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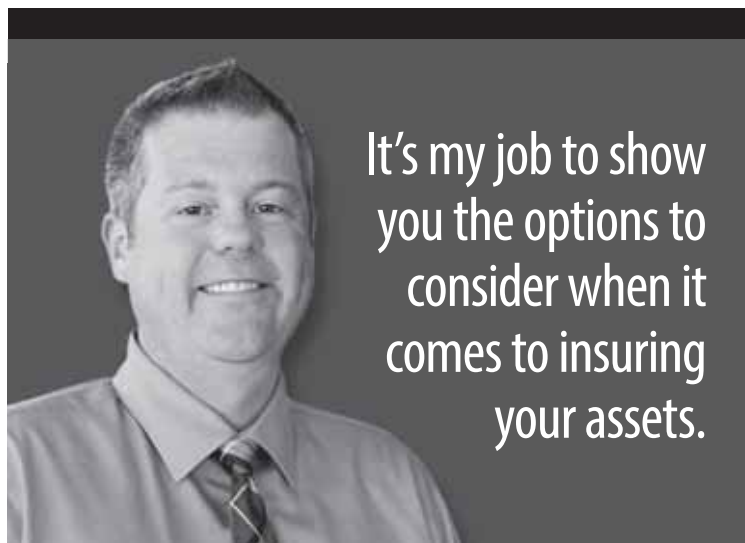


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The Las Lomas Elementary School District will hold two separate public hearings on the proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-17 on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at La Entrada School, MUR located at 2200 Sharon Road, Menlo Park, California. A copy of the LCAP and the proposed budget will be available for public examination at the Las Lomas Elementary School District Office, 1011 Altschul Avenue, Menlo Park, California from June 6, 2016 through June 9, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any stakeholder affected by the LCAP or the Las Lomas Elementary School District budget may appear before the Las Lomas Elementary School District Board of Trustees and speak to the LCAP or the proposed budget or any item therein.

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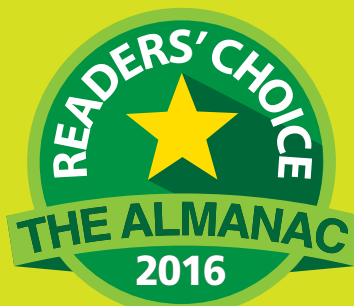
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# Local News

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Image courtesy city of Menlo Park/BAR Architects

A rendering of the three-story office building to be built at 1010 Alma St. at Ravenswood Avenue in Menlo Park.

## Schmidts move ventures to new building

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Eric and Wendy Schmidt of Atherton plan to build a three-story, 25,000 square-foot office building in Menlo Park to serve as headquarters for their family office and philanthropic operations.

Plans for the building were approved by the Menlo Park Planning Commission in November 2015. The two-thirds-acre site at 1010 Alma St., near Ravenswood Avenue, includes the former location of Iberia restaurant.

“Eric and I are delighted to bring our philanthropic and family office employees together

in one building in Menlo Park,” Wendy Schmidt, president of the Schmidt Family Foundation, said in a press release.

Eric Schmidt, a former CEO of Google, is board chairman of Alphabet Inc., Google’s parent company.

Among the operations to move into the new building are the Schmidt family’s investment management company, Hillspire LLC; the Schmidt Family Foundation; and the Schmidt Ocean Institute, a nonprofit that supports oceanographic research and technology development.

The Schmidt Family Foundation has a grant program focused on the environment and sustainable development, and



Photo by Jack Hutcherson

Eric and Wendy Schmidt

funds the 11th Hour Project and ReMain Nantucket.

The new building, with a two-level underground parking garage, is being designed by BAR Architects to meet LEED Platinum environmental standards, according to Lane Part-

ners, a real estate investment firm in Menlo Park that worked with the city to get the development approved.

During its review of the project, the Planning Commission struggled to determine what the applicant would be required to provide in public benefits. Ultimately, the parties agreed to a public plaza and coffee kiosk.

The coffee vendor has not yet been determined, but both Blue Bottle and Zombie Runner (based in Palo Alto) were approached about the opportunity, according to Marcus Gilmour of Lane Partners.

Other amenities that will be available to the public are bicycle

racks along the Alma Street frontage and electrical vehicle charging stations, according to Sares Regis Group of Northern California, the development manager. Vance Brown is general contractor and Brayton Hughes Design Studios is the interior designer.

Construction is expected to start this summer.

Green features intended to meet Net Zero energy goals and very low water use include roof-mounted photovoltaic cells, ultra-low flow water fixtures, and a heat-recovering system that uses no natural gas for heating and consumes no water for cooling, the Sares Regis Group said. ■

## FAA: Most commercial aircraft adhere to noise-reduction rules

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

In a year-long study of the noise impacts of commercial flights coming into San Francisco International Airport by crossing the Santa Cruz Mountains in the vicinity of Woodside and Portola Valley, the Federal Aviation Administration found that 83 percent of the flights crossed over a Woodside navigation beacon at or near the required minimum altitude of 8,000 feet above sea level.

“A small portion” of the flights cross over the Woodside beacon at 6,000 feet, most of them arriving from the eastern Pacific, according to the recently released study on noise impacts in four Bay Area counties, including San Mateo.

Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, extracted a noise-reduction agreement from the FAA in 2001 that requires aircraft to stay above 8,000 feet when crossing the Woodside beacon. That can be cold comfort for residents living along Skyline Boulevard, which

tracks the crest of the mountains. The beacon’s location at 2,270 feet above sea level is 5,730 feet below an aircraft crossing at 8,000 feet, and just 3,730 feet below a jet crossing at 6,000 feet.

The FAA report is quite a contrast to a three-year analysis, ending in 2012, conducted by Portola Valley residents Dr. Tina Nguyen and Vic Schachter and Woodside resident Jim Lyons. They reported that 88 percent of commercial flights over the Woodside beacon crossed at altitudes below 8,000 feet, and about

28 percent below 6,000 feet.

“I can tell you that Mid-Peninsula noise abatement groups are disappointed with the FAA’s result,” Dr. Nguyen said via email. “The FAA was tasked with finding solutions to our worsening problem, but there is nothing in their plan to help our mid-Peninsula communities.”

The methodology of the FAA study, referring to the Woodside beacon, involved an assessment of “what opportunities exist to modify operations ... including looking at the possibility of

adjustments during reduced-volume night operations, even if day operations cannot be changed.” The conclusion: changes to current patterns are “not feasible” and “no further action” is planned.

In 2015 the Portola Valley Town Council authorized a budget of up to \$13,000 to pay an airline industry consultant to evaluate the FAA’s proposed noise analysis. The consultant, Williams Aviation Consultants

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## Facebook reminder boosts voter registration numbers

California Secretary of State Alex Padilla says the reminder to register to vote that Facebook planted on its users' walls on May 16 and 17 yielded a large uptick in the number of online voter registrations seen statewide.

On May 16, the state voter registration website saw 143,255 registration or registration information updates completed, and another 56,717 on May 17. Roughly 63 percent came from Californians ages 17 to 35.

"Monday's registration activity was the second highest in the nearly four year history of California's online voter registration site," Mr. Padilla said.

The deadline to register for the June 7 presidential primary election was May 23.

Go to [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov) to register to vote, change political party preference, or update name or address information.

### ■ BRIEFS

#### Applewood 2-Go closes

Applewood 2-Go, the to-go counter location of Applewood Pizza at 989 El Camino Real in Menlo Park, has closed.

The store's manager could not be reached for comment, despite numerous attempts. According to an employee at the sit-down Applewood Pizza site across the street, the to-go location closed roughly four weeks ago.

The sit-down location at 1001 El Camino Real will continue to offer takeout and delivery pizzas, the employee said. The restaurant also sells a few Hungarian dishes.

Former Applewood locations in San Carlos and Los Altos are also closed, according to Yelp.

— Kate Bradshaw

### FAA

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of Gilbert, Arizona, replied in a January 2016 letter that criticized the proposal on several counts, including a lack of specificity and a lack of a commitment to engage with the public.

#### Glide paths

In referring to flights over the Woodside beacon, the FAA study notes that flights crossing at 6,000 feet do so for safety reasons and because air traffic controllers prefer putting these flights on a glide path to the airport, with their engines at or near idle.

Glide paths are a relatively new practice intended to save fuel and reduce noise, but are not without criticism, particularly from people who live under them.

Traditionally, arriving aircraft track paths determined by air traffic controllers, descending gradually by stepping down in altitude and noisily using the engines for braking — a practice called vectoring. Controllers will still have that option over the Woodside beacon, which was troubling to Dr. Nguyen.

"The FAA characterizes vectoring as a form of equitable distribution," she said, a characterization she called misleading and distressing to some communities — such as Woodside, Portola Valley and Ladera and

parts of Menlo Park — more than others. "Vectoring procedures create tremendous noise since engines are at full throttle to keep the planes at low altitudes," she said.

A committee of elected officials from San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties formed recently to engage with the FAA on noise issues that impact the South Bay. Portola Valley Councilwoman Ann Wengert is one of two members representing San Mateo County.

Asked to comment on the FAA's Woodside-related conclusions, Ms. Wengert replied via email: "The lack of feasible solutions related to the

**FAA: Changes to patterns are 'not feasible' and 'no further action' is planned.**

Woodside (beacon) is hugely disappointing to all Portola Valley and Woodside residents who have experienced the negative impact of aircraft noise on their quality of life," she wrote. "While

I appreciate the difficulty the FAA had in addressing the community input and suggestions in the Feasibility Study, the lack of 'feasible' solutions to the South Bay Arrivals issues was disheartening and predictable. We had all hoped for more."

One positive note, Ms. Wengert noted: the study called "feasible" a suggestion to raise elevations for arriving aircraft flying to SFO from the direction of Santa Cruz, a change that might be noticed in Menlo Park and Atherton. ▣

# Judge counsels kids on dealing with police

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

When interacting with the police, don't be a R.A.T., advised Judge LaDoris Cordell, speaking before about 200 children, teens and adults at the Menlo Park clubhouse of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula.

R.A.T., she said, is an acronym for the three things you should never do when you're approached by a police officer: run, argue with, or touch.

In her May 13 talk, she explained how simple it is for young people to become part of the criminal justice system, simply by not knowing what to do when approached by a police officer.

Even if lights and sirens or a police uniform trigger in those being approached a fight-or-flight response, flight is not a good option. Running from a police officer is an automatic misdemeanor, she said. It is considered an act of evasion from a police officer.

Don't argue with a police officer, she said. That too can lead to a misdemeanor in the form of obstruction of justice.

Never touch a police officer was her third piece of advice. Any touch, or attempt to touch, of a police officer is a crime, she said. Those can become the crimes of battery and assault. Battery she said, by definition just means an unlawful touch, and assault legally means an attempt to commit a battery.

Her remarks took place during the 18th annual "Vision Quest," a workshop hosted by Crime Prevention Narcotics Drugs Education Center to instruct local youth on a range of topics.



Photo by Meda Okelof

**Judge LaDoris Cordell** advises kids not to run from, argue with, or touch a police officer who approaches them.

This is the third consecutive year the workshop has focused on safe interactions with the police.

The center was founded by Pastor Hattie L. Bostic, who also founded the Mt. Olive Apostolic Original Holy Church of God. After she died, her son, Teman Bostic took the reins of both the church and the crime prevention center until he died in February 2016. Even though he is gone, event planner Wanda Haynes said: "We're still working. The crime prevention center is thriving. We want the community to know."

Judge Cordell has had an extensive career in local legal work and advocacy: she was the first lawyer to start a practice in East Palo Alto after attending Stanford Law School and has worked as dean of the law school to improve minority enrollment. She also served on the Palo Alto City Council, worked as a Superior Court judge, and as an independent police auditor in San Jose.

## Know rules

Judge Cordell recommended that people become familiar with the Menlo Park Police Department's policy manual. Each police department has its own policy manual, she said, and rules can vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Learning the nuances of one's city's police department can provide protection.

Go to [tinyurl.com/police368](http://tinyurl.com/police368) to see Menlo Park's police manual.

Police have a right to detain you if they have a reasonable suspicion of criminal activity, she said. People should ask if they are being detained by



Photo by Meda Okelof

**About 200** children, teens and adults gathered at the Menlo Park clubhouse of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula for a workshop on safe interactions with the police.

politely asking "Am I free to go?"

People should know they can ask the police officer who approaches them for their name and badge number, she said. People have a right to file a complaint against police officers they think have mistreated them. People also have a right to record police actions, she said. Menlo Park Police Commander William Dixon, who attended the event, added that every officer is supposed to wear a body camera when interacting with the public.

Judge Cordell tied her remarks to the Black and Brown Lives Matter movement.

She gave a brief history of what African American life has been like in the U.S. With a history of 246 years of slavery, 100 years of Jim Crow law, and 51 years of "mounting oppression," Ms. Cordell said, black lives have been under a "constant battle to survive."

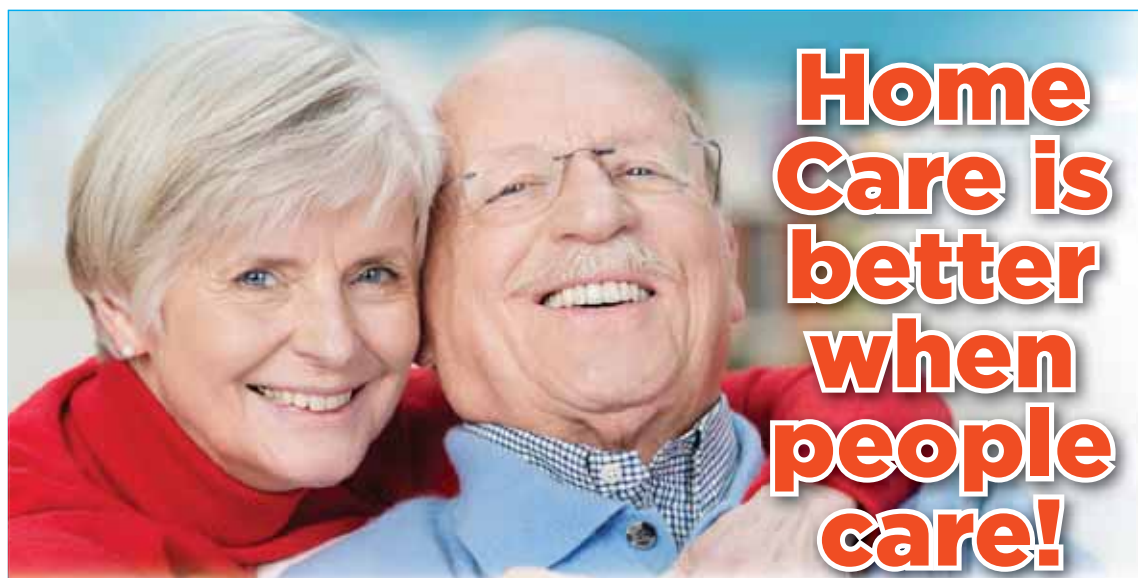
"Brown lives" — she used the phrase to primarily refer to Latino people in this context — should be included in the movement, she said, because they, too, have a pedigree of oppression by the U.S. government. Between 1929 and 1936, she said, an estimated 1.2 million Mexican-American citizens

were deported to Mexico in a process called "repatriation."

Myra Grant, who lives in the East Bay but comes to Menlo Park to attend Mt. Olive AOH church, listened to the talk with her toddler-aged daughter on her lap. She says she'll remember the R.A.T. acronym, but added that the "not arguing" part may be a challenge for her.

Jesse Rattler Jr., who grew up in the area but now lives in the East Bay, said he liked how Ms. Cordell described the movement.

"Of course all lives matter," he said. "But it's the black lives that are dying." ■



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## Longtime Almanac staffer Jane Coladarci dies at 96

Jane Coladarci, a mainstay of the Almanac's advertising department for most of her 30 years at the paper, died "quickly and peacefully" May 7 in Yuba City, California, in the company of her daughter and son, the family said. She was 96.

"Jane certainly was the embodiment of the Almanac's dedication to serving the business community in Menlo Park, and she did so with consummate sensitivity and grace," said former Almanac publisher Mort Levine.

A longtime Woodside resident, Ms. Coladarci joined the Almanac in 1974 after deciding she had too much time on her hands after her youngest child went off to college. The proximity of the Almanac's office in the basement of a building in downtown Woodside was a deciding factor, she said, as there was a gasoline crisis at the time.

She launched her career as a working woman at the age of 54 by taking the receptionist job at the newspaper's front desk. "I answered the phone, took care of the mail and subscriptions, did the shopping, went to the bank, took dictation from (Almanac co-founder) Betty Fry and did accounts receivable," Ms. Coladarci said in a 1990 interview.

Her other talents were soon realized and she tried out as an advertising salesperson. "Well, they turned me loose with no instruction, no territory, but I was determined to make a go of it. I went after anything from Mountain View to Burlingame," she said.

She met with success, and took on a full-time sales job, which she held for 25 years, working for three publishers and numerous ad managers. She retired from the Almanac in 2004.

Born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, she worked for IBM after graduating from Grove City College in 1942 with a degree in



**Jane Coladarci** was a key part of the Almanac's advertising staff for 25 years. She retired in 2004.

business education.

In 1947, she married Arthur P. Coladarci after a brief courtship. They moved to California in 1951 when he joined the Stanford University faculty and she was soon devoted to raising her daughter Katy (born in 1951) and son Ted (born in 1953).

The Coladarci home in Woodside "was always open to the children's friends, where soulful music, pasta feasts and animated conversation were the norm," the family says.

Her husband, Arthur, who had become dean of the Stanford School of Education, died in 1991.

In 2007, after her career at the Almanac, she moved to Yuba City to take up residence across the street from her best friend, Katy. To her last day, she lived independently, the family says.

She is survived by her daughter Katy and son-in-law Ronald Ward, son Ted and daughter-in-law Janet Spector, a granddaughter, a grandson, and two great granddaughters.

Go to [tinyurl.com/Jane068](http://tinyurl.com/Jane068) to see the family memorial on the Almanac's Lasting Memories site. You can leave a remembrance there.

## Man, 25, dies in Skyline crash

A 25-year-old man who died when his SUV crashed into a tree on Skyline Boulevard south of Portola Valley in San Mateo County early Thursday morning, May 19, has been identified as James Henry Power of Los Altos, according to the San Mateo Coroner's Office.

California Highway Patrol officers responded at 3:58 a.m. to a report of a crash on Skyline

Boulevard (Highway 35), south of Page Mill Road near the county border with Santa Clara County.

Investigators determined a silver 2005 Nissan SUV traveling south went off the roadway and struck a tree. The driver, the lone occupant, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Anyone who witnessed the crash is asked to call Officer J. Wakeman at (650) 369-6261.



Photo by Michelle Tsui

**Winners of Rotary scholarships:** Front row, from left: Andriana Contreras-Sandoval, Cindy Chen, Lesly Gopar, Yadira Ayala and Diaja Smith; middle row, from left: Monique Hill, Enedina Martinez, Alejandra Brambila, Amanda Kelly and Lilika Teu; top row, from left, Rafael Zumarraga and Juan Lozano. (Four Eastside Preparatory students could not be present for this photo: Alondra Sanchez, Caleb Colin-Perez, Nohely Peraza and Tatiana Guardado.)

## Menlo Rotary Club awards \$125K in scholarships

More than 100 students from local high schools received scholarships and academic awards May 16 during the Rotary Club of Menlo Park's scholastic achievement awards ceremony at the Menlo-Atherton High School Performing Arts Center.

Scholarships worth \$125,000 were awarded to 19 local high school students, including five who received Alice Kleeman Community College Awards, named after the longtime guidance counselor at M-A.

Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation President Pete Nelson explained that the scholarship funds are derived from contributions by club members, investments from former members and donors, and club fundraising events, such as the Tour de Menlo bicycle ride held in August.

Other scholarships of varying amounts went to 14 students who were selected by the Rotary Club's Scholarship Committee, whose members interviewed student applicants.

The scholastic achievement awards went to 111 students from Menlo-Atherton, Eastside Preparatory, Sacred Heart Prep and Menlo School. Another four students from Eastside Preparatory, who attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards cam-

pout, also were honored.

The evening began with a rousing concert by the Menlo-Atherton Jazz Band. After introductions of Rotary Club officers, there was a talk by venture capitalist Jeff Miller, who told students how to succeed in business using the Golden State Warriors as an example. Mr. Miller is a minority investor in the Warriors.

The scholastic achievement awards were presented by principals of each school to students as their names were called and they walked across the stage.

Here are the scholarship winners:

- John D. Russell Scholarship: Alondra Sanchez, Eastside Preparatory, who will attend U.C. Berkeley.

- Crittenden Family Scholarship: Caleb Colin-Perez, Eastside Preparatory, who will attend U.C. Santa Cruz.

- Robert G. Paroli Family Scholarship: Nohely Peraza, Eastside Preparatory, who will attend Williams College.

- Doris and Orm Rector Scholarship: Lesly Gopar, Menlo-Atherton High School, who will attend U.C. Davis.

- Tsui/Tsiang Family Math and Science Scholarship: Amanda Kelly, Menlo-Atherton, who

will attend U.C. Davis.

- Rotary Business and Professional Scholarship: Yadira Ayala, Sacred Heart Prep, who will attend U.C. Santa Barbara.

- Drue Kataoka Arts Scholarship: Jennifer Villegas, Eastside Preparatory, who will attend U.C. Santa Cruz.

Menlo Park Rotary Foundation Scholarships:

- Wen-Shin (Cindy) Chen, Menlo School, who will attend U.C. Davis.

- Andriana Contreras-Sandoval, Menlo School, who will attend U.C. Berkeley.

- Yesenia Garnica, Eastside Preparatory, who will attend Santa Clara.

- Tatiana Guardado, Eastside Preparatory, who will attend U.C. Santa Cruz.

- Diaja Smith, Sacred Heart Prep, who will attend DePaul.

- Lilika Teu, Sacred Heart Prep, who will attend S.F. Academy of Art.

Alice Kleeman Community College Awards (awarded to M-A students only): Alejandra Brambila, Canada College; Juan Caballero Lozano, Canada College; Monique Hill, College of San Mateo; Enedina Meza Martinez, College of San Mateo; and Rafael Zumarraga, Madera Community College.



Left to right: Ping Wang Fisher, Adrian Tabares, Kamilee Christenson, Alan Pinyavat, Brandon Jones, Julie Yeh. Not pictured: Stacy Porter.

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## 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.

Bid proposals received after the time announced for the opening will not be considered. No bidder may withdraw his proposal after the time announced for the opening, or before award and execution of the contract, unless the award is delayed for a period exceeding forty-five (45) days.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 22300, and upon the request and at the expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract may be deposited with the District, or with a state or federally chartered bank as escrow agent who shall deliver such securities to the Contractor upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Only those securities listed in Government Code Section 16430 or other securities approved by the District are eligible for deposit. The deposit of securities with an escrow agent or the District shall be made in the form and on such terms and conditions as the District may require to protect the interest of the District in the event of the Contractor's default. The Contractor shall be the beneficial owner of any securities that are deposited and shall receive any interest thereon.

Pertaining to Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1 of the California Labor Code the successful bidder shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Copies of such prevailing rates are on file at the District office of the West Bay Sanitary District and which copies shall be made available to any interested party on request. The successful bidder shall post a copy of such determinations at each job site.

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

By Elena Kadvany

Palo Alto Weekly

**‘W**arm, safe and dry.” That’s the slogan of a \$26 million bond measure the Ravenswood City School District is asking voters to approve on June 7 to fund capital improvements at the district’s eight school sites — improvements district officials say are critical to helping fulfill the basic tenets of keeping students and teachers warm, safe and dry.

The district, with 3,400 students, is headquartered in East Palo Alto but has schools in Menlo Park, as well. Belle Haven Elementary is on Ivy Drive and Willow Oaks is a K-8 school on Willow Road in Menlo Park.

Measure H would provide funding for repairs and upgrades at all eight of the district’s school sites, which are more than 50 years old.

The bond measure, which requires approval by 55 percent of the voters to pass, would pay for an array of improvements, including new roofs; upgraded heating, air conditioning, electrical and fire-safety systems; updated plumbing and parking facilities; modernized classrooms to accommodate science, technology, engineering, math and language programs; and new furniture, equipment, classroom technology and landscaping.

An eye toward building more energy-efficient facilities would help the district save money and redirect it into classrooms, Superintendent Gloria Hernandez-Goff wrote in a recent letter to families in the district.

These planned upgrades are a fraction of the \$100 million in “critical” district-wide repairs identified through a comprehensive facilities master plan process, Ms. Hernandez-Goff said in an interview. The master plan itself will cost more than \$300 million over several years.

Measure H, which the school board unanimously approved in March, “will help with some of the most critical needs for the classrooms,” she said.

Priority repairs and improvements were identified in meetings district officials held with parents, teachers and staff, she said.

The need for new gas lines and a heating system was evident this past winter when Costano

Elementary School in East Palo Alto lost heat due to a gas leak. The district brought in electric space heaters, but the school’s “aging” electrical system could not support the number of heaters required, and the school closed early for winter break, Ms. Hernandez-Goff wrote in a December message to parents about the closure.

The district has done repairs and upgrades on a piecemeal, emergency basis. Some roof repairs were done last year to prepare for an anticipated rainy winter. A sewer line under Brentwood Elementary School recently cracked and had to be immediately repaired, she said. Costano’s parking lot was resurfaced last summer, but that “wiped out” the district’s capital budget, she said. Other “critical and long overdue” upgrades were done last summer at a cost of \$2 million, she wrote in her letter to the school community.

The bond measure is also about educational equity, said board President Ana Pulido. For example, the district has been unable to provide the set-up necessary — a sink with flowing water — for certain science labs, so students have been using portable labs that limit the number of activities they can do.

Ms. Pulido and Ms. Hernandez-Goff said the bond measure is a first step toward long-term improvements envisioned in the district’s facilities master plan.

Measure H would authorize the sale of general obligation bonds, to be repaid over approximately 30 years through a tax on all taxable property — residential, commercial and industrial — located within the school district’s boundaries.

The measure’s projected annual tax rate is \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. A property assessed at \$700,000, for example, would likely have an annual tax obligation of \$210 under this measure.

The total amount repayable during the life of the bonds, including principal and interest, is approximately \$44 million, the district estimates.

The bond revenues would only be used for capital improvements. Ms. Pulido and Ms. Hernandez-Goff said they hope voters distinguish a facilities

**The district, with 3,400 students, includes schools in Menlo Park.**

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Photo by Michelle Le

**From left:** John, Diana and Daniel Beltramo inside their store at 1540 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

**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**

California Water Code, Part 2.6, Chapters 1 through 4 (Sections 10610 through 10656), are known as the "Urban Water Management Planning Act." These California Water Code sections require all urban water suppliers that provide water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supply more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan as outlined and identified in those sections. This requirement applies to both public and privately owned water utilities.

The plan must describe and evaluate sources of supply, reasonable and practical efficient uses, reclamation, and demand management activities. The components of the plan may vary according to an individual community or area's characteristics and its capabilities to efficiently use and conserve water. The plan must also address measures for residential, commercial, governmental, and industrial water demand management.

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](http://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](mailto:PlanningInfo@calwater.com).

Cal Water will receive comments on the Draft 2015 UWMP and the Conservation Master Plan from May 24, 2016 through June 16, 2016.

Please share this notice with others that may have the need to know.

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## Closing sales begin for Menlo Park's Beltramo's

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

**B**eltramo's, the family-run wine and spirits shop that plans to close after 134 years in Menlo Park, has begun its "everything must go" closing sales.

Every department in the store at 1540 El Camino Real in Menlo Park will have savings of up to 20 percent off, and more for some gift items, according to Diana Beltramo Hewitt, daughter of co-owner Daniel Beltramo.

He and brother John, grandsons of founder Giovanni Beltramo, are ready to retire and plan to close the shop. The property has been put up for sale and a buyer identified.

Inventory is leaving store shelves quickly, according to Ms. Beltramo Hewitt, whose advice is to drop by soon while the selection is good.

The inventory includes "thousands of wines from around the globe; close to 2,000 spirits, including several hundred Scotches and several select Bel-

tramo's barrel Bourbons; a selection of over 500 craft beers; and an array of gourmet foods and gifts," according to the Beltramo's website.

"I think people know, especially now, that you can't get this quality wine at discount prices any day," she said. "Smart buyers are coming in early."

Discounts are expected to increase over time, she said, and the store will stay open as long as it takes to liquidate the inventory.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Beltramo's 134-year run in Menlo Park spanned five generations. Since the shop opened in 1882, it has survived Prohibition ("when table grapes and church wine were the only legal commodities for retail"), run a cocktail lounge, introduced locals to many California and international wines, and hosted tasting events, according to a letter from the Beltramo family, which can be found at [beltramos.com](http://beltramos.com). ■

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bond measure and the \$196 a year parcel tax voters approved in 2011 to pay for operations.

State law requires that the district establish an independent citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual audits to ensure that funds from the sale of bonds are spent only on voter-approved projects.

The only official opposition to Measure H has been the Silicon Valley Taxpayer's Association, a Cupertino organization "dedicated to protecting the rights and interests of the taxpayers of Silicon Valley against the overreaching and overspending of government," according to the group's website.

Mark Hinkle, president of the association, said while he is not very familiar with the Ravenswood school district, he opposes Measure H from a more philosophical standpoint. It is unfair and unjustified, he said, to saddle taxpayers with the cost of something that should be covered by the district's own budget.

"Every time a governmental body puts a bond measure or parcel tax on the ballot, what they're in fact saying is, 'Everything we're currently spending money on is more important than this measure,'" he told the

Weekly. "If it's important, why isn't it in the current budget?"

Mr. Hinkle also voiced concern about the general obligation bond's 30-year lifespan and the prospect of potentially high bond interest rates.

The association's website includes official opposition statements to several other school measures on the June 7 ballot.

The first time the school district put a bond measure on the ballot, in 1996, voters overwhelmingly approved the \$6 million measure to pay for repairs and renovation.

Four years later, the district put a \$10 million bond measure on the ballot to help finish projects started under the 1996 measure and to build a new high school, which is now Aspire East Palo Alto Charter School. (Ravenswood still owns the site, but it is not a district school). Measure C passed with 86 percent of the vote.

The school district recently polled voters about the bond measure and 84 percent of the respondents said they would support it, according to Ravenswood.

Voters can vote by mail, online or in-person at local voting centers through June 7. More information is available in voter information pamphlets San Mateo County mails to registered voters. ■



### Ride for affordable housing

Eric Wright, a graduate of Menlo-Atherton High School and Stanford University, plans to bike across the country, from New Haven, Connecticut, to Half Moon Bay, with a team of 30 young adults to raise money and awareness for affordable housing. The ride, organized by the nonprofit Bike & Build, is set to start May 30 and end Aug. 12. Go to [bikeandbuild.org](http://bikeandbuild.org) for more information.

## Firefighters rescue 12 stuck in Facebook elevator

Firefighters rescued 12 people from an elevator at a Facebook campus building in Menlo Park on Friday afternoon, May 20.

At 12:04 p.m., firefighters responded to a report of multiple people stuck inside an elevator at Facebook Building 20, located at 1 Facebook Way, according to Menlo Park Fire Protection District officials.

Upon arrival, fire officials found that a repair technician had reportedly been there for more than 90 minutes trying to get the doors to open.

After about 20 minutes, firefighters were able to open the elevator doors and free the people inside, fire officials said.

“The people in the elevator were getting a little anxious because of the situation, which was amplified by an audible alarm, so we used the jaws of life to force the elevator door open which pretty much destroyed the door,” Battalion Chief Ben Marra said.

No one was injured during the incident.

### Sloane Citron leaves Gentry

Sloane Citron, co-founder and longtime publisher at Menlo Park-based 18 Media, parent company of Gentry magazines, has left the company.

“After almost 25 years as the co-founder and publisher of Gentry, I’ve sold my interest in 18 Media to Elsie Floriani and

#### ■ BRIEFS

have left to pursue new business interests,” he said in an email.

“I bought him out,” Elsie Floriani, the current owner, co-founder and executive editor, confirmed in an interview. She said she couldn’t provide more details for legal reasons. “I wish I could but I’m not allowed to,” she said.

The transaction was “recent,” she said in an email.

Gentry, with offices at 1162 El Camino Real, is “the leading lifestyle company” on the Peninsula, in San Francisco and in Silicon Valley, according to the magazine’s masthead.

Mr. Citron was with the magazine for 23 years, since its founding in 1993, Ms. Floriani said.

In 2010, he launched “The Daily WAMP,” a short-lived newspaper that covered Woodside, Atherton, Menlo Park and Portola Valley, which explains the name.

### Poll workers needed

An estimated 1,400 poll workers are needed on Election Day, June 7, to manage 342 precincts in San Mateo County.

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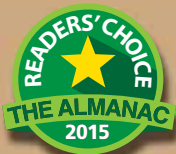
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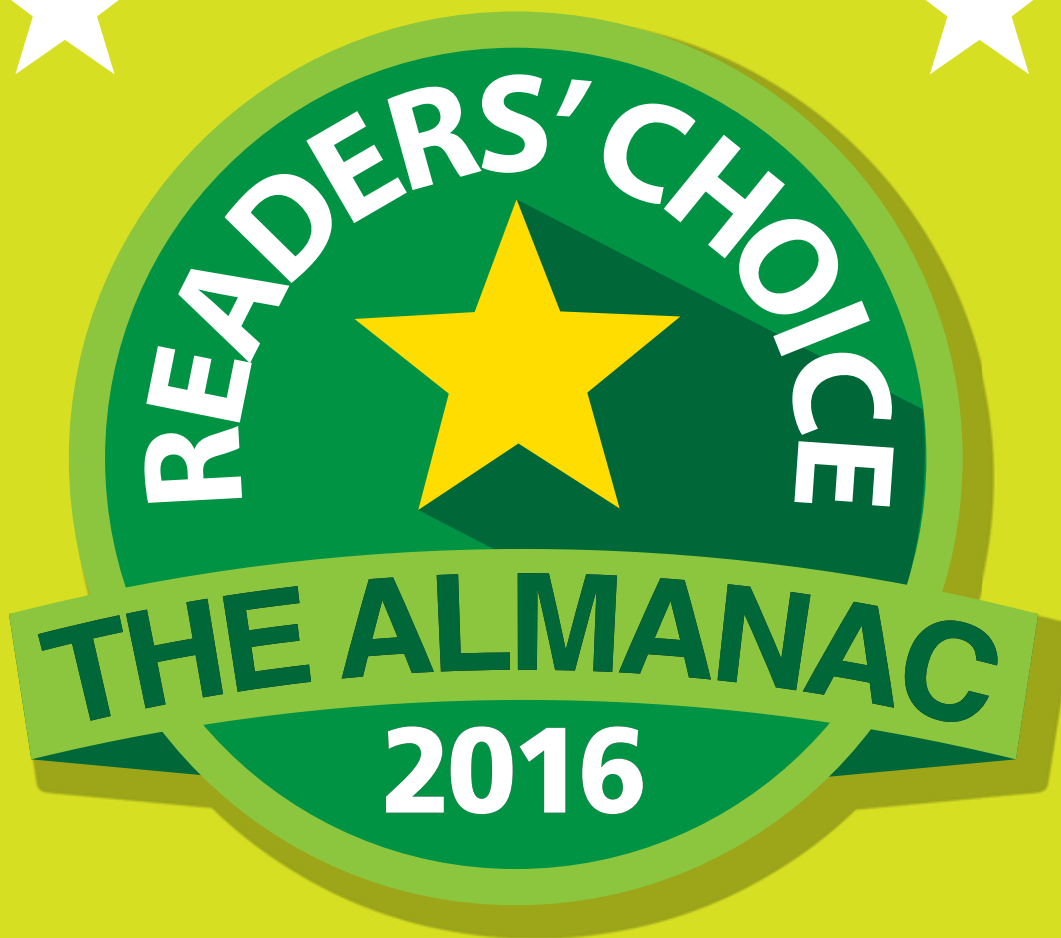
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## Portola Valley may go with 100% renewable sources for electricity

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Portola Valley's Town Council is set to consider on May 25 a venture that would give every household a choice in electricity suppliers starting in April 2017, but from a baseline that would have every household receiving 100 percent of its electricity from renewable non-fossil-fuel sources.

Customers would have easy options to reduce that percentage, say to 50 percent green electricity, or 35 percent, or to just stay with Pacific Gas & Electric company, but the customer would have to make a choice to avoid a 100 percent green supply.

The council meeting starts at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at

the Historic Schoolhouse at 765 Portola Road in Portola Valley.

The Office of Sustainability in San Mateo County has been working with elected officials from the incorporated communities in the county to establish and jointly manage Peninsula Clean Energy, a program to enter into contracts with sources of renewable electricity as an alternative to PG&E.

In Phase 1 of the Peninsula Clean Energy program, set for October 2016, most PG&E residential customers in the county will likely be assigned to the program at a percentage of green electricity yet to be determined.

If the Portola Valley council were to commit the community to 100 percent green electricity as the baseline condition, that

would delay the town's participation until April 2017 — to avoid confusion and to allow additional time "to procure the power for those interested cities," said Brandi de Garneau, who manages sustainability programs for the town.

The 100 percent option is also likely to raise residents' rates. Program officials anticipate a premium over PG&E rates of about \$3 — between \$5 and \$20 a month for larger houses, Councilman Jeff Aalfs said in a recent letter to the town's online discussion group, PV-Forum.

Also on the May 25 council agenda: A proposed rate increase of approximately 3 percent for collection of garbage and materials for recycling and compost in town. ■

## Want to run for school board?

Those interested in running in the Nov. 8 election for one of the two open seats on the school board of the Menlo Park City School District are invited to a candidate information night at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, at

the district office in the TERC building, 181 Encinal Ave. in Atherton.

The terms of board members Jeff Child and Maria Hilton are up this year. The candidate filing period is from July 18 to Aug. 12.

Two candidate seminars are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, and 10 a.m. Thursday, July 21, at San Mateo County Elections Office at 40 Tower Road in San Mateo.

Go to [district.mpcsd.org](http://district.mpcsd.org) or call the school district office at (650) 321-7140 for more information.

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#### PUBLIC HEARING

2. Tom Sebekos and Laura Burkhart ASRB2015-0067 & XSET2015-0004  
635 Patrol Road Planner: Sean Mullin, Associate Planner

Planning Commission review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a Formal Design Review and a Setback Exception for a proposal to construct an addition partially within the required 50-foot rear setback and a partial basement, to an existing single family residence that is located within the required building setbacks on a property located in the Western Hills.

3. California Water Company CUSE2016-0002  
Olive Hill Lane roadway between Albion Ave. and Cañada Rd. Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a Conditional Use Permit for a proposal to replace approximately 2,200 linear feet of a 4-inch cast iron water line with approximately 2,200 linear feet of a 12-inch ductile iron water line within the Olive Hill Lane roadway between Albion Avenue and Cañada Road. A 25-foot segment of this water line would be installed within the existing bridge structure which crosses over Dry Creek, a designated stream corridor. A Conditional Use Permit is required for the project due to a portion of the project being located within the designated stream corridor.

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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# A century of service

Parade celebrates fire district's centennial

Photos by Magali Gauthier



**Dave Hubert** of the California State Firefighters' Association sits atop of his restored 1902 steam fire engine with dalmatian Dottie after the Menlo Park fire district parade. **On the cover:** Mr. Hubert pulls the steam whistle on the fire engine.

**By Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

‘Put the blue stuff on the red stuff.’ Reduced to such simple terms, the core imperative of firefighting makes it sound almost too easy. Yet moving water from point A to point B while protecting the inhabitants of the Menlo Park area in many other ways has kept the Menlo Park Fire Protection District on its toes over its

first 100 years.

A parade Saturday on Santa Cruz Avenue in downtown Menlo Park celebrated the district's centennial. At least 40 firefighting and emergency-response vehicles, some dating to the 19th century, were wheeled down the four-block parade route, serving as a moving time capsule of the past century and more.

Children in firefighter costumes waved eagerly as cur-

rent and retired firefighters marched or rode down the avenue. Afterward, the vehicles were on display in the parking lot between Santa Cruz and Oak Grove avenues across from Fire Station 6.

In 1916, when the local community decided to create the fire district, “the biggest risk they faced was fire,” Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman says.

The district's original boundaries covered about 12 square

miles, according to the Menlo Park Historical Association. Its boundaries today cover about 30 square miles and encompass Menlo Park, Atherton, East Palo Alto, North Fair Oaks and other areas of unincorporated San Mateo County.

One man who has seen a large portion of the district's first century is Tom Carter. “I was born into the fire service,” he says.

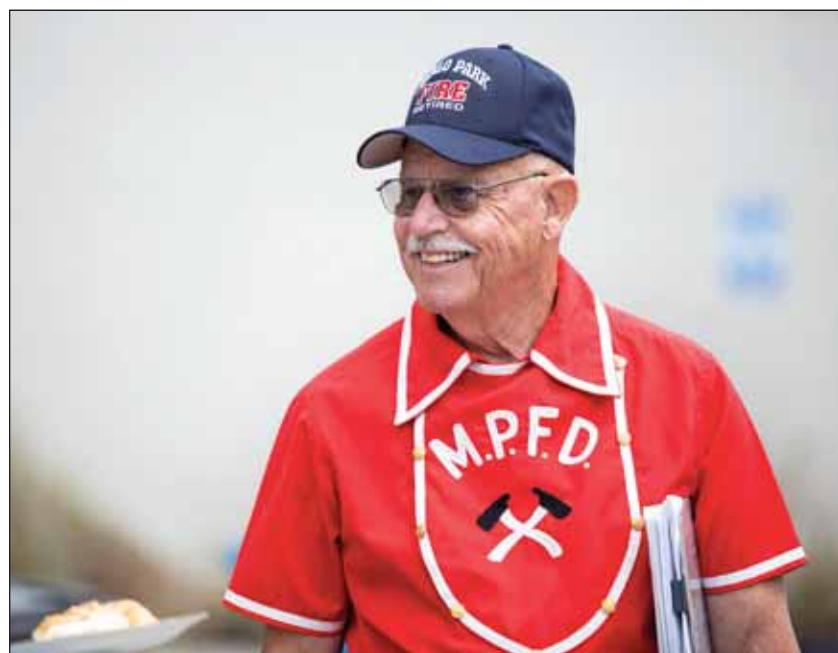
His dad, George Carter, was a firefighter, and Tom, who was

born in 1935, spent his first two years living next door to the old Menlo Park fire station, located on Merrill Street, near where Kepler's and Cafe Borrone are now.

His family later moved to a larger home in Menlo Park, but he kept close ties to the fire district. At age 4, he got to ride on the district's old 1899 hose wagon in a July Fourth parade with his father by his side. The wagon was drawn by horses and



**The Menlo Park Firefighters Association color guard** leads the parade along Santa Cruz Avenue.



**Tom Carter**, a retired firefighter with the district, is the son of former district fire chief George Carter.



**Wagner Watson**, 5, rings the bell of an old San Mateo fire engine.

used by volunteer firefighters to carry hose to a fire. During Saturday's parade, Tom Carter rode on that same wagon.

When he grew up, Tom and his dad, who by then was the fire chief, served together with the fire district from 1953 until his father retired in 1972. Tom says sometimes his dad was tougher on him than other firefighters, but they had a great relationship.

"Big fires are exciting, but the most fulfilling thing is the gratification you get from helping people," he says.

The fire district helps in many ways beyond fighting fires. Much of the district's work today involves responding to medical calls and vehicle accidents.

In 1991 the district became part of the South Bay Water Rescue Team, in a joint powers agreement with the Palo Alto Fire Department. That team conducts water rescues in the Bay, using an air boat to traverse muddy regions between tides.

The district also does fire prevention work and organizes community fire protection and education programs, including training volunteers to be on its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

In the last 100 years, Chief Schapelhouman says, district firefighters have been on the scene of major catastrophes, not just here but across the country, including the Sept. 11 attacks in New York City. 📍



**Dan Coyle**, a Menlo Park district firefighter, eats lunch with his son, Max, after the parade.



**Aidash Tamayo**, 3, explores the interior of a fire engine.



**In 1938**, a young Tom Carter sits atop the fire district's hose wagon, next to his dad, George Carter (right), who later became fire chief. Both served with the district between 1953 and 1972.



**David Gonzalez** grabs the last of the towels used to clean off the 1902 steam fire engine. Behind it is Menlo Park's newest fire engine.

## CALENDAR

Go to AlmanacNews.com/calendar to see more local calendar listings.

## Community Events

**Allied Arts Guild ArtFest** Hosted by the Allied Arts Guild Auxiliary, free public festival includes visits to artist studios; food from Blue Garden Cafe and other local vendors; art demos; music and entertainment; and children's activities. Benefits Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. June 4, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.facebook.com/AlliedArtsGuildArtFest/

**Holy Cross Cemetery Tour** History professor Michael Svanevik gives tour of Menlo Park's only cemetery, which dates back to the early 1860s. He will share stories and secrets about early Menlo Park history and inhabitants. May 28, 3:30-5 p.m. \$10 donation. Holy Cross Cemetery, Santa Cruz and Ivy avenues, Menlo Park. www.sites.google.com/site/mphistorical

**East Palo Alto Arts & Music Fest** celebrates East Palo Alto artistic and musical talent and traditions. Screen printing and painting activities, dance workshops, food, and musical performances by youth and professional bands from East Palo Alto and beyond. Free food and T-shirts offered to those who register early. May 28, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Bell Street Park, 550 Bell St., East Palo Alto. www.facebook.com/events/564133723746877/

## Theater

**Storyteller Kirk Waller** performs tales for adults only called "Love, Loss, & Lasting Memories." Presented by Menlo Park Library. June 4, 1 p.m. Free. Menlo Park City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. www.menlopark.org

**'When the Rain Stops Falling'** Family saga that takes audience back and forth through time and around the globe. Thursday-Saturday, May 5-29, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$30 general; \$25 student, senior. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.dragonproductions.net

**West Bay Opera: 'Madama Butterfly'** Giacomo Puccini's tragic opera about a young Japanese woman who marries an American naval officer, only to be left by him when he returns to the U.S. Performance includes lavish costumes and sets, a chorus and an orchestra. May 28 at 8 p.m.; May 29 at 2 p.m.; May 25 at 7 p.m. \$45-\$83. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.wboopera.org

## Concerts

**Gospel concert with mezzo soprano Rachel Waiters** Mezzo soprano Rachel Waiters — an opera and concert singer — will return to her gospel roots during this one-night-only performance. June 4, 6-7 p.m. Free. Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1981 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto. www.rachelwaiters.weebly.com

**Redwood Symphony** finishes its season with a concert called "Two Fifths," which includes performances of Beethoven and Shostakovich's fifth symphonies and Stravinsky's "Scherzo a la Russe." Pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. May 28, 8 p.m. \$10-\$25 in advance; \$10-\$30 at the door. Canada College, Main Theatre, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Woodside. www.facebook.com/events/555339387970778

**Stanford Afro-Latin Jazz Ensemble** Spring Concert features blend of traditional and contemporary songs. May 27, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15 general; \$10 senior, student (free with SUID). Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. latinjazz.stanford.edu

## Music

**Cafe Borrone All-Stars** perform Dixieland jazz music. June 3, 10 and 17, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Free admission. Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.facebook.com/events/1580870248896887

**Jazz on the Hill**, a free celebration of live jazz. Musicians cover many genres including straight-ahead jazz, blues and Latin. Among performers: Charlie Musselwhite, Etienne Charles, Lynne Arriale, Grace Kelly, Charenee Wade. June 4, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. College of San Mateo, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo. www.jazzonthehill.org

## Talks &amp; Authors

**Art Gallery Talk** Joseph Lamerd and Max Suechting, art history graduate student and modern thought and literature graduate student respectively at Stanford University, share their perspectives on Cantor Arts Center's sculpture "Slab Man (1974-75)" by Duane Hansen. June 1, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at

Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/589/58957/

**In Deep Radio with Angie Coiro featuring David Gans** David Gans discusses book he co-authored with Blair Jackson, "This Is All a Dream We Dreamed: An Oral History of the Grateful Dead," which incorporates the voices of the band's members, their collaborators and peers, and a diverse group of fans. June 1, noon. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.keplers.com

**Lifefree Cafe: 'Meth: Stories of Horror and Hope'** One-hour Lifefree Cafe program features filmed interview with Cindy Gray, a woman who lost a son due to methamphetamine use, as well as a young man who became addicted to meth but found hope and escaped his addiction. May 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; May 26, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Church, 1095 Cloud Ave, Menlo Park. www.bethany-mp.org

**Dana Gioia**, the newly appointed poet laureate of California, will stop at Kepler's to mark the publication of his new poetry collection "99 Poems," which includes new work and pieces from across his career. May 26, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.keplers.com

**'The Two Most Wildlife Dense Islands in the World'** For June's Woodside Arts & Cultural Committee First Friday event, Doug Cheeseman guides the audience on a journey to the South Georgia and Falkland Islands in the Antarctic region. He will describe the wildlife (including a colony of King Penguins) and survival tactics used in the landscape. June 3, 7 p.m. Free. Woodside Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside. woodsidetown.org/artsandculture/arts-culture-committee-events

## Family

**June Free First Friday** Free admission all day, preschool craft program about inventions at 11 a.m. and an adult tour at 2 p.m. June 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.historysmc.org

**Red Panda Acrobats** Wayne Huey of Red Panda Acrobats perform fast-paced show of Chinese acrobatics, accompanied by traditional Chinese music. Appropriate for all ages. May 25, 3-4 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. smcl.org

## Museums &amp; Exhibits

**Folger Stable Carriage Room Museum** Exhibits about history of the Folger property and surrounding area, and horse heritage of Woodside. Saturdays, ongoing, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Wunderlich Park, 4040 Woodside Road, Woodside. www.huddartwunderlichfriends.org

**Meet the Makers Spring 2016 Student Showcase** provides glimpse of innovative products in sports equipment, consumer goods, education and health devices, agricultural tools and more made by Stanford students in the Product Realization Lab. June 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Atrium, Building 550, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. productrealization.stanford.edu

## Galleries

**Portola Art Gallery: 'Syria Before the War'** Photography by Frances Freyberg in "Syria Before the War." Highlights include Palmyra's Temple of Bel; Aleppo's Citadel, Great Mosque, and souqs (markets); and Le Krak des Chevalier — all of which have been destroyed or damaged in Syria's civil war. Monday-Saturday, June 1-30, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.portolaartgallery.com

## Food &amp; Drink

**May Menu at Little House Cafe** Little House serves affordable nutritious meal each weekday during May. Visit website to see menu. May 2-31, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Prices vary. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. www.penvol.org/littlehouse/meals.cfm

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

**Facebook Farmers Market** brings together fresh produce, local artisans, food trucks, cooking demonstrations, craft beer and wine, live music, a Kid Zone and more. Select Saturdays through Dec. 3, 2-5 p.m. Free admission. Facebook, 1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park. www.facebook.com/facebookfarmersmarket

## Lessons &amp; Classes

**Memoir Writing Class** Phyllis Butler teaches weekly class, helping students capture place, space and time and their lives and loves. Tuesdays, June 7-28, 1-2:30 p.m. Four-class series:

## Dr. Seuss comes alive in Woodside

Submitted by Sandy Cold Shape-ro, a Woodside Elementary operetta parent volunteer.

This is the 59th year of Woodside Elementary School operetta tradition, showcasing the hard work and talent of each eighth-grade class.

This year's production, "Seussical Jr.," running from June 1 through 4, will be the first to take place in the new Sellman Pavilion, named after George Sellman who launched this musical legacy in 1957.

As eighth-graders have in the past, 41 students from the class of 2016 will perform a full-scale musical, complete with sets, sound, lights, costumes, and microphones. The operetta becomes the students' final farewell to a school many have attended for nine years or more.

The play brings together many of Dr. Seuss' characters in a story that explores themes of friendship, duty, isolation, equality and imagination. This production is for all ages, from preschooler to grandparents.

When the curtain rises June 1, the students will have worked on the show for nine weeks. Scores of additional hours have been poured into the production by parent volunteers, led by this year's parent producers, Jeanne Connolly and Doretta Bonner.

Middle school math teacher and theater professional Matt Waters is the school's director.



Photo by Erika Schillinger.

Among the Woodside School eighth-graders in "Seussical Jr." are, from left, Morgan as "Gertrude," Vianne as "Jojo," Liam as "Horton" and Cailin as "Cat in the Hat."

## Woodside eighth-graders stage operetta June 1-4

This year's show reflects collaboration with the Portola Valley Theatre Conservatory, with stage direction and choreography from Lindsay Saier, assisted by Noelle GM Gibbs and Stacie Doherty, and music direction by Raf Ornes.

This year, the operetta stage set was built by eighth-grade parents using recycled and salvaged lumber. Pete Garratt, father of an eighth-grader and local inventor, supplied recycled Douglas fir from local homes and buildings that were being

torn down.

The remainder of the wood came from fallen Douglas fir trees that had been part of a fuel reduction effort, and was milled by Garratt and his son, Connor, a Woodside eighth-grader. An exhibit showcasing the recycling/reuse story of the stage set will be on display in the Sellman Pavilion during the show.

Performance dates are Wednesday, June 1, at 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday through Saturday, June 2, 3 and 4, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$21.50 for adults and \$11.50 for youth through 12th grade.

Go to seussicaloperetta.bpt.me to purchase tickets.

Go to tinyurl.com/wes520 for ticket ordering information.

## Portola Valley celebrates the horse

By Kate Daly

Special to the Almanac

Portola Valley's third annual Celebration of the Horse will be spread out over two days on Memorial Day weekend with a group ride planned for Saturday morning followed by a Horse Fair on Sunday afternoon.

Both events are sponsored by the Portola Valley Trails & Paths Committee and will take place at Portola Valley Town

Center, 765 Portola Road.

The trail ride is set to start at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 28, and last until about noon. Organizer Barb Eckstein says about 30 locals and riders from neighboring towns and horse clubs usually show up for coffee, juice and donuts, and then head out for three rides of varying length and difficulty.

Email pvhorseday@gmail.com to register or request more information.

On May 29 from 2 to 5 p.m.

the Horse Fair will feature miniature horses and Icelandic ponies, carriage rides, a petting zoo put on by Jasper Ridge Farm, a chance to play vet and listen to a horse's heart beat, roping practice, and face painting.

In observance of Memorial Day, lapel poppies from the VFW hall in Redwood City will be handed out. The flowers are a visual reminder of the World War I poem, "Flanders Fields." ▀

## Community Groups

**Lifefree Cafe: 'Can This Union Be Saved?'** Filmed interview with Denny Howard, who will share how strategies from marriage counseling may help bring together those with different political views. June 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; June 2, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. www.bethany-mp.org

**Menlo Park Kiwanis Club** meets each Tuesday at the Allied Arts Center. Visitors invited to attend and should contact Kiwanis Club. Tuesdays, ongoing, noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Allied Arts Center, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.menloparkkiwanisclub.org

**SRI Organon Toastmasters** helps community members become better public speakers and leaders by providing a fun, supportive

environment for practicing communication and leadership skills. Guests are welcome to visit and join. Tuesdays, ongoing, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. SRI International, Building G, Laurel Street at Mielke Drive, Menlo Park. www.sriorganon.com

**Writing Your Cancer Journey** This complimentary group for patients and caregivers currently dealing with cancer offers a supportive community to generate and share writing. Both beginning and experienced writers are welcome. The group is sponsored by the Stanford Cancer Supportive Care Program. First and third Wednesdays, March 16-June 15, Free. Hoover Pavilion, Conference Room 208, 211 Quarry Road, Palo Alto. stanford-healthcare.org/events/writing-your-cancer-journey.html



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

## Marsh Road to close

Marsh Road in Atherton will be closed to through traffic from May 31 to Aug. 11 while the drainage culvert along the road is replaced and a new steel barrier erected to keep cars on the road. At [tinyurl.com/marsh532](http://tinyurl.com/marsh532) is information on the project, including detours and access for local residents and businesses.

## Civic center design concept endorsed by City Council

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

### ATHERTON

The mission-architectural-style concept of Atherton's planned new civic center moved forward a step on May 18, when the City Council unanimously approved a schematic design of a new Town Hall, police station and public library, authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with schematic-design creator WRNS Studio.

The council's action was meant to approve "the look and feel" of the exterior design and give direction to the Civic Center Advisory Committee, Mayor Elizabeth Lewis said. The council's action does not cover landscaping, she said.

While the council has not yet established a budget for the project, the members agreed to assume that \$25 million will need to be raised in private funds. This amount does not include the cost of the new library, which has its own funding in place.

A figure of \$25 million "sounds reasonable," Didi Fisher, a member of the advisory committee, said.

Building in shared spaces and flexibility in general should be a priority, Ms. Lewis said.

Councilman Bill Widmer was critical of the size of some elements in the schematic design and expressed concern that the council be seen as being conservative in its oversight.

The council should press the design team for alternatives that are more cost-effective, said City Engineer Mary Grace Houlihan.

A finished design is four to six months away, she added, and the council will get monthly updates, including a visit by the project architect.

After a long discussion on the project, the council agreed with a suggestion by City Manager George Rodericks to aim for a civic center with the floor area matching the 18,681 square feet in use today.

With the schematic design at 20,340 square feet, that would eliminate about 1,700 square feet. The suggestion was part of a larger discussion on reviewing the design for places to economize. One place is the council chambers, currently designed to seat up to 80 people.

Council members agreed that 80 seats is too many. To accommodate larger turnouts, they discussed an overflow area, perhaps part of the new public library, that could be connected by video to the council chambers.

The civic center will have a space designated to serve as an emergency operations center in an earthquake or other emergency. The council agreed on using an area in the police department rather than the council chambers for this purpose, since the police area will have greater structural resistance to an earthquake, thereby avoiding the cost of strengthening the council chambers to that level.

Go to [tinyurl.com/zlgcenter](http://tinyurl.com/zlgcenter) for the schematic design summary, a PDF document that may take a minute or so to load.

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**SECTION A1 - NOTICE REQUESTING BIDS**

**WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT  
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION - NEW METAL  
STORAGE BUILDING**

Sealed proposals for the Design and Construction - New Metal Storage Building project will be received at the West Bay Sanitary District, 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, California 94025 until **3:00 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 "Design and Construction - New Metal Storage Building."

The Work will include the furnishing of all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, facilities, and other appurtenances for the Design and Construction of a New Metal Storage Building in the City of Menlo Park. The work includes, but is not limited to design and construction of new metal storage building and foundation, installation of skylight panels, roof ventilators, overhead doors, personnel entry doors, and other appurtenances; and excavation, grading, and construction of new improvements.

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.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at **9:00 am on Wednesday, June 1, 2016** at the West Bay Sanitary District Flow Equalization Facilities located at 1700 Marsh Road 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.

Bid proposals received after the time announced for the opening will not be considered. No bidder may withdraw his proposal after the time announced for the opening, or before award and execution of the contract, unless the award is delayed for a period exceeding forty-five (45) days.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 22300, and upon the request and at the expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld by the District to insure performance under the Contract may be deposited with the District, or with a state or federally chartered bank as escrow agent who shall deliver such securities to the Contractor upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Only those securities listed in Government Code Section 16430 or other securities approved by the District are eligible for deposit. The deposit of securities with an escrow agent or the District shall be made in the form and on such terms and conditions as the District may require to protect the interest of the District in the event of the Contractor's default. The Contractor shall be the beneficial owner of any securities that are deposited and shall receive any interest thereon.

Pertaining to Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1 of the California Labor Code the successful bidder shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Copies of such prevailing rates are on file at the District office of the West Bay Sanitary District and which copies shall be made available to any interested party on request. The successful bidder shall post a copy of such determinations at each job site.

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.

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

/s/ Phil Scott  
District Manager

Dated: April 28, 2016

## Frederic 'Tic' Webster, civil engineer, 70

### OBITUARY

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

Frederic A. "Tic" Webster, noted for his work in rehabilitating California's historic adobe missions, died Oct. 11, 2015 at his home in Menlo Park surrounded by family. He was 70.

Mr. Webster grew up in Tucson, Arizona. He graduated from Swarthmore College in 1967 and received a doctorate in civil engineering from Stanford University in 1972.

During the Vietnam War, as a conscientious objector, he served as director of the Youth Development Program of Santa Clara County's Friends Outside that provided support for prison inmates and their families.

His professional career in civil engineering spanned more than 40 years. In 1975 he returned to the Bay Area after leaving his appointment as an assistant professor at the University of Illinois.

He became a project engineer for the Engineering Decision Analysis Co. and later an associate at Jack Benjamin & Associates. In 1993 he founded

Earthen Building Technologies in Menlo Park, which began his private consulting career.

He authored more than 150 technical reports related to engineering investigations, research and development. He provided structural designs for many historic buildings in California, including San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey and Castro Adobe in Watsonville, where his memorial service was held in December.

Mr. Webster often took his family on camping trips, served on the board of directors at Peninsula School, which his children attended, and coached AYSO soccer.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Brendan O'Connor Webster; children Alex Webster Guiney, Kendall Wallace Webster and Dillon Brian Thomas Webster; brother Tom Webster; and two grandchildren.

### POLICE CALLS

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

#### ATHERTON

**Traffic accident:** Two 27-year-old Redwood City women, one driving a Honda and the other a passenger in the Honda, received injuries sufficient to require their transfer to a hospital after a solo-vehicle accident in which the driver ran into a tree on Middlefield Road near Watkins Avenue. May 15.

#### PORTOLA VALLEY

**Theft:** Someone stole a purse, whose contents included \$50 in cash, a cellphone and keys, from inside an unlocked vehicle parked in the 900 block of Portola Road. May 15.

**Traffic accident:** One vehicle allegedly rear-ended another on Golden Oak Drive in a road-rage incident. There were no injuries. May 10.

#### WOODSIDE

**Fraud:** A resident of Eleanor Drive bought \$500 in prepaid debit cards and provided the card numbers to someone who phoned claiming to be the resident's brother-in-law and claiming to have been arrested in another state and in need of money. May 11.

**Theft:** Several mailboxes were found opened or pried open on Godetia Drive. May 11 and 12.

#### MENLO PARK

**Residential burglary:** Electrical wire was stolen from inside a locked box at a construction site in the 1000 block of Marsh Road. Estimated loss: \$2,500. May 16.

#### Thefts:

■ Someone stole a purse, clothing and medicine from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 1100 block of El Camino Real. Estimated loss: \$1,448. May 18.

■ Police arrested a San Mateo man on suspicion of charges of burglary and resisting arrest after the man ran from police after being ordered to stop. Police found the man in possession of several items allegedly stolen from the CVS Pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real. No losses. May 17.

■ Police cited and released two youths on suspicion of theft charges, specifically that they had stolen beer from the 7-11 convenience store at Oak Grove Avenue and Alma Street. No loss. May 13.

■ Items of clothing were stolen from a dryer in a laundry room in the 300 block of Sharon Park Drive. Estimated loss: \$500. May 17.

■ Someone stole a basketball set-up from the front of a house on Concord Drive. Estimated loss: \$300. May 13.

■ Towels were stolen from a dryer at a coin-operated laundry in the 900 block of Willow Road. Estimated loss: \$45. May 15.

**Traffic accident:** A bicyclist traveling west on Menalto Avenue collided with a vehicle traveling south on Willow Road that had stopped for a stop sign at O'Keefe Street. The cyclist collided with the vehicle proceeding through the intersection after the cyclist allegedly did not stop for the stop sign at O'Keefe. The cyclist suffered non-life-threatening injuries and sought medical attention on his own, police said. 2:43 p.m. on May 18.

# Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

## Bay restoration tax a bang for the buck; we urge you to vote 'yes'

What can be done with a mere \$12 paid annually by each property owner in the region surrounding San Francisco Bay? When the region in question comprises nine counties and the cumulative payments equal over 20 years, the answer is obvious: a whole lot.

**EDITORIAL**

The opinion of The Almanac

Voters in those nine counties — including San Mateo County — are being asked to approve Measure AA on the June 7 ballot, a \$12-per-parcel tax to raise money to pay for vital work: the restoration of San Francisco Bay shorelines to functioning tidal marshes. The projects planned by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority would do more than improve public access to the Bay for enhanced recreational purposes; they would also fortify and expand wildlife habitat and create an effective flood protection system — an urgent need given the perils of sea-level rise predicted in coming decades.

The measure needs approval by two-thirds of the voters for passage. If passed, the tax would raise about \$25 million per year for two decades. Counties would be divided into four regions, with San Mateo and San Francisco counties forming the West Bay region. Funding would be allocated based on population, and half of the \$500 million would be divided up among the four regions. The West Bay region can expect some \$55 million for its shoreline projects.

The other half of the tax revenues would fund high-priority projects identified by the Authority's governing board.

A significant selling point for the measure is that the Authority and regional administrators will be able to leverage tax revenue to generate matching funds from the state and the federal government, according to county Supervisor Dave Pine, who chairs the Authority's governing board.

Local projects that are likely to be funded through Measure AA include the SAFER Bay Project, an effort launched by the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority to focus on South San Mateo County areas threatened by sea-level rise. Measure AA revenue would likely fund the planned Ravenswood Slough marsh-restoration and levee-improvement project. That area is adjacent to Bedwell Park in Menlo Park.

Projects planned over all four regions to benefit from the tax would also focus on improving water quality by tackling long-standing trash- and toxin-pollution problems in the Bay and restoring wetlands, which provide natural filters that continually remove pollution from the water.

This tax measure makes sense. The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority has worked since 2008 to identify solutions to the complicated network of problems facing the Bay and the communities surrounding it. Property owners are being asked to contribute only \$12 a year to pay for remedies to those problems. We will pay a far higher price in the future if we choose not to pay a nominal tax now. ▣

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## Measure H bond would help Ravenswood begin much-needed school repairs

By Scott Hinshaw

Last December as temperatures got colder, classes at Costano School in the Ravenswood City School District had to be shut down because they had no heat. Actually, that is not the full story. The full story is the reason they had no heat that week: a gas leak that had developed under Costano and needed repair.

While repairing the gas line and ensuring that the students were safe, the school brought in temporary electric heaters to keep the children warm. Unfortunately, the number of heaters needed was too much for the school's aging electrical system, and they had to shut down the school two days before the holiday break to make repairs.

Incidents like these are unfortunately all too common with the facilities in Ravenswood. All of the eight schools that make up the Ravenswood district, which serves 3,400 kids, are over 50 years old and in critical need of repair and improvements. Voters are being asked to approve Measure H, a \$26 million school bond for the Ravenswood district, on the June 7 ballot. Bond revenue would allow the district to make such basic repairs as fixing leaky roofs; updating electrical, heating, and air conditioning systems; enhancing fire, emergency, security, and safety systems; and modernizing classrooms, technology, and science labs. These are all critical needs, and why our campaign to vote "Yes on Measure H" adopted the slogan, "Keep Ravenswood Students Warm, Safe and Dry."

Earlier this year, working with several outside construction consultants, the district completed a comprehensive facilities review and plan that identified over \$100 million in recommended

repairs. In meetings with district officials, parents, teachers and staff, the school board identified the most crucial needs and voted unanimously to put Measure H on the ballot to help fund these repairs. Measure H will not complete all the needed repairs, but it is a healthy start and why we need voters to support the bond measure.

The measure requires a 55 percent voter-approval margin to pass. Proceeds from the bond are to be used for building repairs and improvements only. They will not be used for administrative or any other costs. If the bond measure does not pass, Ravenswood schools will continue to suffer breakdowns and decay, compromising a "warm, safe and dry" place for the children of the community to learn.

The cost of the bonds will be assessed at \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed tax-

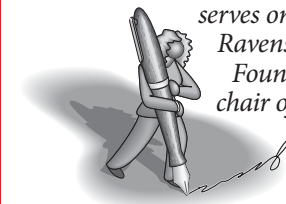
able value to property owners. This means that a property assessed at \$700,000 for example, would have an annual tax obligation of \$210 under this measure.

A nonprofit group of parents and volunteers has formed the "Committee for Ravenswood Schools" to educate the community about the critical needs of Measure H and try to inspire the community to vote yes. Measure H has been endorsed by the Palo Alto Weekly, the board of the Ravenswood City School District, the board of the Menlo Park City School District, the board of the Sequoia Union High School District, the board of the Ravenswood Education Foundation and many other parents and community leaders.

For more information, visit [supportravenswood-schools.org](http://supportravenswood-schools.org).

For voter information and to register to vote, visit [shapethefuture.org](http://shapethefuture.org).

*Scott Hinshaw is a local resident and a volunteer in the Ravenswood City School District. He is a former Menlo Park City School District Board trustee, and a former co-president of the Menlo Park Atherton Education Foundation; he currently serves on the board of the Ravenswood Education Foundation and is co-chair of "Committee for Ravenswood Schools, YES on Measure H."*



**GUEST OPINION**

## School districts should reconsider policies on parcel-tax exemption process for seniors

By William Urban

Deadlines are approaching for seniors to apply for exemptions from school parcel taxes, yet many school districts remain dark and silent in notifying eligible seniors or easing their application process.

School districts on the Midpeninsula routinely write school parcel taxes with promises that seniors can obtain an exemption. Their hope is to seduce a favorable vote from seniors, typically making up 20 to 25 percent of the electorate, to increase the chance of meeting the required two-thirds vote for passage.

Districts and their paid consultants have crafted

the legal language so that they are not required to proactively notify seniors at age 65 of eligibility, or to make the application process easily accessible or navigable. That allows the collection of extra parcel taxes from unwitting seniors who voted based on the expectation of exemption.

A former senior client of mine in the San Mateo-Foster City School District learned last year that she had overpaid parcel taxes for two years, and appealed to staff for a refund, or at least improved exemption notification at minimal cost through their website, public posted notices, direct mail, social media, and local advertising. Her

*William Urban of Portola Valley is a 63-year-old retired investment and financial adviser. He serves on the PVSD Citizens Parcel Tax Oversight Committee, and is an 18-year member of his town's Finance Committee. He is a graduate of Princeton, holds an MBA from Stanford, and an MPA from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.*



**GUEST OPINION**

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requests and suggestions were at first ignored and then summarily dismissed.

On her behalf, I appealed to the district governing board twice, in November and again this May, still with no action. I pursued a parallel attempt in my home Portola Valley School District, urging its board last fall, and again this spring, to post or advertise notifications to seniors and simplify application. The district's response was only a website tweak this month that still fails to clearly notify seniors of the exemption deadline or application process.

How big is the impact? Upon my request, the Portola Valley district reported that last year they received only 11 new exemption applications, seven of which were from seniors who would have been eligible in a previous year based on their age, and four who were newly eligible based on turning 65. Census data suggests that 25 to 35 seniors should have turned 65 and been newly eligible, indicating that less than 20 percent of seniors applied. The other seven applicants older than 65 may have paid parcel taxes in years they would have been exempt.

Other districts haven't reported their exemption application rate, but in large districts, low application rates can result in tens of thousands of dollars of overpaid taxes.

Most seniors don't knowingly pay higher property, income, or sales taxes if they know there is an exemption available. School districts have cynically misused the principles of behavioral economics to take advantage

of seniors, who more often are afflicted by cognitive or memory limitations or lack of contact with the school districts. Some districts, including Menlo Park City, Palo Alto, and Los Altos, even require previously exempted senior homeowners to reapply each and every year, resulting in missed or forgotten reapplications and reinstated parcel taxes.

Furthermore, seniors reaching 65 are not treated equally. A senior applying and turning 65 on June 30, just before the start of the new July 1 tax year, gets the exemption applied immediately after turning 65, while a senior turning 65 a few days later, after July 1, misses the deadline for that year and pays another full tax year until he or she can apply the next June 30, close to the senior's 66th birthday.

This fact is at odds with the ballot language, which says exemptions are available at "age 65 or older." The districts could prorate the exemption starting when a senior turns 65 during the tax year, as escrow agents do when a property is sold, but they choose not to. They could even choose to identify and automatically exempt seniors at 65 using publicly available databases or those from the registrar of voters, the DMV, or the Franchise Tax Board.

Menlo Park City district's failure to pass two parcel taxes in a May 3 election should serve as a wake-up call to all districts: Don't overreach in setting parcel tax rates, terms, or exemption requirements. Going dark and silent on senior exemptions may only lead to more rejections of parcel taxes, and an invitation for state regulatory or legislative action to protect seniors.

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*Irv Parolari  
Mountain View*

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Questions? Email Renee Batti at [rbatti@AlmanacNews.com](mailto:rbatti@AlmanacNews.com), or call 650-223-6528.



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT and  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Menlo Park, California is scheduled to review the following item:

**Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Public Hearing and Study Session, associated with:**

Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Rezoning, Conditional Development Permit, Development Agreement, Lot Reconfiguration, Heritage Tree Removal Permits, Below Market Rate Housing Agreement, and Environmental Review/Hibiscus Properties, LLC on behalf of Facebook, Inc./300-309 Constitution Drive:

1. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to include hotels as conditional uses within the M-2 zoning district. The text amendment would be consistent with the Limited Industry Land Use Designation of the existing General Plan;
2. Rezone entire site from M-2 (General Industrial) and M-2(X) (General Industrial, Conditional Development) to M-2(X) (General Industrial, Conditional Development) to allow for a Conditional Development Permit to permit the proposal to diverge from standard M-2 zoning district requirements;
3. Conditional Development Permit (CDP) to redevelop the approximately 58 acre site with approximately 962,400 square feet of offices and a 200 room hotel of approximately 174,800 square feet. Including the existing Building 23 (approximately 180,108 square feet), the maximum gross floor area for offices would be approximately 1.143 million square feet, which is within maximum 45 percent floor area ratio (FAR) for offices. With the hotel, the maximum gross floor area would be approximately 1.318 million square feet, or 52 percent FAR, which is consistent with the FAR maximum of up to 55 percent for all other uses. The CDP would permit maximum building heights of up to 75 feet and allow building coverage to potentially exceed 50 percent of the site, as well as to define all other development standards. The CDP would also include the existing Building 20 (1 Facebook Way);
4. Development Agreement for the provision of overall benefits to the City and adequate development controls in exchange for vested rights for the Facebook Campus Expansion Project;
5. Heritage Tree Removal Permits to permit the removal of approximately 274 heritage trees associated with the proposed project;
6. Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Agreement, per the requirements of the City's Municipal Code, which would help increase the affordable housing supply by requiring the applicant to provide monies for the BMR fund or by procuring off-site BMR units;
7. Lot Reconfiguration to modify the location of two legal lots or merge the legal lots that comprise the project site and the adjacent lot for Building 20; and
8. Draft Environmental Impact Report to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project.

In addition, a Draft Fiscal Impact Analysis (FIA) has been prepared for the proposed project.

The Draft EIR prepared for the project identifies less than significant effects in the following categories: Land Use, Geology and Soils, Population and Housing, Public Services, and Utilities and Service Systems. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant environmental effects that can be mitigated to a less than significant level in the following categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Noise, Cultural Resources, Biological Resources, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Hazards and Hazardous Materials. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant environmental effects that are significant and unavoidable in the following categories: Transportation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed hazardous waste sites are present at the location. The project location does contain a hazardous waste site included in a list prepared under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The Hazardous Materials section of the Draft EIR discusses this topic in more detail.

Copies of the Draft EIR will be on file for review at the City Library and Community Development Department, located at the Civic Center, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, as well as on the City's website at <http://menlopark.org/995/Facebook-Campus-Expansion-Project>, as of Thursday, May 26, 2016. The review period for the Draft EIR has been set from Thursday, May 26, 2016 through Monday, July 11, 2016. Written comments should be submitted to Kyle Perata at the Community Development Department (701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park) no later than 5:30 p.m., Monday, July 11, 2016.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this item in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, California, on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. (A Planning Commission study session on the project will also be held on Monday, June 20, 2016 following the public hearing on the Draft EIR). If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park during the public review period for the Draft EIR or at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Documents related to these items may be inspected by the public on weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, with alternate Fridays closed, at the Community Development Department, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.

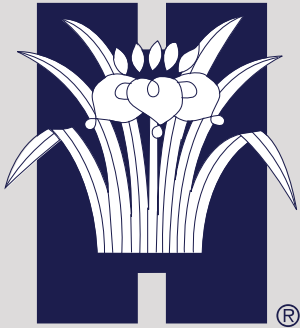
Please call Kyle Perata, Senior Planner, if there are any questions or comments on this item, at 650-330-6721 or by e-mail at [kperata@menlopark.org](mailto:kperata@menlopark.org). Up-to-date information on the project can be found on the project webpage: <http://menlopark.org/995/Facebook-Campus-Expansion-Project>. To receive future email bulletins from the City, please subscribe to the project page.

*Si usted necesita más información sobre este proyecto, por favor llame al 650-330-6702, y pregunte por un asistente que hable español.*

DATED: May 19, 2016 Thomas Rogers, Principal Planner

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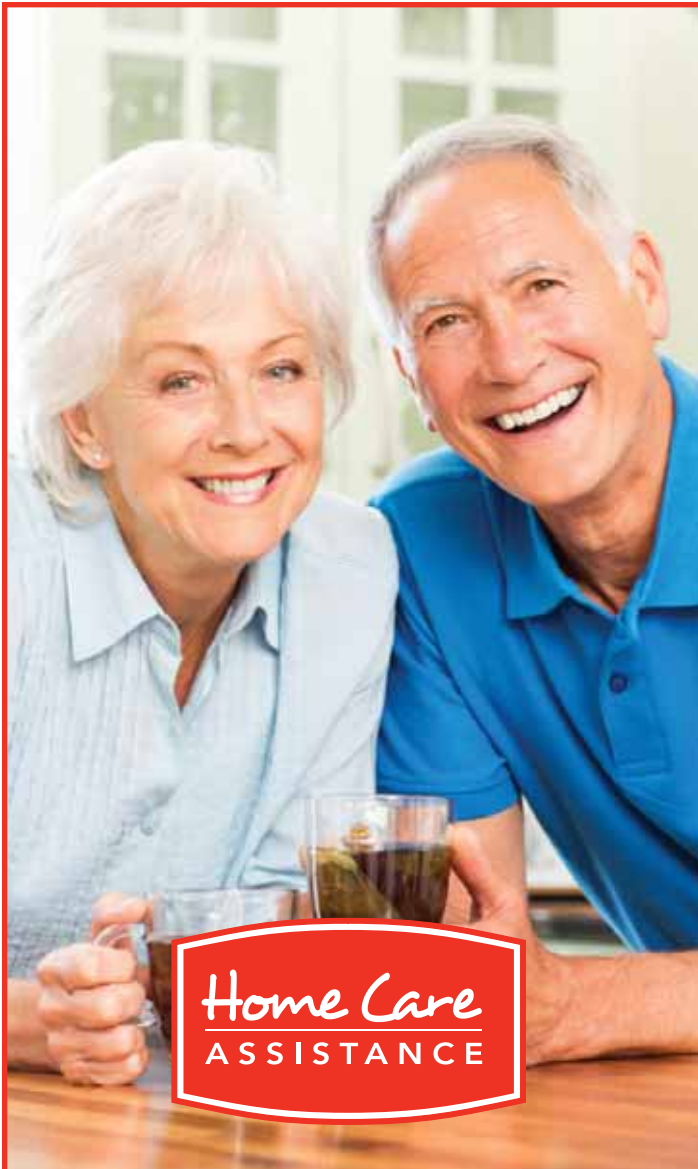
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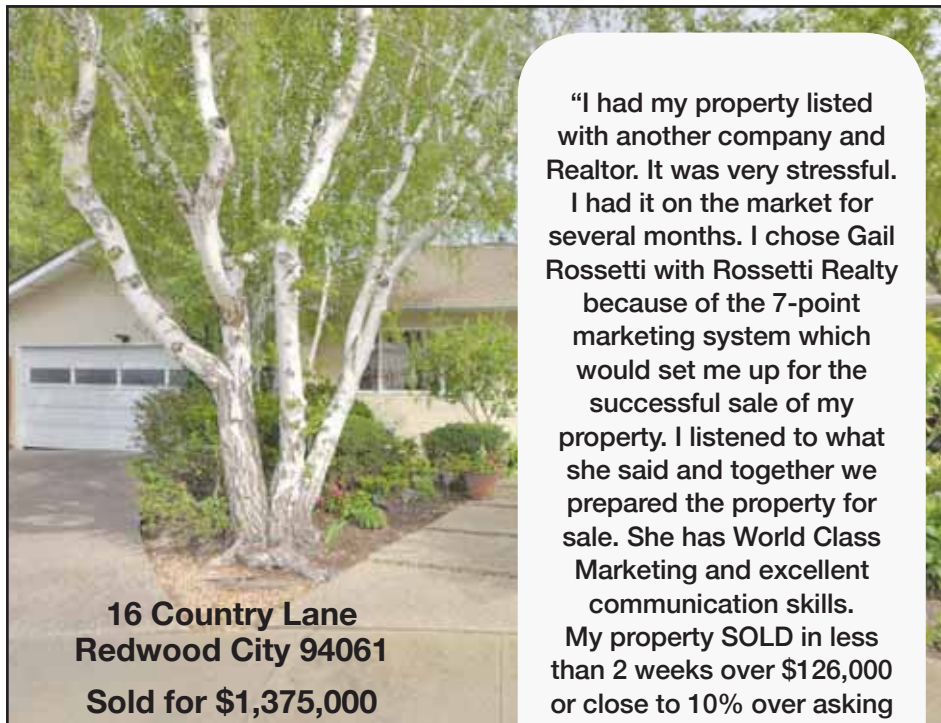


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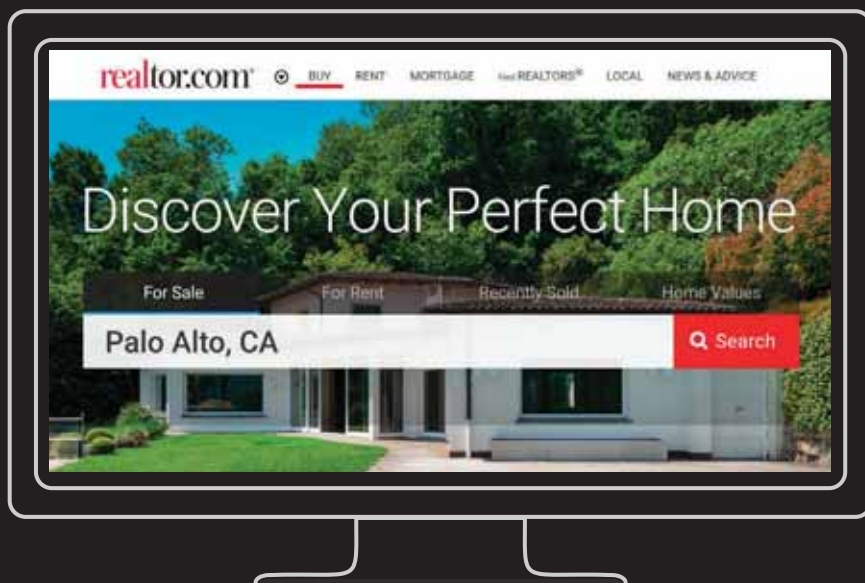
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**995 Fictitious Name Statement**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269078

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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Registered owner(s):  
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Redwood City, CA 94065  
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 26, 2016.  
(ALM May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016)

GORILLA BARBEQUE, LLC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 268980

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Gorilla Barbeque, LLC, located at 2145 Coast Highway 1, Pacifica, CA 94044, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
GORILLA BARBEQUE, LLC  
2145 Coast Highway 1  
Pacifica, CA 94044  
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 8/24/2006.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 20, 2016.  
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LALO PLUMBING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 268911

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Lalo Plumbing, located at 660 Bell St., East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
EVERARDO GOMEZ  
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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.  
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PANADERIA MICHOACAN  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269140  
The following person (persons) is (are)

doing business as:  
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Registered owner(s):  
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Redwood City, CA 94063  
SERGIO BAEZ  
490 Oak Ave. #2  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
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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)

BROWNSON, REHMUS & FOXWORTH  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269189

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Brownson, Rehmus & Foxworth, located at 1550 El Camino Real, Ste. 290, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
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1550 El Camino Real, Ste. 290  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company.  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 9, 2016.  
(ALM May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2016)

FORGET ME NOT SOLUTIONS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269200

The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
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(ALM May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2016)

Fenzi TEAM Titles  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269157  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Fenzi TEAM Titles, located at 937 Canada

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Registered owner(s):  
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937 Canada Road  
Woodside, CA 94062  
CA

This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 4, 2016.  
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GREENBAY REALTY & INVESTMENTS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269224

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
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(ALM May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2016)

GENSEN JANITORIAL AND CARPET CLEANING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269336

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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Registered owner(s):  
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1991 Manhattan Av. #L  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 18, 2016.  
(ALM May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 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.: 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

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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.  
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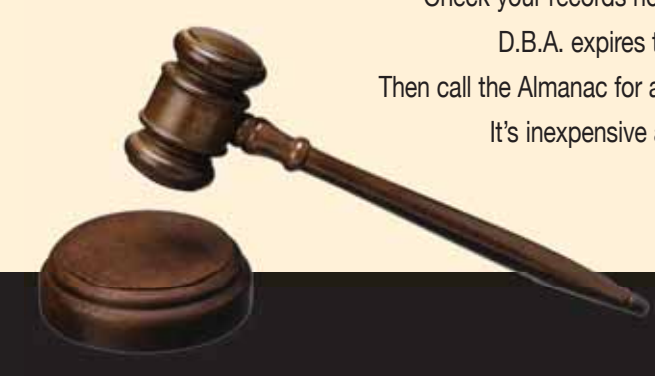
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