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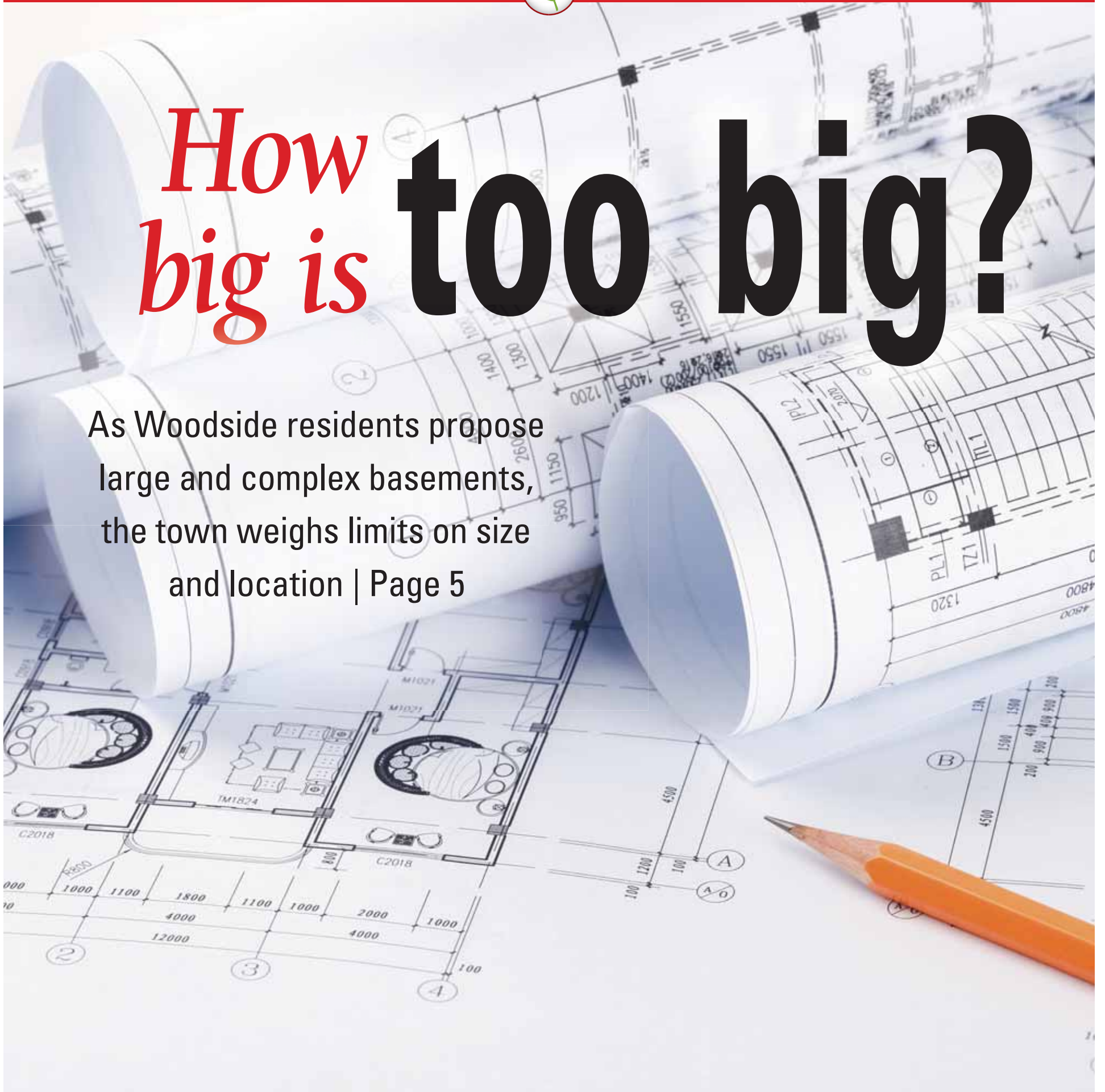
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Atherton sports stars named to Peninsula Hall of Fame

By Cristian Ponce
Special to the Almanac

Three Atherton sports stars will be among those inducted at the 2015 Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on July 23 in San Mateo.

The 10 inductees are: National Football League player Ryan Boschetti; track and field coach Bill Daskarolis; basketball player Debbie Dyson; U.S. national women's wrestler Sara Fulp-Allen; track and field athlete Chi Johnson; basketball coach Doc Scheppler; baseball coach Craig Schoof; world and Olympic wrestling champions David and Mark Schultz; and Major League Baseball commissioner and Olympic games organizer Peter V. Ueberroth.

Fulp-Allen, Schoof and Johnson were all involved with teams in Atherton.

When Craig Schoof was athletic director, Menlo School won 121 league and 32 CCS titles.

Fulp-Allen competed at Half Moon Bay High School and became a California state champion in wrestling for three straight years while also becoming a national titlist for two of those years. She then became a three-time women's national champion at Menlo College. In addition, she earned third in the American Olympic trials in both 2004 and 2008 and was a seven-time member of the U.S. National Team.

Schoof coached the Menlo School baseball team for 27 seasons. During those years, the teams chalked up 494 victories, 17 league championships and five Central Coast Section titles. Schoof went on to become Menlo's ath-



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Johnson made a name for herself in the early 1990s. She

became the CCS and state high jump champion in 1990. She was named the Peninsula

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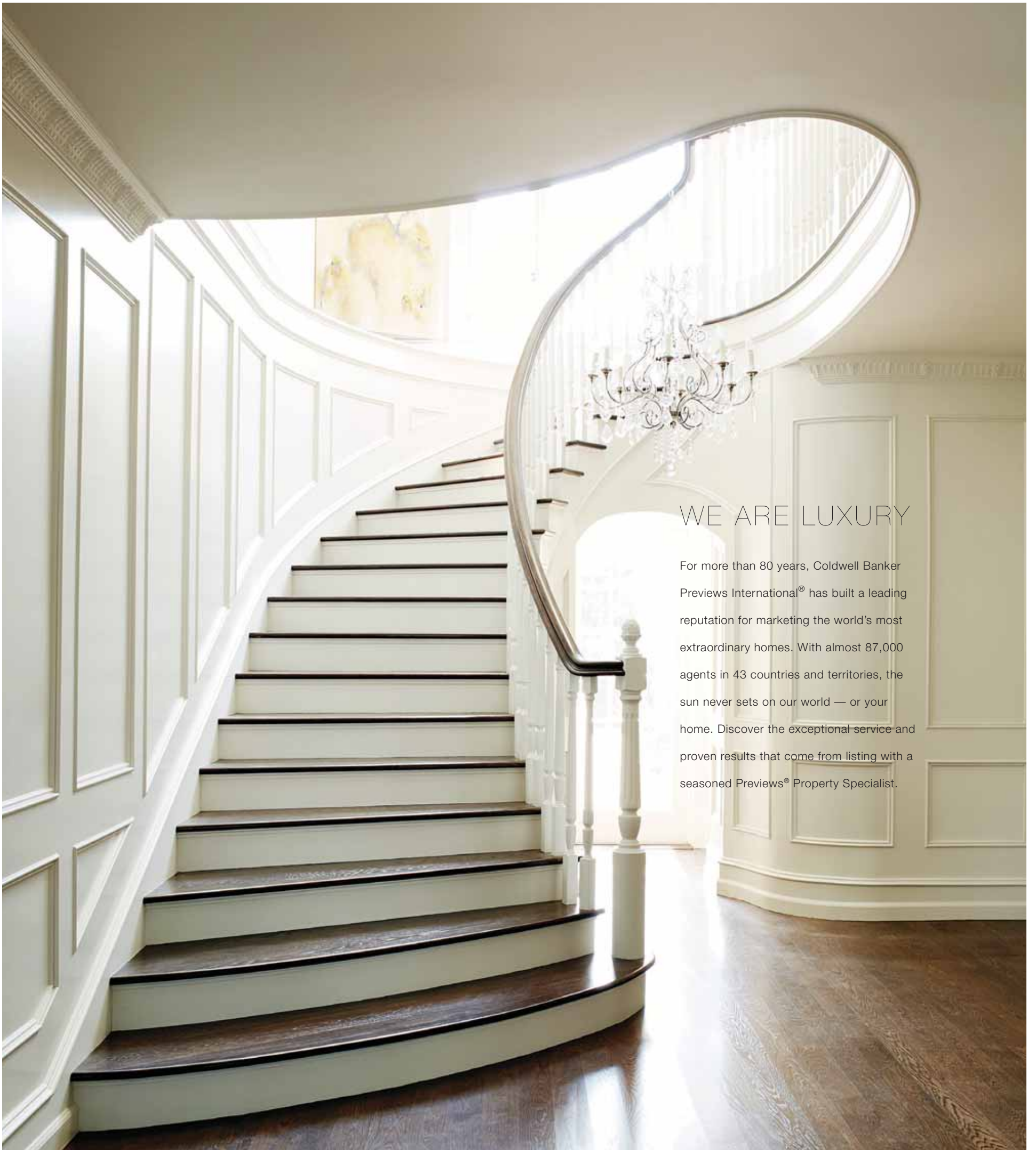
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How big is too big?

As Woodside residents propose large and complex basements, the town weighs limits on size and location

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

There are plans for large and unconventional basements being submitted in Woodside, and the potential effects are causing concern in Town Hall. In the third in a series of Town Council study sessions, set for Tuesday, July 14, the council will consider recommendations to restrict the size and location of basements.

Make a large hole in the ground and line it with concrete and there will be impacts. It may interrupt an underground stream and cause it to find a new path. Excavated soil being hauled out in 12-ton dump trucks will affect the roads, bridges and traffic, and may annoy neighbors who must endure their passage.

But the property owner pays road-impact fees, and tolerant neighbors may count on neighborly tolerance when they build their own basements. The town will see higher tax revenues when multi-functional basements add assessed value. What's the harm of people living, sleeping and entertaining themselves underground, of using tunnels to get from basement to basement? With the moderate temperatures that prevail underground regardless of season, the living is environmentally efficient.

These are among the arguments being made in defense of Woodside residents' current freedom to build a basement of any size more or less anywhere. The town's basement regulations, last revised in 1995, were handled almost as an afterthought, Planning Commission Chair Marilyn Voelke told the council in April. Recent proposals include huge and sophisticated subterranean facilities.

In keeping with the town's general concern over the environmental impacts of such proj-

ects, the Woodside Town Council is considering restrictions on size and location. Woodside's relative lack of basement regulations is uncommon among towns with similar demographics, according to Ms. Young's staff report.

Portola Valley, Atherton, Los Altos, Monte Sereno and Saratoga restrict basements to mainly under the footprint of the above-ground building, according to the report.

'Tell me what the harm is and then I'll have an opinion.'

GREG RALEIGH,
RESIDENT OF WOODSIDE

A Woodside council subcommittee will present recommendations for regulations on July 14. At a study session in May, council members Peter Mason, Ron Romines and Dave Tanner gave a preview:

- Basement size should be tied to zoning and equal to the maximum allowable size of the main house: 3,000, 4,000 or 6,000 square feet, assuming a 12-foot-deep cut into the earth. A deeper basement would require a reduction in square footage.

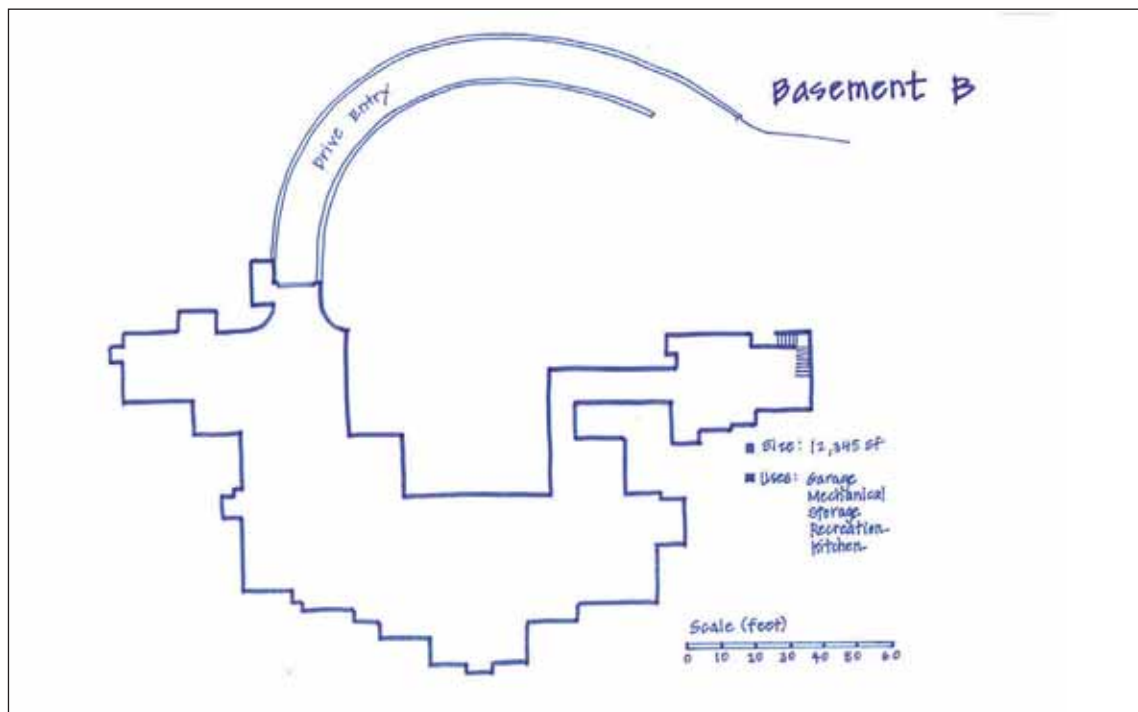
- No more than 50 percent of a basement could extend beyond the footprint of the above-ground building.

- All basements would require a geo-technical and hydrological analysis.

- Basements in general should not be allowed in setbacks or within 10 feet of property lines, unless they're under structures that predate the new setbacks, but they must stay within the above-ground building's footprint.

Guidance needed

The state of basement regu-



Courtesy of Woodside Town Hall

This sketch shows an approved 12,345-square-foot basement in Woodside, listing its uses as: “garage, mechanical room, storage, recreation and kitchen.” The basement includes a staircase on the right and extends beyond the footprint of the main house, according to a staff report.

lations in Woodside reflect a mismatch between the town's guiding documents and its specific rules, town officials have said. The general plan and residential design guidelines were updated in 2012, and offer strong conceptual support for the value of “rural character” in Woodside and living in ways that respect the land and its wild inhabitants. But the language in the municipal code from 1995 does not reflect that view.

Helping a project applicant find a way through this contested territory is the task of the Architecture and Site Review Board and the Planning Commission, which are entrusted with guarding Woodside's character.

The town received 40 base-

ment applications from 2009 to 2014, but 20 so far this year, according to town statistics. In April, Ms. Young asked the council for an urgency ordinance to permit conventional basements only — one story directly beneath a main residence — while the council and staff worked out new regulations.

The council voted 5-2 in favor of the ordinance, but with six votes needed to enact an urgency ordinance, it did not pass.

Ms. Young's report described a selection of basement plans, including one of nearly 14,000 square feet with a six-car garage, three bathrooms, bunkroom, two powder rooms, family room, media room, exercise

room, massage room, office, pantry, wine cellar, storage area and inside-outside courtyards.

Another was 9,500 square feet with a garage, three mechanical rooms, wine cellar, audio-video equipment room, laundry, lounge, two powder rooms, storage room, bowling alley, sitting room, recreation room and sunken courtyard with an exit stairway.

Rural character? The ASRB, as council members have said, has the task of giving guidance to applicants on tailoring a project to town standards, but not crossing the line and participating in the design. The ASRB requested guidance on basements.

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DUI driver who killed Menlo Park couple is sentenced to prison

A woman with a prior DUI conviction who drove a car that struck and killed a Menlo Park couple walking their dog in 2013 was sentenced to 30 years to life in prison on July 8.

A jury in May found Marjorie Reitzell, 55, guilty of two counts of second-degree murder, two counts of gross vehicular manslaughter and drunken driving charges. Judge Robert Foiles handed down the stiff prison sentence Wednesday morning.

Ms. Reitzell, a Redwood City resident, had been drinking heavily on Oct. 24, 2013, when at about 7 p.m. she veered off Chilco Street in Menlo Park and hit Kamal Singh, 45, and Balbir Singh, 50, from behind, prosecutors said.

The married couple, who had

three teenage children, had been out walking their dog that evening. They were both pronounced dead at the scene and the dog was injured.

After the collision, Ms. Reitzell swerved across the center divider and hit another car, causing minor injuries to the four teenagers inside. She tried to drive away again and slammed into a tree.

Ms. Reitzell was taken to a hospital after the crash and testing revealed she had a blood-alcohol level of .23 percent, nearly three times the legal limit, according to prosecutors.

She was already on probation for drunken driving after a 2012 arrest in Menlo Park.

Bay City News Service

Menlo Park resident calls cops; three teens nabbed

A call to police from an alert Menlo Park resident who spotted three people ransacking his car on Stanford Avenue in the early hours of Tuesday, July 7, led police to arrest three teens — two females and a male — on suspicion of multiple burglaries in Menlo Park.

After the resident placed the call at around 3 a.m., police found three young people matching their description near the intersection of Lemon Street and Santa Cruz Avenue.

Officers searched the teens and found property owned by the resident in addition to items that are believed to have come from another victim's home, police said.

Officers also searched a suspect's car parked several blocks away and recovered a stolen wallet and an iPad from another

nearby address, according to police.

As the officers were investigating the third alleged theft, they found another vehicle in the area that had been ransacked, police said.

A 17-year-old girl was arrested on suspicion of burglary, possession of stolen property and conspiracy and booked into county juvenile hall.

Santa Rosa residents Bradley Askew, 19, and Sierra Martinez, 18, were arrested on suspicion of burglary and conspiracy, police said. Mr. Askew was also booked on suspicion of possessing stolen property.

Anyone with information on the alleged thefts or suspects is asked to call Menlo Park police at (650) 330-6300 or an anonymous tip hotline at (650) 330-6395. ■

HALL OF FAME

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Times-Tribune Athlete of the Year in 1990 and again in 1991. She was also an exceptional basketball player at Menlo-Atherton High School. Johnson would go on to compete in track and field at the University of

California, Berkeley.

The Hall of Fame induction banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner at 6:30, at the San Mateo County Event Center Cypress Hall, 1346 Saratoga Drive in San Mateo.

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Horse Show artist selected

Heather Theurer of Las Vegas has been selected as the official artist for the 45th anniversary of the Menlo Charity Horse Show, which will be held Aug. 4-9 at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton. The artist's work, titled "Equus Series I:II," is painted in oils and valued at \$2,625.

The painting will be auctioned Aug. 7 at the gala dinner following the \$40,000 Grand Prix jumping class. Reproduction of the painting will be featured on the event's mug, posters, invitations, stationery and website.

"Her art truly portrays the elegance, beauty and power of the horse," says co-chair and founder of the horse show, Betsy Glikberg.

More than 500 horses and riders are expected to compete in the events in three on-going arenas, two of which are set on the grass of the polo field.



"Equus Series I:II" by Heather Theurer is the official painting for the Menlo Charity Horse Show.

Once again, the horse show will benefit Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Through the years the show has raised more than \$6 million for the center. ■

Water use drops in Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Early efforts to reduce outdoor water use during the drought are showing signs of success in Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley. Consumption dropped by percentages in the double digits in the month of May compared with two years ago, according to reports from the California Water Service Co.

Figures for Menlo Park, which is served by two major water districts and three smaller ones, were not immediately available.

As required by state mandates, during the nine-month period

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that began June 1, usage figures for 2015 will be compared with the same period in 2013. The State Water Resources Control Board set a water-reduction target of 36 percent for Cal Water's Bear Gulch Water District — Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley and parts of Menlo Park and Redwood City.

Cal Water's May reports are interesting in that they show what local conservation efforts

Water use (percentage changes)		
	May 2015	Year to date
Atherton	- 15%	+ 4%
Portola Valley	- 36%	- 11%
Woodside	- 39%	- 8%

The percentages are based on changes in water use in May 2015 and year to date compared with the same periods in 2013. Data was not immediately available for Menlo Park. (Data: California Water Service Co.)

have accomplished so far, a preview before the official start of the statewide water-use tracking period on June 1.

Compared to two years ago, Woodside customers — including residential, commercial and government — led the way with a reduction of 26.9 million gallons, or 39 percent, according to Cal Water. Year-to-date, Woodside customers are using 8 percent less water so far in 2015 than they did in the same period in 2013.

Portola Valley came in second, dropping by 15.8 million gallons, or 36 percent, with a year-to-date drop of 11 percent compared with 2013.

Atherton is down 12.8 million gallons, or 15 percent for May, but up 4 percent for the year.

Cooler this year

Weather may have played a role. Data from San Francisco-based Weather Underground for the Menlo Park ZIP code shows

May's mean average temperature this year was 61 this year compared with 64 in May 2013.

More meaningful, perhaps, are May's mean maximum temperatures — 68 this year compared with 77 in 2013. Also sharply different was the demand for air conditioning, referred to as cooling-degree days. The data shows two such days in May this year versus 12 in May 2013.

Some other data points:

■ Atherton government's use of water in May 2015 dropped 52 percent from the 2013 numbers, but was up 14 percent for the year.

■ Woodside government's use of water in May 2015 was down 24 percent compared with 2013, and down 19 percent for the year.

■ In all three communities, when compared with May 2013, consumption dropped in March, but rose in January, February and April. ■

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Summer Is a Great Time for Buyers

Dear Monica:

I have just moved to the area and am trying to buy a house so that my children can start public school in September. But I don't know if this is a good time for me to be trying to buy a property because so many people are on vacation, etc. What do you think my chances are for finding a place by the beginning of the school year?

Jeff, B.

Dear Jeff: I think it is good you are looking now because summer can be a great time for buyers. If you keep up with the market, there is a very good chance you will find a good

property to buy, and you probably won't have as much competition as you might have had last spring or even in the fall. And sellers who have houses on the market are often more willing to negotiate with buyers at this time of year because there are fewer buyers in the market.

I would encourage you to continue to look for property with as much effort as you would use any time of year. The perfect house can come on the market anytime and you want to be ready when it does.

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El Camino Real safety, basement ordinance on Atherton council agenda

Public hearings on changes to the town's basement and special events ordinances, and an update on efforts to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety on El Camino Real, are on the Atherton City Council's agenda for its Wednesday, July 15, meeting.

The meeting is set to begin at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road, in the Town Center. It will follow a 6:30 closed-session meeting pertaining to a performance evaluation of the city manager.

The changes to the special events ordinance would require those hosting special events to pay for any police, public works or other services required by the event, as well as the costs for issuing a permit.

Town officials decided that the changes were needed after the town was left with \$8,000 in bills for services required in 2013 when President Obama came to town for a fundraiser. There was no law on the books that would require the event's hosts to reimburse the town, and the town's requests for repayment were denied.

Under the ordinance, a \$75 permit would be required for all special events held in the public right-of-way, such as road races, walks and bicycle rides. Permits would also be required for special events on private property if held over the course of two or more consecutive days and members of the public are invited. These would include fundraisers, antique shows, house and garden tours, concerts and others.

A permit would also be required for any special event "that requires the assistance of the town for traffic control, public safety services, extraordinary parking control measures, waiver of any local, state, or federal ordinance, or other mitigation measures arising from the special event."

The ordinance will provide "a mechanism for the town to seek reimbursement for events that require the use of town resources," according to the staff report.

The ordinance would go into effect 30 days after approval — which means the planned Aug. 5 visit to Atherton by Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton won't be affected by it.

In general, events held at private or public schools and at venues such as the Menlo Circus Club won't require a permit, the report says.

Basements

The town will introduce amendments to its basement regula-

tions recommended by the Planning Commission. The proposed changes include a small reduction in the amount of allowable building area for a basement when the basement extends beyond the first floor of the main building. The change would reduce the allowable building area from the current 130 percent of the total floor area of the first floor to 120 percent.

The other proposed changes shift review and approval authority from the Planning Commission to administrative staff under certain circumstances. For example, minor extensions of basement area beyond the first floor of the residence must now be approved by the commission but would, under the amended ordinance, be handled administratively. Other building plans that would be approved administratively under the changes include specified situations involving basements beneath accessory buildings when the construction would not impact adjacent properties, according to the staff report.

El Camino Real safety

The council will also get an update on plans to increase safety for bicyclists and pedestrians traversing El Camino Real. The roadway has been the site of numerous collisions between cars and those on foot or bicycles, and the town has been working closely with Caltrans to install pedestrian beacons at several crosswalks located at intersections with no traffic signals.

A staff report indicates that between January 2005 and May 31, 2015, there have been 20 collisions involving bicyclists, and six involving pedestrians. Four of the accidents were fatal. Since May 31, however, one more fatal accident has occurred. Last month a Menlo Park woman was killed walking in or near the crosswalk at Alejandra Avenue and El Camino.

Caltrans plans to install two pedestrian beacons on El Camino — at Alejandra and Isabella avenues — but the measures are part of a countywide project that includes a total of 17 such installations. It's not known when the installations in Atherton will begin, but "it is likely that the beacons at Isabella and Alejandra avenues would not be operational until 2017," according to the staff report.

Go to tinyurl.com/Atherton7-15 to see the agenda and staff reports. ■



Little League champs

Lutticken's, champion of the Alpine/West Menlo Little League, defeated Sharon Heights Shell 6-4 on June 13 to claim the Menlo Park Little League title. In the front row are, from left, Alex Wang, Calvin Katz, Matthew Lopez, Griffin Williams, Tyler Flynn and Jake Keller. In the back row, from left, are Manager John Lopez, Tommy Eisenstat, Seth Hartranft, Travis Murphy, Coach Susie Eisenstat, Dylan Rudd, Dylan Keller and Coach Joe Keller. Not pictured: David Robertson.

How big is too big?

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Criticism

A group of about a dozen Woodside residents, represented at council meetings by Greg Raleigh and Richard Draeger, hired a consultant to prepare their own analysis of what the town should do.

Among the conclusions listed in a draft of that analysis:

- The town should "encourage rather than discourage" uses that save energy or "improve rural aesthetic and open property areas."

- Basement square footage should be tied to total allowable floor area for the parcel, not the maximum allowed for the main residence.

- The regulations should not require a basement to be located under a structure.

Mr. Raleigh is planning a modest basement with a wine cellar. In an interview, he discussed several points, including insufficient attention given to the benefits of basements. Because they're underground and easy on air conditioning and heating, they should be encouraged, he said.

"Don't harm property rights or individual rights when there's no harm to the environment or the public good," he said. As for big basements, "Tell me what the harm is and then I'll have an opinion," he said. Someone with 30 acres may want a large base-

■ WHAT'S NEXT?

If the Woodside Town Council reaches consensus on new basement regulations at its July 14 meeting, the next step would be review and comment by the Planning Commission. The regulations would then go back to the council as a proposed ordinance for a public hearing. The council could introduce the ordinance at this time, then adopt it at a subsequent meeting. The regulations would become law 30 days later.

ment, and it would be environmentally friendly, Mr. Raleigh said. "Why would we stop them from doing that?"

Councilman Tanner, a contractor and builder, agreed that basements do have environmental benefits, but their greenhouse gas footprints involve more than just stable interior temperatures.

Basements embody the manufacture, transport and use of tons of steel and concrete, heavy trucks to haul off soil, and the basement's eventual decline as moisture finds its way inside, Mr. Tanner said. In the end, huge structures are harder to sell and may eventually be abandoned, he said.

Mr. Raleigh argued that increases in property tax revenues will "more than pay for" damage to roads. Dump trucks are admittedly an inconvenience, but people have a right to develop their property, he said.

Councilman Mason

described Woodside's roads and bridges as "very fragile," and said that the costs to repair them cannot be recovered from a residential project. "We're not trying to hurt anybody's ability to do a basement," he said. "We're just trying to say that there's a limit to its size."

Mr. Raleigh returned repeatedly to the idea that regulations could be unfair to owners of smaller properties who are cramped on space and remodeling funds. Without the money to elevate an existing house, and with restrictions on basements beyond the footprint of the main house, the resident could be forced to compromise. For example, instead of a wine cellar and a garage below ground, it would be one or the other.

Woodside's general plan, Mr. Tanner said, reflects a town that aims to be one with nature and not to modify nature. "We're not saying don't build a basement. We're talking about the size of a basement," he said. "If you have four acres, do you have a four-acre basement? How big should a basement be? ... If we don't have rules for it, somebody is going to do it."

"We elect council members hoping that they'll watch our back," Mr. Raleigh said in conclusion. Underground construction doesn't have aesthetic, privacy or fire hazard impacts, he said. "How do we help the community or the environment (by depriving) that owner of the right to have a basement?" ■

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Harold R. "Pete" Kauffman

Harold R. "Pete" Kauffman, 79, founder of Exidy and innovative pioneer of electronic arcade video games, died in San Mateo, on July 3rd, 2015.

A former long-time resident of Portola Valley, Pete served in the Marine Corps from 1954 to 1957.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia Kauffman, four children, Jeffrey Kauffman of Carson City, Nevada, Amber Ramies of Portola Valley, Ryan Kauffman of San Carlos, and Irma Reeves of Austin, Texas, and eight beloved grandchildren.

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This is a detail of a site plan shown to Atherton's Civic Center Advisory Committee on July 6, showing the town's police and administration offices in two buildings joined by a lobby and second-floor spaces.

Civic center design coming into focus

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

■ ATHERTON

An Atherton civic center with connected two-story police and administration buildings opening off Fair Oaks Lane and a renovated council chambers becoming part of a new library was given the nod by the Civic Center Advisory Committee on July 6.

A few more details of the design of the new civic center were pinned down by the advisory committee, but they asked to see still more refinements before making a recommendation to the City Council. The project is already a month or two behind schedule, according to consultants working on the project.

The committee members were unanimous in telling the architects, from the firm of WRNS Studios, that they like a design combining new town offices for police and the rest of the city administration as well as including a meeting space for the City Council. The police and administration buildings share a lobby and second-floor access in the preferred plan.

Committee members also said the town's existing council chamber should be renovated as a part of the new library, preferably with direct access from the new building.

The conceptual plans show the police and administration buildings as two stories with the library one story. The second floors are smaller than the first

floors, so the buildings look smaller from ground level. The firm is also designing the complex to be energy-efficient and to retain storm water on site.

One of the major design features of the new buildings that the architects have maintained through all their designs is being able to see through any buildings built along Fair Oaks into a green courtyard space beyond the buildings. The

Cost seems increasingly to be a factor in the design of the new civic center.

design preferred by the committee has a glass-walled lobby that allows views through it to the green space beyond.

Council member Elizabeth Lewis, who with Mayor Rick DeGolia is council liaison to the committee, asked that the architects think about how the buildings could be expanded in the future as needed in case the town wants to provide services that haven't yet been thought of. "We're not in the mode of growing our city government," she said, noting Atherton's population had actually decreased at the time of the last census.

Eying costs

Cost seems increasingly to be a factor in the design of the new

civic center, which a ballot measure approved by Atherton voters in 2012 says must be mostly paid for with donations. The only exceptions are funds that have been set aside to pay for a new library and for building department offices.

"We've got to be prudent, and tight, and lean and mean," said council member Lewis at one point during the meeting.

"I am very concerned about the budget," said Didi Fisher, who is part of the Atherton Now group raising funds for the civic center.

That means trying to make spaces work for more than one purpose, and not including any unnecessary space. Committee members asked the architects to explore making the council chambers also work as an emergency operations center and as a police training facility. City manager George Rodericks said the council chambers could also be used as a large conference room for the city offices, eliminating yet another office space.

The committee also asked that the consultant hired by the architects to design the new police building return to the committee with information on police buildings in other communities. They want to make sure the 15,000-square-foot building isn't bigger than what is needed by the town.

Parking continues to be a conundrum in the design, as committee members asked to have the buildings easily accessible to the public but not cluttered up by a lot of visible parking.

Committee members said that while they don't mind if the new library has modern architecture, they'd like the police and town

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TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Portola Valley is seeking candidates for two Town Council seats, which are up for election. All are 4-year terms, which expire in November 2019. The Town Council meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month at 7:00 p.m.

Interested residents may request information and nomination papers Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 – 5:00 pm at Town Hall, 765 Portola Road. The candidate filing period is July 13 through August 7, 2015, unless an incumbent does not file for re-election, in which case the deadline will automatically be extended until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 for non-incumbents only. There is no filing fee.

Sharon Hanlon
Portola Valley Town Clerk

Woodside: Major remodel to close town library for several months

The Woodside Library will close Saturday, Aug. 1, for six to nine months for a major remodel.

The closure (originally set for July 18) was delayed to time it with Town Hall's awarding of the remodeling contract, now set for July 28. Also, officials didn't want to close the library earlier than necessary, according to Tom Fortin, deputy director of the San Mateo County Library system, of which the Woodside Library is a part, and Woodside Town Engineer Paul Nagengast.

Reopening is set for the spring of 2016.

The \$3 million remodel is meant to create an interior better suited for 21st century uses of a library, including more capability for digital materials, gathering spaces for children and teens, more light and lower energy bills. Seismic upgrades should make the building better able to withstand a major earthquake.

During the remodel, Woodside library staff will be reassigned, some to the Portola Val-

INFORMATION

Woodside Library patrons are invited to use the Portola Valley Library, which has the same hours: opens at 11 a.m. every day except Sunday, and closes at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The libraries are closed on Sundays.

ley Library, Mr. Fortin said. Staff will be boxing up the Woodside library's collections for temporary storage out of the building.

Once the shutdown goes into effect in Woodside, a fence will surround the library, including its parking lot, Mr. Nagengast said.

Extra parking will be available on the south side of Woodside Road along the half-mile stretch between Roberts Market and Fox Hollow Road, Mr. Nagengast said.

Ongoing programs

Some programs will continue. Baby Rhyme Time at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesdays will move up the street to Independence Hall at 2955 Woodside Road. The

library may hold other occasional programs for kids or adults at Independence Hall, Branch Manager Garrett Kuramoto said.

The Book Club will move next door to the Woodside Village Church, meeting at the same time — 1 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

The Portola Valley Library, located at 765 Portola Road in Portola Valley, is the designated substitute for Woodside patrons during the remodel. The hours are identical. The libraries open at 11 a.m. every day except Sunday, close at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and are closed on Sundays.

Woodside Library's Paws program, in which children read to a dog, will take place at the Portola Valley Library at 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, Mr. Kuramoto said.

Tai Chi normally held on Friday mornings outside the Woodside Library will shift to the Portola Valley Town Center at a location not yet settled on, Mr. Kuramoto said. ■

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Clinton due at Atherton fundraiser

Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton plans another fundraising trip to Almanac country, according to campaign sources. She will attend an evening reception at the Atherton home of Chris Kelly and Jennifer Carrico on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Mr. Kelly is a former chief privacy officer at Facebook, and his wife, Ms. Carrico, was an early employee and

counsel at YouTube.

The price for attendance: \$2,700 per person.

Ms. Clinton also plans to attend a breakfast fundraiser the next morning at the home of Fiona Ma and Melissa Ma in San Francisco, with the same price tag.

On May 8, Ms. Clinton attended a fundraising lunch at the Portola Valley home of John and Eileen Donahoe.

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offices to be "more traditional" than what was shown there.

"I don't like the architecture that you're showing me for the rest of the buildings," council member Lewis said.

The committee plans to meet again on July 20 to firm up a conceptual plan to recommend to the City Council for approval, which will probably come at a special meeting in late July.

Once the council has approved the conceptual plan, the architects can make more refined drawings, which can be used to estimate construction costs. ■

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Photo by Marianne Lettieri

River rocks, with crocheted covers, are part of an art exhibit by sculptor Marianne Lettieri.

Crochet circle helps artist create museum installation

A group of 10 women, ages 13 to 94, gathered June 30 at Little House Activity Center to crochet covers for the last of a collection of 200 river rocks. The crocheted rocks, which range in size from 1

to 8 inches in diameter, are part of an art exhibit by sculptor Marianne Lettieri that will be installed this summer at the Peninsula Museum of Art in Burlingame.

Ms. Lettieri said her exhib-

it, titled 'House/Work,' includes six installations that explore traditional roles of women in the home, past feminist hierarchies, and what constitutes meaningful labor today.

One of the artworks features a 19th century handmade cradle filled with 30 handblown glass spheres and set in a bed of crocheted river rocks. She appropriated doilies at local estate sales and worked with fiber artist Stefanie Fayard to cover many of the rocks, she said.

"I wanted to collaborate with the Little House crocheters as a gesture to underscore the themes of my art exhibition," Ms. Lettieri said. "Throughout history, women have come together to share domestic tasks and conversation."

The exhibit at the Peninsula Museum of Art will run from July 19 though Oct. 18. An opening reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19.

The museum is located at 1777 California Drive in Burlingame. Admission is free. ■

Bette Moorman, lifelong advocate for children

A celebration of the life of Bette Moorman of Atherton will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 17, at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

Ms. Moorman died March 16 at the age of 91.

Ms. Moorman was born in Duluth, Minnesota, and graduated from the Masters School in 1940. She majored in child study at Vassar College. She supported the Stanford



Bette Moorman

OBITUARY

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

Department of Child Psychiatry, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the Child Advocacy Council, and many other groups.

Preceded in death by her husband, Albert J. Moorman, whom she married in 1949, she is survived by her children, Lisa Fremont and Mark Moorman; and five grandchildren.

Donations may be made to Reading Partners, 180 Grand Avenue, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94612.

Summer concert in Portola Valley

Stan Ekhart and The A Team will perform R&B, blues and soul-jazz music at a free two-hour summer concert starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 16, on the performance lawn at the Portola Valley Town Center.

Concert-goers are encouraged to bring blankets and picnics. The farmers' market will be going on nearby from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and there will be food trucks.

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Firefighters reach tentative deal with fire district

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

After seven years of working without a contract, firefighters and the management of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District have announced a tentative agreement over pay and benefits.

The contract between the district and firefighters Local 2400 is expected to cost the district a total of \$9.8 million and includes salary increases of up to 17 percent over four years, according to Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman.

The contract and associated documents will be posted on the fire district's website (menlofire.org) by July 20, Chief Schapelhouman said. The memorandum of understanding accompanying the contract will be available for public comment for at least 30 days.

The five-member district board approved the tentative

deal in a 4-1 vote in closed session on July 7, with Chuck Bernstein dissenting. A vote that could ratify the agreement is set for Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the board's regular meeting at 300 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park.

The tentative agreement would allow average base salaries to rise by up to 9 percent for the 2014-15 budget year just ended, and up to 3 percent for each of the following three years.

Firefighters would pay 12 percent of pension costs, retroactive to 2014-15, up from the 9 percent they are paying now. This will save the district around \$1.2 million over four years, the chief said. Firefighters would also pay 10 percent of the costs for health care coverage.

The contract includes a stipend for firefighters choosing to live within 60 miles of the district, starting at \$200 a month and rising to \$300 by the end of the contract. ■

Caltrain upgrades train-control systems

■ BRIEFS

Atherton and Menlo Park residents may hear train horns in the middle of the night this week as Caltrain runs "test" trains from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. to check out new signaling and train-control systems.

The train tests, which will actually be run intermittently over several months, will be conducted at night so as not to disrupt normal train service, Caltrain says. As usual, the trains will engage crossing gates, and train engineers may use their horns in testing the systems that Caltrain is upgrading this week.

During the day, workers will be trenching and boring near the tracks to install fiber optic cables.

The new technology, known as positive train control, will "monitor and, if necessary, control train movement in the event of human error," and is expected to reduce the time that crossing

gates are down and improve traffic conditions, according to Caltrain.

Positive train control is a key component of electrification of the rail corridor and should also "eliminate" the risk of train-to-train collisions, enforce speed limits and improve safety for railroad workers on the tracks, Caltrain says.

During this week, workers will also be pressure-washing the train stations and doing janitorial work, Caltrain says.

Comment sought on Facebook project

The public is invited to comment on what the city of Menlo Park should consider in an environmental impact report on a proposal by Facebook to develop its 58-acre third campus (at 300-309 Constitution Drive) with about 963,000 square feet of new office buildings and possibly a 200-room hotel.

The proposal would involve a rezoning to allow a building

height of 75 feet.

Go to tinyurl.com/plan720 to see a staff report on this project.

Use ktperata@menlopark.org to email comments to Kyle Perata, associate planner for the city of Menlo Park.

Portola Valley resident halts apparent burglary

A Portola Valley resident came home just in time to prevent an apparent burglary on Wednesday, July 1, according to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

The resident returned to a home in the vicinity of Golden Oak Drive and observed a man behind the house. When asked what he was doing, the man said he was looking for someone named Johnny and walked away.

While the resident was calling the Sheriff's Office, the man was picked up by another man who was driving an older, "boxy," gray or silver Honda-like vehicle and drove away.

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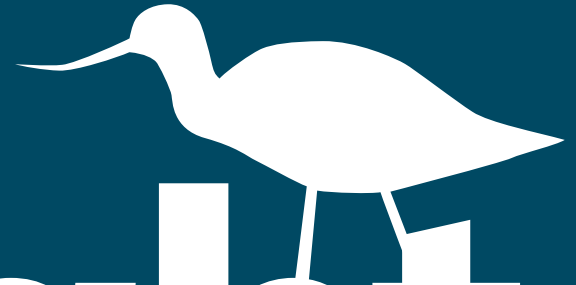
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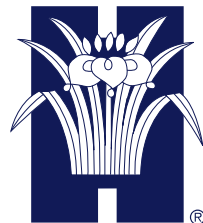


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