness to work with the public. See the website at <https://historysmc.org/tree-treasures> for more information. Waiver: Yes Ages: 13+ Contact: If interested, contact Dawn Distasio, dawn@historysmc.org

YCS Intergenerational Encounter with Animals - December 7, 2019

10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Address: Palo Alto Art Center - 1313 Newell Rd, Palo Alto.

Come work with senior citizens in the community while helping a local animal shelter and doing art! In partnership with the Palo Alto Art Center, Avenidas, and the Palo Alto Humane Society, YCS invites

See more community calendar events at the website for the East Palo Alto Today newspaper www.epatoday.org

you to earn service hours while working with seniors and animals.

Activities include; tour of the Art Center, make blankets for shelter pets, visit with a therapy dog, and make portraits of animals. Waiver: No Ages All are welcome Contact: ashley@youthcommunityservice.org Go here for more information.

East Palo Alto XMAS Tree Lighting - December 7, 2019

at 4 p.m. in Bell Street Park - 550 Bell Street and University Avenue in East Palo Alto.

Talking with Henrietta

Ethnic Media: Who Produces It and Why



Photo courtesy of Talking with Henrietta

From left, Vandana Kumar, Sandy Close, Henrietta J. Burroughs and Diana Ding sit on the set of the Talking with Henrietta television show after the taping of their show discussion on November 14, 2019.

This show can be seen on Channel 30 on the Midpeninsula and on the Internet at the days and times below until Fri May 10, 2019 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.

Talking with Henrietta also appears on Channel 27 on Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m.

Get more information about this show on the East Palo Alto Today website at www.epatoday.org/tv.html#mobilityissues

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