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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

ARTICLE 1 INVITATION TO BID

1.1 Notice Inviting Bids: Owner will receive sealed Bids at the **Town Hall**, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until **2:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 14th, 2016** for the following public work:

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

2016 Storm Drain Improvement Project - Rebid Various Locations in the Town of Woodside, CA

1.2 Project Description: The work will include the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary or required to rehabilitate storm drains with cured in place pipe (CIPP), grout headwalls, install new inlets, remove and install new storm drain, install new headwalls, and place rock rip rap. All work shall be completed within **90 calendar days** from Notice to Proceed.

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. Bidders may download a complete set of Bidding Documents at <http://www.woodsidetown.org/rfps> at no cost. Bidder is responsible for printing any and all of Bidding Documents.

1.4 Instructions: Bidders shall refer to Document 002113 (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.

1.5 N/A

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

1.7 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.

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

- Owner shall accept Bids only from Bidders that (along with all Subcontractors listed in Document 004330, Subcontractor List) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.
- Subject to Labor Code Sections 1771.1(c) and (d), any Bid not complying with paragraph 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 N/A

2.04 N/A

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 006290 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.

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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Atherton, Caltrain squabble over train horns

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Nerissa Dexter says that when she presented the results of her research showing Atherton could impose a quiet zone around its Fair Oaks Lane railroad crossing, where train horns can sound only in an emergency, many people believed it was just too good to be true.

“The biggest problem I encountered initially is nobody believed it,” she said. “It was too simple.”

Atherton’s quiet zone, an area a quarter-mile on each side of the Fair Oaks crossing, went into effect on Monday, June 13. The quiet zone is the first in the Caltrain corridor, and many other cities are looking to see what happens in Atherton before they try to do the same.

Residents and town employees say the quiet zone has made a huge difference in the amount of train noise.

But when, a few days after the quiet zone had gone into effect, town officials pointed out to Caltrain that some train horns were still sounding in the quiet zone, the response was not what the town wanted to hear. Loopholes in the law, Caltrain said, mean its train operators are still allowed to sound their horns in much of the quiet zone.

Is the quiet zone law actually too good to be true?

Maybe not.

The dispute

Caltrain spokeswoman Tasha Bartholomew said on June 17 that despite the quiet zone, “Caltrain engineers can still sound the horn through the Atherton station.” The station is next to the crossing inside the quiet zone.

The reason, Ms. Bartholomew said, is that “the Atherton train station includes five pedestrian crossings that require all Caltrain trains to sound horns as they transition the station.”

Caltrain also has an “operating rule” that requires train horns to sound while passing through train stations, she said.

The town begs to differ.

While Federal Railroad Administration regulations do say that if state laws require a train horn to sound at pedestrian crossings, then they may do so even in a quiet zone, the town says it

doesn’t actually have any pedestrian crossings.

A letter from City Manager George Rodericks sent to Caltrain in May said that what Caltrain, and the state Public Utility Commission, calls pedestrian crossings in the Atherton station are not actually pedestrian crossings. The station does have spots in which pedestrians cross the southbound tracks in order to board a northbound train, but

Caltrain says Atherton’s quiet zone doesn’t mean it can’t sound train horns.

pedestrians are only to cross once the northbound train is stopped in the station. Trains currently stop at the Atherton station only on weekends.

Signs say: “Please wait behind the yellow line” on the southbound side of the tracks and “Danger, not a waiting area,” between the two sets of tracks.

The boarding platform is “not an independent pedestrian crossing of the tracks,” Ms. Dexter said.

“Until we are shown, in writing how Caltrain policy ... contradicts and overrides our understanding of the applicable FRA (Federal Railroad Administration) regulations we stand by our assessment that they may use locomotive bells within the station but not sound the horn” unless there is an emergency, City Manager George Rodericks said on June 17.

If Caltrain proves correct, however, it reduces the area governed by the quiet zone down to only the quarter-mile north of the Fair Oaks crossing.

Genesis of quiet zone

For years, perhaps decades, Atherton has been trying to convince Caltrain to stop, or at least limit, the sounding of train horns as trains pass within yards of many Atherton back-yard fences, its park and its town offices, library and council chambers.

But the town has long been told that it just doesn’t meet the safety requirements for a quiet zone.

Last year, however, when members of the town’s Rail Committee, heard yet another report that the town wasn’t eligible for a quiet zone, Ms. Dexter said something just didn’t seem right to her. The report said Atherton was not eligible because of “nearby fatalities,” but, Ms. Dexter said, there had been no fatal accidents in the town’s crossings.

So she went online and starting researching the federal regula-



Photo by Michelle Le /The Almanac

Residents and those who work nearby say Atherton’s train horn quiet zone means trains, such as this northbound train passing through the Atherton station on June 17, are now much quieter.

tions on quiet zones. She spent hundreds of hours on the projects, talking to officials in other communities with quiet zones, getting answers to technical questions from experts in the field, as well as reading not only the laws governing quiet zones, but the legislation that led to their creation.

Counting Atherton’s quiet zone, there are now 47 California quiet zones, including most of Orange County and most of San Diego.

What Ms. Dexter found, she reported, first to the Rail Committee and later to the City Council, was that the quiet zone regulations are meant to make rail crossings safer. “Train horns are not meant to be a gold standard of safety,” she said. Train horns can warn people and vehicles that a train is coming, but they do not keep them off the tracks, she said.

Certain safety measures, including what are called “quad gates,” which lower four arms at a crossing so even the most determined driver can not get around

them, provide more safety than train horns, Ms. Dexter said.

Other required safety measures are already in California crossings. Devices called constant warning time circuitry sense not only when a train is coming, but its speed and distance, and automatically lower the crossing gates and set off warning bells 40 seconds in advance.

Crossings also have sensors that keep vehicles from being trapped inside the gates by keeping the crossing gates open if a vehicle is on the tracks.

The regulations are written to allow a community with the specified safety measures to declare a quiet zone that only the Federal Railroad Administration can deny. It can be as small as one crossing.

Atherton hired a consultant, R.L. Banks & Associates, to confirm Ms. Dexter’s research. Soon after, the town went ahead with the paperwork needed to declare the quiet zone around one of its two railroad crossings.

Atherton’s second crossing, at Watkins Avenue, needs further safety measures before it qualifies, and the town is currently studying installing those measures.

Local reaction

While the town and Caltrain squabble over just how quiet the quiet zone must be, local residents say they have already noticed a huge difference.

Bob Shypulski, who has lived in Atherton’s Lloyd Park neighborhood since 1992 and owns the Shypulski and Associates hair salon on Chestnut Street in Menlo Park, said the difference since the quiet zone went into effect on June 13 is “just incredible. I didn’t realize how loud the horn was,” he said.

“If we don’t need to hear the horn all the time, it’s great,” he said.

Many of his clients who live in Atherton feel the same way, he said. “Everyone’s thrilled. They can’t believe it actually got accomplished and done. We’re all happy as clams,” he said. ▀

Comments sought on general plan, Facebook expansion reports

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The public is invited to comment on the draft environmental impact reports on two major projects that could shape the future of Menlo Park: the city's general plan update and Facebook's expansion plans.

The general plan update project, also called "ConnectMenlo" would affect future land use in the M-2 area, located east of

U.S. 101 and roughly bounded by Redwood City, the Bay and East Palo Alto between.

Proposed general plan changes would allow up to 4,500 more housing units, 2.3 million more square feet of nonresidential space, and 400 more hotel rooms in the M-2 area. Those changes could increase the number of employees by 5,500.

The Facebook expansion project shows plans to knock down several buildings on the

TE Connectivity site (bounded roughly by Constitution Drive, Chilco Street and Bayfront Expressway) and build three 75-foot-tall buildings: two offices buildings totaling 962,400 square feet, a 200-room hotel occupying 174,88 square feet, and 3,533 parking spaces. (The hotel would be available to the public to book rooms, said Kyle Perata, senior planner for the city.)

Combined, the new Facebook buildings could accom-

modate about 6,550 additional employees.

A fiscal analysis shows that the project could yield annual revenues of \$1.07 million for the city of Menlo Park, \$17,400 for the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and \$717,100 for the Sequoia Unified School District.

Facebook's plans are "consistent with the current general plan," said Mr. Perata, and would fit with the uses and zoning planned in the updated general plan.

Draft environmental impact reports on one or both of the projects were due to be reviewed by the Menlo Park Planning Commission on Monday night, June 20, after the Almanac went to press.

Check AlmanacNews.com for updates.

Links and information

■ Go to tinyurl.com/watch479 to watch the meeting online.

■ Go to tinyurl.com/FBplan475 to read the staff

report on the Facebook expansion project.

■ Go to tinyurl.com/M2plan281 to read the staff report on the General Plan update.

How to comment

The deadline to submit comments on the Facebook project's draft environmental impact report is 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 11. Comments can be emailed to ktperata@menlopark.org or mailed to: City of Menlo Park, Community Development Department, Planning Division, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025.

The deadline to submit comments on the draft environmental impact report for the general plan update is 5 p.m. Friday, July 15. Comments may be emailed to connectmenlo@menlopark.org with "Menlo Park General Plan Update EIR" in the subject line, or mailed to: Deanna Chow, city of Menlo Park Planning Division, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park 94025.

Facebook to move its employee health clinic

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Rehearsing for a rock band at an employees-only health clinic? That's what Facebook plans to allow its employees to do after receiving permission from the Menlo Park Planning Commission to relocate its on-site medical and dental care center for employees to 923/925 Hamilton Ave.

Facebook acquired the property in February 2015 when it purchased the 56-acre Menlo Science and Technology Park, formerly owned by Prologis Inc.

The plan is to dedicate 19,500 square feet of the 24,000-square-foot building to medical, dental and vision services for employees. Full-time employees at Facebook, and some dependents of those employees who are over 12 years old, would be allowed to access health services there.

The clinic would run from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through

Friday and would be expected to handle about 175 patients a day, with a staff of about 30.

The other 4,500 square feet would be an open office and "employee amenities space," according to a letter to city staff from Steve Tsuruoka, senior project manager at Facebook.

The plan is to turn the "amenities space" into a music-rehearsal room for employees. It would replace another drop-in music room used for band practices, according to a memo from Robert Eckols of Fehr and Peers, which analyzed the potential traffic impacts of the project.

According to the memo, the number of vehicle trips the clinic and music-rehearsal space would create would be lower than those created by the building's previous use for research and development since most people visiting would be coming from the nearby Facebook headquarters and likely would not drive. ■

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Man fined \$212,500 for cutting down mature trees

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

An official letter to a post office box is how Woodside Town Hall will initiate seeking payment of a \$212,500 fine assessed on Rudolph Koppl for the premature felling of 22 large trees on a vacant 3.2-acre lot Mr. Koppl once owned at 205 Mountain Wood Lane, according to the town manager.

Mr. Koppl is listed as the applicant on a July 2015 application for a permit to cut down 228 of the 287 trees on the property. The permit was in process when the town learned of the downed trees: 14 bay laurels, seven coast live oaks and a madrone, according to a staff report.

The Town Council, responding on June 14 to an appeal of the penalty in a public hearing, voted 6-0, with Councilman Peter Mason absent, to impose the fine using the formula in the municipal code: \$5,000 for the first "significant" tree cut without a permit, \$7,500 for the second, and \$10,000 for each subsequent tree.

A tree's significance depends on its species. Native trees, including live oaks, bays and madrones, become significant when they measure more than 9.5 inches in diameter at 4 feet above the ground.

In past appeals over illegally cut trees — six since 2009 — the council has lowered the fine, sometimes dramatically, after hearing the applicants claim ignorance of the process. Twice in 2014 and once in 2013,

the council halved the fine. On the other three occasions, the fine was no more than 10 percent of what the code called for.

No one claimed ignorance in this case. While it's not clear when the trees were felled during the 18 months of ownership by Mr. Koppl's company, Quinta Properties LLC — the property was sold in June 2016 — Mr. Koppl, through his lawyer, admitted to taking down the trees.

"We're not here to contest the matter," Palo Alto attorney John Paul Hanna told the council. "The code was violated by the premature removal of trees."

... Our aim here is to talk about what the appropriate penalty should be.

That the permit had been applied for in July 2015 and was still in process was a consequence of the potential impact of cutting down 228 trees, according to staff. The Architectural and Site Review Board was to review the application, and it required a biological assessment, including photos and justifications for proposed actions.

In his appeal, Mr. Koppl said that "many of the live trees succumbed to Sudden Oak Death and fell on their own," a claim not substantiated in an arborist's report, according to the staff report.

Mr. Koppl also claimed a need to establish emergency access, and to remove trees "positioned ... to fall," but staff countered, in the report, that these were matters that could have been resolved in the per-

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mitting process.

Mr. Koppl did not respond to emailed requests for comment.

Mr. Hanna, accompanied at the hearing by a civil engineer and an arborist, calculated a "value" for the 22 trees of \$59,835, trees he described as in "very poor" condition in a "densely forested" area. Some had a value of less than \$1,000, he said.

The area had been replanted, Mr. Hanna added, with two maples and 58 redwood trees, including irrigation systems, at a total cost of \$25,000. Subtracting those costs from the "value" of the trees left \$34,835, an appropriate fine, he said.

Council responds

The council was having none of Mr. Hanna's argument.

"The law is the law," Councilman Tom Livermore said. "It's not about value. It's about deterrence."

"You can't ask for forgiveness rather than permission," said Councilman Chris Shaw. The fine "really does come down as a deterrent. The point is that we got 90 percent of the way there and somebody went nuts."

Councilwoman Anne Kasten said she was having a hard time excusing the actions, given that the permitting process was underway.

Councilman Dave Tanner described the situation as "one of those things that I think somebody got way ahead of themselves, way ahead. I'm all for the fine this time."

Trees are living organisms, and it's taken a long time for them to grow, he said. The felling has "completely changed

the personality" of the lot, through which he said he rides his horse. "You've taken away 30, 40, 50, 100 years of time," he said. "That lot is going to go through a huge adjustment."

In an interview, Mr. Tanner elaborated. In addition to the trees listed, which were located on a panhandle, the cutting continued in an area suitable for construction. "They clear cut a space for a house," including trees that blocked a view and trees that shielded a neigh-

bor's house, Mr. Tanner said.

"It's just like, 'How do you replace it. How do you replace 50 years? How do you replace 100 years? There are trees and they've mis-grown, OK? But they've created their own world in there,'" he said. "It needed proper planning by someone who knows what they're doing. Everybody thinks, 'Ah, it's just a damn tree. (Woodside) is all about the trees. It's all about the woods.'" ■

'It's taken a long time for the trees to grow...You've taken away 30, 40, 50, 100 years of time.'

COUNCILMAN DAVE TANNER

Catherine Theresa McDonnell

December 2, 1923 – May 24, 2016

Long time Atherton, CA resident, Catherine McDonnell, passed away peacefully in Union City, CA at Acacia Creek Retirement Community, where she lived recently with her husband of 69 years, Philip A. McDonnell. She was 92.



Catherine was born in Richmond, VA in 1923 to Fidelis Clinton and Honora Elizabeth (Hobbs) Winter. She and her twin brother Larry were the second set of twins in the family and the youngest of five children. She was raised in East Orange, NJ and was an alumna of St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg, MD as well as Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, PA where she received her degree.

In 1947, Catherine married Philip A. McDonnell of Dunmore, PA. They raised 8 children while moving several times from coast to coast as Phil's thirty-three-year career in advertising with LIFE and TIME Magazines flourished. Former residences include Smoke Rise NJ, Ridgewood NJ, Winnetka IL, and Atherton CA for 46 years.

She was a member of the Church of the Nativity in Menlo Park and Sharon Heights Country Club where she took up golf in 1967. She joined the nine-hole group and over the decades, chaired many positions as she continued to work on the game she loved.

After her children were grown, Catherine worked at two noted architectural firms in Palo Alto: Hoover & Associates and B. H. Bocook. Always generous with her time, she was a volunteer at the Allied Arts Auxiliary in Menlo Park and Stanford University Medical Center Auxiliary.

Catherine will be remembered for her remarkable intelligence, tireless work ethic, humility, and sense of humor. She led an exemplary life devoted to her family, friends and community. No family gathering was ever too large for Catherine to handle. She will be missed dearly and her family is eternally grateful for her presence in their lives.

She is survived by her husband Philip A. McDonnell, her seven children, Philip J. McDonnell (Pat) of Redwood City; Dennis McDonnell (Celeste) of Atherton; Adrienne McDonnell (Barry) of Kensington; Corinne Chavez of Danville; Kevin McDonnell of Pleasanton; David McDonnell (Ardis) of San Ramon; and Carolyn Beckwith (David) of Menlo Park. Her son Douglas Michael McDonnell preceded her in death in 2015. Relatives include 17 nieces and nephews, 13 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial celebration will be held June 25, 2016 at 12:30pm at Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club. For details friends can contact the family at: kmcd888-ctm@yahoo.com or at <http://www.catherinememorial.com>. A private family interment is planned.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her name to Chestnut Hill College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 9601 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118 or at www.chc.edu/giving.

PAID OBITUARY

Sacred Heart Schools hosts 118th commencement

Submitted by Diana Chamorow of Sacred Heart Schools.

Sacred Heart Preparatory graduated 144 students on May 27 at the 118th commencement ceremony at Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton.

The class of 2016's valedictorian, William Horvath, will enroll at Yale University in the fall. SHP's salutatorian, Liam Clancy, will attend the University of Southern California.

The recipients of the Blue Ribbons, the highest honor Sacred Heart Prep bestows upon a senior at graduation for embodying the "goals and criteria of a Sacred Heart

Education," were:

■ Goal I: A personal and active faith in God — Juliana Ayala Garcilazo, Mark Bechtel and Jacquelyn Louie.

■ Goal II: A deep respect for intellectual values — John Desler and Komal Kumar.

■ Goal III: A social awareness which impels to action — Lauren Morrissey and Jaclyn Tsiang.

■ Goal IV: The building of community as a Christian value — Joshua Lin, Brianna Roque and Sarah Spreng.

■ Goal V: Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom — Diaja Smith.

The Dark Blue Ribbons were presented to Edward Catlin,

Andrew Daschbach and Sofia Surraco for exemplifying all five goals and criteria.

Graduates from the class of 2016 will attend 70 different post-secondary institutions. Sixty-eight will attend colleges in California, 76 are enrolling in institutions out of state and 30 graduates will attend Catholic colleges.

Twenty-seven students earned recognition by the National Merit Scholarship program, 18 have committed to play collegiate athletics, and 17 members of the graduating class have been on the Sacred Heart campus for 12 or more years.

County holds vigil for Orlando shooting victims

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

‘Ellos solo querian bailar,’ said Jorge Bautista, a minister at the Congregational Church of San Mateo, speaking at a June 17 vigil held at the county center in Redwood City to mourn the 49 people who died in a shooting at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando. Translated, Mr. Bautista’s statement says, “They only wanted to dance.”

He gave remarks, along with a number of other church leaders, such as the Rev. Terri Echelbarger of the Peninsula Metropolitan Church, the Rev. Stefanie Etzbach-Dale

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THE REV. STEFANIE ETZBACH-DALE

of the Unitarian Universalist fellowship of Redwood City, and the Rev. Dr. G. Penny Nixon of the Congregational Church of San Mateo. The vigil, held at 4 p.m., was attended by at least 100 people.

“What we do with our grief means a whole lot more than what those bullets mean,” the Rev. Etzbach-Dale said.

“I’ve buried more gay men than are in this crowd,” the Rev. Dr. G. Penny Nixon said. “We don’t have the luxury to despair ... we need to put feet to our

prayers to create real and abiding change.”

Andre Camarillo, a gay 21-year-old man who recently graduated from Menlo College, said he was at first surprised when he was approached to give remarks.

“Why me?” he said he asked himself. “I’m not a legislator or activist. I’m just a gay 21-year-old first generation American Latino. And then I realized, I am Pulse.”

He had been celebrating his sister’s wedding the night of the shooting, and when he parted from his parents afterward, he said his father told him to be like Emiliano

Zapata, a figure of the Mexican Revolution. He then told his son one of Zapata’s best-known quotes, which, translated, means, “I’d rather die on my feet, than live on my knees.” Mr. Camarillo was there with two friends, Samantha Newman and Keisha Watanabe. He said they recently formed a Gay-Straight Alliance at Menlo College.

In concluding the event, Jai Africa, LGBTQ commissioner for San Mateo County, gave a list of things that people can do to



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Zoey Cronin of Redwood City and Amanda Sorenson help to light candles during a vigil held at the County Center in Redwood City to honor the 49 people who died in a mass shooting in Orlando, Florida.

stem violence and hate locally. Be kind. Be an LGBTQ ally if you are straight, heterosexual, or cisgender. Recognize power and privilege dynamics and promote equality and equity where possi-

ble. If you are a legislator, advocate for gun control. If you are a religious leader, bring people together. If you are a teacher, teach the history of LGBTQ issues and leadership. If you are a

leader or manager, hire people with diverse backgrounds and experiences and seek to serve the most vulnerable. If you are part of the LGBTQ community, be present, visible, and proud. ▣

Lawyer explains when school district can exclude public

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

After promising to involve the public in future planning, the Menlo Park City School District invited a lawyer to a board meeting June 13 to explain why the public can legally be excluded from some of those discussions.

On June 7, Superintendent Maurice Ghysels presented the school board with a proposal to involve the public in planning the future of the district.

It was something the board had promised to do in May, after two parcel taxes failed to reach the two-thirds’ voter approval threshold required for passage.

But the superintendent invited an attorney to the June 13 board meeting to explain why some new committees the superintendent wants to form to look at options for the future of the district aren’t required to be open to the public.

Deputy County Counsel Tim Fox, who serves as the district’s “in-house” attorney, came to the meeting to talk about California’s open meetings law, the Brown Act.

School boards, like city councils or planning commissions, must do their business in public — announcing meetings in advance, and making public the agendas and other documents given to the board. Limited exclusions exist for legal and personnel matters and labor negotiations.

Mr. Ghysels had proposed expanding three existing committees and adding two new ones to discuss issues including the district’s finances, its use of technology, better ways to communicate with the public, ways to attract and retain teachers and other staff, and ways to balance the budget, including with a parcel tax.

Mr. Fox said that three of those committees — the board’s existing audit and technology committees and a new board task force on employee recruitment and retention — will be governed by

the Brown Act and require public notice, agenda and document posting, and open meetings.

Two superintendent’s committees, which will look at the way the district communicates with the public and at ways to balance the budget, are not governed by the

Brown Act, Mr. Fox said. That means they don’t need to have their meetings announced and can take place in private. The difference, Mr. Fox told the board, is that a committee formed by the board, with members appointed by the board, is subject to the Brown Act. “The bottom line is this, when the board itself decides it needs an advisory body,” establishes it and sets its meeting time “the rule is the Brown Act will apply to that committee,” Mr. Fox said.

“Other advisory committees not created by the board,” he said, “don’t have to comply with the

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BOARD MEMBER TERRY THYGESEN

Brown Act.” Instead, those committees, which can include board members as long as a majority of the board isn’t on the committee, report their findings to the board at public meetings.

He also said that certain board committees, called “ad hoc advisory subcommittees” are not subject to the public meetings law if they are set up to only explore a limited subject for a limited amount of time, and have less than a quorum of board members.

Board members said having to comply with the Brown Act can be an administrative headache. “We don’t want to slow down and create a bureaucracy,” said board member Terry Thygesen. However, she said, since the findings of the superintendent’s committees will be presented at public board meetings, that work will be done in public. “The intent is to make sure everything we do, that the board is going to vote on, gets processed through public meetings with public input,” said Ms. Thygesen.

Resident Joe Giarrusso agreed. “Having committees that are all tied to the Brown Act” can lead to a process taking more time, he said.

Board members also made sure, however, that even if the superintendent’s committee meetings were not open to the public, that members of the public could serve on them.

“The reason for setting this up this way is so there can be additional engagement with the public outside of board meetings,” said Ms. Thygesen.

On topics such as how district employees are attracted, compensated and retained, “I want to make sure that we’ve got a very clear understanding about this as a board and a community, and that we’ve had community members diving deeply into this,” she said.

District resident Peter Carpenter, who said his uncle, Bud Carpenter, helped write the Brown Act, had another view. “What is legal is not necessarily what is wise,” he told the board.

“My advice to you is to not take advantage of the ad hoc committee provision,” he said. “The law sets a minimum standard. It does not prevent you from going beyond that standard.”

“The public is not your enemy,” Mr. Carpenter said. ▣

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Portola Valley home-invasion robbery rattles residents

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Little more than a year after Portola Valley's Town Council voted not to install cameras to record license plate numbers of vehicles entering and leaving the town, a recent home invasion by armed burglars is spurring residents to reconsider the choice.

Following the home-invasion robbery of an occupied home in Portola Valley, a community meeting was held for residents to talk to San Mateo County Sheriff's Office officials about the threat of burglary in their community.

On Sunday, June 12, at around 10:30 p.m., a home on Golden Oak Drive was targeted by three robbers, according to the Sheriff's Office. They entered the home with handguns and, when confronted by the home's residents, demanded valuables. The residents complied and the robbers fled.

Because the investigation is ongoing, detectives said, specific details about the case could not be disclosed.

More than 75 people came to the community meeting, some of whom said they have experienced home break-ins firsthand.

One Portola Valley woman, whose home was broken into in

2014 on the same street where the June 12 incident took place, said that after one's home is broken into, "You lose your sense of peace."

Another woman, who asked not to be named, said her Portola Valley home was broken into about two years ago while she was out at yoga for just an hour and a half in the middle of the day.

"I lost irreplaceable treasures," she said. "Now I'm considering a gate."

License plate readers

During Wednesday's meeting, rumblings in the room hinted that residents could favor installing license plate readers at three locations where vehicles enter and exit Portola Valley: Alpine, Portola and Arastradero roads. One officer suggested that the burglary on Golden Oaks could already be solved if Portola Valley had installed fixed license plate readers.

However, as recently as 2015, and with an expected cost of \$75,000, the Town Council did not support installing them. That decision came after robust discussions in Portola Valley about the desirability of license plate readers. Though there are not fixed readers in Portola Valley, patrol cars can use portable license plate readers in the town, said representatives of

the Sheriff's Office.

Craig Hughes, Portola Valley's vice mayor, said that there are unanswered questions about the technology. For instance, would a database tracking license plate entries and exits of the city be considered public data? If so, what would happen if an abusive partner filed a public information request for license plate reader data in order to track down a victim of domestic violence? How long would the town retain the license plate data? Where would such data be stored safely?

Questions

The meeting included a rapid-fire question-and-answer session. Responses came from a panel of officials, including Sheriff Greg Munks, Lt. Scott Kirkpatrick, Detective Nick Boragno, Detective Jon Sebring, Lt. Mark Kuykendall and Detective Salvador Zuno, who is public information officer for the Sheriff's Office.

Following are some of the questions and answers:

Q. Why did the home invasion not trigger "SMC Alert" (a county-wide automated alert system)?

A. The detectives said they could not yet offer an explanation.

Q. How many burglaries are there in Portola Valley? How does this number compare with other nearby areas or regions?

A. In 2015, there were nine residential burglaries in Por-

tola Valley. So far this year, there have been three, according to Lt. Kuykendall. In general, burglary is on the rise in the county, state and nation, said Detective Zuno.

Q. What do burglars tend to be after?

A. "Anything of value," said Detective Zuno. Most burglaries involve items that can be taken quickly, such as jewelry, cash, laptops or tablet computers.

Q. What can I do to protect my home?

A. Lock windows and doors and don't let strangers in the house. Other measures — such as dogs, home-alarm systems, motion-activated lights and cameras — all work to deter burglars, said Sheriff's Office officials. Even putting up signs that claim the home has an alarm system, or putting up something that looks and flashes like a camera, can work as a deterrent.

Q. What about guns?

A. People are allowed to have guns in their homes. However, it is unusual for burglars to carry guns in the jurisdiction of Portola Valley. The Sheriff's Office advises going along with any demands burglars make. "We wouldn't recommend taking (them) on in a gunfight," a deputy said.

Q. What do you know about local burglars?

A. Burglars often travel in crews of three to nine people, said Detective Sebring. In some cases burglars have been inside the home before.

Q. Why do burglars target some homes?

A. Burglars often study homes before they attempt to break in. Homes are easier targets if they have large shrubs near the house, which are good as hiding places, as well as driveways where burglars cannot be seen but can escape quickly. People who are known to have valuables in their homes, either by their occupation — perhaps as a jeweler or antique dealer — or reputation, may also be at higher risk of being targeted, detectives said.

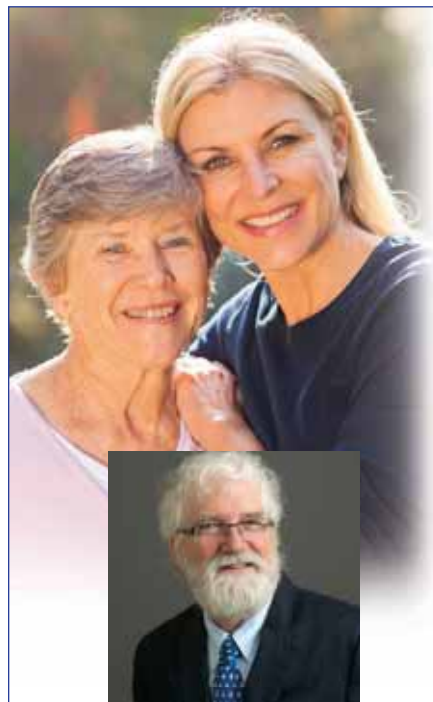
Q. Will police respond faster if I call on a cellphone or a landline?

A. It used to be that all cellphone calls went to the California Highway Patrol dispatch center, rather than the local police dispatch, creating some delay with local law enforcement services. However, that has changed, so now, unless one is on the freeway, all 911 calls go to the local dispatch. That said, residents who live near the freeway may still have their calls routed through the CHP, and so in some cases may be better using a landline. They can check by calling the Sheriff's Office non-emergency phone number at 650-363-4911. ■

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Seven locals receive Merit scholarships

One Woodside High senior, three seniors from Menlo-Atherton High, and three from Menlo School were among the 7,500 recipients nationwide of 2016 National Merit scholarships, a combined value of about \$33 million, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The recipients with connections to the local area are:

■ Alec H. Mullen, a resident of Emerald Hills in Woodside and a graduate of Woodside High with a career interest in academia, received a \$2,500 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

■ Kasey S. Love, a resident of Menlo Park and an M-A graduate with a career interest in computer science, received a National Merit scholarship from General Dynamics corporation.

■ Matthew S. Kenney, a resident of Menlo Park and an M-A graduate with a career interest in writing, received a \$2,500 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

■ Jeffrey S. Propp, a resident of Menlo Park and an M-A graduate who is undecided about a career, received a \$2,500 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

■ Shannon Shih, a resident of Mountain View and a graduate of Menlo School with a career interest in computer science, received a National Merit scholarship from Sie-

mens corporation.

■ Annie Kim, a resident of Los Altos and a Menlo School graduate with an interest in a career in medicine, received a \$2,500 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

■ Andrew C. Parker, a resident of Menlo Park and a Menlo School graduate with an interest in a law career, received a \$2,500 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Man faces prison term for burglary

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A 24-year-old Menlo Park man, nabbed by police inside a 74-year-old woman's Menlo Park home in February with \$5,000 worth of her jewelry, pleaded no contest June 15 to two counts of residential burglary.

Under a plea deal, Porfirio Cruz

Jimenez-Pimental could face a maximum of five years and four months in state prison, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney. The sentence is scheduled to be imposed Aug. 12.

On Feb. 26, the woman was in her home on Valparaiso Avenue when she saw a man walk by the side of the house, the DA said. When she heard scratching noises, she locked herself in

a room and called 911.

Police arrived within a minute and found a hole in the wood panel next to the sliding glass door. They apprehended Mr. Jimenez-Pimental in the master bedroom with \$5,000 worth of her jewelry, a small amount of methamphetamine, a drug pipe and burglar tools, the DA said.

He resisted arrest and a dog from the Sheriff's Office was used to bring him under control, prosecutors said.

Mr. Jimenez-Pimental, who has a 2013 conviction for felony drunken driving, is in custody on \$100,000 bail, the DA said. ■



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Ex-councilman sees himself as watchdog of architectural board

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Woodside resident Dave Burow left the Town Council in December but he stays active in town affairs, showing up occasionally at council meetings and regularly at meetings of the Architectural and Site Review Board.

Mr. Burow is a critic of the board, which is charged by the municipal code to advise the town's planning director and Planning Commission on whether remodeling and building plans are consistent with the town's residential design guidelines and the goal to preserve Woodside's "rural character."

The board's mission of protecting rural character includes, according to the municipal code, checking a project's character, site planning, building design and landscape elements, and its consistency with sustainability-oriented directives in the general plan.

Mr. Burow said he attends board meetings "in part because I regretted my inattention to what was really happening there when I was on the Town Council." He contends that the board's reviews result in unnecessary return trips by those planning remodeling and building projects, "which greatly increases cost and lengthens schedules."

His "inattention," he said, played out in his not closely scrutinizing board and commission candidates before voting to appoint them. Some candidates, he said, "had an extreme interpretation" of what the general plan says about preserving rural character. At future council hearings on reappointing

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This is one of two profiles of Woodside residents who recently left the Town Council but are staying involved in civic affairs. A profile of former councilman Ron Romines will appear in a future issue.

board members, Mr. Burow said, he plans to show up and provide input.

Mr. Burow would not name board members he claimed were making "extreme interpretations," but provided examples, including:

■ Arguing for a smaller main residence than the code allows "because the General Plan makes reference to reducing the intensity of development on a site and

maintaining the natural state of the land."

■ "Trying to convince applicants to build fewer structures on their lot than allowed."

■ "Trying to convince applicants to build smaller basements than they desire."

Study session

The sustainability-oriented changes added in 2012 to the general plan and residential design guidelines are not yet fully reflected in the municipal code, an issue that came up at a review board/council study session in 2014.

Review board members said that some applicants with residential projects push the town's design guidelines envelope. When asked to present conceptual designs, some applicants show up with detailed drawings prepared at considerable expense. In response to suggestions on how to better meet guidelines, some applicants return with plans unchanged.

The study session highlighted

issues, but didn't solve problems, Mr. Burow said. "People with extreme views — (such as all fences being open to wildlife and all houses looking like ranches) — thought the council should codify their views into the municipal code," he said.

The review board wears applicants down, Mr. Burow said. "It took me a long time to realize that nobody is going to complain because it took so long to get something done," he said. "I really felt bad for the people. You don't see how the applicants backed off what they really wanted to do. The nitpicking that goes on in those meetings is unbelievable," he said. "Instead of saying 'We love this,' and 'This is a great project,' they're nitpicking it to death. It'll look good but it was very painful."

Defenders of the review board point out that the municipal code charges the board with protecting the town's rural character. When board members, appointed by the council for their expertise, employ that expertise, their actions are called subjective, said a Woodside resident familiar with review board practices.

As for nitpicking, it's a matter of perspective, the resident said. Phrases such as "We love this" are not in the design guidelines, the resident said, adding: "Talk about being subjective!"

Achievements

Asked to name some satisfying accomplishments during his eight years as a councilman, Mr. Burow recalled decisions doubling the town's reserve to 30 percent of operating expenses, requiring staff to contribute to their own pensions, initiating long-term maintenance plans for bridges and culverts, and improving routes for pedestrians and cyclists. "I feel pretty good about all those things," he said.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Dave Burow looks back on his eight years on the Woodside Town Council — he retired in December — with some pride and some disappointment with himself.

Mr. Burow, 63, is retired from a business career. He has a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering from Purdue University and a master's in business from the University of Chicago. He left a marketing job at IBM to come to the Bay Area with his wife Sue Sweeney in 1979, he said.

Since 2002, Mr. Burow has held chief executive officer positions with three Silicon Valley companies, the first one at age 35. "I typically gravitated to leadership roles," he said. "I guess I've always enjoyed these situations."

He arrived as the startup culture was getting going, he said. "There were always opportunities. Anybody willing to take responsibility could have it," he

said. Silicon Valley was populated by people who'd left home and were willing to take risks, with lawyers and venture capitalists who understood the risks. "It was easier to start a company here than anywhere," he said.

Mr. Burow was new to government when he was elected in 2008, but not to the engagement of participants in the process, something he said he practiced in running companies.

"It was quite a learning experience to see how government operates at a much slower pace," he said. "After a couple of years, you figure it out. It's less efficient partially by design. When you have to hear everybody's viewpoint, it necessarily slows things down." ■

How locals voted in presidential primary

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

In the 62 precincts in the Almanac area, presidential candidate Hillary Clinton won 72 percent of the Democratic vote in the June 7 presidential primary, according to data provided by the San Mateo County Elections Office.

Of the 9,054 votes cast for Democratic candidates, Ms. Clinton received 6,521 of them. The other Democratic candidate, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, received 2,533 votes, or 28 percent, consid-

erably lower than his 39 percent take across San Mateo County.

Donald Trump, who has been unopposed in primary elections for the presidency since early May, won 58 percent of the Republican vote (1,748 of 3,040 votes) in the Almanac area. (Mr. Trump did better in San Mateo County as a whole, winning 67 percent of the Republican votes.)

Filling in the rest of the Republican field were Ohio Gov. John Kasich with 34 percent in the Almanac area, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz with 5.5 percent and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson with

2 percent. Scattered among the precincts throughout the county were votes for former Virginia Republican governor Jim Gilmore. Ms. Clinton did less well countywide, winning 60 percent of the Democratic vote, compared with 39 percent for Sen. Sanders. Five other Democratic candidates split the remaining 1 percent.

The Democratic party, in this primary election, accepted ballots from voters registered as "decline-to-state," but those voters had to request a Democratic party ballot. In the Republican primary, by contrast, only registered Republi-

cans could vote.

In Atherton, Ms. Clinton received 653 Democratic votes compared with 411 Republican votes for Mr. Trump.

Of the seven precincts in Atherton, election results show Ms. Clinton with significantly more votes than Mr. Trump in all but one: West Atherton between Atherton Avenue and the border of Redwood City, where Mr. Trump had five more votes than Ms. Clinton.

In Woodside, Ms. Clinton received 724 Democratic votes to Mr. Trump's 352 Republican votes. Ms. Clinton's vote totals were significantly higher than Mr. Trump's in all but two of Wood-

side's eight precincts, and there the margins were one or two votes.

Portola Valley voters showed strong support for Ms. Clinton, casting 904 votes compared with 245 for Mr. Trump. In all Portola Valley three precincts, Mr. Trump's totals never got past double digits.

Ms. Clinton trounced Mr. Trump in Menlo Park, with 3,939 votes to his 703. In a rough calculation, Mr. Trump did not appear to get totals that came within 25 percent of Ms. Clinton's totals in any of Menlo Park's 24 precincts.

Mr. Sanders had his best showing in Menlo Park, with 1,666 votes, which was 30 percent of the Democratic vote total. ■

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Atherton sets parcel tax at maximum rate

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Each year, Atherton's City Council members must set the rate on the parcel tax that town property owners have paid since 1978. And every year, council member Bill Widmer says, "I always hear from residents, 'Why do you need to assess this?'"

This year, however, Mr. Widmer said before casting his vote to set the parcel tax rate for the 2015-16 fiscal year at the maximum rate, not one constituent questioned the need for the tax.

That's because, he said, even though the town continues to improve its fiscal health, the parcel tax money has been wisely spent on capital projects, including repairs and improvements to the town's roads and drainage system.

"We're starting to do things," Mr. Widmer said. "They're seeing changes." The lack of communications from disaffected residents, he said "is a testament, really, as to

how we've pushed things forward and communicated as a council and a staff."

In recent years the town has approved master plans on the town's bicycle and pedestrian network, on Holbrook-Palmer Park, and on its aging drainage system. In addition, the town adopted a master plan for a new civic center.

The council voted unanimously

to set the parcel tax at its maximum rate, which varies by parcel size and use. For homes on the average Atherton lot of between a half and two acres,

the tax is \$750 per year. The tax is as low as \$225 for unimproved parcels between a quarter and half acre and as much as \$10,000 for a private club.

The tax brings the town annual revenues of \$1.86 million. Its proceeds can only be spent on the town's police services and on its roads and drainage system. The council allocated 20 percent of the tax proceeds, or \$372,000,

Council says money is needed for capital projects, including road and drainage system repairs.



Photo by Chris Bryant

Soccer champs

The Portola Valley Soccer Club, made up of 28 men over the age of 45, took the California International Soccer League championship on May 22, said Robert "Bobby" Lane of Atherton, one of the team's two goalkeepers. Most members are from Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley and Palo Alto. The team's record is 14 wins, one draw and two losses.

to the police department and 80 percent, or \$1.44 million, to capital improvement projects.

The current tax was approved in November 2013 and expires in 2018, meaning voters will need to reauthorize it for four more years next November if it is to continue. Unlike school parcel taxes, municipal parcel taxes are limited to four-year terms and must be approved in a general election.

Council members pointed out that they had put some thought into the parcel tax assessment.

"This is not a slam dunk decision to make, because we are sit-

ting on a pretty healthy reserve," Councilman Mike Lempres said. "We've got a pretty good plan to spend it over the next five years" on capital improvements, he said. "There are projects that have been approved that have been stacked up and it will be spent in the future."

Councilman Rick DeGolia said some of the projects that the parcel tax will help fund in the coming year are important ones, including bike lanes on Middlefield Road that will be used by local students, and a study of whether safety improvements to the Watkins

Avenue railroad crossing could allow it to be part of a quiet zone where train horns can't sound unless there is a hazard.

"We do have a healthy budget," Mr. DeGolia said. But the master plans approved by the council contain projects "that will have a major effect on our community."

Mayor Elizabeth Lewis said that unlike other taxes paid by Atherton residents, "every penny that the resident pays for that goes straight to us."

At tinyurl.com/TOA-P-tax there is a report on the parcel tax, including a table of all the rates. ■

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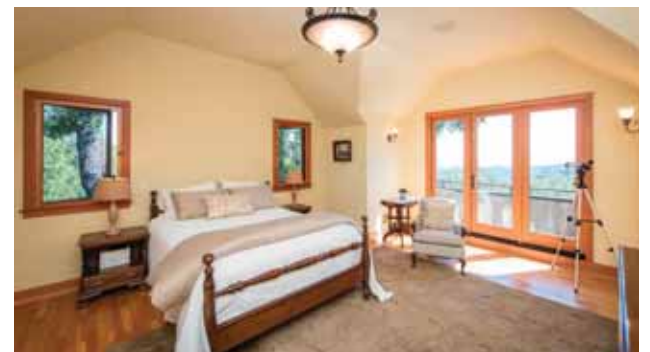
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Scott Delucchi departs for Monterey CEO post

Scott Delucchi, a former Menlo Park resident, has left his post as vice president of community relations for the Peninsula Humane Society to become chief executive officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for Monterey County.



Scott Delucchi

Mr. Delucchi, who worked for the Peninsula Humane Society for 17 years, said it's hard to leave, but the new offer is "perfect for me and my family." His last day was June 17.

Working with the humane society staff, supporters and volunteers was "an amazing experience," he said.

Michele Moyer starts July 5 as the Peninsula Humane Society's communications manager.

Getting a Lyft

Little House, with funding from the Sequoia Healthcare District, has launched what it calls a "Lyft Concierge" service.

Lyft, a ridesharing service similar to Uber, will send drivers to

BRIEFS

transport people between their homes and the Little House Activity Center at 800 Middle Avenue in Menlo Park for a flat rate of \$4 per ride.

The service will initially be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. To request a ride, call (650) 272-5040.

New playground

A new playground at the Belle Haven Youth Center, located at 100 Terminal Ave. in Menlo Park, will have a grand opening on June 29. There will be a ceremony held there followed by a reception from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Ice cream social

The Menlo Park Historical Association will host an ice cream social from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 26, outdoors next to the Menlo Park Library at 800 Alma St. in the Civic Center.

People are encouraged to bring a gently or slightly used white elephant gift to donate to a raffle. The event will be hosted by the Kavanaugh family.

Talk: 'A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage'

Jeff Chu, a former Time magazine staffer and the author of "Does Jesus Really Love Me?: A Gay Christian's



Jeff Chu

Pilgrimage in Search of God in America," has three more talks scheduled as part of Valley Presbyterian Church's Spiritual Catalysts series.

Church members say that Mr. Chu's long-scheduled visit is especially timely in the

wake of the mass shooting in a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

The talks, which are open to the public at the church, 945 Portola Road in Portola Valley, are scheduled for:

■ Wednesday, June 22, at 7 p.m.: "Intolerance, Fear and the Dignity of Humanity."

■ Sunday, June 26, at 9:15 a.m.: "Lessons Learned as a Reporter, the Challenges of Grace and Forgiveness, Part 2."

■ Sunday, June 26, at 10:45 a.m.: "Walking Together,"

Sunday Worship Services.

He gave two earlier talks in the series on June 19.

Mr. Chu, whose grandfather was a Baptist preacher, is a Bay Area native and contributing writer for Fast Company magazine. He has degrees from Princeton and the London School of Economics and has served as an elder at Old First Reformed Church in Brooklyn. He is board president of Level Ground, a not-for-profit that uses the arts to cultivate dialogue about faith, gender and sexuality.

Carlton appointed

Menlo Park City Councilwoman Catherine Carlton has been reappointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to the California Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind. She has served on the board since 2013.

App for dads

San Mateo County has

launched an app called "SMC Dads" designed to give dads information about local parenting resources.

The app has a directory of county playgrounds, basketball courts, hiking trails, skate parks and tennis courts, and a calendar of kid-friendly events nearby.

It has a jobs directory, par-

enting handbooks, and a list of resources such as emergency food pantries, lower-income housing programs, and public transportation.

The app is available for free on the Apple App and Google Play stores. A toll-free phone directory to the same resources is available at (844) 650-DADS.

Teacher arrested after physical altercation

George Karr, 42, a physical education teacher at Willow Oaks School in Menlo Park, was arrested June 10 after a physical altercation with two children, ages 10 and 11, during a baseball game, Menlo Park police reported.

He is charged with one count of felony child endangerment

and one count of misdemeanor child endangerment, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

The altercation allegedly occurred after a student disagreed with a call Mr. Karr made during the baseball game, police spokesperson Nicole Acker said.

Mr. Karr allegedly grabbed one boy by the front of the shirt and told him to "shut up." When another boy attempted to intervene, Mr. Karr allegedly grabbed him forcefully by the back of the neck, police said.

Mr. Karr, a resident of Morgan Hill, posted \$50,000 bail the day he was arrested, the DA said. He is scheduled to appear in court on July 19 at 8:30 a.m. at the San Mateo County Courthouse in Redwood City.

The school, located at 620 Willow Road in Menlo Park, is part of the Ravenswood City School District.

Grand jury report on mental health

An estimated 740 youth in San Mateo County made almost 1,000 visits to the emergency room related to mental health emergencies in 2015, according to a recent report by a San Mateo County civil grand jury.

To better help youth in mental emergencies, the grand jury recommended expanding the county's Mental Assessment and Referral Team, broadening specialized mental health training for police officers, and developing a more discreet way to dispatch 911 services than using lights and sirens.

Elected officials are required to respond to the report's findings and recommendations within 60 days and governing bodies within 90 days.

Go to tinyurl.com/teen502 to read the report.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on Wednesday evening, July 13, 2016 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the meeting room located at the District's offices, located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA the District Board will conduct a Public Hearing to hear and consider all protests and objections, if any, to the report.

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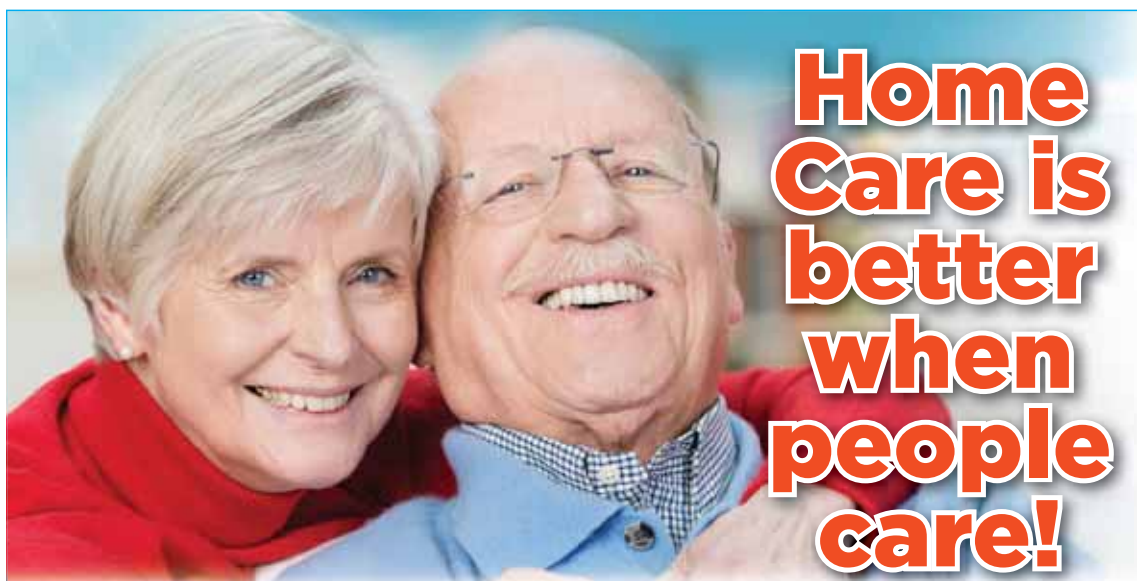




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Party time

Top: Children dance at sunset in Fremont Park at the June 15 downtown block party hosted by the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce. Above: Getting immersed in virtual reality.



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WOODSIDE

Residential burglary: A resident of Somerset Place told deputies that someone had entered his guest house by prying off a screen from a window and had rummaged through the house without taking anything. June 5.

WEST MENLO PARK

Thefts:

■ Someone stole a fender and screws from a stereo system amplifier of a vehicle parked at Perry Lane and Vine Street. June 1.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglaries: Thieves got away with three bikes stolen from apartment parking areas on Evelyn Street, Merrill Street and the 1600 block of El Camino Real. Estimated losses: \$750, \$600 and \$400. June 13 and 16.

Auto burglary: Someone broke into a locked vehicle parked on Monte Rosa Drive by means unknown and stole the registration and insurance cards. June 16.

Thefts:

■ Police found no signs of forced entry in a case of theft of a laptop and a tablet computer from a vehicle parked on Laurel Street. Estimated loss: \$1,700. June 13.

■ Someone stole a bicycle from an apartment carport on Roble Avenue. Estimated loss: \$1,100. June 13.

■ A laptop computer was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked at Laurel

Street and Burgess Drive. Estimated loss: \$1,000. June 16.

■ Someone stole a bicycle from an apartment carport on Evelyn Street. Estimated loss: \$399. June 11.

■ Two women allegedly stole several packs of nasal spray from the CVS pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real. The women fled the scene in a late model blue Mazda SUV. Estimated loss: \$386. June 14.

■ Two child-sized bicycles were stolen from an apartment complex carport on Live Oak Avenue. Estimated loss: \$350. June 10.

■ A man left a pair of sunglasses on the counter at a UPS center on Adams Court in the Willows neighborhood and found the glasses gone when he returned to retrieve them. Estimated loss: \$300. June 16.

■ A man allegedly walked into Beverages and More (BevMo) and walked out with a bottle of Jameson Irish Whiskey that he hadn't paid for. Estimated loss: \$30. June 13.

Fraud: A woman living on College Avenue sent \$10,000 in cash via Fed Ex to someone claiming to be her granddaughter and saying she needed the money to get out of jail. A conversation with her actual granddaughter a couple of weeks later proved the incident to have been a scam. June 15.

Traffic accident: As she was making a left turn from Coleman Avenue while traveling north, a woman driving a silver Subaru collided with a man on a bicycle heading south on Coleman. The cyclist said he would seek medical treatment on his own for non-life-threatening minor injuries. June 15.

■ CALENDAR

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

Community Events

Menlo Park July Fourth Parade and Celebration Parade starts at 11:45 a.m. on Chestnut Street next to Wells Fargo and proceeds to Burgess Park, where there will be jump houses, giant slides, games, crafts, face painting, rock walls, laser tag. July 4, 11:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Free admission; \$7 wristband for some activities. Downtown Menlo Park and Burgess Park, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. www.menlopark.org

Menlo Park concerts in the park William Russ Jr., a soul performer, June 22. Cocktail Monkeys, pop/disco group, June 29, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive, Menlo Park.

Theater

Dragon Productions: Eugene O'Neill's 'Anna Christie' June 16-July 3, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$30 adult; \$25 senior, student. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net/box-office/2016tickets/annachristie.html

Palo Alto Players: 'Vanya and Masha and Sonia and Spike' See website for 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.paloyplayers.org

Concerts

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Talks & Lectures

Dr. Eric Shapira on '8 Sacred Principles of Healthy Aging' June 23, 1:30 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

USGS Lecture Lisamarie Windham-Myers, U.S. Geological Survey research ecologist, gives free nontechnical lecture, "Mercury and Rice in the California Delta; Lessons Linking Wetlands to Water to Wildlife." June 30, 7-8 p.m. Free. U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/

Family

American Radio Relay League Field Day Organized by Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, this emergency communications exercise will presume a disruption to electric power and communications systems and ask participants to set up two-way radio stations. Event open to those as young as 5. June 25, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; June 26, 7-11 a.m. Free. Bedwell Bayfront Park, 1600 Marsh Road, Menlo Park. paara.org/pages/fieldday.html

Old-Fashioned Fourth Children hand-crank ice cream, make Independence Day crafts. Starting at 1 p.m., adults can view vintage films of San Francisco Peninsula from museum's archives. July 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$2 student, senior; \$3 adult; free for children under age 5. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.historysmc.org

Et Alia

Every Four Years— The Great American Circus Historian Michael Svanevik offers course on quadrennial ritual of choosing American president. Wednesdays, June 22-Aug. 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$53 member, nonmember; \$12 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

Planting Succulents- A Gardener's Dream Master Gardeners of San Mateo County lead afternoon workshop on succulents, known for their drought resistance, vibrant colors and ease of maintenance. June 29, 1 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

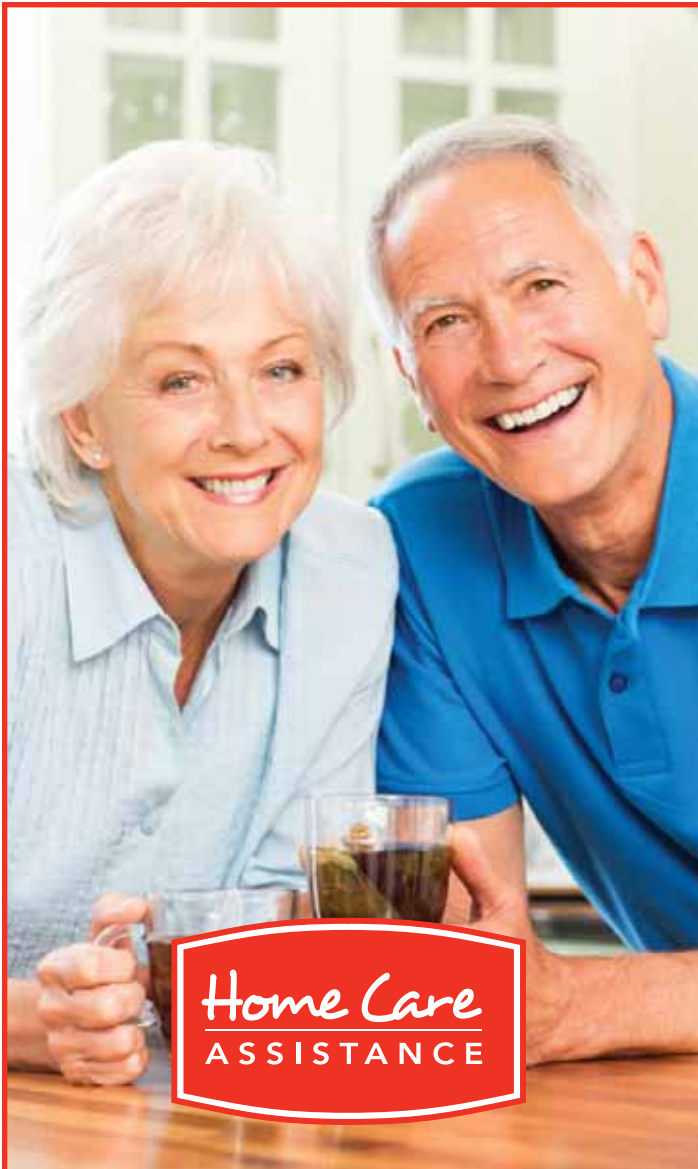


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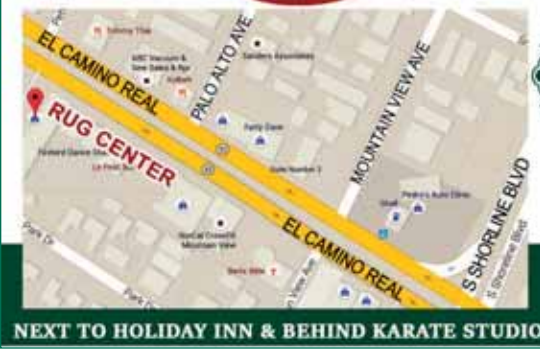
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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File No.: 269382
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Registered owner(s):
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130 Tuscaloosa Avenue
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California
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 23, 2016.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 269379
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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13851 Campo Vista Ln.
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022
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Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 269391
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Registered owner(s):
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Menlo Park, CA 94025
California
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 24, 2016.
(ALM June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2016)

Kirsten Cooper, LAC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 269623
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Kirsten Cooper, LAC, located at 214 De Anza Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
KIRSTEN ALENA COOPER
1119 Colorado Ave.
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF
MARDELL G. PINCKNEY
Proceeding #127072

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN MATEO COUNTY
Southern Branch - Probate Division

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 400 County Center, Redwood City, California 94063, and mail a copy to Richard H. Dwiggins, as trustee of the trust dated June 21, 2001, wherein the decedent was the trustor, at 275 Atherton Avenue, Atherton, California 94027, within the later of four months after the date of first publication of notice to creditors, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 60 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

/s/
Richard H. Dwiggins,
Trustee
2600 El Camino Real,
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(ALM June 15, 22, 29, 2016)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
JOANN FERGUSON
CASE NO. 127058
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JOANN FERGUSON A Petition for Probate has been filed by Joseph Domenick Montalbo in the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo.
The Petition for Probate requests that Joseph Domenick Montalbo be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court

approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 7/12/2016 at 9am in Dept. 28 located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063, Probate Division.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date

of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: Kristin R. Wu, 550 Hamilton Ave., Ste. 100, Palo Alto, CA 94301, Telephone: (650) 321-5005 6/22, 6/29, 7/6/16
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