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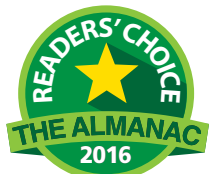


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Menlo Park: Pollock boutique hotel approved

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park is closer to getting a new boutique hotel on El Camino Real that could generate more than \$600,000 in city revenue a year through hotel taxes.

The Menlo Park Planning Commission unanimously approved Monday night a 61-room, four-story hotel proposed by the Portola Valley-based Pollock Financial Group. The hotel will be built at 1400 El Camino Real at Glenwood Avenue in Menlo Park, the former site of a Shell gas station.

The commission decided to accept the hotel's transient occupancy tax, estimated to add up to about \$604,000 a year in revenue for the city, as a sufficient public benefit for the community in exchange for the right to build at a higher density than would otherwise be allowed.

The hotel could be 48 feet high, instead of the 38 feet that would otherwise be allowed, and would have a floor-area ratio (total square feet of building space divided by the lot's square footage) of 1.49, rather than the 1.1 that would be allowed without a public benefit.

The L-shaped hotel would have a restaurant and bar with indoor and outdoor seating, and an event room.



Image courtesy city of Menlo Park.

A rendering of a 61-room, four-story hotel at 1400 El Camino Real in Menlo Park proposed by the Portola Valley-based Pollock Financial Group. This view is from El Camino Real looking east.

There would be 75 underground parking spots — one spot less than the required amount — but because the garage would be run by valets, more cars could be fit into the spaces, representatives of Pollock Financial said. Additional parking could be available in the parking lot of Language Pacifica, on the other side of Glenwood Avenue, yielding a total of 115 potential available spots, the representatives said.

To reduce traffic, the hotel will provide Caltrain GO passes for all

employees and guests, and additional transit subsidies for employees, the representatives said. There would be an electric bike sharing program, whereby hotel guests could check out pedal-assisted bikes to travel around town, with free helmets and locks. Hotel employees would also have bike parking, showers and lockers.

Under current plans, the hotel would meet the building sustainability guidelines to get LEED Silver certification. It could meet the next, more stringent level, LEED

Gold, but representatives from Pollock Financial Group said the plans can't yet guarantee anything beyond the "Silver" status.

The building would have solar panels to produce hot water, and technology in guest rooms to reduce energy use while the rooms are not in use. Landscaping, the representatives said, would incorporate native and drought-resistant plants.

Still, there were some lingering concerns. Commissioner Drew Combs said he didn't think it

created a good precedent for the Planning Commission to accept the promise of hotel tax revenue in exchange for building at the additional "bonus" level. The hotel would have had to pay the hotel tax to the city anyway, he said.

Commissioners John Kadvanj and Katherine Strehl said that they wanted the hotel tax revenue to go toward funding improvements in the El Camino Real/downtown specific plan area. Currently, hotel tax revenues go to the city's general fund. ■

Neighborhood feathers ruffling over Cuckoo's Nest club

Private techies' club in Menlo Park wants to serve alcohol, host recreational events.

By Sue Dremann
Palo Alto Weekly

Menlo Park and Palo Alto residents living near San Francisquito Creek say a proposed bar at a private club for Silicon Valley entrepreneurs should not be allowed because it is too close to their homes.

BootUp Ventures, the master tenant at the office building at 68 Willow Road in Menlo Park, and its sub-tenant, the Cuckoo's Nest club, are asking the city of Menlo Park to grant a use permit to sell wine, beer and spirits and to allow recreational and social events.

But residents say the buildings, zoned as office space, are not meant for a bar and clubhouse. They are concerned about traffic, noise and parking — and the prec-

edent that would be set by granting the permit.

The Cuckoo's Nest name pays homage to the Ken Kesey novel "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." (Kesey was part of a CIA-funded study on LSD at the Menlo Park Veterans' Affairs Hospital.)

The company bills Cuckoo's Nest as a private membership club that brings together startups and a select group of international and local CEOs and investors who want to enjoy each other's company and collaborate.

Marco ten Vaanholt, co-founder and managing partner of BootUp and Cuckoo, said the club has been in the building for two years and has already hosted more than 100 events, using temporary alcohol-service permits, with no complaints.

When BootUp took over the former Willow Garage space in 2014, the company inherited the original use-occupancy permit, which contained both an office and food-service facility. The company turned the food-service operation into a private club to expand socializing between investors, CEOs and startups and with the hope of adding alcohol on a permanent basis.

The private, selective membership helps offset operating costs, Mr. ten Vaanholt said.

The club has an inside dining and bar area with seating for 60 and an outside deck and garden with a capacity for 68 persons, according to the use application. Membership is limited to 900 people, of which 30 percent are international and visit during

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The Cuckoo's Nest is located at 68 Willow Road in Menlo Park, part of an office park.



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Sharon Heights fire leaves 50 temporarily homeless

A structure fire reported just after midnight Saturday, April 23, in a three-story Sharon Heights apartment complex in Menlo Park displaced 50 residents from 30 apartments, according to Chief Harold Schapelhouman of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

The one-alarm fire at 350 Sharon Park Drive was knocked down in about 30 minutes by firefighters from the Menlo Park and Woodside fire protection districts, Chief Schapelhouman said.

The fire left only two apartments uninhabitable — a first-floor unit and the unit directly above it — but smoke, the discovery of asbestos, and the potential for the fire to spread led to the larger evacuation, he said.

Firefighters reported just one injury: an occupant of the first-floor apartment where the fire is thought to have started cut his hand while breaking the glass of a cabinet containing a fire extinguisher, the chief said.

The cause appears to have been a case of unattended cooking in the first-floor

apartment, the chief said. Firefighters are investigating.

The apartments are older, built before the requirement for internal sprinklers, the chief said. “Only the quick and aggressive actions of the firefighters prevented the fire from creating further damage and spreading both horizontally and vertically,” he said.

Firefighters arrived about seven minutes after the first report, saw smoke coming from a first-floor apartment and upgraded the seriousness of the fire, the chief said. All told, the fire drew five engines, a ladder truck and two battalion chiefs — about 20 firefighters in total — to the scene.

The firefighters found fire in the walls of the apartment directly above the first-floor unit, but not in the walls of the third-floor unit, the chief said.

Firefighters were on the scene for hours after the fire was knocked down, in part to make sure that the fire was completely out, the chief said. Apartment management is going to handle relocating the displaced residents, he said.

Meeting set on grade separation

By **Kate Bradshaw**

Almanac Staff Writer

The first of three community meetings on a “grade separation” — separating the roadway from the railroad tracks — at Ravenswood Avenue in Menlo Park will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 2, in the Oak Room of the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center.

The consulting firm AECOM is studying two options recommended by the Menlo Park City Council: tunneling Ravenswood Avenue under the Caltrain tracks or partially

raising the tracks and partially lowering the road.

The firm is also looking at the engineering feasibility of grade separations at all the rail crossings in Menlo Park: Oak Grove, Glenwood and Encinal avenues, as well as Ravenswood.

The Ravenswood Avenue crossing is the city’s top priority. The study will consider the impact of the Caltrain electrification project and plans for high-speed rail.

For now, city staff and consultants are seeking community feedback at the meetings.

Go to tinyurl.com/raven586 for more information. ■

Fire district dedicates new station

A remodeled and larger fire station at 2290 University Ave. in East Palo Alto is set to be dedicated at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 28. The station is part of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, which covers Atherton, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and nearby unincorporated areas.

The 12,000-square-foot station, built in phases at a cost of about \$7.6 million, is almost

three times larger than the 1950s-era station it replaced, the district said.

The remodel includes a community room, an emergency operations center for the city, larger quarters for fire crews, larger apparatus bays and more storage space. The station gets between 2,000 and 3,000 calls a year, most for medical services, the district said.



Photo by Barbara Wood / The Almanac

Former Woodside Elementary School alumni, parents and teachers gathered in front of the new Sellman Pavilion before it was dedicated on April 20. Back row, from left, Norris Finlayson (father of six WES alumni), Grant Finlayson, Joe Montero, Scott Michelsen, Geordie Sellman (George Sellman's son), Mark Denzler, Richard Jekat, Michael Gavin and Bill Dolyniuk (former teacher). Front row, from left: Mary Finlayson (mother of six WES alumni), Lisha Mainz Jekat, Carole Mainz, Lisa Putnam, Lorraine Balin, Amalia Popell (former PTA president), Lehua Greenman (former PTA president), Carolyn Gavin (former teacher) and Debbie Greenman Williams.

Woodside celebrates opening of new Sellman Pavilion

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

There was free pizza and lemonade, tours of the campus and a sense of anticipation on April 20 as a crowd waited outside Woodside Elementary School's brand new \$8 million auditorium for a ribbon to be cut so they could glimpse inside the new building that will serve as a gymnasium, theater and rainy day lunchroom for the school's kindergarten to eighth-grade students.

Woodside Elementary School alumni Grant Finlayson, with the help of former Woodside Elementary School teacher Karen Peterson and George "Geordie" Sellman Jr., unveiled a plaque in honor of longtime district superintendent George Sellman. Mr. Sellman was also director of eighth-grade operettas and community theater.

The plaque, paid for by 125

former Woodside Elementary School students, reads in part: "George Sellman — teacher, musical theater director, principal, superintendent, and decorated WWII soldier — helped build the character of Woodside as a school that strives for the highest standards of academic excellence, while fostering appreciation for the individual in an atmosphere of equality and respect for all."

"George Sellman earned the respect and affection of generations of students, families and faculty. Woodside Elementary School honors his legacy by striving to follow his example of devoted service, human kindness, and belief in the unifying and uplifting power of musical theater."

The new \$8.26-million building has a permanent stage, pull-out bleachers with folding seat backs to seat 200, a kitchen, and a lobby, along with an office for

the middle school principal. The building is zero net energy, producing as much energy with roof top solar panels as it consumes. There are cafeteria tables that can be folded up and stored in lockers, enabling the space to be used for basketball, volleyball and other activities.

The building was funded with \$6.6 million from a \$13.5-million bond measure approved by the voters in 2014, \$1.4 million in donations from the Woodside School Foundation, and nearly \$268,000 in other funding.

The bond proceeds also helped the one-school district build two new classrooms for its tuition-based preschool, build a new design lab, and complete a little more than \$2 million in deferred maintenance projects such as drainage and leaky roofs. More projects, including additional lighting, fencing and replacement of an artificial turf field are planned for this summer. ■

Realtors help seniors, housebound

Realtors and affiliate members of the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors will assist seniors and the housebound through its volunteer program, RSVP, during the week of May 2-6.

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Cuckoo's Nest club ruffling feathers of residential neighbors

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various times of the year; another 30 percent are from the greater Bay Area, and the remaining 40 percent are from Peninsula counties. Members are restricted to qualified CEOs, investors, entrepreneurs, sponsors and BootUp tenants and their guests.

The club currently serves breakfast, lunch, small-plate snacks and dinner. Its programs include start-up-product presentations, private investor presentations and educational seminars. Cocktail receptions are usually from 6 to 9 p.m.; evening events and dinners last until 10 p.m., according to the application.

There's parking for 66 vehicles, and additional parking for 70 is located at the adjacent SRI building. Tenants are generally not on site during the evenings, and many who attend events use Uber and Lyft, the application states.

Mr. ten Vaanholt said that the club streams modern lounge music inside the venue but not outside. On occasion, solo or chamber music performances may take place in the early evening, but most occur inside the building.

But residents living near the club said that their experience has been quite different since the club opened in late 2014. A Palo Alto resident whose home is situated

across the creek said his family frequently hears noise from the club's patio.

"The sound carries very well and clearly to our area, and we can hear the murmur of the conversations and even the clicking of glasses or plates. The Cuckoo's Nest club also uses amplification during the events, something that is forbidden in many cities across the Bay Area," he said. "This makes their events unbearable and truly disruptive, especially in such a quiet residential area. One of their last

events featured a comedian that resorted to vulgar and crude humor that we certainly did not appreciate."

He said he is completely opposed to granting the club an alcohol permit. What's

more, he and his family wish the club would move to a more suitable area.

"A quiet residential neighborhood is no place for a party club," he said.

Anne Meyer, another Palo Alto resident, agreed. But she wants the city of Menlo Park and Cuckoo's Nest to establish a plan for how noise will be controlled and a clear procedure for residents to contact officials and the club if there are disturbances.

She has heard loud music coming from the 68 Willow building before, although she doesn't know



Photo by Veronica Weber

The Cuckoo's Nest in Menlo Park, a members-only club that holds networking events and seminars, is applying for a liquor permit. Some nearby residents say the club will bring too much traffic and noise.

'The Cuckoo's Nest club also uses amplification during the events, something that is forbidden in many cities across the Bay Area.'

PALO ALTO RESIDENT

if the Nest was there at the time. What irked her was that she was ignored when she asked people at the building to turn their amplified music down. Calls to the Menlo Park police did nothing, she said.

She questioned the Cuckoo's Nest statement in a letter to city officials that it plans to have a "quiet, convenient environment," she said.

But Ms. Meyer admitted she has not been subjected to repeated disturbances thus far. "I may be beating my feathers for nothing," she said during a recent stroll along the creek.

Menlo Park residents said they are also concerned about the noise, traffic and parking. Allowing Cuckoo's Nest to sell alcohol and have evening events would set a bad precedent, JoAnne Goldberg said.

One reason the office and residential mix of buildings works in her neighborhood is because they are complementary uses. Employees leave at 5 or 6 p.m.

"Evening should be quiet time. (Businesses) shouldn't be having

drinking and amplified music," she said.

Another Menlo Park resident who lives nearby said that about two weeks ago, the streets were lined with vehicles during a Cuckoo event. She expressed concern about traffic, since many families have young children.

Mr. ten Vaanholt said that excessive alcohol consumption is uncommon in private clubs, where decorum is valued, particularly among the CEOs and entrepreneurs who have reputations to protect. Staff are also trained to stem members' over-consumption, he said.

A year ago, there were problems with trespassers who noisily partied on the property on a Saturday afternoon, he added. The tenant's managing partners called the police to remove those people, he said.

Cuckoo's Nest contacted residents and businesses within 500 feet of the facility, but city staff told the company it was not necessary to contact Palo Alto residents, Mr.

ten Vaanholt said. But after Palo Alto residents wrote letters of concern, the company scheduled a barbecue on Sunday, April 24, from 3 to 7 p.m. for nearby Palo Alto and Menlo Park residents who would like to see the operation first-hand and to ask any questions, he said.

For noise and other complaints, staff is on site until closing and can address any issues, he said. The co-founders and managing partners are also Menlo Park and Palo Alto residents who are reachable by phone, he said.

"We welcome feedback from our neighbors as they are important, and we are trying to build an ecosystem that can help drive innovation as well as business, but jointly with them," he said.

Menlo Park Senior Planner Kyle Perata said that an initial public-comment period about the application will take place through April 29, after which staff will put together a report. There will be a public hearing before the Planning Commission prior to any decision on the application. ■

Teen counseling center moves from Palo Alto to Redwood City

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

After getting priced out of its former offices in eastern Palo Alto, Adolescent Counseling Services has found a new home, with a three-year lease, at 643 Bair Island Road in Redwood City, said Aarika Riddle, Adolescent Counseling Services marketing and advancement director.

The nonprofit, which provides counseling to youth ages 10 to 25, will host a grand opening for its new offices on Tuesday, May 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event will feature a tour of the new offices and remarks from Dr. Philippe Rey, executive director, plus mocktails and appetizers.

In Redwood City, the new offices will offer three programs:

an LGBTQQ youth peer support program, community counseling, and substance abuse treatment. Substance abuse treatment programs are 12- or 16-week intensive outpatient programs, Ms. Riddle said.

The nonprofit will continue its other services offered at middle and high schools in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, and at its satellite locations in Mountain View, San Mateo and Palo Alto. Schools where counseling services are offered on-campus are Redwood and Woodside high schools, La Entrada Middle School, and all of the middle and high schools in the Palo Alto Unified School District.

Group services for LGBTQQ youth are held in Mountain View and San Mateo. In Palo Alto, limited after-hours, appointment-

The nonprofit will host a grand opening for its new offices on May 3.

only counseling services will be offered from 4 to 10 p.m. Thanks to a county agreement, the organization can use a Santa Clara County building on Grant Avenue in Palo Alto, Ms. Riddle said.

The struggle to find an affordable place to set up shop is not unique to nonprofits in the Bay Area, she said. "Landlords could be getting a much higher fee from for-profit companies," she said. The challenge is to make sure that money the organization raises will go toward services rather than rent.

While the organization receives funding from foundation, corporate and individual gifts, it also charges clients on a sliding scale. Families that can afford services help to offset the costs of those who can't.

The nonprofit is trying to increase its services to 30 percent more clients, and is making an effort to reach more youth in San Mateo County, Ms. Riddle said. That's because there are fewer youth-focused counseling providers in San Mateo County than in Santa Clara County, she said. Statistics indicate that one in five youths struggles with some form of mental health issue, she said, so there is still more demand for services.

The organization served more than 2,600 youths directly and 7,655 indirectly through outreach

and education programs during its 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Adolescent Counseling Services is staffed by about 20 paid employees and 40 to 50 clinical marriage and family therapist interns who are graduate or post-graduate students working to earn their requisite 3,000 hours on the job in order to become licensed. Interns gain hands-on experience with supervision and training over the year-long program, Ms. Riddle said, and many return for a second or third year.

Teens dealing with issues including having trouble with a friend at school, dealing with a parent's divorce, or facing depression, suicidality or substance abuse, are encouraged to seek help. They can call (650) 424-0852 or email info@acs-teens.org for more information. ■



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By Kate Bradshaw
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For years, people who have come to Cafe Zoe, a popular coffee shop in the Willows area of Menlo Park, have asked its owner, Kathleen Daly, whether the shop would ever serve beer and wine.

As of April 18, Ms. Daly said, the cafe is one step closer to doing so. On that date the cafe won approval from the Menlo Park Planning Commission for

a permit to serve wine and beer with extended cafe hours.

The city's approval is a required step in obtaining a license from the state to sell alcoholic beverages, Ms. Daly explained. She can now seek approval from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. It's hard to predict when that license will be approved, she said, but expects

it to be within the next 45 to 90 days.

Launching the new services, she said, might be delayed while she attends the college graduation of her daughter — also named Zoe. Ms. Daly said that Zoe means “life” in Greek, and fits with the cafe's mission of promoting peace, hope and community, but the cafe wasn't named after her daughter. She said Zoe plans to partner with her, working at the cafe in a larger role after

she finishes college.

In a booming economy when renting restaurant space is costly, Ms. Daly said, being a small business owner is tough. She said the cafe needed another source of revenue to stay alive.

“Staying open just to serve coffee isn't an affordable business model,” she said in an interview.

“We have the most to lose,” she told the Planning Commission, saying she plans to take a number of precautions to ensure safety of customers and others. She said she has received education on regulations governing the serving of alcohol, and said her employees who serve alcohol will be 21 or older and must pass a certification test. The cafe would also have an account with a local cab, Uber or Lyft driver to provide safe rides home to customers after drinking.

According to the application submitted to the city, Cafe Zoe wouldn't be a bar in a traditional sense. Hours would only be extended on certain days of the week. It would close at 5 p.m. on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays; at 10 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays; and at 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

With the longer hours, Ms. Daly said, the cafe could host events like book clubs,

poetry readings, acoustic and amplified music concerts or fundraisers.

The move to add later hours and serve beer and wine has local support. City staff says it received at least 21 emails and a petition with 127 signatures in support of the changes.

Mary Hofstedt, who told the commission she has worked in alcohol prevention programs, and lives within walking distance of the cafe, told the Planning Commission that the plans did not trigger any warning signals for her. “It's family-friendly, it's beer and wine, and it's (coming) from a trusted community member,” she said.

One community member had some concerns. Ellen Haffner told the commission she was worried that children passing by Cafe Zoe on Menalto Avenue after school might see adults drinking beer or wine.

“Beer and wine (don't) belong in a family-centered neighborhood,” she said. A commissioner responded by saying that people often sit outside and drink alcoholic beverages at restaurants on Santa Cruz Avenue where children are present.

“(Whether it's a) glass of beer or espresso, I don't really see that much of a difference,” said Planning Commission chair John Onken. “Especially given the clientele.” ■



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Filoli holds annual flower show on Mother's Day weekend

Filoli will present its 28th annual flower show on Mother's Day weekend, from Thursday, May 5, through Sunday, May 8, at the historic site in Woodside. The theme is “California Then and Now 1916-2016.”

The weekend will include teas and champagne brunches. These events sell out quickly, with tickets now on sale. Pre-ordered box lunches will be available on the tennis court for Saturday and Sunday and live music will be provided. The garden and gift shop, open from

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Driver's guide to road construction in Menlo

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

With El Nino rains largely past, and the dry season upon us, motorists can expect to encounter a lot more roadwork. Road repairs and traffic signal upgrades are underway on Sand Hill Road, Willow Road and Chilco Street in Menlo Park.

Sand Hill Road

From the Interstate 280 on ramp to Oak Avenue, the city is building a fiber optic network along Sand Hill Road to coordinate traffic signals based on traffic conditions.

Upgraded cameras will provide feedback on traffic volume. Traffic signals could be controlled remotely — and the length of green lights extended, for example — using a combination of software and in-person monitoring, according to Rene Baile, Menlo Park transportation engineer.

The system would also enable emergency vehicles to control traffic signals if necessary to expedite their travel.

The anticipated completion date for the system is mid-summer, after which drivers can expect fewer stops at traffic lights, Mr. Baile said.

The same adaptive traffic-signal technology is in use on El Camino Real between Quarry Road and Encinal Avenue, he said.

Construction work may close some vehicular lanes between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and bike lanes between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

At night, some lane closures are planned on Sand Hill Road west of Saga Lane due to a sepa-

rate project: a PG&E pipeline installation.

Chilco Street

A three-phase project to install pedestrian and bike paths on Chilco Street is underway.

Work will start on the stretch of Chilco Street between the old Dumbarton rail line and Constitution Drive. Funded by Facebook, the project is expected to be completed in May, at the same time that renovations wrap up on Facebook's Building 23, a former TE Connectivity office space.

Occasional car lane, bike lane and shoulder closures are expected.

Phase two of the bike and pedestrian path installation will stretch from where the street curves to the intersection with Constitution Drive, and is planned for completion in summer 2016.

Phase three of the installation, to cover between the Chilco Street-Terminal Avenue intersection and where Chilco Street crosses the Dumbarton rail line, is expected to be completed in the next six to eight months, and the final stretch, between Constitution Drive and Bayfront Expressway, near the Menlo Gateway hotel, is expected to be completed sometime around the end of the year.

Willow Road

Willow Road projects are underway at several locations:

■ Upgrades to traffic-detection video and traffic signals at Gilbert and Coleman avenues may cause occasional lane and shoulder closures. The changes will enable

See **CONSTRUCTION**, page 29

May 3 deadline to vote on taxes

Voters in the Menlo Park City School District have until Tuesday, May 3, to mail or drop off their ballots, or vote in person, on two parcel tax measures.

Mailed ballots must be post-marked on or before May 3 and must be received by the Elections Office no later than Friday, May 6.

Voters may deliver ballots to the Registration & Elections Division's 24-hour ballot drop box at 40 Tower Road in San Mateo any time before 8 p.m. on Election Day (May 3) or to Menlo Park City Hall, 701 Laurel St., during office hours (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) from now through Election Day.

Voters may vote in person at

the 40 Tower Road office any weekday through May 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or on Election Day, Tuesday, May 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters who have not received a ballot or have a question should contact the Registration & Elections Division at (650) 312-5222 or by email: registrar@smcare.org.

At ShapeTheFuture.org, registered voters may click on the "Track My Ballot" link under the "Voters" section of the home page to see if their ballots have been received and counted.

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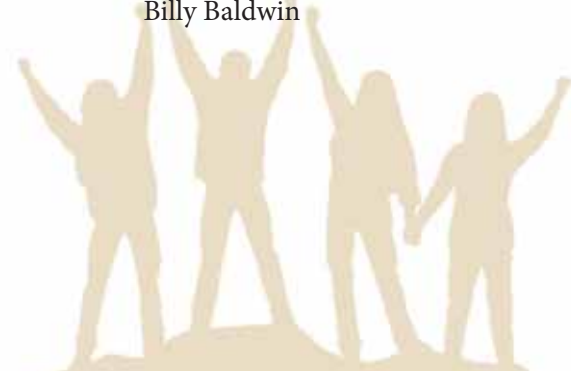
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Atherton changes fees for park use

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Professional photographers who use Holbrook-Palmer Park as a backdrop for photo shoots will soon have to pay \$100 a day or \$500 a month for the privilege under a fee schedule approved by Atherton's City Council on April 20.

The council made a few other changes in the park's fee schedule, including allowing the main house to be rented out on week-

ends for \$250 an hour for as little as two hours, instead of only allowing all-day rentals for \$1,500.

The rates for renting out the carriage house will go up if a group is larger than 100 people. The town will also require valet parking for any event with 100 or more people, or if the park has a lot of other users booked during an event. Valet parking is now required with events of 150 or more people.

The town will raise the rate

for non-Little League rentals of the baseball field by \$5 to \$30 an hour, with a two-hour minimum.

"I think there's a point where we're over-marketing our park," council member Bill Widmer said. "We need to have time for our residents to use the park."

The council asked the town staff to watch for six months how the changes affect the availability of the park for residents and report back.

The council considered two other items that affect the use of the park. The council unanimously approved extending the contract for the Knox Playschool for one year, with options to extend for two more years. The preschool pays approximately \$80,000 a year in rent.

Bikes in park

The council also gave town staff permission to look into changing the rules that ban all bicycles from the paths in the park. Bikes are allowed on the streets in the park.

Public Works Superintendent Steve Tyler said that children have been riding their bikes through the park, especially from the gate that leads to Felton Gables to the



Wood-fired ceramic vase

"Beauty of Wood Fire, Vol. 2" is the title of the carved ceramic artwork by Misako Kambe of Menlo Park on display at the Portola Art Gallery during the month of April. Ms. Kambe begins by hand carving her artwork. Next, wood ashes are deposited on the ceramic surfaces, making various and beautiful effects. The gallery is located in the historic Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park.

bicycle/pedestrian bridge.

Council member Rick DeGolia asked the town to look into widening the path that leads from the bridge to the Felton Gables gate, passing the Little League field, so that both bikes and pedestrians could use it.

"There are bikes there now," Mr. DeGolia said. "I think we should do what we can to make it safe."

Once a proposed ordinance has been prepared it will be returned to the council for approval. ■

Phyllis Dagmar Lichetti Blum Quilter

August 30, 1922 – April 7, 2016

After living a full life, Phyllis Quilter passed away at age 93 from leukemia. She is survived by her two sons: Richard Frank Blum of Portola Valley and Karl Nicholas Blum of Mountain View. Born in Philadelphia to Ralph and Ida Anderson Lichetti, Phyllis attended both elementary and secondary schools, graduating from Overbrook High School in 1940.



During WWII, she worked for the General Electric Company as a draftsman. She met her first husband there, Frank Nicholas Blum, who was on the GE Test Program. Frank was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh – BS; Electrical Engineering. After marrying in June 1944, Lieutenant Junior Grade Frank Blum was sent to sea in the U.S.S. Princeton, CV37. At the close of the war and returning to GE, Frank was transferred to San Francisco. The couple, along with first born, Rick, drove across the country in 1948, settling in the Sunset District. Phyllis spent her time modeling and doing bread commercials for Langendorf bread. Two years later found the family in Palo Alto, where Phyllis was involved in the Cub Scouts and working part-time for the Credit Department at the Emporium in Stanford Shopping Center. Here a second son, Karl, was born. Moving to Portola Valley in 1960, Phyllis became involved with community activities to include the town council; where she was instrumental in the formation of the Town of Portola Valley. She was a Special Deputy Sheriff of San Mateo County for Human Relations and served as Secretary of the San Mateo Grand Jury. Additional activities included volunteer service with the Sequoia YMCA, Children's Health Council, and Christ Episcopal Church. Recreational activities included golf, trail riding and gardening.

In 1974, Frank died and Phyllis united with a long-time acquaintance, Joseph Francis Quilter, RAdm. (ret), whose wife had also recently passed. They were married in January 1975 at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. The couple enjoyed travel. Their adventures covered the four corners of the globe: China, taking the Trans-Siberian Railroad across Russia and extensively exploring Europe to name a few. They resided together in Joe's home in Portola Valley until his death in 2000. Phyllis returned to her Portola Valley home where she continued to be socially active and pursue her love of golf. Phyllis will be laid to rest next to her mother at Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo on Friday, May 6, 2016, at 3:00PM.

A small family memorial will be conducted with family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to the Sequoia YMCA, 1445 Hudson St, Redwood City, CA 94061, Children's Health Council, 650 Clark Way, Palo Alto, CA 94304 or the Christ Episcopal Church, 815 Portola Rd, Portola Valley, CA 94028

PAID OBITUARY

Carlo Besio

July 21, 1929-April 11, 2016

Carlo's talents were many, from accomplished veterinarian to businessman to gardener and wine-maker; he lived his 86 years filled with an energetic love of learning and doing.

He was born in San Jose, CA, to Bert and Mary Besio, both of whom immigrated to the United States from Italy in the early 1900s. Carlo's immigrant roots were a foundation and an inspiration to him throughout his life.

At a young age, he was a stable boy, then groom, and later riding instructor at the Menlo Circus Club, a place

where his love of horses sparked his desire to become a veterinarian.

Knowing that he wanted to attend college, he attended Bellarmine High School on an educational scholarship. After high school, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, eventually working as hospital corpsman in Japan.

His years in Japan became another significant influence upon him, and his bonsai garden and later partnership as a co-founder of Happi House Restaurants (1972) shows the impact Japan had upon his life.

Carlo returned to California after his service in Japan and attended the University of California at Davis after the Korean Conflict, where he enrolled in veterinary school but just as importantly, where he met his wife of 58

years, Jane Besio, who survives him.

He and Jane moved to Portola Valley where they ran the Portola Valley Veterinary practice for 36 years, and also raised their four children, Kim Besio (Waterville, Me), Kathryn Besio (husband, Paul Berkowitz, Hilo, HI), Kristy Besio (Portola Valley, CA) and David Besio (wife, Marisa Lin, San Francisco, CA). Carlo also had three grandchildren, Kylie Harris (Ashland, WI), Dylan Bernard (Hilo, HI), and Elvie Besio (San Francisco).

Portola Valley residents remember

Carlo along the soccer sidelines as well as in the veterinary office and in their barns and fields.

In the years since Carlo's retirement from his veterinary practice, he worked at Happi House but his passion became growing grapes and making wine. Carlo's love of his vineyard and wine rekindled his interest in his Italian ancestry and he traveled to Italy to study Italian where he and Jane experienced la dolce vita.

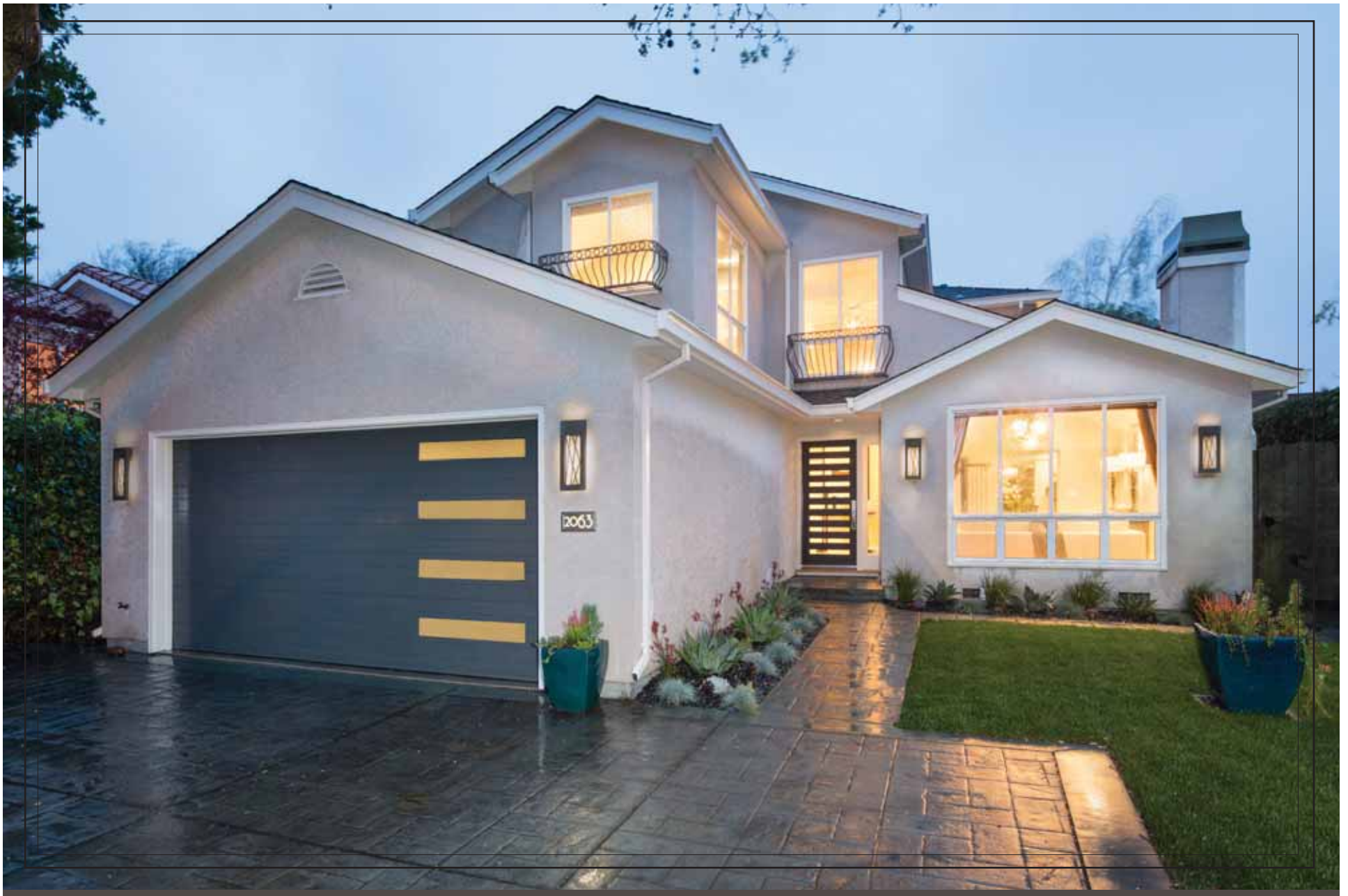
Carlo spent his final days at home in Portola Valley with immediate family.

Memorial will be held on June 1st from 11-2 at the Hunter residence, 5 Cherokee Court, Portola Valley, CA.

Carlo requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Center for Equine Health at UC Davis.

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Carlo Besio, veterinarian, vintner

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

OBITUARY

A memorial service for Portola Valley veterinarian, gardener, vintner and longtime resident Carlo Besio is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, at 5 Cherokee Court in Portola Valley. Mr. Besio was with his family at his home when he died on Monday, April 11. He was 86.

Mr. Besio was a native of San Jose and the son of Bert and Mary Besio. His parents were first-generation Italian Americans, “a foundation and an inspiration to him throughout his life,” his daughter Kathryn Besio said. “He lived his 86 years filled with an energetic love of learning and doing.”

“Carlos was an awesome guy,” said Ron Ramies, a town resident and the owner of Portola Valley Fuel, a gas station and auto repair shop. “When I would get hurt at the shop, I’d call and he’d say, ‘C’mon down,’” Mr. Ramies said. “He’d stitch me up (at) no charge. It was old school. You shake hands and you agree to do something and you do it.

... ‘I’m going to fix your car,’ or ‘I’m going to stitch you up.’”

Resident Ellie Ferrari brought her small animals to Dr. Besio. “He truly was the old-time vet and would discuss with you measures to cure your ailing animal, suggesting you try one remedy and if it did not work, he would suggest another,” she said in an email. “He was a lovely, soft-spoken gentleman and those are the memories he will leave with us.”

Mr. Besio got his start with animals as a stable boy, then groom, then riding instructor at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton. After he graduated from Bellermine College Preparatory in San Jose, his education was interrupted by service as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, which included service in Japan.

His time in Japan influenced him. He later cultivated bonsai — the Japanese art of growing aesthetically pleasing miniature versions of trees and shrubs in pots — and co-founded the



Photo by Celso Onofre

Carlo Besio in his Portola Valley vineyard in 2012.

Happi House chain of Bay Area Japanese restaurants.

After the war, Mr. Besio earned a degree in veterinary medicine from the University of California at Davis and married Jane, his wife of 58 years. He practiced in Portola Valley for 36 years and the couple raised four children. He retired in 1998.

After he retired, “Carlo’s love of his vineyard and wine rekindled his interest in his Italian

ancestry and he traveled to Italy to study Italian where he and Jane experienced la dolce vita,” his daughter Kathryn said.

In his Portola Valley vineyard, Mr. Besio raised mostly Sangiovese and Dolcetto grapes, but also Syrah and Pinot Noir, his daughter said. He rode horses when young and participated in shows, but gave it up once he began his practice, though he taught his daughters to ride and would ride

himself when given a chance.

Dr. Besio is survived by his wife Jane; daughters Kim of Waterville, Maine, Kathryn of Hilo, Hawaii, and Kristy of Portola Valley; son David of San Francisco; and three grandchildren.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Center for Equine Health at UC Davis.

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Two big fundraisers to fight Lyme disease

By Kate Daly
Special to the Almanac

May is practically becoming Lyme awareness month given there are now two big fundraisers happening on the Peninsula to support making progress on combating the disease.

The fourth annual LymeAid dinner concert featuring Diana Ross at the Palo Alto home of Paula and Mike Rantz on May 1

is sold out with a waitlist.

On bayarealyne.org, the Bay Area Lyme Foundation's website, ticket prices start at \$1,000.

On May 22, KC and the Sunshine Band will perform at a new event called Catalyst 4 The Cure Concert at the Portola Valley home of Sherry and Laird Cagan.

Go to stand4lyme.org to buy tickets, which start at \$500.

The Cagans co-founded the Bay Area Lyme Foundation in Portola Valley, and hosted the

last three LymeAid benefits at their home, but this year they have launched a new fundraiser. "We have separated and gone our separate ways," Ms. Cagan said. "We have started a new foundation and started the Stand4Lyme fund at Stanford."

Funding individual grants is a very slow and painful process, she said, referring to her experience with her former foundation.

"We have created a different model to collaborate with major

institutions to move along more quickly," she said.

The new fund enables people to donate directly to the Stanford Lyme Disease Working Group, which collaborates regularly with researchers at other universities such as Johns Hopkins, Harvard and Columbia.

Ms. Cagan has been battling Lyme for years, but now that their two teenage daughters are being treated for the disease, she said, "Our kids need a cure quickly."

Both fundraisers will follow similar formats in which guests hear from scientists on their latest Lyme disease work. A catered sit-down dinner will be served followed by live musical entertainment.

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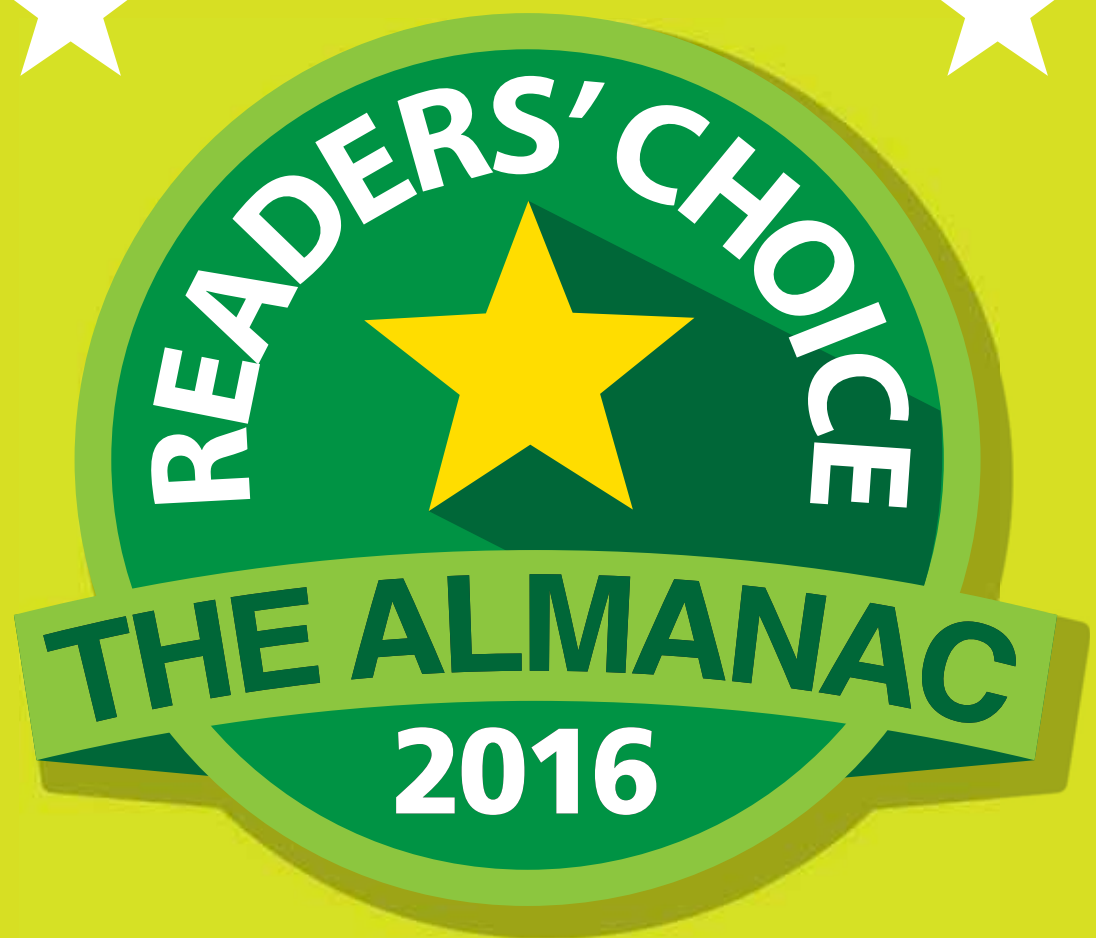
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Geoff Rehnert of Woodside uses shortcut keys to operate a BeamPro robot at his Menlo Park office on Sand Hill Road.

How Woodside exec uses robot at his Sand Hill Road office

By **Kate Daly**
 Special to the Almanac

How can you be in two places at once? If you ask Geoff Rehnert of Woodside, it's easy. Now that his company has a small team of telepresence robots called BeamPro, "it's like having an avatar," he says.

Since leasing four BeamPro robots six months ago, his company has saved "hundreds of thousands of dollars in travel costs and time," says Mr. Rehnert, co-CEO of Audax Group, a private equity firm with offices in Menlo Park, Boston and New York.

Leasing runs \$574 a month for each BeamPro or it can be purchased for \$16,000, he says.

Mr. Rehnert demonstrates how he uses BeamPro every day, starting with greeting guests in the reception area of his Sand Hill Road office. It rolls a 5-foot 2-inch silver colored machine that looks like Skype on wheels.

Equipped with two wide-angle cameras, a microphone and speaker, the 17-inch LCD screen shows Mr. Rehnert's face and the speaker broadcasts his voice. The screen is mounted on two poles, which are attached to a base outfitted with headlights and automatic brakes.

The robot moves rather quietly and at different speeds controlled by Mr. Rehnert using the arrows on his computer keypad. The system requires 4G and Wi-Fi.

His co-workers barely look

up when the robot rolls by their desks to escort guests down the hall. "We're used to it," his assistant Kim Gamma explains.

Mr. Rehnert pushes the "P" button on his keypad to park BeamPro in its loading dock, a platform that requires a 120V plug to recharge the eight-hour battery.

Next he uses his computer to activate the company's BeamPro in Boston so he can talk to his assistant Natasha Sugarman there.

"Geoff and I catch up each day and do our to-do list on the robot. It's better than doing it on the phone, better to see his reactions," she says.

The one thing she doesn't like is when the robot sneaks up on her. "I tried putting a bell on it," she says, but hasn't found the right bell for the job yet.

Mr. Rehnert prefers BeamPro to videoconferencing because he finds using a robot is less disruptive, less formal, and more natural. "I can pull up and join a meeting and join the conversation; it's very much like being there," he says.

With the robot's mobility, he can cruise the halls to check in with workers or invite them to roll with him into his office for a private conversation behind closed doors.

As for the downsides, Mr. Rehnert says, it's hard to read the fine print on documents displayed on the screen, and every once in a while a robot needs a little push to restart it in a Wi-Fi dead spot.

Otherwise, "it's incredibly efficient. I think it's going to be a game changer," he says, pointing out how BeamPro is being used by doctors working remotely so they aren't exposed to infectious diseases.

BeamPro is designed and manufactured in Palo Alto by Suitable Technologies, a company founded in 2011 by Stanford grad Scott Hassan. The company has a showroom on University Avenue in Palo Alto.

Stanford Athletics uses BeamPro for meetings. Some schools use the robots to give recruits virtual tours of their campuses. The San Diego Air & Space Museum offers docent-led BeamPro tours to house-bound visitors. Many companies such as Microsoft Research and Square use the robots, too.

There are several similar telepresence robots on the market. Suitable Technologies makes another product for smaller companies or personal use.

Beam+ is approximately 4 feet 5-inches tall with a 10-inch screen. It weighs a little over 68 pounds and has a battery that lasts a couple of hours.

Beam+ is selling for about \$2,000 on the company's website and on Amazon.com, where it is receiving rave reviews from customers. One writes, "On late work nights it allows me to Beam in and see my kiddos before they head off to practice or bed."

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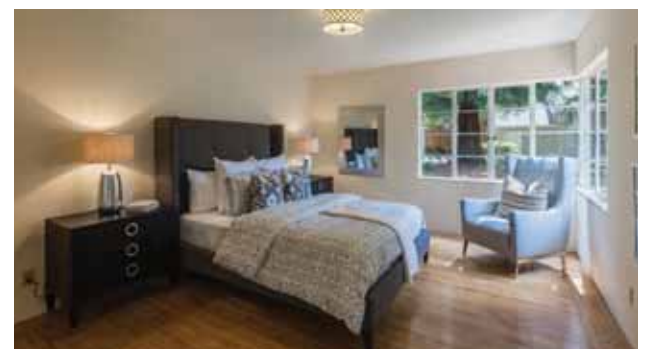
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THE ARVIDSSONS



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The Arvidssons of Woodside, from left, Carol, Karl, Erik and Par, are a family of serious athletes. Erik is a world-class Alpine ski racer and Karl an All American swimmer. Par won a gold medal in swimming for Sweden at the 1980 Olympics and Carol is a former triathlete.

A Woodside family marks its passage with athletic brilliance

By Dave Boyce

It's been a drama-filled life in recent years for Woodside brothers Erik and Karl Arvidsson, and tangentially for their parents Par and Carol Arvidsson as they have looked on.

Erik is a world-class downhill ski racer, and Karl is on track to reach the top rank of swimmers in the United States. For advice on competing at such high levels, they have their father, Par, who won a gold medal swimming the 100-meter butterfly for Sweden at the 1980 Olympics. Carol, their mother, is a former triathlete.

So far in 2016, Erik, who is 19 and a member of the U.S. Ski Team, has participated in 44 ski races. Most took place in North America, but this year he's also been to Norway, Switzerland, Italy, France, Austria and Russia. In Sochi on Feb. 27 at the FIS Junior World Ski Championships, Erik placed first in the downhill category.

At Sochi, Erik also raced the slalom, the giant slalom, the Alpine combined — both downhill and slalom — and the Super G — a downhill run with an emphasis on speed rather than technical skill.

"I have a really good feel for skiing," he said. "It just came naturally to me. It was so easy for me to work hard. ... I really enjoy the challenge of getting fit for ski racing."

Meanwhile in Austin, Texas, on that same February weekend, Karl, 17 and a senior at Woodside High School, placed fourth in the 200-meter breast stroke at the Speedo Winter Junior National Championships.

Seven months earlier at a swim meet in Santa Clara, Karl swam a 100-yard breast stroke in 56.13 seconds, placing him as one of the fastest swimmers in the United States and earning him the rank of All American.

"I always noticed that it was always fun to be with my



Photo by Pavel Cherepanov.

Erik Arvidsson, a Woodside resident and member of the U.S. Ski Team, racing at the FIS Junior World Ski Championships in Sochi, Russia, in March. Mr. Arvidsson placed first in the downhill category. This photo shows him in the Super G, a downhill run that emphasizes speed over technical skill.



Karl Arvidsson doing the breast stroke in the pool at Woodside High School, and wearing Woodside's trademark orange swim cap. Karl, who is 17 and a senior, earned an All-American ranking in 2015.

teammates and practice and kind of forget (the rest of my life)," Karl said. "I felt like swim practice was a time when I didn't have to think about that. It was a time when I was not sort of stressed."

Speaking about his presence at the 1980 Olympics, Par called it "a remarkable set of experiences." He made friends and felt "very fortunate to be part of something bigger than yourself," he said.

His memories include a Cold War anecdote in which he discovered issues that swimmers have in common. "Here's someone educated in another country that we were not supposed to like," Par recalled in meeting swimmers from what was then East Germany. "We were (all) tired. We were (all) always hungry. It was the same thing. We were young adults!"

Carol, the daughter of Palo Alto track star Bob

Wood, said her sons played many sports when they were young. "We would enable their activities. That's just been our life, splitting up and handling it," she said. "We made sure they became good people and good sports and enjoyed what they were doing and were not being pushed." Ms. Arvidsson added that she's always loved being a spectator.

Learning about fear

Erik took a winding path educationally. He'd been skiing since he was 10, and began high school at Menlo School in Atherton as an individual-studies student. As a sophomore at Forest Charter School in Truckee, he had ready access to snow. He graduated from the Lydian Academy, a private school in Menlo Park with a program for "athletes, musicians, and artists

(who) want to pursue their passions," according to the school's website.

"Everything that I've done was 100 percent to do with my skiing," Erik said, adding that he has a deferred acceptance at Middlebury College in Vermont. "I'm committed to trying to make it (as a skier), but I'm going to go to school and have backup and other things going on," he said. He doesn't yet have a major in mind.

While it hasn't been a traditional school experience, what he's "lost" has been made up for in travel and being part of the ski community, he said. "You learn a lot. It's awesome. It's great."

He's learned about fear, for example. "Ski racing really involves the no-fear aspect," he said. "I don't really get scared easily. You just have to focus on what you know how to do. ... You just have to go for it. It's safer that way and it's your only chance to be fast, to be committed and not be scared of what you have to do."

In downhill racing, skiers average 40 mph to 60 mph and can reach 80 mph, according to the website About Sports. Alpine racing, Erik said, is a far cry from skiing even an advanced slope at a ski resort. "Race courses are gnarly, much steeper and the snow is usually pure ice," he said. "So the seriousness of the risk is much, much higher."

Asked how racers control their skis on ice, he replied: "Our edges are really, really sharp."

Technique is "just incredibly precise," he added. In competition, "margins are small, movements are small and beyond that, the differences (in finish times) are small," he said. As for the meaning of small, finish-time differences of 0.2 seconds are not considered small, he said, and differences of 0.1 second are not rare. He once lost a race by 0.03 seconds. "That's small," he said.

With differences like that, chance does play a role, he said, but the better skier you are, the more likely that chance works in your favor. "Sounds stupid, but definitely true," he said.

Tactics vary by hill, by course, and by type of race, he said. Weather and home-team advantages are significant factors, as is starting position relative to other racers headed down the hill. "It's really complicated," he said.

Knees and ankles

Karl started swimming at 6 years old and swam competitively at around 8 or 9, he said. As time passed, he pushed himself more and came under a coach's supervision around 11 or 12. He played other sports until swimming required his focus throughout the year, he said.

Progress came with simply growing bigger and getting stronger. But now he's about as big and strong as he's going to get, so "I have to think about getting better," he said. If every practice is as good as it can be, it will pay off, he said. His speed continues to improve, he said.

Karl said his knees and ankles are unusually flexible. "That's how my body is, so that sometimes helps me swim fast in breast stroke," he said.

His dad's advice, when asked for, has been a significant influence, he said. "I know what he's saying is true and pretty helpful," he said. "He tries to stay out of it and not to be too on top of me."

A key piece of advice: practice. "You've done it so many times, and your body knows what to do," Par said. "Almost let your body take over and let your body do it. Trusting yourself is incredibly important."

On two mornings a week, Karl swims before school. He's back in the water from 4:15 to 7 p.m. every afternoon, and swims two hours on Saturdays — about 40,000 yards a week, he said.

He also lifts weights and works on his core muscles. Core strength is important in maintaining a straight body in the water, and muscle memory allows you to concentrate on other aspects of swimming, he said.

His diet became a factor around age 14 or 15, he said. He discovered that what he ate affected his practice, so now he avoids sugar and drinks lots of water. ▣

Ronald Kovas, Menlo College professor, Sunset magazine exec

Ronald Allen Kovas of Atherton, a professor at Menlo College and a former president of Sunset Publishing Corp., died April 8. He was 74.

Mr. Kovas was a professor at Menlo College from 2013 until his death. His family says his “love of mentoring and inspiring others was fully met in that role.”

Born in Chicago, Mr. Kovas lived in that area until he came to Stanford University, where he received his under-

OBITUARIES

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

graduate degree in 1964. He was a two-sport varsity athlete at Stanford, and later served several terms on the university’s athletic board, actively fundraising for Stanford swimming.

Mr. Kovas received an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern

University, where he met his wife, Patty.

Following service in the National Guard, Mr. Kovas went to work for the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency. He ran the company’s San Francisco office and then its Canadian branch from Toronto.

He moved to New York to run Hill & Knowlton worldwide, the public relations subsidiary of J. Walter Thompson, and became vice president of the JWT Group.

After a brief return to Canada in 1989 with Southam Communications, Mr. Kovas returned to the Bay Area as president of Sunset Publishing Corp. From there he went on to be a part of several startup companies.

Mr. Kovas was president of the board of what is now the Fight Hunger Bowl and was on the governing board at Filoli.

He is survived by his wife, Patty; children Allyson, Peter, Joe and Charlie Kovas; and

three grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Scott Kovas.

The family prefers donations in memory of Ron Kovas to: The Humane Society of Silicon Valley, 901 Ames Ave., Milpitas, CA 95035 | www.hssv.org.



Ronald Allen Kovas

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PLAN CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE— BEAR GULCH DISTRICT

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The act requires urban water suppliers to update their Urban Water Management Plans (UWMP) at least once every five years, and to file updated plans with the Department of Water Resources, the California State Library, and any city or county served by the supplier no later than 30 days after adoption.

California Water Service (Cal Water) is an investor-owned public utility providing water service throughout California. In addition, Cal Water is regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

One of Cal Water’s service areas is the Bear Gulch District, which serves Portola Valley, Woodside, Atherton, and portions of Menlo Park and Redwood City, in San Mateo County.

As a defined urban water supplier, Cal Water is preparing an update to its UWMP that will address the water service conditions in the Bear Gulch District. It is Cal Water’s intent to adopt that plan and file that plan as required with the Department of Water Resources, the California State Library, and any city or county within which Cal Water provides service.

A key focus of this UWMP update is the conservation requirement set forth in Senate Bill 7 (SBx7-7) as passed in November 2009. SBx7-7 mandates a statewide 20% reduction in per capita urban water use by 2020. In order to quantify the objectives and identify the means of achieving this mandated demand reduction, Cal Water has prepared a Conservation Master Plan.

Cal Water is in the process of expanding current conservation programs and developing new programs for its 24 districts. Over the next five years, Cal Water conservation program expenditures are likely to increase, due in large measure to recently adopted state policies requiring future reductions in per capita urban water use. These state policies include SBx7-7, as well as decisions by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) directing Class A and B water utilities to adopt conservation programs and rate structures designed to achieve reductions in per capita water use, as well as the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Urban Water Conservation in California (MOU), of which Cal Water has been a signatory since 1991.

The Conservation Master Plan for the Bear Gulch District will be presented to the cities, counties, and customers served by Cal Water’s Bear Gulch District in conjunction with the UWMP.

Schedule of upcoming actions:

On or about May 24, 2016, a printed hard-copy of the Draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan and the Conservation Master Plan will be available for review during normal business hours at the Bear Gulch Customer Center, located at 3525 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

It is preferred that prior arrangements are made with the district’s management for viewing the Proposed UWMP and/or the Conservation Master Plan. These arrangements can be made by calling (650) 561-9709. An electronic copy will be available on Cal Water’s company web site on or about May 24, 2016. The internet address for the Plan is: www.calwater.com/conservation/uwmp

The public meeting to receive comments on the Proposed UWMP and the Conservation Master Plan will be held on June 9, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., in the Bear Gulch Operations Center, located at 120 Reservoir Road, Atherton, CA 94027.

If you are unable to attend the scheduled public meeting but want to provide comments regarding the proposed UWMP, you may send your comments via email to PlanningInfo@calwater.com.

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Teen raises \$85K for domestic violence group

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Nick Jaeger, a 17-year-old senior at Woodside Priory and a resident of Portola Valley, says he has never personally experienced domestic violence. The issue arose for him as a freshman at the Priory doing community service work in connection with a theology class. He was moved, he says, by the plight of a boy and his sister at a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

He says he recognized how significant his relationship with his parents was in contributing to his happiness and success. “It terrified me that for some, these relationships that I had always taken for granted were so painful.”

Nick created “Another Door Opens Fund,” which has accumulated about \$85,000 for the nonprofit CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse). CORA provides domestic violence prevention services in San Mateo County, including a 24-hour hotline, counseling, and emergency and transitional housing for domestic violence survivors.

Thirty to 40 donors contributed, including peers, parents, friends, family and people he met working as a protege of two

financial investment professionals. Donations ranged from \$20 to \$10,000, he says.

In recognition of his efforts, Nick was honored with a 2014 Changemaker Inspiration Award from Breakthrough New York, and more recently as a distinguished finalist in the 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

In discussing with CORA’s executive director how he could make a difference, Nick says he concluded that the issue doesn’t have a high enough profile. “There is still a culture of victim blaming, which stems from a lack of awareness,” he says.

So far, his advocacy has had a local focus, but Nick says he has begun research with a collaborator in the economics department at Harvard University, and says he plans to publish economic arguments in support of shelter funding that can help raise money nationwide.

Nick says he’s in the process of choosing a college and that he expects to major in economics and find work as an academic economist. ■



Nick Jaeger

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Filoli Flower Show Filoli will celebrate its centennial and the 28th anniversary of its Flower Show Fundraiser, a premiere Bay Area event on Mother's Day Weekend, this year with a theme of "California Then and Now 1916-2016." Visit the website for the full schedule and ticket information. May 5-8. Prices vary by event. Filoli, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside. filoli.org/flower-show/

Adult Coloring Party All supplies and refreshments provided. May 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025 ext. 242. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

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M-A Big Bear Run The Menlo-Atherton High School Athletic Boosters will hold its 11th annual Big Bear 5K run, an event which usually attracts around 1,000 runners. The course will begin at the high school and loop around the Lindenwood neighborhood in Atherton. To register, search for "M-A Big Bear

Run" on active.com. May 1, 9 a.m. \$23 youth; \$33 adult. Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. active.com

Seeds of Hope Spring Benefit Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) will hold a fundraising event with food and wine and an inspiring sharing of support for survivors of domestic violence. Wine reception, tequila tasting, raffle, dinner and live auction. Visit website for ticket information. May 5, 6-9 p.m. \$200 and up. Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club, 2900 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-652-0800 ext. 171. www.cora-support.org/news/events/

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Finckel Piano Trio Violinist Philip Setzer will join David Finckel (cello) and Wu Han (piano), Music@Menlo's artistic directors, in performing a program of three revered piano trios by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Brahms. May 8, 6 p.m. \$52/\$47 full price; \$25/\$20 under age 30. Menlo-Atherton High School, The Center for Performing Arts, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 650-330-2030. musicatmenlo.org

Dance

Menlowe Ballet: 'Collage' Menlowe Ballet's 10th Season will include world premieres of three works by three choreographers: Val Caniparoli, Gregory Dawson and Michael Lowe. April 29, 8 p.m.; April 30, 2 and 8 p.m.; May 1, 2 p.m. \$28-\$55. Menlo-Atherton High School, Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 650-231-2025. menloweballet.org

Kids & Families

Author Andy Griffiths leads youth on wild storytelling adventure when he shares his latest, "The 52-Story Treehouse," an absurd and comedic book for middle-grade readers. May 6, 6 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/youth-andy-griffiths

Día de los Niños Fiesta Community members invited to visit library table during Portola Valley Farmers' Market, where there will be a craft activity and live music provided by Trio Mariachi del Sol. Also a book giveaway. April 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

May Day Fun Run & Walk meanders for 2.25 miles along country roads of Woodside. T-shirts, muffins, fruit and refreshments provided to registered participants. Registration from 7:30-8:15 a.m., with race starting at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration must be completed by April 29. May 7, 8:30-10 a.m. \$10-\$15. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. maydayfunrun.eventbrite.com

Health

Autism Spectrum Disorders Update at Stanford Autism Center. Stanford researchers present their latest work in autism field. Keynote speakers: Catherine Lord, Ph.D., and Peter Mundy, Ph.D. May 7, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



'Behind the Lines'

"Those Eyes," shown here, is one of the featured watercolors in Yvonne Newhouse's May exhibit "Behind the Lines" at the Portola Art Gallery at Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park. A reception for the artist will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

\$125 (includes breakfast and lunch). Li Ka Shing Conference Center, second floor, 291 Campus Drive, Stanford. med.stanford.edu/autismcenter/events.html

Kensington Place authors on dementia John Graham and Cathy Allen, authors and leaders from Kensington Place, will provide information about the nearly 100 different types of dementia. Event is free, but those interested are encouraged to register, as seating is limited. April 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Kensington Place, 2800 El Camino Real, Redwood City. kensingtonplaceredwoodcity.com

Food & Drink

Facebook Farmers Market Starting April 30, Facebook Farmers Market brings together

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Portola Valley Farmers' Market Thursdays, year-round, 2-6 p.m. (summer hours). Free. Portola Valley Farmers' Market, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. pvfarmersmarket.com

On Stage

'An Afternoon With Norm "Ty Cobb" Coleman' Norm Coleman performs one-man show impersonating baseball great Ty Cobb.

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www.EVols.org/Explore **650.493.8000**

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PACCC summer camps offer campers, grades 1st to 6th, a wide variety of fun opportunities! We are excited to introduce two new camps to our lineup this year: Leaders in Training (L.I.T.) and PACCC Special Interest Units (S.I.U.). Returning favorites include F.A.M.E. (Fine Arts, Music and Entertainment), J.V. Sports and Operation: Chef! Periodic field trips, special visitors and many engaging camp activities, songs and skits round out the fun offerings of PACCC Summer Camps! Open to campers from all communities! Come join the fun in Palo Alto! Register online.

www.paccc.org **650.493.2361**

STANFORD EXPLORE: A Lecture **Stanford** Series on Biomedical Research

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Stanford Jazz Workshop **Stanford University**

Week-long jazz immersion programs for young musicians in middle school (starts July 13), high school (July 19 and July 26), and college, as well as adults (August 2). All instruments and vocals.

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www.theatreworks.org/learn/youth/summercamps

Athletics

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www.hifivesportsclubs.com/ **650.362.4975**
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Athletics

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Adventure awaits at J-Camp! With options for grades K-12 that fit every schedule and interest, you can mix and match camps to meet your family's needs. Are you looking for well-rounded camp sessions that focus on variety and building friendships? We've got you covered. Does your child have specific talents you'd like them to explore in depth? Send them our way. We're looking forward to our best summer ever and want your family to be part of the experience!

www.ofjcc-jcamp.com **650.223.8622**

Menlo School Sports Camps **Atherton**

Menlo camps are designed for boys and girls grades 4-12 to learn from Knights coaches and staff. Join us this summer to develop skills, foster athleticism and promote sportsmanship in camps covering a range of sports — baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, soccer and water polo.

www.menloschool.org **650.330.2001 ext. 2758**

Nike Tennis Camps **Stanford University**

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www.USSportsCamps.com **1.800.NIKE.CAMP**
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www.Stanfordbaseballcamp.com **650.723.4528**

Stanford Water Polo **Stanford**

Ages 7 and up. New to sport or have experience, we have a camp for you. Half day or fully day option for boys and girls. All the camps offer fundamental skill work, scrimmages and games.

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University Club of Palo Alto Tennis Program

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mbentley@ucpaloalto.com **650.494.8279**
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Academics

Alexa Café **Palo Alto High School**

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www.iDTech.com **1.844.788.1858**

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www.BayAreaPathwaysAcademy.org **650.574.6149**

Castilleja Summer Camp for Girls **Palo Alto**

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www.summer.harker.org **408.553.5737**

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www.mid-pen.org **650.321.1991**

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'The Hound of the Baskervilles: a Comic Thriller' Woodside Priory School presents spoof of classic Sherlock Holmes mystery that is full of physical comedy, mystery, danger, colorful characters and lots of fog. Appropriate for all ages. April 28-30, 7 p.m. \$15 adult; \$5 student, child. Woodside Priory School, Rothrock Performance Hall, 302 Portola Road, Portola Valley. priory.ticketleap.com/hound/

'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum' Menlo School's drama department stages Stephen Sondheim musical, a romp through Rome with mistaken identities, lovers, schemes and secrets. Appropriate for all ages. May 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13, 8-10 p.m. \$5 student; \$10 adult. Menlo School, Outdoor Stage on the

Quad, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. www.menloschool.org/arts/drama.php

Talks & Authors

'Story Telling' Author Kristin Delaplaine and biographer Duffy Jennings, whose fathers Stanton Delaplaine and Dean Jennings were prominent San Francisco Chronicle columnists, describe how to write inspiring memoirs, record oral histories and present genealogy as an exciting story. The event is part of the Woodside Arts & Culture Committee's First Friday series. May 6, 7 p.m. Free. Woodside Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside. woodsidesetown.org/artsandculture/arts-culture-committee-events

'Before Our Very Eyes: Human Trafficking Happening Here' During this San Mateo County Democracy for America event, Betty Ann Hagenau, executive director of Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition, discusses modern-day slavery and how to identify human trafficking. Pamela Estes, president of Redwood City Parks and Arts Foundation, gives preview

of May 14 Human Trafficking Awareness Day. May 4, 7 p.m. Free. Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road, Woodside. www.smcdfa.org/calendar

Author Wayne Pacelle, CEO of Humane Society of the United States, provides glimpse into his book, "The Humane Economy: How Innovators and Enlightened Consumers are Transforming the Lives of Animals." April 28, 7:30 p.m. \$20 general; \$10 student; \$40 premier (includes book). Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2506564

Psychologist Philip Zimbardo, widely known for his 1971 Stanford Prison Experiment, discusses his new book "Man, Interrupted," which looks at the trend of young men retreating to virtual worlds. He will be in conversation with Donovan Somera Yisrael. May 5, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/philip-zimbardo-conversation-nikita-coulombe

USGS April Evening Public Lecture Char-

Style-> Sam Droege, U.S. Geological Survey wildlife biologist, gives talk on "Untapped Capacity: Our 4,000 Species of Native Bees," exploring native bees as pollinators and the lack of information about the status of native bees. April 28, 7-8:15 p.m. Free. U.S. Geological Survey, Bldg. 3, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-329-4390. online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/

Teen Activities

Author Sarah J. Maas discusses "A Court of Mist and Fury," an action-packed fantasy work and sequel to bestselling "A Court of Thorns and Roses." Maas will be in conversation with Evelyn Skye. May 4, 6:30 p.m. \$15 general; \$10 student; \$25 premier (includes book). Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2531176

Teen Improv Night At this free event led by Menlo-Atherton High School teacher DJ Zwicker-Sobreprena, participants play games as they learn about theatrical improvisation using teamwork,

imagination and spontaneity. Advance registration required. May 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2501. menlopark.org/teens

Et Alia

Lee Middleman's Ceramics Open Studio His new series "Stone Globes" with Jade, Ruby and Midnight glazes was inspired by a recent trip to China. April 30 and May 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission. Lee Middleman Studio and Gallery, 16 Coalmine View, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0295. www.leemiddleman.com

Lifetree Cafe hosts two hour-long conversations exploring the reality of the devil. The program will provide interviews with people who claim to have had encounters with demons, including a clergyman who has performed a number of exorcisms. April 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; April 28, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-854-5897. facebook.com/LTCMenloPark

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■ POLICE CALLS

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PORTOLA VALLEY

Accident: While the driver of a tractor trailer hauling a load of gravel was trying to make a U-turn, the load shifted and the trailer "slowly overturned," causing about half the load to be dumped in the vicinity of the intersection of Los Trancos Road and Buck Meadow Drive. The crew associated with the gravel delivery "quickly cleared" the road, deputies said, and through traffic was restored after about an hour. April 8.

WEST MENLO PARK

Suspicious circumstances: A resident of Perry Avenue awoke to the sound of her dog barking and discovered someone trying to open a rear door of her home around 2 a.m. The would-be burglar fled into the night. April 17.

Theft: Someone stole things from the glove box of a vehicle parked at the Stanford Dish parking area at Alpine Road and Piers Lane. The vehicle might have been unlocked, deputies said. Estimated losses: \$800. April 17.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglary: Someone broke into a house on Timothy Lane and stole gold coins, a bar of silver, \$1,000 in cash, jewelry and a laptop computer. Estimated losses: \$11,000. April 12.

Commercial burglary: A woman was seen putting bottles of baby formula into a

bag at the Safeway supermarket on Sharon Park Drive while another woman acted as lookout. Both women left the store without paying for the goods and left the scene in a white four-door vehicle. Estimated losses: \$222. April 11.

Thefts:

■ A bicycle locked with a chain was stolen from the side of a house on Oakland Avenue. Estimated loss: \$750. April 20.

■ Someone stole a red and black scooter from the 700 block of Alma Street. No estimate on losses. April 17.

■ A pair of sunglasses, a GPS device, a Bluetooth headset and \$5 in cash were stolen from the console and glove box of an unlocked vehicle parked on Lennox Avenue. April 11.

■ A teenager wearing a black Northface fleece jacket and blue jeans and carrying an orange camouflage patterned backpack is suspected of putting bottles of Hennessy

cognac into his backpack at Draeger's Market on University Drive and leaving the store without paying for them. Estimated loss: \$109. April 16.

■ A woman putting groceries into an unlocked vehicle outside the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real had left her wallet on the passenger seat with the door open. A suspect, described by police as male, was seen reaching in and taking the wallet and then running across the parking lot toward El Camino Real. Estimated loss: \$450. April 19.

■ Someone stole and used a debit card from Occasions Etc., a gift store on Santa Cruz Avenue. No estimate on losses. April 19.

■ Two residents, one in the 100 block of Yale Road and the other in the 300 block of Lennox Avenue, reported having mail stolen from a curbside mailbox. No estimates on losses. April 17 and 20.

Fraud: Union Bank on Curtis Avenue reported 13 bad checks cashed against an old account. No estimate on losses. April 18.

Accident: A 56-year-old woman riding north on a sidewalk in the 100 block El Camino Real veered right and rode off the sidewalk and into some bushes and fell off her bike. Medics took her to the hospital with minor, non-life-threatening injuries. April 18.

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Parcel tax backers raise \$16K

The committee backing two parcel tax measures in the Menlo Park City School District has reported that it raised \$16,241 from 29 donors but spent only around \$350 as of April 16.

A campaign disclosure statement filed on April 22 by the "Committee to Support Menlo Park Schools, Yes on Measures A & C" shows the campaign has a cash balance of \$15,893.

No committee has registered to oppose the measures.

Top contributors are: Jody Buckley, community volunteer, co-chair campaign committee, \$5100; Jeffrey Weiner, occupation and employer not provided, \$2,500; Scott Hinshaw, vice president, investments, Morgan Stanley, co-chair campaign committee, \$1,044; Geoff Ralston, founder, Imagine K12, \$1,000; and Terry Thygesen, trustee, Menlo Park City School District, \$1,000

Other donors are below. Where there is no occupation or employer listed, the information was not provided in the

disclosure statement.

■ \$500: Alison Leupold and Ashley Honerkamp.

■ \$250: Jamie Dalessandro, Realtor, Windy Hill Property Ventures; William Thompson, investment adviser, Cambridge Associates; Jennifer Bartle; Emily Record; Elizabeth Ouren; David Bingham, physician, Stanford; Jennifer Schindler, management, Google; Stacey Jones, project manager, Kondra Systems; Mark Baker, president, Alan Baker Co.

■ \$200: Kim Jabal, CFO Weebly; Cathy Tokic.

■ \$150: Laura Paul.

■ \$100 or less: Sherwin Chen; Ashley Montulli; Joy Kellman; Christine Keefer, marketing consultant; Nell Swartzberg, attorney, Manatt, Neela Gentile, consultant; Joanne Loft-house, homemaker; Caryn Wasserstein, stylist; Katie Ferrick, community relations, Linke-dIn; Susannah Hill, director, Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation.

— Barbara Wood

CONSTRUCTION

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emergency vehicles to control traffic signals when necessary to expedite travel. At Willow and Gilbert, a traffic signal shutdown is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 30, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The work is expected to take up to eight hours.

■ Road and signal improvements at Willow Road and Newbridge Street — widening the street pavement, adding street lights, upgrading traffic signals, and installing signage and landscaping — could result in occasional car and bike lane, sidewalk and shoulder closures. The project is sponsored by Facebook.

According to Ebby Sohrabi, Menlo Park senior civil engineer, the most intensive part of the roadwork has been completed, and the whole project is

planned for completion sometime around the end of June or early July. Occasional lane closures are expected, he said, but the agency will coordinate with other projects happening, such as closures planned for Marsh Road, to make sure closures don't happen at the same time for commuters.

■ At Willow Road and Bayfront Expressway, upgrades to traffic signals, drainage, sidewalks, curbs, ADA ramps, street lights and pavement could cause occasional lane or shoulder closures. The project is sponsored by Facebook. According to Mr. Sohrabi, the project has been under construction for some time and is near completion. No lane closures are planned for the rest of the project, and it is estimated to be completed next month.

Go to tinyurl.com/roads39 to stay updated. ■

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145 Phillip Road

Planner: Sean Mullin, Associate Planner

Planning Commission review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a Setback Exception for a proposal to increase the plate height of a nonconforming portion of an existing single-family residence located in the required building setbacks at 145 Phillip Road.

The Setback Exception is a component of a larger proposal to demolish an existing barn; renovate and construct additions to an existing single-family residence; demolish and rebuild two nonconforming structures located in the required building setbacks pursuant to WMC 153.301; construct a new swimming pool; and install other site and landscape improvements.

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



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Careless with the facts, but not talking about it

In March, the Woodside Elementary School District board endorsed a “polling and communication strategy” for an effort to renew the district’s parcel tax. That plan included the mailing of a “public education” brochure to be sent out in March or April.

The brochure that materialized was in large part a progress report on the district’s spending of Measure D bond funds: It highlighted the completion of the \$8.26 million Sellman Auditorium, and invited the community to the auditorium’s reopening and to an April 26 meeting focusing on the next phase of bond revenue-funded construction.

On the surface, the brochure was what it claimed to be in the small type: a public service to provide information to the community. But there was one perplexing component of the mailer: The Sellman Auditorium, it said, was “upgraded” and seismically retrofitted, its leaky roof repaired. In reality, however, the auditorium had been completely demolished and replaced.

After an Almanac reporter noticed this odd discrepancy in the publicly funded brochure, she did what reporters do. She asked how this misinformation found its way into an informational mailer. Was it carelessness? A lapse in supervision of an outside party hired to create the brochure?

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

The question takes on a greater significance when one considers that the brochure was part of a campaign strategy designed to persuade voters to approve a parcel tax in November. In that light, the mailer’s implicit message to potential voters becomes: See how responsibly we spend your bond money as an investment in our school? Now continue your investment by supporting the parcel tax.

There could be a simple answer to our reporter’s question. Perhaps: “We messed up—we’re sorry. We’ll be more careful in the future.” So was that the case? Unfortunately, we don’t know. The superintendent and the school board—five elected officials who are supposed

to be accountable to the public—have circled the wagons. They aren’t talking to our reporter.

In our view, the puzzling rewriting of history that is included in the brochure—a misstatement of fact that many in the community might have noticed as well but shrugged off as a careless error—isn’t the biggest problem to surface as we look for an explanation. The matter has evolved into an even more serious question: How do public school district offi-

cials justify refusing to talk to the public—in this case the local newspaper—about public business they are supposed to be conducting openly and transparently?

After a long delay and many attempts to get district officials to respond to our questions, Superintendent Beth Polito was apparently given the green light to contact the Almanac late last week, long after we published an article about the situation. She acknowledged that she signed off on the text for the brochure, which was produced by a political consultant hired by the district. But she wasn’t willing to elaborate on details until one or more board members could join her to discuss the matter, she said.

Ms. Polito’s bosses, the elected school board members, might want to consider how their silence on a matter the public has a right to be informed about undermines trust. They plan to ask voters later this year to continue taxing themselves as an investment in the school. In May or June, according to the strategic schedule they endorsed last month, the district will send out another mailer linked to the parcel tax renewal effort.

If the discrepancy in the first mailer isn’t explained adequately, the public would be right to question the accuracy of future informational material connected with the parcel tax effort. It’s a matter of accountability, and we hope the elected leaders of the district will take their responsibility to be accountable to the public seriously. ▣

‘How do public school district officials justify refusing to talk to the public about public business they are supposed to be conducting openly and transparently?’

LETTERS

Our readers write

Flood Park neighbors want field relocated

Editor:

I have lived adjacent to Flood Park for 29 years. We love this park. Many of the amenities in the the “preferred plan” of additions to the park presented last December are very nice, but the full-size lacrosse/soccer field in the northeast part of the park was a recent addition and a surprise.

Many of the people living adjacent to the east side of the park are not opposed to adding a soccer field to the park, but Flood Park is very big, with space to have the field farther inside the park than 30 foot from backyards. The soccer field will be (should be) used almost daily. There will

be shouting, and refs’ whistles are designed to be heard the 300-foot length of the field. Most local ballparks do not have houses right alongside the fields.

Again, we do not oppose having a soccer field, but we request that it be located farther within the park. In regards to the negative quote in the April 6 Almanac about the proposed pump track and kids who might use it, that does not reflect the opinion of our family.

Alice Newton

Del Norte Avenue, Menlo Park

Employee benefits drive tax-revenue needs?

Editor:

Employee benefits are the reason for Menlo Park parcel taxes (Measure A and Measure C), not enrollment growth.

The district’s second interim budget shows employee ben-

efits are projected to increase by 41.21 percent between 2015-16 and 2018-19 due to increases in retiree health care and pension obligations.

Employer contributions to the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) and the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) are poised to escalate in the years ahead. In 2015, in accordance with AB 1469, MPCSD contributed 10.73 percent (up from 8.25 percent in 2014) of a member’s earnings to STRS and the employer contribution is projected to increase to 19.10 percent by 2020. Contributions to STRS and PERS are increasing by over \$650,000 per year.

Growing pension and retiree health care benefits will continue to escalate and crowd out funding for services at every level of government. These parcel tax initiatives are a symptom of a much larger problem.

It is disingenuous of the dis-

trict administration and the board to promote these parcel taxes on the basis that enrollment growth (which is not state funded) is the reason we need these parcel taxes when the facts tell a different story.

The reason the district is asking for a permanent parcel tax is because the costs are not temporary. The district needs to restructure and reform instead of asking the public for a blank check.

Peter and Mary Beth Suhr
Cotton Street, Menlo Park

Another view on parcel tax question

Editor:

The arguments for and against the new Menlo Park school taxes miss the point. The proposed parcel taxes don’t apply to 2014-15 and its argued 3 percent reduction in per-pupil funding. For our excellent schools the issue is

2017 forward. What will the school income from basic property taxes be then?

The answer is, pretty darn good. There is always a lag in tax revenue when property values increase, and the last two years have set records. More notably, there is unprecedented construction in the pipeline for Menlo Park: nearly 1,000 residential units—500 and 1300 El Camino Real, Anton Menlo, 777 Hamilton, Elan Menlo—over a million square feet of office, two hotels. The projects are all poised to pay full value taxes (plus school enrollment impact fees). Our schools (and fire district) are about to see a whole lot of tax dollars.

So do we need new parcel taxes to top the coming record revenues? That’s the question for voters. It’s not an argument about 2014.

Henry Riggs
Callie Lane, Menlo Park

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Real Estate Matters

Local real estate market report and trends

By Samia Cullen, broker associate, Alain Pinel Realtors.

The health of the U.S. economy is back on track with the unemployment rate falling below 5 percent. Greater stability has brought a sigh of economic relief. The fundamentals of a sound economy reflect a healthier U.S. financial system and interest rates remain at historic lows.

The strength of our local housing market so far this year continues to be strong with most listings having multiple offers. Although the number of offers are lower than last year, the sales-to-price ratio in different cities varied from 96.8 percent to 110 percent.

Low inventory continues to be a challenge to a more balanced market. The inventory this year is even lower than last year and the imbalance between supply and demand continues to push home prices to new levels.



Samia Cullen

New records were reached in most of the local market excluding Atherton, Palo Alto and Woodside. It is not clear for now if these cities have reached a price peak or if this is a passing blip.

International buyers

The presence of Chinese buyers diminished in our local market, scared off by the stock market selloff, slowing economic growth, currency devaluation, tightened restrictions on capital outflows and higher prices in the housing market.

In mid-December, Shanghai's composite index fell by 5.5 percent, its biggest daily slide since August and the index continue to hover around 3,000 as Beijing authorities stepped up their crackdown on the securities industry.

Housing bubble?

According to real estate experts, the national housing market on the whole is expected to cool off in two years. While some experts are worried about real estate bubbles in some areas, there is no clear consensus on the potential occurrence of these bubbles.

It is clear that there are no signs of a return to the conditions that caused the last national bubble. Tighter lending restrictions today mean that buyers are not getting loans they realistically can't pay back as they did in years past.

Therefore, there is no danger of a severe crash like the one we saw from the last decade.

Outlook

For generations, a healthy housing market has been central to the growth and prosperity of the American economy. As long as the job market is strong, the demand for housing will remain strong.

The average for 30-year, fixed

mortgage interest rates is expected to rise only slightly by the end of 2016 but will still remain at historically low levels.

For a few key demographic groups — including current renters and younger would-be buyers — rising interest rates could lead to changes in their home-buying plans. But overall, a modest increase in mortgage interest rates is unlikely to completely derail most buyers' plans.

The economy is growing faster than housing development. Inventory remains a main concern.

Housing affordability is an issue and will keep a high percentage of younger buyers out of the market because their income has not caught up with the strong year-after-year increases in home prices.

Investors will continue buying properties but at a lesser pace. The vast majority of investors who own their homes see owning property as "important" or "critical" to building wealth.

The housing market is a picture of solid but lower growth of about 4 percent. This indicates a trend for a normal but healthy market.

What to do?

What should sellers and buyers do?

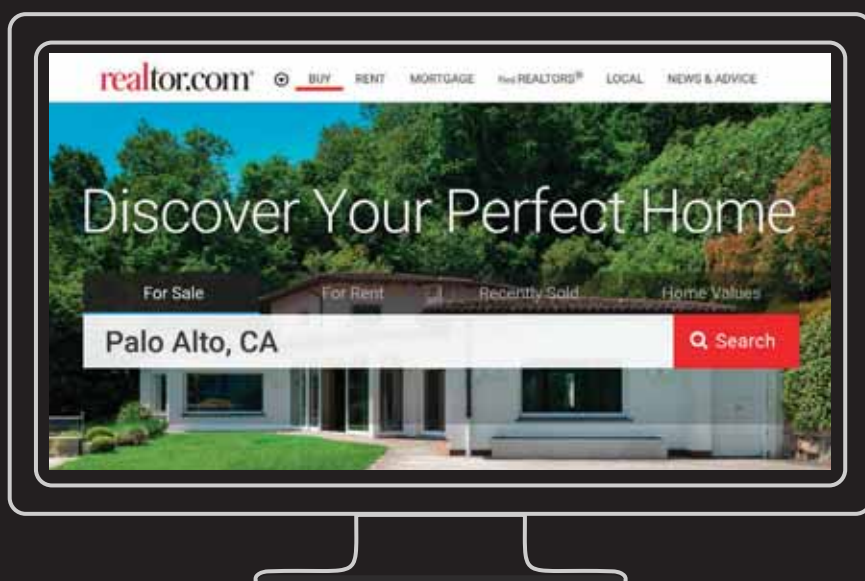
Historically the longest lasting expansion or cycle has been eight years, which means that the market will probably start slowing down in 2018.

For sellers, if you are planning to sell your home in the next two years, you may want to think about selling it soon so you are not selling in a down cycle.

For buyers, if you plan to stay in your house more than five years, you may want to consider buying now before prices and interest rates go higher.

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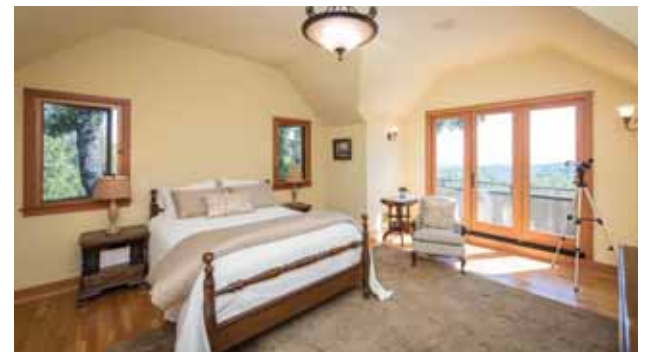
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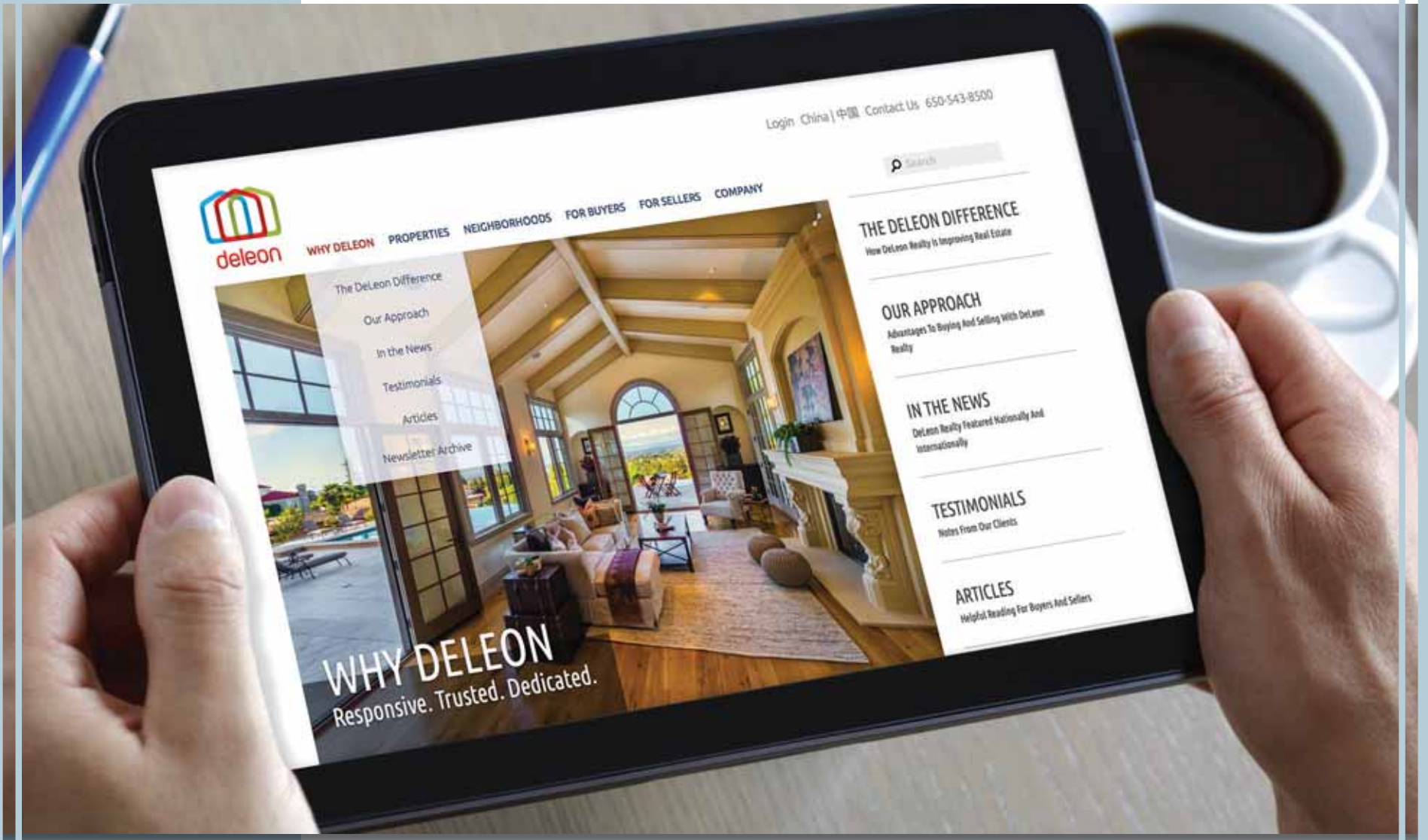
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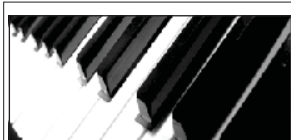
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JASPER ADVENTURES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 268892

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Jasper Adventures, located at 1529 Seaport Blvd., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County; Mailing address: 206 Thomson Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043.

Registered owner(s):
CHERYL JASPER
206 Thomson Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94043

GLENN ALGIE
206 Thomson Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94043
This business is conducted by: Married Couple.

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 April 13, 2016. (ALM Apr. 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2016)

WESTBOUND COURIER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 268898

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Westbound Courier, located at 361 Hazel Avenue, San Bruno, CA 94066, San Mateo County; Mailing address: P.O. Box 1072, San Bruno, CA 94066.

Registered owner(s):
SERAFIN MOLINA
361 Hazel Avenue
San Bruno, CA 94066

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 April 13, 2016. (ALM Apr. 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2016)

ERICA'S ECO CLEANING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 268907

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Erica's Eco Cleaning, located at 2145 Capitol Ave., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ERICA MENDOZA
2145 Capitol Ave.
E. Palo Alto, CA 94303

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 14, 2016. (ALM Apr. 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2016)

FUENTES CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 268843

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Fuentes Construction, located at 812 10th Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
JOSE FUENTES
812 10th Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94063

MAYRA E. FUENTES
812 10th Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11-1995. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 8, 2016. (ALM Apr. 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2016)

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File No.: 269035

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
CONNIE JEAN COOK
795 Roble Ave. #8
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 3-31-09. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 21, 2016. (ALM Apr. 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2016)

VADIS LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 268958

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Vadis LLC, located at 889 Balboa Ln., Foster City, CA 94404, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
VADIS LLC
889 Balboa Ln.
Foster City, CA 94404
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 1/20/2010. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 19, 2016. (ALM Apr. 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2016)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
GLENDA GALE REGO
Case No.: 126851

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GLENDA GALE REGO. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ROBERT REGO in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO. The Petition for Probate requests that: ROBERT REGO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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 May 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Room: 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.

Attorney for Petitioner: Kenneth H. Prochnow Chiles and Prochnow, LLP 2600 El Camino Real, Suite 412 Palo Alto, CA 94306 (650)812-0400 (ALM Apr. 20, 27, May 4, 2016)
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
RICHARD P. VON HERZEN
Case No.: 126882
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RICHARD P. VON HERZEN.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LANE MacWILLIAMS in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO.

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
2600 El Camino Real, Suite 412
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(ALM Apr. 20, 27, May 4, 2016)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
YVONNE L. NELSON
Case No.: 125782

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of YVONNE L. NELSON. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MICHAEL RENE NELSON in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO.

The Petition for Probate requests that: MICHAEL RENE NELSON 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 May 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 28, Room: 2F 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.

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Attorney for Petitioner: Kenneth H. Prochnow Chiles and Prochnow, LLP 2600 El Camino Real, Suite 412 Palo Alto, CA 94306 (650)812-0400 (ALM Apr. 20, 27, May 4, 2016)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
RICHARD P. VON HERZEN
Case No.: 126882

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RICHARD P. VON HERZEN.

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

The Petition for Probate requests that: LANE MacWILLIAMS 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 May 17, 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.

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Attorney for Petitioner: Jerome Gall & Deborah G. Kramer Radin Kramer Radin, LLP 280 2nd St. #100 Los Altos, CA 94022 (650)941-8600 (ALM Apr. 20, 27, May 4, 2016)

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

Case No.: CIV537712
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: KATHERINE JIA-YAN JIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
KATHERINE JIA-YAN JIA to KATHERINE JIA-YAN LIU.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: Fri. June 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC

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