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Preschool priced out of east Menlo Park

■ The rent was due to quintuple, from \$9,500 to about \$47,000 a month.

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Casa dei Bambini, a preschool at 1215 O'Brien Drive in Menlo Park, is a hive of activity on weekdays.

Situated in the middle of the city's M-2 or "light industrial" area, the pastel-painted warehouse holds large classrooms, where 40 students ages 2-6 play and learn independently, following their interests and needs.

Some relax on the floor while others help themselves to whole-wheat bagels and banana slices at the buffet-style snack area. One little girl uses her whole arm in her brushstrokes on a painting project. Another small child in a Mandarin-English bilingual classroom colors and labels a map of the countries of South America. Meanwhile, gymnastics instructor "Ms. Melissa" sets up an indoor obstacle course to celebrate one child's birthday.

But all of that will come to a screeching halt at the end of the school year, according to a letter that the school's Director/CEO Sandra Balzaretto sent to the parents of the school on March 7. The school would be winding up a 10-year lease, and rent, she said, would quintuple.

And for the Balzaretto family, which runs the Casa dei Bambini school, a five-fold increase in rent will be a de facto eviction sentence for their Menlo Park Montessori preschool.

Ms. Balzaretto said that the proposed increase is \$2.50 per square foot per month, up from 50 cents. For the 19,000-square-foot facility, that would mean a jump in monthly rent from \$9,500 to about \$47,000.

Family run

Casa dei Bambini, which started in Palo Alto in 1987, is a family-run school program now in its third generation of providing early education for local families.

Started by Sandra's mother



Photo by Michelle Le

Kids play at Casa dei Bambini school on March 11.

Leonore, Sandra now directs the school, and her daughter, Desiree, who once attended the school, now teaches there. Her son, a financial analyst, helps manage the school's finances, as does her husband.

When they first leased the Menlo Park space in 2006, the location was a warehouse that had been previously operated by a clothing company. The vision, Ms. Balzaretto said, was to give kids generous space to play and grow.

Anywhere else in Silicon Valley would be prohibitively expensive. The Menlo Park preschool was a long time in the works.

The new location was intended to relieve enrollment pressure at the school's original Palo Alto campus and reduce commute time for parents, who hailed from Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside and Redwood City, said Sandra Balzaretto, the Palo Alto school's director. Come June, the Palo Alto school will remain open, she said, and the family will try to accommodate as many of the Menlo Park students and teachers at the

Palo Alto location as possible.

Between 2006, when the Balzaretto family first sought a use permit from the city of Menlo Park for the O'Brien Drive location, and its opening in 2012, they faced down a multi-year lawsuit from local commercial real estate company Menlo Business Park, renovated and retrofitted the warehouse to be child-friendly, and even fought off a stigma to convince some families that bringing their kids across U.S. 101 to the city's warehouse district would be OK.

In 2006, the Balzaretto's proposal to open the school on O'Brien Drive went before Menlo Park's Planning Commission, which unanimously denied a use permit. The Balzaretto family appealed to the City Council, which reversed the decision and approved the permit in a 4-1 vote in February 2007.

In those city hearings, initial concerns came from landlords and business owners who said putting young kids in an industrial zone could spark health concerns and new safety regulations. Business owner John Tarlton of Menlo Business Park pushed for the application's denial, claiming the school should have to have an environmental impact review done because the building's purpose would change. He could not be reached for comment.

The arguments against the school's location, the council decided at the time, weren't sufficient deterrents. There were already a number of nearby schools in Belle Haven, there would be no real increase in traffic from the building's previous use and the city already had policies to contain potentially harmful substances and ban highly toxic chemicals near any of the schools.

Still, the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and Chamber of Commerce weighed in against the proposal. And ultimately, Menlo Business Park filed a lawsuit against the city for granting the school its use permit.

The case, Menlo Business Park v. The City of Menlo Park, ultimately reached California's 1st District Court of Appeal in San Francisco, which decided in 2010 that the school and city were not in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act. Plans for the school could move forward.

The lawsuit required paying hefty legal fees the Balzaretto's struggled to meet. For the small preschool, it felt like a David-versus-Goliath battle.

"They had \$150 million," said Sandra Balzaretto. "We didn't have \$150,000 saved for a lawsuit."

Yet, as in the "parable of the loaves and the fishes," she said,

they somehow continued to find the money to fight back.

After the school won the lawsuit, a number of retrofits and renovations had to be done. The facility shows that no kid-friendly detail has been neglected. Artwork by children's author Lisa Brown hangs from the hallways near the ground, so the kids can better view it, and there's an indoor playground.

The school

Casa dei Bambini is a private Montessori preschool that has had children of 39 nationalities, said Ms. Balzaretto. Tuition generally ranges from \$12,000 to \$20,000 a year, paid over 10 installments, she said, but the school is flexible with families in need. The school has a Mandarin-English language program and Spanish and French lessons, gymnastics and music classes.

The Balzaretto family had been building relationships with their neighbors, and offered full-ride scholarships to children of mothers going through JobTrain programs across the street, though no one had taken up the offer yet.

Parents, some of whom were new to the United States and struggled to connect across a language

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Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

The preschool at 1215 O'Brien Drive in Menlo Park is a hive of activity on weekdays.

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barrier, became friends and came to support one another, she said.

"This is high intensity Silicon Valley," she said. It's not the Menlo Park of the past, she said, where "people drove station wagons and wore Birkenstocks." She said many mothers and fathers of her students have highly stressful jobs and work long hours. "Families already come in crisis. Having us should be an asset," she said.

"That's what's heartbreaking," she said. "We were just at the place where we were on the right path ... (now) we are going to be leaving."

The owner of the building, Joseph Sahyoun, said he likes the school and the family, but can't afford another 10 years of renting the building so far below market

rate, especially now that he's 60 years old.

By not adjusting the rent to market rate, he said he has forfeited almost half a million dollars. He said he went to bat for the school in advocating for it to receive a permit from the city, and refused to sell when Mr. Tarlton offered to buy the building.

"Frankly, I should have told them not to go there in the first place. I would have been a half million dollars better (off) and nobody would be angry," he said.

Parents upset

"This comes as a shock," said Bilal Zuberi, parent of a 7-year-old daughter who recently graduated from the school and attends public school, and a 5-year-old son, who will graduate at the end of the year.

He said a lot of Montessori schools are at smaller facilities and don't offer children as much space. Ms. Balzaretta also said that of the private schools in Menlo Park that do offer spacious land, many are parochial and have a different educational approach.

"The rich," Mr. Zuberi said, "will find other solutions." But for the kids of parents who aren't so wealthy and possibly for teachers at the school, Casa dei Bambini may no longer be an option, he said.

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Water District	Sample Year	Lead Level (parts/billion)	Copper Level (parts/million)	# Samples Collected
Menlo Park Municipal Water District	2012	2	.08	38
Calwater - Bear Gulch District	2012	none detected	.06	30
O'Brien Tract Cooperative	2013	none detected	.27	10
Palo Alto Park Mutual Water Company	2011	7.9	.47	10

The federal standards for action are when lead is at or greater than 15 ppb and copper is at 1.3 ppm.

Lead and copper levels reported in the water supply of each of Menlo Park's water districts, according to the most recent reports. (Source: Water district annual reports.)

Lead in water scare a glitch

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Concerns that Menlo Park could have elevated levels of lead in its water were raised March 16 when Menlo Park resident Vincent Bressler sent an email to City Manager Alex McIntyre to point out a startling statistic in a USA Today article.

According to the article, Menlo Park had 76.9 parts per billion of lead in its water supply, when the federal acceptable limit is only 15 parts per billion. That figure was an error, in either the Environmental Protection Agency database or in USA Today's data collection, said assistant city

manager Chip Taylor.

The 76.9 number likely referred to the copper levels data in the city's 2015 consumer confidence report on its water supply, required by the federal government. That report showed there were 2 parts per billion of lead in the water (at 15 parts per billion, action is recommended) and 76.9 parts per billion of copper (at 1,300 parts per billion, action is recommended).

Lead contamination of the water supply is a major public health crisis in Flint, Michigan, where lead has been found in blood samples of children there. According to the Mayo Clinic, even low levels of lead exposure can cause damage over time, especially to children, because lead can impact brain development. It can also damage kidneys and the nervous system for children and adults.

Menlo Park's 2015 consumer confidence report, however, did contain a disconcerting error: two footnotes stated "38 site samples collected at consumer taps had concentrations above the action level" for both the copper and lead reports. When this was pointed out to City Manager Alex McIntyre, he said that the footnotes should say: "Zero of the 38 samples."

"We want to assure our Menlo Park Municipal Water District customers that the system meets all applicable State and Federal safe drinking water require-

ments," he said in an email.

The USA Today article claims that creating a home built before 1980 having a higher risk of having lead pipes. Menlo Park's main water pipes were installed in a period ranging from the 1950s to 2015, said Justin Murphy, the city's public works director. While none of the Menlo Park municipal water district's main lines are built with lead, Mr. Taylor said, some people may have lead pipes that link the main city pipes to their homes.

"It is possible the lead levels at your home may be higher than at others because of plumbing materials used in your property," stated the Menlo Park consumer confidence report. People who are concerned about lead in their water can have it tested by a private lab.

Go to tinyurl.com/lead342 for more information.

The report recommends minimizing the potential for lead exposure by "flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking." Rather than pouring unused water down a drain, the report encourages people to collect the water in a bucket to use to water plants and clean cars.

The next batch of water samples from 2015 has been collected for analysis. Results will be reported in the city's 2016 consumer confidence report, Mr. Murphy said. ▀

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Deputy sued over courtroom gun incident

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Former courthouse custodian Jose Verduco has sued San Mateo County and a deputy sheriff, seeking to recover damages in connection with an April 2015 incident in a courtroom in which Deputy Andy Mar, in the room as a bailiff, allegedly unholstered his loaded service pistol and pointed it at Mr. Verduco.

The lawsuit, dated March 14, alleges assault on the part of the deputy as well as false imprisonment, intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, and a civil-rights violation.

The lawsuit names San Mateo County as a co-defendant, alleging negligent hiring, training, supervision and retention.

"Without cause or provocation," Mr. Verduco says in the lawsuit, Mr. Mar pulled his loaded gun from his holster and pointed it at Mr. Verduco with his finger on the trigger and said, "You want some South Carolina justice?" A week earlier, a white police officer from North Charleston, South Carolina, had shot and killed an unarmed black man with his back to the officer and running away.

Mr. Mar has been on paid administrative leave since two days after the incident, according to the Sheriff's Office, and charged with a misdemeanor. "Rude brandishing of firearm constitutes (a) violation of (the) misdemeanor brandishing statute," District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said in a January 2016 report.

Mr. Verduco, 34 and married with two children, has since been diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder, has had expenses for drugs and medical services, and has had to move on to a new job that does not involve proximity to law enforcement officers or firearms, according to his Redwood City attorney, Todd P. Emanuel.

The Almanac was unable to reach Mr. Mar's attorney for comment.

The lawsuit names the county as co-defendant.

Gun unholstered

The lawsuit alleges that on the morning of April 13, 2015, Mr. Verduco entered courtroom 7B in Redwood City to speak with the court clerk and court reporter. Also in the room was Deputy Mar, in uniform and working as a bailiff.

Mr. Verduco says in the lawsuit that he became "alarmed and scared" after Mr. Mar drew his gun, and that he moved to avoid being within the sights of the gun. He eventually "escaped" the courtroom through a back door, the lawsuit says.

In accusing Mr. Mar of violating Mr. Verduco's civil rights, the lawsuit refers to an earlier encounter between the two in which Mr. Mar allegedly said, "They hire any Mexican here."

Mr. Verduco reported the incident and two deputies went to the courtroom to address the situa-

tion, the lawsuit says. With the two deputies in the courtroom, the lawsuit says, Mr. Mar told one of them that "he knew why they had come to see him" and that he "did it" despite a deputy "forcefully telling him to be quiet" to "protect Mr. Mar from making any incriminating statements."

A misdemeanor?

"I believe the DA's inspectors did a very comprehensive and efficient investigation of this case and I applaud them for doing so," Mr. Emanuel said. "They interviewed everyone, asked all the right questions and they really dug for the truth."

"I'm not applauding the DA for exercising his discretion to charge Deputy Mar with merely a misdemeanor when it should have been a felony," he said.

"Imagine the case in some other context," he said. "Imagine that a security guard at Facebook or Yahoo or Google points a loaded gun at a Hispanic employee of the company and utters the words, 'You want some South Carolina justice?'"

"I just don't understand why this case is charged as a misdemeanor. I really don't," he said. "I think it's troubling that the Sheriff's Office initially attempted to conduct an internal investigation instead of handing it off. (The sheriff) wanted to make sure there wasn't an arrest or prosecution."

The Almanac asked the Sheriff's Office for a comment on Mr. Emanuel's statement. In response, Chief Deputy County Counsel

David Silberman, who is supervising the county's defense, said the Sheriff's Office did conduct an internal affairs investigation and that it "fully cooperated with the District Attorney's criminal investigation from its inception. Any assertion to the contrary is offensive and false. I have seen absolutely no support for the allegation, which is just that, an allegation."

Mr. Silberman said that Mr. Verduco's claim of negligent hiring, training, supervision and reten-

tion on the part of the county is not valid. "The county cannot be liable on the legal theory that Mr. Verduco alleged," Mr. Silberman said. The plaintiff "may not understand the way that government liability works," he added.

A case management conference is scheduled for June 2. Mr. Emanuel would not discuss remedies, but described the damages in the case as substantial. "Post traumatic stress is well recognized as a very serious injury," he said. "(Mr. Verduco) worked in the courthouse for more than 10 years and intended to live out his career in that capacity." ■

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

The Best Looking Homes Sell Higher



Dear Monica: I have a home to sell that has not been updated in 30 years. Do you think it is worth it to paint, refinish floors, replace carpet, light fixtures, etc.? It seems a bit of a waste since a new buyer will probably do a major remodel. What would you advise?

—Helen C.

Dear Helen: The best investment you can make when selling your home is to refresh it doing all the things you describe. Even if you spend \$25,000+ to do this, it will be money well spent. Buyers respond well to good colors and good staging, and

even if the house needs more major remodeling, at least a buyer will see that they can live in the house for a while before undertaking further work. Buyers don't respond well to a tired décor and dated furniture. They feel like they are in a period house, and that it will take too much of their own money to freshen it.

Also I would advise that you consider taking care of any serious repairs that may show up on an inspection report. If there are serious plumbing leaks, for example, these should be fixed. You want the buyers to feel that the house has integrity even if it is older.

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Badges mark fire district's centennial

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District turns 100 this June, and to celebrate, its members will wear commemorative badges for the year.

The badge, proposed by Mike Harrington, a fire engineer, features a Maltese cross with an eagle in its design, and was approved by a majority of the firefighters. The symbol was used until 1991, when it was replaced with a different design.

The eight points of the Maltese cross are said to represent fire service values: loyalty, sympathy, observation, explicitness, perseverance, tact, dexterity and gallantry.

The badges each cost about \$90 and can be purchased by retired members and staff now and by active duty personnel when the anniversary is over.

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Courtesy, Menlo Park Fire Protection District

Commemorative badges will be worn by staff members of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District in observance of the department's 100th anniversary.

Palo Alto, Menlo Park and nearby unincorporated areas.

The fire district has a busy year ahead. In April or May, it plans to open a new fire station in East Palo Alto. On May 21, it will host a community celebration of its 100th anniversary with an old-fashioned parade down Santa Cruz Avenue with horse-drawn,

antique and new firefighting vehicles.

The fire district also has plans to rebuild its fire station at 700 Oak Grove Ave. in downtown Menlo Park beginning in May or June, said Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman, and the project is expected to last one and a half to two years. ■

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Greenheart project goes to Planning Commission

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Greenheart Land Co. went before the Menlo Park Planning Commission on March 21 for a hearing on an environmental impact review for its proposed office, apartment and retail development along El Camino Real.

The commission also conducted a study session on the project's proposed public benefits, which builders must provide to exceed a base level of development permitted in the city's downtown specific plan.

(Go to AlmanacNews.com for updates. The meeting occurred after the Almanac's press time.)

Greenheart is proposing taller buildings than would otherwise be permitted at the 6.4-acre site bounded by area along El Camino Real from Oak Grove Avenue to near Glenwood Avenue.

Using the levels allowed with the "public benefit" exemption, the developer intends to build about 190,000 square feet of office space, up to 202 residential units, and up to 29,000 square feet of retail space.

Traffic impacts

The EIR findings indicate that the project will have some traffic impacts — considered an inevitability of building anything on a mostly empty lot in downtown Menlo Park.

Got to tinyurl.com/traffic222 for more details on which intersections and roadways are expected to be impacted by the project.

Steve Pierce, principal developer of the Greenheart project, called

Station 1300, said that traffic delays are expected to be minimal.

By 2020, the report says, added traffic from Station 1300 is expected to cause delays during peak traffic hours of between 1.5 to 3.9 seconds at nearby intersections, and between a 1.6 and 7.1 percent increase in average daily traffic (the 7.1 percent increase would be on the stretch of Oak Grove Avenue between El Camino Real and Laurel Street).

The development is expected to impact the El Camino Real and Ravenswood Avenue intersection with a 1.5 second added delay. The project's impact on El Camino Real, Mr. Pierce said,

will be reduced because the development will complete the stretch of Garwood Way between the two streets,

dispersing traffic to Glenwood Avenue and Oak Grove Avenue. That stretch is now a dead-end roadway.

Mr. Pierce and Bob Burke, also a principal developer at Greenheart, say the impact report presents a worst-case scenario that maintains some assumptions that may not be the case.

For instance, they said, the report assumed that only 5 percent of the office workers at Station 1300 would use Caltrain, even though it will be within short walking distance of the station.

Transportation demand management (the buzzword used to describe incentives such as bike sharing, Caltrain Go Passes and Zipcar programs to reduce single-passenger-vehicle commuting) could reduce traffic impacts.

One argument the developers present is that the expected

Developers propose \$2.1 million cash contribution as public benefit.

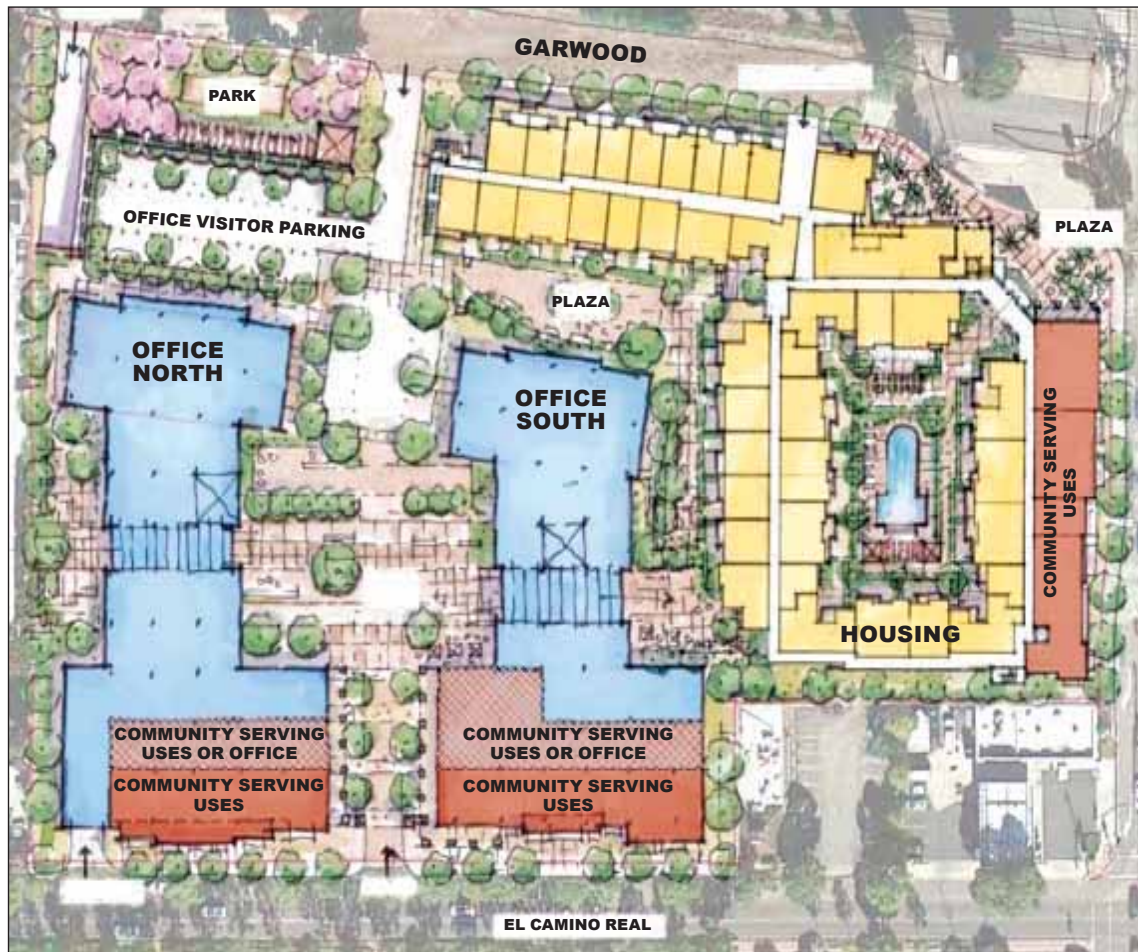


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This map shows intended layout of Station 1300, the name Greenheart Land Co. has given its proposed development on El Camino Real at Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park.

traffic impact is less than what was planned for two previous proposed developments at the site. When the city of Menlo Park adopted its downtown specific plan, it chose to include two developments proposed at the time that ultimately were not built, due to the economic downturn.

Those projects were expected to add 6,450 daily trips, so Greenheart's predicted 3,740 trips per day represents a hypothetical reduction of about 42 percent compared with what could be there, and what the city has already prepared for in earlier environmental impact research.

Finally, the developers say, Menlo Park cannot add retail and restaurants without increasing

traffic. Retail and dining space — which the city, in its downtown specific plan, says it wants — is a big traffic generator, said Mr. Pierce. Greenheart estimates that 45 percent of the development's daily trips will come from its retail and dining space.

Public benefits

Greenheart's initial proposal for public benefits was a cash contribution of \$2.1 million to the city's "Downtown Amenity Fund." That sum was calculated to be one-third of the total value that Greenheart will derive from the public benefit bonus.

The public benefits proposal presents the argument that building the project at the public ben-

efit level will allow Greenheart to provide more "intrinsic" public benefits within the project.

Those include a park and a plaza valued at \$3.38 million, which are possible because Greenheart plans to incur the added cost of building underground parking, estimated to cost \$26 million.

Greenheart says that extending Garwood Drive for cars, bikes, and pedestrians will cost \$2.3 million. By building at the public benefit level, they will also pay an additional \$1.7 in impact fees and \$425,000 for schools each year. Those community perks, they argue, would not be possible without the added allowances that building at the public benefit level create. ▣

Fire chief signs on for another two years

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Harold Schapelhouman, fire chief of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District since January 2007, has a new contract with the district to continue in his current position until June 2018.

The five-member governing board, on a vote of 3-1 on March 15 with member Peter Carpenter absent, approved a contract that raises Chief Schapelhouman's annual salary by 11.5 percent, to \$242,848 from \$217,680. It's his first salary increase since 2012, he said in an interview.

Mr. Bernstein, a reliable critic of district spending priorities, was the dissenting vote. "He's a very consistent conservative guy" who went out of his way to make assurances that his dissent was nothing personal, Chief Schapelhouman said.

The pay increase includes a \$2,000 monthly housing stipend if the chief lives in the district, which Chief Schapelhouman said he doesn't plan to do.

Chief Schapelhouman, 55, lives with his wife and daughter about 21 miles from district headquarters, in the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose. "I built my house and I'm very happy with all my neighbors

Chief will get 11.5% pay boost.

and friends," he said. "We like where we live."

Mr. Bernstein had predicted an increase in district's officer pay in concert with the new contract with firefighters, approved by the board in August 2015, that is raising their pay 18 percent over four years.

"It's important to take care of everyone else first," the chief said. "You don't want to be seen as the greedy leader." He was also earning less than his deputy, a disparity the board

wanted to rectify, he said.

Chief Schapelhouman has been in a wheelchair, unable to walk and with limited use of one hand, since a catastrophic accident in 2013 when he fell off a ladder. His contract is for just two years. "Let's be honest," he said. "I don't look the part anymore. ... There's a perception of what I should be able to do as a fire chief."

A two-year contract leaves the door open to change, he said. "I don't want (my injury) to be a reason or an excuse. That really should not be the test. ... We're doing really, really well on a lot of different fronts. I can't take all the credit. I try to surround myself with really great people who do great things." ▣



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Chief Harold Schapelhouman

Marsh Road may be closed for 12 weeks, not just eight

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton's City Council at its March 16 meeting supported closing Marsh Road for 12 weeks this summer so work on repairing the Atherton Channel culvert can be done quickly.

Atherton Public Works Director Michael Kashiwagi had recommended the town completely close Marsh Road within its

boundaries for eight weeks this summer, with one lane closed for 42 more days, to make major repairs on the Atherton Channel drainage culvert as quickly as possible. At the meeting, however, Mr. Kashiwagi said the consultant had miscalculated and the full closure will actually last 12 weeks.

With other alternatives that would leave the road at least partially open for more of the summer, the project might not

Atherton plans major repairs on drainage culvert.

be completed before rainy season starts, he said.

Some council members suggested modifying the suggested work schedule of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday to include an earlier stop to

construction on Saturdays, and a start as early as 7 a.m. The town's rules limit construction to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

"We're going to break our rules," said Mayor Elizabeth Lewis. "These are exceptions. It's got to be. The alternative is the road's going to collapse under somebody driving by and it's going to be a tragedy. We don't want that."

Mr. Kashiwagi said the town has met with staff from the

Menlo Park Fire Protection District, the city Menlo Park and San Mateo County, as well as the Atherton Police Department, about the detour plans. Atherton staff will follow up once the plans are complete and will meet with the California Highway Patrol and the fire district about emergency access. He said there will be continuous access for Marsh Road residents and emergency vehicles. ■

Spraying was mistake, Caltrans officials say

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Caltrans spokesman Bob Haus on March 18 said that a worker recently mistakenly broadcast-sprayed herbicides in the area off Highway 84 near La Honda soon after the agency had promised to do only spot spraying there this year.

"One of our staffers misunderstood the directives," Mr. Haus said. "That was a mistake on our part. That won't happen again." Residents who live close to and use Highway 84 in rural San Mateo County said they saw Caltrans on March 2 applying herbicides in violation of the label instructions that say only workers in protective gear should be in the area when the chemicals are applied.

Residents were also upset that chemicals had been sprayed near ditches and

drains when rain was forecast.

After years of pressure from residents, road users, environmental groups and ranchers and farmers to stop broadcast spraying, Caltrans said on Feb. 10 that it would try another way to remove roadside weeds along Highways 84 and 35 in rural San Mateo County — manual removal of vegetation, plus some spot spraying.

Caltrans is working with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) and the California Conservation Corps to cut and remove low-lying tree branches, weeds and undergrowth to reduce the potential for fires, Caltrans spokeswoman Gidget Navarro said when the announcement was made.

Mr. Haus said the gear employees were seen wearing — white protective overalls and hoods — is not required to spray herbicides. "It's because

of the danger of poison oak," he said. Only long sleeves, long pants and footwear are required for protection, along with rubber gloves, according to the labels of the herbicides Caltrans had said it was applying — Accord and Capstone.

Mr. Haus said the general rule followed by Caltrans about spraying herbicides when rain is forecast is: "If we are 24 hours in advance of anticipated rainfall of a half-inch or more, we don't spray."

There was rainfall that week, but it's unclear whether Caltrans' general rule was followed; 0.6 inches of rain was reported in the area by the end of the day on March 4. ■

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Attempted kidnapping reported

A 24-year-old woman told Atherton police her screams drove off a man who was attempting to kidnap her at about 2 a.m. Saturday, March 19, on Middlefield Road near Oak Grove Avenue.

She told police she was waiting for a bus when a man driving a lowered four-door sedan drove by several times, and solicited her

for sex. He got out of his car and chased and grabbed her while she was on her cellphone reporting the incident, police said.

Menlo Park and Atherton police responded but could not find the man. Atherton police are investigating the incident and ask that anyone with information, including video, call the department at (650) 688-6500.

PRESCHOOL

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Mukti Naik, a Menlo Park mother of two children, 4-year-old Amey, who has attended Casa dei Bambini for three years, and 1-year-old Anay, who would be starting the school next year, says she was shocked, too.

"I would want the city to get involved to try to work with the school to... look for another option around here somewhere," she said.

Parent Carissa Carter, whose

3-year-old son attends the school, says the news is devastating.

"A little preschool can't compete with tech companies and rising values," she said. "Who is advocating for a healthy ecosystem in our city?"

She says she's planning an optional meeting at the end of the month to rally parents to come up with ideas to help. "Mostly I feel like I cannot stand by and watch this school get mowed over," she said. ■



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La Honda shootings: Man could spend life in prison

By Keith Burbank
Bay City News Service

A North Carolina man could spend life in prison for the shooting of two La Honda men outside their home on March 12, San Mateo County Deputy District attorney Karen Guidotti said after the man was arraigned March 17 on charges of attempted murder.

Bernard James Hafler, 36, of Grandy, North Carolina, was arraigned in a Redwood City

courtroom before Judge Jeffrey Finigan and told of the charges against him, which include attempted murder, residential burglary and auto theft. A private defender was appointed to represent him.

Ms. Guidotti said prosecutors will file an amended complaint that adds charges related to Mr. Hafler allegedly shooting at a Pacifica police officer as the two struggled on a highway embankment March 16 near Highway 1 south of Manor

Drive. The bullet missed and the officer was able to disarm Mr. Hafler and take him into custody. Both were treated at a hospital for minor injuries, sheriff's officials said.

La Honda shootings

Mr. Hafler allegedly shot two La Honda residents at about 7 a.m. Saturday, March 12, in the area of Mindego Hill and Alpine roads, for what appears to be no reason at all, prosecutors said.

Mr. Hafler emerged from a

75-year-old man's home while the man was sitting on his deck, pulled out a semi-automatic handgun and without saying anything shot the victim in the face. When the victim fell to the ground, Mr. Hafler shot the man in the head, according to prosecutors.

Mr. Hafler then walked to a cottage behind the first victim's home and fired several shots, one of which hit a 53-year-old man in the face.

Mr. Hafler then allegedly stole

the first victim's car, a 2006 Jaguar station wagon, and drove away, prosecutors said. The car was found abandoned on March 14 at the Daly City BART station, according to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

Both victims have so far survived their life-threatening injuries.

Mr. Hafler is in custody in the county jail without bail, Ms. Guidotti said. Prosecutors said they believe Mr. Hafler may have mental health issues. ■

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'Reinventing Batteries' topic of SLAC talk

Battery technology is evolving, and the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park is hosting a talk on where the technology is headed.

Yi Cui, an associate professor at Stanford University's Department of Material Science and Engineering, will speak on "Reinventing Batteries" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at Panofsky Auditorium (in Building 53) at 2575 Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park. The talk is free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served.

Professor Cui, who is also an associate editor of Nano Letters

and a co-director of the Bay Area Photovoltaic Consortium, will discuss developments in battery chemistry and materials, engineering on a nanometer scale, and the use of the X-ray beams available at SLAC to observe battery operation on atomic and molecular levels, according to a SLAC statement.

"These new approaches put us on a path to storing much more energy in a given volume of battery material, thus making batteries smaller, lighter and cheaper, while also increasing their safety and lifespan," the statement says.

Atherton residents report threats to drain pools for water wasting

A man who has been calling Atherton residents and threatening to drain their swimming pools if they don't stop wasting water is not from the California Water Service (CalWater) company, the Atherton Police Department said March 18.

Police said many residents, mostly from the Lindenwood neighborhood, but some on the west side of Atherton, reported getting the calls from a man

claiming to work for CalWater. The man said Atherton police officers would escort him onto their properties.

"Please be aware that the caller has no association with CalWater," police said in an advisory.

Police ask that anyone receiving a similar call, with the caller ID showing a phone number, to give that number to the Police Department by calling (650) 688-6500.

Story time programs in Belle Haven

The Belle Haven Community Library has launched two weekly story time programs, targeted to different age groups.

Each session runs 30 to 40 minutes and covers a range of age-appropriate books, said library assistant Blanca Madriz.

Baby and toddler storytime, for infants and children ages 6 months through 3 years, takes place Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

Family storytime, for children from about age 5 through 8, is on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., and pajamas are welcome.

The Belle Haven Community Library, located at 413 Ivy Drive in Menlo Park, will also host monthly family game nights,

scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Children 10 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

All events are free and no registration is necessary.

Go to tinyurl.com/j5t27up or call (650) 330-2540 for more information.

— Kate Bradshaw

Correction

In the March 16 issue of the Almanac, the cover story on a new housing complex for veterans in Menlo Park had an incorrect first name for the director of Palo Alto VA Healthcare Services. Her name is Lisa (not Linda) Freeman.

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Woodside School may put parcel tax on ballot

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

After putting it on the back burner for three months, the Woodside Elementary School District's governing board is again contemplating putting a parcel tax measure on the November ballot.

The board has until June to decide the amount and term of any tax and whether to put a measure on the ballot. The district's current parcel tax of \$281.52 a year expires in mid-2017.

Until the board votes to put a measure on the ballot, district money can be spent on things such as political consultants, pollsters and mailings. Once a measure has been approved by the board, no more district money can go to a campaign.

A timeline given to the board shows district-paid polling and mailers prior to any June action by the board. A consultant recommends a mailer updating the community on the school's

recent building program, and an invitation to the new Sellman Pavilion auditorium's opening, scheduled for April 20, Superintendent Beth Polito said.

The superintendent said she has at least four volunteers to lead a campaign.

School plans to spend \$1.2 million on improvements this summer.

At a March 14 meeting, board members expressed uncertainty, as they had in December when they last discussed the issue, about hiring a pollster.

"I'm not sure if we need it," said board member Kevin Johnson. "How is this really going to inform the process?"

Board member Marc Tarpensing said polling could determine the level of parcel tax support, and "how hard do we have to push." He said polling could also tell what, if any, issues taxpayers have with the district.

The superintendent said she would ask Godbe Research for a slimmed down email-only poll at \$15,000 or less. Godbe had proposed a hybrid phone/

Internet poll for \$20,000.

Summer construction

As the district's current construction project — which included deferred maintenance such as roofs and drainage, plus a new preschool, design lab and auditorium — comes to an end, the board heard a report at the March 14 meeting about \$1.26 million in projects planned for the summer of 2016.

The projects include:

- \$542,000 to replace and improve the school's artificial turf field (which was installed in 2007).

- \$142,000 to resurface the school's hardcourt playing areas.

- \$130,000 for "Safe Routes to School" on campus.

- \$86,000 for security gates and fencing, and \$82,000 for security lighting on campus.

- \$66,000 for traffic bollards.
- \$26,000 for lighting upgrades in existing buildings.

The board agreed to put off a project to spend \$189,000 to replace the school's natural turf field with new grass, so another year could be spent trying to rehabilitate the existing field.

Funding for the summer construction will come from the money remaining from the \$13.5 million bond measure approved by the voters in June, 2013. ■

Stanford complex to get 'streamlined' review

■ BRIEFS

The consulting firm ICF International will conduct a streamlined environmental impact review of Stanford's proposed 8.4-acre mixed-use development to be built along the southeast side of El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

The review, authorized by the Menlo Park City Council on a 5-0 vote March 15, is expected to take 13 months and cost \$225,660, to be paid by Stanford.

ICF International, which has offices in San Francisco and San Jose, will analyze whether the office, housing and retail project will have significant effects on transportation, traffic and traffic noise, and on air quality during construction.

Because the proposed project would comply with the city's El Camino Real/downtown specific plan, a streamlined review is permitted, city staff said.

requirements. Priority locations are expected to be identified in the next few weeks, said Nikki Nagaya, Menlo Park transportation manager.

Cheeky Monkey

Cheeky Monkey Toys in Menlo Park has been named "Retailer of the Year 2016" by the Western Toy & Hobby Representatives Association.

The store, located at 640 Santa Cruz Ave. and owned by husband and wife team Dexter and Anna Chow, was selected as the top specialty retailer from among candidates in 13 states in the western U.S.

Located at 640 Santa Cruz Avenue, the store sells toys, books, crafts, games and science products.

Bus shelters

Efforts to build bus shelters in Belle Haven are underway, according to city staff.

The city is working with SamTrans to find locations in Belle Haven that meet SamTrans

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Woodside church ushers in 'Village Hub'

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Pastries from the Woodside Bakery & Cafe are gone. A farewell party on March 15 observed the closing of the business with a buffet dinner for the public. But it's looking like the same pastries may be available in Woodside after the bakery restarts, as a wholesale business, at its new location at 104 Constitution Drive in Menlo Park.

A tentative plan, by Pastor Ama Zenya of the Woodside Village Church, would offer Woodside bakery muffins and croissants, along with gourmet coffee and snacks, at neighborly get-togethers on weekday and Saturday mornings in a corner of the church's courtyard to be known as The Village Hub.

"The closing of the bakery, that's what sparked it," Ms. Zenya said in an interview when asked about the genesis of the idea. That and talking with bakery co-owners Mark and Jan Sweyer about their plans to reopen in Menlo Park, she said.

That the church would host a community event like this is not new, she said. Children from the elementary school across the street have, in the past, come to the church for lunch on "hot dog" and "taco" days, she said.

The plan, which is still being worked out, would start a "coffee-house ministry," something not uncommon among churches, Ms. Zenya said. The get-togethers would be open to everyone and structured only

to the extent of abiding by the church's core values of love, respect, community and caring, she said.

"We're not going to host anything that would violate those values," she said. "It's about extending the church's mission of building community. We want to be a community building force in the town. ... The best way for any organization to build itself is to live its values, and that's what we're seeking to do."

The community response has been overwhelmingly positive, she said, adding that she's also gotten positive feedback from members of the Town Council, board members of the elementary school district, and business owners.

Church plans to create gathering place for conversation, coffee and baked goods.

Becoming a barrista

Ms. Zenya appears to be very serious about the quality of the coffee. "The espresso machine is top of the line and it's going to be exquisite coffee," she said.

The machine will be donated, as will barista training, she said. Volunteers are already asking about learning how to make a latte, she said.

If these community conversations last the entire morning, as anticipated, the volunteers would work in shifts, she said.

To keep the books balanced, donations will be expected, she said. Someone requesting a latte, for example, would be expected to contribute \$4, she said.

For more information, call Ms. Zenya at 650-851-1587 or write to her at pastor@wvchurch.org. ▣

Thai cooking demonstration

The Menlo Park Library will host a free Thai cooking demonstration at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at the main library, 800 Alma St. in the Menlo Park Civic Center.

Professional cook Natty Netsuwan will prepare Massaman curry paste and Massaman curry, jasmine rice and tapioca pudding.

Born in Thailand, Ms. Netsuwan is a Menlo Park resident. She and Peter Kuykendall started the website, ThaiTable.com, in 1999.

The free program is for adults only. No advance registration is necessary, but space is limited.

■ BRIEFS

New associate

Mike Whelan has joined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage as a sales associate in the Portola Valley office. He will specialize in residential sales in Portola Valley and nearby communities.



Mike Whelan

Holding a degree in economics from UC Berkeley, Mr. Whelan previously was a broker owner at Portola Realtors. The Coldwell Banker office is at 116 Portola Road in Portola Valley.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Woodside Bakery & Cafe co-owner Mark Sweyer chats with longtime customers on closing night.

Fans say goodbye to Woodside Bakery

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

About 220 people gathered for a buffet dinner at the Woodside Bakery & Cafe on March 15 to say goodbye and thanks as the restaurant closed its doors that night for the last time in Woodside.

The chefs, who know a thing or two about cooking for a crowd, seemed busier than usual behind the counter. They refilled trays of ravioli, calamari, crab cakes, skewered shrimp, Penne Sylvia and more. Co-owners (and siblings) Mark and Jan Sweyer walked and talked through the restaurant and patio as they said goodbye.

The bakery display cases were open for anyone who had room inside for dessert after choosing from among the appetizers. The chilled drinks case was also open; pick out whatever you want. "Everything must go!" said the waiter serving wine and beer on the patio when asked if it was an "Everything must go" type of event.

"I think it's a big loss, a major loss for the community, a friendly place for the community to gather," said Woodside resident Jack Ritter sitting at a table inside.

"A way to get together every morning and laugh about yourself and others and not talk politics. ... I think it'll take away from the flavor of the community."

'I'm so glad we chose to end the Woodside Bakery's long love affair with the town on such a high note.'

CO-OWNER JAN SWEYER

The property at 3052 Woodside Road is owned by the Roberts family, which owns the surrounding complex of shops and restaurants, including Bucks of Woodside, as well as the Roberts Market grocery stores in Woodside and Portola Valley. The Roberts family initially set a vacate deadline for Woodside Bakery of Jan. 15, according to the Sweyers, but later allowed a two-month extension.

"It was a place to feel away from civilization, but still have enough civilization to feel comfortable," said Chris Dahlstrom, who came to the closing event. He said he would stop in at the Woodside Bakery on his way to and from nearby Huddart Park, where he worked at

an outdoor survival school. "This is kind of bittersweet," said Ken Woodrow of Woodside. "It's a loss to the community, a place where people felt good getting together and eating."

Co-owner Jan Sweyer mingled with well-wishers in the familiar semi-darkness at the corner of the counter. "It's good to go out with happiness," she said.

"You gave us so much," said Nancy Sammann of Portola Valley as she gave Ms. Sweyer a hug. The cafe and bakery was "the heartbeat of Woodside," Ms. Sammann added in an aside to the Almanac.

The Sweyers have said that they will be opening a wholesale bakery in Menlo Park sometime in April, and Pastor Ama Zenya of the Woodside Village Church said she has plans to serve Woodside Bakery pastries, along with gourmet coffee, at morning community get-togethers, perhaps Monday through Saturday, in the church courtyard a few hundred yards to the west at 3154 Woodside Road.

"It was such a perfect evening," Ms. Sweyer said, "and I'm so glad we chose to end the Woodside Bakery's long love affair with the town on such a high note. A real 'love-in,' wasn't it?" ▣

■ CALENDAR

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Classes/Workshops

Paper Gem Circuits workshop Community members ages 8 and older create light-up paper gems by combining paper crafting with some circuitry. All materials provided. Space limited. March 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

Clubs/Meetings

Rotary Club of Menlo Park hosts Rotary Means Business, a program featuring two speakers: Lana Khavinson, marketing leader at LinkedIn, and Donna Novitsky, CEO of Yiftee. Local business community invited to connect with other professionals. March 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$20 before March 22. Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, Oak Room, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park. www.menloparkrotary.org

Lifetree Cafe Menlo Park Hourlong conversations explore commonly reported cover-ups, schemes and secrets. March 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; March 24, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-854-5897. facebook.com/LTCMenloPark

Community Events

Egg Hunt City of Menlo Park, Menlo Park Firefighter's Association and Menlo Park Fire Protection District team up for annual Egg Hunt event. In addition to egg hunt starting at 10:20 a.m., there will be bounce houses, crafts and a jelly bean guess. March 26, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Burgess Park, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2220. www.menlo-park.org/events

Concerts

Guitarist and vocalist Freddy Clarke Woodside Arts & Culture Committee hosts Freddy Clarke, who will perform classical, flamenco, rock and jazz music. He will be joined by his mother, Pearl Clarke, a vocalist specializing in Mexican folk songs. April 1, 7 p.m. Free. Woodside Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside

Road, Woodside. woodsidesidetown.org/artsand-culture/arts-culture-committee-events

St. Lawrence String Quartet performs Joseph Haydn's "Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross." March 25, 5-7 p.m. Free. Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-1762. events.stanford.edu/events/528/52833/

Choir of St. John's College, Cambridge performs. March 29, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-1762. events.stanford.edu/events/529/52933/

Dance

Gospel Praise Dance Terry Reed and Bryanna Holmes, teens and community activists from East Palo Alto, celebrate the word of the Gospel through dance. Sponsored in part by Redwood City Civic Cultural Commission. March 28, 7:30 p.m. Pay what you will (cash). Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-493-2006 ext. 2. www.dragonproductions.net

Menlo-Atherton Dance Team Show and Fundraiser Junior varsity and varsity teams perform dance styles including hip hop, jazz, lyrical, tumbling, ballet and more. Tickets available on website. March 26, 6 p.m. \$15 adult; \$8 student, youth. Menlo-Atherton High School, Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. madtshowandfundraiser.brownpapertickets.com

Exhibits

'Who We Be' Cantor Arts Center exhibit examines visual culture since 1965 — focusing on images, works and ideas from contemporary art, justice movements and popular culture that reflect on demographic and cultural change in North America. Wednesday-Monday, March 30-Aug. 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday till 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Family & Kids

Author Brandon Mull, offers glimpse into "Death Weavers," fourth book of his adventure fantasy series "Five Kingdoms." March 23, 7

p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/youth-brandon-mull

Family Fun Night Bowling Portola Valley Library will be transformed into bowling alley. There will be lanes, pins and balls; attendees will also be able to play Wii bowling. Popcorn provided. March 25, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

Music Monday Infants up to 18 months old participate in singing and dancing activities. Age-appropriate toys available after session. Older children are welcome, too. March 28, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

On Stage

'Too Much, Too Much, Too Many' Dragon Productions presents a bittersweet, poignant and funny drama about the walls people build to protect their hearts and when it's time to break them down. March 24 performance is pay-what-you-will preview. March 24-April 10, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$30 adult; \$25 senior, student. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-493-2006 ext. 2. www.dragonproductions.net

Religion/Spirituality

Valparaiso Singers choir performs two concerts of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem and Easter hymns. Guest soloists: Erin McOmer (soprano) and Gregory Fair (baritone). March 20, 7:30 p.m. (Los Altos); March 25, 7:30 p.m. (Menlo Park). Free. LDS Grant Road Chapel, 1300 Grant Road, Los Altos, and LDS Valparaiso Chapel, 1105 Valparaiso Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-823-3008.

Talks & Authors

Author Helen Simonson discusses her second novel, "The Summer Before the War," a story centering on a small English town while the shadow of World War I looms. March 29, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2475619



'A Walk on the Wild Side'

"Salmon Tartare," a photograph printed on aluminum, is one of the featured artworks in Larry Calof's March exhibit, "A Walk on the Wild Side" at the Portola Art Gallery at Allied Arts Guild. The exhibit includes wildlife and landscape images by Larry Calof of Atherton. Images are printed on aluminum, as well as traditional paper. The gallery is located at Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park.

Author Karan Mahajan discusses his latest novel, "The Association of Small Bombs," which captures the effects of terrorism on both victims and perpetrators. March 25, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2467232

Authors Katherine Ellison and Stephen P. Hinshaw discuss their book "ADHD: What Everyone Needs to Know," a resource for information about the disorder. March 31, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2466510

USGS Lecture Research Hydrologist Marjorie Schulz gives presentation called "Marine Terraces of California: Landscapes from the Waves." March 24, 7-8:15 p.m. Free. U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-329-4390. online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/

Volunteers

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Mark Goodman-Morris preaches at the Valley Presbyterian Church in Portola Valley, where he and his wife, Cheryl, have been pastors for nearly 29 years. On Easter Sunday they will lead their final services at the church.

Easter Sunday, March 27, will be a day of mixed emotions at the Valley Presbyterian Church in Portola Valley as the congregation both celebrates the resurrection of Jesus and says goodbye to its pastors of nearly 29 years, Mark and Cheryl Goodman-Morris.

The Portola Valley Theatre Conservatory, which has operated out of the church since 1993, will also be losing its founder and artistic and executive director, Ms. Goodman-Morris.

Their daughter, Noelle Goodman-Morris Gibbs, will become director of the theater program she grew up as part of.

The Goodman-Morris are moving to Ashland, Oregon, home of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. The move is not an abrupt one, but a carefully planned transition the couple announced to their congregation four years ago.

Mr. Goodman-Morris says that although the two are nearing an age at which many people retire — he will be 65 in April and she is 66 — the church has no set retirement age. “Nobody was pushing us to leave,” he says.

Starting a new life

Pastors Mark and Cheryl Goodman-Morris
leave Valley Presbyterian Church

By Barbara Wood

“We wanted to leave when things were really good. Things are very good.”

“We love being pastors,” he says. But he’s ready to move on. “I want to go live like an artist for awhile.”

The two chose Ashland, they say, for reasons including a vibrant theater community and Southern Oregon State College, which has free classes for older residents.

They won’t be complete strangers, having owned a home in Ashland for 15 years, and visited there annually for even longer.

The house is rented, but they have a studio apartment on the property they’ll stay in until the end of the year, when their tenants will vacate the main house.

To make the transition less abrupt, the couple will hike the Camino de Santiago, from the Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, for a month this summer. Ten others will join them on the nearly 500-mile historic pilgrimage route for varying lengths of time.

“Rather than move to Ashland and immediately just jump in ... we decided it would be good

to have a break, Ms. Goodman-Morris says. “We decided to do something that would be intentionally spiritual,” she says. “When we go to Ashland, we’ll be in a different mind frame.”

Mr. Goodman-Morris was born in Pennsylvania but moved to Orange County in Southern California at 11. He was an only child, but, he says, “the church was my extended family.”

“I had a very good church experience and was very active in the youth group,” he says. “I never had any regrets about being an only child.”

He decided he wanted to be a pastor, and started at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo.

After his first year, he was invited to run the program for college students at a large Presbyterian Church in Houston. Early on he was asked to phone a new church member who had said she’d like to do volunteer work with youth and drama programs.

The next part of the story depends on which Goodman-Morris tells it. Mr. Goodman-Morris says he was so smitten, even over the phone, that he asked Cheryl out to lunch before hanging up. Later, he says, he went to look at the photos of the new members that had been posted “to see who I had asked out on a date.”

“The actual, real story is,” Ms. Goodman-Morris says, that during that phone conversation, he asked her how old she was and then “he put me on hold and he went and looked at those pictures” and only then asked her out.

Both, however, agree on what happened next. “We fell in love immediately,” Ms. Goodman-



Photo by David Allen

Cheryl Goodman-Morris is shown here as Titania with Mark Bowles as Oberon in the Portola Valley Theater Conservancy's 2015 production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." She is retiring as the artistic and executive director of the Portola Valley Theatre Conservancy, as well as a pastor of Valley Presbyterian Church.

Morris says. There were "sparks," he says. They were engaged six weeks later, and married six months after that, Mr. Goodman-Morris says. That was 41 years ago.

Ms. Goodman-Morris, who had grown up in Houston and attended the Methodist Church, had decided after graduating from the University of Texas with a degree in English and speech, that she, too, wanted to go to a seminary. The problem, she says, was that women just didn't do that. "They didn't really know what to do with me," she says. One pastor she asked for advice suggested she might go to a seminary to meet a man and marry him and then "vicariously you could share his church," Ms. Goodman-Morris remembers.

Instead, she and her new husband went together to the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Ms. Goodman-Morris was one of only seven women there, and couples who both planned to be pastors were even rarer.

It was in the seminary that the two first combined worship and the arts. They had a preaching assignment from a favorite professor, who encouraged students to tell the gospel "any way that you can," Ms. Goodman-Morris says.

Their Bible passage was about Jesus healing a man who can't hear or speak. "We started playing with the whole idea of what would we do if we had to do a sermon without speaking," she says. They mimed their sermon, included a bit about the campus' adjustable pulpit, which inevitably collapsed on speakers, and ended with "Send in the Clowns."

"It wasn't making fun of God," Ms. Goodman-Morris says. But it was different. "A couple of people walked out on us," she says.

They invited the remaining congregants, many of them in tears, out onto the chancel steps, and passed around wine and a sandwich. "The professor came up and said, 'If I eat this and I drink this, will I become you?'" Ms. Goodman-Morris remembers.

Now, Mr. Goodman-Morris says, "we do this type of stuff a lot."

"Most people in our congregation say you never know what's going to happen on a Sunday morning," he says.

Recently, the subject of the sermon was Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from his tomb three days after death. As Mr. Goodman-Morris preached, Ms. Goodman-Morris wrapped a young man, who had been on tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq, in a shroud and built a death mask out of quick-drying plaster on his face. The former soldier's mother assisted.

They brought him out as Mr. Goodman-Morris finished his sermon. "I looked at the congregation and said ... you unbind him," as Jesus said to onlookers after he raised Lazarus, he says. After some hesitation, some congregants stood up and did just that. It was "very powerful," Mr. Goodman-Morris says.

That story of life, death, and resurrection is one Mr. Goodman says also applies to their leaving Valley Presbyterian and starting a new life.

"We're going to miss the community and the friendships. I'm

not going to miss running an institution," he says. They've baptized church members, married them and helped them bury family members. That sense of community "we will miss," he says.

"We're not going to be giving up friendships, we're giving up being their pastor," he says. "Something new will come out of it."

Ms. Goodman-Morris says that when they came to the church nearly 29 years ago, "we were so overwhelmed by the sheer beauty of the place."

"Now it's just like part of who we are," she says. "The community has become the beauty — I think the heart and the spirit that this community has, it's just a sweet one."

What will come next? They're counting on God to lead them to their resurrection. They say they see the move as a one- or two-year sabbatical, during which they will probably get involved with some of Ashland's small local theaters, and perhaps volunteer for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Some of the local churches have a story-telling movement, which they say interests them.

But mostly, Mr. Goodman-Morris says, they'll "figure out what God's calling us to play with next." ■

On the cover: Mark and Cheryl Goodman-Morris take part in the Valley Presbyterian Church service on March 13, a few weeks before they retire and move to Ashland, Oregon. (Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac.)

What church members say about departing pastors

Rita Williams, who started going to the church with her husband soon after moving to Portola Valley in 1989: "We were attracted to the church because of co-equal husband and wife pastors raising a daughter just a few years older than our then 3-year-old son. Their life struggles and joys seemed to coincide many times with ours. They are real people guided by a spiritual direction that is open and honest."

Brett Battles, who with his wife Kelly came to the church in 2000 when he was 38 and she was 33: "My life has changed since knowing Mark and Cheryl, and the broader church community. They have made me a different/better person through the way they live their lives as well as their friendship. They have served as amazing role models for our two children who are now 14 and 10. They've taken me from 'passive observer' to 'active participant' in helping to make our community and the world around us a better place."

Becky Preimesberger, who was on the committee that chose the couple as new pastors 29 years

ago: "It is ... rare for a congregation to get a couple who are both ordained ministers. They brought lots of energy and compassion for their congregation and their community. (She praised their "creative touches for the Sunday worship services" including dance and mime and their "sense of welcome for all who came." Nearly 300 people came to the Goodman-Morris recent farewell party, including a few from their previous church in Santa Ana, she says.)

Mary Jo Alderson, one of a team of three leading the planning of the church's future: "I think that they are first and foremost artists. They express their love of God through their creativity in worship and in the theater program. Cheryl brought dance to the worship experience and now it is woven into the fabric of who we are. Mark and Cheryl are a wonderful match artistically with her actress/director/pastor persona and his natural charm and playfulness. Combine all that with their wonderful hearts; our gratitude to them for all that they given will live in our hearts forever."

What's next for Valley Presbyterian Church?

By **Barbara Wood**
Almanac Staff Writer

When Mark and Cheryl Goodman-Morris announced their retirement plans four years ago, they also put into place a plan to assure the Valley Presbyterian Church would go on smoothly without them.

They began with a capital campaign to pay for church improvements and repairs. The funds also allowed the church to purchase the Goodman-Morris' share of the residence they co-owned with the church.

In January, a transition team of Mary Jo Alderson, Carla Christensen and Bruce Reyes-Chow took over, running the church while the Goodman-Morris continued to preach. In April, the next phase will begin as the church hosts a year-long series of what they are calling "catalyst speakers" who they hope will help the congregation plan its future. The speakers will live in the Goodman-Morris' former home, across the street from the church, for two-week to month-long stints.

Ms. Alderson said the

church is following the lead of Mr. Goodman-Morris to take a "spirit-led journey." "He trusts that there is something more waiting for us," she said. "We as the church congregation have learned to trust that, too."

The April speaker will be the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow. An author and webcast host, he founded Mission Bay Community Church in San Francisco, and in 2008 was the youngest person ever elected moderator of the Presbyterian church's general assembly, the highest elected office of the denomination.

Diana Butler Bass, who has written extensively on the "emerging church" will be the resident guest speaker in October.

In January 2017, John Philip Newell will come to the church. The Church of Scotland minister is considered an expert on Celtic spirituality. He served as the church warden on the Scottish island of Iona, where many visit each year to learn about the Protestant roots of Christianity.

Tinyurl.com/VPC-2016 has more information about the church's transition process and speakers. ■

POLICE CALLS

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

PORTOLA VALLEY

Auto burglary: A thief smashed three windows of a locked vehicle parked in the 500 block of Portola Road and stole camera equipment on a seat and covered with a blanket. Estimated loss: \$5,800. March 8.

Forgery: A resident of Zapata Way learned that eight \$100 checks had been cashed in her name, none of which was signed by anyone in her family. When she logged into her bank account, she discovered 15 more such checks. March 12.

Traffic accidents:

■ A bicyclist's front wheel hit a three-foot-wide trench in the 800 block of Portola Road and the cyclist was thrown from the bike. Medics took the cyclist to Stanford Hospital. Feb. 4.

■ A driver crossed over the fog line on Highway 84 near the intersection with Portola Road and hit a dirt embankment that caused the vehicle to roll over on to its roof. Deputies issued a speeding citation. There were no injuries. Feb. 6.

WEST MENLO PARK

Traffic accident: A deputy investigating a report of a hit-and-run incident in the 3300 block of Alameda de las Pulgas determined that a driver lost control of his vehicle, struck a tree, and then ran home. The driver, who told deputies that he had panicked, was cited on charges related to resisting arrest and obstructing an officer in the performance of duties. Feb. 27.

Soliciting without a license: A resident of Cloud Avenue told deputies that a man had been pounding on his door. Deputies encountered the man and learned he

was soliciting magazine subscriptions, but without a permit. The man was cited and released. March 3.

ATHERTON

Grand theft: Someone stole a tower fan and a Bose music system from a dorm room at Menlo College on El Camino Real. Estimated loss: \$740. March 13.

Residential burglary: A thief entered an unlocked garage via an unlocked gate on Redwood Way and stole a Trek bicycle, three baking pans, two NorthFace jackets and a Patagonia jacket. Estimated loss: \$1,379. March 5.

MENLO PARK

Commercial burglary: Someone pried open a locked side window of the restaurant at the Allied Arts Guild at Arbor Road and Cambridge Avenue, entered the building and stole a tablet computer and \$250 from an unlocked drawer. Estimated loss: \$750. March 7.

Residential burglaries:

■ An unlocked bicycle was stolen from an open carport on Waverley Street. Estimated loss: \$400. March 11.

■ A resident of Hobart Street found a window smashed on the house's back door and several rooms ransacked, but no signs of anything having been taken. March 8.

Auto burglaries:

■ A thief smashed a window and broke into a vehicle parked at Bayshore Park on Marsh Road and stole a purse with \$200 cash inside. Estimated loss: \$300. March 5.

■ Someone entered a secure area of the parking garage of an apartment complex on Willow Road, smashed a window on a vehicle parked there and stole a vest. Estimated loss: \$20. March 16.

Thefts:

■ A 3-year-old gray-and-brown female Yorkshire terrier, weighing about four pounds and wearing a pink collar and a green "shirt," was reported stolen from the front yard of a home on Carlton Avenue. March 17.

■ A resident of Arbor Road bought two

Atherton seeks tree award nominees

Do you have a favorite tree on your block in Atherton?

If so, the town wants to know about it. Nominations for the town's annual tree awards are being accepted through April 12. Prizes are awarded in several categories: outstanding specimens; trees that are unique in size, age, species, or historical significance; best-preserved tree; and best newly planted tree.

Winners will be picked by the Atherton Tree Committee, which works to further appreciation and protection of the town's urban forest. Winners will be announced

at the April 20 City Council meeting.

As could be expected for a town designated a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, Atherton will also celebrate Arbor Day in Holbrook-Palmer Park at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 9, with a talk on tree maintenance by John McClenahan, a tree planting, and a raffle with tree-related prizes.

Athertontree.org has nomination forms, which are also available in the town administrative offices at 91 Ashfield Road.

— Barbara Wood



Photo courtesy Atherton Tree Committee

This magnificent tulip tree was one of the Atherton tree award winners in 2012.

\$1,000 money orders through MoneyGram, but said she left them in her vehicle while shopping and came back to find them gone. She tried to issue a stop-payment order, but one money order had already been cashed. March 7.

■ A thief stole a bike after cutting the chain lock securing it to a bike rack in front of the public library. Estimated loss: \$1,000. March 16.

■ Someone stole a bike locked to a bike rack at the U. S. Geological Survey office on Middlefield Road. Estimated loss: \$800. March 17.

■ A paint sprayer and a camera were

stolen from a home on Hamilton Avenue. Estimated loss: \$688. March 13.

■ Someone stole a camera from Mike's Camera on Santa Cruz Avenue. Estimated loss: \$630. March 14.

■ A patron of the public library left her cell phone in the library and it was gone when she came back to retrieve it. Estimated loss: \$200. March 14.

■ After breaking the key mechanism on a washer/dryer set at an apartment complex on Hoover Street, someone stole approximately \$60 in quarters. March 11.

Stolen vehicles:

■ A silver 2016 Nissan Versa Note from

a carport in the 1600 block of El Camino Real. March 11.

■ A trailer used to carry trash from a locked residential construction site on Cambridge Avenue. March 12.

Traffic accident: The driver of a white 2001 Volvo was headed west on Willow Road and had a green light to turn left at Gilbert Avenue, but did not yield to eastbound traffic as required. The car collided with an eastbound bicyclist, partially throwing the rider from his bike. Medics from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District treated the cyclist for a non-life-threatening injury at the scene. March 6.



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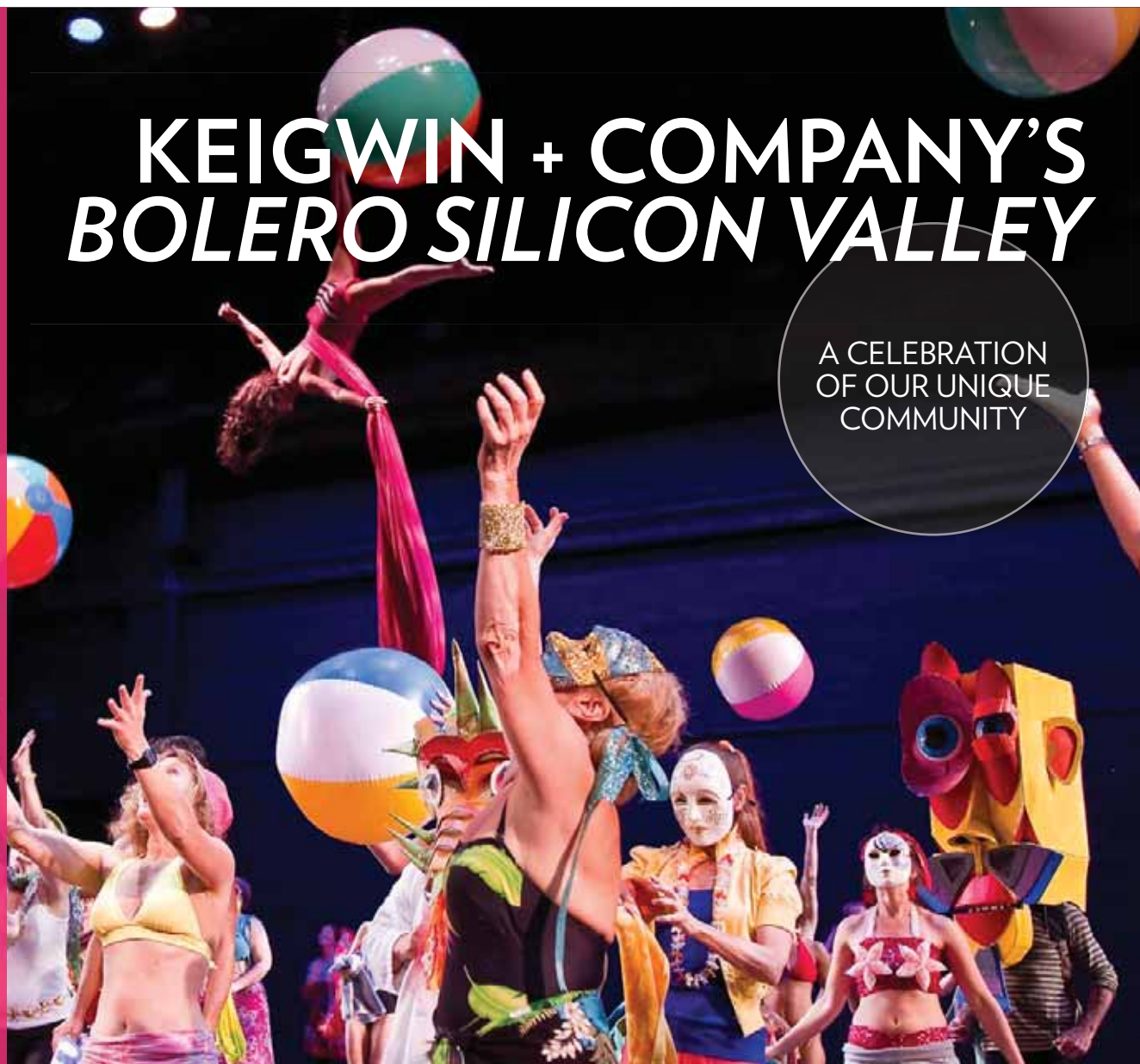
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Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

Electronic billboards on freeway? Kill this plan now

It's hard to know where to begin in trying to sort out the San Mateo County manager's ill-conceived plan to boost revenue by installing billboards—some, if not all of them, electronic—on county-owned land along Highway 101 and Interstate 280. The idea, apparently hatched some time ago and developed into a nearly completed proposed agreement with Allvision/Outfront Media, surfaced publicly earlier this month on a Board of Supervisors agenda; minimal details were provided in County Manager John Maltie's report to the board.

The report was included in the board's March 8 agenda packet and, thankfully, the plan's one-paragraph mention was noticed by Ladera resident Lennie Roberts, the legislative advocate for the Committee for Green Foothills and a longtime environmental advocate. Ms. Roberts decried the proposal in a letter to the supervisors, stating that billboards along Interstate 280, an officially designated scenic highway, and the already visually blighted Highway 101, would be inappropriate.

Inappropriate, indeed. In addition to the visual blight billboards force motorists to endure, there is the crucial public safety factor. Did the county

bother researching the latest data on the traffic hazards linked to digital billboards? If it had, it may have been aware of growing evidence, found in recent studies both at home

and abroad, that these brightly lit signboards, often flashing quickly changing messages, increase the risk of collisions due to drivers' tendency to gaze at the signboards for longer than is safe. They are a lure, an invitation for distracted driving—the same problem lawmakers have tried to address by banning texting and talking on hand-held phones while driving.

The county has already back-pedaled on the plan to visually mar I-280, but hardly in a manner that inspires confidence in its judgment and trust in its veracity. In a statement issued last week by a communications staff member, the county acknowledged that the highway's scenic designation “makes it impossible to place billboards there.” In other words, billboards are legally

prohibited there. But the statement went on to note that “I-280 is one of the most beautiful transportation corridors, and we would never do anything to change that.” Really? One would not have to have razor-sharp thinking skills to pose the obvious question on that point: Then why did the county manager include I-280 as a probable site for electronic billboards? The answer, we think, is clear: He didn't do his homework on what is legally permissible on a scenic highway, then tried to put a spin on his about-face that mocks the intelligence of the public.

But we're not home free yet; the back-pedaling applies only to I-280. The county plans to seek approval by the Board of Supervisors to launch an unwelcome project that would install electronic signboards along Highway 101, and possible Highway 92 and other locations.

Supervisor Dave Pine, at the March 8 meeting, voiced concern about the plan, and suggested that it be abandoned before any more money is thrown its way. Thank you, Mr. Pine, for your effort—and any future effort needed to kill this plan. We hope your colleagues on the board join you in opposition. ■

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

LETTERS

Our readers write

On the county's study of freeway billboards

Editor:

How disappointing that San Mateo County should be spending money to study adding highway billboards along local freeways. Didn't we kill that

thinking decades ago? Thank you, Dave Pine, for questioning this study. The county should be a good steward of its land, not a proliferator of billboards.

I suppose the county manager had to propose it, as Carole Groom and Adrienne Tissier have been “working on this for two years”—two old-school supervisors still looking for added revenue to finance the exorbitant retirement plans they granted to county work-

ers 10 years ago. Let's hope the other supervisors have higher standards.

Henry Riggs

Callie Lane, Menlo Park

Another ‘annoyance and disturbance’ ahead?

Editor:

There has been discontent with Surf Air over the last few years due to the noise of the aircraft and the “annoyance and

disturbance” of the flights, to local residents (“Surf Air Noise: County May Go Beyond Voluntary Measures,” by Barbara Wood, 3/9/2016). Will residents not be going through this same dilemma with the high-speed rail—a different form of transportation and different people, but the same basic problem?

Jackie Leonard-Dimmick
Walnut Avenue, Atherton

Sound off about railway horn blasts

Editor:

Readers who are concerned about train horn noise and the inability of cities to implement quiet zones in a timely manner may wish to respond to the Federal Railroad Administration's call for comments on train horn use at www.1.usa.gov/1QY6o84.

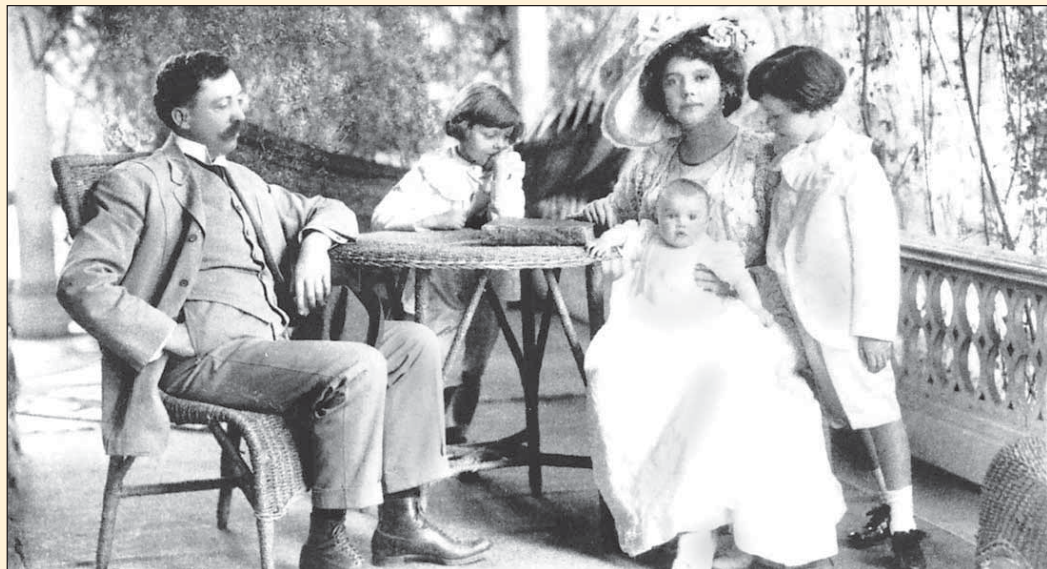
Since 2005, the agency's “one size fits all” approach to horns subjects protected urban commuter train crossings to the same rules as unprotected rural freight crossings, citing an 84 percent decrease in collisions when horns were used. Reviewing the study behind this catch-all figure, it is clear that the effectiveness of mandated horn blasts varies widely. During the study period, the Chicago area, with a commuter rail network similar to ours, saw an unexplained 16 percent decline in crashes.

Theoretically communities can establish quiet zones through crossing modifica-

tions, but due to cost and city staff's resistance to implementing them, this has proven to be a false promise. The FRA justifies the need for physical changes due to the need to prevent drivers from driving around lowered gates. While this may be an issue in rural areas where motorists may be tempted to beat long, slow moving freight trains, it is a rare accident type on the Peninsula. At the very least the quiet zone guidelines should be updated to recognize crossings that are already safe from this type of crash by exempting horn use where one has not occurred in the last 10 years.

Unlike the dubious safety benefits of the current horn rule, the negative health impacts of the blaring horns are very real, including stress, hearing loss and insomnia, to name just a few. As one who once had to scream at a driver to move off of the tracks to get out of the way of an approaching Caltrain, I would say that another unintended consequence of horn blasts is the paralyzing panic it can instill on a driver who is stuck on the tracks. Reviewing FRA documents it is clear that the agency has not considered the negative impacts of mandated horn use and it will take a significant public response to get it to relax its current rules in order to alleviate them.

Eric Gilbertson
Oakhurst Place, Menlo Park



Atherton Heritage Association

Looking back

Joseph and Mabel Coryell relax with their children Royal, Sibyl and Gordon in this circa-1911 photo published in the Atherton history book “Under the Oaks,” by local historians Pamela Gullard and Nancy Lund. The Coryells married in 1900, and two years later bought the “Hecht place” in what was then called Fair Oaks, according to the historians. The book also notes that Mabel was a master gardener who helped supervise the planting and care of 15,000 orchids in greenhouses that she and her husband built on their estate in 1906. For years, they were the largest orchid growers in the country, producing 200 to 300 blooms daily for the market, the historians write.

Table 2.4.3: Weekday Parking Plaza Occupancies

Plaza	Total Spaces	Percent Occupied									
		AM					PM				
		9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7
Plaza 1	249	41%	57%	63%	73%	76%	69%	66%	62%	58%	49%
Plaza 2	95	42%	71%	98%	81%	97%	96%	97%	95%	79%	60%
Plaza 3	212	54%	75%	76%	89%	90%	88%	84%	77%	80%	64%
Plaza 4	105	59%	50%	63%	77%	57%	52%	66%	57%	64%	43%
Plaza 5	150	38%	44%	54%	54%	56%	50%	43%	39%	32%	26%
Plaza 6	136	37%	54%	61%	64%	63%	65%	76%	59%	54%	44%
Plaza 7	94	39%	62%	76%	94%	94%	97%	91%	94%	90%	84%
Plaza 8	145	39%	58%	57%	91%	87%	83%	79%	79%	79%	93%
All Parking	1186	44%	59%	67%	77%	77%	74%	74%	68%	66%	57%

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates, 2009



Source: Menlo Park Downtown Parking Study (2009)

Should Menlo Park build a downtown parking garage?

By Dana Hendrickson

As a regular visitor to downtown Menlo Park, I generally find a convenient parking space in just a few minutes, so for me, current downtown parking seems adequate. However, residents, visitors and workers with different needs, expectations and experiences would likely disagree with my assessment.

So does Menlo Park now have a significant parking problem? Will conditions get much worse? It's time Menlo Park takes steps to lessen present-day problems and avoid future ones, and while it cannot ensure every parking experience is positive, most motorists should usually find a convenient short-term parking space in a reasonable time.

I hope the City Council intensifies its efforts to address downtown parking problems and residents become much more engaged in finding pragmatic solutions. While a parking garage might be a partial solution, it's at least five years away. So other more immediate ones must be aggressively pursued. Here are some important facts and considerations.

■ There are now about 1,600 parking spaces downtown, including 1,200 in the plazas. Menlo Park needs to update its usage data (shown in chart) and estimate how many spaces are required now and will be needed in the future.

■ The city also needs to re-examine the allocation of spaces between short-term and permit parking, as every space used by a permit holder likely displaces 10 to 15 users. Permit users pay less than \$500 a year for a parking space that would currently cost over

Dana Hendrickson is a 30-year resident who with his wife has raised a family in Menlo Park. He is an avid cyclist, active community volunteer, founder of the disabled veteran support nonprofit Rebuild Hope, and editor of Re-Imagine Menlo Park.



■ Multi-use developments planned for 1300 and 500 El Camino will together add about 735 residents and 1,425 workers by 2020. These projects will dramatically increase short-term downtown parking problems unless Menlo Park develops traffic management programs that give new residents and workers incentive to shop, dine and commute without resorting to single-occupant motor vehicles. A convenient downtown shuttle is but one promising partial solution.

■ The potential loss of almost 200 spaces needs to be factored into downtown parking plans, as Menlo Park is now considering new bike lanes on University Drive, Oak Grove Avenue and El Camino Real.

The City Council recently initiated a study of a downtown parking structure. Is it desirable? Affordable? Construction would eliminate about 212 of the existing 545 short-term plaza spaces, a 39 percent reduction, for at least 18 months. How would new traffic congestion impact residents? Could downtown merchants weather severe economic hardship? I encourage the council to gauge all the merits, costs, overall schedule, and trade-offs of a parking structure before undertaking long and expensive studies, as it might not be feasible.

■ Menlo Park cannot afford an adequate parking structure without tens of millions of dollars of financial assistance from other sources. Would public sources support the idea of adding more parking when many are striving to reduce the number of commuters traveling in cars on the Peninsula? Is it realistic to expect private funding given the tight building limits that exist downtown? The interest of these potential sources should be gauged soon.

■ Even if a parking structure does prove viable, Menlo Park will experience harmful short-term parking problems before one is built. There are hundreds of public and private parking spaces near downtown that are lightly used during weekdays. The city should aim to transform many into satellite permit parking served by a convenient shuttle service. A description of this potential solution is described at the Re-Imagine Menlo Park website (bit.ly/parkingstructure). This approach would avoid costly consultant and architectural fees, cost a small fraction of a parking structure, could be implemented within 12 months, and could provide the flexibility to start small and add more parking space as needed.

I currently doubt Menlo Park could build a parking structure or withstand the harm that construction would inflict on residents and downtown businesses. But even if a parking structure could be built, it would likely not be available much before 2021. Therefore, I strongly encourage the City Council to begin evaluating pragmatic alternative solutions that could be implemented much sooner.



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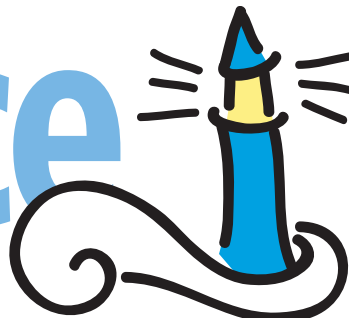


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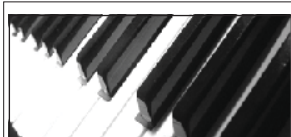


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File No. 268156
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Block Advisors, 80 N. Cabrillo Hwy., Ste. R, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, County of San Mateo
Mailing address if different: One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105
Registered Owner(s): HRB Tax Group, Inc., One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105, Missouri
This business is conducted by: a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12-8-2015.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signature of Registrant: Bruce R. Daise
Print name of person signing. If corporation, also print corporate title of officer. If LLC, also print title of officer or manager: Bruce R. Daise, Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer

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MARK CHURCH, COUNTY CLERK
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BY: GLENN S. CHANGTIN, Deputy Clerk (ALM Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016)

File No. 268159

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Block Advisors, 130 S. El Camino Real, Millbrae, CA 94030, County of San Mateo

Mailing address if different: One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Registered Owner(s): HRB Tax Group, Inc., One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105, Missouri
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File No. 268158
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Registered Owner(s): HRB Tax Group, Inc., One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105, Missouri
This business is conducted by: a corporation.

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 BY: GLENN S. CHANGTIN, Deputy Clerk
 (ALM Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016)

File No. 268161
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
 NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Block Advisors, 970 Serramonte Blvd., Colma, CA 94015, County of San Mateo
 Mailing address if different: One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105
 Registered Owner(s): HRB Tax Group, Inc., One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105, Missouri

This business is conducted by: a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12-8-2015.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signature of Registrant: Bruce R. Daise
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File No. 268160
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
 NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Block Advisors, 510 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, County of San Mateo
 Mailing address if different: One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105
 Registered Owner(s): HRB Tax Group, Inc., One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105, Missouri

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File No. 268162
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
 NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Block Advisors, 1317 Linda Mar Shopping Center, Pacifica, CA 94044, County of San Mateo
 Mailing address if different: One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105
 Registered Owner(s): HRB Tax Group, Inc., One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105, Missouri

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File No. 268163
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
 NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Block Advisors, 777 Woodside Rd., Ste. A, Redwood City, CA 94061, County of San Mateo
 Mailing address if different: One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105
 Registered Owner(s): HRB Tax Group, Inc., One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105, Missouri

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File No. 268164
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
 NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing

business as: Block Advisors, 21 W. 41st Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403, County of San Mateo

Mailing address if different: One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105
 Registered Owner(s): HRB Tax Group, Inc., One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105, Missouri

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File No. 268165
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
 NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Block Advisors, 99 El Camino Real, San Carlos, CA 94070, County of San Mateo
 Mailing address if different: One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105
 Registered Owner(s): HRB Tax Group, Inc., One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105, Missouri

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File No. 268166
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
 NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Block Advisors, 17 S B St., San Mateo, CA 94401, County of San Mateo
 Mailing address if different: One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105
 Registered Owner(s): HRB Tax Group, Inc., One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105, Missouri

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File No. 267167
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
 NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Block Advisors, 827 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063, County of San Mateo
 Mailing address if different: One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105
 Registered Owner(s): HRB Tax Group, Inc., One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105, Missouri

This business is conducted by: a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12-8-2015.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. M-263597
 The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s).

KHAI GIA PHAM
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
 CHIC NAILS 2
 31 El Camino Real
 San Carlos, CA 94070
 FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON:
 January 12, 2015
 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
 KHAI GIA PHAM
 4703 Mangrum Dr.

Santa Clara, CA 95054
 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:
 Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County on March 1, 2016.
 (ALM Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016)

CRU
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 268363

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 CRU, located at 900 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County; Mailing address: 1041 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, CA 94063.

Registered owner(s):
 SPIGA I LLC
 1041 Middlefield Rd.
 Redwood City, CA 94063
 California

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

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 February 29, 2016.
 (ALM Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016)

EL SANTANECO RESTAURANT
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 268462

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 El Santaneco Restaurant, located at 203 Linden Ave., SSF, CA 94080, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
 YURI ESCOBAR
 203 Linden Ave.
 SSF, CA 94080

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4-06-2011.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 3, 2016.
 (ALM Mar. 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6, 2016)

WHITE OAK WORKS
 WHITE OAK INTERIORS
 WHITE OAK HARDWARE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 268564

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 1.) White Oak Works, 2.) White Oak Interiors, 3.) White Oak Hardware, located at 700 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
 VASILE CALIN OROS
 1170 Santa Cruz Ave.
 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.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 11, 2016.
 (ALM Mar. 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6, 2016)

BEADCENTRIC
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 268544

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 Beadcentric, located at 1708 1/2 Whipple Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County. Mailing address: PO Box 7092, San Carlos, CA 94070.

Registered owner(s):
 APRIL VANDERBILT
 1708 1/2 Whipple Avenue
 Redwood City, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2-21-2006.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 10, 2016.
 (ALM Mar. 23, 30, Apr. 6, 13, 2016)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 DOREEN HUSTON SANTOS, a/k/a
 DOREEN H. SANTOS, a/k/a DOREEN SANTOS

Case No.: 126677
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DOREEN HUSTON SANTOS, a/k/a DOREEN H. SANTOS, a/k/a DOREEN SANTOS.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JOANNE MARQUEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO.

The Petition for Probate requests that: JOANNE MARQUEZ 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 April 5, 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:
 Michael Curtis
 Thoits Law,
 400 Main Street, Suite 250
 Los Altos, CA 94022
 (650)327-4200
 (ALM Mar. 9, 16, 23, 2016)

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

Case No.: CIV537299

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner: MARTHA DREHER MILLER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MARTHA DREHER MILLER to MARTY MAY KELSEY DREHER.

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: Thur. April 14, 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: February 25, 2016
 /s/ Joseph C. Scott
 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
 (ALM Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016)

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

Case No.: CIV537294

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner: TRINH SUT DO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

TRINH SUT DO to SUTTRINH DO LEE.

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: Wed. April 6, 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: February 17, 2016 /s/ Joseph C. Scott JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (ALM Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: CIV537169 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: LISA MARIE BELL aka KHADIJAH HASAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: KHADIJAH HASAN aka LISA MARIE BELL to KHADIJAH HASAN. 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: Wed. April 13, 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: February 29, 2016 /s/ Joseph C. Scott JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (ALM Mar. 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6, 2016)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-15-684718-BF Order No.: 730-1506565-70 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/11/2008. 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 to 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): Leonard Cunningham, an unmarried man and Brighth Casandra Babb, an unmarried woman and Emma Babb, an unmarried woman Recorded: 3/20/2008 as Instrument No. 2008-030155 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California; Date of Sale: 4/13/2016 at 12:30PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$642,018.63 The purported property address is: 1319

HOLLYBURNE AVENUE, MENLO PARK, CA 94025 Assessor's Parcel No.: 055-372-360 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 916.939.0772 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-15-684718-BF. 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's Attorney, 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: 916.939.0772 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-15-684718-BF IDSPub #0103545 3/23/2016 3/30/2016 4/6/2016 ALM

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HARRY G. WHELAN Case No.: 126718 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of HARRY G. WHELAN. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: STEPHEN L. ENGLERT JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO. The Petition for Probate requests that: STEPHEN L. ENGLERT JR. 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 April 1, 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. Petitioner: Stephen L. Englert Jr. 425 California Street Suite 1700 San Francisco, CA 94104 (415)398-2212 (ALM Mar. 16, 23, 30, 2016)

APN: 083-105-090 & 083-105-100 TS No: CA08006705-14-1 TO No: 95306800 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 5, 1994. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On April 26, 2016 at 01:00 PM, Marshall St. Entrance, San Mateo County Courthouse, Southern Branch Hall of Justice & Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on May 11, 1994 as Instrument No. 94083669 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by DAVID M. CHODOS AND LORRAINE CHODOS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor(s), in favor of AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK, F.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: A PORTION OF LOT 5 AND ALL OF LOTS 6 AND 8 ALL IN BLOCK 4 AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "CUESTA LA HONDA SUBDIVISION NO. 2, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA", FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON JULY 15, 1929 IN BOOK 17 OF MAPS AT PAGES 55 TO 57 INCLUSIVE, WHICH PORTION OF LOT 5 IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SEQUOIA DRIVE AND THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 5 AND 6 IN SAID BLOCK 4; RUNNING THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SEQUOIA DRIVE 34.91 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 48° 42' 30" WEST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 53.71 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE SOUTH 25° 39' EAST ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 34.85 FEET TO THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE NORTH 48° 42' 30"

EAST ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 72.04 FEET TO TILE POINT OF BEGINNING. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is" The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9 SEQUOIA DRIVE, LA HONDA, CA 94020 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 made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$162,021.76 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. 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 Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address www.Auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08006705-14-1. 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. Date: March 16, 2016 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08006705-14-1 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Miguel Ochoa, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps MAY BE ACTING AS

A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ORDER NO. CA15-001215-2, PUB DATES: 03/23/2016, 03/30/2016, 04/06/2016 ALM

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JUDITH PLATT Case No.: 126642 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JUDITH PLATT. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MARILYN K. EARLE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO. The Petition for Probate requests that: MARILYN K. EARLE 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 April 18, 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: Kenneth H. Prochnow, LLP Chiles and Prochnow, LLP 2600 El Camino Real, Suite 412 Palo Alto, CA 94306 (650)812-0400 (ALM Mar. 23, 30, Apr. 6, 2016)

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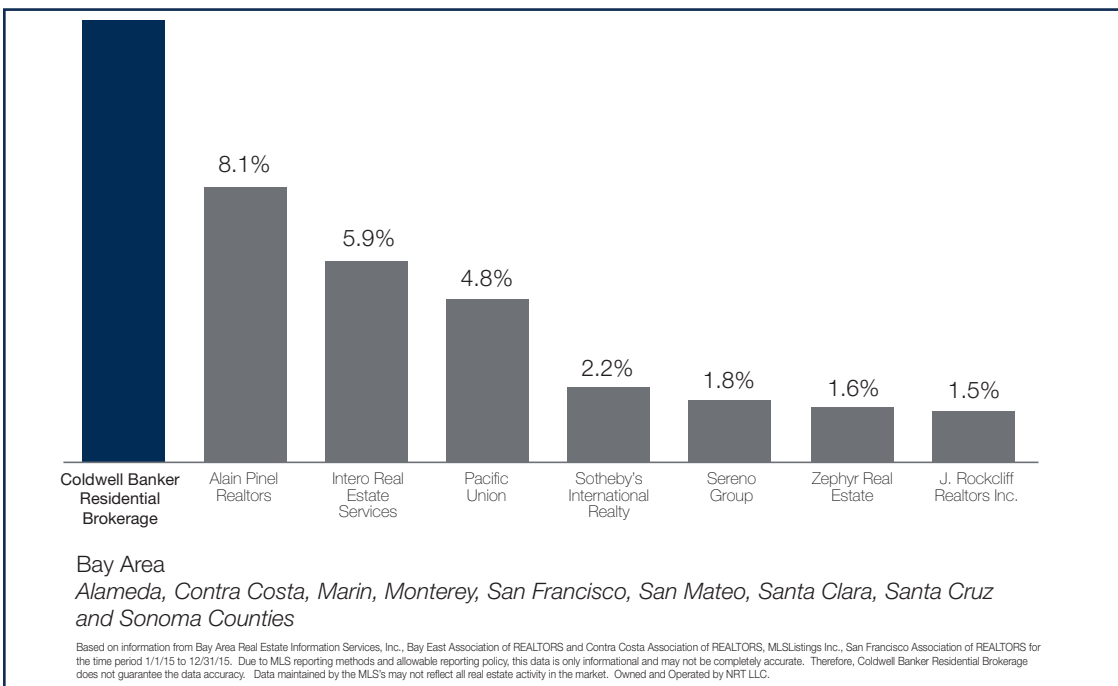


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