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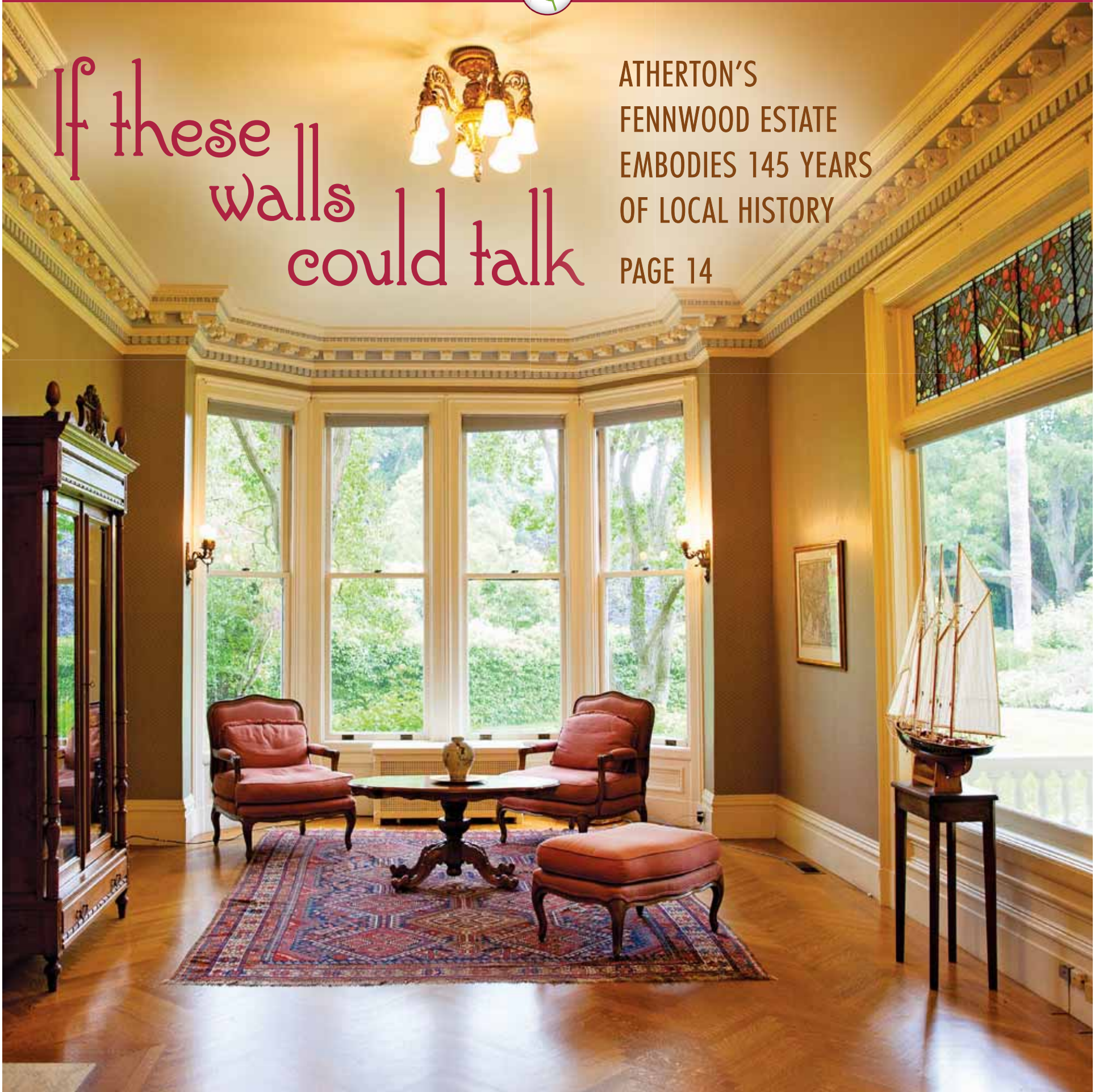
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Junior boys wait for the next event to start at the Woodside Junior Rodeo on July Fourth, 2014.

## Rodeo, festivals celebrate Fourth

There should be no problem finding a way to celebrate the Fourth of July in local communities. As usual at this time of year, there will be parades, festivals, the Woodside rodeo, a concert by the San Francisco Symphony and fireworks. All events are on July Fourth unless otherwise noted.

### Woodside

A holiday tradition, the Woodside Junior Rodeo, hosted by the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County, will take place at the Mounted Patrol Grounds at 521 Kings Mountain Road in Woodside.

More than 100 young men and women from all over California are expected to participate. Events will include roping, women's barrel racing, pig scrambles, and bull riding for older participants.

Gates open at 8 a.m. Call 851-8300 for more information.

### Menlo Park

Menlo Park is again holding its Fourth of July Parade & Celebration, this year sponsored by Facebook.

Kids are encouraged to bring decorated bikes, tricycles and wagons and join the parade. Assemble in the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot on Chestnut Street near Santa Cruz Avenue.

The parade departs promptly at 11:45 a.m., marches down Santa Cruz Avenue and winds up at Burgess Park in the Menlo Park Civic Center, where the July Fourth festival will be held until 2:30 p.m. There will be jumpies, games, crafts, face-painting, rock walls, laser tag and live music by Mustache Harbor.

Some activities require wristbands. Buy wristbands in advance for \$7 at the Arrilaga Family Gymnasium in the Menlo Park Civic Center.

The Little House Activity Center in Menlo Park will celebrate two days early, on Thursday, July 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in its newly renovated courtyard. St. Gabriel's Celestial Brass Band will entertain and there will be a large spread of food, including barbecued chicken, macaroni salad, watermelon and lemonade iced tea.

Tickets are \$7. To RSVP, contact Kamilah at 326-2025, ext. 222. Little House is at 800 Middle Ave.

### Redwood City

Redwood City holds its 77th annual Independence Day Parade and Festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Go to [tinyurl.com/route704](http://tinyurl.com/route704) to see the route of the parade, which steps off at 10 a.m.

Following the parade, the 29th annual Independence Day Festival will offer arts and crafts booths, food and beverages, a kids' area and information booths.

The 16th edition of Battle of the Bands, featuring the UC Davis California Aggie Marching Band battling the Stanford University Marching Band, will occur at 1 p.m. on Hamilton Street.

Visit [parade.org](http://parade.org) for more information.

Also, in Redwood City, the San Mateo County History Museum at 2200 Broadway is hosting its Old Fashioned Fourth of July event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be activities for children such as the opportunity to hand-crank ice cream and construct traditional Independence Day crafts. In addition, adults can watch vintage films of the Peninsula from the museum's archives at 1 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students, and free for children 5 and under.

### Palo Alto

Palo Alto's 34th annual Chili Cook Off & Summer Festival will take place from noon to 5 p.m. at Mitchell Park, 600 East Meadow Drive.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Atherton City Council will hold a public hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Atherton Municipal Code Chapter 17.44, modifying the Basement regulations.

Summary changes to the ordinance:

- Amend section 17.44.030(A) to allow minor extensions of basements (not to exceed 140 square feet in total combined area) beyond the first floor footprint of the main residence to be approved at a staff level. The current code requires a Special Structure Permit form the Planning Commission for any basement extension beyond the footprint of the first floor of the main residence.
- Amend section 17.44.030(A)(1) to reduce the total floor area of basement to no more than 120% of the floor area of the first floor of the main residence. The current code allows up to 130% of the first floor.
- Amend section 17.44.030 (B) to allow non-habitable basements without light wells under accessory buildings to be approved at a staff level.

The zoning code amendment is exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15305, minor alternation in land use limitation.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that said item is set for hearing by the City Council at its regular meeting on July 15, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall of the Town of Atherton, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the code amendment should or should not be adopted.

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## Architects refine plan for new civic center

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

■ AHERTON

If designing something by a committee is an almost impossible task, how about trying to involve an entire town, as Atherton is attempting with its new civic center?

The architects charged with designing Atherton's new civic center have been meeting all month with those who will be using the complex to try to get a consensus on enough details so they can continue with the design.

The next design phase will start to pin down where the buildings will be placed, how their interiors will be divided and what they might look like, and is expected to continue through October or November.

On Tuesday, June 23, architects Adam Woltag and Pauline Souza, partners in the WRNS Studios architectural firm, took part in the last of six June public meetings to ask the public what they want the new civic complex to look like. That meeting was immediately followed by a meeting with the Civic Center Advisory Committee, made up of Atherton residents plus council members Rick DeGolia and Elizabeth Lewis, to get their input.

Mr. Woltag said comments at

the June meetings did not clearly favor either of the two alternative designs for placement of the civic center buildings that had been presented. So, the architects combined elements of both designs into a new scheme, which they presented to the advisory committee.

While committee members were scheduled to choose a preferred scheme for the architects to continue with, they said they weren't quite ready to do that. They asked for some study on a few questions and more refinements, which will be brought back to them at their next meeting on Monday, July 6, at 4:30 p.m. in the town's council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

The plan presented to the committee on June 23 shows a stand-alone one-story library near where the current library is located, with a police station building and a town administration building adjacent to Fair Oaks Lane and connected to each other by a second-story bridge or walkway. "Even though it looks like two buildings, it functions as one," said Mr. Woltag.

One question the architects were asked to work on is what

Advisory committee takes underground parking off the table.



Photo by Barbara Wood/The Almanac

Architects Joel Baumgardner, left, and Adam Woltag from WRNS Studios show one of the possible schemes for Atherton's new civic center at a public meeting on June 23.

will become of the town's historic council chambers building. The scheme presented to the advisory committee showed a new council chambers in a one-story building adjacent to the police department, with the current council chambers to be renovated for use as an auxiliary to the library that could contain

a small cafe and rooms for the town's history archives.

But, with donations to pay for the new civic center still not committed, advisory committee members seemed to be more concerned about the cost of the project. They asked the architects to explore how much money could be saved by renovating

the current council chambers so it could accommodate more people and continue to be used as the town's meeting space.

The advisory committee also agreed that consideration of underground parking for the complex, another major expense, should be taken off the table. ■

## Police focus on Ravenswood Avenue traffic problems

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park police have been more visible lately along Ravenswood Avenue, concentrating traffic enforcement efforts there.

The problem intersections are two — at Ravenswood and Alma Street, where trial traffic-control measures designed to improve safety were put in place earlier this month, and at Ravenswood and Laurel Street.

Police will be monitoring the area and issuing tickets as long as traffic violations persist, according to Menlo Park Police Department spokeswoman Nicole Acker. The ticketing is

being driven by complaints, she said.

The Laurel Street intersection does not have left-turn arrow signals, so drivers who are turning onto Ravenswood and those who are going straight ahead on Laurel can end up negotiating the right-of-way. But with just one lane for traffic coming along Laurel from the north, backups occur and drivers intent on crossing Ravenswood have been using a bike lane to swerve around vehicles waiting to turn left toward Menlo-Atherton High School.

In addition to being illegal, such maneuvers also block vehicles in the intersection coming from the direction of the Civic

■ MENLO PARK

Center and waiting to turn west toward El Camino Real, Ms. Acker said.

Police issued 10 tickets at Laurel and Ravenswood between June 18 and 24, including nine on June 24 for illegal use of a bike lane, according to police department records.

Meanwhile over that same seven-day period at Alma and Ravenswood — a busy intersection recently reconfigured to prevent turns that might slow traffic in the vicinity of the Caltrain railroad tracks — police issued nine tickets for violations that include failure to yield,

making a U-turn in a business district, and driving on the wrong side of the road, records show.

A Palo Alto woman was killed near this intersection on Feb. 23 when a southbound bullet train struck her vehicle, which was still on the tracks when the crossing gates came down. It was the third train versus vehicle incident at this crossing in three years.

With a \$750,000 grant from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, the city of Menlo Park and Caltrain are considering a long-term project to improve safety at this location.

In a temporary fix, the city

added medians and curb extensions on Ravenswood east of the rail crossing with the aim of channeling Ravenswood traffic quickly through the area, leaving the railroad tracks free of traffic when the crossing gates come down.

But the reconfiguration also blocks significant Ravenswood traffic that normally turned on Alma Street to get to the library, the Civic Center and nearby neighborhoods.

The change has transformed that part of Alma into something like a dead-end street. Traveling on Alma from Ravenswood is no longer possible, but

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## Menlo Park man jailed for drunken driving

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

A Menlo Park man was sentenced to one year in San Mateo County jail June 24 after he pleaded no contest to one count of felony drunken driving with injuries in a case involving collisions with several vehicles and a roadside electrical box in January 2015, prosecutors said.

In a comprehensive plea bargain with Criminal Presiding Judge Leland Davis, Daniel Edward Gere, 74, also pleaded no contest to two misdemeanor drunken driving cases. Under the bargain, Mr. Gere will be placed on five years of supervised probation.

At the time of his hearing, Mr. Gere was in custody on \$200,000 bail. He waived credit for jail time already served, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors sought a sentence of three years in state prison.

Tom Kelley, Mr. Gere's attorney, said his client had suffered a series of debilitating head injuries in recent years, including falling off a balcony, and that he deeply regretted his drinking. As for Mr. Gere's sentence, "I thought the result was very good for him," Mr. Kelley said. "It seemed totally appropriate."

The incident began at about 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 3. Mr. Gere left the parking lot of the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real after having twice backed into a Range Rover there, prosecutors said.

He then collided with two vehicles at the intersection of El Camino and Cambridge Avenue, kept driving, and ran into an electrical box on the side of the road in Palo Alto, where he was arrested by Menlo Park police.

Mr. Gere was taken to a hospital. The injuries were mainly complaints of pain and not serious for the three people injured as a result of the collisions, prosecutors said.

Under the terms of his probation, Mr. Gere's restrictions include abstinence from alcohol and drugs, from visiting a bar or liquor store, and from driving or ever seeking another driver's license, according to a report by the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

He loses his Fourth Amendment protections against search and seizure, must undergo chemical testing and counseling as directed, and is not allowed to possess deadly weapons, firearms or ammunition, prosecutors said. ▣

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"people are still trying to turn right on Alma," Ms. Acker said.

When traveling north on Alma toward Ravenswood, drivers cannot turn toward town but must head east toward M-A.

And despite the presence of the curb extensions and orange cones blocking access to Alma, some drivers headed east on Ravenswood cross the tracks and pause at the intersection, Ms. Acker said. Such pauses may reflect an unanticipated problem, she said: GPS devices are telling people to turn right.

As if matters weren't compli-

cated enough, there is a crosswalk on Ravenswood that is governed by pedestrian-activated warning lights and located about five car lengths from the tracks.

People are fighting the trial fix. A petition at Change.org, "Stop the madness! Stop the Alma/Ravenswood traffic experiment," had 98 signatures as of mid-morning on Friday, June 26.

Among the complaints, petitioners say that the intersection at Alma and Ravenswood is now less safe, that traffic backups are still a problem, and that riding a bike safely to M-A will be compromised when school restarts in the fall. ▣

#### FOURTH

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There will be live entertainment, music, activities for children and, of course, the chili competition.

Go to [cityofpaloalto.org/chili](http://cityofpaloalto.org/chili) for more information.

#### Mountain View

The San Francisco Symphony will hold its annual Fourth

of July concert at the Shoreline Amphitheatre at 8 p.m.

The event will celebrate American film music, including a special tribute to "The Sound of Music" to honor the 50th anniversary of that film. Edwin Outwater will conduct the orchestra. The event will end with a fireworks show.

Go to [livenation.com](http://livenation.com) and search for San Francisco Symphony to buy tickets. ▣

# Menlo Circus Club: 'Let's be role model' for water conservation

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

With a 10-acre polo field visible from the street, it's almost inevitable that, with mandatory water restrictions in place, passersby would complain when they notice that the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton is continuing to water the field with above-ground sprinklers, even during the heat of the day.

But Christian Thon, general manager of the private club at 190 Park Lane, behind Sacred Heart Schools, said the club is working hard to incorporate water conservation measures wherever it can.

The club, which has been in Atherton since 1923, is doing that, he said, even though it has a well on the property that provides all water for outdoor irrigation, for its barns and arena, and for its spas and pools.

"We would like to believe we actually have been very proactive," said Mr. Thon. In early April, just days after Gov. Jerry Brown announced mandatory water-use restrictions, Mr. Thon called an all-staff meeting to brainstorm ways the club could cut back water use.

"I said, 'Let's try to be a role model,'" Mr. Thon said. "For us it's really not about money; it's about doing the right thing."

Staff members came up with ways to save water in each area of the club. In the kitchens, for example, workers no longer thaw food in water baths. They run the dishwasher only when full and serve water only when requested.

"We don't wash our barns any more," Mr. Thon said. "We vacuum our barns twice a day." In addition, horses can get a full-body bath only four days of the week, and when they do, it is by a hose with a shut-off nozzle. The other three days it's bucket and sponge baths only. All the washing machines are low-water use models, he said. Horses drink well water.

The club's arena has a special footing, or sand surface, from German Geo Textile that adds textiles to the sand so it requires less water to remain stable. Barn manager Jennifer Dixon said the club is also looking into incorporating an additive that would allow the use of even less water.

All the club's plumbing fixtures have low-water-use valves, and sink faucets and urinals are being replaced by models with



Photo by Barbara Wood / The Almanac

**The Circus Club** waters its polo field during the day because the process would be too noisy to do at night, says general manager Christian Thon. Turf irrigation has been cut back by about 60 percent, he says, resulting in yellow and brown areas.

sensors that turn them off when not being used. Toilets now have dual-flushing modes that use different amounts of water depending what needs flushing. Paper towels have replaced cloth towels to reduce water used for laundering.

**'For us it's really not about money; it's about doing the right thing.'**

CHRISTIAN THON, GENERAL MANAGER,  
MENLO CIRCUS CLUB

Signs ask club members and employees to conserve while showering, shaving, or washing their hands, Mr. Thon said.

Turf irrigation has been cut back by about 60 percent, he said, resulting in yellow and brown areas. Mr. Thon said he got permission from the club's board of directors to "cut back as much as you can without killing the grass."

Flower beds will have drought-tolerant plants instead of annuals, and the club is considering replacing turf with other plantings. "We're re-evaluating; we're not just putting in grass and sprinklers," he said.

As for that polo field, Mr. Thon said the club is now watering the center area of the field four days a week (one of four sections is watered each day)

because in August the field will be used for the club's annual charity horse show. The watering is done during the day, he said, because the sprinklers used on the field must be moved by noisy tractors hourly, which might violate the town's noise ordinance if done between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. The field can't have in-ground sprinklers, Mr. Thon said, because they could injure the horses.

The club is going to try watering on a different schedule, however, if it is approved by the town, he said. The club will attempt to water in the early morning and evening by using low pressure in the pipes, shorter pipe lines and a golf cart to move them around, all of which should make the watering quieter, he said.

The club's well has been tested and shown to provide drinking-quality water, Mr. Thon said. The club has also, for the past two years, checked to see if the level of water available in the well has gone down, and it has not, he said.

To try to maintain that level of availability, Mr. Thon said, the club used its recent construction project as a chance to redirect all runoff from club buildings and landscaping and rain water into a series of dry wells that drain into the aquifer and not off-site. "What God doesn't take and the grass doesn't drink goes right back to the aquifer," he said. ▀

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# Menlo Park council settles on balanced budget

The Menlo Park City Council has agreed on a way to balance the general fund budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 without touching a plan to add approximately 11 full-time employees.

Basically, the budget was balanced by moving \$1 million in planned spending from the 2015-16 fiscal year to the previous fiscal year, which ended June 30. The \$1 million is for a Santa Cruz Avenue sidewalk project. This move eliminated most of the anticipated \$1.15 million deficit in the 2015-16 fiscal year.

The city can add \$1 million to spending in the current fiscal year without running a deficit because the city had anticipated a surplus for this year of about \$2.1 million.

In addition, the council

dropped \$100,000 from the 2015-16 fiscal year spending plan. That expense was for a planned upgrade to an electronic key system for the city's tennis courts.

The council voted unanimously June 23 for this budget plan, which still authorizes the city to add approximately 11 full-time employees, largely to handle incoming projects, including large development plans.

"I like beefing up on staff to get the development projects," said Councilman Rich Cline, who added that the council would have to make the tough decisions in the future to cut staff should the demand for those jobs disappear.

"If there is a downturn, you have to let people go," Councilwoman Kirsten Keith said.

**The new budget still authorizes the city to add approximately 11 full-time employees.**

Development projects will produce revenue for the city once they are up and running, the staff pointed out in a report for the June 23 meeting. For example, the Menlo Gateway project, which includes a 250-room hotel, should return to the city more than \$3 million a year, the report says.

Recently, the city learned that its general fund would be boosted in the current fiscal year by a surprise \$491,000 payment from the state. This is a reimbursement from the state

for programs that the state had mandated but that the city had paid for.

With regard to projected budget deficits for the following two fiscal years — 2016-17 and 2017-18 — the city's economic development manager, Jim Cogan, said after the meeting that with the city's historic attrition rates, plus delays in hiring and unanticipated one-time money, there is a "good chance" the city won't have deficits in those years.

Councilman Ray Mueller, who expressed concerns about the long-term costs of hiring more people, said he is "taking it one year at a time." He said the plan to fund the Santa Cruz Avenue sidewalk project in the current fiscal year was a good move that he would have supported without a budget prob-

lem if he were told there were surplus funds available to fund it, as there are. Also, he said, the move tied a one-time expenditure to a one-time project, rather than funding ongoing expenses with one-time funds.

The sidewalks, which may be installed next year, would run along Santa Cruz Avenue between Olive Street at Hillview Middle School and Johnson Street at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church and the beginning of the downtown area.

As for concerns about whether the city is over-staffed, the council asked City Manager Alex McIntyre to put the topic on a future agenda. The council intends to ask its finance and audit subcommittee to evaluate city staffing and recommend ways the staff can be reduced. ■

## Downtown Menlo Park gets French patisserie

By Elena Kadwany

A woman raised in France who later graduated from Le Cordon Bleu and now lives in Atherton is opening her own patisserie in the former home of Sugar Shack on Santa Cruz Avenue in downtown Menlo Park.

Debora Ferrand, who was actually born in Brazil but raised in France, has been searching for a place to open a pastry shop since moving to Atherton about a year ago. She moved to the area with her family after living for several years in Texas, where she attended Le Cordon Bleu with an emphasis on baking

**The shop will serve breakfast and lunch, plus brunch and "high tea" on Sundays. All food will be organic and locally sourced.**

and pastries.

Sugar Shack, downtown's whimsical and vibrantly colored candy shop, closed this fall after eight years of business at 816 Santa Cruz Ave.

Ms. Ferrand described her pastry shop as "sophisticated but not too fancy... very Parisian feeling."

Mademoiselle Colette Patisserie (named after a

family member who passed away) will have all the classic French pastries — croissants, pain au chocolat, macarons and more — as well as lunch items like salads and quiche. The shop will serve breakfast and lunch, plus brunch and "high tea" on Sundays. All food will be organic and locally sourced, Ms. Ferrand said.

She's planning to remodel an outdoor area in the back and also serve wine and champagne.

Her goal is to open in August or September.

Go to [AlmanacNews.com](http://AlmanacNews.com) to see Elena Kadwany's Peninsula Foodist blog.

## High school graduation rates move up in county

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Students in public high schools in San Mateo County are graduating at a higher rate, according to state data for the four-year period from 2010 to 2014. The graduation rates are up significantly for student groups with traditionally lower graduation rates.

Students of color, students with socio-economic disadvantages, special-education students and students whose first language is not English all graduated at notably higher rates, county officials said.

As a whole, the graduation rate in 2014 was 87.7 percent (up 5.9 percentage points from 2010), said Nancy Magee of the county Office of Education.

The rate was 87 percent for students who identify ethnically as Pacific Islanders, a jump of 20.6 points, and 79.4 percent (up 11.8 points) for African-American students, she said.

The graduation rate rose 9 points to 69.5 percent for special-education students. Among students considered English-language learners, the rate was 71.9 percent (up 10.8 points).

Students classified as socio-economically disadvantaged — students who receive federally subsidized lunch or whose parents did not graduate from high school

— graduated at a rate of 80.1 percent in 2014 (up 6.1 points).

The rate for Hispanic students was up by 6.8 points to 79.3 percent.

State data showed white students in the county graduated at rate of 92.5 percent in 2014, a 3.6 point increase, and Asian students at 95.7 percent, which is up by 4.2 points.

This data reflects close tracking of these students as groups, Ms. Magee said. In the past, graduation and dropout rates were less accurate, in part because it was harder to track students who moved to other high schools.

Graduation rates have been rising around the state for the past five years, a reflection of educators' focus on narrowing the achievement gap, Ms. Magee said. "There's been a steady focus on how to meet the needs of all kids," she said.

Included in that focus are more welcoming school climates, more thoughtful disciplinary methods, personalized learning, social and emotional supports, and the advent of the Common Core curriculum, which puts an emphasis on creativity in the classroom and teacher collaboration across academic disciplines, Ms. Magee said.

Note: An earlier story reported gains in graduation rates but did not include the actual rates.

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## Woodside OKs budget with projected \$1.9M deficit

The Woodside Town Council voted 4-0 June 23 to adopt a budget for the fiscal year starting July 1. It includes spending of \$12.2 million, anticipated revenues of \$10.29 million and a projected \$1.9 million deficit.

The town plans to draw from reserves to cover the deficit and help finance a five-year capital improvement program. Current reserves are \$5.7 million. By 2020, the town expects to still have reserves of \$3.2 million.

Council members Peter Mason, Ron Romines and Deborah Gordon were absent.

The new budget kicks off the five-year capital improvement program to repair and/or rehabilitate four bridges (\$4 million) and the storm drain system (\$1.5 million), and, as part of the Safe Routes to School program, rebuild a path along the south

side of Woodside Road between Woodside Elementary School and Roberts Market (\$942,000).

Funding for a five-year capital program would draw from a mix of grants and local and county tax revenues, including about \$5 million over five years from the town's general fund reserve, currently at \$5.7 million, Town Manager Kevin Bryant said in his budget message.

The capital program also includes the ongoing renovation of the town library (\$3 million), a new sewage pump station along Mountain Home Road (\$665,000), bicycle and pedestrian path maintenance (\$101,500), equestrian trail maintenance (\$90,000), and normal road rehabilitation (about \$1.8 million).

Go to [tinyurl.com/ww214](http://tinyurl.com/ww214) for more on this budget.

Go to [tinyurl.com/ww223](http://tinyurl.com/ww223) for the budget itself.

## SRI named general counsel

John McIntire has been named general counsel of SRI International, the non-profit research center in Menlo Park that does work for major government and industry clients. He has served as acting general counsel since April and was previously assistant general counsel.



John McIntire

As general counsel, he will advise SRI on issues of ethics and regulatory compliance. He began his 20-year corporate law career with Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati / Venture Law Group and later served as vice president of SAP's Global Intellectual Property group.

He has a law degree from Yale and graduated summa cum laude from Claremont McKenna College.

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A member of the Town Council to fill the office now held by Jeff Aalfs for a full term of four years;

The nomination period for these offices begins on July 13, 2015 and closes on August 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Section 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Sharon Hanlon  
Portola Valley Town Clerk

June 25, 2015

# Road, trail improvements draw focus in new budget

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

## ■ PORTOLA VALLEY

Town Hall in Portola Valley is projecting a deficit in the budget for the 12-month period that begins July 1, but there were operating surpluses in previous years, the town manager says, and reserves are healthy in the town's general fund.

The money will be spent on road and trail improvements and capital equipment in a fiscal year that anticipates operating revenues of \$4.7 million and expenses of \$4.5 million.

That works out to an operating surplus of about \$209,500, but with plans to spend about \$645,000 on capital improvements, the town will run a deficit of about \$547,200, Town Manager Nick Pegueros said.

A year from now, the general fund reserve should be about

\$1.36 million, he said.

The Town Council adopted the budget on a 4-0 vote on June 24; Councilman Craig Hughes was absent for the vote.

The Public Works Department budget includes \$437,760 for maintaining street and trails. A priority this year will be improving the safety of the elevated trail along Alpine Road across from Roberts Market, Mr. Pegueros said.

A \$250,000 grant from San Mateo County, with matching money from the town, is paying for a 400-foot wood-and-steel retaining wall to be built along Alpine Road near the intersection with Arastradero Road. The town's Bicycle, Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Committee applied for and won the grant

to widen the road shoulder and improve bicycle safety.

The project is not expected to use the entire grant, so what is left over will go toward widening a shoulder at another pinch point on Portola Road opposite Town Center, but probably not during the current fiscal year.

Portola Valley has just under 70 miles of roads and will spend about \$230,000 analyzing and resurfacing the roads due for upkeep this year. Resurfacing with an asphalt slurry can double a road's life, Mr. Pegueros told the council. A slurry seal addresses asphalt aging, water infiltration and degraded pavement, according to the state Department of Transportation.

### New employees

While the budget calls for five new permanent full-time employees, if they're all hired

and fill current vacancies, the total number of staff in Town Hall will be 14, one person more than are there now. The positions are administrative services manager, associate/senior planner, building official and two maintenance workers.

The council recently authorized payment of \$907,700 to the state retirement system, which was 95 percent of the town's unfunded current employee pension liability. The step is expected to save the town about \$1 million over the next 30 years, Mr. Pegueros said.

As has been the case in budgets over the past four years, the town anticipates spending around \$540,000 on consultants. The total includes legal services from the town attorney (\$125,000), transcription services to prepare minutes of Town Council and Plan-

ning Commission meetings (\$20,000), construction plan checking (\$100,000), engineering services to assist the town engineer (\$25,000), and website administration (\$26,000).

Consultants will also be used to determine the appropriate fees for Town Hall services (\$35,000) and assist on the update to the Town Center master plan (\$65,000). To be considered in that update are the implications of proposals to enlarge the skateboard ramp to a half-pipe, expand the footprint of the public library, establish a dog park, and free the rest of Sausal Creek from its underground pipe, Mr. Pegueros said.

The town will spend \$35,000 on a plug-in hybrid vehicle to be used by the planning department and for code enforcement operations. ■



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MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Go to [AlmanacNews.com/calendar](http://AlmanacNews.com/calendar) to see more local calendar listings. See Page 3 for information on July Fourth events.

## Live Music

### Menlo Park Summer Concert Series: WJM

For the third concert in its eight-week concert series, the city of Menlo Park Community Services Department will welcome to the stage WJM, a classic rock youth band from Menlo Park. July 8, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive, Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2223. [www.menlopark.org/calendar.aspx](http://www.menlopark.org/calendar.aspx)

**Gamelan Anak Swarasanti** Menlo Park Library presents free concert of traditional Indonesian music and dance featuring the Gamelan Anak Swarasanti of Santa Cruz. Swarasanti specializes in Balinese gamelan, music experimentation and introducing the art to new audiences. July 11, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2501. [menlopark.org/library](http://menlopark.org/library)

**Summer Concert Series: UnderCover** Nasdaq Private Market will hold its next Friday summer concert featuring UnderCover. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and a picnic. July 10, 5-8 p.m. Free. Menlo College, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton. [concerts.nasdaqprivatemarket.com](http://concerts.nasdaqprivatemarket.com)

## Talks & Authors

**'Has the Medical Community Failed the Intersex Community?'** Dr. Ilene Wong, a Stanford University alumna and author, will offer a book reading and participate in a discussion with Dr. Hilary Copp and Jeanne Holman. There will also be a book signing. July 1, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Li Ka Shing Center, Room 102, 291 Campus Drive, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu/630/53035/](http://events.stanford.edu/630/53035/)

**'Medicine Around The World: Healing From a Global Perspective'** At this event, members of the Pegasus Physician Writers will read their original fiction, poetry and nonfiction, which are influenced by a global perspective. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to [anagy@stanford.edu](mailto:anagy@stanford.edu). July 9, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Stanford Humanities Center, 424 Santa Teresa St., Stanford.

**Ernest Cline**, author of novel "Ready Player One," discusses his new work of science fiction, "Armada," in which Zack Lightman encounters the flying saucer from the video game he plays each night. July 14, 7:30 p.m.

Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. [www.keplers.com/event/ernest-cline](http://www.keplers.com/event/ernest-cline)

**Author Jessica Jackley on 'Clay Water Brick'** At an event that coincides with the 10th anniversary of the online microlending platform Kiva, Jessica Jackley, one of its co-founders, discusses her book "Clay Water Brick: Finding Inspiration from Entrepreneurs Who Do the Most with the Least." July 7, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. [www.keplers.com/event/jessica-jackley](http://www.keplers.com/event/jessica-jackley)

**Cafe Scientifique SV @ SRI: 'Got Planets? We See Them and We Can "Make" Them!'** In this Cafe Scientifique Silicon Valley talk, Olenka Hubickyj, Ph.D., lecturer of physics and astronomy at San Jose State University, gives an overview of observations and theories regarding planet formation. July 14, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. SRI International, 333 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-859-2198. [www.sri.com](http://www.sri.com)

**Carole Pertofsky on 'Happiness Within Reach'** At this Curious Conversation event, Carole Pertofsky discusses easy, science-based practices that can help in leading a meaningful, happy and healthy life. July 9, 6-8 p.m. Free. Curious.com Headquarters, 100 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-796-0456. [curious.com/conversations/happiness-within-reach](http://curious.com/conversations/happiness-within-reach)

**Professor Bernie Roth on 'The Achievement Habit'** In conversation with Tina Seelig, Bernie Roth, a mechanical engineer and co-founder of Stanford University's d.school, will discuss ideas from his book "The Achievement Habit: Stop Wishing, Start Doing, and Take Command of Your Life." July 8, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. [www.keplers.com/event/bernie-roth-conversation-tina-seelig](http://www.keplers.com/event/bernie-roth-conversation-tina-seelig)

## Art Galleries

**'Life Lines'** Fine art photographer and digital artist Jeanne Gadol of Portola Valley will celebrate the diverse and beautiful patterns, rhythms and textures of life in the show "Life Lines." On July 12, from 5 to 7 p.m., there will be an opening reception. Wednesday-Sunday, July 1-Aug. 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. The Main Gallery, 1018 Main St., Redwood City. Call 650-701-1018. [www.themaingallery.org](http://www.themaingallery.org)

## Concerts

**Phillip Phillips with Dave Eggar** Phillip Phillips, 2012 American Idol victor and performer of hits including "Home" and

"Gone, Gone, Gone," will give a Stanford Live concert, accompanied by virtuosic cellist Dave Eggar. July 10, 8 p.m. \$30-\$65. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [live.stanford.edu/calendar/july-2015/phillip-phillips](http://live.stanford.edu/calendar/july-2015/phillip-phillips)

## Dance

**Alphabet Rockers hip hop workshop** The Alphabet Rockers will make a stop at the Atherton Library to teach a workshop on hip hop dance. The event is best suited for ages 3 and up. July 13, 3-3:45 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. [www.smcl.org](http://www.smcl.org)

**Red White & Blue Singles Dance** Angelicas Bistro will host a party on its large dance floor to celebrate the nation's independence. July 2, 8-11:45 p.m. \$15 in advance (July 1); \$20 at the door. Angelicas Bistro, 863 Main St., Redwood City. Call 415-507-9962. [www.thepartyhotline.com](http://www.thepartyhotline.com)

## Exhibits

**'Word as Image'** This Cantor Arts Center installation of prints and drawings entitled "Word as Image: Highlights from the Mar-mor Collection" examines how modern and contemporary artists have used and featured words in their work. Wednesday-Monday, July 1-Oct. 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu)

**Summer Garden Sculpture Exhibit** Throughout the summer, Filoli will hold its second sculpture exhibit with a number of works by local artists. Visitors can tour the exhibit on their own using a guide and map, or they can make reservations for a Guided Walk. June 3-Sept. 13, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$18 adult; \$15 senior (age 65 and older); \$8 child (ages 5-17); free for members. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. Call 650-364-8300 ext. 508. [www.filoli.org](http://www.filoli.org)

## Kids & Families

**Cascada de Flores music** The Belle Haven Branch of the Menlo Park Library will host a performance by the musical duo Cascada de Flores, which will include a story, dancing and audience participation. July 1, noon-12:45 p.m. Free. Belle Haven Library, 413 Ivy Drive, Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2540. [menlopark.org/library](http://menlopark.org/library)

## Submitting items for the Calendar

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## At Kepler's

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**Didgeridoo Down Under** The Atherton Library will host Didgeridoo Down Under for a family event that uses the Australian instrument to teach lessons about geography, nature, culture, diversity and ecology. The event is best suited for ages 5 and up. July 10, 1-1:45 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. [www.smcl.org](http://www.smcl.org)

**Discovery Museum activity** This circle time activity led by a Discovery Museum educator will guide young scientists — and their families — in experimenting with causing and avoiding collisions, creating art and exploring their own powers of force. July 1, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. [www.smcl.org](http://www.smcl.org)

**Fratello Marionettes** give puppet performance of "Aladdin." July 10, noon-12:45 p.m. Free. Belle Haven Library, 413 Ivy Drive, Menlo Park. Call 330-2540. [menlopark.org/library](http://menlopark.org/library)

**'Triangle'** TheatreWorks Silicon Valley will launch its 2015-2016 season with the world premiere of "Triangle," a contemporary musical about parallel romances that transpire a century apart. See website for dates and times. July 8-Aug. 2. \$19-\$74. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. [www.theatreworks.org](http://www.theatreworks.org)

## Religion/Spirituality

**Lifetree Cafe: 'When Everything Goes Wrong, Where is God?'** Lifetree Cafe Menlo Park hosts two hour-long conversations where community members can discuss where God is when things go wrong and how to find peace following unexpected tragedy. Complimentary refreshments will be served. July 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; July 2, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-854-5897. [www.facebook.com/LTCMenloPark](http://www.facebook.com/LTCMenloPark)

## Sports

**Bike 4 Breath** This 24th annual charity ride will support lung health and clean air in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Participants can choose between the family-friendly 10-mile, 30-mile and 64-mile route options. July 11, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration starts at \$60 (discounts for those under age 18). Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 650-994-5868. [www.bike4breath.org](http://www.bike4breath.org)

## On Stage

**'Lo Speciale'** by Joseph Haydn Dragon Productions and Bay Area Opera Collaborative offer a production of "Lo Speciale" by Joseph Haydn, a comic opera of love and ambition told in the style of the hit TV show "Breaking Bad." The July 9 show is a pay-what-you-will preview. Thursday-Sunday, July 9-26, 8 p.m. \$22. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-493-2006 ext. 2. [www.dragonproductions.net](http://www.dragonproductions.net)

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Photo by Trish Bilafer

**Relaxing** in their Woodside backyard are, from left, Bob Bilafer with Max; Pauline Bilafer with Jasmine, back home after she was missing for a month; and Trish Bilafer with Zoe.

## Jasmine spends month on the lam

**By Barbara Wood**  
Almanac Staff Writer

The day Jasmine disappeared, after a couple of large and nasty-sounding Doberman pinschers gave her a fright, the 6-year-old bichon frise weighed somewhere between 12 and 15 pounds, owners Bob and Pauline Bilafer say.

When Jasmine was finally found, a month and a lot of miles later, she weighed 9-1/2 pounds. The fluffy white dog was covered with burrs from forget-me-nots and a few ticks, but otherwise unharmed. She was still wearing her collar.

Jasmine had been living in her home on Jane Drive in Woodside for only a couple of weeks when she ran off on May 13. "She just took off like a shot," Pauline Bilafer says, when the dobermans interrupted an off-leash walk near their home, between Canada Road and Interstate 280.

Between then and June 14, when she was found near the Mountain House Restaurant above Skyline Boulevard, Jasmine was not seen again by the Bilafers.

But Jasmine was sighted by dozens of other Woodside residents, who knew she was missing because of 100 fliers posted by the Bilafers and friends, and from messages on Nextdoor-Woodside and the Kings Mountain Yahoo group websites. The Bilafers' son and daughter-in-law, Rich and Trish Bilafer, helped coordinate the search.

Most of those following Jasmine's saga online didn't have much hope for the little dog. She was repeatedly noticed in the area between Tripp Road and Skyline Boulevard, an area where coyotes and mountain lions are also frequently sighted.

"I just prayed and prayed and

prayed and prayed," Trish Bilafer says. "I didn't lose faith. As long as I had a sighting, I didn't give up."

Volunteers called Jasmine's name while on their daily walks, put out food for her, set traps in their yards, let the family put out her bed and some clothing in their yards, and called in sightings.

"People would take different ways home, just looking for Jasmine," Trish Bilafer says.

Jasmine was seen near the Tripp Store museum, on Patrol Road, in Huddart Park near the archery range, on Bear Gulch and Swett Road. She went up to Skyline, back down and then up again.

When spotted, Jasmine inevitably ran off.

At one point, Jasmine wasn't sighted for 10 days. That's when the Bilafers decided to take in another dog to keep their 10-year-old bichon, Max, company. They were on their way

### Jasmine had been sighted by dozens of Woodside residents.

home with Zoe when they got a call from Ben Rosener, who lives near the Mountain House Restaurant. Mr. Rosener had come across Jasmine in his driveway. When she attempted to escape, she ran to a dead-end on his deck, where he captured her.

Jasmine's background could give a clue to her resourcefulness. The Bilafers got her as a companion for Max when their beloved female bichon had to be euthanized. A family with 10 children decided to give Jasmine up when they heard the Bilafers wanted an older dog at around the time the mother found out she was

pregnant with an 11th child.

Jasmine did develop a few bad habits during her walk-about. The Bilafers have to put their garbage cans out of her reach because she knocks them over to scrounge food, despite the fact that she's on a high calorie diet until she's back up to at least 11 pounds.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the Town of Woodside on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, for the following Officers:

A member of the Town Council to fill the office now held by Ron Romines, from District 1, for a full term of four years;

A member of the Town Council to fill the office now held by Thomas P. Shanahan, from District 3, for a full term of four years;

A member of the Town Council to fill the office now held by David Burow, from District 5, for a full term of four years;

A member of the Town Council to fill the office now held by Peter Mason, from District 7, for a full term of four years.

The nomination period for these offices begins on July 13, 2015, and closes on August 7, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

If nomination papers for an incumbent officer of the Town are not filed by August 7, 2015 (the 88th day before the election), the voters shall have until the 83rd day before the election, August 12, 2015, 5:00 p.m., to nominate candidates other than the person who is the incumbent on the 88th day before the election, for that incumbent's elective office. This extension is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Section 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Janet G. Koelsch, CMC  
Clerk of the Town of Woodside  
July 1, 2015

### Allen Inhelder

March 14, 1931-June 19, 2015

On June 19, 2015, Allen Inhelder passed away in his Portola Valley home with his family at his side, after a courageous battle with lung disease. He was 84 years old.

Allen was born in New Jersey on March 14, 1931. He was the younger of two brothers.

Allen moved to Fallbrook, California, as a teenager with his parents William and Bianca Inhelder. He worked with his family on their avocado orchard as he completed high school. He was active in high school, participating in glee club, school sports and was class president his senior year.

He graduated from Fallbrook High and soon after served in the Korean War with Marine Corp Tank Battalion, Baker Company. He was a survivor of the Chosin Reservoir and honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

He enrolled in the Art Center for Design, Pasadena, California, which was the foundation for his career in industrial design. He began designing cars and trucks for Ford Motor Co. in Detroit.

He came back to California to spend 30 years at Hewlett Packard in Palo Alto in industrial design. He was passionate, creative and a perfectionist in his design career. He brought many creative new approaches to blend engineering with human factors.

He worked on the development of the first ultrasound machine, infant fetal monitors, and the first calculator watch. He was responsible for the development of color stability, company logo and identification programs.

After retirement he spent 25 more years consulting and inventing at Portola Valley Laboratories. His last patent was approved one month before his passing.

He never stopped brainstorming, creating and inventing. He is preceded in death by his parents William and Bianca and his brother Bill. He is survived by his children Eric Inhelder residing in Portola Valley, and Robin Inhelder residing in Sparks, Nevada.

A private interment was held Friday, June 26, 2015, at Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo. Donations in Allen's name may be made to an organization of your choice.

PAID OBITUARY



Photo courtesy of Atherton Heritage Association

**Louise Hahn** was named the first “Queen Polly of the Circus” when her family hosted a “children’s circus” at Fennwood in 1922, the year the event that was started by three little girls grew so large that the Circus Club was founded to host it.

**Top:** William Grindley has spent the last 40-plus years working to restore Fennwood to some of its original glory, including researching authentic paint colors, recasting lost molding details and re-gilding gold accents.

# If these walls could talk

Atherton estate embodies 145 years of local history

By **Barbara Wood**

*Almanac Staff Writer*

As the long, long driveway to the home at 151 Laurel St. in Atherton winds back, and back and back, through walls of vegetation, it feels almost as if the decades are winding back with it.

The estate now known as Fennwood has been inhabited since around 1870, and its history parallels the history of Atherton.

The property started as a summer home for wealthy San Franciscans. For several years in the 1920s, it was a center of Peninsula high society when summer children’s circuses that later became the Circus Club were held there. During World War II, it housed medical staff from Dibble Hospital. From the 1950s to the present, it has served as a suburban family home for two generations of the same family — except for three years in the late 1960s when it

was used as a commune.

The home’s residents have included a sea captain, a Stanford trustee, a photographer, a portrait painter, a railroad executive, Army medical staff, hippies, the founder of the Coro leadership program, an SRI researcher and a consultant to the World Bank — as well as quite a few people who had a passion for gardening and entertaining.

Now the property with seven bedrooms and four bathrooms — plus two separate guest quarters with another three bedrooms and two baths — is looking for new owners, with an asking price of \$11.388 million.

## Summer home

The original property was purchased sometime around 1870 by Selim Woodworth, an early San Francisco merchant. It then passed into the hands of Peter



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Spreckles, brother to “Sugar King” Claus Spreckels, before it was purchased by Captain Charles Goodall in 1885.

Captain Goodall was a politician, ran shipping companies, was a friend of Leland Stanford and was a trustee of Stanford University. He, his wife Serena and their five children used the property as a summer get-away, as did the previous owners.

The Goodalls called the then 19-acre property Petite Foret (little forest) and it was said to be home to flocks of black Australian swans, herds of deer and a free-roaming band of Shetland ponies. The property reached as far as Glenwood Avenue and near Middlefield Road.

**Year-round residents**

When Captain Goodall died in 1899, the property was divided among his children. Charles M. Hays, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad, bought it, but by 1908 had sold it to Albert George Charles Hahn, a chemist and photographer, and his wife, Harriet Rose Fenn Hahn, 14 years his junior. Mr. Hahn renamed the property Fennwood after his wife’s family. They remodeled some of the home’s interiors and became among the first full-time residents of what is now Atherton.

Harriet Hahn had four gardeners to maintain her renowned grounds. Mr. Hahn, a chemist who reputedly had made his fortune by inventing a photographic paper he sold to Eastman Kodak, was a photographer.

As the leader of San Mateo County’s



Photo courtesy of Grindley family

**Left:** Helen and Bill Platt with their children, from left, Jim, Diane, Julie and Susan, in 1951, just as they were moving into Fennwood.

**Below:** For Easter, the Grindley family hosted egg hunts, with the children having to gather on the home’s front steps before they were set loose to hunt for eggs, as they are here in 1994.

**On the cover:** William Grindley used this room near the entry to the house as his office, with views on two sides to the gardens he spent years renovating. Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac



Photo courtesy of Grindley family

entry at the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, he hand-painted lantern slides that showed San Mateo County to the world. (One of the current Fennwood owners, William Grindley, says they received a few of the photos from a Hahn grandson.)

The Hahns remodeled the mansion’s public rooms, and later converted the top of its four-story tower into a studio for their daughter Louise, a well-known portrait painter.

**Circus Club**

Louise Hahn is also known for being the first “Queen Polly of the Circus” in

1922, the second year the Hahns hosted a children’s circus at Fennwood.

The event had started small in 1920 when three girls, who some sources say included Louise Hahn, decided to raise money for children at the Stanford Convalescent Hospital with a summer circus. The event was such a success that it was repeated the next year at Fennwood, with 3,000 spectators.

After the third year, even the meadows at Fennwood weren’t big enough, so 16 families joined and formed the Circus Club.

**War years and beyond**

From 1944 to 1947, Fennwood was partitioned into four apartments for

some of the medical staff from the nearby Dibble Hospital, which had been set up in anticipation of hundreds of thousands of American casualties that might result from an American landing in Japan.

Louise Hahn, her husband W. Donald Fletcher, an attorney who was one of the founders of the nonprofit Coro organization, and their children lived in Fennwood until the property was subdivided.

The home and not-quite two acres of land were sold in 1951 to William and Helen Platt, who eventually raised seven children there, and hosted an ever-

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**Clockwise from top right:**

The dining room at Fennwood has mahogany paneled walls, gold leaf on its coffered ceilings, herringbone patterned hardwood floors, and a history of dinner parties and family meals.

Old two-piece telephone handsets are in many rooms of the house, once used as an intercom system.

Fire hoses on brass reels can be found in several locations throughout the house.

Many of the light fixtures are original, including some that were converted from gas to electricity.

Pablo Grindley, who was “born and raised” in Fennwood, gazes out of one of the bedroom windows, glazed with curved glass, into Fennwood’s gardens, where he says he remembers having a tree house and tire swing.

Photos by Michelle Le/The Almanac

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changing group of international students from Stanford University. Mr. Platt was a researcher at the Stanford Research Institute, and one of its first employees.

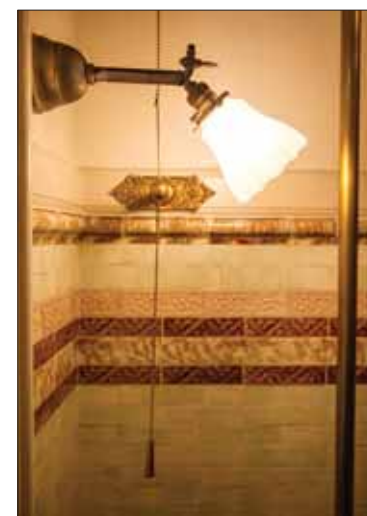
The Platts’ son-in-law, William Grindley, says the home’s purchase was “quite a surprise to my father-in-law.” The story is, he says, that Mr. Platt was just back from a business trip when Helen Platt “dangled the keys in front of him and said, ‘Do you notice anything different?’”

The Platts found themselves relocated to Paris around 1969, when Mr. Platt was appointed as UNESCO’s director of education. They rented the home, Mr. Grindley says, to people they thought were a remarried couple who wanted a big home for their blended family. Later, when Atherton officials contacted the Platts to say neighbors were complaining that hippies had made the home into a commune, they decided to sell.

By then the Platts’ oldest daughter, Susan, had married William Grindley, whom she met when the two were Peace Corp volunteers in Peru. They had decided they wanted to buy the house, only to discover, Mr. Grindley says, that his in-laws were about to sell it to someone else.

“I had told him I wanted to buy the house, but he had forgotten,” says Mr. Grindley.

That sale was canceled, and, after the Platts obeyed an order from the mayor of Atherton to “get those goddamn hippies out of the house,” the Grindleys moved into the home in September 1972. (They had paid \$60,000 for it a year earlier.) Before vacating, the hippies even



scraped the iridescent paint from the walls, Mr. Grindley says.

Mr. Grindley, who trained as an architect but decided on another career, made restoring the house to its former grandeur a project he’s been working on ever since. The family turned a laundry room, a small prep kitchen and a butler’s pantry into a modern kitchen in the 1970s, but most of the other work on the home has been restoration.

**Growing up in Fennwood**

Pablo Grindley, who is now 42, “was born and raised in this house,” he says.

Pablo says he remembers a tree fort and a rope swing, and a sport court his father built for him near the old garage. The room that he says holds the most memories for him is the ballroom, where many neighbors and friends had their recitals on its grand piano.

William Grindley says so many came for Christmas that the pres-

ents and tree sometimes took up half the ballroom. Each guest was supposed to perform at Christmas parties, and he especially remembers the time a young man, who later became a vice president at Hewlett-Packard, tap danced in and “fell on his ass.”

Valentine’s Day was for adults with a “Bring a Sweet and a Sweetie” theme. Easter egg hunts on the grounds swelled to as many as 125 guests. The family also hosted 20 to 25 weddings at Fennwood, he says, as well as lots of fundraisers.

“The house allowed us to do many things that are near and dear to Susan,” he says. “If it sells fast, we won’t be able to celebrate our 50th (anniversary) here, which is next year.”

**Home and garden**

One of William Grindley’s projects was to redo the estate’s gardens. The main driveway was originally off Glenwood Avenue, where one of the two original carriage

houses still exists. The current driveway was once the servants’ entrance. Mr. Grindley replaced much of a driveway circling the home with lawn and plantings.

Many mature trees screen the property, including 32 oaks, palm trees and a “monkey puzzle” tree (*Araucaria araucana*). “What my dad likes to say is we live in a park in the middle of a city,” Pablo Grindley says.

The home is filled with details that go back to an earlier day: fire hoses, light fixtures that once worked with gas, a dumbwaiter, two-piece telephones, bedroom sinks, windows with the original imperfect glass and cedar-lined closets.

Details also harken back to its days of grandeur: stained glass windows and skylights, gold leaf on coffered ceilings, the dining room’s mahogany paneled walls, carved brackets and ceiling beams, 12-foot ceilings, and elaborate pre-1906 tiles in the bathroom and on the deep front porch.

The main body of the mansion is topped by a widow’s walk, accessed by a ladder from the attic. The tower also houses a former “smoking room” (with lots of windows to exhaust the cigar fumes), a billiard room and a two-bedroom guest unit, which has hosted generations of Stanford grad students.

Pablo Grindley says Elon Musk lived there before he decided to not attend Stanford, and once asked his parents if they’d invest in his first company. They declined, he says, but helped him find other investors.

The family decided to sell the home, William Grindley says, because neither Pablo nor his sister Elena want to keep it, and “while we’re certainly ambivalent about leaving the pleasure of living in this piece of history, age has taught me that it is time to downsize to another chapter of our lives.”

For now, then, the next chapter in the history of Fennwood waits to be written. ■

■ POLICE CALLS

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

**MENLO PARK**

**Residential burglaries:**

■ By means unknown, a burglar entered an apartment on Willow Road and stole jewelry, an Apple iPad mini and an iPod shuffle. Estimated losses: \$7,000. June 23.

■ Someone stole three bicycles from a storage unit on Roble Avenue. Estimated losses: \$3,200. June 24.

■ A jumping-jack hand-held soil compactor was stolen from an unoccupied residence on Oakfield Lane. Estimated loss: \$2,900. June 25.

■ Someone got into a common attic at an apartment complex on Willow Road, broke a lock on a storage space and stole a bike. Estimated loss: \$1,450. June 23.

■ Perhaps using an open window, someone entered a residence on Iris Lane and stole jewelry and a laptop computer. Estimated losses: \$1,086.

June 24.

**Auto burglary:** A locked vehicle parked on Pierce Road was found damaged consistent with someone trying to pry open a window. No estimate on losses. June 22.

**Thefts:** A bike and bike lock were stolen from a carport at an apartment complex on Hoover Street. Estimated losses: \$425. June 22.

■ Someone stole an unlocked bike from in front of a garage on Ringwood Avenue. Estimated loss: \$400. June 25.

■ A woman shopping at the Safe-

way supermarket at 525 El Camino Real reported that someone stole her wallet from her purse while she was shopping. Estimated loss: \$103. June 25.

■ A resident of Oak Grove Avenue said he received several possibly fraudulent checks in the mail, reminiscent of a "secret shopper" scam of which he was a past victim. No losses. June 22.

**Auto theft:** An unlocked black 2002 Volvo S240 parked in the 900 block of Santa Cruz Avenue. June 22.

**Fraud:** Using an ATM, someone unauthorized withdrew money from

the account of a College Avenue resident. Estimated loss: \$340. June 23.

**WOODSIDE**

**Fraud:** A resident of Jane Drive claimed she had been defrauded over several months after ordering a European-made stone fireplace, fountain and birdbath from a company in New York. She learned that her checks and wired funds had been deposited in an account located in Beverly Hills. Estimated losses: \$32,940. June 19.

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**ABUNDANT LOVE CHILD CARE**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 265516  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Abundant Love Child Care, located at 927 Runnymede St., San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
CATHERINE LADD  
927 Runnymede St.  
E. Palo Alto, CA 94303  
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 May 29, 2015.  
(ALM June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2015)

**IBERIA RESTAURANT**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: M-265680  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Iberia Restaurant, located at 1026 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
JESSICA, INC.  
1026 Alma St.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 1988.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 15, 2015.  
(ALM June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2015)

**GOSPEL MINISTRIES**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 265662  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Gospel Ministries, located at 124

Gardenia Way, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
JACKEY J. WILSON  
124 Gardenia Way  
East Palo Alto, CA 94303  
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 June 12, 2015.  
(ALM June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2015)

**CITY ARBORIST**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 265696  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
City Arborist, located at 2282 Sharon Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025; Mailing address: 325 Sharon Park Dr. #646, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
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2282 Sharon Road  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
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2282 Sharon Road  
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This business is conducted by: A Trust.  
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 June 15, 2015.  
(ALM June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2015)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: M-265789  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Frostea, located at 6178 Mission St., Daly City, CA 94015, San Mateo County.  
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
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1696 Skyline Blvd.  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
This business is conducted by:  
Co-Partners.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/24/2015.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 24, 2015.  
(ALM July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015)

### 997 All Other Legals

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Case No.: CIV533914  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: RICO WING HIN MAK filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
WING HIN RICO MAK to RICO WING HIN MAK.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING: July 9, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.  
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition

in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
THE ALMANAC  
Date: May 22, 2015  
/s/ John L. Grandsaert  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2015)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Case No.: CIV534035

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: KAREN JOH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
KAREN CHUNGIN JOH to KAREN PARK JOH.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
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(ALM June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2015)

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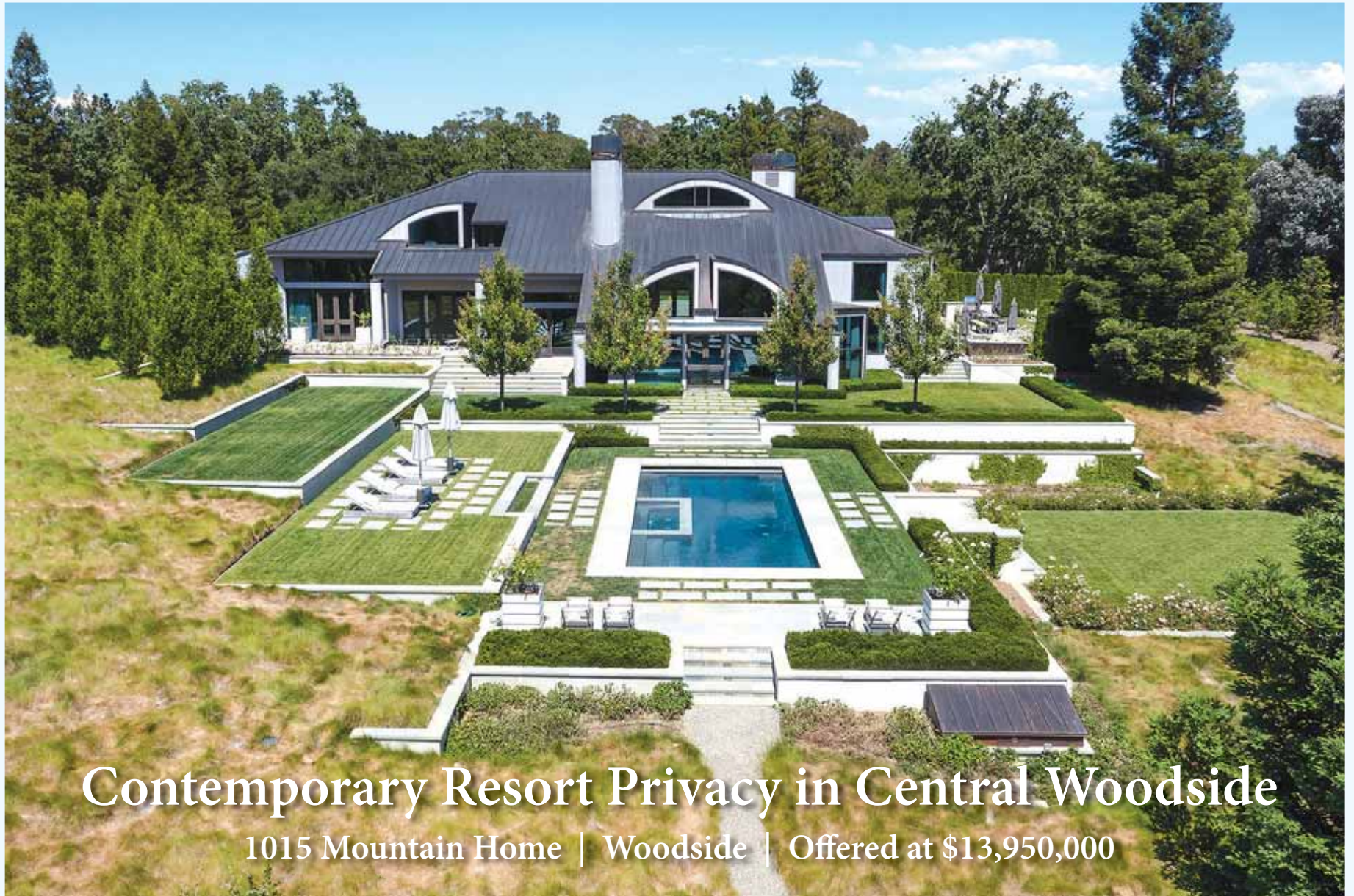


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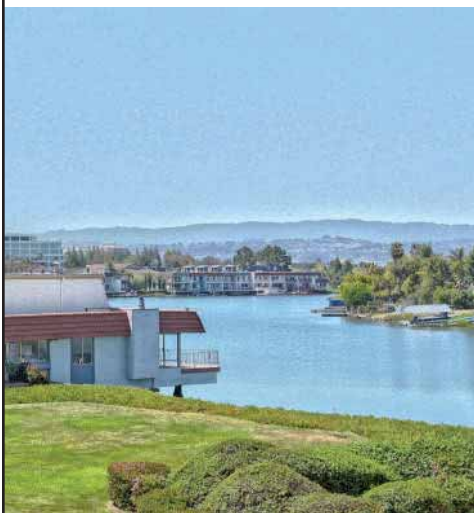
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