

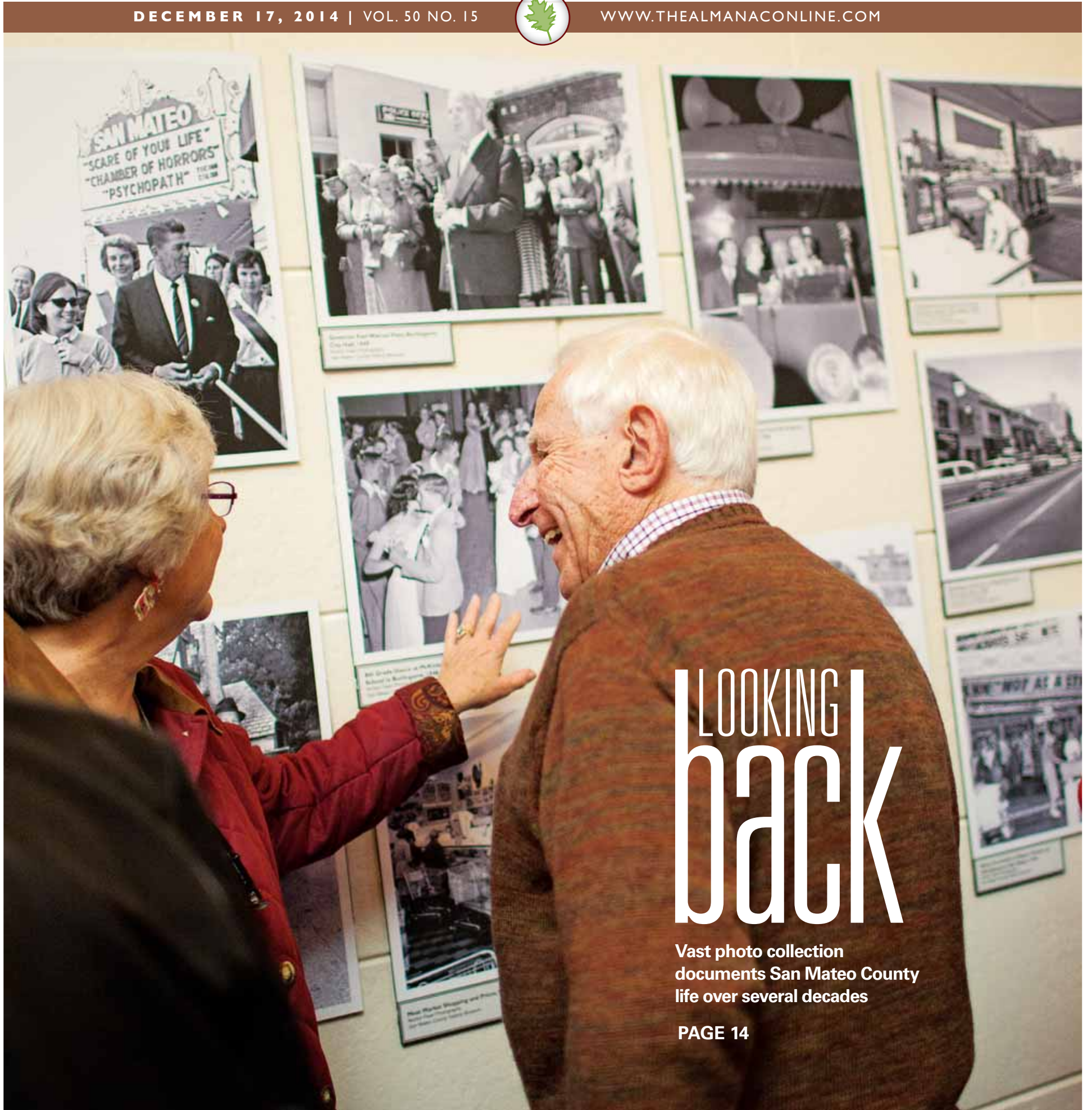
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A rendering of a classroom building planned for the Menlo-Atherton High School campus.

Glimpse at new M-A campus

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A rendering of a new two-story building at Menlo-Atherton High School showed up in a presentation to the board of the Sequoia Union High School District on Dec. 9.

Architect Aaron Jobson of the Santa Rosa firm Quattrocchi Kwok Architects said the 21-classroom building will replace Building G at the rear of the campus next to the open basketball courts. Mr. Jobson is the executive architect for the district's master plan.

The building would replace 10 classrooms and add 11.

The Sequoia district is rebuilding parts of all the campuses in anticipation of an enrollment surge of at least 22 percent by the 2020-21 school year, much of it coming from schools in and around Menlo Park and in Belmont and San Carlos.

A schematic drawing of the M-A building shows eight classrooms on the first floor and 13 on the second. There is a courtyard and space for outdoor dining as well as classrooms with partition options. Between many of the classrooms are small shared-project

spaces.

A two-story building with 10 classrooms is planned for Woodside High School, Mr. Jobson said, but the presentation did not include either a rendering or a schematic.

Will the district build everything it's planned? The construction environment in the

The building would replace 10 classrooms and add 11.

Bay Area is currently highly competitive, Superintendent Jim Lianides said. In 2007-08, also a time of brisk resource competition, the Sequoia district was building M-A's performing arts center and competition was escalating the costs of commodities such as steel and concrete. This time around, the cost of labor is the escalation factor, Mr. Lianides said.

There will be unexpected costs, including site preparation for new construction, Enrique Navas, the district's

chief financial officer, said. At M-A, the district discovered that improvements in infrastructure for water supply and electric power will be needed for the new classroom building, he said.

Coordination will be key. In addition to building two new high schools, the district will be expanding capacity on all four comprehensive campuses and at Redwood (Continuation) High School and East Palo Alto Academy, a charter school now overseen by the Sequoia district.

Sequencing the work to stay ahead of escalation and having enough money to complete the work will be a challenge, said M-A Principal Matthew Zito. Over the next six months, Mr. Zito will be moving out of his principal role and into his new full-time job as the district's chief facilities officer.

The board will want to be apprised of changes in project scope, board President Allen Weiner said, preferably with one-page updates, and "sooner rather than later," he said.

Board member Olivia Martinez recommended that the public also be kept up-to-date on changes via the district website. ▀

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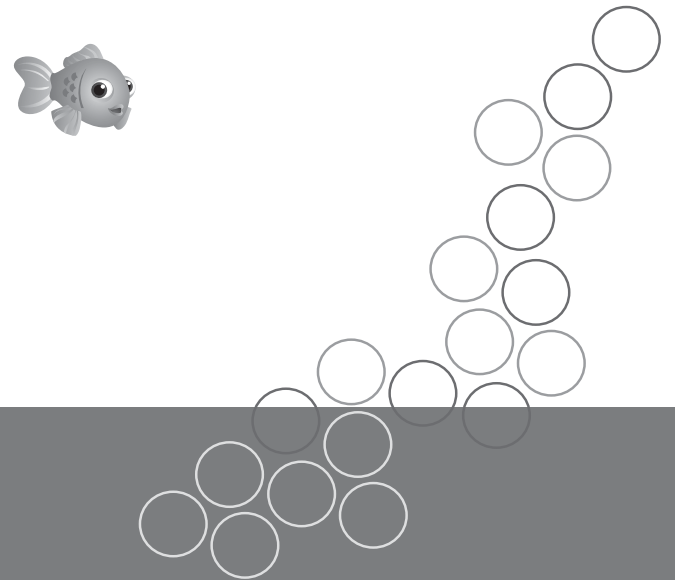
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Sunset campus sold to real estate firm

■ Will site's future include high-density housing?

By **Sandy Brundage**
Almanac Staff Writer

A little more than a month after employees were first told that the landmark Sunset campus was up for sale, the property has been sold to Embarcadero Capital Partners, a real estate investment and management firm based in Belmont, multiple sources told the Almanac.

The seven-acre campus, located at 80 Willow Road, reportedly sold for \$78 million, less than the rumored asking price of \$84 million, according to those sources.

During informal discussions with staff about the sale on Wednesday, Dec. 10, management was said to confirm that there was pressure from shareholders of Time Inc., which owns the Sunset brand, to meet fourth-quarter earning expectations. A plan to build high-density condominium type housing on the site "was alluded to."

Representatives from Embarcadero Capital Partners did not respond to requests for comment. The firm's website lists primarily office space in its portfolio, although it does include one residential project, located in Sacramento.

Jill Davison of Time Inc. said

she could not confirm the sales price or future plans for the site.

Building housing on the site would require a zoning change, as the code currently permits administrative and professional offices.

"I can say with all confidence that it would be an uphill battle and not something I would support," said Menlo Park Economic Development Manager Jim Cogan. "A project like that would require a general plan amendment and zoning change. Neither of which are likely."

There's also the potential historic nature of the site, according to Mr. Cogan, who said that any project would have to provide the city with an analysis of existing historic resources on the property.

"While it's premature to speculate on what a report might deem historic, I assume there will be some amount of preservation required of any project," he said.

Residential architect Cliff May designed his first commercial building to resemble an early Spanish ranch home. Set on seven acres adjacent to San Francisquito Creek, the adobe building with the patios and test kitchens was surrounded by spacious gardens designed by Thomas Church.



Sunset Publishing Corp. headquarters at 80 Willow Road in Menlo Park.

The sale to Embarcadero Capital Partners puts an end to Menlo College's exploration of buying the property to both expand its school and preserve the unique features of the Sunset campus.

"It was a good idea and I trust Embarcadero Capital Partners will do the right thing. There will be other opportunities for Menlo College," said Rich

Moran, college president.

The magazine will remain at the Willow Road property through 2015, and the annual "Sunset Celebration Weekend" event is still planned for next summer, sources said.

The publication is said to be looking for alternate sites for its test garden and kitchen.

In 1951, Sunset moved from

San Francisco to its iconic campus in Menlo Park. The following year Bill and Mel Lane took over company operations from their father, Laurence W. Lane, who had bought the publication for \$65,000 in 1928 when it was a fledgling travel magazine. The Lane brothers sold the company to Time Warner in 1990 for \$225 million. ■

Mandarin charter school backers file appeal

By **Barbara Wood**
Almanac Staff Writer

After being turned down in November by the Menlo Park City School District, the group trying to establish a Mandarin immersion charter school in the district has appealed to the San Mateo County Board of Education to approve the school.

A public hearing on the appeal is set for Wednesday, Jan. 7, with the meeting starting at 7 p.m. in the San Mateo County Office of Education, 101 Twin Dolphin Drive in Redwood City. The county board is scheduled to make its decision Feb. 4.

If the county board does not approve the charter, an appeal can be made to the state board

of education. If either board approves the appeal, the school will be allowed to operate in the district, and the district could be required to provide facilities for the school if it ends up with more than 80 students who live in district.

On Nov. 12, the Menlo Park City School District's governing board unanimously denied the charter school's petition to start a new Mandarin immersion school that would eventually have 450 students in kindergarten to eighth grade. The board used as grounds for denial a 56-page report by the district's leadership team and consultants pointing out a number of problems with the plan for the charter school, along with some supplemental findings not

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included in the report.

The appeal, filed Dec. 5, is a 688-page document containing a 51-page rebuttal to the district's report.

Go to tinyurl.com/kuh4kya to see the appeal and a form for making online comments to the county school board on the charter proposal.

Many district parents and teachers had protested the charter school proposal and packed

a public hearing and the board meeting at which the petition was considered. Charter school backers say in their appeal that the district board and staff members "made it clear ... that they were not interested in working with us, regardless of the merits of our petition, and were even subtly encouraging community opposition."

The petition to start the charter school was presented to the district on Sept. 12. Under state law, the district had only 60 days to consider the petition, a 218-page document with an additional 118 pages of appendices.

The county and state boards are allowed to judge the charter petition on more than just the record of the local school board's previous consideration,

according to the section of the state education code governing charter schools. However, the original petition may not be changed, except to reflect the county or the state as the chartering agency.

The charter school petition says the school would open in the fall of 2015 with two classes each of kindergarten and first grade and a total of 100 students. One grade level would be added each year. The backers have asked the district for 10,000 square feet of classrooms and other facilities, saying the school would serve at least 80 students from the district.

On Dec. 1, the deadline for responding to the facilities request, the district denied the request, saying the charter-school backers had not shown that it would have at least 80

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Charter school backers rebut district findings

The Menlo Park district board adopted as its reasons for denying the Mandarin charter-school petition an entire report by a team of district administrators and consultants analyzing the charter petition.

In its appeal, the charter backers rebut the report's findings. Here are some of those findings and the rebuttals by charter-school backers.

■ **District report:** The petition does not give a reasonable description of how the school would, as required by state law, "reach a racial and ethnic balance in its student population" that reflects the district's current racial and ethnic makeup. Asian students constitute a little more than 7 percent of the district, and the report said other Mandarin immersion programs have much higher percentages of Asian students.

■ **Charter rebuttal:** This argument is "irrelevant" because the charter is only required to describe "the means by which the school will achieve a racial and ethnic balance," and not to provide evidence of actual racial and ethnic balance. Because the school is not yet open, it cannot prove it has achieved the balance. The petition contains a "Community Outreach and Recruitment Plan" to help it

achieve a racial and ethnic balance.

■ **District report:** The charter school may have problems reaching its projected enrollment of 450 students, especially with students who live within the district. The school will have trouble replacing students who drop out with students who are proficient in Mandarin.

■ **Charter rebuttal:** Research shows attrition rates in immersion programs "appear to be less than that of traditional programs." There are several examples of Bay Area Mandarin immersion programs that have no problem filling classroom seats.

■ **District Report:** The charter school will be short on administrators, since it will be governed by Bay Area Language Immersion Schools, a new nonprofit that is also trying to open a school in San Jose next year. During the first year, the executive director of the nonprofit will also serve as principal of both the San Jose and Menlo Park schools.

■ **Charter Rebuttal:** This claim is simply a misreading of the petition. They will have an administrator who will serve as principal and executive director of the school the first year, but will not serve any other school.

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students from within the district during its first year.

The district based its denial in large part on a district investigation of the signatures on the petition submitted by charter-school supporters. The backers said the petition showed they would have a few more than 80 in-district students.

But the district said only 44 in-district students who would be in first-grade or kindergarten next year are represented on the petition, after removing signatures from signers who said they had changed their minds, did not respond to the

district's inquiries, or did not have children of the appropriate age.

The district also alleges that five more signatures are invalid because they are on pages that do not have the correct name for the charter school.

The charter-school backers say the district's reasoning is not correct because court cases in California have found that once signatures on a petition are submitted, they cannot be removed.

The charter school must be approved by May 7, 2015, to preserve a \$375,000 grant from the federal Public Charter Schools Grant Program, via the Charter Schools Division of the California Department of Education. ■

Holiday hours for farmers' market

For Christmas week in Portola Valley, the farmers market in front of the Historic Schoolhouse will be held one day early — on Wednesday, Dec. 24 — during regular winter hours from 2 to 5 p.m.

The vendors for the Christmas

week market will not include Roli Roti and its roasted chickens, market manager Maggie Foard said.

The market will be closed the following week, Ms. Foard said.

Go to tinyurl.com/pvb453 for more information.

Proposals aim to improve heritage tree enforcement

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

Improving replacement tree planting and survival rates, and better protecting the city's heritage trees, are three of the priorities for proposed changes to Menlo Park's heritage tree ordinance.

The changes, compiled by a three-member subcommittee drawn from the Environmental Quality Commission, would impose financial penalties on property owners for failing to plant replacement trees after removing heritage trees, according to the staff report.

The subcommittee suggested fines of \$1,200 or more for failing to plant replacements. People who don't get permits before cutting down heritage trees would see fines of at least \$10,000. The city currently has a \$5,000 fine.

Property owners unable to plant replacement trees on their own land would have the option to pay \$800 toward planting two

replacement trees on city property.

"Currently, we have data on how many trees were required as replacements but we do not collect data that documents how many were planted," said Environmental Programs Manager Heather Abrams. The current heritage tree ordinance doesn't clearly define how the planting of replacement trees is enforced, she said.

Right now enforcement only happens when a property owner asks for a site review or the tree removal is associated with a building permit that requires review under the water efficient landscape ordinance, according to Ms. Abrams.

The subcommittee also recommended improving public outreach about the replacement tree process via mailers and the city's website, and by placing logos on brochures and advertisements to

make sure prospective real estate buyers know that Menlo Park has a heritage tree ordinance.

As for existing heritage trees, the subcommittee has proposed a three-year moratorium on further building permits for a given site if a heritage tree has already been cut down to accommodate a new project.

Other procedural suggestions include incorporating the Environmental Quality Commission during preliminary review of new development proposals that might entail heritage tree removal and adding a fee to construction permits that could be reduced or waived if the project will retain heritage trees.

The Environmental Quality Commission will review the proposed changes on Wednesday, Dec. 17. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at city hall, located in the Civic Center at 701 Laurel St. The City Council will decide at a future meeting whether to adopt the commission's final recommendations. ■

Laundry room bandit strikes at apartments

A laundry room bandit or bandits swarmed through Menlo Park recently, hitting coin-operated laundry machines in apartment complexes, according to the Menlo Park Police Department. There was damage, but no evidence of coin theft.

At a complex on Oak Grove Avenue on Dec. 9, someone took a pry bar to the locked laundry room door, entered the

room and damaged a washer and dryer in an attempt to get at the coins. But the damages were limited to the door and the machines. No coins were taken, police said.

On that same day at an unlocked laundry room at an apartment building on Live Oak Avenue, another washer and dryer were found damaged. Again, the attempt to get to the coins

was unsuccessful, police said.

On Menlo Avenue, a similar crime left a laundry machine damaged. Police don't know if the burglars got away with any coins.

The next day, Dec. 10, a resident of an apartment on Crane Street called police after finding the top of a dryer near the back door of his apartment. The apartment's laundry room had pry marks near the door's lock, but no evidence of an entry, nothing missing from inside, and no damage to machines inside, police said.

Susan Nahmens, flower garden designer

■ OBITUARY

A memorial service for Woodside resident Susan Hayworth Nahmens is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, on the grounds of the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County at 521 Kings Mountain Road in Woodside.

Ms. Nahmens, a flower garden designer and a one-time curator of the Woodside Store county museum on Tripp Road in Woodside, died in her sleep on Nov. 15 at her home in Emerald Hills. She was 64.

She grew up in Redwood City and married Bob Nahmens, a now-retired Woodside Fire Protection District battalion chief. They had two sons. The family enjoyed vacationing in Jackson

Hole and Mendocino County.

Ms. Nahmens became known in the local community for the flower gardens she designed, including gardens on the Stanford University campus, estates in Woodside, and at the fire district's main station on Woodside Road.

She and her husband resided at the Woodside Store for several years, where she was a live-in curator, her sister Deborah Wade told the Almanac.

Ms. Nahmens was a natural athlete, her sister said. "No matter what sport it was, she could

go out and do it," she said. Later in life, when illness reduced her options for physical activity, Ms. Nahmens took up fantasy football and got "very involved," Ms. Wade said.

Ms. Nahmens is survived by her husband Bob; her sisters Deborah Wade of San Jose, Pamela Hunt of Capitola and Nancy Becker of Salt Lake City; her sons Mark of Portola Valley and Tom of Morgan Hill; and her grandson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Woodside-Portola Valley Fire Protection Foundation at 3111 Woodside Road, Woodside CA 94062.

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

Caltrain Electrification Plan Moving Along



For all of you Peninsula residents and commuters who have followed the various proposals to improve the Caltrain system, you will want to know that on December 4, 2014, Caltrain released their Final Environmental Impact Report on the proposed electrification plan.

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The public meeting to consider certifying the Final EIR will be held January 8, 2015 at the Caltrain headquarters in San Carlos. The report is available online at www.caltrain.com/electrification, the Caltrain San Carlos office, local libraries, or by calling 650-622-7841.

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Storm brings road closures, power outages

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

It may not have been the Stormageddon that it was advertised to be, but the wind-driven storm that blew into the Bay Area Thursday morning, Dec. 11, caused flooding, closed roads, closed schools and power outages locally.

Local towns recorded rainfall totals of 3 to 6 inches over 48 hours. Roads, including the intersection of Middlefield Road and Oak Grove Avenue, were closed due to flooding, and many roads that intersect with El Camino Real were flooded during the day.

U.S. 101 was closed in both directions near Marsh Road early Friday morning for a short time due to flooding.

In Woodside and Portola Valley, three elementary schools were closed on Thursday. In Menlo Park and Atherton, elementary schools were open, as were Menlo-Atherton and Woodside high schools.

In Woodside, a large tree fell, closing Mountain Home Road at Winding Way on Thursday morning.

Sandbags were available, and quickly snapped up, in all the communities. Woodside distributed at least 20 tons of sand.

Town Engineer Paul Nagengast said the town had only a small area to stage the sand, so trucked it in repeatedly at three or four tons per load. "It's the most sand that we've had to order for a storm event," he said.

The town responded to so many calls about water build-up that it could not respond to all of them immediately, Mr. Nagengast said. "We have to prioritize, too," he said. "Eventually, we'll get there. We get everywhere."

Traffic signals at several Menlo Park intersections were

not working at various times Thursday morning, including El Camino Real at Santa Cruz Avenue, El Camino at Valparaiso Avenue, and El Camino and Cambridge Avenue. Police were directing traffic.

Menlo Park's Interim Public Works Director Jesse Quirion said on Thursday that Menlo Park handled the storm well. A few "minor hotspots" along El Camino Real at Ravenswood and Roble avenues, and another at Ravenswood Avenue and Middlefield Road required continual clearing of storm drains, and power outages briefly affected traffic signals and City Hall.

Despite fears it might flood, San Francisquito Creek remained below its banks. "We have been on site a number of times today and we are keeping an eye on the creek monitors," Mr. Quirion said on Thursday.

Free sand bags were going fast from sites at Alma Street and Burgess Drive, and Pope Street and Laurel Avenue.

In Atherton, by 5:15 p.m. Thursday, the town's emergency crews had responded to more than 40 storm-related incidents, including drain clearing, debris clearance, downed trees and tree limbs and traffic control.

Public Works Superintendent Steve Tyler said Atherton gave out nearly 10 tons of sand at a limit of 20 bags per person.

On Friday, Mr. Tyler said, the town's crews worked to "sharpen up our chain saws, clean the piles of debris ... do some clearing from problem spots along the Atherton Channel, and prepare for the next event." Mr. Tyler said crews "worked around the clock Thursday into Friday."

Almanac staff writers Dave Boyce and Sandy Brundage contributed to this report.



Photo by Barbara Wood/The Almanac

A large oak tree that fell on Mountain Home Road in Woodside on Dec. 11 caused the road to close for a short time but was quickly removed from the roadway.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

A worker clears debris from a drain at 300 El Camino Real in Menlo Park during the storm on Dec. 11.

Mary Carter Fought, Kara grief counselor

Mary Delta Carter Fought, a resident of Woodside for 54 years, died at home on Oct. 20. She was 84.

A native of Seattle, she attended San Jose State University and later earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Hayward State University and a master's degree in counseling from San Francisco State University.

In 1950 she married Victor Fought, with whom she raised

OBITUARIES
Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

six children. She had a 24-year career as a volunteer counselor for Kara, bringing comfort and support to grief-stricken individuals over the years, say family members.

Ms. Fought was dedicated to her family, her community, her

profession, the environment and to humanity in general, they say.

She is survived by her children: Cathy Taylor of Redwood City, David Fought of San Francisco, Vickie Fought of Pescadero,



Mary Carter Fought

Susie Fought of Berkeley, Julie Fought of Lone Pine and Bruce Fought of El Granada; brother Dr. Joel Carter of Amelia Island, Florida; and four grandchildren. Her husband, Victor Fought, preceded her in death.

A celebration of her life was held Nov. 9.

Diana Halprin

Community volunteer

Diana Halpin of Portola Valley, died Dec. 8 after a six-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was 76.

A native of Clarksburg, West Virginia, she graduated from Simmons College in Boston, where she met her future husband, Steve.

In 1963, the couple moved to the Bay Area. Ms. Halpin returned to school to get a mas-



Diana Halprin

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Board OKs plans to buy sites for new high schools

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The Sequoia Union High School District has entered into contracts to spend up to \$12.7 million for two Peninsula properties — \$9.3 million for a 2.1-acre site in Menlo Park near Belle Haven and \$3.4 million for a 1-acre site in San Carlos.

The district plans to use the properties to build two small high schools designed to accommodate about 400 students each, in part to relieve future enrollment pressures at Menlo-Atherton and Carlmont high schools.

The district board, at its Dec. 10 meeting, authorized the superintendent to buy the two properties — at 150 Jefferson Drive in Menlo Park, and at 535 Old County Road in San Carlos.

Based on higher enrollments in elementary school districts, the Sequoia district is expecting an enrollment surge of at least 22 percent by the 2020-21 school year. Much of the surge is coming from school districts in and around Menlo Park and in Belmont and San Carlos.

Money for construction would come from Measure A, which voters passed in June 2014 and which authorizes the district to borrow up to \$265 million in the bond market to open the new high schools and to build more classrooms and related facilities on the existing campuses.

In February, district spending plans allocated \$10 million for the purchase of land for the two schools and \$54 million for their construction. At the comprehensive campuses, M-A was to get \$53 million for classrooms and related facilities,

with \$40.1 million going to Woodside High School.

The Menlo Park site on Jefferson Drive is in the light industrial area just north of Belle Haven and currently home to an office building and a warehouse. The property is in use and was not on the market, Enrique Navas, the Sequoia district's chief financial officer, said. Closing is set for Feb. 6, but can be extended to March 2.

In evaluating the site for its suitability for a school, the California Department of Education gave it a rank of 2 on a 1-5 scale, with 1 being the highest evaluation, Mr. Navas said. Some of the unanswered questions on the evaluation form include whether the site is vulnerable to flooding and whether there are safe walking routes to school. The district is also researching whether public transportation is available.

Board members Chris Thomsen and Alan Sarver noted the remoteness of the site. "It's kind of the far reaches" of the district, Mr. Thomsen said. "I don't think it's a simple challenge to attract students to that site. I think that's the widely held perception, that it's far out there."

"It's one of the things that we will definitely need to address," Mr. Lianides said. "This is an area that is rapidly changing from industrial to high technology, which could make it very attractive to students, and worth the effort to get there."

Facebook is planning a large campus a few blocks away, and offices of Oracle and Intuit are close by. The high school would likely have a 9 a.m. daily start time to avoid commute-time congestion, Mr. Lianides said. ■



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ter's degree in counseling from Santa Clara University. She was an active volunteer at the Stanford University Bechtel International Center and in the Menlo Park schools, where she was given the Honorary Service Award.

In 1983, the family moved to Portola Valley, where she was also active in community organizations.

Ms. Halprin loved to write and took many courses in

creative writing at Stanford University. Music, ballet, theater and international travel were her passions, say family members.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Stephen Halprin; sons Andrew of Mountain View and Matt of Menlo Park; and four grandchildren.

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City of Menlo Park

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Community Workshop

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7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Menlo Park Senior Center
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This will be a hands-on workshop to begin to identify land use alternatives in the M-2 area. The goal is for participants to create a list of land use priorities, discuss potential sizes and heights of new buildings of different types (office, retail, hotel, residential, etc.), and to identify on a map where those land uses should be located.

Survey

A new online survey will soon be launched to gain feedback on preferred land use alternatives. The online tool will include an interactive map that allows participants to weigh potential benefits and impacts of various land uses. A paper survey will also be available at the Neighborhood Services Center.

The survey is expected to be available on **December 23, 2014**, with responses due **January 18, 2015**. Subscribe to email updates and receive a notice when it goes live.

Open House

Thursday, January 8, 2015
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Services Center
871 Hamilton Avenue

If you missed the workshop, need help completing the survey, or would like more information about the ConnectMenlo process, please join us at the Open House. The Open House will build off of the workshop and you will still have an opportunity to provide your feedback.


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Town plans outdoor event area

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

ATHERTON

Plans to create an outdoor event area on about half an acre of the town's Holbrook-Palmer Park come to the Atherton City Council on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

The area, which could accommodate gatherings of up to 150 people, is designed by Berkeley-based landscape architects Freeman Jewell. It would be bordered by the Main House patio, the Pavilion patio and the park playground, and includes new garden plantings.

In other business Dec. 17, the council will select a new mayor and vice mayor, and consider adopting regulations governing signs and cellphone towers. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the town's council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

Event area

At the meeting, the council will consider an agreement with the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation to create the outdoor event area, which is part of the 2005 master plan for the park.

The garden in the event area would have a shade tree canopy, low hedges, flowering shrubs, perennials and ground cover. Decomposed granite would cover the area between the plantings, and wooden benches would be installed. Lighting is not part of the plan. Developing the area as planned requires the park's exist-

The council will consider adopting regulations on signs and cellphone towers.

ing rose garden to be relocated.

The area is designed for use by groups of people seated at tables, but also to be conducive to small gatherings or classes, according to a staff report by Community Services Director Michael Kashiwagi. The existing area is not well used and in poor condition, the report says.

The cost of the project, estimated to be close to \$200,000,

would be paid by the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation. The town's maintenance staff has estimated it will cost the town about \$7,500 a year to maintain the area.

In early December, the Atherton Parks and Recreation Committee unanimously recommended the City Council approve the project.

Other business

The proposed sign ordinance that the council will consider would regulate the size and placement of signs, including construction site signs and real estate open house signs.

The proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility Ordinance is designed to minimize the visual impact of cellphone towers and other facilities by encouraging appropriate design, siting, screening and location. Permits would be good for 10 years and then be re-evaluated.

Also on the council's agenda is authorization for the town to hire a contractor to develop a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, which

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No crosswalk anytime soon for Mountain Home Road

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

WOODSIDE

Children walking to Woodside Elementary School from the south side of town — from neighborhoods along Mountain Home and Whiskey Hill roads — have not had the benefit of a crosswalk when crossing Mountain Home Road.

Crosswalks are a significant component of the town's efforts to improve safety for children walking to school, and the Town Council has been considering a crosswalk at Cedar Lane and Mountain Home, but it's off for now.

In September, the council approved two on Canada Road — a new one at Glenwood Avenue and an upgraded one at Romero Road. But the council rejected a crosswalk at Cedar Lane in a 4-3 vote on Dec. 9.

The council also approved pavement markings to warn drivers of people and equestrians crossing Mountain Home Road near the bridge near Roberts market — a logical crossing place. Adults and children do cross there, but a crosswalk is problematic due to property rights and constrained lines of sight for vehicles.

Councilman Dave Tanner said at the time that he crosses there daily, despite the danger, because it's less dangerous than his other options.

But on Dec. 9, Mr. Tanner joined colleagues Anne Kasten, Peter Mason and newly appointed Mayor Tom Shanahan in rejecting a Cedar Lane crosswalk. Council members Ron Romines, Deborah Gordon and Dave Burow dissented.

The proposal may come back if safe passage for students can be arranged between the school and Cedar Lane via a path along the side of the main fire station on Woodside Road. That path would allow students to avoid the corner at Roberts Market.

Crossing Mountain Home

The proposed Cedar Lane crosswalk became a source of contention over its precise location and its design.

The town hired the traffic-analysis firm Parisi Transportation Consulting to study the intersection. The recommendation includes a crosswalk at right angles to Mountain

Home Road and at the north side of the intersection, where the line of sight was better and the landscape simpler, according to a staff report. Town staff concurred.

The equestrian-oriented Trails Committee wanted a diagonal crosswalk similar to the temporary crosswalk added at that intersection for the annual Day of the Horse celebration, the report says. But diagonal crosswalks put pedestrians' backs to traffic and lengthen their exposure to traffic, Parisi consultant Andrew Lee told the council. Elementary school students are also small, making them harder for drivers to see, Mr. Lee said.

"The least amount of time and distance on the roadway makes all the difference for students," he said.

Resident Rick DeBenedetti, a member of the Trails Committee but speaking for himself, said he's concerned that

crosswalks and crosswalk warning signs could undermine Woodside's rural character.

The location was an issue for nearby residents. They

want the crosswalk on the south side of the Cedar Lane intersection. Putting it on the north side places it in the path of vehicle traffic coming out of Cedar Lane — not an issue on the south side since most traffic turns north, Mountain Home Road resident Rick Corso said.

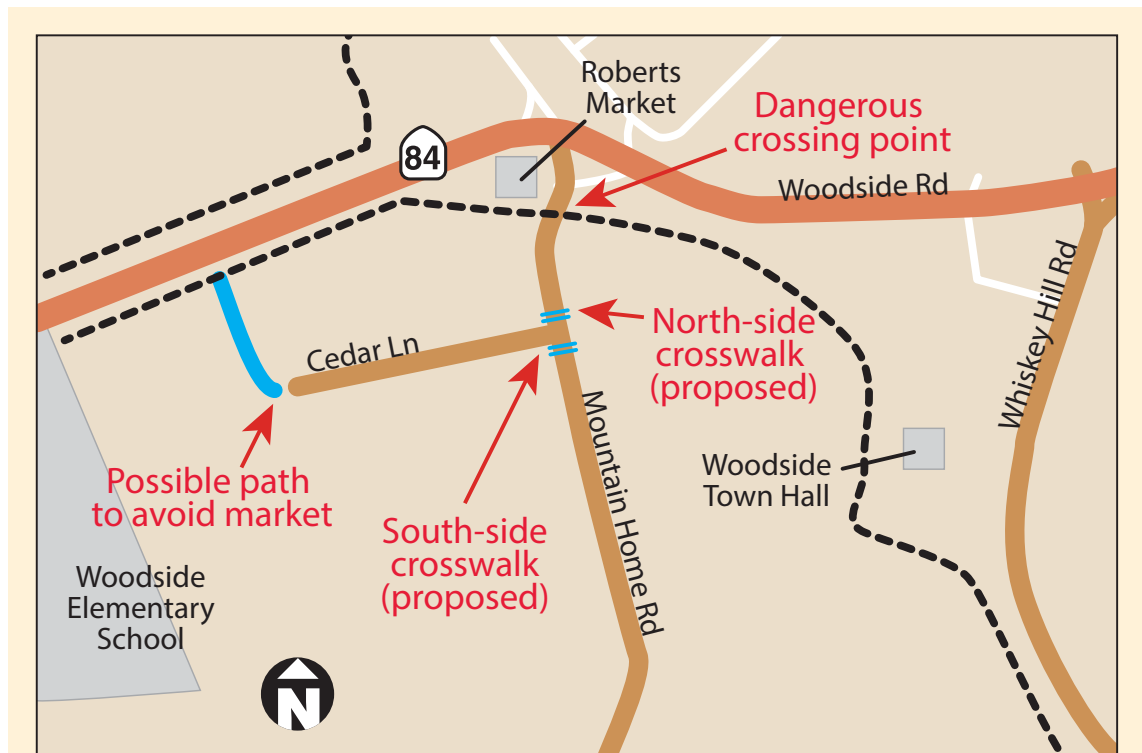
But a crosswalk on the south side would deposit students on the wrong side of Cedar Lane, thereby requiring another crosswalk across Cedar, according to the analysis.

Mr. Corso added that a north-side crosswalk would terminate too near his driveway. A camera should be installed to study the traffic, he said. "I'm not an engineer," he added, "I just happen to have lived there for more than 30 years."

Council comments

Opinions from council members in the majority reflected the concerns of residents who spoke. None spoke in favor of the proposal.

"I haven't found anybody who likes this plan, except for the engineers," Mr. Tanner said. "I stop for every kid I see. I have brakes. My eyes work. ... I'd be all for this if it was on a diagonal



Crossing Mountain Home Road on foot or on horseback will remain a tricky business. The Woodside Town Council rejected a proposed crosswalk at Cedar Lane after hearing complaints from nearby residents and equestrians. If a path alongside the fire station can be arranged, the council may revisit the crosswalk idea.

and serves the horses as well."

A crosswalk is not necessarily safe, he added: "I think you're going to find more accidents inside a crosswalk than outside a crosswalk."

The plan, Mr. Mason said, adds "a whole bunch of signs and pavement markings for a few users" and smacks of suburban character. "It doesn't seem right to me," he said.

The issues, Ms. Kasten said, are the norms of public safety, Woodside's rural character, child safety, and avoiding liability for the town. Maybe the crosswalk should be shelved pending resolution of the path through the fire station property, she said. "We want to get it right," she said.

Mr. Romines and Ms. Gordon put safety above other priorities. "I don't care if 99 percent of people stop for people crossing a road," Mr. Romines said. "If it's one in a thousand (who's in danger), that's one more kid that we could protect."

Millo Fenzi, chair of the town's Circulation Committee, said in an email that he understood caution on the council's part. Paths along Mountain Home Road are not consistent and safety is an issue in the Roberts Market parking lot, on the path between the market and the school, and in the school parking lot, he said.

Until these issues are addressed, perhaps including the Cedar-Lane/fire-station path behind Roberts Market, a safe walking route to and from school will not be available for

homes in the neighborhoods of Whiskey Hill and Mountain Home roads, Mr. Fenzi said.

"This is a bit of a chicken and egg issue," he said. "Since the

Mt. Home route to school is not safe, few parents/students use it. Since few use the route, the Council did not see a compelling reason to improve it." ■

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Looking back

Vast photo collection documents San Mateo County life over several decades

By Barbara Wood

They say a picture is worth a thousand words.

Which would mean that this story, about the donation of 250,000 images to the San Mateo County Historical Association, should be very, very long. The equivalent, say, of a stack of 320 King James Bibles' worth of words.

But maybe the photos should be allowed to do most of the talking.

Retired commercial and news photographer Norton Pearl has donated his archive of 250,000 negatives to the county's historical association, which now has them packed tightly into more than 60 legal-sized cardboard boxes taking up nearly every spare nook and cranny in the San Mateo County History Museum's Archives room. The archives are in the San Mateo County History Museum in downtown Redwood City at 2200 Broadway.

The boxes of negatives represent decades of photography by Mr. Pearl, a resident of San Mateo, who worked first as a freelance news photographer, then for United Press, and later as the owner of a commercial photography business on the Peninsula.

The photos include shots of celebrities such as Shirley Temple Black, Bing Crosby and Tony Bennett; politicians such as Ronald Reagan, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower and Earl Warren; local events such as a 1948 high school dance, Crystal Springs Dam overflowing, the Golden Gate National Cemetery covered in snow (taken from the air), the Golden Gate Bridge being painted (taken from near the top of the bridge) and a 1960 San Mateo County Fair exhibit of a comely model in a "spacesuit."

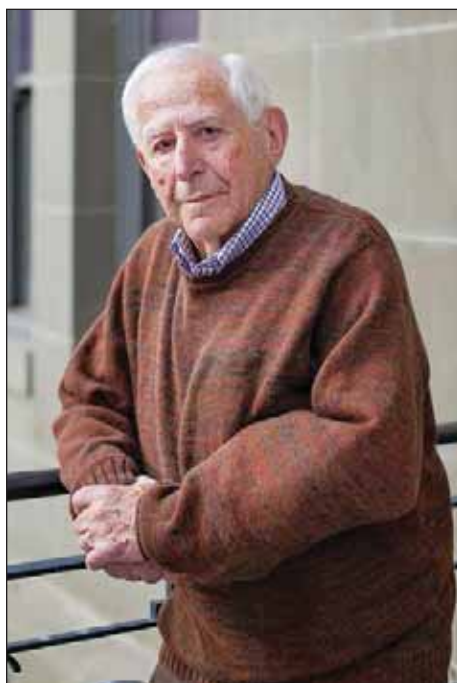


Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Norton Pearl, a retired commercial and news photographer, has donated his archive of 250,000 negatives to the San Mateo County History Museum.

The treasure trove of images will need some work before the photos are available for researchers to easily use. The images are now organized by client and assignment, and dated; but are not indexed by the subject of the photos, and almost all are negatives not prints. "We have to completely re-organize them to make them useful for the public," says Mitch Postel, president of the historical association. Mr. Pearl has



promised to help with the organizing.

Mr. Pearl, who turns 81 on Dec. 17, says the oldest negative in the collection was taken in 1948 when he was still in high school. He started taking photos, however, when he was only 8 years old, and was developing his own film and printing photos by the time he was 12.

"Photography was kind of always in my blood," Mr. Pearl says.

He got a taste for news photography when he was about 13, living near the chief of the Burlingame volunteer fire department. When young Norton heard the alarm horn, he'd run to the corner and wait for the chief to pick him up and give him a ride to the fire.

He sold photos, first to the Burlingame Advance newspaper and later, when the Advance refused to increase the \$3.50 payment it gave him for photos, to the San Mateo Times, which paid Mr. Pearl \$5.

In high school Norton took photos for the school paper and yearbook, and continued to freelance news photos.

"It started out as a hobby, and then I paid my way through college with it, really, doing freelance work," Mr. Pearl says.

In college, he realized he wanted to make photography his career. He went to work for United Press, which later became United Press International, but realized he might have trouble moving up in the organization if he wanted to stay in the Bay Area.

So he went to work for a photography studio in San Mateo, buying it a few years later. The company's business mostly involved publicity and marketing photos.

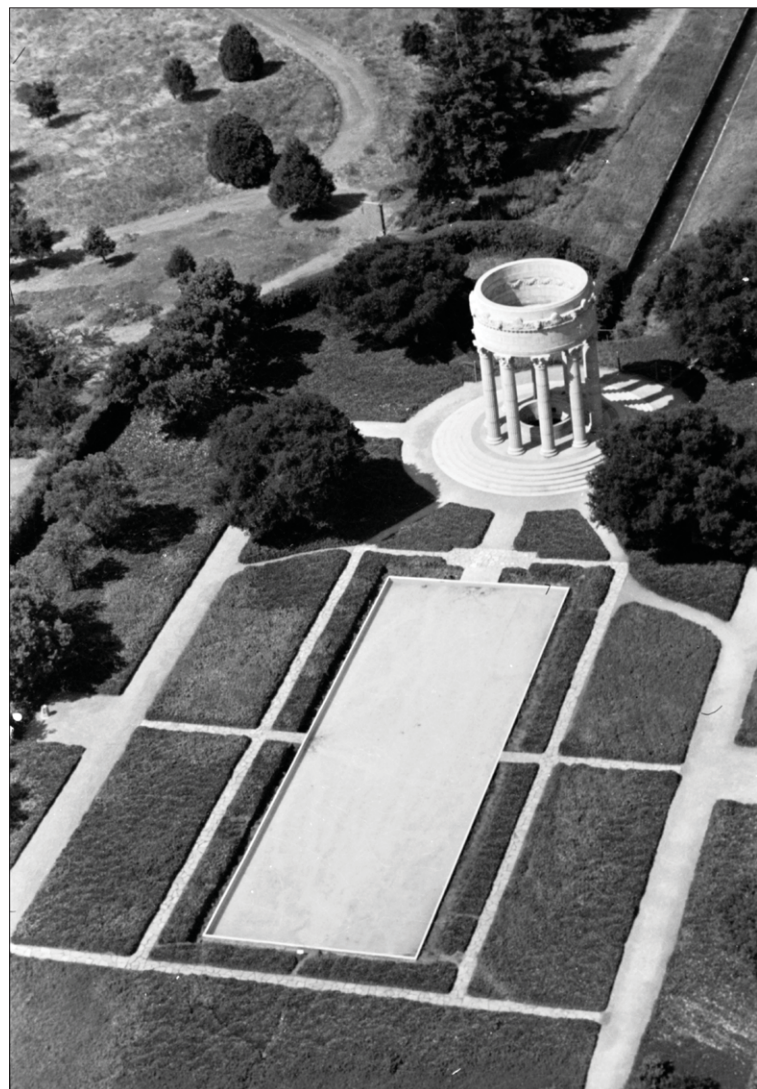
Having worked for United Press and several newspapers, Mr. Pearl knew what images publications wanted and his business was to provide them.

"It was a great time for photography," he says.

The business grew rapidly. "We ended up being the largest commercial studio on the Peninsula," Mr. Pearl says.

His clients were local, regional, national and international and included Hillsdale Shopping Center, the Hyatt, the San Mateo County Fair, Ford Motors, General Electric, Kaiser Aluminum, Hewlett Packard and GTE.

For Lenkurt Electric, he took photos of telecommunications equipment being used on Alaska's North Slope; for the



Norton Pearl's donated photos include, clockwise from top: Menlo Park's Allied Arts Guild in 1966; a 1963 aerial view of the Pulgas Water Temple off Canada Road in Woodside; Shirley Temple Black in her Atherton home in 1957; and horseback riders in Woodside in 1967.

On the cover: Photographer Norton Pearl, center, talks about his prints posted on the wall after an event held at the San Mateo County History Museum to announce his donation of 250,000 negatives to the museum. (Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac.)



Pineapple Growers of Hawaii, he took pictures of a cooking contest in Hawaii.

Mr. Pearl says that one thing that increases the value of the collection he has donated to the museum is that it includes all the photos he took — not just

the ones that were published. That gives researchers a good idea of the context in which the photos were taken. “You now have the ability to look and see what else was going on,” he says.

Mr. Postel of the historic association

says the museum now has about 310,000 images in its collection, with recent additions from Bay Meadows and the San Mateo Times archives.

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Woodside, Portola Valley elect new mayors

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer



New mayors Tom Shanahan of Woodside and Jeff Aalfs of Portola Valley.

Woodside and Portola Valley have new mayors — Tom Shanahan and Jeff Aalfs. Both councilmen were elected on unanimous votes of their town councils, on Dec. 9 and 10, and both are holding the office for the first time.

In Portola Valley, Councilwoman Maryann Moise Derwin was elected vice mayor. In Woodside, Councilwoman Deborah Gordon was elected mayor pro tempore.

The mayors and vice mayor or mayor pro tempore, in coordination with town managers, set agendas for council meetings. It's common practice for these ceremonial positions to rotate among council members.

Jeff Aalfs

Mr. Aalfs was appointed to the council in December 2011. He ran without opposition, and the council chose not to spend \$10,000 on an election. Previously, he served three years on the Architectural & Site Control Commission (ASCC).

Mr. Aalfs is self-employed as an energy consultant helping residential and some commercial clients to comply with government energy codes and improve building efficiency.

He is married with two children, swims regularly and plays adult softball. He has a bachelor's degree in molecular biology from the University of California at Los Angeles, a doctorate in genetics from Harvard University and did post-doctoral work at Tufts University medical school.

Tom Shanahan

Mr. Shanahan was elected to the council without opposition in December 2012.

He is married with three children, is a polo player with five polo horses, shoots skeet and trap, and has a model railroad that takes up two horse stalls.

He is retired from a career as chief financial officer at several corporations and is on the board at Needham Asset Management LLC. He has degrees from Stanford University and the Harvard University business school, where he was a Baker Scholar, and served as an officer in the First Infantry Division in Vietnam. ▣



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Showa Sahle in her salon called La Migliore in Menlo Park. She hosted an event benefiting Lambadina Foundation, founded to fight human trafficking.

Helping in the fight against human trafficking

By Jane Knoerle
Almanac Lifestyles Editor

Showa Sahle recently gave a party at La Migliore, her hair salon at 644 Santa Cruz Ave in Menlo Park. Clients, neighbors and "friends of friends" enjoyed music, goodies and wine, with proceeds benefiting Lam-

badina Foundation, founded to fight human trafficking.

Human trafficking is something Ms. Sahle knows about first hand. A native of Ethiopia, she has lost three of her cousins, ages 17, 20 and 22, there. All were abducted and eventually

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City to hold workshop on M-2 industrial zone

Menlo Park will host a community workshop on Thursday, Dec. 18, to find out what residents and other interested parties see as the future of the city's M-2 industrial district, which roughly encompasses parcels wedged between the San Francisco Bay, University Avenue, Marsh Road and U.S. 101.

The focus of the workshop will be on creating a list of land-use priorities — office? retail? hotel? — and discussing how tall and how large different types of buildings should be. It starts at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center at 110 Terminal Ave.

You can also weigh in online. The city will run a survey from Dec. 23 through Jan. 18 with an interactive map that allows participants to experiment with the pros and cons of different land-use combinations.

Golden Apple awards

Lutticken's, one of Menlo Park's most down-to-earth restaurants, has received an award for making a difference at local schools from the Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce. The cafe also has sites in Redwood City, at 150 Elm St., and on the Stanford campus in Palo Alto.

The business was nominated for the Golden Apple award "for being one of those silent givers who does amazing things for our schools and youth in the community" by donating time, money and food, according to a chamber press release.

Also receiving a Golden Apple: Facebook, for "the enormous impact" the company's generosity has had on Redwood City schools. Facebook recently donated \$100,000 worth of laptops and other technology to Fair Oaks, Hoover and Taft elementary schools.

HERO arrives

Looking to improve your home's energy efficiency? Your HERO has arrived. Menlo Park's Home Energy Renovation Opportunity program is now up and running.

The program allows homeowners to finance energy-efficient products such as solar panels and attic insulation by having the renovations billed as part of their annual property tax bill.

Go to tinyurl.com/kxfurzo to learn more.

Bag price hike

Starting Jan. 1, the price of a paper bag at retail stores in San Mateo County will increase

BRIEFS

from 10 to 25 cents. The increase is part of the Board of Supervisors' reusable bag ordinance, which took effect in April 2013.

Since the ordinance, the number of shoppers bringing their own bags has increased 162 percent, according to a county survey. Prior to the ordinance, local retailers used more than 63 million single-use plastic bags each year.

Woodside, which did not adopt the county ordinance or pass its own, will fall under California law, which requires large retailers to charge 10 cents per bag beginning July 1, 2015.

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Physician assistant
Ivonne Velado, left, and Maria Garcia.

Kathleen Alexander

Engaging the patient in health care

By Kathleen Alexander, communications director, Ravenswood Family Health Center.

■ HOLIDAY FUND

Gifts to the Almanac's Holiday Fund benefit the Ravenswood Family Health Center.

Some 4,000 patients at Ravenswood Family Health Center in East Palo Alto have a chronic disease condition.

Diabetes is the second most common. Fortunately, diabetes is treatable but keeping it in check takes constant vigilance and lifestyle changes. Motivating patients to make those changes is the real challenge in primary care.

Nineteen years ago Maria Garcia came from Mexico to East Palo Alto. She has four children, two in college and two at the Phoenix Academy.

She looks healthy, but she is diabetic and diabetes is insidious, the leading cause of blindness, kidney failure and amputations. As a diabetic, Maria Garcia is susceptible to neuropathy, which causes sensory nerve damage in the feet or hands. Feet are especially susceptible. Undetected sores can worsen and, if left untreated, lead to amputation.

As part of comprehensive diabetes care, Ravenswood has trained its medical assistants to perform a diabetes foot screening and to teach patients how to check feet daily.

Until the medical assistant examined them, Maria hadn't known that she had blisters on the soles of her feet. The problem was reported to her provider, Ivonne Velado, PA, and was treated.

Now Maria recalls verbatim the routine for daily foot care. She knows how important her feet are to her. "My whole life I've walked. I've never driven a car." Then she adds with a

chuckle, "I've only driven a shopping cart."

With the support of her care team at Ravenswood's Belle Haven Clinic, Maria has made a lot of progress in the past two years. "I'm on my way to being healthy," she says.

Besides walking, her daily exercise is gardening. What is a weekend leisure pursuit for some is an everyday routine for Maria. She raises her hands in the air and describes her garden. "I have an avocado tree with many avocados. I feed my plants and they feed me in return."

She raises most of the vegetables for her family and is stocked up for months, a significant savings for her family. "Now," she says, "it's time for onions, cilantro and spinach."

Ravenswood Family Health Center, based in East Palo Alto, offers comprehensive coordinated health care, including primary medical care and prevention services, behavioral health counseling, and full-service dental care to more than 12,000 low-income patients annually. As a nonprofit, federally qualified health center, Ravenswood fulfills the mission of ensuring that everyone receives compassionate, culturally appropriate care. ■

Go to ravenswoodfhc.org or call (650) 330-7418 for more information on Ravenswood Family Health Center, located at 1798A Bay Road in East Palo Alto.

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Ecumenical Hunger Program

Provides emergency food, clothing, household essentials, and sometimes financial assistance to families in need, regardless of religious preference, including Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for more than 2,000 households.

Project Read

Provides free literacy services to adults in the Menlo Park area. Trained volunteers work one-on-one to help adults improve their basic reading, writing and English language skills so they can achieve their goals and function more effectively at home, at work and in the community. Volunteers also help students acquire basic keyboard and computer skills.

Ravenswood Family Health Center

Provides primary medical and preventive health care for all ages at its clinics in Belle Haven and East Palo Alto. It also operates a mobile clinic at school sites. Of the more than 17,000 registered patients, most are low-income and uninsured and live in the ethnically diverse East Palo Alto, Belle Haven, and North Fair Oaks areas.

JobTrain

Provides training and job placement services for those at risk, including the long-term unemployed, homeless, marginalized youth, returning parolees and those recovering from drug and alcohol abuse.

St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room

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InnVision Shelter Network

Provides shelter/housing and supportive services across 18 sites in Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Peninsula. Serves thousands of homeless families and individuals annually on their path back to permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

StarVista

Serves more than 32,000 people throughout San Mateo County, including children, young people, families with counseling, prevention, early intervention, education, and residential programs. StarVista also provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services including a 24-hour suicide crisis hotline, an alcohol and drug helpline, and a parent support hotline.

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Written bids must be submitted no later than

2:00 PM Monday January 05, 2015

at the Las Lomas Elementary School District Main Office.

Mandatory Pre-bid conference has been scheduled for

1:00 PM Friday December 26, 2014

Attendance is mandatory at pre-bid conference. Attendees must be present for the entire meeting in order to be deemed a qualified bidder.

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In accordance with the provisions of California Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 and Public Contract Code Section 3300, The District requires that the bidder possess the following classification of contractor's license at the time the bid is submitted:

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Each bid must be accompanied by certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the tendered bid, made payable to the order of **Las Lomas Elementary School District** as a guarantee that the bidder will, after being notified of acceptance of his/her bid, enter into a contract with the Board in accordance therewith and file the necessary bonds as called for in the Specifications.

Rejection of Bids

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Board also reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid received.

Selection of Lowest Bid

The successful bidder will be selected per the lowest base bid.
Per Public Contract Code Section 20103.8

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It is the intent of the Las Lomas School District that other Public School Districts, Community College Districts and public agencies throughout the State of California (listed herein, but not limited to) may purchase identical items at the same unit price(s) subject to the same terms and conditions, pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20118 and 20652. Agencies participating in this bid shall be responsible for obtaining approval from their approving body of authority when necessary and shall hold the Las Lomas School District harmless from any disputes, disagreements or actions which may arise as a result of using this bid. Building freight/shipping charges are included in the bid prices for the Las Lomas School District only. Additional freight/shipping charges that may be required by other agencies are outside the scope of the base bid. Furthermore, additional charges are due to site conditions that may apply and are also outside the scope of the base bid. The Las Lomas School District waives its rights to require other Districts to draw their warrants in favor of this District and authorizes each District to make payment directly to the successful bidder.

Prevailing Wage Requirements

This Project is a "public work" to which general prevailing wage rates will apply in accordance with Labor Code Section 1770, et seq. The Prevailing wage rates are available on the DIR website at www.DIR.ca.gov.

The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the School District.

This project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, of the Labor Code. Contractor shall submit certified payroll monthly via the eCPR system.

Escrow Accounts

Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code, the Agreement will contain provisions permitting the successful bidder to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the agreement or permitting payment of retentions earned directly into an escrow account.

Payment Bond

Before commencing any work under the contract, the Contractor shall file a Payment Bond with the Owner. It shall be a surety bond, shall be issued by corporations duly and legally licensed to transact business in the State of California and approve by the Owner. They shall be issued at the expense of the Contractor; and shall be maintained by him and at his expense during the entire life of the Contract. This bond shall be in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price and shall secure the payment of all claims for labor and materials used or consumed in the performance of this contract.

Disabled Veteran's Business Enterprise

In accordance with Education Code Section 17076.11, The Las Lomas Elementary School District has "a participation goal of at least 3% per year of the overall dollar amount expended each year by the school district for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises." Thus, all contractors bidding on this project are required to make a good faith effort to achieve this 3% participation goal. Requirements for demonstrating that this good faith effort has been made are included in the Project Manual

■ POLICE CALLS

This information is based on reports from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and the Menlo Park Police Department. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.

PORTOLA VALLEY

Residential burglary: A burglar entered a residence under construction on Bear Gulch Drive and stole six construction-grade levels, a job-site radio and a paint sprayer. Estimated loss: \$3,700. Dec. 3.

WOODSIDE

Residential burglary: A burglar entered a house on West California Way and went through drawers and closets, but deputies don't know whether anything was taken or how the burglar got into the house. Dec. 1.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglary: Someone forced open a rear window of a house on Louise Street and stole rolls of coins. Estimated loss: \$250. Dec. 9.

Auto burglary: Though the doors of a vehicle parked on Live Oak Avenue were locked and there were no signs of a break-in, someone managed to get into the vehicle and steal two pairs of jeans, a pair of shoes and sunglasses. Estimated loss: \$434. Dec. 9.

Thefts:

■ A woman working in an office on Jefferson Drive told police that her wallet had been stolen from her desk and that her credit cards had been used for several unauthorized purchases. Dec. 8.

■ Someone cut a bike lock and stole the locked bike from under a carport in an apartment complex on Roble Avenue. Estimated loss: \$800. Dec. 9.

■ Two bikes were stolen from a patio in an apartment complex on Coleman Avenue. Estimated loss: \$200. Dec. 11.

■ A package was stolen from the front porch of a home on Cloud Avenue. In the package were a USB cable, two shirts, a hat and some shoes. Estimated loss: \$170.

■ An in-store video camera caught images of a man walking out of the El Rancho Supermarket on Willow Road carrying seven packs of batteries that he had not paid for. Estimated loss: \$28. Dec. 10.

Fraud: Police arrested a homeless man after he admitted to possessing marijuana and identified himself falsely using names of "actual people." The man had been asleep behind a business in the vicinity of Ravenswood Avenue and Alma Street. He was booked into jail without incident. Dec. 11.

Vandalism: Menlo Park police are on the lookout for a graffiti artist whose work includes the word "STAND." Reports of such graffiti came from San Mateo County police agencies "from Brisbane to Menlo Park," Menlo Park police said.

Traffic accident: A bicyclist coming off the Ringwood Avenue foot bridge was hit broadside by a truck while the cyclist was crossing Van Buren Road. Medics took the cyclist to Stanford Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Dec. 9.

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shot, despite the family paying out thousands of dollars in ransom.

"It's all over Africa," said Ms. Sahle of human trafficking, "especially Eritrea and Ethiopia. The forces behind it are so powerful, it's going to take a long time to stop it."

This is the third year Ms. Sahle has raised funds for the foundation. Her yearly event featured scarves donated by Dolma, the shop next door to La Migliore, and jewelry, including a bracelet designed by Ms. Sahle. She and her husband, Abraham, also send computers and school clothes to aid Ethiopian children.

"I used to go back a lot to see

my mom, but she's here now, living with my sister," says Ms. Sahle.

Showa Sahle has lived in the Bay Area for 26 years. "I first came here on my honeymoon. I was 17 and had a cousin at Stanford," It was love at first sight.

From a highly educated family ("My grandfather said I would make a good lawyer"), Ms. Sahle chose a career in the world of fashion and hair design, working in San Francisco and traveling to Europe and London.

Today Ms. Sahle is an avid Menlo Park booster and business owner. She has two hair salons: La Migliore and Piccola Bella (at 1143 Crane St.).

"It's all about community," she says. "I've made a lot of great friends in Menlo Park. I love it here." ■

TOWN PLANS

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would lay out ways the town could discourage speeding and cut-through traffic in neighborhoods. The project is not included in the current town budget, and Mr. Kashiwagi, the community services director, estimates it would cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

He has proposed that two neighborhood workshops and two City Council workshops be

held as part of the development of the neighborhood traffic program.

The council will also ask for a study of upgrading the town's street lights. The town has, according to a report from Mr. Kashiwagi, 483 street lights, including 40 which have outdated wiring that is difficult to repair or maintain. The study also will look at whether the town should take ownership of the 178 PG&E-owned street lights in Atherton. ■



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Kids in the kitchen

It's easy to include children in the holiday merrymaking with these activities

by My Nguyen

The holiday season is a time to build memories and reconnect with your family, and often during this wonderful but busy time of the year, parents may forget the wonder and magic of the season that kids feel. So, here's a list of five kid-friendly activities to do in the kitchen to create lasting holiday memories and to make the season brighter for both you and your little ones.

Deck the kitchen

The kitchen is the heart of the home that brings together loved ones, so enlist your little ones to create festive and whimsical decor to add holiday cheer to your home's most-used room. Have your kids cut up white paper snowflakes and tape them to the kitchen window to create a winter wonderland. If you have a white refrigerator, turn it into a snowman by cutting out circles of different sizes from black construction paper — you'll want two eyes, five for the mouth and four buttons. Cut out an orange triangle for the nose and two thick red stripes (one should be the width of your fridge and the other half the length) for the scarf. Affix them all with tape. Need a place to display those Christmas cards? Tape a piece of red ribbon down the front of your cabinet doors and let your kids attach the greeting cards with clothespins.

Peppermint "puppy" chow

Now that the kitchen is all decked out, get the kids together to make a Christmas snack. Looking for a kid-friendly recipe? Try making a batch of crunchy peppermint "puppy" chow (for the kids, not the canines). The magical mix-

ture of rice Chex cereal, white chocolate, crushed candy canes and powdered sugar will surely become a favorite holiday treat. First, pour five cups of rice Chex cereal into a large bowl. Then, crush 15 candy canes in a blender. Melt 10 ounces of white chocolate according to the package directions. Pour the melted white chocolate and crushed candy canes over the cereal and fold the mixture until the cereal is completely coated. In a large Ziploc bag, pour in one cup of powdered sugar and the coated cereal. Seal the plastic bag and shake. Pour into a bowl and enjoy!

Christmas mugs

Take a break from snacking to craft homemade Christmas mugs. These easy-to-make mugs are perfect for sipping hot chocolate out of or giving away as gifts. First, buy white mugs from the dollar store and wash and dry them. Using an oil-based Sharpie paint pen (available at office-supply stores), draw a holiday design or Christmas saying on the mug. Don't worry about your kids messing up because the paint rubs off with a little water. Place the mugs on a baking sheet and bake them at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Let the mugs cool completely in the oven before taking them out. These mugs are not dishwasher safe and should be hand washed only.

Sprinkle ornaments

Kids can brighten up the Yule tree by creating homemade ornaments. Purchase clear ball ornaments and fill them with fake snow, pine needles, glitter or — sure to be a kid's favorite — sprinkles. Start by taking

off the topper of the clear ball ornament (available at any craft store) and pouring a teaspoon of varnish (any kind will work, it just needs to be clear) into the ornament. Slowly swirl the varnish around so that it coats the entire inside surface area. Next, put the ornament upside down and let it drain into a paper cup for 30 minutes. Once the varnish is fairly dry, use a funnel to pour the sprinkles (use colorful ones or red and green ones) into the ornament. Gently swirl the sprinkles around the inside. If there are extra sprinkles, shake the excess out of the opening of the ornament. Finally, place the topper back on and hang the ornament on your tree. Bonus idea: Squirt a teaspoon of acrylic paint into the clear ball ornament, and slowly swirl it around until the inside surface area is coated. Then, put the ornament upside down in a paper cup overnight so all the excess paint drains out. Finally, add the topper and you'll have a painted ornament in any color you choose.

Candy cane steamer

Looking for the perfect holiday drink to serve to kids and adults? Skip the hot chocolate and try a candy cane steamer. This sweet, warm peppermint drink can be enjoyed with your favorite holiday cookies. First, heat one cup of milk in the microwave for 60 seconds and stir. Next, add two tablespoons of candy cane syrup and stir. Finally, top with whipped cream and garnish with crushed candy canes.

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Complex Searsville Dam issue being addressed

By Jerry Stearn

I read with interest the Viewpoint piece by Dr. Walter Bortz in the Nov. 26 issue of the Almanac (“Searsville Dam should go”). As one who is deeply involved with this issue, I have a few comments to make to help broaden the conversation about this challenging situation.

First, I would like to address a few statements made by Dr. Bortz that call for clarification.

He states that the dam has “languished into disrepair.” While the dam is over 100 years old, it has gone through both the 1906 and 1989 earthquakes with no apparent damage, attesting to the quality of its engineering and construction. According to a Dec. 28, 2012, letter from the Division of Safety of Dams “... there are currently no safety concerns with the dam.” Thus, though old, it is still maintained and functioning, far from being in disrepair.

As to the use of the water the reservoir supplies, to state that its “only present usage is to supply water for the Stanford University golf course” is not entirely accurate. Stanford uses the water from its “lake system,” of which Searsville is one element, for irrigation purposes throughout the campus, providing not only first-class athletic facilities of all sorts but also helping to maintain the unique mixture of the built and natural environments that is a hallmark of the university. It is partly these elements of the setting that attract such talented and important figures such as those mentioned in Dr. Bortz’s article.

A final point needing some clarity is the statement that “... untold millions of migratory salmon are obstructed from their original habitat.” While it is true that the native steelhead population is an important

one and the subject of much effort and discussion, as far as I know, the populations in the watershed were at best numbered in the thousands. Those of us who have spent many years working to improve the habitat for steelhead wish that there were millions of them, rather than the very few that still return to the watershed. At the least, it would remove steelhead from the endangered species list as no longer threatened by extinction. What a wonderful event that would be!

The situation surrounding the dam and the reservoir is far more complex than merely a matter of golf course water versus fish, as is often the way it is framed in the public eye.

It has been noted that the reservoir behind the dam currently holds about 10 percent of its original capacity for water, the rest being sediment. One enormous question that needs addressing before considering altering or removing the dam is what to do with all that sediment. This question has tremendous potential for impacting areas downstream, both in regards to flooding and riparian habitat preservation and enhancement. Currently, the options for removing this sediment are being carefully considered and will be part of the plans for the future of the dam.

Another question that needs to be addressed is the impact of any actions related to the dam on the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, in the middle of which the dam and reservoir are located.

Jasper Ridge is a very prominent biological field station, which provides research and educational opportunities for world-class students and scientists. As an example, it was at Jasper Ridge that Ehrlich and others developed the theory of co-evolution of plants and animals.

Currently, important research is going on to determine the impacts of global warming

on grassland ecosystems, research that may help determine how to sustain our future food supply. These, and many other studies may be greatly impacted by the substantial change in the ecosystem that would result in the loss of open water if the dam were removed.

None of these challenges is insurmountable, but when they, along with others, are given equal consideration with fish habitat concerns, the range of actions to be considered becomes much broader and more complex.

Stanford has put in place a process to arrive at the best possible alternative for the future of the dam considering all the potential impacts both to the university and the surrounding communities. It is to the university’s credit that it is not working on this behind closed doors, but instead has engaged members of the public conversant in these issues to give input into the process.

For almost two years it has been my pleasure to co-chair, along with George Mader, the Searsville Advisory Group, made up of environmental advocates (including Matt Stoecker, co-producer of the film “DamNation”), regulatory agency and county staff, San Francisquito Joint Powers Authority staff and board members, Jasper Ridge affiliates, and other interested parties as well as Stanford staff.

The goal of this process — to recommend an alternative that best meets all of the varied needs of the watershed and its communities — has been challenging, as the needs appear often to be in direct conflict with one another. The one thing certain is that, whatever the alternative, it will be an improvement over the current situation for the communities in the watershed, human and otherwise. ■

Jerry Hearn is a Jasper Ridge docent and co-chair of the Searsville Advisory Group.



LETTERS

Our readers write

Now get out and do the work

Editor:

The family of Martin Litton wishes to thank everyone for their condolences and for the Almanac’s fine article about his life. In response to the many inquiries concerning a memorial service, Martin was adamant in his desire that there be no memorial. His philosophy was that people should be *doing* what needs to be done, not just talking about it.

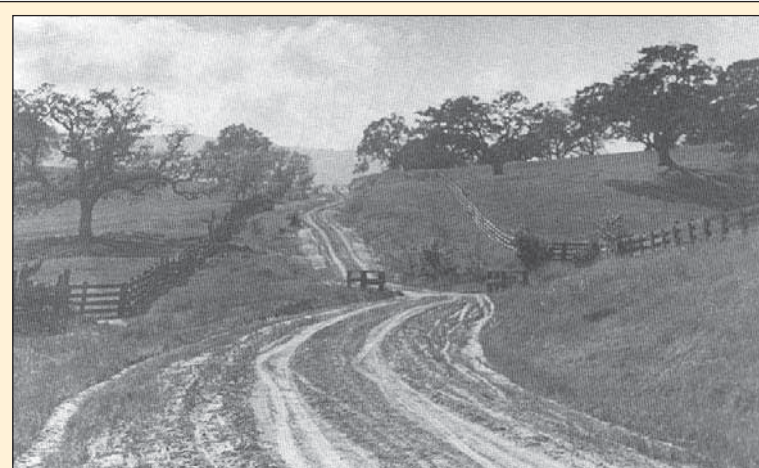
Martin used to say, “People always tell me not to be extreme. ‘Be reasonable,’ they say. But I never felt it did any good to be reasonable about

anything in conservation, because what you give away will never come back. Ever.”

Martin’s hope was that his friends and those who knew of his work would consider making a donation to Sequoia ForestKeeper, the organization where he was the active president for the last 13 years, which is working to protect the last of the giant sequoia and its forest ecosystems in the southern Sierra Nevada.

Donations in his memory can be sent to Sequoia ForestKeeper, P.O. Box 2134, Kernville, CA 93238-2134; or online at the Sequoia ForestKeeper website, sequoiaforestkeeper.org.

*The Litton Family
Portola Valley*



Woodside History Committee

Looking back

“Sandy Hill Road,” later renamed Sand Hill Road, was used for dragging logs to Mission Santa Clara, according to the Woodside history book written by Thalia Lubin and Bob Dougherty, in which this undated photo was published. This portion of the road was near Searsville.

Richard Gust Jensen

December 12, 1954 – December 7, 2014

Richard Jensen, was commended to the Lord, in Atherton, after a 14-month courageous battle with a Glioblastoma Multiforme brain tumor. Survived by his wife of 28 years Dianne, children Jeanne, Forrest and Katie Jensen; sister and brother-in-law Janice and Lynn Muzzy and aunt Winifred Jensen.

Rich grew up in San Leandro and graduated in 1973. Rich earned a BS degree from UC Davis in 1978, DMD in 1982 from Oral Roberts School of Dentistry, and completed his General Practice Residency in 1983 at U of Mississippi.

Dr. Jensen practiced dentistry in Palo Alto and Menlo Park for 30 years. Beyond his professional career, he had a passion for Young Life Ministry and traveling up to Montana with his family. When he wasn't enjoying time with friends, you'd find Rich riding on his Gehl Skidsteer in his backyard.

Memorial service will be held on Friday Dec 19, 1pm at Central Peninsula Church, 1005 Shell Blvd, Foster City. In lieu of flowers, tax-deductible donations may be made to YOUNG LIFE with a memo note IN MEMORY OF RICH JENSEN. Please mail to Young Life, 1265 Beech St, East Palo Alto, CA 94303.

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Lois Umholtz

January 11, 1918 – October 1, 2014

Lois Shell Umholtz, a 44 year resident of Portola Valley, passed away quietly in her home on October 1, 2014, with her family and hospice present. She lost her twelve-year battle with Alzheimer's disease at the age of ninety-six. Born in Santa Barbara to Eli and Sarah Shell, she grew up in the southern California area with her brother and three sisters who have preceded her in death.

She was very proud of her work as a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II and after the war she worked as a switchboard operator in the aerospace industry where she met her husband Phil. They were happily married for 62 years until his death in December 2010. Her family was everything to her. She was a stay-at-home mom who provided love, understanding, guidance and support to her two children, Kenneth and Elizabeth. She loved to read, bake, swim and walk. She was always working on a project — often making clothes, hand-sewing fantastically intricate quilts and making Teddy bears for charity organizations. She often surprised family and friends with the gorgeous cakes she decorated for birthdays or special occasions and even decorated Liz's wedding cake.

She is survived by her son, Ken Umholtz (and grandsons Ben, Dieter and Rainer), her daughter, Elizabeth Thomas (and granddaughter Shawna [Nelson] Rousseau). We all love and miss her.

A private cremation has already occurred.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in her name.

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MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Art Galleries

'Echoes from 85 Years, 85 Artists' Artists Kimm Barnes, Raven Erebus, Joan Schulze and Stefanie Sylvester — participants in the recent "85 Years, 85 Artists" show at Menlo College — will contribute more of their work to this new exhibit. Monday-Friday, Oct. 20-Jan. 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Menlo College Administration Building, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton. Call 543-3901. www.menlo.edu

'How Does Your Garden Grow' The Portola Art Gallery will host an exhibit called "How Does Your Garden Grow," composed of watercolor paintings by Barbara von Haunalter. Many pieces are plein air work created in or nearby the San Francisco Bay Area. Dec. 1-31, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Allied Arts Guild, Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. Call 321-0220. www.portolaartgallery.com

Classes/Workshops

E-books assistance The Portola Valley Library will offer one-on-one appointments during which community members can receive help accessing the library's free online books. Participants are asked to bring a device

and questions. Contact the library to register. Wednesdays, Dec. 3-17, 4-5 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 851-0560.

Clubs/Meetings

Lifetree Cafe: 'Limits of Love' Lifetree Cafe in Menlo Park will host two hour-long conversations exploring romantic proposals and the lengths people will go to for love. Complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided. Dec. 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Dec. 18, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. Call 854-5897. www.facebook.com/Lifetree-CafeMP

Non-Fiction Book Club At this meeting of the Portola Valley Library's Non-Fiction Book Club, which convenes the third Thursday of each month, members will discuss "Love, Life, and Elephants" by Daphne Sheldrick. Dec. 18, 1-2 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 851-0560.

Rotary Club of Menlo Park meets Wednesdays. Visitors welcome. 12:15-1:30 p.m. \$20 lunch. Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor

Road, Menlo Park. www.menloparkrotary.org

SRI Organon Toastmasters meets Tuesdays. Guests welcome. 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. SRI International, Building G, Laurel Avenue, opposite the Menlo Park Police Station, Menlo Park. www.sriorganon.com

Concerts

Montclair Women's Big Band Friends of the Menlo Park Library presents performance by Montclair Women's Big Band, a 17-piece all-female orchestra performing holiday swing, blues and other music. Dec. 18, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 330-2501. menlopark.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=668&month=12&year=2014&day=18&calType=0

'Tidings of Comfort' Ragazzi Continuo, the a cappella men's choir composed of alumni of the acclaimed Ragazzi Boys Chorus, will present a holiday concert "Tidings of Comfort." Dec. 21, 7 p.m. \$15-\$20. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 178 Clinton St., Redwood City. Call 342-8785. www.ragazzicontinuo.org

Dance

'Nutcracker' by Peninsula Ballet Theatre Four performances with choreography by Carlos Carvajal. Dec. 20, 2 and 7 p.m.; Dec. 21, 2 p.m.; Dec. 22, 2 p.m. \$30-\$65. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call FOX-7770. foxrwc.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=38

Exhibits

'Loose in Some Real Tropics' Cantor Arts Center exhibit, "Loose in Some Real Tropics": Robert Rauschenberg's 'Stoned Moon' Project, 1969-1970," which shares and documents Rauschenberg's lithographs, drawings, photographs and correspondence from his participation in the NASA Art Program capturing the Apollo 11 mission. Wednesday-Monday, Dec. 24-March 16, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

'The Path of Beauty' An exhibit of spiritual paintings by Arthur Poulin, a monk and artist, will be on display at Woodside Priory School. Nov. 26-Dec. 18, school hours. Free. Woodside Priory School, Founders Hall, 302 Portola Road, Portola Valley. www.prioryca.org

Kids & Families

Cinemenlo: 'Elf' As part of its Cinemenlo series, city of Menlo Park screens "Elf," a comedy about a man raised as an elf at the North Pole who is sent to the U.S. to find his true identity. Community members encouraged to RSVP on website. Dec. 19, 7-9 p.m. Free. Performing Arts Center, Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. www.menlopark.eventbrite.com

Family Storytime with stories, songs, activities for whole family. Dec. 20, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 851-0560.

Fratello Marionettes with 'The North Pole Review' Holiday show for all ages. Funded by Friends of Woodside Library. Dec. 17, 3-3:45 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 851-0147.

Lego Club, where builders of all ages flex imaginative muscles with Legos and Duplo blocks (which are for younger builders). Dec. 20, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 851-0560.

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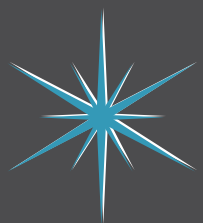
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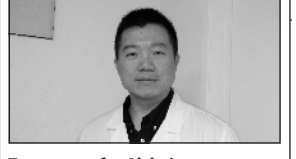
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QuinStreet, Inc. seeks **Manager, .NET Developer** in Foster City, CA. MS in Engg, CS, or rldt + 2 yrs exp OR BS in Engg, CS, or rldt + 5 yrs exp. Exp w ASP.NET w/ frms, ASP.NET, VB.NET MVC 2.0/3.0 w/ frmrwk; .NET Fmrwk 3.5 or abv incl WPF, WCF and WF; exp C# 3.0 or abv, Visl Std 2010/12, IIS 6.0/7.0, and Wndws Srvr 2003/08; exp in wrtng sproc (XML), SSIS Jbs, SSRS Rprts, Trgrs, and Cursors usng SQL. Srvr 2000/05/08 and Orcl 9i/10 g; exp ASPX/Razor/Spark View Eng, LINQ; exp ORM Fmrwrks eg Entity Fmrwrk/ Nhibernate; exp Dbs/ Qury prfrmc tunnng; exp Microsoft Visio or dgrmng tools; exp Tst Drvn Dvlp (TDD) Scrum & Agile dvlp; exp frnt-end scrptng incl: HTML, DHTML, JavaScript, CSS, AJAX, ExtJS and Jquery; exp Unit tstng fmrwrks eg MSTest, Nunit w mckng fmrwrks MBUnit, Moq and RhinoMocks; exp w SOLID dsgn prin, Invrsn of cntrl (IOC), Rptory Ptnr, Unt wrk ptnr, MVC; exp w Dsgn ptnrns, SOA dsgn and wb srvice dvlp; bldg highly scalable Wb Sites; Wb Srvcies, Wndws Appls; Obj Ori Progmnng and arch exp; exp w entrprs-cls sys w mult-tier arch; exp w Linux and Wndws; A XML and SLT; crss-platfrm, crss-browser cmptbty. Perm US wrk authy. Send resume and covr ltr to adminjobs@quinstreet.com.

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

SV STRATEGIC INSIGHTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 263003

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as: SV Strategic Insights,
located at 1071 Tehama Ave., Menlo Park,
CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
AVI DECORATIVE PAINTING, INC.

670 San Antonio Rd. #31
Palo Alto, CA 94306

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This business is conducted by: A
Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 11/10/2014.

This statement was filed with the County
Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on
November 18, 2014.

(ALM Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 2014)

LA ESTRELLITA MARKET RWC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 262955

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:

La Estrellita Market RWC, located at 2205
Middlefield, Redwood City, CA 94063, San
Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
CIELO STAR, INC.

2211 Middlefield Rd.

Redwood City, CA 94063

This business is conducted by: A
Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County
Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on
November 13, 2014.

(ALM Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014)

LA ESTRELLITA MARKET EPA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 262956

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:

La Estrellita Market EPA, located at 2387-
2381 University Ave., East Palo Alto, CA
94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
FIRE STAR, INC.

2381 University Ave.

E. Palo Alto, CA 94303

This business is conducted by: A
Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County
Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on
November 13, 2014.

(ALM Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014)

JAMES BELLMER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 262981

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:

James Bellmer, located at 2110

Stockbridge Ave., Woodside, CA 94062,

San Mateo County, USA.

Registered owner(s):
PAIGE FOX

2110 Stockbridge Ave.

Woodside, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: An
Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County
Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on
November 17, 2014.

(ALM Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014)

BRUSH WITH SCIENCE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 262995

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:

Brush with Science,
located at 36 Coronado Ave., San Carlos,
CA 94070, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
JULIE NEWDOLL

36 Coronado Ave.

San Carlos, CA 94070

This business is conducted by: An
Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 10/15/1999.

This statement was filed with the County
Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on
November 17, 2014.

(ALM Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2014)

SERENITY DESIGN & CABINETS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 263064

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as:

Serenity Design & Cabinets, located at
3015 E. Bayshore Rd., #108, Redwood City,
CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
MICHELLE L. SIMMONS

3015 E. Bayshore Rd., #108

Redwood City, CA 94063

This business is conducted by: An
Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact

business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on
November 21, 2014.

(ALM Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2014, Jan. 7, 2015)

997 All Other Legals

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

PIERCE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

KASIMILI TONGAMOJA JR., father, of
HEVENLY SHYANN ROSE TONGAMOJA;
DOB: 6/3/07; Cause No. 14-7-01472-8; A
Petition to Terminate Parental Rights was
filed on 8/22/14.

A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this
matter on: January 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at
Pierce County Family and Juvenile Court,
5501 6th Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98406.

YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS

HEARING.

THE HEARING WILL DETERMINE IF YOUR
PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD ARE
TERMINATED. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR AT
THE HEARING THE COURT MAY ENTER AN
ORDER IN YOUR ABSENCE TERMINATING
YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. To request a
copy of the Notice, Summons, and
Termination Petition, call DSHS at 1-800-
423-6246. To view information about your
rights in this proceeding, go to www.atg.wa.gov/TRM.aspx.

DATED this 25th day of November, 2014,

by MARGARET PIWONSKI,

Deputy County Clerk

PUBLISH — December 10th, 17th, and
24th, 2014
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No.
7023.111028 Title Order No. 140156406
MIN No. APN 073-071-090-2 YOU ARE

IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST,
DATED 02/10/05. UNLESS YOU TAKE
ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY,
IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF
YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE
NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST
YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bid-
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state or national bank, check drawn by
state or federal credit union, or a check
drawn by a state or federal savings and
loan association, or savings association,
or savings bank specified in §5102 to the
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business in this state, will be held by
duly appointed trustee. The sale will

be made, but without covenant or war-
ranty, expressed or implied, regarding
title, possession, or encumbrances, to
satisfy the obligation secured by said
Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee
disclaims any liability for any incorrectness
of the property address or other com-
mon designation, if any, shown herein.
Trustor(s): Tom Landers and Tracy Newhart
Recorded: 02/24/05, as Instrument No.
2005-029369, of Official Records of SAN
MATEO County, California. Date of Sale:
01/05/15 at 12:30 PM Place of Sale: At the
Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of
Justice, 400 County Center, Redwood City,
CA The purported property address is:
240 LINDENBROOK ROAD, WOODSIDE, CA
94062 Assessors Parcel No. 073-071-090-2

The total amount of the unpaid balance
of the obligation secured by the property
to be sold and reasonable estimated
costs, expenses and advances at the time
of the initial publication of the Notice of
Sale is \$521,539.10. If the sale is set aside
for any reason, the purchaser at the sale
shall be entitled only to a return of the
deposit paid, plus interest. The purchaser
shall have no further recourse against
the beneficiary, the Trustor or the trustee.
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are
considering bidding on this property lien,
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You will be bidding on a lien, not on the
property itself. Placing the highest bid at
a trustee auction does not automatically
entitle you to free and clear ownership of
the property. You should also be aware
that the lien being auctioned off may
be a junior lien. If you are the highest
bidder at the auction, you are or may be
responsible for paying off all liens senior
to the lien being auctioned off, before
you can receive clear title to the property.
You are encouraged to investigate the
existence, priority and size of outstanding
liens that may exist on this property by
contacting the county recorder's office or
a title insurance company, either of which
may charge you a fee for this information.
If you consult either of these resources,
you should be aware that the same lender
may hold more than one mortgage or
deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO
PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown
on this notice of sale may be postponed
one or more times by the mortgagee,

beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to
Section 2924g of the California Civil Code.
The law requires that information about
trustee sale postponements be made
available to you and to the public, as a
courtesy to those not present at the sale.
If you wish to learn whether your sale date
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of this property, you may call 877-484-
9942 or 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet
Web site www.USA-Foreclosure.com or
www.Auction.com using the file num-
ber assigned to this case 7023.111028.
Information about postponements that
are very short in duration or that occur
close in time to the scheduled sale may
not immediately be reflected in the tele-
phone information or on the Internet Web
site. The best way to verify postponement
information is to attend the scheduled
sale. Date: December 3, 2014 NORTHWEST
TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC., as Trustee
Melissa Myers, Authorized Signatory 1241
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12/24/2014ALM

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.:
9411-8079 TSG Order No.: 1637105
A.P.N.: 076-232-010-9 NOTE: THERE IS
A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN
THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED (The above
statement is made pursuant to CA Civil
Code Section 2923.3(c)(1). The Summary
will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or
vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA
Civil Code Section 2923.3(c)(2).) YOU ARE
IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST
DATED 11/18/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE
ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY,
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YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE
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NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly
appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to
the power of sale contained in that certain
Deed of Trust Recorded 11/23/2005 as
Document No.: 2005-205906, of Official
Records in the office of the Recorder of
San Mateo County, California, executed by
RANDALL C. SINGLE AND AULAIRE
NAUGHTON SINGLE, as Trustor, WILL SELL
AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST
BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time
of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by
a state or national bank, a check drawn by
a state or federal credit union, or a check

drawn by a state or federal savings and
loan association, savings association, or
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of the Financial Code and authorized to
do business in this state). All right, title
and interest conveyed to and now held
by it under said Deed of Trust in the
property situated in said County and
state, and as more fully described in the
above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date
and Time: 01/13/2015 at 01:00 PM Sale
Location: At the Marshall Street entrance
to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400
County Center, Redwood City, CA 94061
The street address and other common
designation, if any, of the real property
described above is purported to be: 112
RUSSELL AVENUE, PORTOLA VALLEY, CA
94028 The undersigned Trustee disclaims
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principal sum of the note(s) secured by
said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon,
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the Trustee and of the trusts created by
said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$1,264,993.13
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