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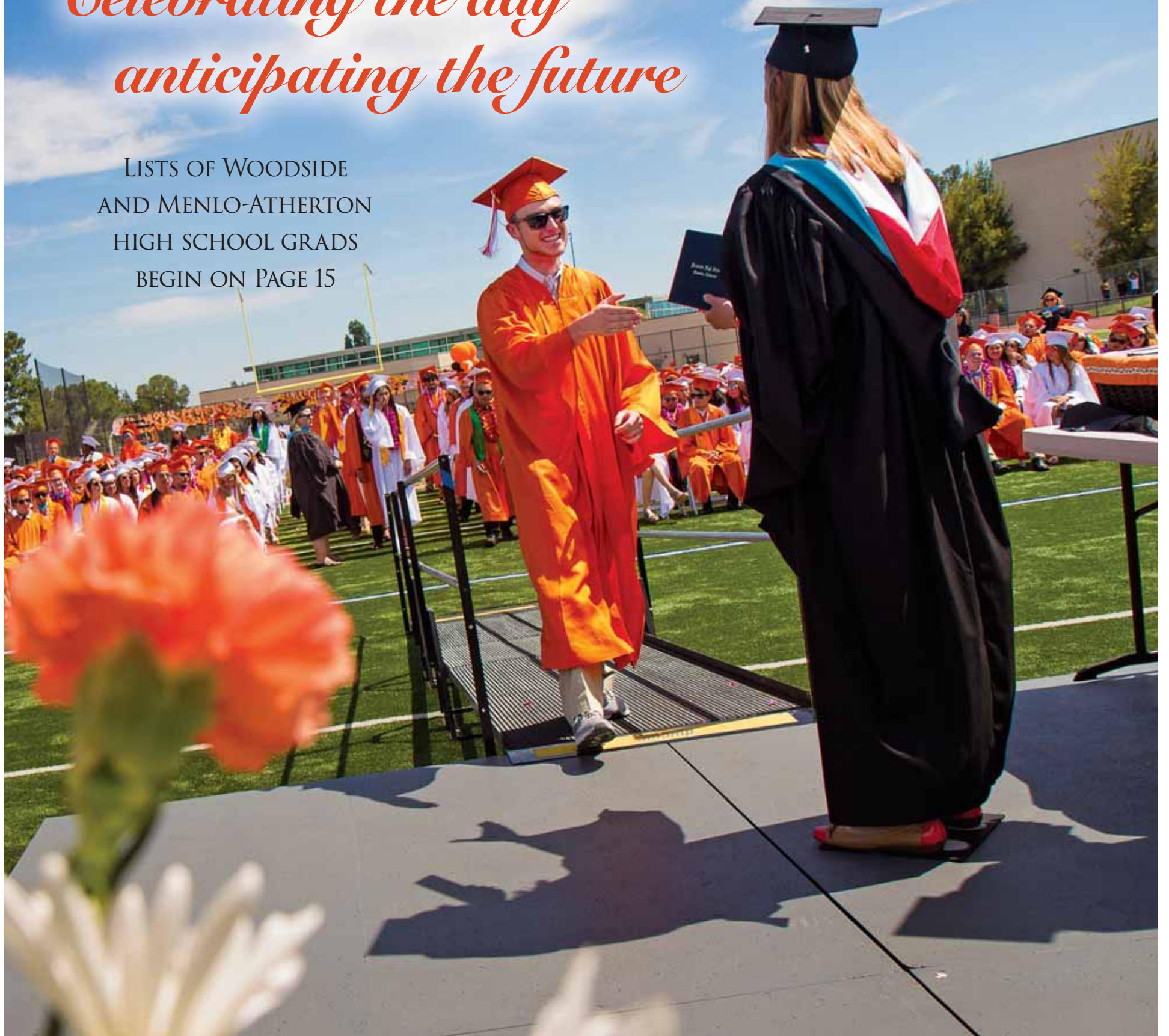
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ARTICLE 1 INVITATION TO BID

1.01 Notice Inviting Bids: Owner will receive sealed Bids at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Woodside, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until **2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 29th, 2016** for the following public work:

**TOWN OF WOODSIDE
TOWN CENTER SEWER PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS
2995 WOODSIDE ROAD**

1.02 Project Description: Work includes all labor, materials, tool and equipment necessary for furnishing and installing approximately 28 LF of 6" PVC SDR26, 66 LF of 8" PVC SDR26, 24 LF of 12" PVC SDR26 gravity sanitary sewer, and 80 LF of 4" DIP sanitary sewer force main; a 26-foot deep, 72" (6') diameter precast wastewater wet well with two (2) - Flygt submersible pumps; a new System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment with smart manhole lid; a new electrical control cabinet and a new 50kW diesel generator with sound enclosure subbase fuel tank; a 11-foot deep, 48" diameter inside sanitary sewer drop manhole with pour-in-place base, and CIM1000 lined; a timber lagging retaining wall; a new 1" water service line; a new asphalt concrete pavement; rehabilitating existing wetwell; and abandoning sanitary sewer mains and manholes, complete in place, including but not limited to excavation of trenches, laying pipe materials and installation of structures, backfill trenches, pavement removal and new surfacing and other pertinent work as necessary to construct the project as shown on the approved plans and specified in the project specifications. All work for Town Center Sewer Pump Station Improvements shall be completed within 60 working days and substantially completed by **October 31, 2016**.

1.03 Procurement of Bidding Documents: Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. Bidders may examine a complete hard-copy set of the Bidding Documents at the Town's Public Works Department, located at **2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062**. **Bidding Documents are available on the Town's website at woodsidetown.org**.

Bidder is responsible for printing any and all of Bidding Documents.

1.04 Instructions: Bidders shall refer to Document 00 2113 (Instructions to Bidders) for required documents and items to be submitted in a sealed envelope for deposit into the Bid Box in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 no later than the time and date set forth in Paragraph 1.01 above.

1.05 Non Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Visit: Owner will conduct a Non Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit at [10:00 am] on [**Tuesday, June 21, 2016**] at **Town Center Sewer Pump Station Improvements, 2995 Woodside Road, Woodside CA 94062**. The Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will last approximately [**two**] hours.

1.06 Bid Preparation Cost: Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their Bids.

1.07 Reservation of Rights: Owner specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, to re-bid, or to waive inconsequential defects in bidding not involving time, price or quality of the work. Owner may reject any and all Bids and waive any minor irregularities in the Bids.

1.08 Portion of Work to be Performed by Contractor: The successful bidder shall self-perform no less than 51% of the Work described in the Contract Documents utilizing its own work force, excluding Specialty Items. Specialty Items will be identified in the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

2.01 Required Contractor's License(s): A California "A" contractor's license is required to bid this contract. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract.

2.02 Required Contractor and Subcontractor Registration

A. Owner shall accept Bids only from Bidders that (along with all Subcontractors listed in Document 00 4330, Subcontractor List) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

B. Subject to Labor Code Sections 1771.1(c) and (d), any Bid not complying with paragraph 2.02A above shall be returned and not considered; provided that if Bidder is a joint venture (Business & Professions Code Section 7029.1) or if federal funds are involved in the Contract (Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)), Owner may accept a non-complying Bid provided that Bidder and all listed Subcontractors are registered at the time of Contract award.

2.03 Bid Alternates:

A. N/A:

B. The determination of lowest bid shall be based upon base contract bid only.

2.04 Non-Substitutable Materials, Products, Things, or Services

A. N/A

B. Owner has made a finding that the material(s), product(s), thing(s), or service(s) identified above by specific brand or trade name are required for use in the Project and may not be substituted for "or equal" items, for the following purpose:

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2.05 Substitution of Securities: Owner will permit the successful bidder to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract, as set forth in Document 00 6290 Escrow Agreement For Security Deposits In Lieu Of Retention in accordance with Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code. If successful bidder wishes to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract, the successful bidder shall request from Owner and complete said Document 00 6290 prior to executing the Agreement

2.06 Prevailing Wage Laws: The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents. Copies of the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the Contract, as determined by Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, are on file at the Town's Public Works Department, may be obtained from the California Department of Industrial Relations website [<http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.htm>] and are deemed included in the Bidding Documents. Upon request, Owner will make available copies to any interested party. Also, the successful Bidder shall post the applicable prevailing wage rates at the Site.

2.07 Prevailing Wage Monitoring: This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

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Local News

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What impacts could M-2 zoning changes have?

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

Rev up your reading pace. Beef up on your civic jargonese. The clock is ticking on a 45-day countdown started June 1, during which people can give the city of Menlo Park their feedback on the findings of an environmental report that studied how proposed changes to the city's general plan could the environment.

Go to tinyurl.com/EIR2040 to read the environmental impact report.

In brief, the report suggests that if the proposed zoning changes are made, the city's M-2 area would get

more housing, more traffic and less water.

The proposed changes to the general plan, considered the city's constitution for its development, would lay the framework for transportation planning citywide and construction in the city's M-2 area for the next 24 years, between 2016 and 2040.

It's worth noting that this environmental report doesn't cover any specific construction project — it's all theoretical at this point, though Menlo Park developers have expressed ideas about what

they might want to build in the M-2 area.

Instead, the EIR analyzes the maximum of what the city could allow to be built in the city's M-2 area, bounded by the San Francisco Bay to the north; Redwood City to the west; East Palo Alto to the southeast; and the Menlo Park neighborhoods of Belle Haven, Flood Triangle, Suburban Park, and Lorelei Manor to the south.

Menlo Park's general plan has a number of "elements." The two that are being evaluated now address land use and circulation. The city is calling the process to update those two elements "ConnectMenlo."

Changes to the land use element will apply only to the M-2 area. The changes as proposed would add three new categories of zoning that would allow offices, life sciences buildings and residential-mixed use (housing plus office or retail space) to be built in specific areas there. That would allow up to 4,500 more housing units to be built in the M-2 area, accommodating up to 11,570 residents. It could also add 2.3 million square feet of nonresidential space, 400 hotel rooms, and 5,500 employees beyond what is already allowed.

What's already planned in the M-2 area, based on the development applications the city has

received, includes an additional 977,000 square feet of nonresidential space, 450 hotel rooms, 780 residential units, 2,000 residents and 11,250 employees.

Changes to the circulation element would apply across the city. They would redefine the classifications given to different streets across the city. Each street's new classification would dictate how it may be changed in the future. For instance, roads designated for local or lower use may be designed to be more bike-friendly, while emergency routes could be widened and undergo adaptations to ease travel

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Barbara Wood/The Almanac

Atherton Mayor Elizabeth Lewis (right) and Chris Barragan of Granite Construction Company discuss how the construction firm will preserve the trees that line Marsh Road yet still be able to get its work done, as a 10-week project to replace the Marsh Road culvert began on May 31.

Ten-week Marsh Road closure in Atherton has begun

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton's planned 10-week closure of Marsh Road to replace a deteriorating drainage culvert and retaining wall did not start without glitches.

After the road was closed on Tuesday, May 31, some local residents said it was nearly impossible to get their children to school, and the Atherton and Menlo Park police departments, the California Highway Patrol and the San Mateo

County Sheriff's Office were all helping to direct traffic at times.

The Thursday evening commute, when Menlo-Atherton High School's graduation took place at the same time as an open house at nearby Laurel School, was especially bad, police say.

By the end of the week, however, most seemed confident the traffic problems were easing.

Atherton City Manager George Rodericks said that 20,000 cars normally use Marsh Road each day.

Menlo Park Police Department Sgt. Matthew Ortega said the worst problems seemed to be on Bay Road between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., when traffic from Ringwood Avenue (which leads to several schools) backed up. Atherton's addition of flaggers on Bay Road at Ringwood eased the problem, he said.

While traffic was bad on Thursday, the Wednesday and Friday afternoon commutes "did not appear to be as bad," Sgt. Ortega said.

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Planned tree removal at VA sparks outcry

By Kate Bradshaw

Twenty-five trees, each marked with a spray-painted red X, are scheduled to be felled at the Menlo Park Veterans Affairs (VA) campus on Willow Road within the coming weeks, according to VA Public Affairs Officer Michael Hill-Jackson.

Twenty-four of those meet the city of Menlo Park's definition of a "heritage tree," which is usually means the tree trunk circumference reaches a specified measurement.

In Menlo Park, heritage trees are given certain protections, and require review by an arborist and sometimes the city's Environmental Quality Commission before they can be cut down.

The trees in question, however, are not — technically — in Menlo Park. They are on the VA's property, which is considered federal land. Different rules apply on federal land, and the VA is not required to comply with local tree protection ordinances.

According to a 2012 arborist report, eight of those on the VA campus were deemed to be in "fair to poor" condition, Mr. Hill-Jackson said.

Where the trees now stand is the site for planned additional parking for veterans, he said, noting that "parking for the campus is really tight right now."

A number of construction projects at the site will expand services

for veterans when completed, he said, and the VA needs more parking to accommodate what he called a "growing need" for VA services as baby boomers age and more people return from current wars and conflicts.

"We need to address their concerns and create more facilities for them," he said.

Originally, plans called for cutting down 48 trees, but 23 of those will now be preserved.

After the 25 trees are cut down, the agency plans to plant 135 new trees elsewhere on the campus, Mr. Hill-Jackson said. Forty-one

will be native oaks and 94 will be different species, he said.

Local outcry

News of the trees under threat spread quickly after an initial NextDoor posting was made by someone who had seen the red X's on the trees, located roughly in the southwest quadrant of the VA campus.

Over the following several days, the city received numerous emails from residents expressing concern about the trees' fate. The following are excerpts from several of the emails:

"I live in the Menlo Oaks Area of Menlo Park, just blocks from the VA. I find it appalling and inexcusable that there is such disregard for saving the amazing Heritage

'The VA needs to respect our native plants. It is possible to happily co-exist.'

MARGO MCAULIFFE,
LINFIELD OAKS RESIDENT

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MARSH ROAD

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“Commuters and local residents still need to work out any alternate routes,” he said on June 4. “It is going to take at least a couple of more days during the commute times to see how traffic is flowing.”

Atherton Police Department Sgt. Sherman Hall said police officers from several jurisdictions helped out Thursday night. The congestion on Ringwood “was catastrophic,” he said. “We kept it moving, but there were some people who

had some angry things to say.”

Mr. Rodericks, who was taking calls from people who weren’t happy with the detours, said local residents who are going to destinations in the local community such as schools or businesses, even if outside the areas posted for no through traffic, are allowed to cut through. “I view those as local trips and they are allowed to move through the neighborhoods that do not require a placard,” he said on June 4. “But, they need to do so respectfully, obey local stop signs and speed laws,” he said.

That means, for example, that residents of Suburban Park,

Flood Triangle and Lorelei Manor who need to take their children to Encinal School are allowed to cut through the Lindenwood neighborhood to do so, Mr. Rodericks said.

However, in North Fair Oaks, and the bordering Atherton streets, where residents have placards for themselves and visitors, “placards are required, as those areas are the most directly impacted by potential diversion of those 20,000 cars a day,” he said.

Mr. Rodericks said commuters are not local traffic and should follow the posted detour routes.

On the third day of the closure,

Atherton Mayor Elizabeth Lewis donned a hard hat and safety vest and headed out to see first-hand the effects of the closure.

On Palmer Lane, where signs ban through traffic and residents have placards, the mayor sent several motorists back to Middlefield Road after they had attempted to cut through the neighborhood when they found their usual commute routes cut off.

N e a r b y , Sgt. Hall was parked on Middlefield Road just past the “No Right Turn 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. sign” on Holbrook Lane. Sgt. Hall said he ticketed several people each morning that week who ignored the sign and turned right, but that he often issues such tickets when Marsh Road is open.

Sgt. Hall said drivers need to show “courtesy and respect to the people who live” near the closed road. Police will focus on keeping people from speeding and dis-

obeying traffic laws, he said.

Now that Menlo-Atherton’s school year has ended, traffic should ease, he said, and it should further ease when the other nine schools in Atherton break for the summer. “The pressure’s off when school’s out,” he said. “There’s a

couple weeks of pain here, then hopefully it will dissipate.”

The mayor next headed over to the construction site, where crews were trimming trees so equipment could

move in and begin removing the old culvert to make room for a poured-in-place concrete replacement. Atherton’s Town Arborist Sally Bentz has been overseeing the tree work. To protect the roots of trees growing alongside the culvert, some of the existing channel wall will be buried in place outside the new wall.

Atherton has set up a special phone line for the Marsh Road project: (650) 847-4045. ■

‘We kept (traffic) moving, but there were some people who had some angry things to say.’

SGT. SHERMAN HALL,
ATHERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Oak trees which are to be cut down to make a recreational area for the patients,” wrote Marilyn Wong, a resident of Menlo Oaks.

“I understand the VA is on Federal land and they do not need to respect city rule, but we do pay more than our fair share of taxes and they owe us a conversation on what we can do together to come up with a different plan, one that does not involve removing these giants,” wrote Pracheeti Nagarkar Desai, a self-described new resident of Menlo Park’s Willows neighborhood.

“This is outrageous, and completely impacts the tone and tenor of our neighborhood. It affects all of us by removing trees that provide privacy from their operation, and has deep environmental impacts on our homes too,” wrote Amy Baggott, a Menlo Oaks resident.

“The VA needs to respect our native plants. It is possible to happily co-exist,” wrote Margo McAuliffe, a Linfield Oaks resident.

One neighborhood group that has rallied to the side of the trees is Menlo Oaks Tree Advocacy, a roughly year-old organization that aims to preserve heritage trees in the Menlo Oaks neighborhood.

While the VA trees are not within Menlo Oaks, some organization members were concerned that residents who live on Berkeley Avenue in Menlo Park would be positioned near some of the trees that are targeted for removal.

Janet Goff, who is affiliated with the Menlo Oaks Tree Advocacy group, said she objects to the trees being cut for several

reasons. She pointed to language in a VA press release that stated, “Studies have shown that patients with outdoor views and access to trees heal more quickly and with fewer complications. Research also suggests that trees and greenery reduce stress and improve overall mental health. A campus full of healthy trees creates a more positive and calming setting for service men and women who are healing.”

“There’s a big loss when you cut down these trees,” she said. Trees provide air pollutant filtration, oxygen and an environment that is “nurturing and calming,” she noted. Plus, compared with other trees, heritage oaks are fairly drought-resistant and don’t require additional water.

“We’re kind of mystified as to why anyone would cut them down,” she said.

Cutting down trees can also be expensive, she said. According to Menlo Park city arborist Christian Bonner, the cost of tree removal ranges from several hundred to several thousand dollars and up.

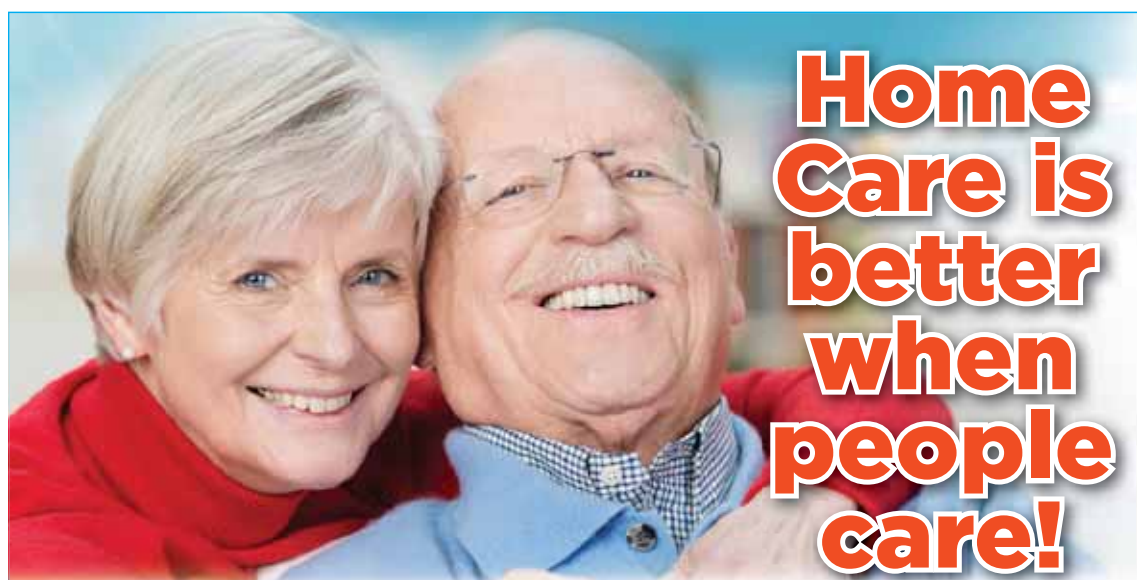
“The VA has bigger fish to fry than landscaping,” said Ms. Goff in an interview.

“They have long wait lists, a lot of need, and not enough funds and resources.”

City response

Chip Taylor, Menlo Park’s assistant city manager, told the Almanac that he hopes the VA will have a chance to “hear the concerns we’ve heard.”

Ultimately, though, the fate of the trees lies outside the city’s control. “We can’t approve or deny anything there,” he said. ■



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Funding for Santa Cruz Avenue sidewalks, upgrades approved

By **Kate Bradshaw**

Almanac Staff Writer

Six-foot-wide sidewalks, flashing pedestrian crosswalks and new drainage systems are one step closer to being built on Santa Cruz Avenue, after the Menlo Park City Council voted unanimously on June 1 to pay upfront the \$5.9 million expected cost of the project.

The sidewalks would extend on the north side of Santa Cruz Avenue between Olive Street and Johnson Street and on the south side between Olive Street and Arbor Road.

With about \$1.1 million already designated for the project, council members agreed to set aside \$1 million from the city's transportation impact fee fund and take the rest, about \$3.8 million, from the city's general fund.

They also considered alternative payment plans, such as paying upfront using only money from the general fund, or paying with a debt financing plan, in anticipation of big expenses expected in the coming months, including a stormwater pump station and a contribution to a proposed project at the Willow



Kate Bradshaw / The Almanac

Stretches of Santa Cruz Avenue west of downtown Menlo Park have bike lanes but no sidewalks.

Road/U.S. 101 interchange.

The project could begin as soon as September, after the city goes through the bidding process to choose who will build it.

Other features that add to the cost of the project are a 3-inch conduit that will be built to hold fiber-optic cables in the future, which could be used to monitor traffic signals. Some existing 5-foot-wide sidewalks would be

removed and then built wider.

Special storm drains are also planned. Otherwise, the height of the sidewalk could be taller than the level of the properties it would touch, creating a space for water to pool on private property.

There will also be a 2-foot-wide buffer for bike lanes, and the pavement will be smoothed for bicyclists, said Public Works Director Justin Murphy.

Michael Doran, who said he has lived on Santa Cruz Avenue for nine years, said that talks about building a sidewalk there have been going on for about 30 years.

"I would like to see it get built as soon as possible," he said.

Flood protection

The council also voted unanimously to commit \$800,000 to the first phase of a project by

the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority to ease potential creek flooding in Palo Alto and East Palo Alto.

The project involves widening a section of the creek near the Palo Alto Golf Course, building new floodwalls and excavating parts of the bottom of the channel, according to the staff report.

The agency received bids that were about \$3.9 million over what had been budgeted, so city staff recommended that the council approve \$800,000 in funding, spread over three years, from the city's general fund reserves to pay its share of the added cost.

The move reallocated the \$500,000 intended for replacement of the Pope/Chaucer Street and Newell Road bridges and added \$300,000. Additional funding would likely be needed for the bridge replacement project.

According to council member Kirsten Keith, the process to address the creek's flood risks downstream from Menlo Park has been underway for many years.

"It's taken 18 years to get here," she said. "With that in mind, I'm really supportive." ■

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for emergency vehicles.

The analysis in the environmental report brings up four levels of development to be considered: what's there now (as of 2014), what is already planned (projects that have applied to develop with the city), what could be considered under the current general plan, and what could be allowed under the "ConnectMenlo" changes.

In the M-2 area, Menlo Park currently has 8.7 million square feet of nonresidential space, no hotel rooms, no housing units or residents, and 19,800 employees.

What could be planned under the current general plan is 1.4 million square feet of nonresidential space and 150 housing units to accommodate roughly 3,400 employees and 390 residents.

With the changed zoning, there could be an additional 2.3 million square feet of nonresidential space, 400 hotel rooms, 4,500 housing units, 11,570 residents and 5,500 employees.

Traffic impacts

A relatively new metric to measure the impact that development has on traffic, called "Vehicle Miles

Traveled," counts the number of miles a car travels each day, per capita. That analysis shows that if the added zoning changes are not made, that number could increase from the existing average of 15 miles daily per capita in 2014 to 19 miles daily per capita in 2040.

With the proposed zoning, however, that number drops to 14 miles daily per capita.

This is partly because the proposed zoning would create more housing in an area with many potential jobs than would otherwise occur.

Using the metric that has been used in the past to evaluate traffic impact — predicting how long people will have to wait in their cars at certain intersections — the proposed zoning changes compare less favorably.

In predictive models showing what traffic might be like in 2040, expected traffic delays at a number of intersections were worst with the proposed zoning changes, but were only incrementally worse than the delays that would be expected without zoning changes, as development in the M-2 area continues over the next two-plus decades.

For instance, at one of the worst-affected intersections, Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road,

traffic is already considered to reach unacceptable levels at rush hour. In 2014, people waited at that intersection on average more than 80 seconds in the morning and evening. By 2040, with no zoning changes, projections show they'll wait 142 seconds in the morning; with the proposed zoning changes, that would increase to a 156-second morning wait.

Other intersections by 2040 show less severe added traffic delays with the zoning changes than with none. University Avenue and Donohoe Street, another badly impacted intersection, by 2040 will have an evening additional of wait time of 31 seconds beyond the 129 seconds people usually wait, with no changes, compared to an additional wait time of 20 seconds with the zoning changes.

Go to Table 4.13-12 to see the full list of intersections and expected delays (page 4.13-68).

Population and housing

The study also looked at the potential impact that the zoning policy, if adopted, could have. Under the current general plan, only 150 housing units and an estimated 390 people could be housed. In contrast, the proposed general plan changes would add up to 4,500 housing units to accommodate about 11,570 new residents.

Under the full projected buildout of Menlo Park — including what's being built, what's planned to

be built, and what could be built under both the current general plan and the proposed general plan updates — the balance of employees and residents in Menlo Park would be swapped. Now, there are 32,900 residents and 30,900 employees, and by 2040 it's expected there will be 50,350 residents and 53,250 employees.

Menlo Park's housing stock would rise from 13,100 units to 19,880 units and 6 million square feet of nonresidential space would be added.

Water

A separate review was done to see if there is enough water to meet the needs of a future built-out Menlo Park by 2040. According to the report, water use in the M-2 area averaged about 195 million gallons per year from 2010 to 2014.

Assuming the ConnectMenlo buildout were maximized, the annual water use in the M-2 area could rise to 343 million gallons a year. The calculations assumed water use to be 127 gallons of water used per housing unit or 49 gallons per capita per day; for employees, 100 gallons used per work day.

By 2040, demands on the Menlo Park Municipal Water District would rise to 1,271 million gallons per year with the current general plan and other planned projects for the city, or 1,614 million gallons of water used per year under the proposed general plan.

The water district gets its water

from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, through which it is allocated a maximum 1,630 million gallons per year, so even with maximum buildout, there would be enough water to meet demand.

That could change in the case of drought, however. In a single dry year, the water allocation could drop to 1,281 million gallons per year, which could create a 21 percent shortfall. If the drought continued into years two and three, the shortfall could reach 31 percent of the demand on the water district.

Work toward installing water recycling systems is underway by the West Bay Sanitary District, which is aiming to use recycled water to irrigate the Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club, and eventually provide recycled water to SLAC. Other options for water recycling in the M-2 area are being explored, which could further reduce water demand, the report said.

To respond

People can submit their comments on the report and its findings between now and 5 p.m. on Friday, July 15. Submit via email at connectmenlo@menlopark.org with "Menlo Park General Plan Update EIR" as the subject or via mail. Send mailed comments to: Deanna Chow, city of Menlo Park Planning Division, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park 94025. ■



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

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Board members explain their job in the social media age

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Despite the fact that the Menlo Park City School District recently came out on the losing end of a sometimes contentious campaign to gain approval for two parcel taxes, and that board members may soon find themselves making some difficult budget decisions, a dozen people showed up at a June 1 information night for potential school board candidates.

The terms of board members Jeff Child, currently the board president, and Maria Hilton, end in December. Neither has yet announced whether a reelection bid is planned.

Some of those in the audience asked questions related to the recent campaign.

"I was gobsmacked at the level of vitriol" and incorrect information that was posted online, including the Almanac's Town Square forum, one person said. "It seems like there's now a place (online) for everybody who's got a sharp knife for the district," she said.

"Do you all see a way out of this going forward?" the speaker asked.

Another woman had an even more pointed question: "Has this become an impossible job?"

Board member Stacey Jones, who provided information along

with fellow board member Joan Lambert, said board members "have to have a thick skin. I think you have to take anonymous attacks with a grain of salt."

As for "people with other agendas," she said, "I don't let them bother me. I'm here for the kids."

She likened the anonymous comments to a painful aspect of her middle school — "slam books" in which students anonymously wrote critiques of their fellow students and passed them on. "It's the new adult version of slam books," she said.

Ms. Lambert said that anonymous forums give people a license to say things they wouldn't say if their names were attached. "I think that's just the world we live in," she said. People distrust the government, and "I think we are a part of it because we are a government entity," she said.

Other than a thick skin, the requirements to become a candidate for the unpaid four-year board term are fairly liberal, the board members said.

"Anyone can be a school board member," said Ms. Lambert. Board members need only reside in the school district, and be at least 18 years old and a registered voter, she said. District employees cannot be school board members in the district they work for, she said.

In response to a question, Ms.

Lambert said that three current board members have children who previously were in the district, and two others are parents of current students. However, she said, "it honestly doesn't matter if you're a current parent or not," she said.

Ms. Lambert said the Menlo Park district's board has spent a lot of time in recent years looking at the district's mission, core values and guiding principles. This direction is "really the main job of the school board," she said, along with hiring and managing the superintendent.

'Has this become an impossible job?'

SPEAKER AT SCHOOL BOARD
INFORMATIONAL MEETING

"We have to set the policies and the direction for the district," but then the board must trust the superintendent to carry them out, she said. The board also has the final say on textbooks and curriculum standards, receiving recommendations by the district's educators, she said.

Ms. Jones said the board members must do a lot of preparation for meetings, often over weekends. "We come to meetings prepared and we try to be

as knowledgeable as we can," she said. "It is a lot of study and a lot of reading."

Ms. Lambert said board members also must listen to their constituents. "We are the voice of the community," she said, and board members must figure out how to best resolve concerns brought to them.

The time commitment was a concern of some of those in the audience. "If you had a paid job that was full time, could you do this?" one person asked.

Ms. Jones said she has three children between ages 8 and 12 and works part time but is looking for a full-time job. She added that she is "not concerned" that she won't be able to handle being a board member while working full time. "We work really hard to find times that we can all meet," she said.

Ms. Lambert said board members need to attend one or two board meetings per month, serve as liaison to one of the district's schools, serve on at least one board committee, and attend events representing the district.

Audience members asked the two trustees why they had joined the board and what have they accomplished.

Ms. Lambert said she grew up with a mother who was an educator and a sister who is a teacher. While trained as an attorney, she was attracted to

working in the schools and did a number of volunteer jobs before taking on the school board, she said.

She said she is proud that she helped to change the district's school lunch program so students who receive free or reduced-price lunches get the same meals as all other students, and also for helping to expand the summer school program to include incoming kindergartners who need extra help.

"Though (board members) work as a team, if someone has a good idea and brings it to the team, people are generally supportive," she said.

Ms. Jones said she also grew up with a parent who was an educator and volunteered in the schools. "It seemed like a logical next step," she said.

While she is only in her first board term, Ms. Jones said, she has "enjoyed, honestly, watching the minds of my fellow board members work," often coming from different directions but still reaching consensus.

The filing period for candidates is July 18 to Aug. 12, with candidate information sessions run by the county on July 13 and 21.

The two board members invited anyone with more questions to email them at jlambert@mpcsd.org or sjones@mpcsd.org. ■

Atherton budgeting money for capital projects

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

A healthy budget is allowing Atherton to begin tackling the highest priorities of the millions of dollars of projects identified in three master plans approved in recent years: for the town's Holbrook-Palmer Park, bicycle and pedestrian network, and drainage system.

In the 2016-17 fiscal year budget the town has proposed \$6.3 million in capital projects. Nearly half the funding will come from the town's parcel tax.

The proposed budget, which is scheduled to be approved by the City Council at its June 15 meeting, has close to \$500,000 for bicycle and pedestrian plan projects, more than \$1 million for drainage system projects and \$235,000 for park projects.

Other budgeted capital improvement spending is for projects begun this fiscal year

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and not yet completed, including the Marsh Road culvert and the installation of a pedestrian-activated stoplight on El Camino Real at Almendral Avenue, and the design of the town's new civic center (much of which is paid for with donated money).

The budget also shows more than \$1 million going to Atherton's streets and allocates \$100,000 to explore putting up safer rail gates on the Watkins Avenue rail crossing, which would allow the town's new railroad quiet zone to be extended.

The Atherton council has met four times to discuss the budget, the latest at a June 1 study session.

In addition to voting on the budget, the council is scheduled to set the rate for the upcoming year's parcel tax at the June 15 meeting, which will start at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

The tentative agenda also includes consideration of a neighborhood traffic management program.

Finance Director Robert Barron projects the town will end the coming fiscal year with a \$5 million surplus, after putting \$4.7 million into reserve funds. Projected revenues are \$14.8 million, including \$372,000 from the parcel tax. Property taxes are expected to be \$9.2 million, up a projected 4.5 percent from the current year.

the capital improvements fund.

The budget shows a general fund beginning balance of a little over \$12 million, revenues of \$14.8 million and spending of slightly over \$12 million, allowing \$4.5 million to be transferred into the capital improvements fund.

Most of the town's departments show increases in their budgets, ranging from \$1,185 for administration to \$332,546 in the police department, where two new positions that were added mid-year will continue and two new police vehicles are scheduled for purchase.

The town's building and public works departments have decreases in their budgets - down nearly \$50,000 in building and down over \$71,000 in public works. Mr. Barron's report says the building department decrease is due to decreased costs of archiving building plans, while the public works decrease is because several major building projects were completed last year, including a new kitchen and roof in the Jennings Pavilion in Holbrook-Palmer Park. ■

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1. Ben Gilad and Qian Su CEQA2016-0001
205 Whiskey Hill Road Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director

Planning Commission review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of implementation of Condition of Approval II.a, imposed on CEQA2016-0001: replacing the "Shine House", which was approved for demolition under CEQA2016-0001 due to loss of historic integrity, with a new accessory living quarters.

2. Amending WMC Chapter 153, Section 400 Et. Seq. ZOAM2016-0001
Wireless Communications Facilities Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director

Review and recommend approval or denial to the Town Council of an ordinance to amend and update Woodside Municipal Code Section 153.400 et. seq., Wireless Communications Facilities, to address: development standards; municipal review and processing parameters; and mandatory time lines for installing, modifying, and maintaining wireless communications facilities in compliance with current State and federal law.

3. Town of Woodside CUSE2016-0007
2991-2995 Woodside Road Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner (within a Town Easement)

Review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of an amendment to previously approved Conditional Use Permits for 1) the existing Town Center Sewer Pump Station (CUSE2015-0003), and 2) upgrades to the Station (CUSE2015-0004); located within the stream corridor of Dry Creek, a Town-designated Stream. Purposes of the upgrades include: improvements to public health and safety, and increased environmental safeguards. The CUP amendment is a proposal to modify the Conditions of Approval to adjust the schedule of the biological monitor.

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.

■ POLICE CALLS

This information is based on reports from the Menlo Park and Atherton police departments. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.

ATHERTON

Theft: Someone stole a cellphone from a bag left at the tennis courts at Sacred Heart Schools on Valparaiso Avenue. Estimated loss: \$300. June 1.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglary: A burglar entered an East Creek Drive house through an open rear window and stole a laptop computer. Estimated loss: \$15,000. May 31.

Auto burglary: Someone smashed a window on a vehicle parked on Constitution Drive and stole a camera. Estimated loss: \$2,050. June 2.

Thefts:

■ A thief stole a cellphone from a backpack at Hillview Middle School. Estimated loss: \$500. June 1.

■ A man wearing a light khaki jacket, light colored pants and a black baseball cap picked up six razors from a shelf at the CVS pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real and left the store without paying for them. Estimated loss: \$100. June 2.

■ A woman left her wallet unattended in a shopping cart and someone stole it at Safeway at 525 El Camino. Estimated loss: \$38. June 2.

■ Police arrested and booked into county jail a San Francisco man on charges of shoplifting, allegedly from a CVS pharmacy and the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino. The items allegedly stolen were recovered. May 29.

■ Police arrested and booked into jail a San Jose man on charges of petty theft for allegedly stealing a wallet and cellphone from an outdoor seat at Amici's East Coast Pizzeria restaurant on Santa Cruz Avenue. The owner of the wallet contacted police and followed the alleged thief until police caught up with him. May 30.

■ Police arrested and booked into county jail a San Jose man on suspicion of shoplifting from Draeger's Market on University Drive. After receiving a description from the market, police stopped a man in a vehicle matching that description about eight blocks from the market. June 1.

■ A man left his wallet at a cash register at the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real. When the man returned to reclaim the wallet, employees told him they had found it in a restroom. The wallet's owner said nothing had been stolen. May 27.

Fraud:

■ A resident of Corinne Lane did not receive tickets to an NBA finals basketball game with the Golden State Warriors after sending \$2,000 in response to a Craigslist offer. June 2.

■ A resident of Willow Road sent \$800 via Western Union to a man in Mexico in response to a claim, later determined to be false, that her cousin needed the money after a car accident. May 30.

Stolen vehicle: A resident of Willow Road who had not known that her 2002 Landrover Freelander had been stolen was informed by deputies from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office that the vehicle had been recovered in San Martin. May 30.

Man killed in I-280 crash in Menlo Park identified

A San Jose man, Bryan Smith, died in a solo-vehicle crash on Interstate 280 in Menlo Park on the evening of May 27, according to the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office.

The Coroner's Office delayed identifying the victim until officials had notified his next of kin.

Mr. Smith, 50, was the only occupant of the vehicle and had been traveling north on I-280 when he crashed into a concrete barrier at the Sand Hill Road off-ramp at about 7:52 p.m., the California Highway Patrol said.

Mr. Smith was taken to a hospital, but was pronounced dead by medics after the ambulance left the scene, the CHP said.



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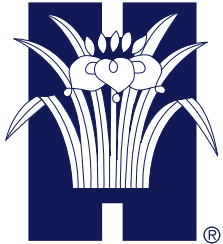
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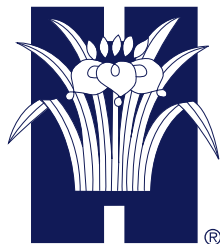
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Graduation for Menlo-Atherton High School's Class of 2016 began at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, as it usually does: with music. The student concert band and orchestra, under the direction of Kent Kurrus, began with "America the Beautiful," followed by selections from the film "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" and other music, concluding with "Pomp and Circumstance."

The Menlo-Atherton Choirs, directed by Patrick Maier, sang the national anthem. Later in the ceremony, the choirs sang "One Day" and "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow," by Fleetwood Mac. (Band members Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham are M-A alumni.)

Four seniors were scheduled to speak: Olivia Luna and her

remarks on the "Class of Champions," Bryce Rodgers with "Only The Beginning," Olliver Pelayo with "Providing Context," and Christopher Tinsley with "Our First Step."

There were 439 candidates for graduation in the Class of 2016, according to information provided by the school. ■



Top: Up go the caps as Menlo-Atherton's Class of 2016 says goodbye to high school on Thursday, June 2. **Far left:** M-A senior Lopeti Keanu Tautua was dressed to graduate. **Left:** Faculty members form a line to cheer seniors on.

Candidates for graduation

A Emmanuel Acevedo, Carlos Alfredo Acosta-Linares, Luis Enrique Acosta-Linares, Emily Rose Addicott, Brandon Aguirre, Raymond Alexander Aldridge, Demetri Victor Alfano, Diego Ernesto Alfaro Orellana, Orbelina Alvarado Carranza, Timothy James Andersen, Aubrey Elise Anderson, Reyna Karen Arroyo Ortiz, Melvin Roberto Avelar Santos.

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JENNA CARSON: A FORCE IN HELPING AT-RISK STUDENTS SUCCEED

BY DAVE BOYCE

It's uncommon to encounter an advocate for narrowing one's choices, but fewer options can sometimes be what's called for, according to Menlo-Atherton High School's Jenna Carson.

Ms. Carson has been working for more than 20 years at M-A, helping students succeed despite behavioral problems and/or low academic skills, and she was recognized recently by the San Mateo County School Boards Association with the Emily Garfield Award, describing Ms. Carson as "one of the most gifted and committed teachers on the (M-A) campus."

As to choices, Ms. Carson told the Almanac, a typical well-prepared M-A freshman from the Menlo Park City School District has approximately one choice in crafting a class schedule: "Which foreign language elective will I take?" The rest of the schedule is largely predetermined, leaving these students with "the freedom to be ninth-graders," she said.

Contrast that with the daily choices confronting an unpre-

pared, struggling at-risk freshman from East Palo Alto: "Should I go to class? Should I do my homework? Should I go to the library or the park? Everybody needs choices, but it is overwhelming for some of these kids," Ms. Carson said. "A 14-year-old's brain is not developed for that. It's a relief to not have to make a choice, to know that people are watching and paying attention and that it matters whether you go to class and stay in school."

Ms. Carson has three children of her own with her husband Craig Carson, a physical education teacher at M-A. She has a master's degree in education policy from Stanford University.

She routinely has a caseload of about 60 students and is free to go in and out of their classrooms during the day. Many of her students will text her, which she said is fine, given her round-the-clock personality. She said she is a better parent for having worked with at-risk students, and a better teacher in being a parent. "I don't mind



Photo by Jensen Puckett

Jenna Carson received an award from the county school boards association for her extraordinary work with at-risk students at Menlo-Atherton High School and for her oversight of this effort in other schools in the Sequoia Union High School District.

worlds colliding," she said.

Buying into a vision

Poverty is a grinding reality for her students, with needs that include food, clothing, school supplies, transportation, maybe even shelter, she said. M-A can provide almost all of that, she said. "I want to remove the excuses by giving these kids their basic needs. If you give them all that stuff, they can get to school and they have to do it. Keep putting the ball back in their court."

Her motto, "No excuses, no regrets," dates from her high

school days, she said. At-risk students are adept at blaming others for their problems, she said. Her goal: shift the blame to the student, which is a tough nut because they have to acknowledge their own shortcomings, she said.

"If you are really going to be held accountable, that's scary. It's easy to blame someone else," Ms. Carson said. "If they can own it, then they're empowered to do more the next time. ... then the power is in their own hands."

Students must keep at it all day every day, she said. That's

an extraordinary challenge that most people she knows don't have to face, she added. The path of least resistance for her students may be to misbehave or give up. "In the end," she said, "you have to have the *cojones* to make it all the way," a metaphor she said she has used with students.

It doesn't always work out. "It's heartbreaking when you give them what they need, but emotionally, they're not ready to learn," she said. "That's really frustrating. I don't really have an answer for that."

For her, for her students' adult mentors — each student has one — and for all the adults on campus who connect with these students, the challenge is to restructure a vision of school for kids who have hated school, who have hated the people, the concept, everything, she said.

"I want them to feel like M-A is the best place that they can be. But they have to find value in the school as a whole," she said. "M-A says, 'We believe you can do it,' (but) you have to believe you can do it."

A few times a year, Ms. Carson will spend \$900 on a catered lunch for the mentors and students to sit around and talk. The scene is "decorated and looks nice," and sets the tone, she said.

"These kids may not have anyone to talk to," she said. "Whether you become best friends or not, (talking with a caring adult) is a healthy part of growing up." ■

SCHOLARSHIP FUND HONORS LONGTIME COLLEGE ADVISER

BY DAVE BOYCE

In a first for Menlo-Atherton High School's Senior Awards Night, held this year on May 31, scholarships were handed out in the name of Alice Kleeman, a college adviser for M-A students for 20 years before retiring in June 2015.

A four-year college scholarship, a two-year scholarship and two honorable mentions were awarded in Ms. Kleeman's name, drawn from a fund of over \$75,000 raised by more than 100 donors, according to scholarship committee member Joan Lambert.

The plan going forward is to award two scholarships per year "for the next several years." One will go to a student attending a community college; the other to a student attending a four-year college. The scholarships will

"award students with financial need who show drive, determination, and the deep desire to excel in college," according to the website kleemanscholarshipfund.org.

M-A seniors receiving scholarships and honorable mentions are:

■ Luis Acosta Linares, who plans to attend the University of California at Berkeley and who will receive \$2,500 a year for four years.

■ Orbelina Carranza, who plans to attend Canada Community College and who will receive \$750 per year for her two years, and \$2,500 for each of the next two years if she transfers to a four-year school.

■ Sharon Ontiveros and Lesly Gopar Chavez, who received honorable mentions and one-



Photo by Michelle Le

Alice Kleeman helped thousands of Menlo-Atherton High School students sort out their vital next steps after graduation.

time scholarships of \$2,500 each.

There are no plans to continue the honorable-mention awards beyond 2016, Ms. Lambert said.

Ms. Kleeman chose the recipients, and the scholarships include an offer to the award winners for mentoring from Ms. Kleeman throughout their undergraduate years, Ms. Lambert said.

"We believe that Alice's mentorship is worth way more than the amount of money we'll be able to give the students," she said.

Loved and admired

The scholarship project is the work of four or five mothers in a partnership with the M-A Alumni Association, which already gives out scholarships, Ms. Lambert said.

The idea came from students who had received guidance from Ms. Kleeman in the past and wanted to "do something for Alice," Ms. Lambert said. "She didn't want recognition, but wanted to quietly retire.

This is a way to honor her legacy and help kids without lionizing her."

The project has Ms. Kleeman's support. "She was totally supportive and actually got more and more excited about it," Ms. Lambert said.

"I think this is a testament to how loved Alice is," she said. "It would be hard to find someone at that school who is more universally loved and admired." ■

WOODSIDE GRADS CELEBRATE THE MOMENT, NOW MOVE ON

PHOTOS BY MICHELLE LE

The seniors of Woodside High School's Class of 2016 gathered June 3 at 10 a.m. on the football field to graduate and to say goodbye to their high school days.

Senior class president Kevin Cano welcomed the audience of parents and friends, and introduced two student speakers: Alec Mullen, who delivered his talk "Acknowledge This Moment"; and Gillian Campbell, whose speech was titled "Focus Your Lens."

The senior class gift to the school, set to be presented by Paul Avilla, Kevin Cano, Bianca Gabriel and Lauren Ringman, was a sculpture of a wildcat, the school mascot.

The valedictorians were Dona Aboud Syriani, Michelle Adler, Elizabeth Atkin, Gillian Campbell, Sophie Concordel, Frederique Corcoran, Jennifer Cuevas, Keaton Gibbs, Thomas Goldberg, Eric Helseth, Matthew Hennefarth, Jaclyn Hovsmith, Grant Hultquist, Raymond Hurst, Kayley James, Olivia Lara, Benjamin Loewen,

Jessica Marguet, Katherine McDowall, Alec Mullen, Jessica Patton, Andrew Piro, Lauren Ringman, Isabella Schrammel, Diana Servin Ayala, Jillian Shaw, Sofia Silvestri, Sarah Smith, Langley Topper, Edward Tuttle, and Xi Wang.

There were 392 candidates for graduation in the Class of 2016, according to information provided by the school. ■



Graduation caps always come back to Earth, and so will the graduating seniors at Woodside High School, but they earned a day for their spirits to soar.



Smiles were everywhere at Woodside High on Friday, June 3, graduation day.



Making final adjustments to her cap, Zaire Louise Williams (center) readied herself to receive her diploma.

Candidates for graduation

A Dona Aboud Syriani, Alondra Aburto Reyes, Nova Joan Adan, Michelle Juliana Adler, Betsy Kiabeth Aguilar Ortiz, Jillienne Cole Aguilera, Raymond Alcantar, Claud Miles Alexander, Audrey Alvarez Gonzalez, Lizet Alvarez Mendoza, Christopher E. Alvarero Cruz, Hanna Marie Amirsehhi, Tracy Andrade, Melissa Aranda Miranda, Diana Elizabeth Ardon Ramirez, Kirk Edward Arena, Antonio Arqueta, Andrew Arturo Arredondo, Oscar A. Arreola, Brendy Ariana Arriaza Espana, Joseph A. Arsan, Karl Vincent Par Arvidsson, Cameron J. Ashmead, Elizabeth Ann Atkin, Ricardo Atriano Garza, Paul Joseph Avilla, Jonathan Ayala Zirate.

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G Bianca Gabriel, Nicole Gallosa, Lydia Guadalupe Garcia, Victor Humberto Garcia, Sergio Garcia Baldovino, Luis F. Garcia Mendoza, Gabriela Garcia Rebuella, Perla Vanessa Garibo Gonzalez, Spencer Steel Gawle, Alyssa Jordan Gee, Alyssa Danielle Giacomoni, Keaton T. Gibbs, Christopher Thomas Gilardi, Sofia E. Gilbert, Zachary Armand Gile, Korianne Gillespie, Carla Alejandra Godinez, Jessica Godinez Mendez, Thomas Bradley Goldberg, Mailani Gomez, Melissa Gomez, Martin Gonzalez, Ivonne Esperanza Gonzalez Alvarado, Julio Cesar Grajeda, Christian D. Granados, Joshua Robert Gray, Jamie Elizabeth Guaspari, Alexander W. Guthmann, Arianda Gutierrez, Leonardo Gutierrez Padilla, Oscar Guzman, Krisztofer Gyula.

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FOUNDATION RAISES \$900,000 FOR WOODSIDE HIGH ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Woodside High School will be participating in the Silicon Valley Urban Debate League in the 2016-17 school year, one of many new opportunities made possible by donors to the Woodside High School Foundation, according to a May 26 statement from the foundation.

Woodside's debate team will join three other Peninsula high schools, all in East Palo Alto, and four schools in the South Bay, according to the debate league's website.

The nonprofit foundation, managed by parents of Woodside High students, received more than \$900,000 in donations in the 2015-16 budget year that ends June 30. Other new foundation-funded electives planned are classes in entrepreneurship and programming for mobile applications, the statement says.

In addition to electives, the money is used to reduce class size — an impact on 64 classes this time around — and

provide academic support, including \$250,000 for new equipment for science, engineering and digital-arts programs, the foundation says.

Other specific uses for the funding for the coming school year include:

- Thirteen sections of advanced-standing and advanced-placement English and math classes.
- Free after-school tutoring and collaborative work spaces.
- A second college-and-career counselor.
- A summer program in math acceleration.
- Freshman and sophomore boot camp in skills for AS and AP classes.
- Grants totaling \$36,000 to be distributed for the robotics team, solar charging kits, student leadership mentoring program, fine-arts supplies and tools, and upgrades to the library computers.



Top: A classic scene with diploma in hand, one of many at the Woodside High graduation ceremony on June 3. **Left:** A hug, a common expression of warmth and congratulations at the 2016 Woodside High graduation ceremony.

On the cover: A beaming Woodside High School grad receives his diploma from Principal Diane Burbank.

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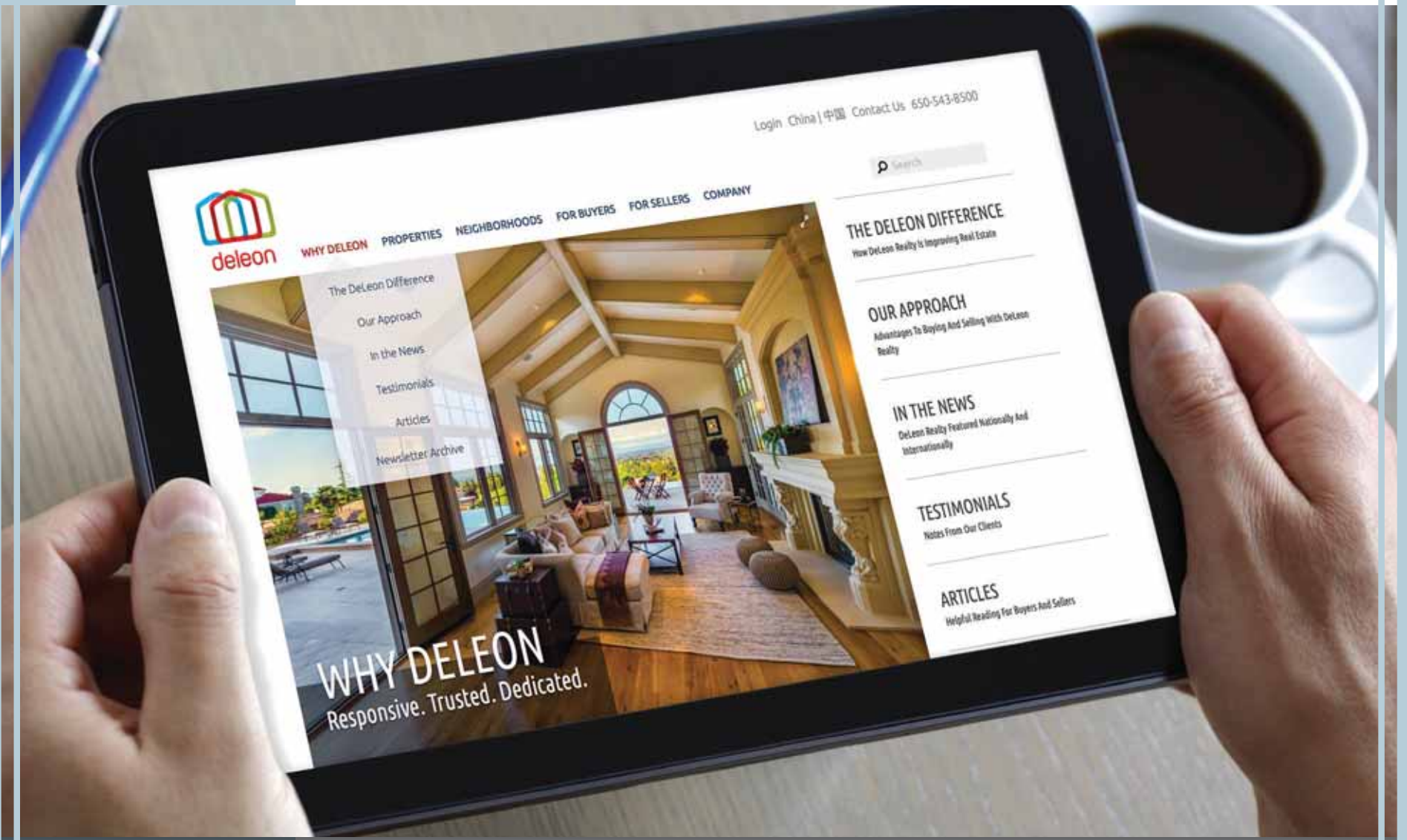
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Portola Valley event benefits abandoned exotic animals

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

Representatives from various corners of the animal kingdom — reptiles, birds and mammals, including some 350 humans — spent about four hours together for a good cause recently in Portola Valley's Westridge neighborhood.

The cause: a fundraiser at the animal-accommodating property of Paul Holland and Linda Yates on behalf of Conservation Ambassadors, a Paso Robles nonprofit that rescues exotic animals.

Tickets for the event were officially \$500 per person, but checking for tickets was loosely enforced, if enforced at all, particularly for families with children, Mr. Holland said. The May 14 event raised more than \$100,000 for Conservation Ambassadors, he said.

Many of the local people involved, including those preparing the food, did so for a third to a half of their usual fees, he said. All of the wine was donated.

Ms. Yates is a member the nonprofit's board. "This was totally her thing," Mr. Holland said of his wife.

"I was blown away," Mr. Holland said of the event. "Everywhere I turned, there was an exotic animal." Many are rescued from "idiotic people" who, perhaps while inebriated in Las Vegas, buy an animal on impulse then tire of it. The animals come to this country as babies, often captured en masse by poachers who kill the parents, he said.

"It's just particularly cruel," he said, adding that Nevada is "particularly bad about" allowing their sale. "You should not be contributing to the illegal trade or even the legal trade of these animals because it's very, very harmful," he said.

Gator in a bathtub

More than 50 volunteer handlers were on hand to present 45 species, including alligators, a slow loris (a small tree-climbing primate), a kinkajou (a raccoon-like rainforest creature), lemurs, macaws, kangaroos, a Morocco-African crested porcupine, a



Dave Boyce / The Almanac

A marmoset, a South American monkey, climbed around and around the neck of this volunteer animal handler. Marmosets have needle-sharp teeth and are not above biting the hand that reaches out to them, the handler said.

camel, a mountain lion and a pair of otters.

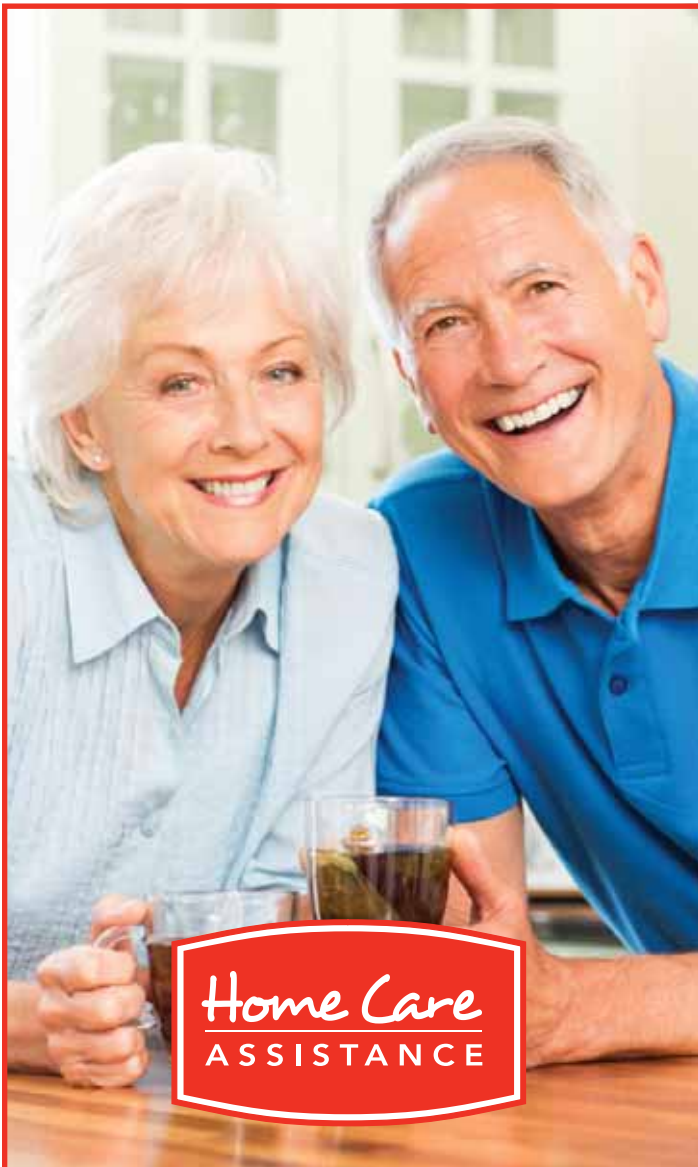
Within a wing's length or two under a shade tree were perched a bald eagle, a barred owl, a hawk and turkey vulture,

all tethered and all seemingly preoccupied with their own thoughts while observing life going on around them.

A 5-foot red-tailed boa, draped over its handler's shoulder had a

fixed gaze at the ground and showed no objections to repeatedly having its smooth scales caressed by children.

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Menlo Park author offers tips on retiring without no pension

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Emily Brandon is an expert on retirement.

It's not because the U.S. News & World Report senior editor, Menlo Park resident and mother of an Oak Knoll second-grader is retired, or even close to it.

Ms. Brandon is an expert on retirement because it's been her beat, the area she has written about day-in and day-out, for the 10 years she's worked for U.S. News. She also blogs about retirement on the website of U.S. News, which no longer puts out a print edition, except for special reports.

At tinyurl.com/BranBlog you can find Ms. Brandon's blog: "Planning to Retire."

After all those years of writing about issues facing retirees, she got an itch to pool all the information in one place. So she put together a book, her first. With a full-time job and husband and daughter who need her attention at times, she managed to complete the book in about a year. "It sort of got done on weekends and vacation time," she says.

The book, titled "Pensionless," has just over 200 pages divided into 10 chapters, each designed to help readers who find themselves retiring without a pension, whether it's next year or in a couple of decades. At the end she adds advice for those who decide what they'd really like is a pension.

Very few pensions

"Most of us want to eventually stop working and begin enjoying a well-deserved retirement. The problem lies in how to pay for it," Ms. Brandon says in the introduction.

For many workers, pensions have been replaced with retirement accounts such as 401(k)s (named after the section of the Internal Revenue Code that created them in 1978) and Individual Retirement Accounts, known as IRAs.



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Emily Brandon

"How well you are able to use these retirement accounts, and avoid the taxes and penalties associated with them, will ultimately determine your retirement lifestyle," she writes.

Social Security

One benefit that almost all retirees have is Social Security, which, Ms. Brandon writes, provides some income to 86 percent of retirees. In fact, she writes, 65 percent of those who receive Social Security get half or more of their income from it, and 33 percent receive 90 percent or more of their income from that source.

One of the most important decisions is when to start taking Social Security, because benefits vary depending on the age at which they are first taken. The longer one expects to live, the better off you may be to wait to take benefits, she says.

When her mother turned 65 this year, Ms. Brandon says, she helped her decide to wait until 70 to take Social Security, partly because her grandmother is still living at age 97.

Avoid pitfalls

One of the clear impressions that can be gleaned from "Pensionless" is that juggling the components that go into a retirement plan

without a pension is complicated.

For example, not signing up for Medicare when first eligible can mean increased premiums for the rest of your life.

Not taking a minimum distribution from a 401(k) or IRA account every year from age 70-1/2 will result in a penalty of half the amount that was to be withdrawn.

Choosing a 401(k) investment that charges higher fees can significantly slow down its growth, and not transferring the contents of a 401(k) properly after changing jobs can mean losing a significant chunk of it to taxes.

Other topics in the book include Medicare and associated health care plans, how to minimize taxes once retired and how to minimize housing costs.

"It sort of goes through everything that could potentially trip you up," she says, including "gotchas" in 401(k)s, such as things that trigger taxes and fees, vesting schedules for employer matches, and how to handle a retirement account when changing jobs.

The book is not just for those about to retire. "If you start saving in your 20s, you will have so much more (saved) when you're in your 60s," she says. And yes, although she is many decades from retirement herself, Ms. Brandon says she does follow her own advice. "I spend a lot of time thinking about retirement," she says.

Her tips

Some tips she offers:
■ The young who have no faith that Social Security will be around when they retire might be looking at it in the right way, she says. "It's not a bad way to plan as if it won't be there," she says. "It's not enough really to give you a really desirable lifestyle."

U.S. News has, however, found some places retirees can live on Social Security alone, she says. "Around here, I could not picture it working," she says. "You would be getting by," and have no money for things such as travel.

■ Ms. Brandon says that while selling a high-value home and moving to a less expensive area can provide income for retirees who don't have other savings, "it's not necessarily a bad thing to stay where you are in retirement." Friends, family and

familiarity are all nice, she says.

■ Building a second residential unit for a member of the family can work for some, she says. "It's a nice way for the family to stay involved (in the retirees' lives) if you can make it work." You need to set down rules of who does what up front to avoid potential conflict, she says.

■ Spouses need to discuss retirement in advance. "Couples don't always agree on when to retire and where to live," she says. And suddenly spending much more time together can also be hard on couples. "Suddenly you're arguing about who unloads the dishwasher," Ms. Brandon says. "You have to renegotiate everything."

■ In addition to making clear what they want to have happen at the end of their lives, Ms. Brandon advises retirees to also write down exactly what they want to happen when they need addi-

tional care, including whether they want to age at home or in a nursing facility. Having wishes in writing can save bickering among children about what to do for their parents, and ensure that the parent gets what he or she wants.

If you want a pension

The last chapter of the book contains advice on how to make retirement easier — earn a pension. Only about 18 percent of private industry workers had traditional pensions in 2015, Ms. Brandon writes, but 84 percent of state and local government workers did. An even greater percentage of teachers, 98 percent, had pension coverage.

Where to buy the book

Buy the book online from Keplers.com or find it in stock at Kepler's Books in Menlo Park. ■

Eleanor Grantier

June 5, 1916 – February 6, 2016

Long time Menlo Park resident, Eleanor Alexander Grantier died peacefully at her home. Her daughter Gayle, son-in-law David and granddaughters Kirsten and Erin were at her side.



Eleanor was born in 1916 in Montrose, Colorado, to Lavone and James Alexander. She was the first of four children born to the couple. Her sisters Rowena Howe and Loraine Smith and brother Robb Alexander all preceded her in death.

The family left Montrose in 1931 and moved to Boulder City, Nevada, where her father was an engineer and legal counsel for the Hoover Dam. When his role in that project was completed, they moved to Salt Lake City, where she attended East High School and the University of Utah.

During her university years she served as the president of Alpha Delta Phi sorority and graduated in 1938. She was also an active member of P.E.O. Chapter LL for many years.

While in high school, she 'caught the eye' of her husband-to-be, Jess Lee Grantier, son of Robert Kinney and Myrtle Jean Jackson Grantier.

Eleanor and Lee were married September 9, 1941, and in 1950 the couple moved to Menlo Park. They enjoyed 66 years of marriage until Lee's passing in 2007.

Eleanor continued to live independently in their home until her own death. She was a member of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church and served in many capacities over the years.

She was a wonderful homemaker and cook, an accomplished seamstress, an avid lover of puzzles and a tireless shopper right up until her death.

She was a loving mother to Gayle, grandmother to Kirsten Ladera and Erin King and the great grandmother of five; Bayani Ladera, Alexander Ladera, Jessamine Ladera, Jackson 'PK' King and Ella King.

Members of her family from Canada, Colorado, Arizona, Texas and California will be gathering to celebrate what would have been her 100th birthday in June and share in a private inurnment ceremony at Skylawn Cemetery.

She was blessed with a long, full life and was a blessing to her family. She is missed every day.

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Some of the animals were familiar with the Holland-Yates property. The porcupine, for example, is a frequent visitor and allowed to "walk around the house," Mr. Holland said, often accompanied — at a distance —

by the family dog.

Each animal had a story. Spike the alligator used to belong to a drug dealer who kept him in a bathtub with his supply of drugs, Mr. Holland said. Thunder, a bald eagle, suffered a paralyzing collision with a high-voltage wire. The mountain lion Tah Mah Lah — mountain lion

in Ohlone dialect — had been rescued from a recent forest fire in California.

The herbivores, including the camel and the kangaroos, munched bunch grass on the property and were welcome to it, Mr. Holland said. "They could eat the grass all day long if they wanted to," he said. ■

Ina Carlson Frymire

'Rock star' of Menlo Commons

Ina Carlson Frymire — who moved to Menlo Park just in time for the October 1989 earthquake but “was unshak- en,” according to her son Bruce — died on May 15 at the age of 102. She was a resident of the Menlo Commons.



Ina Carlson Frymire

In announcing his mother's death, Bruce Frymire noted that a fellow Menlo Commons resident said of her: “She was a rock star around here, and always will be.”

Ms. Frymire was born on her parents' farm in Burdick, Kansas, on March 3, 1914. Her son said her life was altered quickly when, in 1939, her boyfriend at the time, Harlan “Fry” Frymire, announced that he had been

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Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

hired by the International Harvester Co., and he was required to report to duty in two weeks. Marriage and moving became the new normal for the young Ina as the couple moved to various locales in California, then took up residence in London for six years and Brussels for two, according to her son.

“They enjoyed each and every place they were assigned to — a fact made possible by Ina's upbeat, loving and courageous attitude,” Bruce Frymire said. “At each stop on her itinerary, she made friends through her interest in her church, the arts, her neighbors, her charity work, and her love of people and all things Swedish.”

Known as “Nonnie” to friends and relatives, Ms. Frymire “was sharp, articulate, and funny

right up to her last days,” her son said. She was a “gifted and highly successful (bridge) player sought out by the Peninsula's best,” and continued playing up to her last days.

Ms. Frymire's husband, Harlan, died in 1981. She is survived by her two sons, Harlan (Sharon) Frymire of North Carolina and Bruce (Nancy) Frymire of Menlo Park; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Eleanor Grantier

Sixty-five-year resident of Menlo Park

Eleanor Alexander Grantier, a 65-year resident of Menlo Park, died peacefully Feb. 6 at her home, with her daughter, son-

in-law and two granddaughters at her side. She would have celebrated her 100th birthday this week, on June 5.

Born in Montrose, Colorado, she graduated from the University of Utah in 1938, where she was president of Alpha Delta Phi sorority. She was an active member of P.E.O. Chapter LL for many years.



Eleanor Grantier

In 1941 she married Jess Lee Grantier, and they moved to Menlo Park in 1950. Her husband preceded her in death in 2007.

Ms. Grantier lived independently in her home until her passing, her family says. She was an active member of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, and served in many capacities. She was an accomplished cook and seamstress, an avid lover of puzzles, and a “tireless shopper” right up to her death, family members say.

She is survived by her daughter, Gayle (David) Corzine; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Family from Canada, Colorado, Arizona, Texas and California were expected to gather on her birthday this week for a private inurnment at Skylawn Cemetery.

New hearing on Deutsch case June 9

A San Mateo County judge on May 26 denied a motion by attorneys defending Portola Valley resident and restaurateur Russell Deutsch to suppress as evidence a discovery by investigators of over \$600,000 in cash in Mr. Deutsch's house.

A hearing to reset the June 13 trial date, and to hear two more defense motions — to dismiss charges and to compel discovery — is set for 10 a.m. Thursday, June 9.

Mr. Deutsch has pleaded not guilty to all charges, prosecutors said. He's been out of custody on a bail of \$290,000.

District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe describes Mr. Deutsch as the CEO, CFO, director and agent for a corporation that does business as Old Port Lobster Shack, Lobster Shack and Portola Valley Lobster Shack.

Investigators from the Board of Equalization, the agency that collects taxes in California,

searched Mr. Deutsch's house after prosecutors accused him of not turning over to the state \$950,628 in sales tax revenues over a period of eight years.

The search warrant specified a search for records, but “didn't say they wanted to search for money,” Christian Picone, Mr. Deutsch's attorney, told the Almanac. “The (department) did not identify cash as one of the items they wanted to search for.”

Mr. Picone has also taken issue with the alleged figure of \$600,000 in cash. After the search and the discovery of the cash, the Board of Equalization gave Mr. Deutsch a receipt for \$493,457.83, Mr. Picone said. Two days later, he said, the board gave Mr. Deutsch a revised receipt for \$488,367.83, a difference of \$5,000.

“There's nothing illegal about having cash,” Mr. Picone added. “I'm not aware of any allegation that these funds were unreported income.”

Scott Mathews Searles

September 5, 1962 – April 19, 2016

Family, friends, and co-workers are mourning the loss of Scott Mathews Searles. Scott was the son of Marcella Mathews Searles and Charles Miller Searles, and grew up in Menlo Park, California.



After graduating from Menlo-Atherton High School in 1980, he went on to UC Berkeley, receiving his B.A. in 1984.

Scott later obtained a master's degree in Instructional Technology at San Francisco State. He spent most of his adult life living in San Francisco and Oakland.

For the past 12 years, Scott worked at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, where he was a highly regarded member of the Health Plan Institute team. As a top level Learning Consultant, he was responsible for developing, designing and implementing complex learning solutions, focused on improving employee performance.

He was well respected for both his approach and accomplishments. Co-workers remember him as a careful thinker and a creative designer, one who was easy to work with due to his kindness and competence.

Scott had a passion for cycling. He was a longtime member of the Oakland Yellow Jackets cycling club, a participant in the AIDS/LifeCycle ride, and a beloved teammate of a small group of friends who toured the West on bikes each of the past three summers.

Friends describe him as generous, a good listener, and gifted with a wry sense of humor that could show itself at any time.

Scott was a gentle soul who brought joy and leadership to his family. He was devoted to his parents, his sisters, and his nieces and nephews, always ready to be of assistance or join in the celebration, whatever fit the occasion.

He was a favorite traveling companion, dance partner, and dinner guest. Scott was a true gentleman, full of grace and strength. He was deeply loved and will be forever missed.

Scott is survived by his two sisters, Sally Porter and Melinda Kaewert (Doug), his four nieces and nephews, Roy Soto, Jamie Shepherd (Greg), Brian Kaewert (Katherine) and Lauren Kaewert, and his grandniece and nephew, Sophie and Oliver Shepherd.

To honor his memory, Scott would want you to give to a charity of your choice, or simply do something generous for yourself or for someone you love.

No public services are planned

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Harold (Hal) Coehlo

May 1, 1922 – May 25, 2016

Harold (Hal) Coehlo, 94, died May 25, 2016, in Woodland Ca.

Born, May 1, 1922, in Watsonville, CA, where his parents and grandparents were raised. He graduated from Watsonville High School, Salinas Junior College and while at UCLA he joined the Navy Air Corps. He served as P.B.M. pilot in the Pacific in WWII. After the service, he graduated from San Francisco Mortuary College.



In 1953, he came to Redwood City and was an owner of both the Redwood Chapel and White Oaks Chapel mortuaries. He retired in 1985 after 40 years in the mortuary business.

Hal was a past president of numerous civic organizations in Redwood City, including Kiwanis Club, Crespi Club, Sierra Club, Native Sons of the Golden West, Knights of Columbus and the “Suburbans”. He was also a past president of the San Mateo County Funeral Directors Association.

He was instrumental in the building of both the Easter Cross in Redwood City and with John Rolla the “fishing Pier” in Redwood City Harbour. He was a member of St. Pius Catholic Church. As an avid fly fisherman, he was a charter member of the Peninsula Fly Fisherman's Club.

He is survived by his wife Lillian Coehlo of Menlo Park, three sons, Joe Coehlo (Beth) of Woodland, CA., Steve Coehlo of Bend, OR, Tom Coehlo of Bend, OR, and daughter Mary Jane Swenson (Harry) of Redwood City. He is survived by his grandchildren-Nate Coehlo, Lauren Coehlo, Megan Cook, Nate Van Amburg, Sarah Van Amburg, Morgan Padgett, Molly Coehlo, Stephanie Swenson, William Swenson, Brett Donnelly, Mariel Donnelly and Brenna Donnelly.

Hal was preceded in death by his first wife, Marie Matijasevich, and his brother Robert Coehlo.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society.

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County aims to ease citizenship process for immigrants

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

To help San Mateo County residents seeking U.S. citizenship, the county has created the Office of Immigration Support and Coordination. Thirty-four percent of San Mateo County residents, roughly 240,000 people, were not born in the U.S. About 108,000 are not U.S. citizens, according to 2014 numbers

from the U.S. Census Bureau. Among California counties, San Mateo County has the third-highest proportion of residents who have migrated from outside the U.S., behind Santa Clara County's 37 percent and Los Angeles County's 35 percent. The Migration Policy Institute estimates that about 57,000 have immigrated illegally. The office will use county funds to hire one person, Jas-

mine Hartenstein, to work full time on the initiative, according to Effie Milionis Verducci, a spokesperson for the county's Human Services Agency. The office plans to help connect people to existing services for immigrants, she said. A website was created to consolidate information about organizations and services that help people manage the citizenship process, including ESL classes, legal services

resources and social services. Go to hsa.smcgov.org/oisc to access the site. The office plans to set up "citizenship corners" in public libraries around the county, where there will be a dedicated shelf with information related to the citizenship process. DVDs, flash cards and other study materials will be available. Citizenship workshops, hosted by the county and the International Institute of the Bay Area,

will teach people about the citizenship application process, including how to get a waiver for the \$680 application fee. Several workshops have been organized, and everyone who applied for citizenship at the last event received the \$680 fee waiver, Ms. Verducci said. The initiative is still in an early phase, she said. "We're dipping our toes in the water to see what

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Marjorie Linvill

Marjorie Webber Linvill died peacefully in her home at the Vi in Palo Alto in late March. She was 92. She led a full and interesting life, enriched by her curiosity, intelligence, and willingness to step into new situations with an open mind and compassionate heart.

Marjorie was the only child of Gladys and Frederick Webber. She spent her girlhood in small towns of New York state and Illinois. She attended William Jewel College in Missouri, where she met John Linvill, the love of her life. John attended MIT in Boston after graduating from William Jewell, and Marjorie transferred to Boston University to be near him. The couple was married in 1943. She was an elementary school teacher for six years to support them while John completed his doctorate.

Their son, Greg, was born in 1949, and their daughter, Candy, was born in 1952. In 1955, the family moved to California when John accepted a position in the electrical engineering department at Stanford. They built a home in Portola Valley, where they lived for the next 50 years. Marjorie always extended a warm welcome to John's colleagues, students, and foreign visitors, as well as to her children's friends. A fun and lively companion and loyal friend, she formed relationships with people from all over the world which lasted a lifetime. She gave her children incredible opportunities, and set high standards for them. Her daughter, Candy, was blind from infancy. Marjorie learned Braille and transcribed all of Candy's textbooks through elementary school so that she could attend school in Portola Valley.

Marjorie loved to travel, and enjoyed accompanying John on sabbatical trips and leisure trips throughout the world. Whenever possible, she took classes to learn the language of whatever country they were going to visit, so she could more readily engage with people they met. Marjorie was an avid bicyclist, tennis player, and golfer. She loved books, and enjoyed the challenge and camaraderie of bridge throughout her life.

Because of her daughter, Marjorie was aware of the barriers to education and employment for people with visual impairments. In the late 60's, John and his colleagues developed a reading machine which allowed blind people to read print directly. Marjorie saw how solutions made possible by burgeoning technology could be directed to provide greater access to education and employment for people with visual impairments. She inspired Silicon Valley luminaries with this vision. Together, they founded Sensory Access Foundation. For over 30 years, SAF worked with visually impaired and hearing impaired people to find and retain jobs, utilizing access technology.

In 2005, John and Marjorie sold their Portola Valley home and moved to the Vi in Palo Alto. She was able to remain independent and fully engaged in life with her family and numerous friends until her death.

Marjorie's husband, John, died in 2011. She is survived by son Greg Linvill (Betty) of Belmont, daughter Candy Berg (Chris) of Portola Valley, granddaughters Angela Linvill (Mike Cicio) of Tennessee and Alyssa Ramsaran (Satesh) of Florida, and great grandchildren Sato, Lakshmi, and Ashima Ramsaran. We all miss her, and are so very grateful that she was in our lives.

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Susan Aileen Lineberger Cowitz

On the afternoon of May 9th Susan Aileen Lineberger Cowitz---a woman of abundant compassion, a wondrous sense of the world's possibilities, and a nigh-unshakeable optimism, left us after a tenacious two-year battle with melanoma. My beautiful Mom passed away in Nevada City, CA at our family home. Her final moments were peaceful: holding my father's hand, her eyes slowly closed after sharing one gentle, final look.

My mom was born in 1946 in Long Beach, California to Jim and Dorothy Lineberger.

Along with her three brothers, Chuck, Jimmy, and Steve, she enjoyed the summers of her youth at the beach in front of her father's lifeguard station. She refused to regret any of those sun filled days, even as those years of sunburn took their toll during these last months; rather, she savored the swims across Alamitos Bay and the days spent sailing, her mast parallel to the water and her laugh crackling back to shore. Everafter, she would feel most at home with sand between her toes.

In the seventh grade, Sue met Jeff, her husband of forty years whom she would call her "heart's grand adventure." What began with slow dancing, body surfing at Huntington Beach, and glee club richened into a lovestoried youth. Mom and Dad dated throughout high school, where Sue excelled as captain of the Bruinette drill team, won election as the Student Body Secretary, and received a prestigious academic scholarship to Stanford University. While at Stanford, Mom studied abroad with Stanford-in-France, worked as an au pair for a family in Sweden, and traveled throughout Europe in a Volkswagen camper van.

Her love of travel and adventure became a staple of her and my dad's life. Together, they slept on the beaches of Hawaii and Baja California, and spent two summers in a lagoon side beach hut on the island of Bora Bora. With their daughters Julie and Jennifer they traveled the world from Costa Rica to New Zealand.

In 1972, Mom began her thirty-seven-year teaching career as an Advanced Standing English teacher at Woodside High School on the San Francisco Peninsula. Soon, however, with her kindness, grit, and unbreakable conviction, she made her lasting mark as a Special Education teacher in the Resource Specialist Program. Colleagues have written to praise her "intellect, compassion, and determination, coupled with a spirit of fun and adventure... Most important, I appreciated her as a human being." Another described her as "a true blessing."

In the late 1970's, Mom and Dad purchased a lot, and designed and erected their own home in Woodside on a hilltop overlooking San Francisco Bay. On the power of their own hands, along with weekend help from friends, family, and students,

they completed their dream home in five years. Photos show my mom proudly soldering copper pipes, making stained glass windows, routing ceiling timbers, and hauling three thousand pound loads of rebar in our ancient PGandE pickup truck.

For their next adventure, Mom and Dad retired in 2008 to historic Nevada City in the Sierras of northern California. Mom, like her grandfather Bompa, loved working with her hands. Their Nevada City home, particularly its gardens and orchards, are a testament to Mom's talents and indefatigable industriousness: a lifetime of self-framed and matted photos hang side-by-side on the walls with her own seascape paintings of bonefishing vacations in the Bahamas and landscapes of the yearly trout fishing in Montana; her studio with its sewing machine that made so many of our clothes; the shelves of books from her two beloved book clubs; and her work bench for designing and making the stained glass lantern that illuminates the entryway with its golden light.

Mom found ways to surround us with the essence of the places she loved: a twisted branch from a beach in Belize, a large rock from Montana pressed into the fireplace's stonework. These and other souvenirs from our family travels enrich the entire home.

Mom is survived by her husband Jeff, her daughters Julie and Jennifer, and to her great joy, her grandson Dylan. My mother was one of those magnetic people whose special skill was bringing people together by fostering love. She has become a guiding light to accompany and guide our family as we grow. We will always walk in the light which she casts.

At the end of her autobiography, my mom included the following poem that she wrote as she faced the inevitable outcome of her melanoma. It follows here:

"Starlit Stream"
When I am far from you
And can no longer touch your fingers,
I will call you:
In the song of the birds outside our bedroom window
In the whistling breeze that flutters the leaves of our trees
In the melodious drops of water in our garden fountain.
I will surround you in the natural beauty of life:
In the deep fragrance of a velvet gardenia
In the beckoning blue of an iris or gladiola
In the lush draping of lavender wisteria.
I will love you always:
Long after my body has melted into earth
And my spirit has soared beyond the horizon,
I will wait for you in the starlit stream of life.

A memorial will be held at the family home in Nevada City, CA in September.

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NOTICE REQUESTING BIDS
TOWN OF WOODSIDE
2016 ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT

- 1.1 Notice Inviting Bids:** Town will receive sealed Bids at the **Town Hall**, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until **2:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 7th, 2016** for the following public work:
- 1.2 Project Description:** The work will include the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary or required to perform AC dig-outs, AC swale, AC Overlay, trail overlay and striping & pavement markings on various Town roads. Work shall be completed within **60 calendar days** from Notice to Proceed and no later than November 1, 2016.
- 1.3 Procurement of Bidding Documents:** Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. Bidders may examine a complete hard-copy set of the Bidding Documents at the Town's Public Works Department, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062, telephone (650) 851-6790 and are also available on the Town's website at "http://woodsidesidetown.org/rfps". Each bid is to be in accordance with the drawings and specifications.
- 1.4 Instructions:** Bidders shall refer to Document 00 2113 (Instructions to Bidders) for required documents and items to be submitted in a sealed envelope for deposit into the Bid Box in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 no later than the time and date set forth in Paragraph 1.01 above. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or a proposal guaranty bond payable to the order of the Town of Woodside in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the proposal 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.
- 1.5 Bid Preparation Cost:** Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their Bids.
- 1.6 Reservation of Rights:** Owner specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, to re-bid, or to waive inconsequential defects in bidding not involving time, price or quality of the work. Owner may reject any and all Bids and waive any minor irregularities in the Bids.

A. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1.7 Required Contractor's License(s):** A California "A" contractor's license is required to bid this contract. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract.
- 1.8 Required Contractor and Subcontractor Registration**
- A. Owner shall accept Bids only from Bidders that (along with all Subcontractors listed in Document 00 4330, Subcontractor List) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.
- B. Subject to Labor Code Sections 1771.1(c) and (d), any Bid not complying with paragraph A above shall be returned and not considered; provided that if Bidder is a joint venture (Business & Professions Code Section 7029.1) or if federal funds are involved in the Contract (Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)), Owner may accept a non-complying Bid provided that Bidder and all listed Subcontractors are registered at the time of Contract award.
- 1.9 Substitution of Securities:** Owner will permit the successful bidder to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract, as set forth in Document 00 6290 Escrow Agreement For Security Deposits In Lieu Of Retention and incorporated herein in full by this reference, in accordance with Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code.
- 1.10 Prevailing Wage Laws:** The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents. Copies of the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the Contract, as determined by Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, are on file at the Town's Public Works Department, may be obtained from the California Department of Industrial Relations website [http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.htm] and are deemed included in the Bidding Documents. Upon request, Owner will make available copies to any interested party. Also, the successful Bidder shall post the applicable prevailing wage rates at the Site.
- 1.11 Prevailing Wage Monitoring:** This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

'Ragtime' auditions
set for this week

Woodside Community Theatre is looking for a colorful cast of characters to audition for its next musical, "Ragtime."

Auditions take place June 7, 8 and 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Hillview Middle School in Menlo Park, with a dance call and callbacks scheduled for June 11 during the day. To book an appointment email: auditions@woodsidesidetheatre.com.

The show will be performed at the Woodside Performing Arts Center in late October. Rehearsals will begin in mid-August under

the direction of Gary Stanford Jr.

The Tony award-winning show features major songs for about a dozen cast members. The story revolves around upper-class WASPs, Jewish immigrants and African-Americans living in New York City at the turn of the last century.

There are acting parts for children and historical roles: Henry Ford, Emma Goldman, Evelyn Nesbit, J.P. Morgan, Booker T. Washington and Harry Houdini.

For more information go to: www.woodsidesidetheatre.com.

CITIZENSHIP

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value we can bring to this population and connect with other people who have been in the

field longer. We're learning a lot right now."

That said, she added, "Going forward, I don't think it'll be limited to what we're doing now." ■



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CALENDAR

Theater

Broadway By the Bay: 'Oklahoma!' For its next production, Broadway By the Bay stages the musical "Oklahoma!" — the first collaboration between Rodgers and Hammerstein that focuses on a romance between a cowboy and farm girl as Oklahoma approaches statehood. June 3, 4, 11 and 18; 8 p.m.; June 5, 11, 12 and 19, 2 p.m. \$47-\$69. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City. broadwaybythebay.org/oklahoma/

Dragon Productions: Eugene O'Neill's 'Anna Christie' Dragon Productions will stage Eugene O'Neill's "Anna Christie," a Pulitzer Prize-winning early work by the playwright that wrestles with alcoholism, alienation, heartbreak, mortality and the monolithic sea. Thursday-Saturday, June 16-July 2, 8 p.m. \$30 adult; \$25 senior, student. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

Monday Night Play Space: 'Dena, Freud, and Me' For a Monday Night Play Space event at the Dragon Theatre, Rick Gilbert will put on a one-man show called "Dena, Freud, and Me" — an insightful, serious and comedic journey through 77 years of growing up. June 20, 7:30-9 p.m. Pay what you will (cash at the door). Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net/activities/monday-night.html

Palo Alto Players: 'Vanya and Masha and Sonia and Spike' Palo Alto Players will stage comedy master Christopher Durang's "Vanya and Masha and Sonia and Spike," a play about family that melds indulgent melancholy, classic Chekhov themes and comic mayhem. The June 10 performance is a preview. Visit the website for specific prices and discount details. June 10-26, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$32-\$46. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.paloyayers.org

Concerts

Jazz at Filoli World-renowned jazz masters will perform on an outdoor stage surrounded by oaks during this concert series at Filoli. A ticket includes all-day admission to Filoli, snacks, drinks, beer and white wine. Boxed lunches will be available for purchase in advance, and attendees can bring their own picnic. Gates will open at 11 a.m. June 19, July 24, Aug. 7 and 21, and Sept. 11, 1:30-4 p.m. \$65 individual member; \$75 individual nonmember. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

Ragazzi Boys Chorus Send-Off Concert Before the group heads off for recording sessions and a tour this summer, the Ragazzi Boys Chorus will perform a program including pieces from African and Arabic traditions, Western classics and the choral piece "Glory" from the film "Selma." Visit the website for specific prices. June 12, 5 p.m. Prices vary. Messiah Lutheran Church, 1835 Valota Road, Redwood City. ragazzi.org

Music

Cafe Borrone All-Stars Cafe Borrone features the sounds of Dixieland jazz music by the Cafe Borrone All-Stars. June 10 and 17, 7:30-10 p.m. Free admission. Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.facebook.com/events/1580870248896887

The Entrepreneur Summer Concert Series, presented by NASDAQ Private Market The Entrepreneur Summer Concert Series will include four nights of live music, where there will also be food trucks, giveaways and more. Early arrival, carpooling and biking are encouraged, as parking is limited. Visit the website for the full schedule and more info. June 3, 10 and 24, and July 15, 5-8 p.m. Free. Menlo College, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton. www.npmconcertseries.com

Summer Concert Series: The Sun Kings The Sun Kings, a Beatles tribute band, will kick off the city of Menlo Park's 2016 Summer Concert Series. Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic blankets and dinners. There will be a space for all ages to dance. This concert is sponsored by McNair Group. June 15, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, corner of Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive, Menlo Park. www.menlopark.org/241/Special-Events

Summer Jazz: Michael O'Neill and Kenny Washington Portola Vineyards' sixth Summer Jazz season will kick things off with a performance by saxophonist Michael O'Neill and jazz vocalist Kenny Washington. The concert will take place outdoors beside the vineyard, where attendees can also taste wines and take in the striking scenery. June 12, 6-7:30 p.m. \$20 adult; \$10 child (plus ticketing fee). Portola Vineyards, 850 Los Trancos Road, Portola Valley. www.eventbrite.com/michael-oneill-kenny-washington-tickets-24270202830?ref=ebtnebtckt

Festivals & Fairs

Nativity Carnival This three-day festival will boast 14 carnival rides, game booths, a food court, a Tiki Lounge with alcoholic drink options, raffles and live entertainment daily. Visit the website for more info. Proceeds will benefit Nativity Parish. June 10, 5-11 p.m.; June 11, noon-11 p.m.; June 12, noon-6 p.m. Prices vary. Nativity Catholic School, 1250 Laurel St., Menlo Park. www.nativitycarnival.com

Talks & Lectures

Author Barbara Wilcox on Camp Fremont Author Barbara Wilcox will explore the history of Camp Fremont and Menlo Park's role during World War I. Books Inc. of Palo Alto will sell copies of Wilcox's book, "World War I Army Training by San Francisco Bay: The Story of Camp Fremont," at the event. June 11, 1-3 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, Downstairs Program Room, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. www.menlo-park.org/library

Author Kevin Kelly on 'The Inevitable' Kevin Kelly, founder of Wired Magazine, will talk about his new book "The Inevitable: Understanding the 12 Technological Forces That Will Shape Our Future," which looks at accelerating forces that will transform how humans buy, work, learn and communicate with each other. June 13, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.keplers.com/event/kevin-kelly-0

Author Walter Mosley on 'Charcoal Joe' In conversation with T. Geronimo Johnson, crime writer Walter Mosley will speak about "Charcoal Joe," a new Easy Rawlins novel that sees the detective confronted with the case of a successful Stanford University student who has been charged with the murder of a white man. June 16, 7:30 p.m. \$20 general; \$10 student; \$40 premier (plus service fees). Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.keplers.com/event/premier-event-walter-mosley

'From Pole to Pole, and 7 Continents In Between: A Travelogue' Frank and Sigrid Rainer will discuss their travels over the course of one calendar year to the North and South poles and all the world's continents. June 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, Downstairs Program Room, 800 Alma St, Menlo Park. www.menlopark.org/library

The Legendary Ty Cobb presentation During this program at the San Mateo County History Museum, reenactor Norm Coleman will portray the legendary baseball player and Atherton resident, Ty Cobb. June 11, 1-2 p.m. \$6 adult; \$4 student, senior; free for ages 5 and under. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.historysmc.org

Family

Insect Lab During this event for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, presenters will introduce the diverse world of insects and arthropods — including beetles, millipedes, tarantulas, walking sticks, whip scorpions and others — and the roles they play in the web of

life. June 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. smcl.org

Lego Club At this Portola Valley Library event, all ages will be able to use their imaginations to build with Lego blocks. Duplo building blocks will be available for younger builders. June 11, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. smcl.org

Summer Scamper The sixth annual Summer Scamper will offer 5K, 10K and kids' fun run races, all to benefit patients and families at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. Those interested can register, join or form a team, volunteer or donate on the website. June 19, 6:30-11 a.m. \$35 5K run, 5K walk; \$40 10K; \$15 kids' fun run. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. www.summerscamper.org

Toddler Early Learning This Portola Valley Library program will encourage toddlers 18 to 36 months old to listen and read through songs, stories and movement activities. Age-appropriate toys will be available for play after each session. June 7 and 14, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. smcl.org

Food & Drink

Portola Valley Farmers' Market This year-round market offers fruits, veggies, juices, berries, nuts, honey, eggs, fresh seafood, farm meat and chicken, nut butters, jams, fair-trade coffee, popcorn, bakery items, wine, pasta and Roli Roti chicken. Crafts and a knife-sharpening service are also available. 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 The Facebook Farmers Market will bring together fresh produce, local artisans, food trucks, cooking demonstrations, craft beer and wine, live music, a Kid Zone and more. The events will be open to the public. Select Saturdays, April 30-Dec. 3, 2-5 p.m. Free admission. Facebook, 1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park. www.facebook.com/facebookfarmersmarket

Lessons & Classes

ESL Evening Conversation Club Community members can practice their English conversation skills with other English language learners and volunteer facilitators during this weekly event sponsored by Project Read-Menlo Park. Wednesdays, ongoing, 5 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, Downstairs Meeting Room, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. www.menlopark.org/547/Project-Read-Menlo-Park

ESL Morning Conversation Club Community members can practice their English conversation skills with other English language learners and volunteer facilitators during this weekly event sponsored by Project Read-Menlo Park. Wednesdays, ongoing, 10:15 a.m. Free. Arrilaga Family Recreation Center, Juniper Room, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park. www.menlopark.org/547/Project-Read-Menlo-Park

Meet the iPhone free seminar Presented by Engage, this free seminar on iPhone use will teach community members how to keep information safe with password protection, adjust text and icon sizes for easier reading, take and share pictures easily, use emergency features and more. Attendees should make sure to bring their own iPhone. June 15, 1 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

Memoir Writing Class Phyllis Butler will teach a weekly class on memoir writing, helping students to capture place, space and time and their lives and loves. Taught in a comfortable group setting, the class is appropriate for those looking to write for publication or personal benefit. Tuesdays, June 7-28, 1-2:30 p.m. Four-class series: \$60 nonmember, \$55 member; \$20 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

The Pacific—Homeric Tales of a 'Peaceful Sea' Historian Michael Svanevik will teach a class telling forgotten tales about the watery wilderness of the Pacific Ocean, an arena of international competition for centuries. He will talk about extraordinary ships and the men who sailed them, explorers and empire builders, and more. Wednesdays, through June 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$45 general; \$12 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

Health & Wellness

A Matter of Balance class Little House Activity Center will offer a weekly fitness class called A Matter of Balance, an award-winning program that helps manage the risk of falls for adults and increase activity levels. Tuesdays, June 7-July 26, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

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Tai Chi in Portola Valley Tai chi instructor Ben Dineen will lead 60-minute classes for adults of all ability levels in the Redwood Grove next to the town center's Community Hall. This centuries-old Asian exercise helps to develop stronger bodies, better balance and a sharper mind, as well as to relieve stress. Wednesdays, May 25-June 29, 10-11 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Town Center, Redwood Grove, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. smcl.org

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. stanfordhealthcare.org/events/writing-your-cancer-journey.html

Teens

Boldly Bookish Tour: Jennifer Lynn Barnes, Tiffany Schmidt and Tara Altebrando Three young adult authors will come together to share their new books at Kepler's: Jennifer Lynn Barnes with "The Long Game," Tiffany Schmidt with "Break Me Like a Promise" and Tara Altebrando with "The Leaving." June 9, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.keplers.com/event/boldly-bookish-tour

Community Groups

Color Me Calm meetings This Portola Valley Library program will provide materials for adults to enjoy coloring, an activity that can produce a calming effect similar to meditation, during the lunch hour. Fridays, June 10-24, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. smcl.org



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John Martin, Menlo Park Kiwanis Club Scholarship chair (left), and **Bruce Wellings**, Kiwanis Club president (right), handed out eight scholarships totaling \$41,000 to Menlo-Atherton High School graduating seniors at the club's annual scholarship luncheon. Scholarship winners are, from left, Sharon Ontiveros Cuevas, Caroline Sobek, Ritwik Kesavath, Lesly Gopar Chavez, Ariel Sullivan, Carlos Acosta-Linares, Luis Acosta-Linares, and Orbelina Alvarado Carranza.

Kiwanis awards M-A students \$41,000 in scholarships

The Menlo Park Kiwanis Club awarded \$41,000 in eight scholarships to graduates of Menlo-Atherton High School at a May 24 lunchtime ceremony at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park.

The scholarships and their recipients, according to a club statement, are:

■ Lesly Gopar Chavez, who plans to attend the University of California at Davis and major in psychology, received the William D. Martin Memorial Scholarship.

■ Ritwik Kesavath, set to attend California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo with a major in computer engineering, received

the Damon Wedding Memorial Scholarship.

■ Caroline Sobek, who plans to major in biochemistry at the University of California at Los Angeles, received the Les Cutting Memorial Scholarship.

■ Sharon Ontiveros Cuevas plans a dual major in chemistry and either Spanish or Portuguese at the University of San Francisco.

■ Orbelina Alvarado Carranza plans to attend Canada Community College and then transfer to a four-year school to study either business administration or law.

■ Ariel Sullivan is set to attend Sewanee University of the South with a dual major in

environmental studies and Spanish.

■ Luis Acosta-Linares will attend the University of California at Berkeley, where he may major in neuroscience.

■ Carlos Acosta-Linares plans to major in pharmacy and public health at the University of California at Merced.

"It was obvious from their academic honors, community involvement and the broad range of interests each (student) has, that this year's scholarship winners are exceptional and very motivated," John Martin, the club's scholarship committee chair, said in the statement. "They will do well in college, and in life."

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Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

Exchanging trees for mansions

By Eric Butler and
Suzanne Rocca-Butler



Dr. Eric Butler and
Suzanne Rocca-Butler
are 38-year residents
of Menlo Park's
Sharon Heights
neighborhood.

GUEST OPINION

The city of Menlo Park takes great pride in declaring itself as "Tree City USA." City ordinances contain a detailed description of what constitutes a "heritage tree," many of which are present in the Sharon Heights neighborhood in which we have lived since 1978.

Many of these trees obviously started their growth decades before the development in the early 1960s when the Sharon estate became the wonderful residential neighborhood it is now. All the trees provided beauty, homesites for birds and squirrels, greater peace and quiet, and (not least in these days of threatened climate change) replacement of CO₂ with oxygen by the miracle of photosynthesis. These trees and their smaller companions have made not only Sharon Heights, but the whole of Menlo Park a more desirable place to live.

Desirability has increased the value and purchase price of a house or condominium. The replacement of older houses and apartments results in almost inevitably larger buildings. These often require a larger "footprint," the builders' term for the space needed for these MacMansions, which are changing neighborhoods, especially Sharon Heights.

We think, however, there is a second and more important effect of a larger footprint in the change of a property: the need to remove plants and trees that surrounded the older home. We became particularly aware of this when the "tear-down" demolition of a home in our neighborhood resulted in the removal of *all* the living plants and seven trees in order to provide room for a five-bedroom, five-bathroom, 6,726-square-foot house sitting on a 0.31-acre lot.

Now another house close to us and purchased by a real estate developer will be demolished to build a 4,200-square-foot, five-bedroom,

5.5-bathroom house on a one-third-acre parcel. A few days ago there was posted on the light pole in front of the latter house a notice that a heritage tree would be removed because of "structural defects," per the Menlo Park city arborist. We are not aware of a commercial

arborist being consulted to determine if the tree could be preserved by appropriate care.

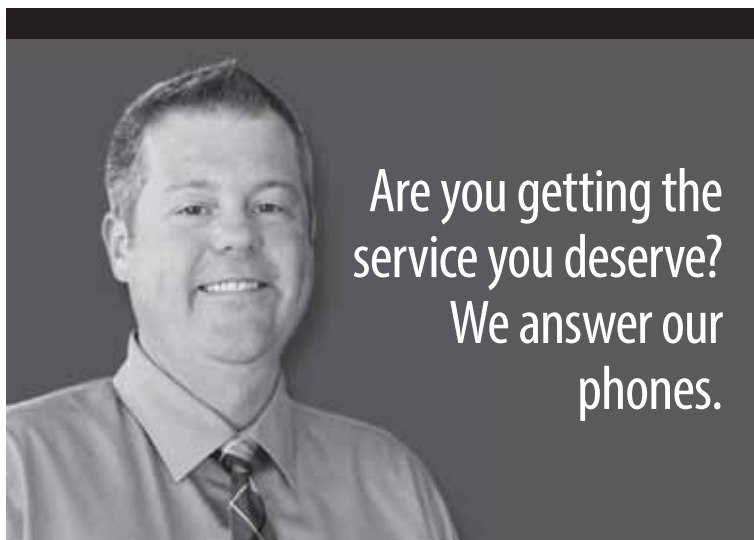
Looking into what would be involved were we to attempt to block the removal of the tree, we discovered that Menlo Park ordinances decree that the permit to remove trees is "\$135 per tree for the first three trees and \$90 for each additional tree on the property, applied for at the same time." In other words a builder (or real estate developer/speculator) could have three trees removed at a cost of \$45 per tree.

If, however, a neighbor or concerned citizen wishes to object to the removal of single or several trees, trees apparently increase in value. The city of Menlo Park clearly defines what must be done: "Any Menlo Park resident or property owner may appeal the permit decision to the Environmental Quality Commission within 15 days after the decision. A further appeal may be made to the City Council. There is an appeal fee of \$200 per appeal."

According to an email to us from the environmental programs specialist of the city, "over 98 percent of the appeals brought to the EQC are denied." It is thus more expensive to appeal a decision than to have the decision made by the arborist.

This strikes us as absurd, punitive, disproportionate, and unfair. The city ordinances and approach suggest that real estate development should make nature and beauty of lesser importance.

Certainly if Menlo Park wishes to continue to be the wonderful wooded enclave it is, a different and more preservative approach to trees is necessary.



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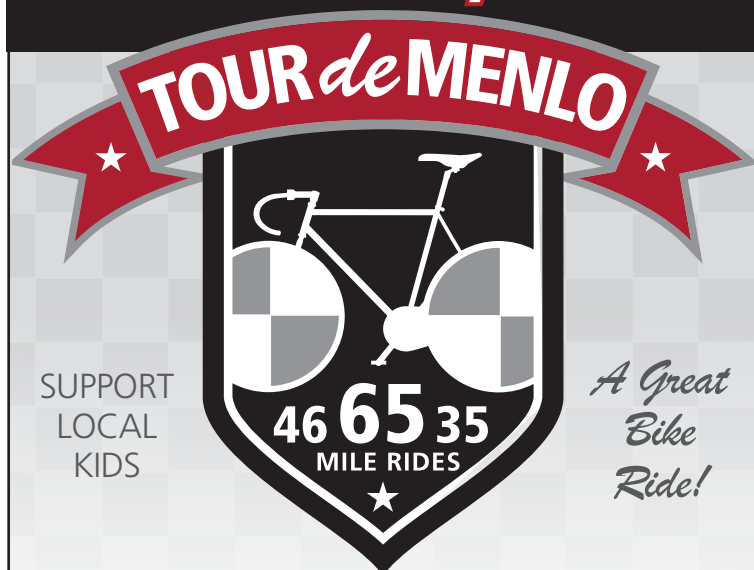
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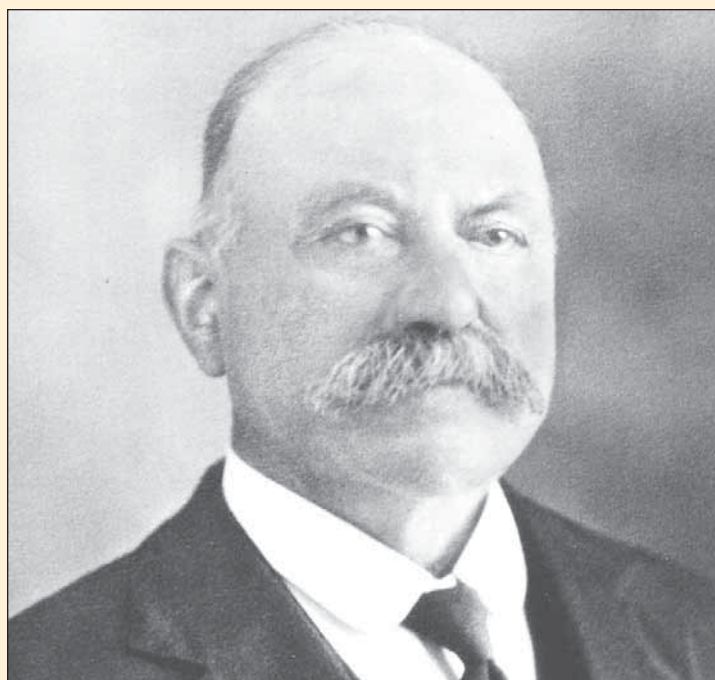
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Looking back

This portrait of Giovanni Beltramo, published in the Atheron history book "Under the Oaks" by Pamela Gullard and Nancy Lund, was taken when he was 75. Mr. Beltramo came to the United States from Asti, Italy, around 1880, and the boarding house/hotel and cafe he established on Glenwood Avenue eventually developed into the modern-day Beltramo's Wines & Spirits on El Camino Real. The family last month announced that the store would be closing.

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File No.: 269200

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Fenzi TEAM Titles FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 269157

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Registered owner(s):

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CA

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Registered owner(s):

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ALYS GRACE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 269382

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File No.: 269379

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2131 Avy Ave Rare stunning Menlo Heights End Unit townhouse w/ attached 2car garage! 3 BR 2.5 BA
Jan Strohecker CalBRE #00620365 650.325.6161



Redwood City **\$1,549,000**
3022 Whisperwave Circle Big price reduction! Waterfront views, remodeled, gorgeous. 4th BD is loft. Buy now. 4 BR 2.5 BA
Sarah Elder CalBRE #00647474 650.324.4456



Woodside **\$1,495,000**
240 Marine Rd Incredible ocean & sunset views! Dotted with mature redwoods & new deck set off of the DR. 3 BR 2.5 BA
Erika Demma/Margot Lockwood CalBRE #01230766/01017519 650.851.2666



Menlo Park **\$720,000**
2140 Santa Cruz Ave E101 Lovely unit at Menlo Commons-1st floor, quiet bldg. Updated kitchen & bathrooms. Hwd flrs. 2 BR 2 BA
Beth Leathers CalBRE #01131116 650.324.4456



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Wishing you and yours a safe, fun and memorable Fourth of July.

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