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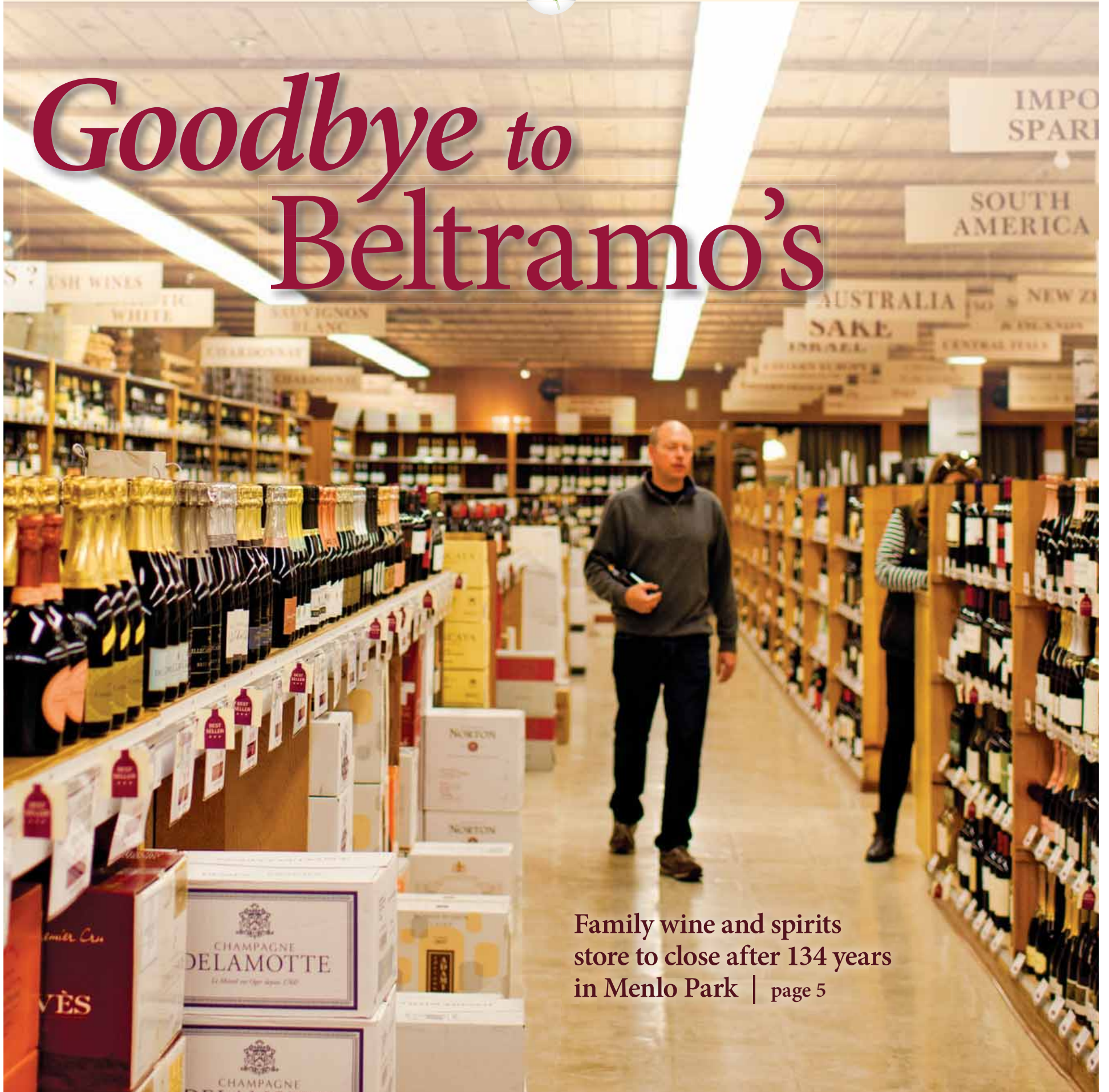
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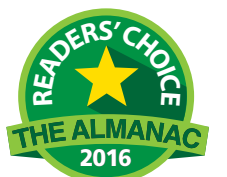
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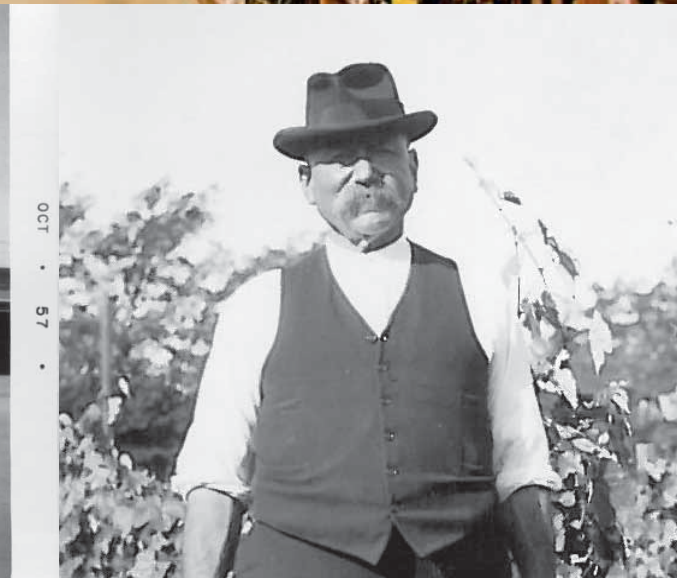
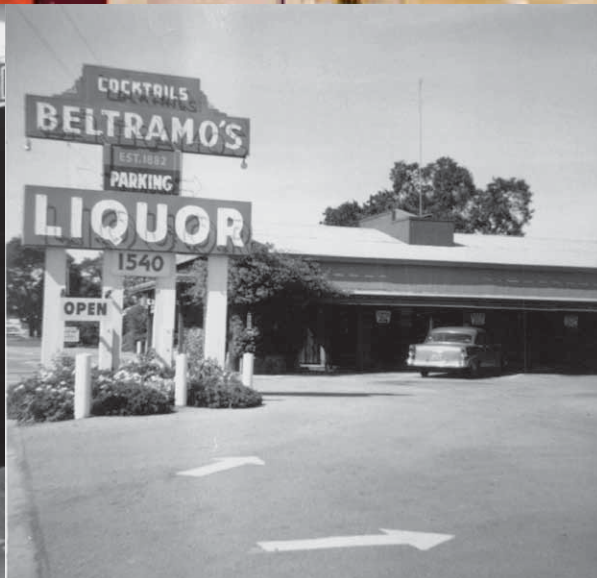
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Top: A customer walks down the champagne aisle at Beltramo's in this 2014 photo by Michelle Le of the Almanac. The historic photos are courtesy of the Beltramo family. They are, from left: (1) Teresa Beltramo with sons Dan and John in front of the store at its present location, circa 1941. (2) Beltramo's storefront in 1957. The wine and spirits store moved to its current location on El Camino Real in 1935. (3) Giovanni Beltramo, who opened a wholesale and retail wine and spirits business in Menlo Park in 1882, in his vineyard.

Beltramo's closes doors after 134 years

By Barbara Wood
and Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writers

That's devastating news," a customer at Beltramo's Wines & Spirits said Monday on hearing the news that the business, a Menlo Park institution owned and operated by the Beltramo family since 1882, is closing, probably by the end of summer.

John and Daniel Beltramo, grandsons of founder Giovanni Beltramo, are both close to 80, and will be retiring, the family said. They will be clos-

ing the store at 1540 El Camino Real in Menlo Park and selling the property.

"The store will begin an orderly wind-down process," the family statement says, and the owners and employee hope "customers will stop by soon while the selection is widest and say their farewells."

"That's a big disappointment," said another customer on Monday who has bought beer, whiskey and wine at Beltramo's since 1965. "There are other liquor stores, but I've always patronized this place," he said. "Prices are low, service

'We raise a glass in thanks to our friends and customers for supporting us for such a long and memorable ride.'

DAN BELTRAMO

is good, and it's a community fixture."

The closing will affect more than 20 employees. One of them, when asked what he will do when the store closes, replied: "Look for work."

He said Beltramo's employees do many wine tastings and are knowledgeable about the business, which he hopes will be an advantage in his job search.

Beltramo history

According to the family, Beltramo's got its start when Giovanni Beltramo emigrated from Asti, Italy, bringing cuttings of Nebbiolo and Barbera grapevines with him. He worked in vineyards near what is now Cupertino for a few years before he began cultivating his own vineyard in Menlo Park.

Giovanni Beltramo started a

wholesale and retail wine and spirits business in Menlo Park in 1882. By 1935 Giovanni's son Alexander Beltramo had moved the business to its current location. He operated a cocktail lounge along with the liquor store until 1979, when the cocktail lounge was shut down to make more room for an expanded wine selection, the family says.

"The store was a pioneer in the California wine industry," the statement says, and was also the first to import and

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Tax measures fail to get 2/3rds voter approval

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

■ SCHOOLS

For the first time in decades, voters in the Menlo Park City School District have failed to approve a school finance measure. Two parcel tax measures on a special May 3 election ballot received less than the two-thirds majority needed to pass.

Measure A, which would have renewed a parcel tax that will expire at the end of June 2017, received 3,528 “yes” votes, 60.2 percent of the total, and short of the 66.7 percent needed to pass. The “no” vote was 2,328.

Measure C, which would have added an annual \$2.20-per-parcel tax for each student who enrolls beyond the district’s current 2,938 students, received 3,156 “yes” votes, 54 percent of the total, also short of the 66.7 percent needed. The “no” vote was 2,692.

The measures were opposed by an informal coalition that used mostly social media to question the district’s need for additional money. There was also substantial opposition to the fact that both measures, like the district’s three existing parcel taxes, have no expiration dates.

Even a last-minute email appeal for yes votes to district residents from Facebook’s chief operating officer and local resident Sheryl Sandberg, who also donated at least \$10,000 to the campaign, failed to change the outcome.

Members of the public were to have a chance to air their views about what the district should do now that the tax measures have failed at a school board meeting Tuesday night, May 10, after the Almanac went to press.

The school board had said the additional money is needed to help the district cope with the fact that its student population is growing faster than its revenues. Superintendent Maurice Ghysels said the day after the election that he has initiated a district hiring freeze.

“The board will address options to reduce our expenditures related to district operations, compensation, class sizes, and essential programs, as well as discussing parent donations,” he said.

If a new parcel tax measure is to be put on the ballot for the Nov. 8 general election, the board must

Even a last-minute appeal from Facebook’s Sheryl Sandberg failed to change the outcome.

submit it by June 30.

See AlmanacNews.com for updates.

Reactions

“We are disappointed in both the results and the false information spread by our opponents without correction during the campaign,” school board president Jeff Child said on election night. “We will examine our options in the next several months to determine future operating plans.”

Mr. Child said the district will “continue to focus on providing a great education for the 2,938 students” in the district.

Atherton resident Peter Carpenter, who had led much of the opposition to the two taxes, said he wants the district’s board to “understand the depth of misunderstanding and mistrust in the community.”

He said the board should

prepare a single parcel tax measure for the November general election that supersedes all the district’s current permanent parcel taxes, with a six-year expiration date.

He also asked the district to “commit to doing everything possible within the next six years to creating a unified elementary school district serving Woodside, Portola Valley, Menlo Park, Atherton, East Palo Alto and the adjacent unincorporated areas of San Mateo County.”

The measures

Measure A was identical to the parcel tax expiring at the end of June 2017, but without an expiration date. The expiring parcel tax is currently \$201.38 a year per parcel and provides about \$1.58 million a year to the district. It was originally passed in 2010 and can increase annually by the amount of the Bay Area consumer price index.

Measure C was directly tied to increases in student enrollment. If the enrollment rose by 71 students, the increase predicted for next school year, the tax would have been \$156.20 a year per parcel. The measure had a cap of 213

additional students, or \$468.60 a year per parcel, plus an annual increase for inflation.

The parcel tax total could have varied year to year. If the 71-student prediction had been correct, and both measures had been approved, the 2017-18 tax bill per parcel for all five parcel taxes would have been \$1,007.80, plus the increase in inflation from 2016.

Property owners in the school district now pay four parcel taxes, including the tax which is about to expire. The taxes appear as one on tax bills, and total \$851.60 for the 2015-16 tax year.

The maximum parcel tax with both measures and with 213 additional students would have been \$1,320.20 per parcel per year, plus the amount of any inflation.

According to the language of both measures, the parcel tax money could be spent only for teachers, to maintain low student-to-teacher ratios, to preserve “comprehensive educational programs” and, if money remained, for purchasing classroom equipment, supplies and materials. None of the money could be spent on administration costs. ■

Emery O. “Mimi” Goity

April 6, 1938 – April 25, 2016

Emery Ottey Goity, known to her family and friends as “Mimi,” died on April 25th in Palo Alto at the age of 78.

Mimi is survived by Jean, her loving husband of nearly 56 years, sons Roland and Larry (Trish), daughter Carol Olson (Steve), and four grandchildren: Sam, Rose, Chad, and Mira. In addition, she is survived by her brother David Ottey of Yelm, WA, and was preceded in death by her older brother William Ottey of Walnut Creek, CA.



Mimi was a longtime resident of Woodside and lived in Palo Alto the past four years. She was the daughter of William H. and Marian Ottey of San Francisco, attended Burke’s School and Lowell High School, and graduated from Scripps College in Claremont, CA.

She had many passions, including community service, the outdoors, tennis, gardening, and most of all music. She taught piano for 26 years and devoted much of her life to introducing and teaching music to children.

Mimi was one of the founders of Music for Minors, a nonprofit organization that now provides music education programs for 23,000 elementary school students in the San Francisco Bay Area. For the past 20 years she also volunteered as a music teacher at Redwood City’s Taft Community School.

As an active member and volunteer in such organizations as the Junior League and the Woodside-Atherton Garden Club, Mimi touched many lives. She will be remembered by friends and family for her laughter, warmth, and kindness.

For those wishing to celebrate her life, a service will be held at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton on Tuesday, May 24th, at 4 pm.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to Music for Minors, 1100 Industrial Road, Suite 10, San Carlos, CA 94070, or online at <https://squareup.com/store/music-for-minors/>.

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Willows neighbor saves family's pets from house fire

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

An alert resident of the Willows neighborhood of Menlo Park saw smoke coming from a neighbor's two-story home on Concord Drive on May 2, called firefighters and then saved the family's pets.

After making the 911 call and hearing a smoke alarm coming from the unoccupied house, the neighbor entered

the house, saw a clothes-dryer on fire on the second floor and evacuated two pets, a dog and a bird, Chief Harold Schapelhouman said.

The call came at 4:56 p.m. and firefighters from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District were on the scene five minutes later, the chief said. They had the fire under control in about three minutes and there were no injuries reported.

The fire is believed to have started at or near the clothes

dryer, but the cause is still under investigation.

The house is uninhabitable, with heat and smoke damage to the second floor and water damage to the first floor, mainly from a melted water line to a washing machine, firefighters said. Investigators estimate the structural damages to the 2,200-square-foot house at \$100,000, with at least \$100,000 more in property damages, the chief said.

Five fire engines, one ladder

truck and two battalion chiefs were dispatched to manage the operation — totaling 22 people the chief said.

When firefighters entered the house, they saw fire at the top of the stairs that had begun to make its way down both sides of a hallway from the direction of the dryer, Chief Schapelhouman said. "Hot dark smoke had banked all the way down to the floor," according to Battalion Chief Rob Johnson.

Firefighters mopped up and left around 6:30 p.m., the chief said.

"The attentiveness and quick-thinking of the neighbor saved not only the family pets but essential(ly), the structure itself," Battalion Chief Ben Marra said. "The entire second floor would have been on fire in just a few more minutes if it wasn't for the neighbor's quick actions."

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Walls rise on 90 affordable housing units for seniors

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

Demolition cranes in February made quick work of the 48 below market rate family and senior housing units on the 1200 block of Willow Road, clearing the way for construction of 90 new apartments for lower-income seniors.

On May 5, MidPen Housing Corp., a nonprofit builder of “below market rate” housing, hosted a “wall raising” for elected officials to see framing going up for the new structure — christened Sequoia Belle Haven.

The apartments that were torn down used to be part of the Gateway housing complex in the 1200 block of Willow Road. Another part of the complex, in the 1300 block of Willow Road, has 82 apartments for lower-income families and seniors.

Built in the 1960s, Gateway had a total of about 130 apartments, with 48 located on the 1200 block Willow Road. In 1987, MidPen Housing bought the entire apartment complex and rented them to lower-income families and seniors at prices that were below the market rate.

By 2011, plans to rebuild the apartments began to take shape, Nesreen Kawar, project manager of the development, said. It was decided that the first to be rebuilt would be the 1200 block apartments, and that when rebuilt, they would be dedicated exclusively to lower-income seniors.

By separating seniors from families, designs and services can be tailored to each group, said Lilli Lew-Hailer, senior project manager at MidPen.

It wasn't until 2013, when Menlo Park updated its housing element, that the city rezoned the property to allow for the building of more affordable apartments.

By then, the apartments had become “truly obsolete,” Matthew Franklin, president of MidPen Housing, said.

Construction on the 2.26-acre lot is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in spring 2017.

Of the 90 apartments planned for the site, 86 will be one-bedroom and four will be two-bedroom units, ranging in size from 513 to 705 square feet. There will be a fitness center, computer lab and a community room with a kitchen. An outdoor courtyard and walking path are planned.

To qualify to live there, residents must be 62 years or older and make no more than \$49,200 for a two-person household, which is 50 percent of the area's median income.

In a second phase, MidPen representatives hope the family building can also be rebuilt to add an additional 36 units that are now allowed. The site is currently undergoing a feasibility study, said Beth Fraker, a spokesperson for MidPen Housing.

Loans to finance the construction of the \$43.2 million project came from public and private interests:

- \$5.10 million from the city of Menlo Park
- \$1.69 million from the San Mateo County Department of Housing
- \$890,000 from the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

A worker checks out the specs on framing for 90 new apartments for lower-income seniors.

• \$25.09 million from Wells Fargo with a permanent loan of \$9.2 million.

The remainder, roughly \$2.12 million, is from MidPen Housing Corp., according to Ms. Fraker.

Public loans will be repaid with remaining cash flow left after paying annual operating costs, and the Wells Fargo loan will be repaid over 35 years, Ms. Fraker said.

Public officials at the wall-raising event included Warren Slocum, president of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, and Rich Cline, mayor of Menlo Park. They commented on how quickly

the project seemed to be moving.

The compressed timeline, Mr. Franklin said, is because the residents of the 48 apartments previously on the site have been temporarily relocated for the duration of the construction, and MidPen Housing wants to resettle residents as quickly as possible. The seniors who lived there will be given the first choice to return.

Avideh Yaghmai-Samardar, supervisor at the Menlo Park Senior Center in Belle Haven, said some of these seniors are living farther away now, making it more challenging to get

to the senior center. “But even with (distance) being a barrier, they make it to the center at least once a week for programs and events,” she said.

Seniors carpool to the senior center together or take the midday bus through Menlo Park.

It can be challenging to take seniors out of their element and away from the environment they're used to, she said. However, she said, many are “excited about the idea of beautiful apartments being built for them.”

Go to midpen-housing.org or call 650-356-2900 for more information. ■

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introduce many French, Italian and other international wines to its clients.

“We have always been directed by the Beltramo family to bring in the finest merchandise from around the world,” operations manager Matt Silsby said.

The store has been led by Alexander's sons, John and Daniel Beltramo, since the mid-1960s. Both are now in their mid-80s “and the brothers have deemed it time to retire from the business.”

“We are proud of our store's history and honored to have served the community for 134 years,” Dan Beltramo said. “We raise a glass in thanks to our friends and customers for supporting us for such a long and memorable ride.”

Go to tinyurl.com/bel592 to see comments on Beltramo's closing by longtime customers and to add your own.

Dan Beltramo, who lives in Atherton, will remain in the area, as will his daughter Diana Beltramo Hewitt, who lives in Menlo Park.

Ms. Beltramo Hewitt said she has worked in Beltramo's for the past five years and has “enjoyed every minute of it.” But as the only Beltramo of her generation involved in the business, and with family obligations of her own, she said she was not ready to take over the reins of the business on her own.

The company has had much recent success and introduced a number of innovations such as eBay sales and a phone app, Ms. Beltramo Hewitt said, and

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Beltramo's operations manager Matt Silsby takes a call while wine consultant James Michaud restocks pinot noir bottles in this 2014 photo by Michelle Le of the Almanac.

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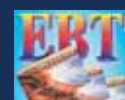
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Right: Locals gather May 7 to catch the parade on Woodside Road.
Below: Woodside School students participate in maypole dance.
Opposite page, bottom: Sharon Palermo, left, and Angie Tsang make balloon toys for Payton and Cameron.



Woodside marches on

Locals line parade route for May Day festivities

Photos by James Tensuan | Story by Kate Daly

Young kids, old vehicles, horses, music and candy filled the streets at Woodside's 94th annual May Day Parade on Saturday, May 7. "Once upon a time in an enchanted forest" was the theme, and magically the gray skies waited until the end to drizzle on the 30-plus groups — including marchers, equestrians, cars and floats — that walked, rode and rolled from Woodside School to Roberts Market and back in less than an hour.

With Highway 84 closed, hundreds of spectators lined both sides of the street to watch the local pageantry in the parade sponsored by the school's PTA.

Just two of the four planned grand marshals led the parade in announcer Bo Magnussen's 1966

Lincoln Continental, the first of many older cars. School front office staffers Cathy Stienstra and Amanda Bedolla Fuerte stayed home to babysit family, but Tina Adolph and Taffy Appelbaum waved and threw candy to the crowd.

Many students held bags at the ready, collecting candy faster than on Halloween night.

Donkeys (from the National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy in Woodside) were dressed as unicorns and they along with a miniature horse led the four-legged participants. Bria Michelsen made her last formal appearance as rodeo queen for the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County.

Representing WHOA (Woodside-area Horse Owners Association), Becky Witter rode in costume on a horse named Princess who spooked



Left: Becky Witter rides down Woodside Road.
Below, left: Woodside High School marching band.
Below: Woodside School parent and active volunteer Lisa Putnam is named Citizen of the Year.

a little when the Woodside Fire Protection District's 1947 engine tooted to announce the arrival of the Kindergarten Royal Court.

Six members of the class of 1966 — Fred Brousseau, Stuart Johnson, Ken Leek, Mike Losey, John Maroney and Ned Wood — celebrated their 50th anniversary by joining the lineup and carrying a photo of themselves back in the day.

The Los Trancos Woods Community Marching Band and the band from Woodside High School played their way down the parade route, but most other participants rode in cars or floats.

Town Councilman Chris Shaw drove Mayor Deborah Gordon in a 1958 Cadillac. Councilmen Dave Tanner and Tom Livermore followed right behind in a 1923 Ford T-Bucket.

Members of the Woodside History Committee rode in a hay wagon pulled by an old tractor.

The last float was a whimsically painted truck promoting the eighth-grade operetta, "Seussical Jr.," which Woodside School will stage June 1 to 4.

After the parade most people headed to the outdoor amphitheater for the presentation of the Woodside Citizen of the Year Award. School parent Lisa Putnam won, and was honored for all her hard work on the school garden and PTA's Green Committee. She is a master gardener who volunteers as a docent at Wunderlich County Park and helps at Filoli.

Third-graders departed from tradition by performing a kung fu dance number inspired by a classmate before doing their usual sword and maypole dance.

Anne Schoebel figures she has watched the dance 52 times over the years and declared it "the best one I've ever seen."

The long day that started with the May Day Fun Run & Walk and Rotary Club pancake breakfast at Woodside Village Church continued into the afternoon with a carnival at the school put on by Sophie's Stress Free Soirees and a barbecue provided by Alice's Restaurant. ▀



Council postpones bike-lane trial on El Camino

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

Each day, as many as 45,000 cars make the slow, jolting traverse through Menlo Park along El Camino Real.

How to make that traverse less excruciating, more safe and more friendly to alternative modes of transit were questions that resulted in a \$459,713 study by traffic engineering consultant group W-Trans. On May 3, it was the subject of a passionate discussion, when the Menlo Park City Council considered these alternatives:

- Do nothing.
- Remove street parking and have three continuous vehicle lanes each way.

- Remove street parking north of Roble Avenue and install bike lanes, with buffers painted on the road.

- Remove street parking north of Roble Avenue and install bike lanes buffered by 3-foot wide curbs or planters.

Eighty-eight street parking spots, all north of Roble Avenue, would be removed along El Camino, according to the consultants' analysis of the alternatives.

Go to tinyurl.com/lane572 to see the analysis.

Creating bike lanes along the entire length of El Camino in Menlo Park — between Sand Hill Road and Encinal Avenue — in

both directions with a painted buffer would remove a total of a total of 156 parking places.

After a long discussion with passionate comment from speakers on both sides of the bike-lane issue, the council chose to postpone a bike-lane trial on El Camino and voted 4-1 (with Councilwoman Kirsten Keith abstaining) to take these steps:

- Have staff focus on moving forward with the Oak Grove Avenue bike corridor, which would provide new east-west bike lanes, a benefit for kids biking to school.

- Work with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to add a fourth pedestrian crossings at El Camino Real's intersections in Menlo Park. Those are on the south leg

of Cambridge, Middle, Ravenswood and Encinal avenues and the north leg of Roble Avenue.

- Add a westbound bike lane on Ravenswood Avenue between the Caltrain tracks and El Camino Real, with a "bike box" or something like it painted onto the street to make it easier for bikes to turn.

- Take funds that had been dedicated to widening the right-turn lane at northbound El Camino Real onto Ravenswood Avenue and turn those funds back to the city's "Transportation Impact Fund" for use on other transportation infrastructure projects.

- Select the bike-lane option that adds a painted, rather than three-dimensional, buffer on El Camino as the city's preferred alternative, to be considered for

a pilot program at a future date.

- Ask the consulting firm, W-Trans, to analyze how to better address the El Camino Real bottleneck at Ravenswood Avenue. Councilman Peter Ohtaki recommended the firm look at ways to spread that traffic out to other Menlo Park intersections. That item would return to the City Council in June on its consent calendar.

Converting El Camino to three car lanes in each direction would be expected to increase traffic demand by 64 percent in the morning and 47 percent in the evening, the consultants said. Pedestrians would likely be less comfortable having to cross additional traffic lanes, they pointed out. ▀

Cat and kitten shelter to close

More than 200 cats and kittens are in need of adoption. The Nine Lives Foundation, a no-kill cat and kitten shelter based in Redwood City, will have its lease terminated at the end of June, and all the animals at the shelter will have to be relocated by the end of May.

Liliana Martinez, who works at

the foundation, offered assurance that all of the cats and kittens will be going somewhere, since volunteers have stepped up to foster them on a temporary basis.

The foundation is seeking people who are interested in adopting or fostering cats or kittens. Cats that are not a good fit can be brought back, she said. Cats over

1 year old can be adopted for \$20.

The foundation is not able to accept new animals, she said. Nearby shelters are also at capacity.

The last day for adoptions is May 31. Nine Lives will continue to host spay and neuter clinics, and is searching for donations and a new location.

Go to ninelivesfoundation.org for more information.

WILLOWS

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Traffic problems

Calling the current design of Willow Road "a threat to public safety," Chief Schapelhouman said he has written recently to the Menlo Park City Council about the traffic delays firefighters encounter, particularly at peak commute times. "Our units constantly struggle to

navigate down the Willow Road corridor during peak traffic hours now," he said.

On this occasion, firefighters had to use the public address systems on their emergency vehicles to "instruct drivers how to get out of their way," the chief said. Firefighters were fortunate to have Blackburn Avenue as an alternate route to the fire, he said. ▀



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Menlo workshop on new clean energy program

A workshop will be held Saturday morning, May 14, in Menlo Park on Peninsula Clean Energy, a program that gives San Mateo County residents the ability to buy more electric energy from renewable sources than is available from PG&E — and at competitive prices.

The workshop will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Oak Room of the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center at 700 Alma St. in the Menlo Park Civic Center.

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Staff from the county will explain how the program works, what options will be available and when services will start. The event is free and open to residents and business owners in San Mateo County.

New commissioners

The Menlo Park City Council made the following appointments

to city commissions on May 3:

■ **Planning Commission:** Henry Riggs and Andrew Barnes will fill the vacancies of John Kadvany and Katie Ferrick, who had reached their term limits.

■ **Parks and Recreation Commission:** Jennifer Baskin and Jennifer Johnson were appointed.

■ **Library Commission:** Margaret Race was appointed. Two vacancies remain.

Cemetery tour

On Saturday, May 28, historian Michael Svanevik will lead a tour of Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park. The cemetery dates from the early 1860s. Mr. Svanevik and his wife Shirley Burgett are the authors of "Menlo Park: Beyond the Gate," released in 2000.

This third annual Holy Cross Cemetery tour, sponsored by the Menlo Park Historical Association, costs \$10. Make checks payable to the Menlo Park Historical Association, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park.

Human trafficking

Human Trafficking Awareness Day will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the San Mateo County History Museum and Courthouse Square at 2200 Broadway in Redwood City.

The event will feature an art installation in a 20-foot shipping container by Santa Clara artist Jonathan Fung, which demonstrates different forms of human trafficking, such as sweatshops, child labor and the prostitution of minors, according to event planners.

There will be a student-led walk through downtown Redwood City and a performance by the Brass Act Quintet.

At noon, there will be a rally with local elected officials, county staff, a trafficking survivor, and a filmmaker. From 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom A of the museum, there will be a panel discussion featuring local experts on the issue of human trafficking.

A reception will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the museum's rotunda. At 3:15 p.m., a dramatic reading will be done from the script of a film about human trafficking called "Neighbor." The event is produced by the "Before Our Very Eyes" campaign.

Go to beforeourveryeyes.org for more information.

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PUBLIC HEARING

2. Bruce Lovazzano XSET2016-0003
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 WMG 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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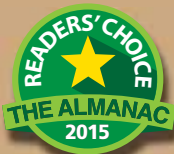
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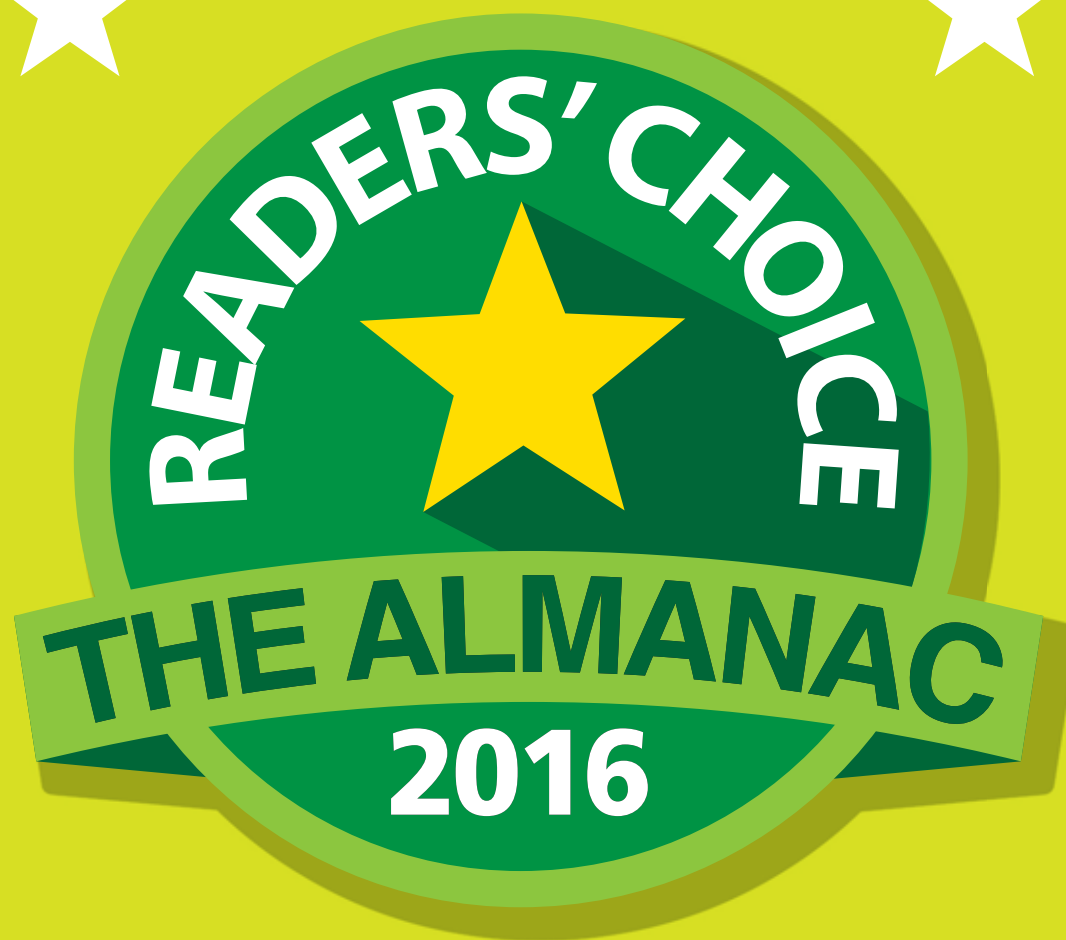
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Woodside restaurant, bakery set to open around Thanksgiving

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

If a new restaurant and bakery opens as planned around Thanksgiving at 3052 Woodside Road in Woodside, regular customers of what was once the Woodside Bakery & Cafe may recognize a menu advertising organic vegetables, artisanal pizza and roast chicken. Less familiar sights might include table cloths on some tables, and a full cocktail bar.

The restaurant is referred to for now as “The Bakery in Woodside” by Tim Stannard, a Woodside resident and founding partner of San Francisco-based Bacchus Management Group, which owns the restaurant and several others, including The Village Pub in Woodside. A theme for the new restaurant’s menu has been coalescing around the idea of “simple elegant American food,” he said.

Like the institution it is replacing, the new place will include a retail bakery with artisan breads, cookies, pies, pastries “and all other manner of sweets,” Mr. Stannard told the Almanac. The barista-prepared drinks will include coffee from Bacchus’ own roasting company, he said.

The restaurant will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and “an expansive” brunch on weekends, he said.

Asked how many dollar signs guide books would assign the new restaurant, Mr. Stannard said he hopes for two. “We’d like to keep it inexpensive,” he said, but with a menu that includes \$1.75 muffins and \$800 bottles of wine. He said he is “hopeful we can play some role in being the communal gathering spot for the town.”

The building is in need of structural repairs, which are ongoing. The new restaurant and bakery will include the floor area of the former frame shop next door for a total of 4,100 square feet inside and the patio in the back.

In addition to The Village Pub, the Bacchus Management Group owns the Mayfield Bakery & Cafe in Palo Alto, Spruce restaurant in San Francisco, and the Pizza Antica restaurants in San Jose, Lafayette, Mill Valley and Santa Monica.

‘The restaurants that I love are the restaurants where I walk out the door feeling better than when I went in.’

TIM STANNARD, BACCHUS MANAGEMENT GROUP

Spruce and The Village Pub each have a Michelin star, and both were chosen for the Grand Award from Wine Spectator magazine in 2015, Mr. Stannard said — a combination shared by just three restaurant groups in the world, he said.

Eating tuition money

At age 20 and out of culinary school, Mr. Stannard (who is now 47) was managing Il Fornaio bakery in San Francisco, and it wore him out, he said. He enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley and focused on American studies with plans to be a history professor. Alice Waters’ Chez Panisse restaurant in Berkeley, however, undid him. “When you’re an undergraduate, you probably shouldn’t be dining at Chez Panisse three times a week,” he said. “I blew through my whole college tuition.”

He found a job tending bar at Bix restaurant in San Francisco, where owner Doug Biederbeck mentored him and, after Mr. Stannard graduated from Cal, turned over management of the restaurant to him, he said. More restaurant management experience followed and he founded Bacchus in 2001, the same year he opened The Village Pub.

Can’t and won’t

Asked how the staff at his new restaurant might respond to a request for something not on the menu, Mr. Stannard replied with two anecdotes that reflect his training of employees on the cautionary use of the words “can’t” and “won’t.”

In the first instance, Mr. Stannard said, a customer requested a diet Mountain Dew. The waiter left the restaurant via the back door, ran to a convenience store and bought a six-pack of that beverage. Mr. Stannard said he encountered the waiter as he re-entered the kitchen without his apron, prompting a question as to where he had been. After a brief explanation, the customer got his diet Mountain Dew.

In the second case, Mr. Stannard said, a customer at the bar, having studied the menu, asked for pasta with Bolognese sauce — not on the menu. The bartender asked the chef, who replied that it would be about 45 minutes. That customer came back again and again, always ordering the same thing, for 10 years, Mr. Stannard said. At one point, they asked him to please call ahead, he said.

“The food that we serve, that’s just a tool to making people happy,” Mr. Stannard said. Other considerations: the music, interior design, uniforms, lighting, the shape of the glasses, the table coverings, the weight of the cutlery. “It’s a symphony of tastes,” he said. “The restaurants that I love are the restaurants where I walk out the door feeling better than when I went in.”

Asked about his hiring plans for the new Woodside venture, Mr. Stannard said the management would be hired well ahead of the working staff, and that Bacchus likes to promote from within. The company has its own internal training division. “We have very, very little turnover,” he said. “Because of our reinvestment in the people we have, people don’t leave.” ■

Woodside to hold another soapbox derby on Sunday

When children, with help from parents, use plywood and off-the-shelf hardware to build wheeled devices that harness the power of gravity, convert potential energy into kinetic energy, and convert a few days of work and a few moments of suspense into a few minutes of fun, it’s called a soapbox derby.

The third annual Woodside Soapbox Derby, sponsored by the Woodside Recreation Committee, begins at 1 p.m. Sunday,

May 15, at the top of the sloped parking lot next to Independence Hall at 2955 Woodside Road in Woodside.

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Town works to make Marsh Road closure less painful

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

ATHERTON

Atherton officials answered questions May 4 from anxious neighbors and users of Marsh Road about the planned 10-week (May 31 through Aug. 11) closure of a section of the road.

At a public meeting in Holbrook-Palmer Park, Atherton's new city engineer, Mary Grace Houlihan, said Marsh Road will be narrowed to two lanes from the current four from Bay Road to Fair Oaks Avenue. Access will be for residents and local businesses only while the drainage culvert along the road is replaced and a new steel barrier erected to keep cars on the road.

During construction, one-way traffic will also be allowed from Fair Oaks Avenue to Middlefield Road, but only for residents who have driveways on the street. "No one else should be going through there," Ms. Houlihan said.

A number of nearby streets in Atherton and North Fair Oaks will be banned to through traffic. To assure that motorists trying to avoid the detour don't cut through the nearby neighborhoods, residents will have to display placards on their cars to

show they live there, she said.

Four-way stops will be added at several intersections just off the detour route with flaggers posted to check for placards. Local police have offered to ticket motorists who ignore the flaggers and try to pass through, Ms. Houlihan said.

Placards will be delivered to neighbors in coming weeks by the contractors, Ms. Houlihan said, and the residents will be supplied enough to give to friends, family and workers who regularly visit. Delivery vehicles will also be allowed through.

The flaggers will "be able to redirect that cut-through traffic," Ms. Houlihan said. "Hopefully (drivers) will realize it's faster for them to go the way we want them to go."

The issue is cut-through traffic, she said. "We're trying to encourage folks to use collectors, arterials to get to your destination. Don't use the local streets. They just aren't designed for that."

Drivers need to schedule extra time to get where they're going, she said, adding: "It's not going to be business as usual."

A number of neighbors asked

to have the flaggers start before construction hours, at 6:45 a.m.

Flaggers will also be stationed on Middlefield Road near Fair Oaks Lane to help bicycles cross at high-use hours, she said.

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MARY GRACE HOULIHAN,
ATHERTON ENGINEER

Neighbors who expressed concern that they would have trouble getting out of their neighborhoods in an emergency were reassured that no barriers will be erected, only signs.

Some neighbors praised the town for paying attention to concerns they had voiced at earlier meetings. Mike Brownstein, who lives on 15th Avenue in North Fair Oaks, said he is "very pleased to see that the concerns that I and other North Fair Oaks residents raised... were very, very well taken care of."

"I want to thank the town of Atherton for their responsiveness," Mr. Brownstein said.

After hearing from residents at an earlier meeting, Atherton offi-

cial added more North Fair Oaks streets to those that will be closed to through traffic.

To make sure the plan is working, traffic counts will be taken before and after the detours start, and the town is asking local residents to inform it of any problems.

Construction hours will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, with no work on Sundays or holidays.

In addition to the noise of construction and traffic delays, the project will generate dust, Ms. Houlihan said. While the contractors will take steps to reduce dust kicked up by the demolition of the old culvert, "you can never get it down all the way to zero," she said.

The new channel, which serves as a retaining wall for Marsh Road as well as a conduit for water, will be poured in place, with several crews working at the same time, she said.

In order to protect trees growing on the side of the channel away from Marsh Road, some of the existing channel wall will stay in place outside the new wall. It will be buried so it won't show, but the tree roots should be protected, she said.

Signs will direct motorists to

avoid Marsh Road by using Bay Road or Middlefield Road to get to Willow Road in Menlo Park, Woodside Road in Redwood City or 5th Avenue in Redwood City. After June 21, with school out, signs will also direct motorists to use Ringwood Avenue in Atherton and Menlo Park. Freeway signs will direct motorists to use Woodside Road and Willow Road.

A number of streets will be closed to through traffic to stop motorists from cutting through, including Holbrook Lane, Palmer Lane, Oak Drive and San Benito, Placitas and Encina avenues in Atherton, plus sections of 6th through 18th avenues in North Fair Oaks.

The town has allocated \$4.2 million to pay for the project.

One more community meeting is scheduled to discuss the project on Wednesday, May 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sports House, SAL Community Room, 3151 Edison Way in North Fair Oaks.

At tinyurl.com/TOA-Marsh, the town has a webpage about the project with updated information, maps of the detours and answers to questions asked at the public meetings. The webpage also has contact info for project managers and Ms. Houlihan. ■

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Another decade, another grade-separation study

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

For years, the question of “grade separations” — separating a roadway from the rail line it crosses by using a bridge or tunnel — has periodically risen in Menlo Park, spurring a study on the feasibility of such a project. Then, after the study is completed, the topic retreats from the Menlo Park collective agenda, only to resurface several years later.

In 1965, Southern Pacific, which operated the railroad before Caltrain, conducted grade-separation studies on the Peninsula, and then followed up with more grade-separation studies in the 1970s. In 1990 Menlo Park conducted a grade-separation study. In 2003 Menlo Park conducted another such study. In 2009, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority looked at grade-separation alternatives in Menlo Park.

This decade’s review is overdue, said Nikki Nagaya, the city’s transportation manager.

In 2015, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority agreed to reimburse the city up to \$750,000 to conduct another grade-separation study. The city hired the consultant group AECOM for \$631,300, and the firm held a community meeting May 2 at the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center to gather local input.

Menlo Park’s most highly trafficked Caltrain crossing at Ravenswood Avenue is the city’s prior-

ity, but the three other crossings — at Oak Grove, Glenwood and Encinal avenues — have also been factored into the current study.

This time, though, Ms. Nagaya said, there could be more momentum.

A fatality at the Ravenswood Avenue crossing in February 2015 spurred community support for action to make the crossing safer. Median barriers were installed on Ravenswood Avenue between Alma Street and Noel Drive in an attempt to reduce complications near the crossing that can lead to cars being stopped on the tracks.

With El Camino Real, the Caltrain tracks, and crosswalks at Alma Street all within a short distance, it’s a complicated stretch of road for drivers to navigate. As traffic and train trips increase, the hazards could too.

Caltrain runs 92 trains per weekday through Menlo Park, and that number is expected to increase: up to 114 trains per day are planned when Caltrain is electrified, and up to 128 trains per day when high-speed rail begins service, said the consultants from AECOM.

A total of 24,000 vehicles cross the tracks at Ravenswood Avenue each weekday, according to the consultants, and that number, too, could increase. The other crossings have lower, but not insignificant, traffic: about 10,000 a day at Oak Grove Avenue, 6,000 at Glenwood Avenue and 5,000 at Encinal Avenue, AECOM says.

The 2003 study winnowed six

Selby Lane kids recycle crayons

By **Kate Daly**
Special to the Almanac

Third-graders at Selby Lane Elementary School in Atherton are learning how to keep one non-biodegradable resource out of landfills and put it back into other children’s hands: crayons.

Guided by Art in Action volunteers Janet Larson and Susan Speicher of Atherton, students are collecting broken crayons at their school, sorting them, and planning to give them to the Crayon Initiative in Berkeley. That organization melts them and turns them into new crayons it then distributes to hospitals, schools and art programs.

“In trying to get the kids to be good stewards of the earth, we taught a lesson in third grade of how long items take to decompose,” Ms. Larson said. Students researched the topic and brought in recycled items to create art pieces.

When the volunteers heard about the Crayon Initiative and found out crayons don’t



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Selby Lane third-graders are collecting old crayons for the Crayon Initiative.

disintegrate, they decided to continue with the recycling theme and collect crayons for the nonprofit organization.

Students have placed containers in each classroom at school and have put together a video on the subject. Through May, community members are invited to bring their own

broken crayons to Selby Lane Elementary School (170 Selby Lane in Atherton) to add to the collection.

Based in Menlo Park, Art in Action provides art education curriculum and training to teachers and volunteers at hundreds of schools nationwide. ■

options for the Ravenswood Avenue grade separation to two: either tunnel the roadway under the tracks or partially raise the tracks and partially lower the roadway.

Complications

Consultants said that one logistical challenge is Caltrain’s non-

negotiable requirement that the elevation change of the tracks be at no more than a 1 percent grade. That could complicate things if the city were to go for the hybrid approach of partially lowering the road and partially raising the tracks.

At a 1 percent grade, explained Angela Obeso, Menlo Park associate engineer, it would likely take a long distance to raise the rail line enough to get a sufficient gap between the tracks and the road beneath.

If the tracks can’t be lowered to ground level in the distance between Ravenswood and Oak Grove avenues, it might make sense to keep Caltrain elevated and build additional grade separations at the city’s other rail crossings. That would make the project much more expensive and time-consuming. Examples of hybrid underpasses where tracks are elevated and the road lowered are the crossings at Holly Street in San Carlos, 42nd Avenue in San Mateo and Ralston Avenue in Belmont.

One potential problem with the option to tunnel Ravenswood beneath the current track grade is that it could block access to Alma Street from Ravenswood, since there would be only a short distance to bring the road back to the level of the current street. Some residents expressed concern at the community meeting

that doing so could shift traffic to nearby streets or make the Burgess Park and Civic Center area difficult to access.

An example of tunneled grade separation is the Jefferson Avenue crossing in Redwood City, said the AECOM consultants.

Construction

With either option, the project would be a long-term commitment. After the current study is completed on the Ravenswood Avenue grade separation — which is expected to take a year — the project would have to undergo a detailed design process and an environmental impact review, which would likely take several more years, Ms. Obeso said.

The construction would most likely require building a “shoofly,” a temporary track to reroute the train. A very rough estimate of a construction timeline is 18 to 24 months, but, consultants said, that could vary based on many factors, including which plan the city chooses.

Future community meetings on the Ravenswood Avenue grade separation are tentatively scheduled for sometime in the August-September and November-December periods. Future City Council study sessions are planned for October and January.

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The daylight hours are still lengthening, and with the extra time, a wealth of possibilities open before you. Perhaps it's time to dust off those old hobbies or finally make good on those New Year's resolutions. Local teachers and organizations are at the ready to help you make the most of the sunshine and extra exuberance. Discover your inner artist through an improvisation class, learn to keep the rally going during a group tennis program, or explore the area's breathtaking trails by horseback. With some creative thinking, you can make summertime the season of excitement it was meant to be.

The Class Guide is published quarterly by the Almanac, the Palo Alto Weekly and the Mountain View Voice.

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1923 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park
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Dance Expressions

701 Laurel St., Menlo Park
650-450-3209

danceexpressions5678@yahoo.com

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Menlo Swim & Sport

Burgess Pool, 501 Laurel St.,
Menlo Park

650-328-7946

Belle Haven Pool, 100 Terminal Ave.,
Menlo Park

650-330-2237

menloswim.com

Menlo Swim & Sport runs youth, adult and community programs at Burgess and Belle Haven pools, including swim lessons, youth swim teams, masters swimming, water polo and water exercise. It also offers cycling, running, fitness and tennis programs.

One Heart Yoga

Little House Activity Center, Fitness
Room, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park
650-649-3055

siriamritkaur@oneheartyyoga.com

oneheartyyoga.com

One Heart Yoga teaches weekly classes in Kundalini yoga, aiming to help students increase flexibility and strength, learn breathing techniques to calm and focus, and reduce anxiety and depression.

Peninsula Boxing & Fitness

2860 Spring St., Unit 1, Redwood City
650-290-1920

peninsulaboxing.org

Peninsula Boxing & Fitness offers recreational boxing programs for both youth and adults. The youth program is non-competitive and non-contact, instructs kids in fitness, and provides a safe, structured environment.

Studio Rincon

3536 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo
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650-861-0242

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www.studiorincon.com

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SPORTS

Kidz Love Soccer

Burgess Park, 701 Laurel St.,
Menlo Park

650-330-2200

www.kidzlovesoccer.com/city_detail.php?cid=2&t=Class

Menlo Park Community Services and Kidz Love Soccer offer youth soccer classes for boys and girls of all abilities, beginning at age 2. Summer camps will also be held.

Menlo Park Gymnastics

501 Laurel St., Menlo Park
650-330-2215

kamihalek@menlopark.org

www.menlopark.org/237/Gymnastics-Classes

The City of Menlo Park offers a number of gymnastics classes for youth, with a focus on children under the age of 6. Parent-participation classes are also available for children with special needs.

Menlo Park Tennis

Nealon Park Tennis Courts, 800
Middle Ave., Menlo Park

Jim Heebner, 650-814-6734

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www.menloparktennis.com

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Spring Down Equestrian Center

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LANGUAGE COURSES

German-American School of Palo Alto

German-American International School campus, 475 Pope St., Menlo Park
650-520-3646
contact@gaspa-ca.org
www.gaspa-ca.org

The German-American School of Palo Alto (GASPA), a Saturday school, teaches immersive German language classes, which also cover culture and traditions, to students ages 2 to 18. No prior knowledge of German is required. In addition, a four-week Summer School Camp is held.

Language Pacifica

585 Glenwood Ave., Menlo Park
650-321-1840
esl@languagepacificacom
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Deborah's Palm

555 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto
650-473-0664
info@deborahspalm.com
www.deborahspalm.com

Deborah's Palm is a nonprofit community organization that aims to provide a warm and supportive environment for all women. Its offerings range from workshops on living simply and mental health to classes on memoir writing and art.

Draeger's Cooking School

1010 University Drive, Menlo Park
650-685-3704
classes@dragonproductions.net
www.draegerscookingsschool.com

Draeger's Cooking School classes are taught by chefs and cover an

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Improv for Everyone at the Dragon Theatre

Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City
650-493-2006 ext. 2
classes@dragonproductions.net
www.dragonproductions.net

Held at the Dragon Theatre, this class on improvisation skills will focus on students' development of effective communication, out-of-the-box thinking, confidence and teamwork.

Music Together Menlo Park

75 Arbor Road, Suite N, Menlo Park
650-799-1624
admin@mt-mp.com
mtmp.yourvirtuoso.com

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www.oldworlddesigns.com

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www.jobtrainworks.org

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650-421-2000
reboot@gsvlabs.com
rebootaccel.com

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Sequoia District Adult School

3247 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park
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bchavez@seq.org
www.seqsas.org

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800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park
650-326-2025
www.penvol.org/littlehouse

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Menlo Park Community Services Department

701 Laurel St., Menlo Park
650-330-2200
www.menlopark.org/212/Community-Services

The Menlo Park Community Services Department organizes a wide array of classes for children, adults and seniors at city facilities. Subjects include fitness, sports, aquatics, arts, health, languages, dance and more.

The Riekes Center for Human Enhancement

3455 Edison Way, Menlo Park
650-364-2509
info@rieakes.org
rieakes.org

A nonprofit organization, the Riekes Center

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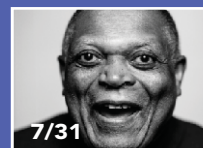
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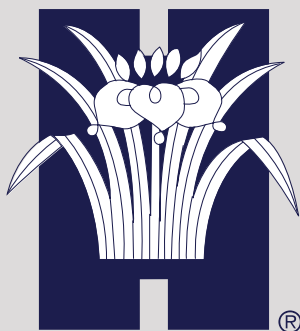
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The contract documents may be inspected at the office of the West Bay Sanitary District; San Francisco Builders Exchange, Attn: Deanna Johnson, 850 So. Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94110; Peninsula Builders Exchange, Attn: Andrea Nettles, 737A Industrial Road, San Carlos, California 94070; Santa Clara Builders Exchange, Attn: Kanani Fonseca, 400 Reed Street, Santa Clara, California 95050; Builders Exchange of Alameda, Attn: Richard Owen, 3055 Alvarado Street, San Leandro, California 94577; Construction Bidboard Incorporated, Attn: Plan Room, 11622 El Camino Real, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92130; and, Contra Costa Builders Exchange, Attn: April Hamilton, 2440 Stanwell Drive, Suite B, Concord, California 94520.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the West Bay Sanitary District upon payment of a check or money order in the amount of \$50.00 for each set. The check or money order must be issued to the West Bay Sanitary District. All payments are nonrefundable.

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In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 3300, the District has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid Class B License or a combination of Class C-39 "Roofing Contractor", C-43 "Sheet Metal Contractor" and C-54 "Structural Steel Contractor" licenses at the time this contract is awarded. Failure to possess the specified license(s) shall render the bid as non-responsive and shall act as a bar to award of the contract to any bidder not possessing said license(s) at the time of award.

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San Mateo County, California

/s/ Phil Scott
District Manager

Dated: April 28, 2016

Workshop on preventing sudden oak death

With a rainy winter just past and a warm season coming on, the moisture-and-warmth-loving pathogen that causes sudden oak death is a significant threat once again, scientists say.

For residents of Woodside and Portola Valley willing to try their hands at some biological science, a two-day workshop on collecting and identifying oak specimens that may have this disease is set for Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15.

A community meeting and workshop is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Portola Valley Community Hall at 765 Portola Road, Woodside Town Manager Kevin Bryant said. Participants will then fan out on Saturday and Sunday to collect specimens for analysis by scientists at the Forest Pathology and Mycology Lab at the University of California at Berkeley. Specimen pickup is set for Sunday evening at the community hall.

Smart phones can play a role. Phones uploaded with the SOD-MAP Mobile app, available at iTunes and Google Play, can be a help when collecting samples, Mr. Bryant said in a statement.

The workshop will explain the pathogen's basic biology, how to identify it and how to collect specimens, Mr. Bryant said. Matteo Garbelotto, an adjunct professor in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at U.C. Berkeley, will be available to answer questions about sudden oak death.

"Officially become a citizen scientist and your published dis-

ease distribution data will help save our oaks," Mr. Bryant said.

Rotary scholarships

Jeff Miller, minority owner of the Golden State Warriors, will speak at the Rotary Club of Menlo Park's annual scholastic achievements award ceremony on Monday, May 16.

He will speak about leadership and service, using examples of leadership based on his experience with the Warriors.

The ceremony begins at 5 p.m. in the Menlo-Atherton High School Performing Arts Center at 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton.

The Rotary Club will announce up to 30 achievement awards and \$125,000 in needs-based scholarships to students from four local schools: M-A, a public school, and the private schools Sacred Heart Preparatory and Menlo School in Atherton, and Eastside College Preparatory School in East Palo Alto.

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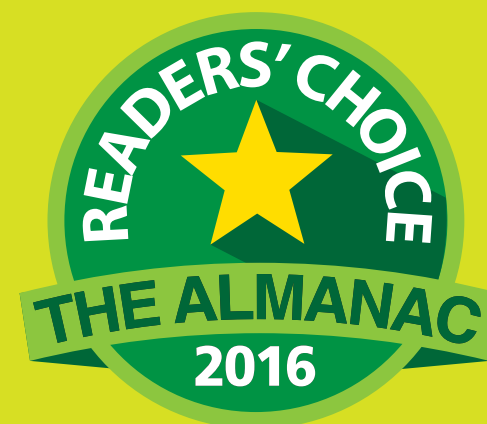
Caltrain is seeking volunteers to apply for its Citizens Advisory Committee. Applications are due by June 3.

The committee is composed of nine members representing San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

The committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:40 p.m. at Caltrain headquarters, 1250 San Carlos Ave. in San Carlos.

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Portola Valley man dies in single-car accident

A single-vehicle accident around 7:10 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at the intersection of Portola and Alpine roads claimed the life of the vehicle's only occupant, 70-year-old Portola Valley resident John Sidensol, according to the officials with the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office and the Woodside Fire Protection District.

When medics arrived, the vehicle was resting against a tree and the driver was in "full arrest," meaning he had no pulse and was not breathing, Fire Chief Dan Ghiorso of the

Woodside fire district told the Almanac.

Because witnesses reported seeing what might have been erratic driving leading up to the accident, medics took into account the possibility that the driver had a medical condition and took steps to try to resuscitate him, the chief said. The district took the extra step of sending two additional medics with the ambulance to continue CPR and related procedures on the way to the hospital, the chief said.

Mr. Sidensol was pronounced dead at Stanford Hospital.

Dumbarton corridor study comes to Menlo Park

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

How can transportation between the East Bay and the Midpeninsula be improved?

A study of the Dumbarton corridor — including the current vehicle bridge (State Route 84) and the abandoned Dumbarton rail bridge — is underway to answer that question. The roughly \$1 million study, funded by Facebook, will analyze the feasibility of currently undefined options to reduce congestion in crossing the bay.

A community meeting for people on the Peninsula to offer their suggestions, comments and concerns will be held Thursday, May 12, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the Menlo Park Senior Center 100 Terminal Ave. in Menlo Park. A similar meeting was held in the East Bay on May 10 in Fremont.

The study's purpose is to explore the feasibility of options to address traffic congestion, and to examine what could be done with the currently defunct Dumbarton rail bridge, SamTrans says on its website.

The study will look at car, transit, bike and pedestrian modes of transportation. It will also analyze the broader street networks and transit lines that connect Peninsula cities (such as Redwood City, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto) to East Bay cities (such as Newark, Union City and Fremont), SamTrans spokeswoman Tasha Bartholomew said.

The Dumbarton Express, a bus operated by the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District in the East Bay, is the only public transportation option now that crosses the bridge.

Go to tinyurl.com/dmbrt45 for more information or to register for the free meeting.

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they are "so much happier to go out on top like this."

However, she said: "It's time to spend a little more time elsewhere."

Property for sale

The family did consider selling the business, she said. "We pursued a path with a couple of potential buyers" but it was complicated by the fact that the business would have to move since the property is for sale and a buyer has been identified, she said. She declined to provide more information

about a property sale.

Asked about competition from big box stores, such as BevMo in Menlo Park and Costco in Redwood City, she said: "There's always competition. That had nothing to do with the closure whatsoever."

She said the family will "certainly miss" its customers and more than 20 employees.

Beltramo's "is not likely to be replaced anytime soon," she said. "It's like a good book. When you close the last page, you're going to miss the characters. We'll take the characters and the people we've encountered along the way with us." ■



SECTION A1 - NOTICE REQUESTING BIDS

WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT BELLE HAVEN SEWER PROJECT PHASE II

Sealed proposals for the BELLE HAVEN SEWER PROJECT PHASE II will be received at the West Bay Sanitary District, 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, California 94025 until **2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 15, 2016** at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be labeled "West Bay Sanitary District, Proposal for "BELLE HAVEN SEWER PROJECT PHASE II."

The Work will include the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment, and other appurtenances for rehabilitation and replacement of sanitary sewer mains by Open Trench Construction, Pipe Bursting, and Cured-in-Place Pipe, as indicated on the project plans.

The contract documents may be inspected at the office of the West Bay Sanitary District; San Francisco Builders Exchange, Attn: Deanna Johnson, 850 So. Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94110; Peninsula Builders Exchange, Attn: Andrea Nettles, 737A Industrial Road, San Carlos, California 94070; Santa Clara Builders Exchange, Attn: Kanani Fonseca, 400 Reed Street, Santa Clara, California 95050; Builders Exchange of Alameda, Attn: Richard Owen, 3055 Alvarado Street, San Leandro, California 94577; Construction Bidboard Incorporated, Attn: Plan Room, 11622 El Camino Real, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92130; and, Contra Costa Builders Exchange, Attn: April Hamilton, 2440 Stanwell Drive, Suite B, Concord, California 94520.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the West Bay Sanitary District upon payment of a check or money order in the amount of \$60.00 for each set. The check or money order must be issued to the West Bay Sanitary District. All payments are nonrefundable.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at **11:00 am on Wednesday, June 1, 2016** at the West Bay Sanitary District Office in Menlo Park, California.

Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or a proposal guaranty bond payable to the order of the West Bay Sanitary District in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid as a guaranty that the bidder will execute the contract if it be awarded to him in conformity with the proposal. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price and a labor and material bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

The District ("Owner") reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to determine which proposal is, in the judgment of the District, the lowest responsible bid of a responsible bidder or group of bidders and which proposal should be accepted in the best interest of the District. The District also reserves the right to waive any informalities in any proposal or bid.

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In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 3300, the District has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid Class A License or a combination of Class C-12 "Earthwork and Paving", C-34 "Pipeline" and C-42 "Sanitation System" licenses at the time this contract is awarded. Failure to possess the specified license(s) shall render the bid as non-responsive and shall act as a bar to award of the contract to any bidder not possessing said license(s) at the time of award.

West Bay Sanitary District
Board of Directors
San Mateo County, California

/s/ Phil Scott
District Manager

Dated: April 28, 2016

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Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

Decision-making process fails to engage larger community

By Steve Lubin


At the March 8 Woodside Town Council meeting, the mayor announced to the Council her appointment of an ad-hoc committee consisting of two council members and two residents to consider “allowable maximum residence size.”

The creation of this committee is not consistent with the spirit and possibly not with the letter of the Brown Act, California’s open government law. That Act requires public notification and public access for committees other than those “comprised solely of less than a quorum of the members” of the council.

While I attended the March 8 meeting, the agenda did not make it clear that this item was going to be discussed, so I left before it was taken up. This opaque policy-making by a few council members is part of a pattern of top-down rule that departs from Woodside’s traditional citizen-involvement process.

It is part of a continuing marginalization of those residents who have, over years, put in the thoughtful hours of discussion to come to community consensus. It creates the impression that special interests are running the town.

The process the council used to consider the recently approved basement ordinance made it clear that its behind-the-scenes procedure is not an adequate method of addressing important planning issues. A subcommittee of the council had come up with a fully formed ordinance before presenting it



Steve Lubin is a Woodside architect and 67-year Woodside resident who has been involved in Woodside planning matters since 1976, including seven years as a planning commissioner.

GUEST OPINION

to the town’s Architectural and Site Review Board and the Planning Commission. These groups were not asked to weigh in on the broader objectives, only to comment on the details of a done deal.

While writing the ordinance, the council performed no studies of its impacts. With no knowledge of the impacts there could be no balancing of impacts against the benefits of proposed uses.

Interested residents were reduced to annoying the council at its meetings in order to point out flaws and to attempt to evaluate the impacts.

Council meetings are a highly charged setting where the loudest voices prevail and there is very little collegial sharing of ideas. Many people are hesitant to speak up, especially when they are subject to misrepresentation of their views and ridicule by others who have strong opposing views.

The council should be careful to set up a public forum where all are comfortable to speak. The proliferation of anonymous mischaracterizations and attacks in online forums makes it important that the council create such a civil space for our community discussions.

A far better result would be obtained if the council appointed a committee with broad membership and that committee held open meetings where a more collegial development of a community vision could take place. This process has been used successfully in Woodside many times before.

A public committee allows the weighing of alternative approaches and a fuller discussion of appropriate goals and impacts of various solutions than is possible in a Town Council meeting. Such discussions should not happen behind the scenes with only the end results forwarded for public discussion.

If the full discussion is open to broader participation from the outset, there is a greater chance of developing a community consensus and an ordinance that better reflects the community’s values.

Furthermore, there has not been a comprehensive evaluation of the town’s ordinances since the 2012 General Plan was adopted. Such a review is past due.

For the town to consider other changes one at a time without looking at the whole picture does not allow us to determine if we are conforming to the goals of the General Plan as required by state law.

The council should scrap its current committee and form a broad-based committee, open to public participation, where we can take a look at how the town can balance the objectives of the General Plan with some residents’ desire to build larger houses.

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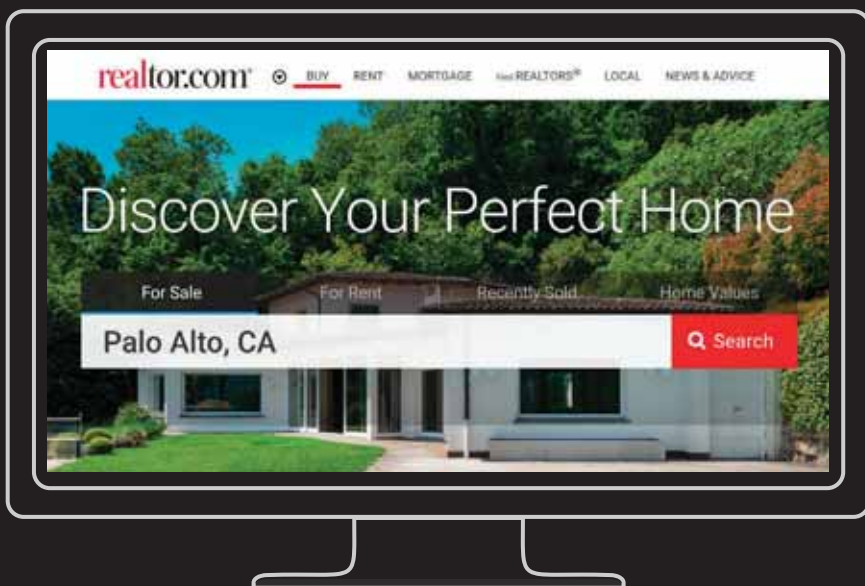
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Registered owner(s):
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ERICA'S ECO CLEANING
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File No.: 268907

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
ERICA MENDOZA
2145 Capitol Ave.
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File No.: 268843

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 269035

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File No.: 268958

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OKP-OUR KIDS PLAY
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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
VINCENT SMITH
61 Cove Lane
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GORILLA BARBEQUE, LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 268980

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Registered owner(s):
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File No.: 268911

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660 Bell St.
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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Panaderia Michoacan, located at 2940 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
CELIA BAEZ
131 E. Wayne Ct.
Redwood City, CA 94063
SERGIO BAEZ
490 Oak Ave. #2
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above on 1979.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 3, 2016.
(ALM May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2016)

997 All Other Legals

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
Date: April 14, 2016
/s/ John L. Grandsaert
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Apr. 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: CIV538162

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: KARA SYKORA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
KARA SYKORA to KARA PHONGPHAYCHIT SYKORA.

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

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
THE ALMANAC
Date: April 18, 2016
/s/ Joseph C. Scott
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016)

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Erika Demma CalBRE #01230766 650.851.2666



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1019 Middle Ave Charming home. Large lot, 11,700 SF. 1 BD poolside cottage w/ full BA & kitchen. 2 BR 2 BA
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216 Grand St NEW fam/kit, baths, flrs, landscaping, electrical, plumbing, roof, fences, windows & more! 3 BR 2.5 BA
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Menlo Park **Pending** **\$1,695,000**
754 Gilbert Ave Picture perfect w/ charm galore inside & out. Serene grounds. Quiet street, fab location. 3 BR 2 BA
Chris McDonnell/Kelly Griggs CalBRE #70010997 650.324.4456



Menlo Park **\$1,695,000**
321 McKendry Drive Custom kitchen and bathrooms. Walnut floors. Sitting room/study. Yard w/fire-pit, pergola 2 BR 2 BA
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Woodside **\$1,695,000**
1600 La Honda Rd Lovely home and enchanting gardens, approx 1.3 acre, scenic Skywood area. 1600LaHonda.com 3 BR 2 BA
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Menlo Park **\$1,598,000**
2131 Avy Ave Rare stunning Menlo Heights End Unit townhouse w/ attached 2car garage! 3 BR 2.5 BA
Jan Strohecker CalBRE #00620365 650.325.6161



Palo Alto **\$1,495,000**
101 Alma St 405 Prime downtown PA location. Wonderful updated rear corner unit. 24/7 security. Must see! 3 BR 3 BA
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East Palo Alto **\$1,399,000**
740/740A Schembri Ln Large lot 10k sf plus, remodeled units! 2 homes with separate meters, fully permitted!
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Redwood City **\$1,149,000**
2732 Goodwin Ave Beautifully updated Woodside Plaza home with 3 BDR, 1 BTH and exceptional outdoor space. 3 BR 1 BA
Samie Goodman/Bob Johnston CalBRE #01515818/01228365 650.324.4456



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