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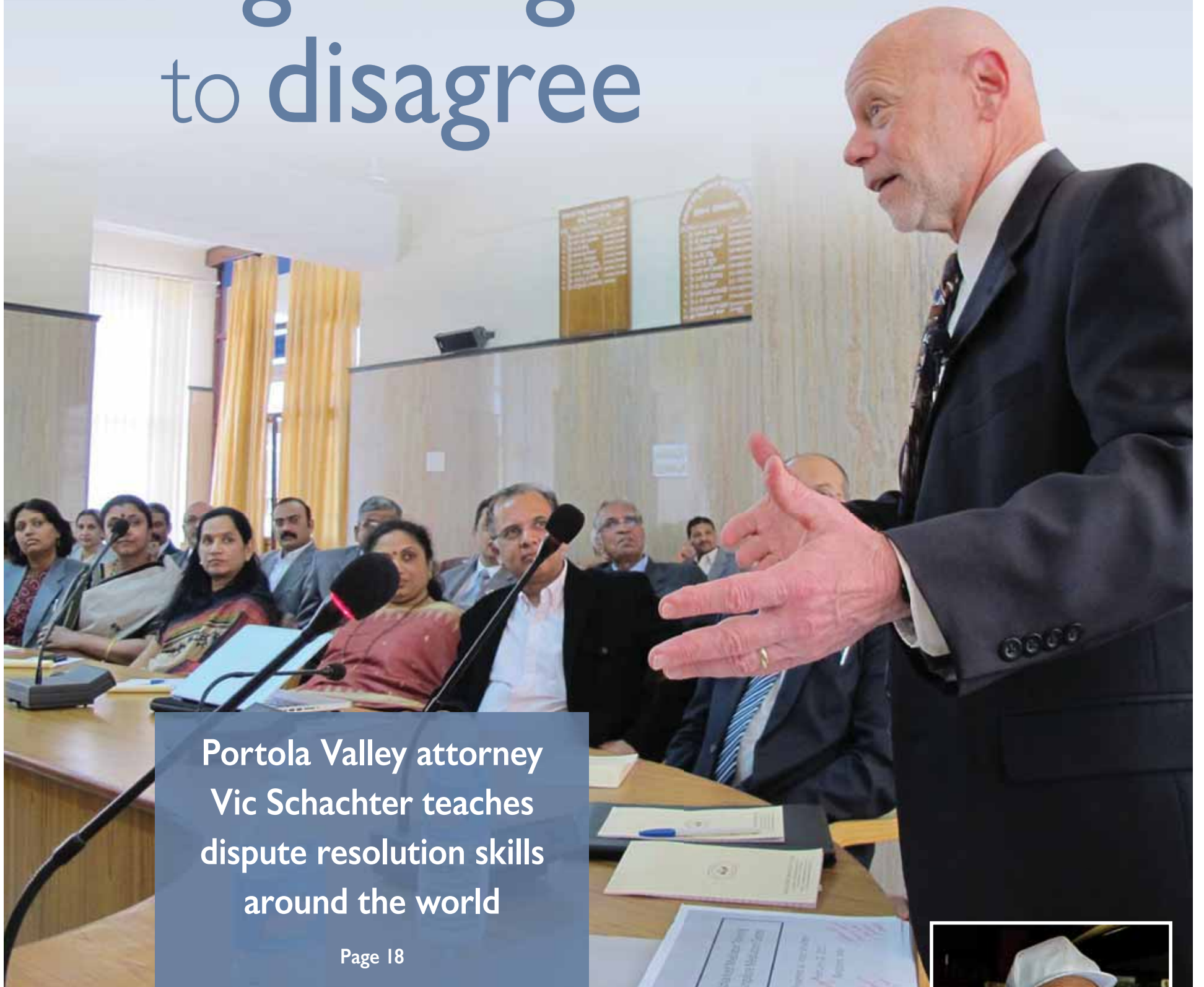
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Atherton's 'Mayor of Maple Street' turns 102

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Living to be 102 is an accomplishment to be lauded. Living to be 102 in style, as Lou Matas of Atherton has done, is something to be celebrated.

Mr. Matas, who was born in San Francisco on Jan. 30, 1914, celebrated his 102nd birthday at a party at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City on Jan. 26, a few days before the big event. Mr. Matas even provided some of the entertainment, singing with the Golden Tones, a choral group he belongs to that often entertains at senior centers.

"All my friends were there," he says of the celebration, "and some people who aren't my friends." The non-friends would probably have been the local officials, including Atherton Vice Mayor Mike Lempres, who were there to present Mr. Matas with proclamations.

Mr. Matas has lived alone in Atherton since his wife, Marie, died in 1984. He cares for the modest home the

couple bought in 1972, working in his garden filled with fruit and citrus trees, tinkering in the wood shop in his garage, or tooling around in his prized restored 1929 Model A Ford.

He also sings with the Golden Tones, and a few years ago, around age 98, joined the wacky Los Trancos Woods Community Marching Band. He plays the washboard.

However, Mr. Matas says, his family thinks it's about time for him to cut back.

"My family wants me to have somebody come in, do the laundry, the vacuuming, what not," he says. "I like to take care of it myself, and I like to do my gardening."

On Wednesday, when he met with an Almanac reporter, Mr. Matas was a little unhappy, though. He'd been to the Department of Motor Vehicles to renew his driver's license and had a little trouble with the vision test. So now, he says, he will have to visit his eye doctor and get a prescription for new eyeglasses, so he can get back on the road, for his trips to Trader Joe's, the Stanford Medical Center and Safeway.

After all, that shiny Model A is waiting in the garage, and it needs to be taken out every once in a while. (He also has another car for every-day use.)

Mr. Matas worked as a carpenter much of his life, from the time he dropped out of high school to help support his family during the Depression to when he retired at the age of 68 to be with his very ill wife.

His father was a cook at the Boldemann Chocolate factory in San Francisco, and one of the few who had a job during the depths of the Depression, Mr. Matas says. Where the family lived south of Market Street is now under Interstate 280. His family later moved

'I like to take care of (the house) myself, and I like to do my gardening.'

LOU MATAS



Photo by Barbara Wood/The Almanac

Lou Matas and his prized restored 1929 Model A Ford, which is 15 years younger than he is.

to the Lake Merced neighborhood. "From the end of our block, kids could walk to Lake Merced," he says.

After he married Marie, the Matas family lived in San Francisco until a doctor recommended somewhere with a bit less fog might help first-born daughter Libby's poor health. "The doctor thought that maybe if we could go somewhere where there would be a little sunshine," she would recover, he says, so the family moved to near Santa Rosa. (It apparently worked; Libby survived until 2005.)

Mr. Matas was in Santa Rosa on Dec. 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He still remembers what happened.

"The day after Pearl Harbor, the president made his great speech," he says, referring to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's declaration of war against Japan. He remembers it, "like yesterday," he says. "People were crying on the streets."

"We were all so shocked," he says, "that another nation could, behind the scenes, try to undo a country like we were."

Because he was 27 years old and had a young child, instead of joining the military, Mr. Matas joined the war effort closer to home. The day after war was declared, he says, "we stopped all private building and we would all go for the war effort. I went to work in the

shipyard in South San Francisco. We were building big ships, not Liberty ships."

"We were so busy," he says. "The war caused all the activity."

To make the commute to the shipyards easier, he and his family moved to the Peninsula, Mr. Matas says. His second daughter, Madeline was born at the Palo Alto Hospital in 1946.

He got his contractor's license and had his own business for a few years, Mr. Matas says, until he decided that he could spend much more time with his wife and daughters if he went to work for someone else. He worked for Jansen Construction, owned by

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Council OKs major funding increase for City Hall renovations

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A controversial increase in budget allocations for renovations to City Hall was approved by the City Council on Jan. 26 on a 4-1 vote, with Councilman Ray Mueller opposed.

Project estimates are now at \$1.99 million, according to the most recent staff report, due to unanticipated costs for the heating, cooling and electricity systems. The project has

come before the council several times since it was first proposed in 2014, each time with staff requesting a larger budget. In July 2014, the cost was estimated at \$1.2 million.

The renovations include redesigning the first and second floors of the administration building to improve work stations, increase the number of workstations, and create a more open office space to accommodate new employees. All employees get stand-up/sit-down workspaces.

\$1.9 million is projected cost, up from \$1.2 million in 2014.

Some conference rooms will be split to create smaller "duck-out" rooms intended for phone calls or small meetings.

A total of \$565,000 of the added cost will be appropriated from the city's 2014-15 general fund surplus.

Assistant City Manager Chip

Taylor said City Hall facilities were last renovated in 1998 and are outdated, crowded, inefficient, and lack sufficient meeting space. The carpet is 18 years old, he said.

The city did a pilot study of the new office layout in the summer, Mr. Taylor said, and will keep the stand-up/sit-down desks purchased then, but add an extension to the desks to accommodate larger planning documents.

Several council members were not thrilled at the request for

more funding for the project. Councilwoman Catherine Carlton said her patience is "wearing a little thin," while Councilwoman Kristen Keith said, "I feel like we've discussed this too much."

Councilman Peter Ohtaki said he didn't like it, "but that is the reality of the construction market."

Councilman Mueller, who opposed the increase in budget appropriations, said he's "not sure the case has been made for all of these amenities that are being provided." ■

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Town of Woodside joins clean-energy collective

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

Woodside is now part of a county clean energy program that will give electricity users options to PG&E that provide more energy from renewable sources.

The Town Council voted 4-0 Jan. 26 to join the program, with Mayor Deborah Gordon and Councilmen Peter Mason and Chris Shaw absent.

In other action, the council adopted an ordinance that applies to new landscaping projects and is aimed at reducing water use.

Electricity sources

The council's action on alternative sources for electricity inducts Woodside and its residents into a collective that

would purchase electricity on the open market, but with a preference for renewable sources in the expectation that it could reduce the town's greenhouse gas emissions footprint while not raising rates significantly for residents.

The initiative may also generate profits that could be reinvested, perhaps to reduce rates or invest in local electricity production.

By joining during the formation stage of this joint powers agreement, known as Peninsula Clean Energy, Woodside will have a seat on the governing board, Town Manager Kevin Bryant noted.

Membership is open to every city and town in San Mateo County, and the councils in Menlo Park, Atherton and East Palo Alto have already joined, Mr. Bryant said.

Landscape projects

The council took the first step in a two-step process toward adopting an ordinance on water-efficient irrigation. The regulations will apply to significant new landscaping projects, including those associated with a building permit, a site development permit, and grading of more than 100 cubic yards, Planning Director Jackie Young said.

For a new landscaping project, the ordinance will require water-efficient irrigation — the use of recycled water and captured rainwater, for example — when

Council adopts landscaping ordinance to reduce water use.

the dimensions of the project exceed 500 square feet. The same rules would apply when the land-

scaping is not new, but does cover more than 2,500 square feet, and, like a new project, involves conditions such as permits or significant grading.

The ordinance would allow a lawn on a portion of the landscaping, but require the property owner to include a water budget that calculates the maximum water allowance and the estimated actual use — a non-trivial task, town officials have said.

The ordinance will require pool covers for new swimming pools and spas. ■

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Arthur Jansen, building mostly custom homes.

The family lived on Partridge Avenue in Menlo Park until they moved to Atherton in 1972, partially because they feared an expressway could end up going down their street, he says.

Atherton was more rural then, he says. "Wealthy business people from San Francisco came here to go to the country," he says. Many properties were bigger, five to seven acres, he says, and homes "were few and far between."

Before Silicon Valley had ever been heard of, he says, "this was still the country."

The construction firm he worked for "was very instru-

mental" in subdividing many of the large parcels, he says.

"Things today are so different than when I was growing up," he says.

The proclamation read at his party by Vice Mayor Lempres said that, among other accomplishments, Mr. Matas was named honorary "Mayor of Maple Avenue" in 2007 by then-mayor Charles Marsala.

"Many people celebrate those who live long lives simply because they've lived so long," Mr. Lempres says. "That's not what people were celebrating (at Mr. Matas' party). He is loved and liked and admired."

The party was filled, Mr. Lempres says, with "lots of music and laughter" and "a great deal of affection for him."

"Clearly he's got a zest for life. It's just awesome." ■



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Feldman's Books and Gentry magazine offices are located in buildings on El Camino Real, between Santa Cruz and Oak Grove avenues, in downtown Menlo Park.

Feldman's Books, Gentry magazine buildings up for sale, redevelopment

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Two of Menlo Park's oldest commercial buildings — the current locations of Feldman's Books (1170 El Camino Real) and Gentry magazine offices (1162 El Camino) — are up for sale and advertised for potential redevelopment.

The Feldman's Books building, constructed in 1905, was once home to the Menlo French Laundry, according to "Images of America: Menlo Park," by Janet and Reg McGovern and Betty and Nicholas Veronico. The building housing Gentry's offices, built in 1910, was once home to the Menlo Meat Market, according to the Menlo Park Historical Association.

The listing on loopnet.com says the property's tenants are on short-term leases. The property, being sold as a package deal, would "provide an opportunity for an investor to procure an extremely well located retail/

office property to either re-tenant, owner-occupy or redevelop the parcel," the loopnet.com posting says.

According to the listing, the two buildings could be redeveloped into an 11,303-square-foot mixed-use property, with a 60 foot maximum height limit if the developer provides a public benefit approved by the city.

Jeffrey Ida, the listing broker, said the property has generated some interest, but declined further comment. The property is owned by four siblings of the Delagnes family, and Kim Delagnes, wife of part-owner Jon Delagnes, confirmed that there have been a number of interested potential buyers.

She said the family has commissioned a report on the historical status of the buildings, which is expected to be released Friday, Feb. 5, and could provide further information on the kinds of protections or restrictions the buildings would be subject to.

The ideal buyer of the property, she said, would update the buildings and retain the tenants who want to stay.

According to Steve Feldman, who works at the bookstore with the shop's owner, his brother Jack, the building has been up for sale for about a year, with fewer buyers looking at the property recently. "They don't seem to be trying as hard as they were six months ago" to sell it, he said.

Elsie Floriani, a co-founder of Gentry, said the lease on the building has been extended "well into" 2016. "We'd love to stay here because it's been our home for so long," she said. ▣

Menlo adopts landscape ordinance

Drinking water shortages across California, diminished water for farming, degraded fish habitats, increased wildfire risk, and potential saltwater contamination of freshwater supplies — all were threats caused by drought conditions that led Gov. Jerry Brown to issue an executive order April 2015 to curb unnecessary water use on landscaping — and fast.

Menlo Park adopted on Jan. 26 its own version of the state-wide mandate, using alterations recommended by the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency.

Now, all Menlo Park residents

who apply for a building or planning permit with the city and who plan to install 500 square feet or more of new landscaping or 1,000 square feet or more of rehabilitated landscape must either comply with prescribed water-saving measures, such as restrictions on turf area and requirements to plant drought-tolerant species, or comply with limits imposed by a complicated water-budget formula.

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— Kate Bradshaw

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Menlo Park joins community choice energy program

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park electric energy users may soon have an alternative to PG&E that will supply more energy from renewable sources at rates competitive with PG&E's.

The Menlo Park City Council on Jan. 26 gave final approval to the city joining a San Mateo County community choice energy program, known as Peninsula Clean Energy.

The program will be governed by a Joint Powers Authority board, made up of representatives from member cities and towns in San Mateo County. Energy consumers will have the choice to buy electricity from a source other than PG&E. The intent is that the Joint Powers Authority will arrange for the purchase of electric power from renewable sources and sell it to end users at rates comparable to PG&E's.

Menlo Park AAA branch holds its grand opening

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A new branch of the American Automobile Association, or AAA, held a grand opening Jan. 28 at 65 El Camino Real in Menlo Park, next to the Best Western Plus Riviera and across the street from the Stanford Park Hotel.

The 7,200-square-foot office, which actually opened its doors Thanksgiving week in 2015, has 18 employees, including agents who sell AAA insurance and memberships and provide travel assistance. Members can get free tour books and maps.

The office space was designed by Gensler, a San Francisco-based architecture firm known for its work at the Virgin America San Francisco International Terminal,

The power will be delivered over PG&E's grid.

Menlo Park's council has appointed Councilwoman Catherine Carlton as the city's board member. Councilman and Mayor Rich Cline is the alternate.

The board will make decisions about what percentage of renewable energy will be offered to consumers and at what rates. Ms. Carlton says she will return to the council with the board's proposals before casting her vote.

The goal is to launch the program in October.

Many other cities and towns have joined or plan to join the community choice energy program. As of Jan. 29, San Mateo, Atherton and Menlo Park have signed on. Several others plan to join and have only to give final approval to an ordinance to that effect. They include Woodside, Portola Valley, Half Moon Bay, East Palo Alto, Daly City and San Carlos. ■

Facebook headquarters and Apple stores.

"Some of the people who worked with Steve Jobs on the Apple Store design were involved in helping develop our Next Generation Design," said Bob Brown, director of public affairs for AAA Northern California. That design refers to the "digital, interactive areas" at the new location, intended to make wait time "more productive" for AAA members seeking assistance.

The branch is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The previous AAA location in Palo Alto at 430 Forest Ave. has closed. The next nearest branch to the Menlo Park site is in Redwood City at 510 Veterans Blvd., Suite A. ■



Photos by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Encinal students check out the butterflies fellow students made for Cultural Arts Day on Jan. 28. The butterflies are an homage to ones found in the Amazon rainforest.

Encinal School celebrates Brazil

Brazilian steel drums welcomed students to Encinal School in Atherton on Thursday, Jan. 28, as the elementary school celebrated the arts and culture of Brazil for its annual Cultural Arts Day.

The day featured a samba dance performance by dancers from Samba Conniga and a capoeira performance by members of Brazivedas, an organization that promotes Brazilian arts and culture.

Fourth- and fifth-graders heard a lecture on the Amazon rain forest and its indigenous people by Jose Manuel Vieira Fragoso, a visiting scholar and senior scientist in the biology department at Stanford University, who spent many years exploring the rain forest.

An on-site exhibit featured Brazilian artifacts. Students took virtual tours of Brazilian cities and sites on electronic devices.

During recess, students played Brazilian futsal (a form of soccer), led by parent-volunteers, and

learned Brazilian jiu-jitsu moves from Peninsula Self-Defense Academy instructors.

Students made butterflies, inspired by the Brazilian rain forest, to decorate the school. In the

classrooms, students learned about the history and culture of Brazil and heard Brazilian children's stories and folklore. Members of Brownie Troop 62418, all second-graders at Encinal, provided the materials for Brazilian crafts.

"Cultural Arts Day is a highlight at Encinal School," Encinal Principal Sharon Burns said. By studying the culture of a particular country or region each year, students become "aware, curious and interested in learning about the world and how it works," she said.

The event was organized by committee members Ami Bhow, Susie Danzig, Indu Sharma and Patricia Zahedani. The annual event is funded by the Encinal PTO and run by parent-volunteers.

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Sketch released of suspect in break-in of occupied house

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Detectives from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office have released a sketch of a man suspected of breaking a glass door and entering a home in the Emerald Hills neighborhood of unincorporated

Woodside on Jan. 23.

The Sheriff's Office sketch shows a young man with no facial hair wearing a dark-colored beanie cap. The statement accompanying the sketch describes him as white, weighing about 150 pounds and standing about 5 feet, 10 inches tall.

The incident occurred on a Sat-

urday night at about 7:45 p.m. in the home of a couple in their 60s in the 4000 block of Jefferson Avenue.

The lights were off and the two residents were in bed when someone shattered a sliding glass door at the rear of the house, according to sheriff's deputies. One of the homeowners, a woman, confronted the intruder in the house

and the intruder responded by shining his flashlight in her face, deputies said.

When the homeowner threatened to release her dog, the intruder ran out of the house through the glass door he had broken, deputies said.

Deputies said they searched the



Sketch of suspect provided by San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

In this Almanac file photo from 2010, then-Police Chief Mike Guerra, right, and other Atherton police officers work with Secret Service agents to secure the perimeter of Steve Westly's home during President Barack Obama's fundraising visit for Kamala Harris.

President Obama will be back in Atherton Feb. 11 for fundraising

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

President Barack Obama plans to return to Atherton Feb. 11 for another fundraising event, but this time the town shouldn't have to provide police and other services for free, thanks to a new special events ordinance that says hosts

must pay for such services.

After a 2013 visit by President Obama to Atherton that left the town with \$8,000 in bills, but no law on the books to allow it to demand repayment, Atherton decided to rewrite its special events ordinance.

The changes, approved by the City Council in July 2015, require those hosting special events to

pay for any police, public works or other town services the events require, plus the costs of issuing the permit.

City Manager George Rodericks said the town had heard from the Secret Service and spoken to the property owner, both confirming the president is indeed scheduled to visit Atherton.

Mr. Rodericks said that because the police department and possibly the public works department "will be involved to some degree," the town will be advising the property owners, Steve Westly

and Anita Yu, that a special events permit is required and "that they will be responsible for any costs incurred" by the town.

After the 2013 visit, the town sent bills to the hosts of that visit and the Democratic National Committee, but they were not paid.

Under the ordinance, a permit is required for any special event "that requires the assistance of the town for traffic control, public safety services, extraordinary parking control measures ... or other mitigation measures arising from the special event."

Mr. Rodericks said that had the planned fundraising event not involved the president "it is unlikely that it would have triggered a special event permit."

He said events of a similar size occur regularly on private property in Atherton and do not usually require any special town services.

He also excused the fact that the special events permit wasn't taken out 60 days in advance, as the ordinance requires. "It is understandable with events involving POTUS that notice and details are less than what the town's ordinance requires," he said.

The brunch reception with the president will be held at the home of Steve Westly, the former California state controller who is rumored to be pondering a run for governor.

Mr. Westly and his wife, Anita Yu, live not far from Alameda de las Pulgas, so the brunch event

is bound to cause some traffic tieups. The invitation did not reveal the exact time of the event, but did say that tickets are \$250 for general admission, \$1,000 for premium seating, \$10,000 to be a photo line guest and \$25,000 to be a co-host.

Mr. Rodericks said the police department will be briefed before the event "to discuss routing and other details — none of which will be disclosed in advance for security reasons."

President Obama has been at the Westly-Yu home at least once before, in 2010 when he was raising funds for Kamala Harris' run for state attorney general. A venture capitalist, Mr. Westly was one of the candidates vying to be

the Democratic Party nominee for governor in 2006. He co-chaired President Obama's California campaign in 2008.

According to a report by the

California Secretary of State, in February 2015, a total of 39 percent of registered voters in Atherton were Republicans, while San Mateo County as a whole had fewer than 19 percent registered Republicans. The town had 31 percent registered Democrats, and almost as many more who belonged to small parties or were unaffiliated.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton also plans to come to Atherton this month, according to sfgate.com, for a fundraiser Feb. 21 at the home of tech entrepreneur Sukhinder Singh Cassidy. ■

A town ordinance requires those hosting special events to pay for police, public works or other town services the events require.

Three arrests tied to Menlo fight, shooting

Menlo Park police arrested three men Saturday night, Jan. 30, in connection with a fight and a shooting in front of a residence on the 1100 block of Henderson Avenue in Menlo Park.

Police said they found that two of the men involved in a physical fight had ties to rival criminal street gangs.

Daniel Lopez, 25, and Jhonattan Diaz, 21, both of Menlo Park, were booked into San Mateo County

jail on battery charges.

A third man, Isaac Lopez-Valencia, 51, also of Menlo Park, was booked on several charges, including assault with a deadly weapon, discharging a firearm with gross negligence, and possession of an unregistered firearm.

Police, who responded to the incident shortly after 5 p.m., said they found two loaded firearms in the area, but no one was struck by gunfire.

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area and spoke with neighbors, but did not find a suspect.

The homeowner was not injured.

Anyone with information about this crime can call the Sheriff's Office at 650-363-4911, or the anonymous tip line at 1-800-547-2700.

Similar method

Four days earlier, on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at about 4:15 a.m., a homeowner on Mountain Home Road confronted an intruder who

had entered the house through an unlocked door, according to sheriff's deputies.

As in the Jefferson Avenue incident, at the time of the confrontation, the intruder shone a light in the homeowner's face and ran off.

In the Mountain Home Road incident, the homeowner chased the intruder, but he disappeared into a wooded area. Deputies searched the area but did not find a suspect.

That intruder was wearing a dark-colored hooded jacket, deputies said. ■

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Woodside's Kate Laubscher competes on TV's 'Jeopardy'

Kate Laubscher of Woodside, a 2014 graduate of Woodside Priory School and a sophomore at Northeastern University in Boston, is among 15 students (of 12,000 who tried out) competing in the college tournament of the nationally broadcast "Jeopardy" game show.

The tournament, which runs for two weeks starting Feb. 1, is broadcast locally on KGO-TV (Channel 7) at 7 p.m. Kate appeared on the Tuesday, Feb. 2, show (after the Almanac press time this week).

A native of Woodside, Kate is the daughter of Nicole Sunahara and Rick Laubscher and is the first contestant to represent Northeastern University, her father said.

She is studying political science and communication at Northeastern, with minors in Spanish and international affairs.

"I've been watching ("Jeopardy")

The grand prize for the winner is \$100,000.

with my dad and playing along as long as I can remember," she said.

To qualify, she took an online test of 50 questions and was selected from a pool of contestants who passed the test to audition in person.

"I auditioned in New York and had to take another 50-question test as well as play the mock game on film and interview with some of the show's producers," she said.

Her father, Rick Laubscher, explained how the college tournament works: It's an annual event that runs for two weeks, Monday through Friday. In the first week, 15 contestants play initial games, three contestants at a time. The winner of each of the first week's



Kate Laubscher with Alex Trebek, host of the "Jeopardy" TV game show.

Photo: Jeopardy! Productions

games plus the four highest scoring runners-up overall in those five games advance to the second week.

Those nine remaining contestants play three at a time during the first three days of the second

week. The three winners of those matches then play in a two-day final for a grand prize of \$100,000.

Student enrollment at Woodside High not growing as predicted

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Officials from the Sequoia Union High School District, citing a 2013 demographic study, have been anticipating an enrollment growth of 19 percent at Woodside High School by 2020, with the first signs expected in the 2015-16 school year.

Enrollment grew 2 percent to 1,815 students in the 2014-15

school year, but leveled out at about 1,800 for 2015-16 school year, according to state and Sequoia district data.

Principal Diane Burbank cited two possible reasons:

■ The school district's boundary map, revised in 2014, assigned all students from the Ravenswood City School District in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park to Menlo-Atherton High. Since the early 1980s, Ravenswood students from

East Palo Alto had been bused to Woodside and Carlmont high schools in keeping with a judicial decree intended to desegregate those schools.

■ Enrollment has been dropping in the K-8 feeder schools for Woodside High. The high cost of housing in Redwood City is contributing to declining enrollment at high schools that serve Redwood City, according to recent demographic study done for the Sequoia district.

At Woodside High, Ms. Burbank said, the percentage of students signed up for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program was 40 percent at the start of the 2015-16 school year, down from 50 percent for the previous school year.

But enrollment rose in advanced-placement classes. For the 2014-15 school year, Woodside High was among 425 high schools nationwide recognized for extending AP enrollment to a broader range of students, Ms. Burbank said.

At Woodside, the broader range referred to Hispanic students and students living in poverty, according to the state Department of Education's definition of socio-economically disadvantaged students.

Overall, AP scores at Woodside were maintained or improved, Ms. Burbank said. ■

Correction

A story in the Dec. 30 issue of the Almanac recapping the year 2015 at Woodside High School incorrectly reported that ground had been broken for a new classroom building on campus. The groundbreaking is actually set for late spring in 2016.

Placards target foodborne illness

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Food inspection just got a lot more colorful. Starting this year, thanks to a program by the San Mateo County Department of Environmental Health, food inspectors will begin using color-coded placards to tell customers if the restaurant they are visiting adheres to food safety standards.

The placards are required indicators of compliance with food safety standards laid out by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and must be clearly displayed near the entrances of all places where food is prepared: restaurants, bakeries, food trucks, schools, health care facilities and some convenience stores.

The colors under the new program, like a stop light, will be green, signifying a "pass" on the inspection; yellow, signifying a "conditional pass" and that two or more violations must be corrected within three days; and red, signifying a "fail." A red placard means there is an imminent health hazard and the facility will be closed until unsafe conditions are corrected.

Critical risk factors for foodborne disease, according to the CDC, include food from unsafe sources, inadequate cooking, improper holding temperatures, contaminated equipment and poor personal hygiene.

Minor violations include things like leaking faucets, missing light covers or missing thermometers, according to a report by Kameisha Nichols, county food program supervisor.

Examples of more serious health hazards include sewage backing up at the facility, a rodent or insect infestation, lack of water or hot water, no electricity, or severe unsanitary conditions, according to a department video.

"Foodborne illnesses are 100% preventable, and yet every year, one in six Americans gets sick from them, and 3,000 die," said Heather Forshey, director of San Mateo County Environmental Health Services. "This program will help consumers quickly understand a restaurant's food safety status."

Placards are set to appear during the first half of the year as the department inspects more than 3,000 food service facilities around the county, the announcement said. ■



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CalWater faces multiple water main leaks

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

The California Water Service's Bear Gulch District had a real life test of its emergency plans last week when an afternoon surge in water pressure on Monday, Jan. 25, resulted in six nearly simultaneous small water main leaks that day and three more on Tuesday, including one that affected Everest Public High School in North Fair Oaks.

CalWater spokeswoman Yvonne Kingman said in addition to Bear Gulch District crews, crews from neighboring CalWater districts, plus contract construction crews, all helped to repair the leaks.

The pressure surge was caused by a malfunction in the pressure-reducing valve, she said, and the company isolated it from the system. Ms. Kingman said the company is

"investigating the problem to ensure we can prevent it from happening again in the future."

Even though the leaks were spread across much of the district, fewer than 140 customers had their water turned off during the event, she said. At Everest, a charter high school at 455 Fifth Ave. in North Fair Oaks, the water district provided bottled water and portable

toilets so the school could remain open, Ms. Kingman said.

Having crews from neighboring districts "was vital to this

emergency being resolved as quickly as it was," she said. "We had crews from our Salinas, Los Altos, Livermore, Stockton, and Bayshore districts, who all came to help our local Bear Gulch and contractor teams repair the leaks, provide relief to employees who had been on duty, and support our Emergency Operations Center."

CalWater, she pointed out, tries to warn customers when service will be interrupted and will deliver bottled water to affected customers or reimburse them for the expense of purchased water.

Monday's leaks were near the following intersections: Euclid and Stockbridge avenues in Atherton; Fifth Avenue and Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks; First Street and Williams Avenue in North Fair Oaks; Roble Avenue and University Drive in Menlo Park; Felton Drive and Encinal Avenue in Menlo Park; and Fremont Street and Fremont Place in Menlo Park.

Tuesday's leaks were on Fifth Avenue between Park Road and Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks; on Stockbridge Avenue between Santa Clara Avenue and Hillary Lane in Atherton; and on University Drive between Partridge and Cambridge avenues in Menlo Park.

"We sincerely apologize to our affected customers for any inconvenience this has caused to them," Ms. Kingman said. ▣

Nine leaks were attributed to a malfunction in the pressure-reducing valve.



Photo: California Water Service

A California Water Service worker repairs a break in a water main on University Drive near Partridge Avenue in Menlo Park on Jan. 26.

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Creative writing group brings production to Portola Valley

A group of local professional working artists is bringing an original production from "page-to-stage," hoping to inspire young writers and raise money to continue doing so on a broader scale.

Instructors with the Society of Young Inklings wrote a family-friendly show called, "Yes, Nora!" which they will perform on Thursday, Feb. 5, at Portola Valley Theatre Conservatory, 945 Portola Road in Portola Valley.

The benefit show and silent auction are scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

The Society of Young Inklings runs play-based enrichment classes and workshops in creative writing for school-age children on the Peninsula.

The organization recently formed a partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula and aims to work with about 500 children at different locations this spring. The estimated cost to run the programs is \$100,000 per quarter.

Go to younginklings.org/nora for more information and to buy tickets.



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Mary Roberts Ripley, a life as a volunteer

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A memorial service for Mary Roberts Ripley, a Portola Valley resident for the past 25 years and recognized repeatedly over her life for her service as a volunteer, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at The Sequoias retirement community at 501 Portola Road in Portola Valley. A reception will follow at 4 p.m.

Ms. Ripley died Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the age of 100. Her husband, Alexander P. Ripley, died in 1978 and she did not remarry.

Mary Ripley graduated from Marlborough School in Los Angeles and dedicated her life to being a volunteer around the world, something she seems to have excelled at doing. The Los Angeles Times named her Woman of the Year in 1959, and she was a founding member of the International Association for Volunteer Effort and the American Women for International Understanding.

Ms. Ripley did not go to college, her son Alexander told

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Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

the Almanac. She was "committed to giving back and was a natural leader," he said. She served on the governing boards and was an active member of the California Children's Home Society, the California Heart Association, Planned Parenthood, and the Global Fund for Women.

She was also a world traveler, having made her first round-the-world trip with her mother in the 1930s, her son said. She visited every major city on every continent. With her involvement in non-government organizations, she spoke when abroad on topics related to women's advocacy, mental health, prenatal care and child welfare, and leadership.

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Mary Roberts Ripley

Hartwig stays as superintendent

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Eric Hartwig, who became interim superintendent in the Portola Valley School District in October, has agreed to stay another school year, through June 2017, the district announced Jan. 29.

"What can I say but that I am a failure," Mr. Hartwig said in a message sent Friday afternoon to district parents. "I failed at retirement, and now I've failed to stick to my 8-month commitment" to serve as interim superintendent.

He said that he had agreed to stay for several reasons, including that he enjoys working with the staff, students and parents in the district and the challenges of helping the board plan for the district's future. Also, he said, his wife, Debbie, is not quite ready to retire from her job as a seventh-grade language arts teacher.

"This is exciting work, much more fulfilling than trying to learn golf," he said. "Not easier, but definitely more satisfying."

Although it is not mentioned in his note, it probably also helps that the district's pro-

posed contract would give Mr. Hartwig a 15 percent raise. He will be paid a base salary of \$210,000 a year, up from \$183,000.

The district's governing board will vote on extending Mr. Hartwig's contract at its Feb. 3 meeting.

The announcement, signed by the board members, says that since his arrival, "Mr. Hartwig has quickly assimilated into our community, and has brought his abundance of experience in education ... to bear in moving our district forward."

"We feel very fortunate that Mr. Hartwig is able to stay with us through the 2016-17 school year, and believe deeply that this continuity will allow the district to keep its focus on key initiatives while providing the opportunity for further development of our internal staff under the mentorship of Mr. Hartwig," the announcement says.

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Eric Hartwig

His experience

Mr. Hartwig was an English teacher in middle and high schools before becoming assistant principal at Capuchino High School, and then principal at Menlo-Atherton, a job he held for nine years.

He then served for four years as director of curriculum and instruction for the Sequoia Union High School District before becoming superintendent of the Las Lomas School District, where he worked for five years and then retired.

He was hired as interim superintendent of the Portola Valley district in October at the same time the district announced the abrupt departure of the former superintendent, Lisa Gonzales. At that time, the district said it would begin looking for a permanent superintendent in January. ■

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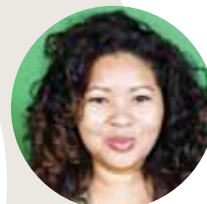
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Residential burglaries:

■ A burglar cut through a screen in a rear window to enter a home on Windermere Avenue and steal cash and jewelry. Estimated loss: \$7,360. Jan. 27.

■ Someone entered a home under construction on Berkeley Avenue and stole bathroom fixtures, including a faucet and a showerhead. Estimated loss: \$2,670. Jan. 27.

Thefts:

■ A thief entered a home on Central Avenue and stole a wooden bookshelf and 20 antiquarian books, and a cupboard containing some 200 compact disks, 100 records, two bottles of whiskey, a key fob, 10 cookbooks, silver dollars and a 1-ounce bar of silver. Estimated loss: \$19,730. Jan. 26.

■ Someone stole a diamond pendant necklace from a home on Trinity Drive. Estimated loss: \$11,000. Jan. 26.

■ Three rings — an engagement ring, wedding ring and anniversary ring — were stolen from a home on Sharon Park Drive. No sign of forced entry. Estimated loss: \$5,000. Jan. 28.

■ **Auto burglary:** Someone broke a window on a vehicle parked in the

2800 block of Sand Hill Road and stole sunglasses, a Mont Blanc pen and a business-card holder. Estimated loss: \$700. Jan. 28.

■ **Accident with injuries:** A woman riding a bicycle north on University Drive was struck from behind by a 2007 silver Acura MDX as she was preparing to turn left onto westbound Roble Avenue. That section of University Drive does not have bike lanes, but the road is marked indicating lanes to be shared between bikes and vehicles. The cyclist suffered minor injuries and refused treatment. Jan. 26.

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Thefts:

■ A thief stole a backpack containing a laptop computer and accessories that had been left in the boys locker room at Sacred Heart Schools on Valparaiso Avenue. Estimated loss: \$1,350. Jan. 26.

■ Someone cut a cable securing a white Dawes Lightning bike to a rack at Menlo-Atherton High School at 555 Middlefield Road and stole the bike. Estimated loss: \$500. Jan. 26.

■ An unlocked chrome fixed-gear Fixie Big Shot bicycle with gold rims was stolen from Greenoaks Drive. Estimated loss: \$450. Jan. 28.

WEST MENLO PARK

■ **Theft:** Someone cut a padlock on an external storage container and stole two TV sets from a home in the 200 block of Leland Avenue. Estimated loss: \$2,000. Jan. 20.

Portola Valley names town manager

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

Jeremy Dennis, the advance planning manager for the city of Palo Alto and a former aide to Assemblyman Rich Gordon, D-Menlo Park, has been appointed Portola Valley town manager.

Mr. Dennis has "character, vision and deep experience," Mayor Maryann Derwin said in announcing his appointment by the council following a closed session Jan. 27. "I know that our town founders would approve."

His first day on the job will be Monday, March 7.

Mr. Dennis' base salary will be \$190,000 a year, according to a contract provided by Town Attorney Leigh Prince. His compensation package includes health and retirement benefits along with yearly allowances of \$3,000 for transportation and \$5,000 for professional training.

Mr. Dennis, 41, is a resident of Redwood City, has a bachelor's degree in political science and U.S. history from the

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University of California at Davis, and a master's degree (in 2002) in regional and urban planning from the London School of Economics and Political Science, according to his online bio.

Debbie Pedro, the town's planning director, has been filling in as interim town manager since August 2015 and the departure of former town manager Nick Pegueros.

Unlike the contract with Mr. Pegueros, Mr. Dennis' contract does not make distinctions between voluntary and involuntary resignations, nor does it include a clause on "communications upon manager's separation."

That clause had the effect of silencing the council and Town Hall staff about the details surrounding Mr. Pegueros' "involuntary resignation" in August 2015 after a



Jeremy Dennis

little more than three years as town manager.

District director

For nearly five years, from December 2010 to July 2015, Mr. Dennis was Rich Gordon's top aide. In that role, Mr. Dennis says, his duties included developing legislative ideas for Mr. Gordon, and managing his affairs when he was not in the district, including coordinating events and meetings.

Mr. Dennis' responsibilities included managing Mr. Gordon's staff and interns, representing him in public, addressing constituents in meetings and groups, and regularly interacting with the media on significant issues, he says.

As the advance planning manager for the city of Palo Alto since leaving Mr. Gordon's office, Mr. Dennis was responsible for oversight of the city's comprehensive plan update, its programs to regulate commercial occupancy, its environmental review processes, and its housing matters, including block grants and below-market-rate housing. ▣

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Demolition work is nearly completed at 100-190 Independence Drive, where Bohannon Development Co. plans to build a hotel, office building, health club and parking garage.

Demolition work starts at Menlo Gateway site

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

After receiving a demolition permit from the city of Menlo Park on Jan. 13, Bohannon Development Co. wasted no time in readying the future site of Menlo Gateway, a hotel and office complex, part of which will be built at 100-190 Independence Drive in Menlo Park.

At a City Council meeting Jan. 25, the developers also announced that Bay Club, a California-based country club network, plans to run a 41,000-square-foot fitness facility that will be adjacent to the 250-room, 11-story hotel.

The fitness facility will be open to Bay Club members only, Bay Club CEO Matthew Stevens told the Menlo Park Planning Commission on Jan. 25.

An on-site restaurant called Cafe Vida, also operated by Bay Club, will be open to the public. It will have indoor and outdoor seating and feature a “Cal/Mex”-inspired menu, Mr. Stevens said.

Bohannon Development Co. had almost run through a five-year period when it was to submit building permit applications for the Menlo Gateway project under a development agreement with the city. On Nov. 30, City Manager Alex McIntyre extended the deadline to June 7.

If the applications are not received by that date, the developer would face a \$300,000 payment to the city, according to a city staff report. The developer has met with the Planning Commission each year for the last five years to report on compliance with the development agreement signed in December 2010.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously Jan. 25 that Bohannon Development Co. had made a good-faith effort to abide by the development agreement laid out in 2010.

Bohannon Development received demolition permits for the Independence Drive site on

Jan. 13, and work has begun there. “The project is finally under way and we are delighted,” CEO David Bohannon said.

According to Jack Highwart, an architect with the Cuninghams Group, the hotel’s open spaces will be highly “naturalistic” with indoor and outdoor meeting spaces for small and large groups, a large ballroom with natural light, a pool, a cabana area, fire pits, an area for bocce ball, and a two-sided bar facing the pool and a lawn space for events. A space on the second floor would offer a “club environment” for concierge dining, he said.

In addition to the 197,000-square-foot hotel, the Independence Drive part of the complex will have an office building and a parking garage. Current plans are to move forward with building the parking garage in March, followed by completion of the permit application materials by May, in advance of the June 7 deadline, Mr. Bohannon said.

The entire Independence Drive part of the project — including the hotel, office space, and fitness center — is expected to be completed by the end of 2017, he said.

The Constitution Drive part of the project, where an additional 494,000 square feet of office space is planned, will be built later, Bohannon Development said. Mr. Bohannon said he plans to market that site to potential tenants first.

The only public comment on the project at the Planning Commission meeting came from Sarah Staley Shenk, who as a resident of the Suburban Park neighborhood, asked that the developers be careful about noise and light pollution that would affect residents on the west side of U.S. 101 near Independence Drive.

In an action related to the Menlo Gateway project, the City Council decided Jan. 26 not to allow parking along areas of Independence, Constitution and Chrysler drives in order to install bike lanes there in the future. ▀



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On stage

The Menlo School Drama will stage on Feb. 5, 6 and 7 “The Miracle Worker,” the true story of Anne Sullivan, a teacher who brought language and compassion to a young blind and deaf Helen Keller. In the cast are, from left, Lucas Loaiza playing James Keller, Kate Lucas as Kate Keller (Helen’s mother), Maya Donato as Helen Keller, Dr. Charles Hanson as Captain Keller, and Jessie Guthrie as Anne Sullivan. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 in the Florence Moore Auditorium on campus. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and available online (store.menloschool.org) or at the door.

Shelter Network unveils new brand

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

After a year in the works, a new name and brand for InnVision Shelter Network, the Menlo Park-based homeless services nonprofit, was announced Jan. 26.

The organization will continue

its same services, providing shelters and resources for people facing homelessness from Daly City to San Jose, but under a new “LifeMoves” brand, said Amy Wright, LifeMoves vice president of development.

The name change comes about three and a half years after a merger of two nonprofits, InnVi-

sion and the Shelter Network, that left a lengthy title in its wake.

The idea behind the new name is that the organization facilitates “life moves,” or major life transitions, for its clients by offering them support in a number of different categories: housing, career, finance, education and health. ▀

‘Newlyweds’ host TV watch party here

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Wine, cheese, great hair, and sibilant whispers of “fabulous” set the tone for a screening of Bravo TV show “Newlyweds” at the Industry Hair Artists salon in Menlo Park on the evening of Jan. 20.

Brandon Liberati is a hair stylist who worked in Palo Alto for about 15 years before moving to Los Angeles about five years ago. However, he still commutes to the Bay Area to cut hair one week each month at the Industry Hair Artists salon, which relocated from Palo Alto to 1140 University Drive in Menlo Park in August 2015.

He’s also newly married to fitness trainer Craig Ramsay, and the pair is one of four featured on “Newlyweds,” a Bravo reality show where couples must weather the first year of their marriage on camera.

To recognize Mr. Liberati’s longtime connection to the salon, the couple hosted a watch party of the show’s fourth episode there. Since the pair represent one of the first married gay couples to be featured on the reality show, Mr. Ramsay said, they’ve become part of the “face of gay marriage.”

“There is a bigger thing going on here than a reality show on Bravo,” said Mr. Liberati.

Emotions ran high during the screening. One woman in the room shouted, “You’re a b----!” at the screen. Others muttered their judgment of the other couples on the show more demurely. Michelle Christerson, whose hair Mr. Liberati has been cutting for approximately eight years, said: “It’s interesting to delve into someone else’s life. You get a kind of ‘Peeping Tom’ effect.” ▀

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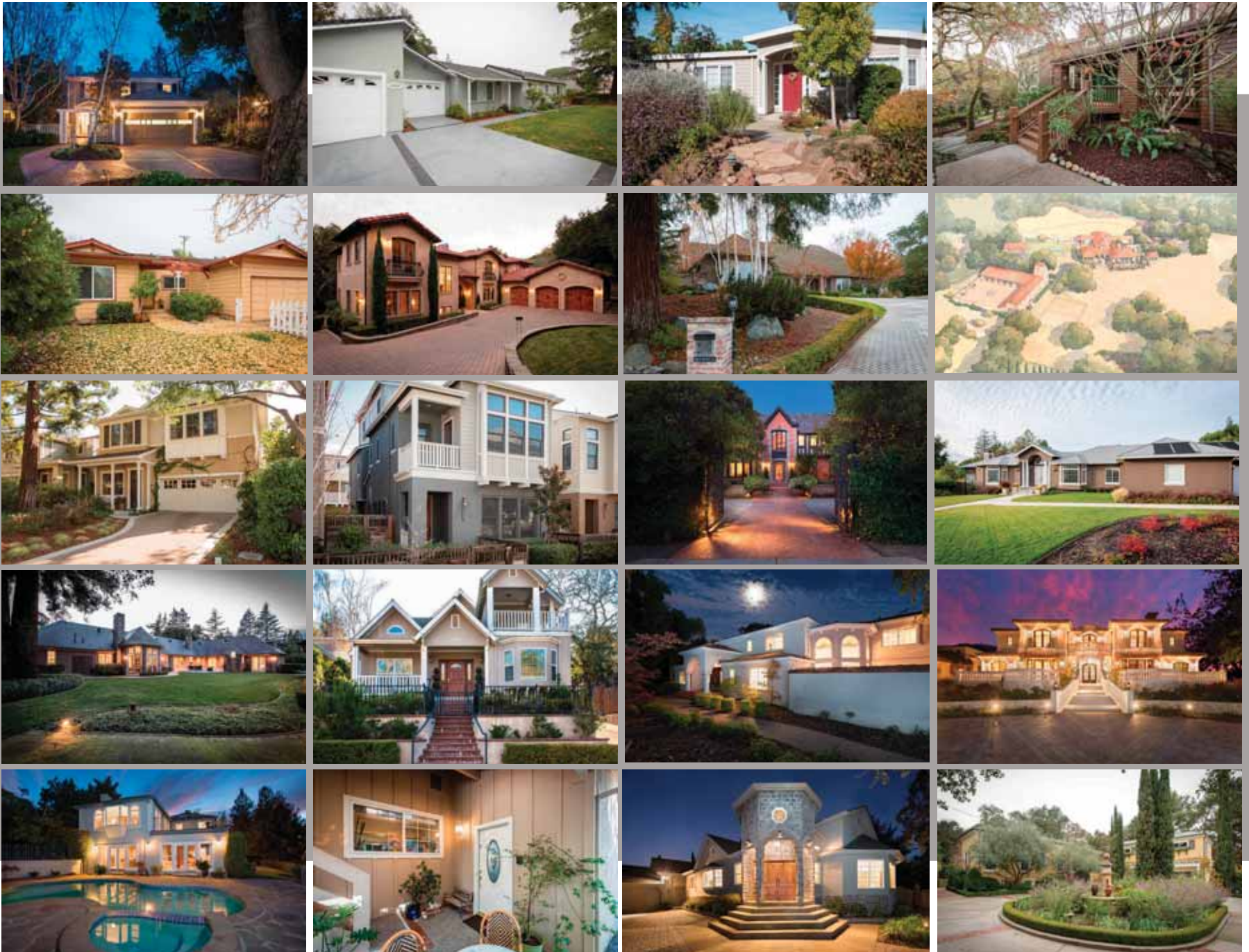
Ms. Ripley received a lifetime achievement award for volunteer service from the American Women for International Understanding in a 2012 appearance at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

At The Sequoias, she was an active committee member and frequented the memory care

unit, where she would read or play games with the patients, her son said.

Ms. Ripley is survived by her sons William of Azusa, California, and Alexander of Mukilteo, Washington; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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Agreeing to disagree

Portola Valley attorney Vic Schachter teaches dispute resolution skills around the world

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Back in 2005 on a street in Delhi, India, there stood a four-story building with spaces meant for windows but lacking glass. Inside were the offices and courtrooms of 200 judges, according to attorney and Portola Valley resident Vic Schachter. Also inside and waiting for the judges' attention were ordinary Indian citizens whose cases had yet to be heard. Monsoon rains would soak them, and the hundreds of monkeys running around would steal food and occasionally bite people, including children.

At the time, the Indian court system had a case backlog of 32 million cases, Mr. Schachter says. In 2005, he moved there with his wife Jan Schachter, to set up a mediation center on the fourth floor of that building to provide people with a way to resolve disputes without the costs, delays, formalities and emotionally wrenching experiences of litigation.

The case backlog is still in excess of 30 million, Mr. Schachter says, but the mediation center is a going concern. Windows are in, private meeting rooms have been set up, as has a formal reception area, and the monkeys are mostly gone, dispatched by large, fanged langur monkeys brought in on leashes to scare off their smaller brethren. The building, Mr. Schachter says, is now "a very handsome corner."

Mr. Schachter, a litigator for 50 years and a partner with the San Francisco law firm Fenwick

& West, is the founder, in 2012, and president of the nonprofit Foundation for Sustainable Rule of Law Initiatives. He is noteworthy in that he has never lost a case in trial, he says, and he has a team of noteworthy judges and attorneys. Together, they train lawyers and judges in communities in democracies that lack effective mediation systems.

So far, they've helped create sustainable systems in India, Bulgaria, Croatia and the Republic of Georgia, Mr. Schachter says. He and his foundation colleagues pay their way — about \$3,000 to \$5,000 per person per trip — including food and lodging, while local officials often pick up costs for interpreters and drivers, he says. The foundation sometimes offers a small stipend.

Training for judges includes learning to recognize cases that are better handled through mediation, he says. Lawyers are trained to maintain neutrality while at the same time standing in the shoes of each party, helping them understand their real interests, and then getting them together to find resolutions. "It's (a) focus on resolving the problem between the parties rather than who wins and who loses," Mr. Schachter says. "The idea is to change mindsets to move away from retaliation and recrimination."

A line from the Persian poet Rumi, he says, neatly captures the foundation's goal: "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and right-doing, there is a field," Rumi says. "I'll meet you there."

The mediation centers in India have yielded a settlement



Photo by Jan Schachter

Victor Schachter, a Portola Valley resident and attorney, visited Delhi, India, in 2005 to help improve the skills of practicing mediators and judges. He went on to establish the Foundation for Sustainable Rule of Law Initiatives in 2012 with a mission of bringing the rule of law to emerging democracies.

rate of 60 percent to 65 percent in some 200,000 cases since 2005, Mr. Schachter says. The rate would be higher but for the family law cases that are particularly difficult, not just in India but everywhere, he says.

It's not uncommon to find court backlogs in democracies with an abundance of people in poverty who never get access to peaceful and timely dispute resolution, Mr. Schachter says. Unresolved disputes and the ensuing frustration underlies much of the violence and illegal conduct in the world, he says. In India, authorities resolve just 6 percent of criminal cases, a statistic he calls "atrocious."

In the absence of effective dispute resolution, people may turn to informal enforcement by toughs and thugs, systems that tend not to build confidence, Mr. Schachter says. "Where there's a good rule of law process, people respond to peaceful dispute resolutions and abide by the result," he says. When fewer people resort to the courts, space opens up for cases in need of trials, he says.

Turf battles can erupt. "People will resist the program because it takes away their power base to operate through bribery and influence," Mr. Schachter says, adding that some may remain unpersuaded that bribery is not

a good system.

These communities often have indigenous methods of mediation, often informal, and they can serve as a starting point, he says. "We don't come in with our model. We look at what they have and try to build on it," he says.

Building bridges

"I think Vic has an amazing track record of working on rule of law and mediation (issues) around the world," says foundation board member Richard Seeborg, a judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

A garland hangs in the Portola Valley home of Vic and Jan Schachter, a gift from a high court justice in Karnataka, a southwest Indian state where the Foundation for Sustainable Rule of Law Initiatives set up a mediation center.

There's an extreme need for sustainable legal systems in developing countries, and "Vic has a real knack for getting in on the ground and actually getting something done," Judge Seeborg says. "It takes a long time and it really requires someone who perseveres, and it's not easy, and he does that."

Rebecca Westerfield, a retired judge, a mediator and a foundation board member, says she's worked with Mr. Schachter in India and will again. She commended him on his methodology. "What I appreciate about Vic's approach ... is that he works on the ground with people, and that he also works from the top" of the legal and judicial communities.

His strength is the people he brings in, Ms. Westerfield says. They are experienced mediators, former judges, "folks who can talk about policy, about organizational structure to leaders, as well as implement policy on the ground."

"He's really well known as helping to create bridges," she says, "to give an objective view of everything, to identify gaps and where bridges need to be built." He is high-energy and very dedicated to creating a fair and efficient system that delivers justice, Ms. Westerfield says.

"You can't take the American model, whatever that is, and put it on top of another model," she says. "Very, very few people want to be in conflict." A key matter for a mediator is to discover who a conflict is helping. The answer can sometimes lead to something creative. "That's the key," she says, "to have it lead to a creative force, not a destructive force."

Jan Schachter often travels with her husband, and her experiences aid her in being a detached observer, she says. If her husband is engaged, participants may turn to her. "I have a really good sense of the process and what's involved," she says. "I can observe what's happening and transmit my impressions to Vic and others as a non-engaged participant."

When officials from these communities visit the United States, Ms. Schachter is the host. Asked whether gender issues come up in the mediation training, she says she can't recall any instances. India has "a huge number of women judges and attorney," she says. "They have a great respect for women and the legal system."

Building trust

The foundation has centers on the subcontinent and in Southeast Europe and there is more ground to plow, but not all of it is fertile.

In all of Africa, Botswana is the one functioning democracy that would support a mediation program of the type he is offering, though Rwandan officials have shown a very strong interest, Mr. Schachter says.

In Pakistan, the judiciary is not sufficiently independent, he says. Asked how to determine a judiciary's independence, the key is private meetings — with justices, attorneys general, legislators and bar association members. "You find out real fast," he says.

He has made mistakes. In Delhi, for example, Mr. Schachter says he did not adequately consider his program's cultural impact, nor did he anticipate the level of resistance. He says he alienated the bar association by not consulting with them and allowing them to own the process, so the lawyers went on strike.

Legal community members are not above exaggerating states of readiness to work with the foundation, he says. A judge may claim the bar association is on board, only to be belied by a bar member. It's critical to build relationships of trust with top people, he says. "Once you build that trust, it is unbelievable how they open up the doors to you."

The foundation is in informal

talks with Mexico. Timing is an issue because the judiciary "is facing a number of reform challenges, and it may not be able to devote the necessary time and money to support a sustainable court-annexed mediation program," Mr. Schachter said.

Mr. Schachter and his colleagues are not the only skeptics in this dance. Officials in host countries have reason to be careful about inviting in an organization with its own ideas and motivations, such as making a profit. "In many cases, they've been used for other agendas," he says.

The rewards are great. When two sides agree to disagree, "it's absolutely magical," Mr. Schachter says. "It is so rewarding to see people put their lives back together and have their lives move forward. ... Our reward is the joy of doing this kind of very good work and see the impact on the lives of these people. ... We train them to fish. We don't fish for them." ▣

On the cover: Victor Schachter visited Bangalore, India, in 2011 to give advanced training on alternative dispute resolution.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Jan and Vic Schachter take a seat in their Portola Valley home. The couple travel extensively as Mr. Schachter seeks countries in need of training on alternative dispute resolution.

Mary Roberts Ripley

March 19, 1915 – January 27, 2016

Mary Ripley has been a resident of The Sequoias in Portola Valley for over 25 years. A graduate of Marlborough School in Los Angeles, she dedicated her life to volunteering around the world.



Mary was the 1959 *Los Angeles Times* Woman of the Year. She was a founding member of the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE) and the American Women for International Understanding (AWIU). She served on local, state and national boards of California Children's Home Society, California Heart Association, Planned Parenthood, and the Global Fund for Women. In 2012 at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. she received the American Women for International Understanding Life-Time Achievement Award for Volunteer Service. She has traveled to every major city on every continent, ridden a camel in the deserts of Egypt, and an elephant in India. She has spoken around the world on topics relating to mental health issues, prenatal care, child welfare, leadership and women's advocacy.

Mary is survived by her sons William of Azusa, Ca. and Alexander of Mukilteo, Washington, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The memorial will be at the Sequoias, Portola Valley, February 13, 3–4 PM with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers a donation in Mary's memory may be made to AWIU, IAVE, the Global Fund for Women or Planned Parenthood Mar Monte.

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TOWN OF ATHERTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton City Council will hold a public hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Atherton Municipal Code Chapter 6.04, modifying the fowl regulations.

Summary changes to the ordinance:

- Amend the code to allow up to 5 chickens of properties between 0.5 and 1 acre, up to 10 chickens on properties between 1 acre and 2 acres, 20 chickens of properties greater than two acres and up to 40 chickens for school properties greater than two acres.
- Require fowl be maintained within a fenced area on the property within the main building setback requirements with a 20% encroachment.
- Require chicken coops comply with main building setback requirements with 20% encroachment, no closer than 50' to any building on an adjoining lot with a maximum height of 6' and maximum coop area of 120 square feet.
- Require chicken coop maintenance.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said item is set for hearing by the City Council at its regular meeting on February 17, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall of the Town of Atherton, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the code amendment should or should not be adopted.

IF YOU CHALLENGE the code amendment in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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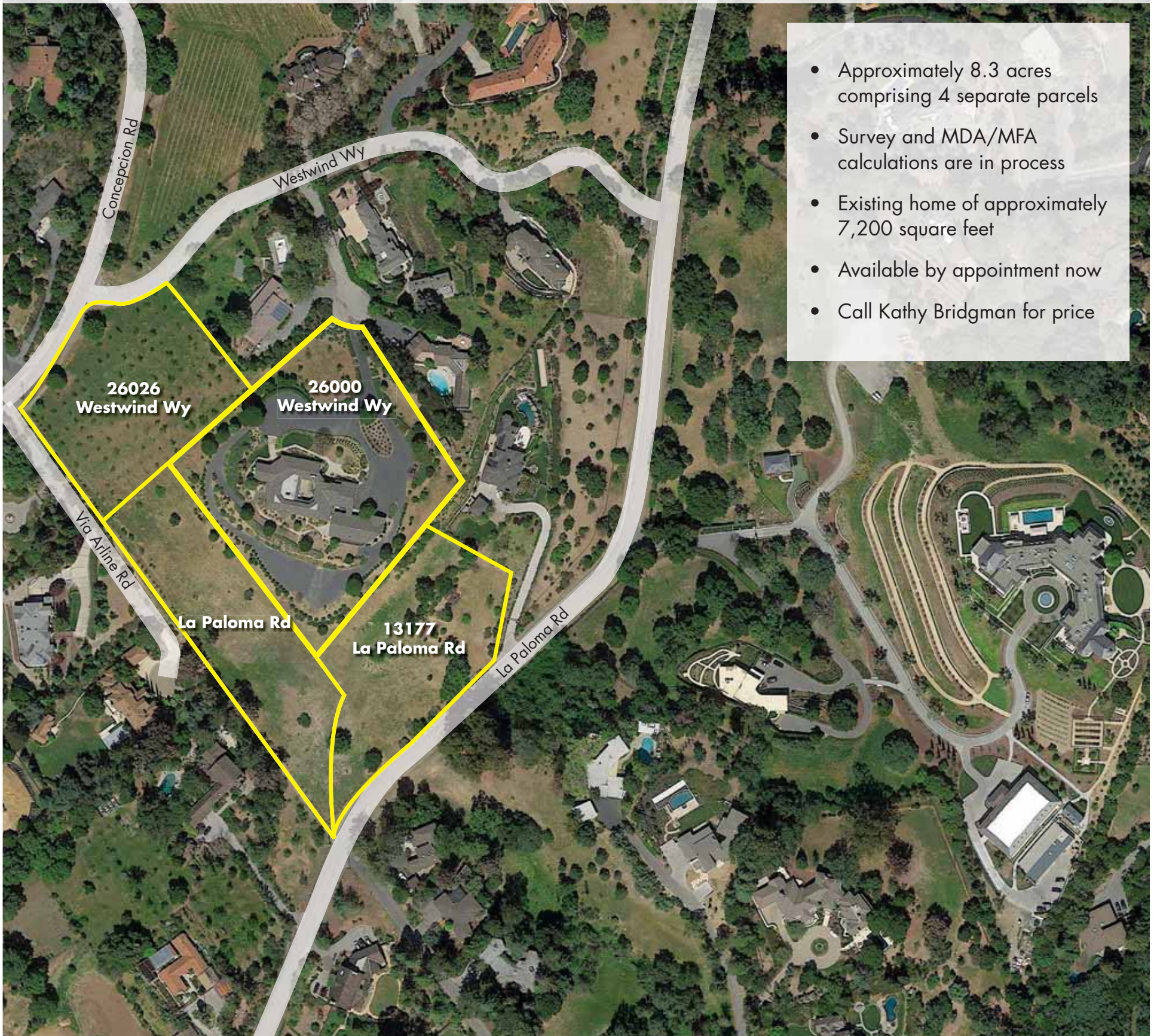


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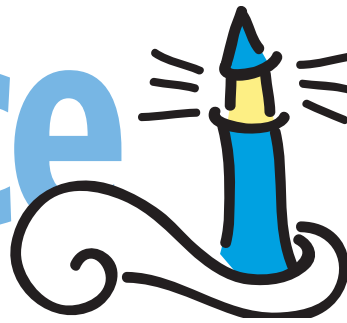
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267673
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Brillante Janitorial Services, located at 2552 Hazelwood Way, E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
JORGE ROMERO ALVARADO
2552 Hazelwood Way
E. Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 4, 2016.
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BOYKO CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267674
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Boyko Construction and Management, located at 391 Oak Ct., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County; Mailing address: P.O. Box 389, Menlo Park, CA 94026.
Registered owner(s):
MARK STEVEN BOYKO
391 Oak Ct.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
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CAVE COLLAR POPPING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267756
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Cave Collar Popping, located at 1664 Tulane Ave., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ALICIA R. SLEDGE
1664 Tulane Ave.
E. Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
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LADERA GARDEN AND GIFTS AT CARLMONT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267763
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Ladera Garden and Gifts at Carlmont, located at 2029 Ralston Ave., Belmont, CA 94002, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
POIREE ENTERPRISES INC.
3130 Alpine Road, Suite 380
Portola Valley, CA 94028
California
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
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FERRO PACIFIC ERECTORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: M-267809
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Ferro Pacific Erectors, located at 1927 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto, California 94303, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
JESUS ENRIQUE PEREZ GOMEZ
1927 Pulgas Ave.
East Palo Alto, CA 94303-2507
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CRANE STREET SALON
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267755
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Crane Street Salon, located at 1110 Crane Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
DOROTHY STELLA JANNINK
2041 Sharon Rd.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
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LADERA GARDEN AND GIFTS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267762
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Ladera Garden and Gifts, located at 3130 Alpine Road, Suite 380, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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3130 Alpine Road, Suite 380
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This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

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LADERA GARDEN AND GIFTS AT CARLMONT
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Ladera Garden and Gifts at Carlmont, located at 2029 Ralston Ave., Belmont, CA 94002, San Mateo County.
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NERD BEAUTIFUL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267759
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Nerd Beautiful, located at 228 Marmona Dr., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County, USA.
Registered owner(s):
LYNSEY HEMSTREET
228 Marmona Dr.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
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JUSTINE FORD & ASSOCIATES
REFERRALS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267901
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Woodside, CA 94062
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4-6-1984.
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(ALM Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016)

FREDERICKSON PRIBULA LI
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267801
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Frederickson Pribula Li, located at 618 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
VALERIE FREDERICKSON & COMPANY
618 Santa Cruz Ave.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
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(ALM Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016)

BRITISH BANKERS CLUB
THE BRITISH BANKERS CLUB
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267910
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
ROBERT S. FISCHER
566 Emerson St.
Palo Alto, CA 94301
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/21/2012. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 3/15/2016 at 1:00 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 9/28/2012, as Instrument No. 2012-141586, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MICHAEL BIRKELAND, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: MARSHALL ST. ENTRANCE, SAN MATEO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SOUTHERN BRANCH HALL OF JUSTICE & RECORDS, 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 41 WEST SUMMIT DRIVE EMERALD HILLS, CA 94062 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$772,641.25 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust

heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 025409-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 Publish: 1/20/2016, 1/27/2016, 2/3/2016
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
HAZEL LIVERMORE
Case No.: 126497
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of HAZEL LIVERMORE. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JACK JAY LIVERMORE in the Superior

Court of California, County of SAN MATEO.
The Petition for Probate requests that: JACK JAY LIVERMORE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 28 of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from

the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Stephen J. Schneider
Schneider, Pinza & Schneider Law Corporation
14103-G Winchester Blvd.
Los Gatos, CA 95032-1835
(408)364-1234
(ALM Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: CIV536691
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: SIMRAN KASHYAP filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SIMRAN KASHYAP to SIMRAN CHAWLA. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Fri. February 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC

Date: December 28, 2015
/s/ John L. Grandsaert
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: CIV536692
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: SONIA CHAWLA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ISHAN KRISHAN KASHYAP to ISHAN KRISHAN CHAWLA. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the

petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC

Date: December 22, 2015
/s/ John L. Grandsaert
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 2016)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-15-658663-JP Order No.: 11-0115443
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/2/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): FREDERICK L PIERCE JR, AN UNMARRIED MAN Recorded: 11/14/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-

198082 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California; Date of Sale: 2/17/2016 at 12:30PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records located at 400 County Center Redwood City, California 94063 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$356,008.56 The purported property address is: 1232 SEVIER AVENUE, MENLO PARK, CA 94025-1510 Assessor's Parcel No.: 062-101-090 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 888-988-6736 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-15-658663-JP. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any

incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 888-988-6736 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-15-658663-JP IDSPub #0100204 1/27/2016 2/3/2016 2/10/2016
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: CIV536877
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: COLBY MICHAEL DE ROXAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: COLBY MICHAEL DE ROXAS to COLBY MICHAEL SIEGFRIED. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the

reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: March 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC
Date: January 15, 2016
/s/ John L. Grandsaert
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: CIV536856
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: GUILLERMINA MICHEL - MOLINA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: GUILLERMINA MICHEL - MOLINA to GUILLERMINA MICHEL.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: March 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC
Date: January 15, 2016
/s/ John L. Grandsaert
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016)

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Los Altos Hills **\$8,888,000**
14123 Tracy Ct State of the art contemporary home on 1.3 ac, top custom details, pool. 14123TracyCt.com 7 BR/6 BA
Elaine White CalBRE #01182467
650.566.5323



Central Portola Valley **\$5,500,000**
2 Sierra Ln Large home on a cul-de-sac with west-ern mountains and Windy Hill views, 2SierraLane.com 3 BR/3 BA + 1 half BA
Ginny Kavanaugh CalBRE #00884747
650.400.8076



Redwood City **\$3,795,000**
5 Colton Ct Stunning custom Villa on private gated court. Grand floor plan designed for entertaining. 5 BR/4 BA + 1 half BA
Sam Anagnostou CalBRE #00798217
650-888-0707



San Mateo County **\$3,777,000**
222 Portola State Park Rd Rare 38 acres with awesome knoll top views! Vineyards, corporate retreat, horses!
Jan Strohecker CalBRE #00620365
650-906-6516



Woodside **\$3,295,000**
785 W California Way Gorgeous views of the western hills, remod. interiors, a fully equipped home theatre. 4 BR/2 BA + 1 half BA
Erika Demma CalBRE #01230766
650-740-2970



Menlo Park **\$2,950,000**
940 Continental Dr Charming one-level 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on a corner lot in desirable Sharon Heights. 4 BR/2 BA + 1 half BA
Hugh Cornish CalBRE #00912143
650-619-6461



Woodside **\$2,699,000**
579 Old La Honda Rd Minutes from Sand Hill Rd & 280 this serene retreat is nestled on a sunny 2.65+/- ac lot. 4 BR/3 BA
Steven Gray CalBRE #1498634
650-743-7702



Redwood City **\$2,688,000**
328 W Oakwood Bl Newly Constructed home in So. RWC, part of a 6-lot new subdivision - Rossi Lane Estates! 4 BR/4 BA + 1 half BA
J.D. Anagnostou CalBRE #00900237
650-704-5134



Menlo Park **\$1,995,000**
26 Mansion Ct 717 2780 sf of living space. Living room w/ high ceilings, gas burning fireplace & wet bar. 2 BR/2 BA + 1 half BA
Lyn Jason Cobb CalBRE #01332535
650-464-2622



Menlo Park **\$1,698,000**
2131 Ivy Ave Coming soon: Rare stunning Menlo Heights End Unit townhouse w/ attached 2car garage! 3 BR/2 BA + 1 half BA
Jan Strohecker CalBRE #00620365
650.906.6516



Santa Maria / Russell Area **\$1,600,000**
16 Santa Maria Ave Opportunity to build on sunny, tree-framed 1+ acre lot, vacant & cleared. 16SantaMaria.com
Ginny Kavanaugh CalBRE #00884747
650.400.8076



Belmont **\$1,398,000**
1539 Fifth Avenue Fabulous & bright Belmont home w/ a separate lower level in-law unit & remodeled kitchen. 3 BR/2 BA
Hossein Jalali CalBRE #01215831
650-740-2233



San Mateo **\$1,188,000**
2246 Southampton Way Sought after neighborhood for this fixer upper. Tons of potential for this Eichler home. 3 BR/2 BA
Tom Huff CalBRE #00922877
650-430-0952



South Palo Alto **\$1,136,000**
2452 W Bayshore Rd 7 3BR 2BA PA condo in excellent condition! Great Location. 2.9 Miles to Stanford University. 3 BR/2 BA
Smitha Aiyar CalBRE #01892410
650-799-7446



Menlo Park **\$838,000**
2140 Santa Cruz Ave A302 Lovely condo - sought after "penthouse" unit in building A-2 private balcony/patios. 2 BR/2 BA
Beth Leathers CalBRE #01131116
650.302.2449



Redwood City **\$770,000**
3407 Jefferson Ave 2 BD/1 BTH. Refinished original hardwood floors, spacious rooms, & ample closet space. 2 BR/1 BA
Steve Bulifant CalBRE #01940157
415-533-7270