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Local activist honored by the White House



Photo courtesy of Valerie B. Jarrett, senior advisor to President Barack Obama

Dorsey Nunn stands in the center of this photo with Attorney General Loretta Lynch to his right. They are surrounded by other Champions of Change recipients

By Henrietta J. Burroughs

Dorsey Nunn, the executive director of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC), received a Champions of Change award from the White House for his work on Ban the Box, a new rule, which prevents employers from asking on their job application whether a person has any criminal convictions. Nunn was among ten people honored by the White House, because of their work in expanding reentry opportunities.

Nunn, who is a Menlo Park resident, is the co-founder of All Of Us Or None, a human and civil rights organization, which fights for the rights of formerly and currently incarcerated people and their families.

In 2003, he helped initiate All Of Us Or None's Ban the Box campaign – a critical ele-

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Fire Station 2 opens with fanfare

By Kimberly Carlton

Fire Station #2 was dedicated on April 28 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration for the new state-of-the-art facility. A decade of effort went into creating a modern station and communications hub for East Palo Alto. The station primarily protects and serves the City

of East Palo Alto and responds to 27% of the overall emergency call volume in the district.

Historically, Fire Station 2 is the busiest station in the district responding to more fires, medical calls and emergencies than any of the other seven stations in the district, which is celebrating its 100-year anniversary this year.

The overall cost of the Fire Station project was \$12,363,906. The facility was completed in three phases and is LEED Silver for green design and construction. The roof is fitted with solar panels to offset 70-90% of the Station's energy usage, drought-tolerant plants form the landscape, and the district will be installing an electric



Photo by Kimberly Carlton

Attendees at fire station opening give it an outside inspection.

vehicle charging station. There is an Early Warning Partnership with USGS that alerts firefighters of an impending earthquake, opens the bay doors and turns off gas to the station prior to an earthquake.

Council member Ruben Abrica, who was East Palo Alto's Mayor when the project began, noted that, "Last year was the first time that emergency personnel could communicate with each other in the City, thanks to the antenna. That in itself is a great

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Photo by Henrietta J. Burroughs

East Palo Alto City Council members Larry Moody and Ruben Abrica, (fifth and sixth from the left stand with Menlo Park Fire District Board members at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new fire station.

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Community News Briefs

Local student receives national award

Norma Rodriguez, who is an East Palo Alto resident and a sophomore at Williams College in Williamstown, MA., was selected by the US Department of State to participate in the department's Critical Language Scholarship Program.

The program is part of the U.S. government's effort to dramatically increase the number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages.

Rodriguez received a scholarship to study Arabic in Madaba, Jordan. She was one of three students chosen from her college and was one



Photo supplied by Williams College

Norma Rodriguez

This photo of Rodriguez was taken as she stood with some of her Williams College Rugby teammates.

of 560 finalists chosen from 48 states and the District of Columbia.

East Palo Alto council member appointed to airplane noise subcommittee

Representatives Anna G.

Eshoo (CA-18), Sam Farr (CA-20) and Jackie Speier (CA-14) announced the formation of a new Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals.

Representative Eshoo said, "Establishment of this Select Committee is a critical step to address airplane noise that is plaguing our constituents."

The new committee is comprised of 12 local elected officials and will build on the previous work of local stakeholders to develop regional solutions to address aircraft noise.

The committee includes Santa Clara County Supervisor, Joe Simitian; San Mateo County Supervisor, Joe Pine, and East Palo Alto City Council member Larry Moody.

Each of the three Congressional Districts has four appointees on the Committee. Moody was appointed by Representative Speier.

The committee is chaired by Supervisor Simitian and it has three scheduled meetings.

Learning the pros and cons of Measure H

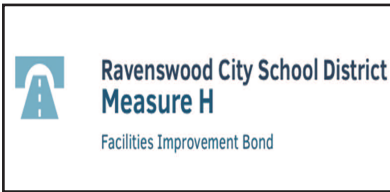
By Edward Perez

The Board of Trustees of the Ravenswood City School District voted unanimously for the approval of Measure H, a facilities improvement bond, which is on the ballot in the upcoming election on June 7, 2016.

It is now up to the voters to decide whether the bond measure will be approved.

As June 7 creeps closer and closer, there are some things that East Palo Alto residents need to know about the pros and cons given for Measure H.

Essentially, Measure H is a general obligation bond of \$26 million that the Ravenswood City School District Board of Trustees will assign to cover the costs of



repairing worn out infrastructure in the district's schools.

In the official resolution document, provided by shapethefuture.org, "the official election site of San Mateo County," the summary given for Measure H states that it is designed:

"to maintain warm, safe, and dry schools; repair aging facilities; upgrade school safety; create student-centered 21st Century Classrooms; improve technology, computer and science labs; increase energy efficiency; and repair, construct, acquire, and retrofit

school facilities, sites, and equipment; shall the Ravenswood City School District issue \$26 million in Bonds, at legal rates, requiring independent audits and a citizens' oversight committee to ensure that funds are only spent on local school facilities."

The measure is focused on the outdated school buildings and the resources within the classrooms that are available for the 3,400+ students within the school district.

In a letter to "Ravenswood Community members" that is posted on the Ravenswood City School District's website, the district's superintendent, Gloria M. Hernandez-Goff addressed the need to repair buildings susceptible to leaks, to

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Local kids get more comprehensive health care

By Allie Jones

On May 16, over 2,750 San Mateo County children transitioned to health coverage under Medi-Cal, ensuring they will have high-quality health coverage that provides access to healthcare across California. San Mateo County agencies and partners helped make this seamless transition possible — an example of their commitment to ensuring there are no gaps in health coverage for those who need it most.

San Mateo County is one of three counties in California that provides health care coverage to all children regardless of immigration status through a local Healthy Kids program. The State's implementation of full-scope Medi-Cal gives all children in California health coverage and allows San Mateo County residents enrolled in Healthy Kids to transition into a statewide program funded by the State.



Photo courtesy of the County of San Mateo Health System

In anticipation of the State's implementation of Senate Bill 75 (Medi-Cal for All Children), San Mateo County Health System and community partners began transitioning eligible children from the Healthy Kids program to restricted Medi-Cal so they would be ready for the full transition once the state implemented full-scope Medi-Cal.

"San Mateo County's partners work tirelessly every day to make the enrollment process as easy as possible and earn and keep the trust

of families seeking access to healthcare for their children," said Srija Srinivasan, San Mateo County Health System's interim Deputy Chief. "This milestone could not have been possible without the network of agencies, community organizations, safety-net clinics, schools, and hundreds of individuals across San Mateo County who came together in 2002 to assure universal coverage for children."

"Our County has demonstrated how local government agencies can work together

and prove the value of policy actions that put our youngest and least advantaged first," said San Mateo County Manager John Maltbie. "Historically, San Mateo County has led the way in providing comprehensive healthcare coverage to our residents. This latest achievement is another great accomplishment that prioritizes health, particularly for those who face the biggest barriers to healthcare in our county."

San Mateo County Health System, Human Services Agency, and Health Plan of San Mateo have provided health coverage to our youngest and least advantaged residents through Healthy Kids since 2003.

During those years, community partners like Peninsula Health Care District, Sequoia Health Care District, and First5 of San Mateo County have played an essential role as core funding

partners that embraced the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors' vision of health coverage for all kids. Healthy Kids will continue to support children whose families are not eligible for Medi-Cal so they will still have high-quality health coverage.

"After months of hard work preparing our families for this transition, we're thrilled that the health of our most impacted children is put first and families can rest assured they're covered," said Wil Lobato, Community Health Advocate with San Mateo County Health System's Health Coverage Unit. "I'm heartened to see the fruits of our advocacy come to life and know that all children across California now have access to affordable healthcare."

For more information on affordable health coverage, please visit:

smchealth.org/Insurance

EPA youth serve in a student government



Screen grab courtesy of the Media Center's live web stream Diamond Allen, Nancy Lopez and Kathleen Moreyra share their experiences in youth government with the East Palo Alto City Council

By Elizabeth Real

Do you know students who are curious about how the government operates? If so, you might want to tell them that the YMCA Youth and Governance program offers high school students the opportunity to serve in model state governments.

Members of the YMCA Youth and Governance team made a presentation during the May 3, 2016 East Palo Alto City Council meeting and told the council members that the program currently has 3,300 participants, or "delegates," in California.

The participation of the East Palo Alto students was made possible with funding supported by San Mateo County Supervisor, Warren Slocum.

"Without him, it would not have happened," said Delayzio Ameron, the executive director of the Lewis and Joan Platt East Palo Alto Family YMCA.

During their presentation at the May council meeting, Heidi

Fogle, the aquatics and youth and family program specialist at the East Palo Alto Family YMCA, and three participants stood before the council and discussed their experiences with the program.

Kathleen Moreyra, a senior at Carlmont High School, Nancy Lopez, a junior at Castilleja, and Diamond Allen, a sophomore at Eastside College Prep took turns addressing the council members during the presentation.

In describing the program, the young participants told the council that the program begins in September and that youth delegates brainstorm ideas for a new mock bill. Allen said the bill covers a situation that they would like to change in their community.

After researching the idea and making sure that it's addressable by state law, the delegates, then, write the text for the bill.

The East Palo Alto delegates chose to tackle Section 8 housing discrimination.

"That's really important to us and a lot of people in this community," Allen said.

Currently, he explained, landlords can deny a tenant housing if he or she is a Section 8 voucher recipient. "Our bill overturned that," he said.

According to their bill, landlords would still be able to deny a tenant housing in their building based on past offenses, but they could no longer discriminate against a tenant, solely for being a Section 8 voucher recipient.

Council member Ruben Abrica commended the group for being in touch with the community and choosing a topic that is highly relevant to East Palo Alto's housing issue.

The student group was happy to announce that during the mock process, their bill passed unanimously.

Lopez, who served as a member of the senate while in the program, confessed that she wasn't much of a debater. "Once I started talking," she said, "it was a lot of fun."

The program, also calls for two training sessions and two election conferences in Fresno during the months of November and January. The program ultimately leads to a model legislature and court in Sacramento in February.

"I had a great experience... I was able to learn about the bill process," said Allen.

The council expressed its gratitude for the program and encouraged the students to continue their education.

"The sky's not the limit," said Mayor Donna Rutherford, "you've got outer space."

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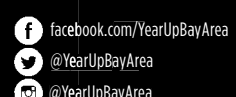
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Innovative technology results in high patient satisfaction

By Luisa Buada and Jessica Chiu

Nearly four years ago, the Ravenswood Family Health Center began planning for a new state-of-the-art medical facility. Ravenswood's vision was to provide patients with a single access point to a complete continuum of services that integrates the latest technological advances in health care to improve and enhance the patient experience.

Ensuring a pleasant patient experience was a prevailing theme in the design of Ravenswood's new clinic. To achieve this, Ravenswood's staff selected innovative technologies to change the oftentimes inefficient and burdensome waits that patients traditionally experienced.

To eliminate patients waiting in long lines, Ravenswood's new clinic uses self check-in kiosks where patients can check-in in under 10 seconds.

Patients select a language, and a service type and indicate whether they have an appointment or are walking in for care. Upon finishing these three simple selections, a ticket is printed which directs them to the appropriate lobby and reception area. Instead of waiting in a line to be called to the reception desk, patients may sit in a very comfortable lobby seat. Large screen monitors in the lobbies display and flash

when a ticket is announced a pre-recorded announcement in English, Spanish, and Tongan comes over speakers in the lobby when the next person is ready to be served.

Queuing is separately available for patients coming in for lab or pharmacy only services. To improve the flow in Ravenswood's new retail pharmacy, there is a robot that dispenses up to 200 of the most common prescriptions at a rate of 180 scripts per hour.

This is tied to a pharmacy management software program operating on all of the pharmacy computers so that prescription wait times have been reduced from one day to under 20 minutes.

Overhead paging in a large facility can be a disturbing factor for patients, as well as staff. It is also inefficient for staff to locate a phone in order to contact someone in the building. To facilitate staff communication, another technology is being utilized that reduces noise pollution and improves staff to staff contact. Staff wear a 2 oz personal inter-



Photo, courtesy of the Ravenswood Family Health Center, shows the new kiosks that are available in its clinic.

com, Vocera badge that allows for instant, hands-free voice communication with other staff. It also stores messages if the person being called is unavailable.

Staff are all trained on how to use these badges in a manner that protects patient privacy. The badges can also be used to broadcast to small groups or to all staff in the case of an emergency. Persons out of range can be reached through this same software on their smart phones.

Since opening its new clinic in May 2015, Ravenswood's use of technology to enhance health care has resulted in greatly improved patient satisfaction. 91% of patients who responded to a recent survey indicated that they had a positive experience, including great customer service; professional, helpful, and friendly staff; and efficient service.

Similarly, 96% of patients surveyed indicated that they would recommend their family or friends to Ravenswood.

This positive feedback

motivates Ravenswood to continue to advance and to improve the patient experience.



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Rainbow Bonanza held biggest event ever

The following is a letter from **Marlayna Tuiasopu-Gordon** the event creator and event co-organizer

We couldn't have done it without your support of literacy for our community!

Dear friends, family, volunteers and supporters of Reading Bonanza in the Park,

THANK YOU for your support of the Facebook, City of East Palo Alto (Measure C) and Bring Me A Book's Sixth Annual Reading Bonanza in the Park, East Palo Alto! It was amazing to see all the youth and families that came out this year, along with the community organizations and volunteers that rallied around this important cause. I hope everyone enjoyed the day and is inspired to continue to promote literacy among our youth and come together as a community.

What was accomplished:
 667 kids registered at the check-in booths
 1,500+ in attendance
 7,500+ books given out to the community for FREE (we didn't go home with any!). Thank you to our book donors: Marketo, Bring Me A Book, First Book (if you work in a low income community, please look up this organization), Reading Heart, East Palo Alto



Photo by Henrietta J. Burroughs Middle school and high school spelling bee winner, Jahnae Askew, stands with her proud-mother, Connie Davis.

SMC Library, Palo Alto Friends (Rachel Kellerman), Share Literacy, Pi Beta Phi, Kohl's Cares, Alston & Bird, and Gloria Bowen

150+ volunteers (including Stanford students, alumni and friends, Palo Alto and East Palo Alto community)

50+ community organizations hosted reading/literacy activities

Dozens of FREE raffle prizes given out to participating youth

FREE FOOD, drinks and snacks given out all day. Thank you Cafe Zoe, Starbucks, PAL Market, Second Harvest Food Bank and our event sponsors for making this possible.

5th annual Reading Bonanza in the Park "Spell It Out" Spelling Bee (hosted by Col-

lege Track) for 5th/6th graders, Middle and High School students where contestants competed for a Mac laptop*

3 Mac laptops* raffled off to attendees registered

1 Mac laptop* and 1 iPad raffled off to parents that participated in the Read Aloud Tent

*Donated by Facebook

READ ALOUD TENT

The Read Aloud Tent was a new activity for this year, sponsored by our Event Title Sponsors (Facebook, City of East Palo Alto and Bring Me A Book) and organized by Bring Me A Book. We held story-times in small groups and had discussions with parents/adults on tips for reading aloud to children at home.

EVENT PICTURES

Check out the link HERE for pictures of the event: <http://tinyurl.com/readepapics>

If you have any pictures you took while at the event and would like to share, please post on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ReadingRainbowinthePark>

Here is a list of the iPad and Mac Laptop winners (including the Spelling Bee winners):

Mykal Mashack, age 11, 5th grade student at Rainbow Montessori - Spelling Bee winner
 Jahnae Akew, age 16, 11th

grade student at East Palo Alto Academy - Spelling Bee winner

iPad winner from Read Aloud Tent raffle - Tiffany Hautau, EPA resident; mother of 2 year old

Mac laptop winner from Read Aloud Tent raffle - Martha Ramirez, EPA resi-

dent; mother of Matias Melendez of Costano Elementary

Mac laptop winners from main raffle - Daisy Varo-Lua (1st grade student at KIPP Excelencia), Jennifer Quintero (11th grade student at Woodside High School) and Angel Knight (1st grade student at Los Robles Magnet Academy)

By Jane Theresa Jones

Snergy, that's the only way to describe the experience for the Reading Bonanza that was held in Bell Street Park,

It was exciting to see the children meandering from booth to booth collecting books and reading.

The East Palo Alto Senior Center had a "read to the Seniors" booth next to the "Read Out Loud" booth, which was constantly filled with children determined to read and to get prizes.

One of the grand prize winner was six-year old Angel



Photos by Jane T. Jones Winner Angel Knight reads her new book.

Knight, who is a student at Los Robles Magnet Academy.



Dorian and Gracie Lynn like their new red noses and their new books.



From the Editor's Desk

Setting a high standard and holding each other accountable

Bike to Work Day in East Palo Alto

May 12, 2016

I must admit that I was surprised, even somewhat shocked, to read a letter to the editor in another local publication that appeared in April.

The letter was written by a community member, who was upset with an article that incorrectly quoted a gentleman that he knew. The writer seemed a bit troubled that the quote contained a curse word and, in the letter, he said that this person would never use language like that and "didn't appreciate being misquoted."



Henrietta J. Burroughs

Well, the writer of the article apologized and said he had misconstrued the interviewee's response to the question he had asked. As I reflected on the error, given the gravity of it, I first thought the letter and the reply were part of an April Fool's joke, since it was in the April-May 2016 edition of the other publication. But there was no indication, whatsoever, that the letter and the reply were a part of a joke.

It's one thing to paraphrase someone and it's quite another thing to put a remark in direct quotes, as if it were something that was truly said. It's such a no-no in journalism to intentionally misquote someone.

Journalists are expected to accurately report what they see and hear. They are not supposed to make up the information that they present.

Unfortunately, what the letter to the editor revealed is all too rampant in our public arena, where people misrepresent the truth all of the time. Some of our political candidates seem to have gone off the deep end in the way they make accusations against each other, engage in mudslinging and use smear tactics that they know are untrue to pit entire communities against each other, just to win votes.

Sadly, all too many people are buying into these tactics, without seriously questioning what is presented to them. Again and again, it is the public who suffers.

Do we no longer value personal honesty and integrity? Do we no longer value civil conduct where people speak to one another with respect?

When is the mudslinging, the malice, and the misrepresentation that we see so much of today going to be rejected as unacceptable behavior and not seen as conduct to be applauded and rewarded?

It's been said that the American public gets the leadership that it deserves. So, when are we going to start demanding more of those who do and would represent us?

Every profession has its standard of ethics and everyone in the profession is ex-

pected to abide by it. We find these standards in medicine, in real estate, in the construction industry, in every area of endeavor. The City of East Palo Alto has its ethical code of conduct. It also has its vision for the city and its guiding principles.

We have to demand that everyone who works in a particular industry learn what the standard is, abide by it and even work to strengthen it.

When standards are not followed people can suffer, and we all end up paying a price, in the end: by getting adulterated food, contaminated water, faulty cars, deaths from medical malpractice, collapsed balconies, and the list goes on.

Industry standards, guiding principles and codes of conduct provide guidelines that assist us in conducting our affairs. Where critical guidelines are lax, we need to work to make them tougher.

When people don't uphold public laws and industry standards, they need to be warned. When they continue to violate them, they can be penalized.

The activities of our public officials are also regulated by legal guidelines. For example, no representative of this city, should be allowed to get away with publicly lying, lining his or her own pockets at the public's expense or with other misdeeds.

We all want East Palo Alto to move forward and we've heard many times over the past year that East Palo Alto is on the move.

Well, if the city is going to move forward in a positive direction, then we need to make sure that everyone who represents this city, officially or unofficially, is truly working on behalf of the city and its residents and not working solely for the sake of his or her own personal benefit.

When we see the people around us, especially, our public officials, doing what is right, then, we need to applaud and praise their good works and let them know that we appreciate the fine job that they are doing.

As human beings, we all get off track and make mistakes. But, we have to admit them, accept responsibility for our actions, apologize, as the writer commendably did in his response to the letter, and work to get back on track, with a willingness to learn from our mistakes. Then, we can move forward - working together.

Setting high standards helps us do this and gives us a positive direction in which to move, since what each of us does in this small community



Photos courtesy of Marie McKenzie and Michelle Daher

East Palo Alto set up three energizer stations throughout the city to accommodate bikers on Bike to Work Day. They were located at: 1) the U.S. Post Office on Bay Road and University Avenue (most transited), 2) Woodland and University Avenue and at 3) Friendship Bridge along the Bay Trail. According to city officials, 761 bicyclists went through the City of East Palo Alto during 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on the morning of May 12, 2016. The photos above show some of those people, who joined others throughout the Bay Area in participating in this twenty second Bike to Work Day.

Letters in East Palo Alto Today

Smoke-free Multiunit Housing

Dear Editor

San Mateo County Tobacco Education Coalition (TEC) applauds communities for enacting progressive public health ordinances that provide widespread protection from involuntary second hand tobacco smoke and vaping aerosols in multi-unit housing.

Jurisdictions throughout the Bay Area, including Belmont, Burlingame, Daly City, Foster City, San Mateo, and County Unincorporated, along with many others in California, have enacted ordinances in recent years that improve air quality for residents of multi-unit housing and reduce their risk of waking up to a fire caused by a neighbor's smoking habit.

TEC hopes that the East Palo Alto community will discuss a similar policy to protect residents from second hand tobacco smoke and fires to ensure a higher quality of life for those who live in multi-unit housing.

Low income residents, especially children and the elderly are the most negatively impacted by smoke drifting through walls, floors and ceilings and into open windows and doors, since they often cannot relocate to escape smoking neighbors and the fire

hazards they cause.

These policies also benefit property owners and landlords, because they reduce the expense and turnover time created by renovating a unit that has been smoked in or damaged by fire.

New tobacco control bills signed by Governor Brown do not defend people living in apartments and condos from the negative health impacts of invasive secondhand smoke and aerosols. These residents must still rely on local city councils to pass policies that do.

Marilyn Rex,
Chair, San Mateo County Tobacco Education Coalition
www.smchealth.org/TEC

"Big Daddy"

Dear Editor,

The name "Big Daddy" is used colloquially to refer respectfully to a man, often the patriarch of a family with African American roots. (Maybe others too). It is rare for a person to earn that title from a whole community.

That is what happened in East Palo Alto for long-time resident, Mr. Lloyd Hudson. Many didn't know or care what his first name was. He was commonly referred to as "Big Daddy Hudson" with the respect it carries with it. He was

one who, with others, served with vision and care on the board of directors of the Drew Health Center from its infancy through its development.

As we reminisced yesterday [May 23, 2016], with Dr. Sawyer, who also served the board with 'Big Daddy', we were reminded how the Health Center served so many East Palo Alto residents in the 60's and 70's with skill and caring.

Many of us also remember his tribute to the history delivered by the saga of "Roots" by opening and running an eatery in East Palo Alto named "Kunta Kinte Hut".

"Big Daddy Hudson" was known for his many kindnesses to folks throughout the community without fanfare, as well as his immaculately coordinated style of fashion. He was one of the true rocks on which the best of a community is built.

With his passing last week in his eighties, as is said in Africa, "Another Tall Tree has Fallen in the Forest."

We remember the work and the worth of "Big Daddy" Hudson and are grateful that he passed our way.

Keisha and A. Peter Evans
East Palo Alto

[Editor's note: The funeral for Lloyd "Big Daddy" Hudson took place on May 24, 2016 at the New Sweet Home Church of God in Christ in East Palo Alto.]

Setting a high standard - continued

can make a huge difference.

In this election year, the American public and the residents of East Palo Alto deserve the best.

If America and this city are to get the best, then we need to demand it for both our country and for this community.

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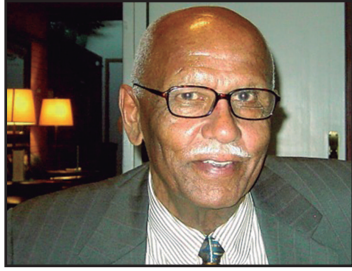
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What San Mateo County can learn from Santa Clara County

By Henry Organ

In April of last year, an on-duty San Mateo County deputy sheriff is alleged to have drawn his loaded service revolver and aimed it toward a custodian in a Redwood City courtroom that was not in session; the custodian had entered the courtroom to speak to the court reporter and clerk.

The deputy sheriff is alleged to have said to the custodian, with his revolver drawn: "You want some South Carolina justice?" (Several days earlier, a white officer in South Carolina had slain an unarmed African American man



Henry Organ

in the back while moving away from the officer.

The custodian has left this job, but has filed a civil suit against the Deputy Sheriff and the County. The District Attorney of San Mateo County has filed criminal misdemeanor charges against the deputy attorney, and placed him on

paid administrative leave.

In his lawsuit, the custodian alleges that the Deputy Sheriff had also said to him: "They hire any Mexican here." And, that another deputy told the Deputy Sheriff, now criminal defendant, to be quiet and not make any self-incriminating statements

The custodian will have his "day in court," but of equal concern are the County's responses to the criminal case. The nation is awash with reports and charges of misconduct by law enforcement officers, police departments and the judiciary.

There are nation-wide cries

for transparency, accountability, and the avoidance of conflicts-of-interest.

As a result, some cities and counties have established independent citizens' review commissions.

Such might be warranted here, for at least two reasons: the case involves two, closely related offices: the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office; the other reason is that there is an allegation of racism by one deputy sheriff, and a protection of the deputy by another deputy sheriff.

The latter is a reminder of racist text messages that have surfaced in San Jose

and San Francisco police departments. Such a culture could exist in the Sheriff's Office in this County.

This case begs for a review by a body independent of these to departments. If such a body does not exist, one should be established.

The County of San Mateo can, and should, learn from the forthrightness of its neighbor, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

Henry Organ, a retired Stanford University employee, is a Menlo Park resident, who is a longtime East Palo Alto Today contributor.

Vote YES on Ravenswood Measure H - June 7, 2016

By Sharifa Wilson

Warm, Safe and Dry that's what Measure H is all about. Ravenswood schools are all over 50 years old and are in urgent need of repairs. Measure H is on the June 7 ballot, we need your support to keep our students "Warm, Safe, and Dry".

Measure H funds will be used to replace outdated heating systems and make other repairs to ensure our children are warm. For the children of the Ravenswood School district it means studying in a warm classroom instead of wearing a coat or jacket all day. Last year we used portable heaters and had to close a school because it was too

cold for students to sit in their rooms. A YES on Measure H will give us the funds to help keep our students warm.

Measure H will be used to replace or repair leaky roofs at all school sites. Last school year, during the rainy season, students had to be moved from their classrooms due to roof leaks. Our students deserve to be in dry classrooms. On June 7, your support of Measure H will can make

Another important use of Measure H will be to upgrade school security. When our schools were built in 1950, safety was not a major concern. Schools campuses were always a safe place for kids, but today it's different. Measure H funds will be used



Sharifa Wilson

to install special door locks, upgrade school wide communication systems and other measures to protect our children from violent intruders. Help keep our children safe by voting YES on Measure H.

Measure H will raise \$26 million dollars and will meet our most critical needs. We have received feedback from

parents, and community members and used that to develop a list of priority items. These funds will only be used for repair and upgrade of our schools. No money will go towards administrator salaries or pensions. There will be a citizens oversight committee and annual audits to ensure accountability.

All voters who live within the Ravenswood district can vote on this measure, even if you have no children in the schools. You will be making a long-term investment in our community. If approved Measure H will have an annual cost of \$30 per \$100,00 of the assessed value of your home. It's a cost our community will share, but an investment in it's long-term future

and do a long way in keeping our Ravenswood student's "warm, safe, and dry".

Please join fellow parents, community members and leaders and vote YES on MEASURE H June 7 to keep our children "WARM, SAFE & AND DRY!"

Give your support to the students of Ravenswood schools. Please vote YES on RAVENSWOOD MEASURE H, June 7, 2016 to children can be WARM, SAFE AND DRY!

For more information go to:

supportravenswood-schools.org

Sharifa Wilson is the vice chair of the Ravenswood City School District

Fire Station 2 is almost there

By Steven Kennedy

They say that politicians never keep their campaign promises but in 1995, I distributed campaign flyers for the Fire District Board election containing the specific promise to put solar panels up on the roof of East Palo Alto's new fire station.

After touring the new station during the sparsely attended April 30th Open House, I am pleased to report that SolarCraft's solar photovoltaic system is up and running and already saving the District tons of money.

While I didn't have anything to do with the selection of the solar installation company (there was only one bid so it is a moot point), I have followed the station replacement story very closely for the past ten years and will continue my role as a gadfly



Steven Kennedy

to ensure that the District reaps ALL of its benefits.

The good news is that combining this solar installation with a LEED Silver design, energy efficient building materials and an integrated energy management system, has created a model of smart building design for residential and commercial architects and builders. According to MPFD Senior Project Analyst/Project Manager, Jon Hitchcock, it never was the District's goal to actually

claim a LEED Certificate, due to the additional time and expense involved. As other District Stations are rebuilt or replaced, it is a safe assumption that there will be similar emphasis on smart building techniques.

I don't know if East Palo Alto's solar equipped station can be used to develop a revenue generating curriculum in firefighter safety, for fires involving solar PV systems, but that was another campaign promise that I listed on my 1995 campaign flier and it still seems like a good idea. (The gist of the idea was not mine. It arose from the rank and file during my term in office.) However, according to Jon Hitchcock, the District does NOT seek to do any firefighter training for revenue and will NOT be using this station's PV system as a training tool.

However, the District regularly leases the structural collapse training facility located at the West end of the Dumbarton Bridge to the Industrial Emergency Council for training sessions. According to District documents, these rentals generated over \$8,000 in revenue in the past year. I recall that during my term in office, a rescue team from Taiwan trained there and was honored by the Board at a meeting.

So, does the MPFD have selective memory loss and is this abdication of educational responsibility really a rational decision?

The IEC is located on Willow Road. MPFD Board President Rob Silano also serves on the Board of the Industrial Emergency Council and the company web site announces that it has helped major corporations and over

80 fire departments, plan for and respond to a variety of emergencies. So the two organizations can't be strangers to each other.

As residential solar PV and powerful home battery systems becomes more common in East Palo Alto, it is probable that house fires with solar PV involved will complicate fire fighting.

The law currently requires easily accessible disconnect boxes and set backs from the eaves so firefighters can still walk on the roof and not have to step on unsupported surfaces nor slick and wet glass panels, when venting an attic full of heat and smoke. Have MPFD firefighters ever encountered a burning Tesla PowerWall with a lithium ion battery? If they haven't yet, then chances are they'll someday encounter some-

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Lifecycles

East Palo Alto Senior Center recognizes its volunteers



Photo by Isaac Stevenson

The volunteers who were honored by the East Palo Alto Senior Center on April 30, 2016 proudly hold their awards.

By Jane Theresa Jones

On Saturday, April 30, 2016, The staff at the Senior Center celebrated their volunteers with an appreciation luncheon. The room was elegantly decorated with exquisite taste. There was

an energy of gratitude, warmth, and joy. Guest speaker Sigrid Pinsky, community volunteer, and her girl scout troop presented, executive director, Millicent Grant, a \$400.00 check and some Girl scout cookies. The volunteers were.

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Lifecycles

East Palo Alto nonprofits use SV Gives day to become more acquainted



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Wendy Horton, who is the executive director of Collective Roots, describes some of the plants she and her colleague brought to share with the other event participants.

By Henrietta J. Burroughs

The big Silicon Valley Gives fundraiser, known as SV Gives, occurred on May 3 of this year. But, even though SV Gives is only a one-day annual event, the money raised on this one

day makes a sizeable difference for many of the organizations that participate in the event.

SV Gives 2016 included four participating counties: Santa Clara County, San Mateo County, San Francisco

County and San Benito County, with hundreds of nonprofits seeking money to enhance their programs.

Twenty three East Palo Alto nonprofits participated in this year's event.

In all, according to Sue McAllister, the marketing director for the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which sponsors the event, "The total amount raised for all participating nonprofits on May 3 was \$7,853,781."

As they contacted potential donors this year in an effort to raise funds on SV Gives, representatives from some of the city's nonprofits met in the Community Room at the Municipal Building to also participate in the City of East Palo Alto's Second Annual SV Gives and Non-Profit Fair.

The participants included representatives from Building Futures Now, New Creation Home Ministries, Collective Roots, St. Francis of Assisi Youth Club, Job Train, Bring Me a Book, the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media,

Able Works and Senior Inc.

In speaking about the city-sponsored event, Karla Prince, who is the Interim Measure C/TOT Grant Program & Volunteer Coordinator in the East Palo Alto City Manager's Office, said, "The SV Gives and non-profit networking event hosted by the City of East Palo Alto gave our local NPOs access to the biggest one day giving effort in the region and helped to foster relationships that can better serve the needs of the entire community."

The nonprofit representatives, participating in the city's event, used the occasion to learn about each other's organizations and to see how they could collaborate with

each other. Some of the representatives even had write-ups about their agencies.

Tracey McGary, the program coordinator for New Creation Home Ministries (NCHM),

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Elizabeth Jackson, on the right, learns about Building Futures Now from Rosemary Kamei, the organization's executive director.

Local activist honored

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tion and job skills for reentry. The event also highlighted companies that signed the White House Fair Chance Business Pledge.

The Champions of Change award event was live streamed on the White House website at www.whitehouse.gov/live/. See more about it on the White House Champions of Change Award event page.

Last year, Nunn helped to organize several delegations of formerly incarcerated leaders to the White House and US Department of Justice to advise government officials on issues of access to employment, housing, education and voting rights.

Nunn is also co-founder of the Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted People and Families Movement (FICPFM) and helped draft the FICPFM National Platform.

This coming September, Nunn is co-organizing the first national conference of the Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted People and Families Movement.

The conference will be held in Oakland, California at the Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel September 9-10, 2016

[This article was adapted from a press release supplied by Mark Fujiwara, who works with Nunn.]



Photo by Hamdiya Cooks-Abdullah
Dorsey Nunn

ment in the strategy to end structural discrimination against formerly incarcerated people. All Of Us Or None designed the campaign to apply not only to employment, but also to housing, student loan applications, voting, social services, and many other areas.

Over 100 million people now live in a jurisdiction where the box asking about conviction history has been banned on initial employment applications.

The award program honoring Nunn occurred in Washington, D.C. on April 27, 2016 and featured remarks by Senior Advisor to the President, Valerie Jarrett, Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, and Labor Deputy Secretary Chris Lu.

The awardees spoke on panels that focused on educa-

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University Square rises into the East Palo Alto skyline



By Henrietta J. Burroughs

It's been years in the making, but now, University Square is rapidly taking shape.

The site where University Square is located at 2100 University Avenue consists of an office building, a parking garage, and a connecting bridge. The building complex extends along Donohoe Street from University Avenue to Cooley Avenue, crossing Capitol Avenue.

The building of University Square started with its official groundbreaking ceremony on June 17, 2015. Devcon Construction, a general contracting firm that is headquartered in Milpitas, is carrying out the actual construction.

Bob McKenna, the project

superintendent for Devcon Construction on the University Square project, oversees between 100 and 120 workers, who work on the project on any given day.

Twenty-two of these construction workers are East Palo Alto residents. Ten of them are employed by Peck & Hiller, one of Devcon's subcontractors, and the rest, who are employed by Happy Days, a firm jointly owned by Nathaniel Sobayo and Patrick Brock, supply security services for the construction site.

The East Palo Alto construction workers were hired through the City of East Palo Alto's First Source Hiring program, also known as FSH.

Marie McKenzie, who is the city's administrative services director, said, "FSH is voluntary. Based on mainly good faith efforts to look out for local participation to buy,

eat and hire local construction union workers, in this case. There are many East Palo Alto residents who are card carrying, construction workers.

"The project developer, [The Sobrato Organization], understood the importance of FSH and local priority.

The construction's general contractor, Devcon Construction out of Milpitas, CA has worked in East Palo Alto on several other construction projects and has always supported the local FSH program."

According to McKenna, University Square will be completed in six phases.

These major phases in-



Luis Valencia and Jose Reynaga

clude phase one, which involves the drilling of piles, post like structures, and the placement of rebar and concrete for the building's foundation and parking lot.

In phase two, columns are placed for the height of the building. In phase three, concrete is poured over plywood for each floor, from the parking lot to the building's four floors of office space.

Phase four includes the application of the building's precast brick exterior, a phase expected to take about 45 days.

Phase five includes the installation of window systems and phase six entails the landscape design that includes plantings and walkways.

Upon the completion of these six phases, some of the construction workers are continued on page 11



Photos by Henrietta J. Burroughs

While they posed for this photo, these Happy Days employees were anxious to get back to work and the majority of them, who were wearing caps, did not want to take them off - even for the photo.

Building New Opportunities

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Today

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Visible from Highway 101, a new, four-story, 214,052-square-foot, Class A development – including 1,500 square feet of street-level retail space – is going up at the corner of University Avenue and Donohoe Street. The project, developed by The Sobrato Organization and designed by Korth Sunseri Hagey Architects, will provide hundreds of jobs both during and after construction.

With a structure of post-tensioned concrete and exterior of brick and glass, the center of the building will open up with a four-story atrium to provide casual meeting space, which combines with an open floor plan and large exterior windows to offer expansive natural daylight and views.

The two-level skybridge connecting to the adjacent six-level, 193,000-square-foot parking garage features a 5,500-square-foot roof deck for casual indoor/outdoor work and recreation.

Qualified union construction workers from East Palo Alto are encouraged to inquire about employment at the Devcon jobsite office at 2111 University Avenue.

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East Palo Alto Parent Academy increases family engagement

By **Andres Connell**

In the spring of 2015, through a City of East Palo Alto Measure C Grant and in close collaboration with the Ravenswood City School District, Nuestra Casa launched a middle school parent engagement and education program. The premise of this Parent Academy project was to increase family engagement, improve parenting tools, and increase awareness and access to resources that would in turn promote youth development and improve performance in school. Through the provision of a culturally competent parent engagement curriculum, we have conducted 4 training cycles (each 6 weeks in du-



Photo courtesy of Nuestra Casa

ration) serving the needs of approximately 240 local Latino, African American and Pacific Islander parents! Our initial launch was so successful that our District 4 Supervisor, Warren Slocum, convinced San Mateo County to pay for our 4th cycle, which concluded on May 25, 2016.

Specific objectives of the

project include:

- 1) Strengthened families.
- 2) Increased family awareness of community resources.
- 3) Improved student attendance in school and summer programs.
- 4) Improved behavior of students.
- 5) Improved parent atten-

dance in parent-teacher conferences.

6) Improved student academic success.

In addition to receiving culturally competent workshops and being part of a parent-centered learning environment, each participant also received a small stipend for successful participation. We felt that it was incredibly important to honor the time and effort of our parents in this fashion. The closing ceremonies for each cycle have been truly inspirational and our parent graduates walk away feeling empowered.

As with any successful community project, there were numerous stakeholders involved in bringing this proj-

ect to fruition. Namely, we'd like to thank the City of East Palo Alto and District 4 Supervisor, Warren Slocum, for their monetary investments; the Ravenswood City School District for their incredible collaborative spirit; Youth Community Service for conducting the Youth Academy component, and One East Palo Alto for allowing us to use the YESS collaborative platform to engage with all of our project partners.

We aim to bring back this highly successful Parent Academy series during FY 2016-2017, so we sincerely hope that our outcomes inspire the City of East Palo Alto to grant us funds for a Year 2. Our parent graduates are certainly asking for it!

La Academia de Padres de East Palo Alto incrementa el compromiso de las familias

Por **Andres Connell**
Traducido por **Julio Garcia**

En la primavera del 2015, por medio de una subvención de la Medida C de la Ciudad de East Palo Alto en colaboración estrecha con el Distrito Escolar de Ravenswood, Nuestra Casa puso en marcha un programa de involucramiento de padres con hijos en la escuela secundaria. Las premisas de este proyecto de la Academia de Padres es aumentar la participación de las familias, mejorar los instrumentos que usan los padres, aumentar el conocimiento al acceso de recursos y promover el desarrollo de los jóvenes y mejorar su rendimiento en la escuela. A través de el suministro de un currículo culturalmente competente para los padres de familia, hemos llevado a cabo 4 ciclos de formación (cada uno de 6 semanas de duración) atendiendo las necesidades de aproximadamente 240

padres locales latinos, afro-americanos y de las islas del Pacífico! Nuestro lanzamiento inicial fue tan exitoso que nuestro Supervisor del 4to. Distrito, Warren Slocum, convenció al Condado de San Mateo en pagar por un cuarto ciclo, que concluyó el 25 de mayo de 2016.

Los objetivos específicos del proyecto son:

- 1) El fortalecimiento de las familias.
- 2) Aumentar el conocimiento de las familia sobre los recursos de la comunidad.
- 3) Mejorar la asistencia de los estudiantes en las escuelas y en los programas de verano.
- 4) Mejorar el comportamiento de los estudiantes.
- 5) Mejorar la asistencia de los padres a las conferencias de padres y maestros.
- 6) Mejorar el éxito académico de los estudiantes.

Además de recibir talleres culturalmente competentes y ser parte de un ambiente de aprendizaje centrado en los padres, cada participante



Photo courtesy of Nuestra Casa

recibió también una pequeña remuneración por su participación. Nos pareció que era muy importante respetar el tiempo y el esfuerzo de nuestros padres de esta manera. Las ceremonias de cierre para cada ciclo han sido verdaderamente inspiradoras y nuestros padres que se han graduado salen con sensación de empoderamiento.

Al igual que con cualquier proyecto comunitario de éxito, hubo un numero de grupos que participaron en llevar a buen término este proyecto. Nos gustaría dar las gracias a la ciudad de East Palo Alto y el

Supervisor del 4to. Distrito, Warren Slocum, por sus inversiones monetarias; el Distrito Escolar de Ravenswood por su increíble espíritu de colaboración; Youth Community Service por la realización del componente de la Academia Juvenil, y a One East Palo Alto por permitirnos usar la plataforma de colaboración de YESS a reclutar a nuestros socios del proyecto.

Nuestro objetivo es traer de regreso esta serie de gran éxito de la Academia de Padres durante el año fiscal del 2016-2017, por lo que esperamos sinceramente que nuestros resultados inspiran la Ciudad de East Palo Alto que nos conceda fondos para un segundo año. Nuestros padres que se han graduado los esperan!

University Square

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transferred to other area construction jobs.

Nicholas Mason, a project engineer with Peck & Hiller, said that several of the East Palo Alto construction workers are now working on a project at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital; others are at another project at 500 University Avenue in Palo Alto, while several more are working on a construction project at Stanford.

Four East Palo Alto construction workers, including Luis Valencia and Jose Reynaga, shown on the previous page, are still assigned to the University Square construction project.

McKenna estimated that the core of the building will be completed toward the end of the year with the individual office spaces built to tenant specification in the future.

As the construction of



Workers prepare to attach portions of the pre-cast brick exterior to the sides of the building.

University Square winds its way toward completion, it has been a new source of jobs for East Palo Alto residents.

Speaking of jobs, McKenzie said, "The fact is East Palo Alto's need more jobs

in East Palo Alto, not just [in] construction. Residents want more of the career building, long-term, end-user type jobs. Residents often express how they want to get off the freeway and reduce their carbon footprint while earning a living wage for this area.

Through President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative and several new educational learning systems and local non-profit consortiums, I believe the entire city's intent is to get its young people ready and fully equipped to sign on for those jobs."

By working at University Square, some East Palo Alto residents are clearly showing how they have seized the opportunity to reduce their carbon footprint, while earning a living wage in their own city.

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Developing leaders with hope and a future

By Stefie Dominguez

Bayshore Christian Ministries (BCM) has been serving the community of East Palo Alto as a positive and hopeful place of positivity for the youth in the EPA/East Menlo Park communities. BCM's mission has always been to "equip East-of-Bayshore youth to grow spiritually, gain life skills and develop as leaders so they have hope and a future."

This mission is being accomplished in a number of programs offered by the organization, targeting kids from K-8. As the manager of BCM's middle school programs (6th-8th grade), I think that Streetworkz is BCM's most well-known program.

It meets on Thursday nights and the students are always guaranteed a meal, a fun interactive lesson and lots of positive fellowship with



Photo by Federica Armstrong

These participants in the Streetworkz program seem to be having lots of fun.

other youth their age. The program focuses a lot on mentoring, character development and spiritual growth. Besides the Thursday nights, Streetworkz students also have outings throughout the year that expose them to other areas outside of EPA. This year's outings included a trip to San Francisco to see a Christian dance show, as

well as a trip to Stanford that exposed some of the students to Japanese drumming.

There are also many random trips to Jamba Juice, In 'n Out and downtown Palo Alto where the kids are simply "hanging out" with each other and with positive adults that serve as mentors to them.

As part of its leadership development, Streetworkz is

taking 4 students to a camp in Missouri called Kids Across America for a week. It is a Christian sports camp that encourages students to become the leaders that their communities need back home.

The camp will also expose them to youth from different areas of the country and to activities they may have never done before. They'll get to do dance routines, go through a high ropes course, and even ride a boat on the lake.

Josh is one of the students going to the camp and he has been involved with BCM since he was in elementary school. He was a part of BCM's after-school academic program KidSmart until he was a 5th grader, then went on to Streetworkz as an amazing leader and positive influence for other students.

Earlier this year Josh lost his father and he has found shelter and positive leaders at Streetworkz who pray for him and will always take time to talk and listen to him. Josh is no stranger to randomly coming to BCM "just to say hi" to the staff. His presence lights up the building.

Besides Streetworkz during the school year, middle schoolers at BCM over the summer have the option to enroll in their newest program called CREATE Academy (for 5th-8th graders). This program will focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).

Registration is open for this program and applications are available at BCM's building (1001 Beech St., East Palo Alto).

Residents who are interested can also contact Cassie Arnold, Dir. of Ministries, at cassie@bayshore.org.

East Palo Alto nonprofits



With plant in hand, East Palo Alto Librarian Sereptha Strong talked with Kirsten Warner-Davies, from AbleWorks

explained that her agency is a two-year transitional housing program focused on supporting single young mothers by providing them life-skills that promote self-sustainment for themselves and their families.

'She also said that NCHM offers weekly parenting classes that equip residents and non-residents with the tools needed to lead self-sustainable lives.

In describing her organization, Wendy Horton, who is the executive director of Collective

Roots, said, "Collective Roots aims to cultivate a healthier, stronger, more connected East Palo Alto community by working together to build a robust community-based food system. East Palo Alto's deep history of agriculture shows how the cultivation of food strengthens people and fortifies communities..."

One East Palo Alto's Executive Director, Dr. Faye McNair Knox, who was represented at the event by OEPA board member Maisha Mouton, provided a written description of her organization, in which she described OEPA as "a broker and developer of resources and services to the community; a vocal and constant advocate for positive community change; and a trainer and capacity-builder that helps EPA residents and community-based organiza-

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tions work together more effectively to improve quality of life."

Hearing each of the representatives, who were present, describe her nonprofit agency was a learning experience for those who attended the three-hour event.

Business cards were exchanged and one could hear the promises participants made that they would be in contact with each other later.

If the purpose of the event was to increase the networking among East Palo Alto's nonprofits, then, it seemed, from the personal exchanges that took place that the event met its goal.

Some participants, as an added bonus, even walked away with one or more of the vegetable plants that Collective Roots' representatives brought from their agency's garden supplies. It was amazing to see how the large supply of plants dwindled as the networking came to an end.

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A new scoreboard lights up in East Palo Alto

By Jeffrey Austin

After at least ten years of dysfunction the scoreboard, which primarily has been used for youth football activities since the 80's, has been replaced. "It has been a long time coming," said Judy Barker, co-founder of the Mid-Peninsula Athletic Association (MPAA) Mastodons.

The old scoreboard was replaced largely due to collaborative efforts between East Palo Alto City Councilwoman Lisa Gauthier, Facebook Community Outreach workers and Jeff Austin, programming director of the MPAA.

As a coach, it brought tears to my eyes to see that thing light up. I remember



Photo by Jeffrey Austin

This new scoreboard will be the object of a celebration on an East Palo Alto playing field on June 18, 2016. Read more below in the accompanying article by Jeffrey Austin.

coaching so many games and not knowing just how much time was literally left in games or quarters. It made coaching a little bit more challenging, but we made it through. We are so grateful for Lisa and Facebook.

The Mid-peninsula Ath-

letic Association wants the entire East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park Youth Football Community to come out and share in our thanks to Lisa and the Facebook on June 18, 2016 from the hours of 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. We will be having a ribbon cutting

celebration to properly thank all of those who have been with the organization and supported the "Mastodons." We are inviting the mayor and all of the city council members to be with us on that day.

More importantly said Tyler Barker President of the MPAA, "We want all past and present youth footballers to come out and celebrate with us at this accomplishment: Greyhounds, Nabata Yero, and of course all Mastodon alumni of which there are hundreds. Families are of course welcome to come out and celebrate with us.

"I am sure there will be plenty of stories to share of all the great moments that this field and that clock have

stored in people's memories. We will have food and music to enhance the atmosphere of extreme joy. Thanks to all of you for supporting us in our journey to produce first class young people who will impact our community and other communities with disciplined positivity."

Remember to mark your calendars June 28, 2016 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Ronald McNair Academy (beside the Boys and Girls Club), on Pulgas Avenue.

This day will also be a day in which youngsters who wish to participate in this year's Snoop Youth Football League can register to be a part of the Mastodon tradition of excellence.

Fire Station 2 is almost there

thing similar at a McMansion or a more modest home somewhere in the District.

With fewer street trees than densely forested Menlo Park and lots of large families with suitable roofs and high electric bills, East Palo Alto is an ideal place for solar PV installations. While fires caused by bona fide solar installations are rare, homes with solar PV, fall victim to fire from other causes at about the same as non solar equipped homes.

In either case, for safety reasons, firefighters need to reach for the PV disconnect switch immediately upon arriving at the scene.

Is a solar educational function compatible with future enhancements to the station? Yes, as carpools for the fire fighters's personal vehicles are added to Station II's grounds some months from now, where the temporary office trailer currently sits, then solar panels could be added....not because the station especially needs the wattage but because different roofing types (wood shake, fiberglass fake shake, composite and Spanish tile) and different solar technologies (thin film and hybrid - domestic hot water/photovoltaic) could be installed. These

roofs would serve this educational purpose while also providing an opportunity to teach fire safety and fire fighting around the new 220 pound Tesla PowerWall and traditional, heavy duty lead acid batteries (which sometimes emit flammable hydrogen gas while charging.) An electric car charging station is slated for installation in the near future, so the District is moving in that direction anyway.

As I mentioned in my previous article, Murphy's Law dictates that the District's powerful back up generator will fail to start, which means that a PV based, back up system (with batteries and inverters hung on the wall well above the level of a levee busting 500 year flood) would provide a pragmatic purpose, beyond life as an instructional model in a lucrative educational program.

The rank and file have told me repeatedly that the District is already top heavy with brass and administrators. But that won't stop me from saying that the District needs a sustainability officer to manage flex fueled vehicles, energy usage, resource conservation, PV



Photo by Kimberly Carlton

generation and other new technologies.

Here's the bottom line on the Station II solar installation. There are a few construction related loose ends to wrap up on the fire stations's punch list, which means that the firefighters won't be officially moving in and turning on the lights for a couple of weeks. So it would be premature to compare electrical usage expenses versus solar production yields at this point. A quick glance at the most recent PGE bills suggests that an appropriately sized and well designed system has been installed. The important thing is that the PV system has been granted PTO (Permission To Operate) by PG&E, which wouldn't have hap-

pened if SolarCraft had recklessly installed too many solar panels.

I still have a few bones to pick with the District about the high building costs, their refusal to pair electric storage batteries with the solar system and the lack of public access to the building during future emergencies such as flooding.

The first article I wrote on Station II, back in 2010, was entitled, "Solar Cash Cow or \$15 Million Castle?" It looks like my cost estimate wasn't far off the mark, as the last checks are sent to the contractors for work completed.

Personally, I think the District was pulling my leg when their station replacement cost estimate did not include land acquisition costs and the cost of the communications tower. The District is also pulling my leg when they say they can't separate the cost of regular windows from bullet resistant windows. But then again, I always thought the justification for bullet resistant windows was pretty bogus too.

I have other complaints. We will see during the next black out exactly how noisy and dirty the old school diesel generator will be in a East

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Palo Alto. (The solar system will automatically shut itself off during a blackout, while the generator is exempt from clean air laws.)

To repeat myself, while there is a community/conference room, the only people who will be warm and cozy and making phone calls from there when the levee fails, will be emergency service personnel.

For our \$12 million plus in construction dollars, we the citizens of this fair city, should have gotten more than the right to use a few loose electrons kicked out into the grid, on any given sunny day.

I mean, the District spends \$1.2 million on a communications tower and we don't even get a pay phone on the sidewalk?

Despite these failings, overall, I'm pleased with the new building. East Palo Alto is the most heavily populated city in the District and Station II will remain the busiest. This building will serve us well for the next few decades.

If an opportunity was lost in the design of this building then all I can say is; "Support your local politician. It's a dirty job. But somebody's gotta do it."

Learning the pros and cons of Measure H

replace aging and inefficient heating, ventilating, air conditioning and climate control systems.

Along with these issues, she brought up the need for modernizing current classrooms to ultimately encourage students to embrace science, engineering, technology, math and language programs.

In her letter, Superintendent Hernandez-Goff wrote, "As educators, we strive to provide our Ravenswood stu-

dents with the best educational experience possible from high quality instruction and innovative curriculum to 21st Century facilities and classrooms."

Hernandez-Goff and the district's board of trustees strongly support the bond measure since they see it playing a major role in the advancement of the Ravenswood City School District.

Supporters of Measure H believe that the bonds will truly prepare elementary and

middle school students for success in the future.

They say that the state cannot take any of the bond money., since according to the primary argument from the Ravenswood City School District, the funds will be controlled "with citizen oversight and annual audits to ensure funds are used as promised." and are not used for salaries, benefits or pensions.

The Silicon Valley Tax Payers Association is strongly opposed to the ap-

proval of Bond Measure H.

This group states in its argument against the bond measure that, calculated over 30 years the interest on the bonds alone would add up to about \$23,400,000 alone and result in a total cost of \$49,400,000.

In making its calculations, the SVTPA assumed a three percent interest rate on the bond of \$26,000,000 and said that \$780,000 would be accumulated every year to the payment.

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The SVTPA concluded. "By the time this bond measure is paid off, the technology it funded will be long ago obsolete, probably rotting in some landfill dump,"

Given the arguments for the bond measure expressed the the Ravenswood City School District and those given by the Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association against it, East Palo Alto voters can make an informed choice.

Book excerpt from: *A Superstar Love Story*

By Saul Juan Antonio Cuautle



Saul Juan Antonio Cuautle

It takes a great amount of courage for a man weighing 342 pounds to walk into a gym. It takes even more courage to keep coming back. If you've ever stepped inside a gym feeling alone, selfconscious or like you didn't belong there, you know exactly what I mean. Please stay the course, because those seeds of courage are only the beginning of your journey. Only time will tell where they'll take you. For my good friend Angelo, they lead him to Jean, the love of his life.

Angelo was a fitness coaching client of mine for a long time. What a lot of people don't know is that I also served as Jean's fitness coach. In fact, we worked together for about six months before she even met Angelo. Having seen her at her best and worst, let me tell you, she's a handful; she speaks her mind, she has a dry sense of humor and she's a health freak.

Having had the privilege to work with Jean and Angelo for an extended period of

time, and now being able to call them close friends, it's fair to say I've gotten to know them very well over the last few years. I know all their individual dirty secrets and what makes them tick, both inside the gym and out.

I also know they gel together better than Nutella and toast. Even with Angelo as the wizard engineer from Italy and Jean as the workaholic nurse from Ireland, I can honestly say they're very similar. This all you need to know about them: they're good eggs. Meaning, they're caring people.

Some might say they're caring to a fault "you're too nice" but in a world where technology is making com-

passion and kindness harder and harder to find each year, I think having a good heart will only serve to uplift those people in your everyday life. They may be from different parts of the world, with different upbringings, but their heart is from the same mold.

The biggest difference at the time of their meeting was that Jean was super active hiking, cycling, running, diving, doing CrossFit while Angelo was in the process of becoming super active.

I've been a fitness coach a long time. Let me tell you a secret nobody knows: I've been trying to get out of coaching almost since the first day I started. I love working with people and helping them reach their goals, but I've always been bothered by how fitness and the idea of exercise operates in the United States. I go in and out of loving and hating it like a dog chasing its tail.

It's either because Jean's a nurse or a redhead, but I think she could sense my restlessness in the gym. She would always send me health and fitness articles highlighting the current state of affairs

among the important, but often overlooked, relationship between exercise and medicine.

I can still hear her words, "Your work is the most important factor in this medical-obesity fiasco....you are literally saving lives in how you can connect with people...how you transform people's lives is priceless..." when I find myself feeling frustrated and wanting to walk away. Her words always hit me at the right time and remind me to focus on my grand vision.

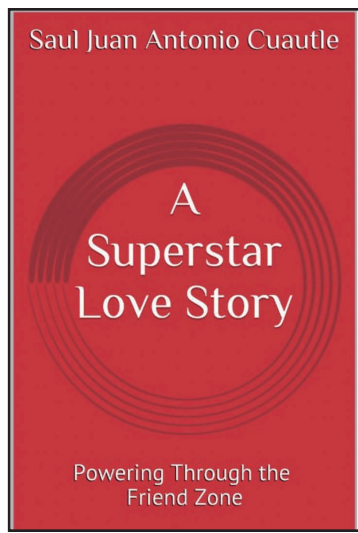
Right before I met Angelo,

I was in a period of hating my chosen craft. The big corporate gym I was operating in, not only drove me nuts with their red tape, politics, and archaic approaches to fitness, but it was slowly, yet surely, sucking my soul dry.

I couldn't put myself in that environment anymore. I was ready to leave and go do something else.

On the week I was going to walk away from the corporate gym life, Jean brought Angelo into my life. She met him a few weeks prior at Homemade, a healthy social cooking program they both stumbled into thanks to the magic mix of the internet and busy hospital schedules. During one of the weekly classes, Jean mentioned to Angelo that she had a coach who "always finds a way to kick my ass!"

You have no idea how lucky I am. I will be forever grateful for the serendipity that happened between Jean and Angelo over chopping onions and making a fresh kale salad. At that point in my life, when nothing made any sense, Angelo gave me purpose.



Extracto del libro de: *A Superstar Love Story*

By Saul Juan Antonio Cuautle

Se necesita un gran valor para que un hombre que pesa 342 libras entre en un gimnasio. Se necesita aún más valor para que siga viniendo. Si alguna vez has estado en un gimnasio sintiéndote solo, consciente de tí mismo o cómo sino pertenecieras en ese lugar, sabes exactamente lo que quiero decir. Por favor, mantente en el camino, porque esas semillas de valentía son sólo el comienzo de tu viaje. Sólo el tiempo dirá a dónde te llevarán. Para mi buen amigo Ángelo, lo llevaron a Jean, el amor de su vida.

Ángelo fue mi cliente de entrenamiento físico por un largo tiempo. Lo que muchas personas no saben es que yo también fui entrenador de Jean. De hecho, trabajamos juntos durante unos seis meses antes de que ella conociera a Ángelo. Después de haberla visto en sus mejores y peores momentos, déjenme decirles, ella es problemática; dice lo que piensa, tiene un gran sentido del humor y está obsesionada con el cuidado de la salud.

Después de haber tenido el privilegio de trabajar con Jean y Ángelo por un largo período de tiempo, y ahora que soy capaz de llamarlos

amigos cercanos, es justo decir que he llegado a conocerlos muy bien en los últimos años. Conozco todos sus sucios secretos personales y lo que los motiva, tanto dentro del gimnasio como fuera de él.

También sé que hacen

una mejor pareja que la Nutella y las tostadas. Incluso siendo Ángelo un ingeniero grandioso de Italia y Jean una enfermera

adicta al trabajo de Irlanda, honestamente puedo decir que son muy similares. Todo lo que necesitas saber acerca de ellos es que: son de lo mejor. Es decir, son personas compasivas.

Algunos podrían decir que se cuidan mucho - "eres muy amable" -, pero en un mundo donde la tecnología está haciendo que la compasión y la bondad sean más difíciles de encontrar cada año, creo que tener un buen corazón sólo servirá para elevar a las personas en su vida cotidiana. Pueden ser de diferentes

partes del mundo, con diferentes educaciones, pero sus corazones tienen el mismo molde.

La mayor diferencia en el momento en que se conocieron era que Jean era muy activa - practicaba excursionismo, ciclismo, corría,

amo y la odio como un pez que se muerde la cola.

Ya sea porque Jean es una enfermera o porque es irlandesa, creo que ella podía sentir mi incomodidad en el gimnasio. Ella siempre me enviaba artículos de salud y fitness que destacaban el es-

Justo antes de conocer a Ángelo, yo odiaba mi trabajo. El gran gimnasio corporativo en el que trabajaba, no sólo me volvía loco con su burocracia, política y los enfoques arcaicos sobre el fitness, sino que poco a poco, todo estaba chupando mi alma en seco.

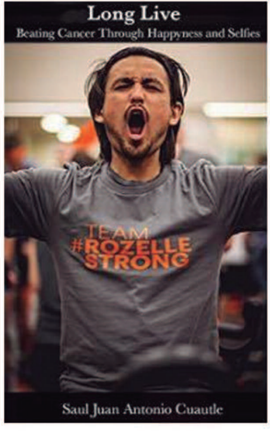
No podía estar más en ese ambiente. Estaba listo para salir y hacer algo más.

En la semana que pensaba alejarme de la vida del gimnasio corporativo, Jean trajo a Angelo a mi vida. Ella lo había conocido un par de semanas antes en Homemade, un programa social de cocina saludable en la que ambos se tropezaron gracias a la mezcla de la magia de la Internet y el horario copado de los hospitales. Durante una de las clases semanales, Jean le había mencionado a Ángelo que tenía un entrenador que "¡siempre encuentra la forma de patear mi trasero!"

No tienes idea de lo afortunado que soy. Siempre estaré agradecido por lo que ocurrió cuando Jean y Ángelo picaban las cebollas y hacían una ensalada de col fresca. En ese momento de mi vida, cuando nada tenía sentido, Ángelo me dio un propósito.

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buceo, CrossFit -, y Ángelo estaba en el proceso de ser muy activo.

He sido entrenador físico desde hace mucho tiempo. Te contaré un secreto que nadie conoce: He estado tratando de salir del negocio del entrenamiento físico casi desde el primer día que empecé. Me encanta trabajar con la gente y ayudarles a alcanzar sus objetivos, pero siempre me ha molestado como la idea del estar en forma y el ejercicio se maneja en los Estados Unidos. La

medicina.

Todavía puedo escuchar sus palabras, "Tu trabajo es el factor más importante en este fiasco médico de la obesidad... estás literalmente salvando vidas en cómo te conectas con las personas... cómo transformas la vida de las personas no tiene precio..." cuando me encuentro frustrado y con deseos de irme. Sus palabras siempre me llegaban en el momento adecuado y me recuerdan centrarme en mi gran visión.

Community Calendar

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Talking with Henrietta Are Charter Schools the Answer?



Photo courtesy of Talking with Henrietta From left, show host Henrietta J. Burroughs, and Avani Patel are shown on the set of the Talking with Henrietta television show after the taping of their discussion on May 12, 2016.

This show can be seen n Channel 30 on the Midpeninsula and on the Internet at the days and times below. Sundays@5 p.m., Tuesdays@8 p.m., Wednesdays @ 2 a.m. and 11 a.m., Thursdays@8 p.m., Fridays@3:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. Get more information about this show on the East Palo Alto Today website at www.epatoday.org/tv.html.

Fire station 2



Photo by Kimberly Carlton
Chief Harold Schapelhouman

addition." Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman agreed. "We said, what do we need to do to have the best, state of the art communications facility here? What you see behind it, maybe some people think it's ugly but actually it's beautiful to me because communications were always a problem in East Palo Alto." East Palo Alto Councilmembers, staff, and Menlo Park Fire Protection District board members all spoke of the importance of the station and the fact that it is a product of long-term, dedicated commitment to partnership and collaboration between multiple agencies to make the project a reality. Councilmember Larry Moody praised these efforts, saying, "It takes these kinds of partnerships to move communities along and we're a community that's on the move."

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Chief Schapelhouman expressed appreciation for the City's leadership, and noted, "The City's attitude has always been great. If you can make it better, then the City of East Palo Alto is on board."

The new fire station has three equipment bays with room for a ladder truck, which is a welcome addition. The upstairs living quarters includes a kitchen, large flat-screen TV with leather recliners, and eight private bedrooms. Firefighters work a grueling schedule of 48 hours on call followed by 96 hours off, so the new facility will certainly help them get some rest between calls. And city residents might be able to rest a bit easier knowing that East Palo Alto is protected by the newest and most technologically advanced station in the district.

The fire station's grand opening was also attended by Fire Protection District Board members: Rob Silano, President, Peter Carpenter, Vice President, Rex Ianson, Virginia Chang Kiraly and Chuck Bernstein; former board members: Peter Ohtaki and Catherine Carlton along with other invited guests.

The following week, the station was open to the public.



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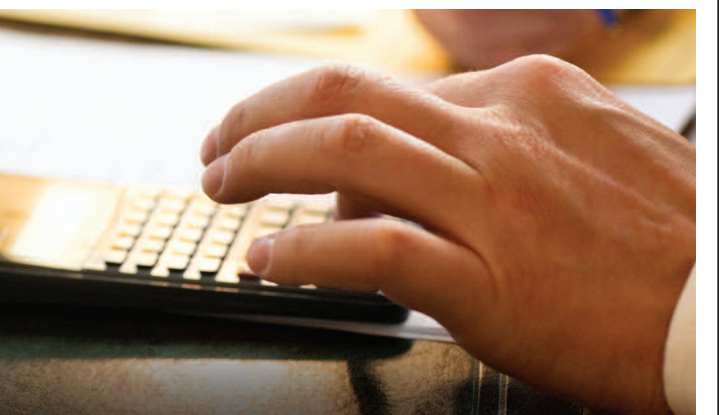
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