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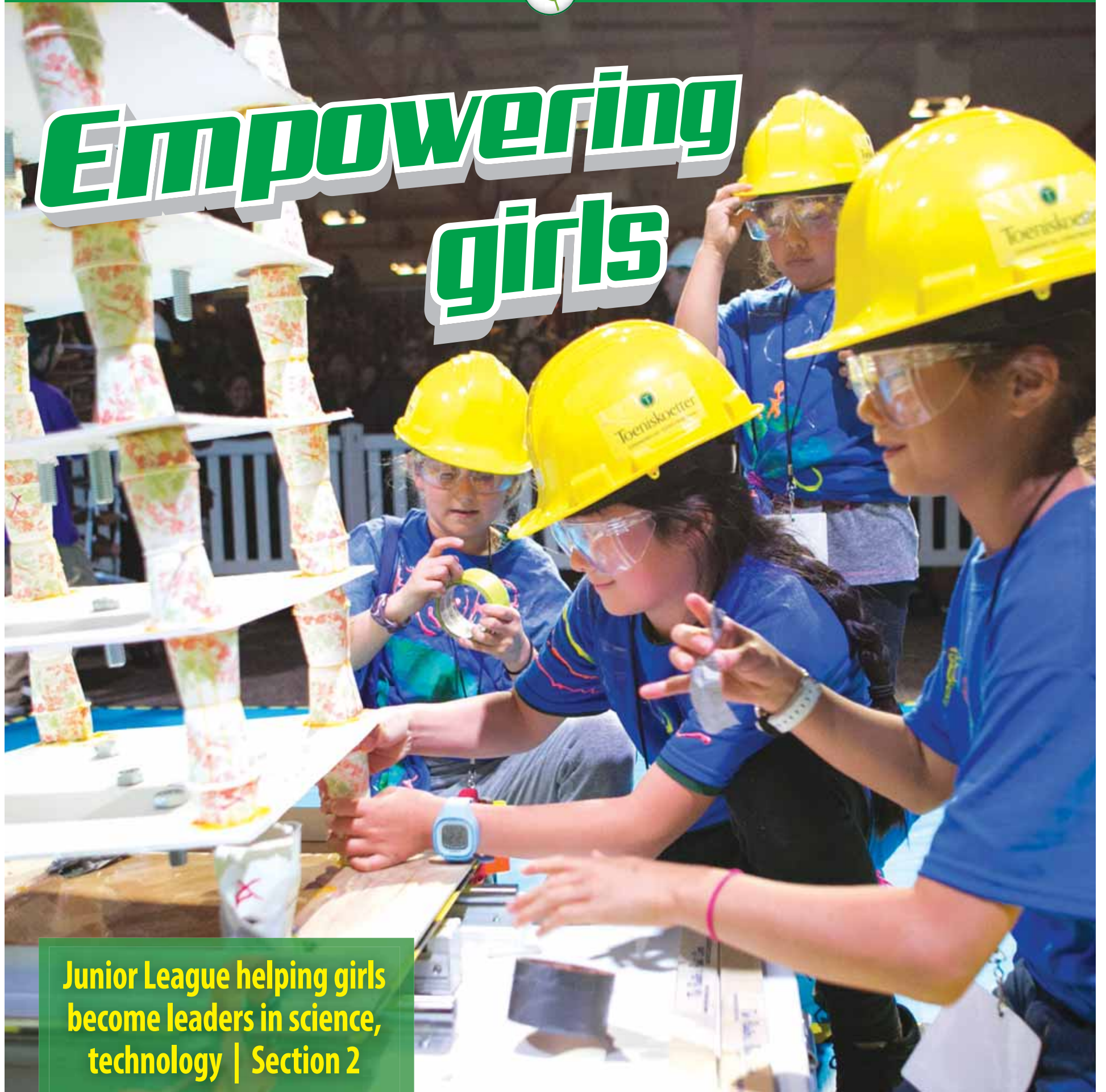
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**Bob Delvishio**, left, and Bob Emperador, respectively called Bob No. 1 and Bob No. 2 by customers, partner to enliven spirits at the post office.

## ‘Community institution’ Bob Delvishio says goodbye

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

For years, Robert Delvishio has been telling visitors to the West Menlo Park post office that he’s wanted to have his name in the Almanac. For his retirement, he’ll finally get his wish.

Robert Delvishio, affectionately called “Bob Number One” to differentiate him from his coworker and friend Bob Emperador, or “Bob Number Two,” brought a unique sense of humor and joy to the post office for 15 years.

As a postal worker, first in Philadelphia and later when he transferred to Menlo Park, he understood that a little levity goes a long way. With the exception of the DMV, people hate standing in line at the post office more than at any other place, he says. He’s always tried to ease the pain of this much-loathed errand by being personable and fun.

This occasionally got him into hot water with managers, who tried to force him to act more seriously.

“I mean, we’re selling stamps

here,” Bob scoffs.

Things are not looking good for the U.S. Postal Service, he says, and the last thing officials should do is reduce the experience to strictly business,

**Bob Delvishio says he’ll miss the people of Menlo Park. ‘They’re the nicest people I’ve ever met.’**

which will only drive people to use online shipping services. He believes that his customer-driven approach to working the postal counter keeps customers coming back — people from all over the county.

“This is the best post office on the Peninsula,” he claims.

From helping senior customers fill out forms to gently informing Menlo Park mothers attempting to overnight-ship baked goods to their college kids that those brownies will, in fact, probably not arrive still warm, customer service has been a

priority. “That’s hardly left in a neighborhood,” he says.

When Mr. Delvishio departs, he’ll miss the people of Menlo Park, he says. “They’re the nicest people I’ve ever met.”

He says he got along especially well with what he calls the “Menlo moms,” adding, “I watched these people’s kids grow up,” he said.

In his 15 years in Menlo Park, Mr. Delvishio says, he’s learned a lot about the people of Silicon Valley and California. When he first started on the job, his Philadelphia-rooted loud humor didn’t fit well with his customers. But over the years, he notes, people have warmed to his humor.

Though he’d like to stay in the area, due to ongoing health problems and increased rent prices, Mr. Delvishio plans to relocate to Las Vegas, where he hopes to learn more about the art, music, and Native American culture there.

Though retirement has come earlier than he expected, Mr. Delvishio says he has made

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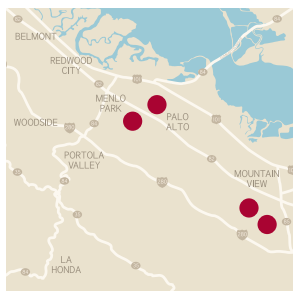


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## Stanford latest proposal: more housing, less office space in Menlo Park development

New proposal would enlarge Middle Avenue plaza

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Stanford University proposes to increase housing and reduce office space in its latest development plan for its 8.4 acres of land in Menlo Park between El Camino Real and the Caltrain tracks, stretching from the Stanford Park Hotel site (100 El Camino Real) to Big 5 Sporting Goods (700 El Camino Real).

Stanford, which submitted its revised proposal to the city of Menlo Park on Monday, Sept. 28, said the changes were made in response to community feedback. "The community spoke, we listened," said Steve Elliott, managing director of development for the university.

Residential space would increase to 215 rental apartments (from the 170 previously proposed) and office space would be reduced to 145,000 square feet, from the 190,000 previously proposed. Retail space would remain at 10,000 square feet.

More underground parking would allow for more open space, including an expanded plaza near Middle Avenue that would occupy about half an acre, "over twice as big as the original proposal," Mr. Elliott said.

In addition, the architectural style of the offices and apartment buildings would be

### MEETINGS

Stanford will hold two community meetings, where people can review and comment on the university's latest plans for its development on El Camino Real. The meetings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Encinal Elementary School, 195 Encinal Ave. in Atherton. Go to [middleplaza.org](http://middleplaza.org) for more information.

changed to better align with the community's "village character," he said.

Building height would follow a low-to-high line of sight, with three-story structures built near El Camino Real. Heights would increase to four stories for office buildings and five for residential buildings on the eastern portion of the parcel, nearer to the Caltrain tracks.

The proposed development has sparked major controversy in the city since it was proposed three years ago. Opponents expressed concerns about the scale of the project, particularly the amount of office space, and the impact on the city, including on traffic.

In 2014, residents gathered enough signatures to put Measure M on the ballot. The measure, which would have restricted office space to 100,000 square feet per project and redefined open space to not include balconies, was defeated at the polls with 62 percent of voters opposing it.



Courtesy Stanford University

Stanford provided this rendering of what it says would be a view of the residential area of the project.

One of the objections to an earlier design of the Middle Avenue plaza was that a road would run through it. Under the latest proposal, the road would run next to but outside the plaza.

Total open space, including other plazas in the complex, would exceed requirements in the city's specific plan for the area even without counting balconies as open space, Mr. Elliott said.

### 'Village character'

The architectural style changes were made in response to opinions voiced in community workshops and discussions, he said. The previous designs, community members said, had felt too corporate and modern. Workshops were conducted to try to pin down what defines the "village character" of Menlo Park's architecture.

Though opinions varied widely, Mr. Elliott said, a consensus

developed that people generally approved of architecture that demonstrated quality of materials and construction, incorporated elements of timelessness and the natural world, and were visually interesting.

To fit these aesthetic goals, the new office buildings would be constructed in the "mission revival" style and the new residential buildings in the "contemporary craftsman" style under the latest proposal, he said.

Stanford will continue to engage the community "as it refines and improves its proposal for the site," the university said in a press release. Residents are invited to two community meetings to review and comment on the new proposals.

Those meetings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Encinal Elementary School, 195 Encinal

Ave. in Atherton.

Stanford has created a website, [middleplaza.org](http://middleplaza.org), that shows the proposed designs and contains other information about the project.

### Tunnel

In announcing its revised proposal, Stanford had nothing new to say about a proposed pedestrian-bicycle tunnel that would run under the tracks at Middle Avenue and connect El Camino Real with Burgess Park and the Menlo Park Civic Center.

Mr. Elliott noted that the tunnel is separate from the Stanford development project, which the university is now calling "Middle Plaza at 500 El Camino Real." The university has agreed to help study the tunnel project and provide financial support, but the amount of the support has not been specified. ▀

## Consultants: Delays add \$2.8 million to Atherton civic center cost

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

It took five tries, but the committee charged with advising Atherton's City Council about the plans for the town's new civic center on Sept. 21 finally approved a conceptual design to recommend to the council.

The Civic Center Advisory Committee was first scheduled to forward a conceptual design to the council on June 23. In July committee members were told by the consultants hired to

### INFORMATION

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manage the project that every month of delay in getting the project started would add about \$90,000 to its cost.

The consultants now say the project is due to start at least 18 months behind the original schedule, adding \$2.8 million to the bill due to escalating construction costs. When the

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master plan for the project was approved, a start date of July 2015 was projected.

The total cost for the project is now estimated at \$42.9 million.

City Manger George Rodericks said much of the delay was the time spent choosing an architect and project manager.

City Engineer Gordon Siebert, who has been guiding the project for the town, said the advisory committee asked for "a very open and transparent process"

and so widely advertised the project to project managers and architects. "It took longer," Mr. Siebert said, to narrow the applications from eight project management firms and 16 architect design teams, and "to select the best qualified (firms) that also understood Atherton's needs and wants."

The cost of the delay is basically due to inflation, Mr. Rodericks said, with construction costs rising with the local economy.

The conceptual plan is scheduled to go to the City Council

for approval either at its Oct. 7 or Oct. 21 meeting.

The design shows a new two-story, 27,000-square-foot building for police, administration and council chambers. The building would be made up of two wings joined by a common lobby and located near Fair Oaks Lane.

A new one-story library of slightly less than 10,000 square-feet would be located near the site of the existing library. The existing historic council cham-

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### Medicare Explained

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Connie Corrales, director of the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) for Santa Clara County, will explain the basics of Medicare for beneficiaries, as well as Medicare changes for next year.

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## New member named to architectural review panel

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

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Portola Valley resident Alvin Sill, currently the chair of the town's Water Conservation Committee, is the newest member of the town's Architectural & Site Control Commission, a panel of volunteers charged with maintaining the rural character of the town through its oversight of building projects.

After the Town Council conducted a 15-minute phone interview with him on Wednesday, Sept. 23 — Mr. Sill was traveling — the council voted unanimously to appoint him to the seat vacated on Sept. 14 by architect Iris Harrell.

The council appointed Ms. Harrell to the commission in January 2014. Her term on the ASCC, which is now Mr. Sill's term, ends in January 2017.

The ASCC advises the Planning Commission and the Town Council — also all-volunteer panels — on significant remodeling and building projects in town. The ASCC's mission, through legally binding decisions, is to preserve the town's visual character, its land values and investments, public safety, and the general welfare by preventing the construction of "unsightly or obnoxious" structures, indiscriminate clearing of land and destruction of vegeta-

tion, according to town code.

In his letter to the council requesting an ASCC appointment, Mr. Sill says he has an engineering background that would help him in reading building plans and blueprints.

Actions by the ASCC sometimes get a lot of attention in town and require members to work closely with Town Hall staff. Mr. Sill has had such experience, he says in his letter, citing his work on the Water Conservation Committee as the community copes with mandatory cuts in water use.

During the phone interview, Councilman John Richards asked Mr. Sill if he felt up to the job of disappointing an applicant "whose got their life's dream in front of you."

Mr. Sill replied that he considers himself calm and relatively level-headed, and acknowledged the possibility of emotional reactions by applicants.

"(I would) try to take a step back and just look at things, give (the applicants) a chance to be heard, and explain the things behind what you're doing," Mr. Sill said. "It's just not possible for everybody to be really happy with every decision that's made, but you'd hope that they'd be happy with the process." ■

## MP reviews general plan

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park City Council will discuss two major matters involving Menlo Park's future on Tuesday, Oct. 6: how land can be developed in the M-2 or Bayfront area of Menlo Park, located roughly between the Bay and U.S. 101, and what to do about traffic conditions and roadways across the city.

The council will review proposed revisions to the city's general plan, a project the city calls ConnectMenlo, which has been underway since the summer of 2014. The proposals have been drafted by city staff in collaboration with consultants from PlaceWorks.

There is now about 8.75 million square feet of nonresidential development in the M-2 zone. The current general plan allows up to 10.5 million square feet. Under the proposed zoning update, an additional 2.1 million

square feet of nonresidential and non-hotel development would be permitted.

In addition, the zoning update would allow 4,500 new housing units and 600 new hotel rooms.

The purpose of the Oct. 6 session is for the staff to gather feedback from the council before an environmental impact review is conducted and the plans are submitted in full to the council for approval, said Justin Murphy, assistant community development director.

At the meeting, the council will review comments on the general plan update made during a Sept. 21 Planning Commission study session. During that session, members of the community voiced concerns about traffic, emergency vehicle access, affordable housing, and wildlife and environmental sustainability.

The council meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the council chambers in the Menlo Park Civic Center. ■

# Tacks on road: Woodside man raising reward money

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Woodside resident Walter Cook is leading a drive to raise \$10,000 to be awarded for information leading to the identification of the person or persons who scatted carpet tacks recently on Kings Mountain Road.

The tacks can easily give bicyclists flat tires as they ride the steep winding route between Woodside Road and Skyline Boulevard. If a tack punctures a tube on a curve going downhill, it can send a rider tumbling, Portola Valley resident and bicycle commuter Nate McKitterick said.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, about half of a group of 15 cyclists discovered tacks in their tires when they reached Skyline Boulevard, Woodside resident Bruce Matheson said.

Mr. Cook, who is leading the fundraising drive, said he is pleased by the outpouring of support and expects to reach the \$10,000 goal.

The California Highway Patrol has an officer and a sergeant assigned to the investigation, but they have no leads yet, said CHP Officer Art Montiel.

Depending on the person's intent in spreading the tacks, charges could range from something very minor to aggravated assault, assault with a deadly weapon, or even attempted murder, Mr. Montiel said.

Tacks on the road are not new. Cyclists interviewed for



Photo by Deepak Kamra

**These tacks** were just some of the many found spread along 50 yards of Kings Mountain Road in June.

this story said they have been encountering them for years.

Help is available from passing cyclists, though. They have a habit of asking if assistance or parts are needed, Mr. Cook said. "It's a great sport that way because it's very cohesive among bike riders," he said.

One factor fueling this misbehavior may be the ongoing feud between cyclists and drivers over who has rights to the roads. The tension is as high as it's ever been, Mr. Cook said.

"It just takes a couple of bad apples to ruin it for everybody," he said. "We all need to share the road, and we all need to rally together to find out who's doing this."

Around 30 people have made pledges to contribute to a reward so far, Mr. Cook said, adding

that he is investigating a way to get a third party to administer the campaign.

## Road etiquette

Vandalizing public infrastructure is an act of cowardice, said Andrew Hsu, president of the Peninsula Velo cycling club, in an email. "If there are genuine concerns with cyclists that ride on KMR, this act will do nothing to solve any issues," he said.

"Cycling and cyclists riding in the Woodside area continues to be hotly debated within the community," he said. "Our club represents only a small fraction of cyclists that ride in and around Woodside. Our club members agree to abide by a set of road etiquette rules.

"Among our members, we are doctors, lawyers, teachers, small business owners, leaders in high tech," Mr. Hsu added. "Many of us are parents, some grandparents. We contribute to our local community with the local businesses that we support and the taxes that we pay."

Mr. Hsu said he is a competitive cyclist and a bicycle commuter and rides about 200 miles a week.

"I've ridden King's more times than I can remember, and it is certainly one of my favorite routes," he said. "With so many other problems that the world is facing, I sincerely hope that we as a community can come together and end this reckless and senseless endangerment of people's lives on Kings Mountain Road." ▀

Souza of WRNS Studio. "I like that a lot," she said. "That solves a lot of tough problems we were wrestling with."

What had kept the committee from making a recommendation at its last meeting was worry about the costs of the building. While members chose a favored design when they met on Aug. 31, they said they couldn't recommend it until they had an idea of how much it would cost.

Mack5, the consultant hired by the city to manage the civic center project, said that the conceptual design favored by the committee is more expensive than what had been envisioned in the original civic center master plan. The estimate shows the amount of contributions needed to build the favored plan is close \$27.2 million, about \$2.2 million over the amount the advisory committee

had said it would be comfortable with as a goal for fundraising.

The report says that the total cost of the project is now \$42.9 million and can be reduced to \$38.4 million by taking out some added features. The library cost, which comes from tax money that has been specifically set aside for the library, would be \$13.5 million and town building fees that have been allocated for new building offices would cover \$2.2 million of the cost.

Other increased costs of the project include \$1.3 million for increasing the size of the administration and police buildings, \$800,000 for increasing the contingency fund from 10 percent to 12 percent, and \$2 million for a photovoltaic system.

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See map at <http://www.mpsmc.org>

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bers building would be renovated and serve as an extension of the new library. There would be a small police garage building. The existing small corporation yard building would be retained.

Members of the committee couldn't resist making one last tweak in the building placement at their September meeting. Council member Elizabeth Lewis, a council liaison to the committee along with Mayor Rick DeGolia, suggested moving the new council chambers from where it is shown on the plans and placing it at the end of the police building, away from Fair Oaks Lane.

Committee members seemed happy with the last tweak, as did project architect Pauline

# County will examine San Carlos Airport noise problems

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley says that the county employees trying to run the San Carlos Airport have been spending so much of their time dealing with complaints about noisy aircraft that they are finding it hard to get any other work done. "It's a very serious issue for them," he said.

In an attempt to find out if there is anything that can be done to ease the problems, the county's Board of Supervisors on Sept. 22 named a subcommittee to "assess and develop solutions to address the impact of increased air traffic at the San Carlos Airport."

Supervisor Horsley and Supervisor Warren Slocum, whose districts are both under the airport's flight path, will be on the subcommittee.

In his proposal Supervisor Horsley also asked for the subcommittee to "contact and work with the Federal Aviation Administration to develop solutions to address air traffic impacts and to review capital planning at the airport."

Atherton Vice Mayor Elizabeth Lewis, who has been on a working group meeting with Surf Air for the past two years, thanked the supervisors for agreeing to work on the problems caused by the airport traffic.

"I want to express my sincere appreciation today" to the

board for agreeing to form the subcommittee and working "to develop solutions to the ever growing impact of air traffic," Ms. Lewis said. She said she hopes the county will "work with the FAA and the San Carlos Airport to bring peace over our skies and help solve these issues."

Just how bad the problem has become was pointed out to the supervisors by North Fair Oaks resident Adam Ullman. He said that figures show that

in May 2013, there were 219 flights going over north Atherton to the San Carlos Airport. In May 2015, there were 834 flights "from 6 in the morning until after 11 o'clock at night," he said.

"The issue is getting worse and worse," he said.

Mr. Ullman said that while "the FAA has made it very clear that noise is up to the local counties and municipalities to deal with," the county currently only has a voluntary noise policy that clearly is not working.

"We need you to do more," he said. "We need you to protect us."

Before the meeting, Mr. Horsley told the Almanac that the subcommittee will try to figure out "what authority do we have — what can we do?"

The subcommittee will probably spend some time with attorneys and other experts who have experience dealing with the FAA and aviation law, Mr. Horsley said. "This is something that our county counsel doesn't deal with on a

The goal is to 'develop solutions to address impacts of increased air traffic at San Carlos Airport.'



Photo by Michelle Le /The Almanac

Surf Air employee pushes a bag cart away after passengers boarded a flight to Santa Barbara at the San Carlos Airport in 2013.

regular basis," he said.

The complaints have been increasing as Surf Air, a small commuter airline that began flying in and out of the San Carlos Airport in June 2013, has steadily increased its San Carlos flights.

Surf Air, which charges a monthly fee for "all-you-can-fly" use, now has 115 scheduled weekly round-trip flights that use the San Carlos Airport — 20 round-trips each weekday, five on Saturdays and 10 on Sundays. The airline recently announced it has doubled its membership in the past nine months and will be buying more planes.

Surf Air's flight path goes

directly over Palo Alto, Atherton and North Fair Oaks as it approaches the San Carlos Airport, and residents in that flight path say the Surf Air's turboprop planes are even noisier than jets.

Atherton officials and county residents have been pushing the county to do more about the noise issue since soon after Surf Air began operating from the San Carlos Airport.

The latest request came in a Sept. 11 letter from the Atherton City Council demanding action on the airport noise issue. The letter, addressed to Tom Madalena, who is in charge of airport land use planning for the City/County

Association of Governments, said there is "a devastating disconnect between San Carlos Airport Operations and the health, safety and welfare of the impacted communities."

The letter asked the airport and the Board of Supervisors to "take immediate and proactive steps to limit and mitigate the expansion impacts of the airport operations on the surrounding communities." The letter also asks that the supervisors hold a public meeting "to hear and take action on this issue."

"It is time that the County Board of Supervisors stand with its citizenry to address the issue," the letter says. ■

## Election forum for Woodside school board candidates

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Candidates' forum for the three candidates for two spots on the Woodside Elementary School District's governing board will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the school's Wildcat Room, 3195 Woodside Road.

The candidates are incumbent Kevin Johnson, who is completing his first four-year term on the board; Silvia Edwards, who was appointed to fill the remainder of board member Rudy Driscoll's term after his resignation in June; and Joel Hornstein, a district

parent who had also applied to be appointed to the board.

All three candidates are parents of children at the school. Mr. Johnson has an eighth- and fourth-grader; Mr. Hornstein has a fifth-, third- and first-grader; and Ms. Edwards, a second-grader and two kindergartners.

All three candidates have law degrees. Mr. Johnson is a practicing attorney with Quinn Emanuel in Redwood Shores. Mr. Hornstein is an entrepreneur and investor and school volunteer. Ms. Edwards is a community volunteer and former construction manager. ■

## Former Atherton school coach arrested

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

A former coach from Selby Lane School in Atherton was arrested Sept. 18 by California Highway Patrol officers on suspicion of sex crimes with a 14-year-old boy.

Redwood City resident Julio Edgardo Ortiz, 35, is being held in San Mateo County jail on suspicion of oral copulation with a minor under the age of 16, oral copulation with a minor where there is an age difference of 10 years, and child endangerment, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Ortiz is in custody on \$500,000 bail and his case has been turned over to the District

Attorney's Office for possible prosecution, deputies said.

The arrest was made at a rest stop on Interstate 280 overlooking the Crystal Springs reservoir some time after 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 18. Two CHP officers on patrol entered the rest stop and checked on a blue 2012 Chevrolet Cruze, where they observed the alleged sexual activities, deputies said.

Detectives from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office who specialize in sexual assault cases are assisting in the investigation and have learned that Mr. Ortiz once coached sports at Clifford School in Redwood City and Selby Lane School in Atherton, deputies said. Mr. Ortiz also volunteered as a coach for the

Sheriff's Activities League.

The elementary schools and the activities league ended their relationships with Mr. Ortiz in 2014 after he was arrested in Santa Clara County for providing alcohol to a minor, deputies said.

Authorities have notified officials at both schools of Mr. Ortiz's arrest, and the investigation will include an effort to determine whether there have been additional victims, deputies said.

Investigators are asking anyone with information on this or other incidents involving Mr. Ortiz to contact Detective Dan Hoss at (650) 363-4066 or dhoss@smcgov.org. The anonymous tip line is 1-800-547-2700. ■

# Local effort to preserve memory of Fosters Freeze in Menlo Park

By **Kate Bradshaw**

Almanac Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, the doorbell rang at Menlo Park City Councilman Ray Mueller's home.

On his doorstep were several community members who alerted him that Fosters Freeze, a community institution they held dear, would be closing.

The current owner, Sung Lee, who operated the soft-serve and fast food shop for more than 30 years, had announced that he and his wife were planning to close the shop and move because of the high cost of living. (Fosters Freeze has been in Menlo Park since 1949, according to the Menlo Park Historical Association.)

The visitors asked Mr. Mueller if there was anything he could do to help them find Fosters Freeze a new location, or at least preserve its memory in Menlo Park.

The mention of Fosters Freeze brought him back to memories of his childhood hometown's soft-serve shop, called Pepper Tree, in Vista, California. To him, the shop represented not just a place to indulge in ice cream and fries. It was also a multigenerational gathering place, a time-lapse of lives lived in chocolate-dipped, soft serve increments.

It was the place parents brought their young children to teach them that ice cream always makes Little League's

## INFORMATION

**Goodbye party:** Sung Lee, who has owned Fosters Freeze in Menlo Park for about 30 years, is closing the business on Wednesday, Sept. 30. The community is invited to a goodbye party from 5 to 7 p.m. on that day in the Fosters Freeze parking lot at 580 Oak Grove Ave., about half a block east of El Caminio Real. Free ice cream cones will be served.

sweet victories a little sweeter and its bitter defeats more palatable, Mr. Mueller said.

It was the place where nervous teens showed off their new driver's licenses and countless

**'I understand the cultural significance that these places have.'**

COUNCILMAN RAY MR. MUELLER

pairs of high school sweethearts went on awkward first dates.

It was also the place where some of those couples continued to go with their children once they became parents themselves, he said. Mr. Mueller explained that he and his wife, then his high school sweetheart, often went out as teens there. Now that they live in Menlo Park, they continued the tradition by

taking their children out for ice cream at Fosters Freeze.

"I understand the cultural significance that these places have," said Mr. Mueller. "I'm happy to get involved."

Around the same time that he stepped forward to see what could be done, he found himself surrounded by a dedicated crowd of about 15 to 20 supporters who said they'd devote time and resources to preserving Fosters Freeze. Mr. Mueller also learned that the Menlo-Atherton Little League had been looking for a way to expand the Burgess Park kitchen and snack bar in the Menlo Park Civic Center.

He got an idea and decided to share it with the Menlo-Atherton Little League executive board members, including Jeff Phillips, Bryan Wise and Marc Bryman. The idea was this: Expand the Little League's snack bar, but do it in a way that incorporates Fosters Freeze's small-town wholesomeness and nostalgia, preserving its legacy for the next generation.

"They liked the idea immediately," Mr. Mueller said.

Mr. Mueller has asked the City Council to pass a resolution that an expanded Little League snack bar serve as a "living monument" to Fosters Freeze, incorporating its vintage aesthetic alongside a photo gallery of what the place has meant to the community during its 66 years of operation. ■

## Facebook hosts first farmers' market

Facebook will host its inaugural weekly farmers' market on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in its parking lot at 1 Hacker Way in Menlo Park.

The first 500 families get a reusable bag, and the first 200 families get \$5 "MOOLA" vouchers to spend at the market.

### Water conservation

The city of Menlo Park and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency will host a workshop on water conservation open to the public from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Arrillaga Family

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Recreation Center in the Menlo Park Civic Center.

The workshop will cover such topics as water restrictions, ways to check and control use, and how to take advantage of rebate and resource opportunities from BAWSCA and the Menlo Park Municipal Water District.

The workshop will be led by Marty Laporte, associate director for water conservation at Stanford.

Go to [tinyurl.com/water117](http://tinyurl.com/water117) to register online.

### Library plan

The city of Menlo Park is seeking bids from consultants to develop a five-year strategic plan for its two libraries, one in the Civic Center and the other in Belle Haven. Bids must be submitted by Oct. 23. The last library strategic plan expired in 2007.

The planning process, which will take place between January and June 2016, will include working with focus groups and asking members of the public what services and programs they'd like to see, said Library Director Susan Holmer.

— Kate Bradshaw


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# Atherton park buildings could get national historic status

By **Barbara Wood**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Long before Atherton was known for being the home of some of Silicon Valley's most successful residents, it was a rural agricultural community.

The Friends of Holbrook-Palmer Park (formerly the Atherton Dames) want to honor some of the last remainders of that agricultural legacy by get-

ting the park's carriage house, built in 1897, and water tower, built in 1883, put on the National Register of Historic Places.

At their Sept. 16 meeting, members of the Atherton City Council unanimously approved allowing the Friends to go ahead with the application. If the buildings are given the historic status, they will join only one other building in Atherton on the national register, the Wat-

kins house, built around 1866 and moved to Alejandra Avenue in 1998, according to Marion Oster of the Atherton Heritage Association.

Susan Masetti, who has been shepherding the project for the Friends, told council members that getting the two buildings put on the national register has only upsides. The Friends are paying all costs of the application. If the buildings are added

to the national register, they will be eligible for grants to preserve them and also eligible to use California's special historic building code.

Town building official Brett Hale said the historic building code provides that certain "allowances" may be granted in current regulations to preserve the historic integrity of a building. One example, he said, would be permission to put handicapped access to the side of a building instead of at the main entry.

Putting the buildings on the registry will not make it harder to make changes in them, consultant Christopher VerPlanck told the council, because they have already been identified as historic buildings. Any changes made in them are already governed by the historic preservation regulations in the California Environmental Quality Act, he said.

"These buildings are rare and unique examples of rural outbuildings" in Atherton, Ms. Masetti said. "These two buildings represent an era in our town's history."

When council member Mike Lempres asked if any other council members could think of a downside to the application, only one was brought up.

"There could be bus tours," council member Cary Wiest said.


The council also showed its appreciation for Atherton's history at the meeting by naming September "Atherton History Month," and issuing proclamations recognizing Marion Oster for her work with the Atherton Heritage Association, along with Isobel Christensen, Ginny Nile and Phoebe Rowles, who all work in the town's Heritage Room organizing and preserving the town's historic information and artifacts.

Mayor Rick DeGolia said Ms. Oster and the others "give an enormous service to this town." "This association is critical" to the preservation of the town's history, he said.

The council also gave a proclamation to Sam Wright, who recently published a book about the annexation of the Walsh Road area to Atherton. ▣

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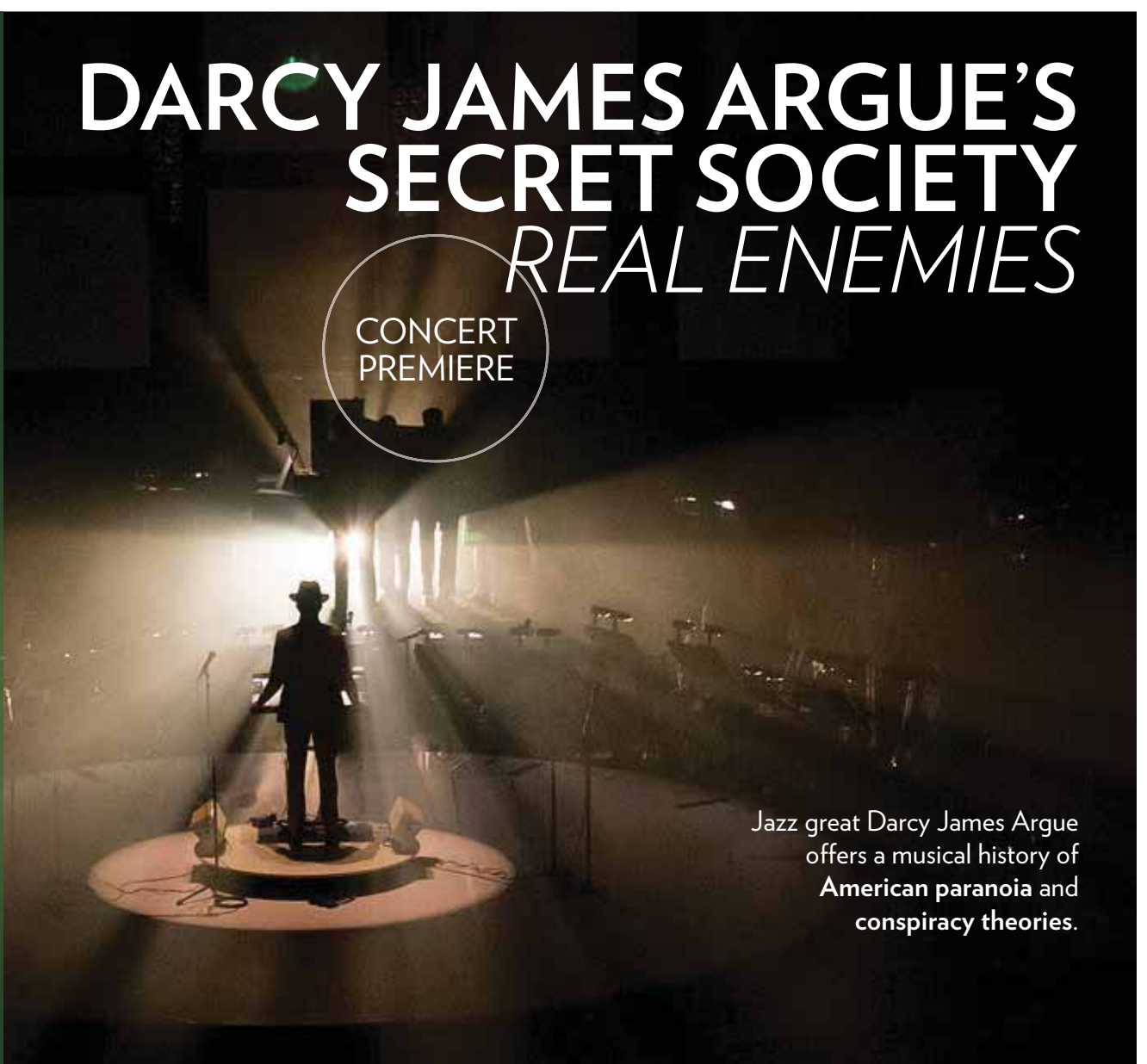
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# Adaline Jessup of Portola Valley, ardent environmentalist

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

## OBITUARY

If personal magnetism were a measurable force, if it could be calculated on its ability to draw people in and give them feelings of warmth and importance, the force would have been strong in Adaline Jessup of Portola Valley.

Ms. Jessup, an ardent environmentalist, was a source of deep learning for neighborhood children interested in plants and animals, according to friends and family. She liked being outside and slept most nights in a screened sleeping porch, even during serious storms. With her physician husband Bruce, she offered room, board and lively conversation to many Stanford University medical students and house guests. She was 90 when she died on Aug. 26.

"She was my hero, another mother in my life," resident Danna Breen said. "She knew the sounds of all the birds. She was engaged in life, in nature, in people, in volunteering, in storytelling. She was fully present."

Ms. Jessup's neighbors, Ellen and Klaus Porzig, nominated

her for the Portola Valley's 2015 Environmental Champion Award, which she received. "She has influenced generations of children to conserve resources, celebrate natural vegetation and animals, identify birds and enjoy nature in its unadulterated, peaceful and subtle forms," the couple said in their nomination letter.

Her daughter Joan Jessup Fray said her mother photographed "everyone who came to visit, or stay, and all the flowers and birds and animals she saw. She was delighted by life. And there are thousands of living things who will deeply miss her now that she has 'gone on ahead.'"

Adaline Jessup was born in San Marino near Pasadena. When she was 10, her mother died, and she moved to Hillsborough to live with an aunt and uncle. She attended seventh- and eighth-grades at Dominican Convent school in San Rafael, and boarded at the Katherine Branson School in Marin County for high school.

She memorized "an incredible number of poems, from which



2009 photo by Virginia Bacon

**Adaline Jessup** influenced generations of children to conserve resources and celebrate nature, according to her nomination as Portola Valley's 2015 Environmental Champion, an award she received.

she would pull snippets to liven up her conversation," her daughter said.

During World War II, she was at Stanford, where she met her future husband. He had plans to go to law school at Harvard, but ended up in medical school at Stanford. They married in 1945 and she worked in a lab as a bacteriologist.

The couple moved in 1951 to Portola Valley at 480 Westridge Drive, where the 480 Club took shape. The members, eventually more than 60 of them, were medical students who boarded there. "Adaline welcomed all to her kitchen and her dining room table with great enthusiasm and warmth and interest," Ms. Fray said. "She was interested in everyone, but rarely talked about herself."

Also frequenting 480 Westridge were dogs, cats, parakeets, chickens, ducks, horses, sheep and a goose, Ms. Fray said. She could identify birds and animals by their calls, and former animals by their skulls. Her collection was picked clean and were conversation pieces for children. "All kids are marvelous," she used to say, according to her daughter. "Let them be, don't worry about them, they will be fine."

She belonged to the Westridge Garden Club, was a docent at Ano Nuevo State Park, and the first woman on Portola Valley's Architectural and Site Control Commission. Her house was full of books. Westerns by Louis L'Amour were her favorite, Ms. Breen said.

In 1963, the family moved to Iran when Dr. Jessup took a position as a pediatrician with the Agency for International Development. They returned to Portola Valley in 1965, back to the medical students and house guests. "Oh, the lively discussions, the heated political debates, the arguments and yelling of obscenities that went on around that table!" Ms. Fray said. "Late into the night. All were welcome, none were immune."

The Jessups had wonderful senses of humor and fanfare, said Ms. Breen, who grew up nearby. When they visited, they would bring a flask of bourbon and carry a large American flag on a staff, she said.

The Porzigs said Ms. Jessup's property and vegetable garden were "a daily source of peace and enjoyment" for their children and their granddaughter. They attribute their children's interest in nature and ecology to Ms. Jessup's dedication to the environment.

Bruce Jessup died in 1987. Ms. Jessup is survived by her daughter Joan, her son Judd, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A private memorial service is set for October. ▣



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## Man gets 13-year term for Woodside burglary

A man accused of flying to the Bay Area from Arizona to burglarize a Woodside home in 2012 was sentenced to 13 years in prison Sept. 22 in San Mateo County Superior Court.

In July, a jury found Bradley Sullivan, 52, guilty of burglary and grand theft for the March 28, 2012, burglary.

Mr. Sullivan and 49-year-old Michael Wallen had flown to the Bay Area from Glendale, Arizona, on a travel package arranged by Mr. Sullivan's girlfriend, according to District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe. They rented a car and drove to Woodside, intending to burglarize homes in the area, he said.

They were captured on surveillance footage getting out of

the car in front of the burglarized home. One of them went inside while the other covered up the car's license plate, but by then it had already been captured on camera, prosecutors said.

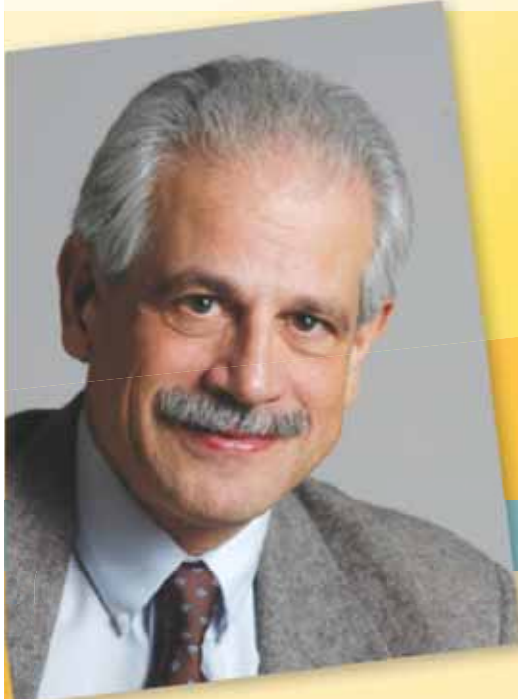
A year later detectives served a search warrant on their Arizona home and found some of the stolen jewelry — but not all of the \$30,000 to \$50,000 worth that had been taken, prosecutors said.

Judge Donald Ayoob sentenced Mr. Sullivan, who will not be eligible for early release until he's served 80 percent of his sentence because of a prior conviction.

Mr. Wallen agreed to plead no contest to one count each of burglary, grand theft and possession of stolen property, all felonies, in exchange for three years in state prison. He was sentenced in August.

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**Victoria Dunckley, MD**, award-winning child psychiatrist and author of "Reset Your Child's Brain," will discuss the identification and management of screen-time's physiological effects on mood regulation, cognition, sleep, and behavior in children.

**Toril Jelter, MD**, Pediatrician and General Practitioner who treats children and adults with electrohypersensitivity will discuss her clinical experience with autism and behavioral changes related to electromagnetic radiation.

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meter issue at the CPUC.

**Martin Pall, PhD**, Professor Emeritus School of Molecular Biosciences, Washington State University, author of numerous scientific papers on oxidation and inflammation, will discuss the cellular mechanisms of action that explain the adverse biological effects of wireless devices on the human body.

**Katie Singer**, Author of An Electronic Silent Spring, will report on the impact of EMR exposure on wildlife.

**Peter Sullivan**, founder of Clear Light Ventures, Silicon Valley computer scientist who will discuss his personal family experience with autism spectrum disorder and how he improved the health of his family through EMF reduction.

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- Sarah Russell and Shawn Hardin, a son, July 27, Sequoia Hospital.
- Ronit Meirovich and David Zylberberg, a son, Aug. 10, Sequoia Hospital.
- Lucretia and Kyle Peschel, a daughter, Aug. 13, Sequoia Hospital.
- Kristin Stecher and Rushabh Doshi, a daughter, Aug. 20, Sequoia Hospital.
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### PUBLIC HEARING

2. WMC Section 153.220-153.231, Architectural and Site Review-  
Process Streamlining ZOAM2015-0004

Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director

Review and comment on an ordinance to amend Woodside Municipal Code (WMC) Section 153.220-153.231, Architectural and Site Review, and related WMC sections, to streamline the process and procedures for architectural and site review.

All application materials are available for public review at the Woodside Planning and Building Counter, Woodside Town Hall, weekdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Woodside Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.

### ■ 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.*

#### WOODSIDE

**Arson:** Someone used a hand-held flare to ignite an abandoned couch sitting on the side of Campus Drive near West Entry Drive on the campus of Canada Community College. Sept. 19.

#### PORTOLA VALLEY

**Traffic accident:** A vehicle descending the 800 block of Westridge Drive flipped over after the driver veered off the road and over-corrected in an attempt to get back into the traffic lane. The vehicle had minor damage. Sept. 20.

#### ATHERTON

**Theft:** Someone stole two packages from the front porch of a home on Shearer Drive. Estimated loss: \$5. Sept. 15.

#### MENLO PARK

##### Residential burglaries:

■ In a case of breaking-and-entering, someone forcibly entered a home on Siskiyou Drive and stole jewelry, two pairs of sunglasses, a pellet gun and a purse. Estimated loss: \$12,316. Sept. 21.  
■ A bicycle was stolen from an under-

ground garage of an apartment complex on University Drive. Estimated loss: \$50. Sept. 23.

■ The lock was cut at the front gate into a construction site on Oak Knoll Lane. No losses. Sept. 21.

■ Someone cut a screen door and manipulated the lock of the back door into a house on Terminal Avenue. Inside, some drawers had been rummaged through, but nothing was stolen. Sept. 22.

**Auto burglary:** It's not known how the thief got into a vehicle parked on Hoover Street, but someone did and stole an Apple iPod, a jump rope, weights, workout shoes, clothing, a pair of glasses and \$10 in cash. Estimated loss: \$484. Sept. 21.

##### Thefts:

■ A package containing "a picture" was stolen from the front porch of a home on Cambridge Avenue. Estimated loss: \$875. Sept. 23.

■ Someone stole a wallet from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 700 block of Willow Road. Estimated loss: \$314. Sept. 21.

■ A locked bicycle was stolen from a bike rack at the intersection of Alma Street and Oak Grove Avenue. Estimated loss: \$200. Sept. 22.

■ A thief made off with a package containing a sweater from the front doorstep of a home on Bay Laurel Drive. Estimated loss: \$40. Sept. 20.

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## Su Hong changes hands

By Elena Kadvanj

**S**u Hong To Go in Menlo Park, the longtime takeout Chinese-food favorite of generations of customers, has been sold, owner Bee King confirmed Sept. 28.

Ms. King, who has been at the helm of the to-go outpost as well as a now-shuttered sit-down restaurant for more than three decades, has decided to retire.

After 38 years and working seven days a week, she feels it's time to "reserve some time" for herself, she said.

She sold the Menlo Avenue restaurant to a longtime local restaurant owner, Jason Kwan,

who will keep the venerable Su Hong menu but change the name to Chef Kwan's.

Su Hong under Ms. King's ownership and the original name will cease to exist at the end of the month on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

She said two longtime managers are also retiring. Most employees will stay on with the new restaurant, but there will be a new chef, she said.

Ms. King said the decision was an emotional one, and leaving the generations of regular customers feels like saying goodbye to an "old friend."

Go to [tinyurl.com/hong928](http://tinyurl.com/hong928) to see more on Elena Kadvanj's Peninsula Foodist blog. ■

## 'Frozen Sing-Along' in Menlo Park

Kids and fans of all ages of the movie "Frozen" are invited to attend an interactive "Frozen Sing-Along" event, hosted by the city of Menlo Park, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Menlo-Atherton High School Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road.

Admission is free for children 3 and under, and \$5 for all others.

Go to [tinyurl.com/frozen103](http://tinyurl.com/frozen103) for ticket information. It's recommended that tickets be bought in advance. Tickets come with a limited supply of "fun packs." Costumes are encouraged.

### DELVISHIO

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peace with it. "Retiring is weird. You don't want to feel old and ancient. But I'm OK with it. I like not working."

To show their appreciation for Mr. Delvishio, West Menlo Park post office customers requested that he host a farewell party. Community members stopped by the post office on Sept. 17 to wish

Mr. Delvishio well, have a cookie, and add a few bucks to Bob's "Gas Money for Nevada" bucket.

One customer called him a "community institution," and said she'd be sad to see him go.

Tom Mein, another local resident, said, "This guy has one of the greatest senses of humor." As Mr. Mein shook the retiree's hand goodbye, he told him with a smile, "You were good to everyone here." ■

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## Olga E. Lopez

Olga E. Lopez, age 86, passed away peacefully in her home in Portola Valley, California, on Wednesday, September 16th, 2015.

Born March 1, 1929, in Naples, Italy where she lived until she married Tony Lopez on February 23, 1947. Tony was there following WWII with the Army on cleanup commission. After their marriage they moved to San Francisco, California. They then moved in 1952 to Belmont, California and then to Portola Valley, California in 1972.

Olga is survived by her husband of 68 years, Tony, her (4) children, Andriana E. Lopez of Folsom, California, Rick A. Lopez and his wife Nancy of Rocklin, California, Greg D. Lopez of Belmont, California, Lori A. Lopez of Portola Valley, California, and (1) son pre-deceased in death by Aaron L. Lopez of Portola Valley, California. Also (8) surviving grandchildren and (6) great-grandchildren.

Services have already been held.



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## Ellen Ann Evans Mackay

June 1, 1922 – September 19, 2015

Ellen Ann Evans Mackay, born June 01, 1922 in Needles, California passed away September 19, 2015.

Ellen spent much of her early childhood in the Philippines, before moving to Atherton and attending Castilleja School. She then attended the University of Oregon at Eugene for two years before transferring to Stanford University. While at Stanford, she met the love of her life. On March 22, 1942 Ellen married John Calder Mackay. They were together for 72 years and had four children, eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is remembered for so much, including her delightful wit and beautiful smile and happy outlook on life. A private family remembrance will be held in Montana. Spangler Mortuary, Los Altos assisting family 650-948-6619.

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## James Fredrick Kunde

October 9, 1930- September 18, 2015

James Fredrick Kunde, 84, a native of Yuba City and resident of The Sequoias retirement community in Portola Valley, died Friday, September 18, 2015, at The Sequoias Health Center.

Of a sunny and generous disposition, Jim was beloved by all who knew him. He was one of those rare individuals who touch many lives and leave the world a better place. He loved helping people, travel, camping, carpentry, leather and wood working, gardening, sports, jigsaw puzzles, and reading. He was particularly devoted to his family, with a special place in his heart for his grandchildren.

He is survived by his son Robert Kunde and daughter-in-law Martha Rodriguez of Bakersfield, son Brian Kunde and daughter-in-law Sarah Kunde of Tracy, and two grandchildren, Charlotte Kunde and James Kunde of Tracy. He also leaves two brothers, William Kunde and Gerald Kunde, both of Yuba City, and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his wife of fifty years, Joan Kunde, his sister Joyce Panecaldo, and his brother Robert V. Kunde.

Jim was born October 9, 1930, in Yuba City, the son of Otto and Anna Kunde. He was educated in Yuba City schools and Yuba College in Marysville before attending the University of California, San Francisco, from which he received his B.S. in Pharmacy in 1953. He married his college sweetheart Joan Richmond in 1953 in San Francisco.

Jim served in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps in Korea during the Korean War. After his discharge he lived in Redwood City and worked at several pharmacies on the San Francisco Peninsula.

He was a pharmacist and store manager with Clifford Pharmacies in Portola Valley and Menlo Park from 1959 to 1988. During much of this period he was also treasurer for the San Mateo County Pharmacists Association. He and Joan were active with the Creative Initiative Foundation.

From 1988 until his retirement in 1996, Jim ran the hospital pharmacy at the U.S. Army base on the island of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands. Afterward, he and Joan returned to their home in Redwood City. Before and after retirement they traveled extensively in Asia, the South Pacific, Europe and North America.

In retirement Jim became a master and teacher of Reiki. After his wife died in 2004, he co-chaired the bereavement group at Redwood City's Kaiser Hospital and volunteered as a Reiki provider for Kaiser and Stanford Hospitals, Kaiser Hospice, and the San Carlos Community Center.

Jim became a resident of The Sequoias in Portola Valley in May 2014. He moved to the Health Center there after complications from surgery in September 2014, and was in hospice care for five months preceding his decease.

The family would like to express their gratitude to his supportive Reiki colleagues and caregivers with the Sequoias Health Center and Kaiser Hospice.

Memorial services are pending in Portola Valley and Yuba City in October. Send memorial service inquiries to jameskunde@att.net or 661-322-4701.

Donations in Jim's name may be made to well-wishers' charity of choice.

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## Michael Joseph Harris

August 22, 1989 – September 6, 2015

Michael Joseph Harris, of San Francisco, CA, passed away September 6, 2015 while living his life as he did every day: being kind and friendly, loving his family, caring for others, embracing fun, and having a constant smile and an unassuming gracious warmth. Michael leaves behind joyous memories for so many that he touched, particularly his parents Jan and Peter, his brothers David and Richard, with whom he had an especially close bond, and the love of his life, Kelly Wells. Those who knew Michael really loved him, and just as important, they really liked him. This was a young man who was real, sincere, a great listener, always interested, full of humor with the attendant laughter, smart, and who absolutely embraced life.

Michael was born August 22, 1989 in New York City and moved to Atherton, CA as a young boy. His good looks went from adorable as a toddler to strappingly handsome by the age of 26. Those who knew him best would remark at how square his jawline appeared, and how both sides were truly his "best" side. Michael was a passionate athlete and sports fan, playing basketball at Menlo School, serving as Head Team Manager for the University of San Diego men's basketball team, and remaining active on the court through his adult life. He was proud to coach the Menlo Knights varsity team as an assistant. He loved the Warriors, the Giants, and most of all, the 49ers, where he had worked as a teenager.

Michael graduated from the University of San Diego with a B.A. in Developmental Psychology and a minor in English. He joined the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and worked as a research assistant for the university's

Psychology department. Michael was named the 2012 Student of the Year for Psychology Research. (His parents were impressed; his fraternity brothers, not as much).

Following graduation, Michael moved to San Francisco and embarked on a career in psychology that he embraced with passion and a huge heart. He completed his master's in Counseling Psychology from Santa Clara University just four months before his death and with great enthusiasm joined the counseling faculty at his alma mater, Menlo School. He surely was to make a huge impact in the profession, with his focus on helping adolescents and families.

Michael took writing seriously. And he was seriously good at writing. His blog, emails, Facebook posts and letters to friends and family were works of art. He was recently developing a screenplay on the advice of an agent who had discovered his writings. His written voice was a unique blend of humor, wit and blind optimism.

Michael turned the most mundane moments into special times. His laugh was infectious, his smile always bright and his fantasy football accomplishments legendary. With Michael, there are only positive things to say. He will truly be missed by many friends and a broad extended family, though his stories and his endless giving will live on in all of the people he touched.

A Celebration of Michael will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, 950 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Michael Harris Foundation. For information, contact foundation@hprlaw.net.



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