

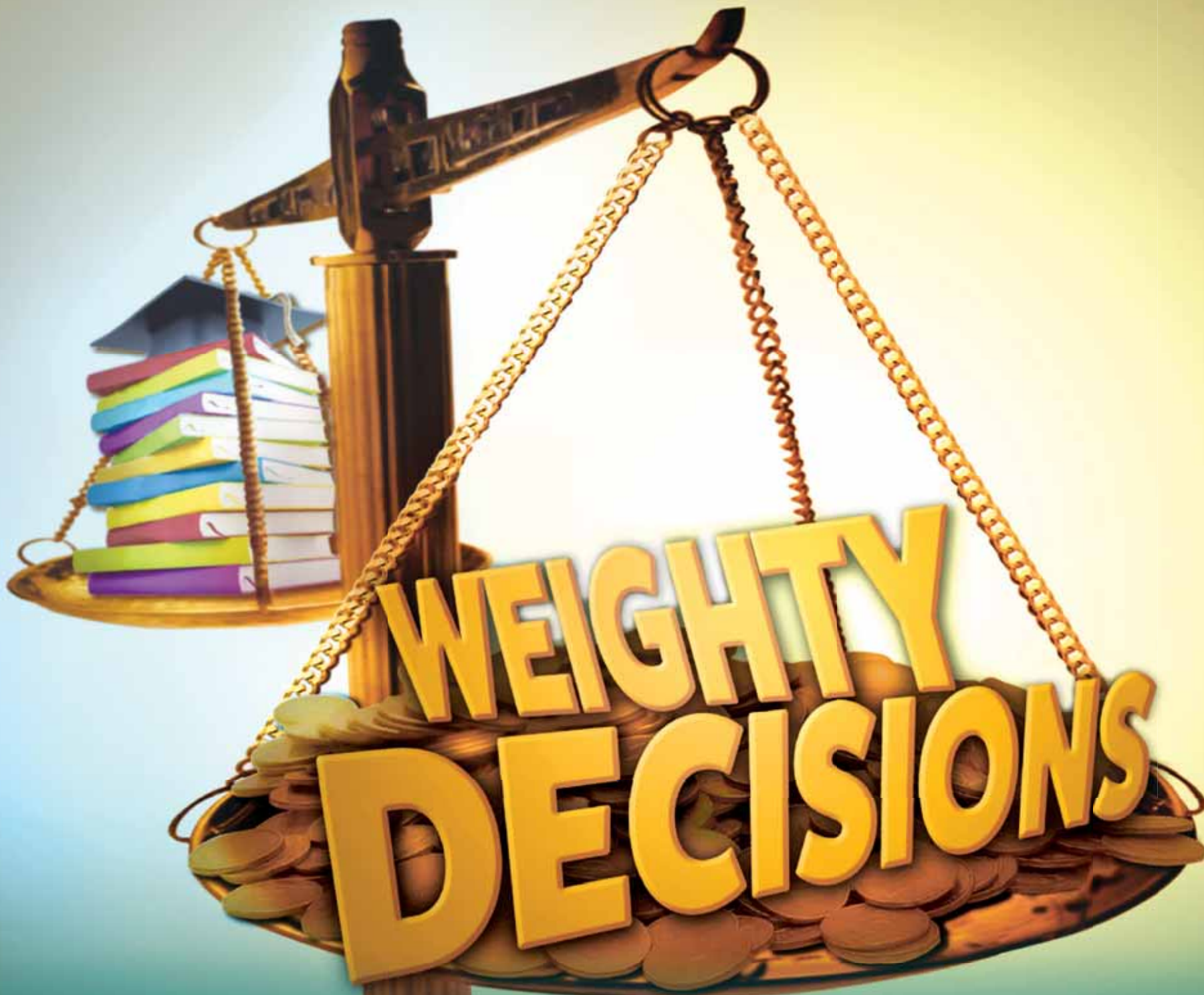
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2:00 PM Friday October 21, 2016

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2:00 PM Thursday October 13, 2016

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Four run for two school board seats

New board members will face difficult financial decisions

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

In May, voters in the Menlo Park City School District failed to approve two parcel tax measures the district said were needed to balance its budget. Now voters have the opportunity to choose two new members of the district's five-member governing board, which faces difficult decisions about the district's future.

Five candidates filed to run for the two board seats that opened up when incumbents Jeff Child and Maria Hilton decided not to run again. On Sept. 23, however, candidate Scott Hinshaw announced that for personal reasons he is withdrawing from the race. His name will appear on the ballot, but he said he cannot serve if he is elected.

That leaves four candidates for the two four-year terms: Alka Gupta, Caroline Lucas, David Ackerman and Scott Saywell.

Here is information about each candidate:

Alka Gupta

Ms. Gupta grew up in Bowling Green, Ohio, daughter of immigrants and educators who taught her that "anybody can take anything from you, but no one can ever take your education from you," and that "knowledge is power," she said.

That background gives her "a sense of passion and commitment," toward education and the job of serving on the school board, she said.

In addition, Ms. Gupta said, she thinks she has a unique base of experience for the job. Her experience as a board member and co-president of the Menlo-Atherton Education Foundation gives her knowledge about the district, schools and community while her business background gives her experience in applying "fiscal rigor, an understanding of complex organizations and experience in customer engagement (which translates to community relations in the district)."

Ms. Gupta said decisions on



Alka Gupta

Age: 46

Civic, volunteer activities: Past board member, Saheli, aiding victims of domestic abuse; early adviser, Pratham Boston, underprivileged children's education in India; past board member, South Asian Leaders of Tomorrow; past chair, TIE mentor program for entrepreneurs.

Involvement in school district: Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation board member, co-president.

Education: B.S., Case Western Reserve University; MBA, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Work: 20 years in consumer internet, payments, and commerce as a business strategist and operator at eBay, Lycos, and startups.

Lived in area: 10 years.

Family: 9-year-old son and husband, who works at Cisco.

Website: www.alkagupta.org

how to balance the district's budget need to be "data-driven," and the process needs to be transparent.

She said that if district enrollment continues to grow, as is projected, that "something else will have to give." Increasing revenue, with a parcel tax, will probably be important to preserving the district's educational quality. "I think teacher quality is important," she said. "I think teacher quality is supported by salary."

However, the timing of the recent pay increases and bonus given to district employees is "very unfortunate and not ideal," she said.

"In general, I support adjusting salaries to align with the cost of living index. I look forward to working through budgetary trade-offs with the larger community and staff," she said.

Caroline Lucas

Ms. Lucas, who has been a public critic of some of the district's actions, said as a board member she would push to get the public more actively engaged in board decisions before they are made, not after the fact.

"If I'm elected I'm going to ask



Caroline Lucas

Age: 49

Civic, volunteer activities: Girl Scout leader and current volunteer; Spanish translator in medical clinics, Ravenswood City School District classroom volunteer.

Involvement in school district: Hillview Middle School: Co-founder, service club, volunteer Character Education Program; charter member, MPCSD Project Cornerstone Asset Development Team.

Education: Doctorate, educational leadership, University of Southern California; master's in education and Spanish, plus multiple subject teaching credentials, UCLA; bachelor's, Santa Clara University.

Work: 27 years as a public educator as a teacher and teacher coach in school districts and the New Teacher Center.

Lived in area: Menlo Park, 17 years; husband's family here since the 1860s.

Family: Two children at Menlo-Atherton High School and husband who all attended MPCSD schools and M-A.

the public what they want," she said, suggesting posting videos of meetings, holding more town hall meetings and using more interactive surveys.

"It's kind of shifting from dictation to the public, to cooperation with the public," she said. "What would it be like to ask — to really hear?" she asked.

With regard to putting another parcel tax measure on the ballot, she said: "I would need to feel like the public endorsed" whatever is put forward. "It's not really about what I want," she said. "If elected I'm there to represent in the true sense what the voters want."

Ms. Lucas said there are "creative ways" to decrease the district's spending without inflating class sizes, such as having classes in music or art less often. "Our means may force us to make some choices," she said. "It may mean class sizes go up a little bit."

She also said that the teachers' compensation package needs to be looked at. She recently worked two years in the Portola Valley School District, where teachers only get raises if they can show they have met perfor-



David Ackerman

Age: 70

Civic, volunteer activities: For 15 years as a Menlo Park district principal, involved in almost all school-related Oak Knoll and district-sponsored community activities.

Involvement in school district: Principal, Encinal School, 2000 to 2002; principal, Oak Knoll School, 2002-2015; served on major planning and problem solving district-level committees and chaired and led school-level committees.

Education: Master's degree in education (15 as teacher and 30 as principal in four states and diverse schools and communities).

Work background: 45 years in education

(15 as teacher and 30 as principal in four states and diverse schools and communities).

Lived in area: San Mateo County, 15 years; Menlo Park, since February 2016.

Family: Three children (two are teachers) and seven grandchildren. Partner is a librarian in the school district.

Website: None.

mance standards. "I taught in a pay for performance district — and I loved it," she said. Salary "is not the only factor" in attracting teachers," she said.

Ms. Lucas said that she disagrees with the timing of recent district salary increases and bonuses. "Perhaps postponing a vote on the increases until a fiscally responsible five-year budget was in place, in addition to providing more long-term security for the teachers, would have built some good will and support with the citizens," she said. "Their support is needed to establish long-term financial stability."

David Ackerman

Mr. Ackerman said he was inspired to run for the school board after the parcel taxes failed in May. He was "stunned" by the loss, he said.

"I thought I had a lot to offer," he said, including knowledge of how schools run and how principals and teachers think, and about the district community.

"I think there's a lack of inspiration in terms of leadership of the school district," he said. "I think there needs to be a refocus



Scott Saywell

Age: 43

Civic, volunteer activities: Coach, AMA softball.

Involvement in school district: President, Laurel School Site Council; member, extended Visioning Committee for Laurel School; classroom volunteer; STEAM Fair volunteer.

Education: Phillips Brooks elementary school, Menlo School; Bachelor's degree, physiological science, UCLA; MBA, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University.

Work: Biotechnology professional with 20 years of experience in business development, marketing, and operations.

Lived in area: Grew up in Menlo Park, lived in the Willows for past 12 years.

Family: Two children in kindergarten and second grade at Laurel School. Wife Marianne Cooper, who grew up in Lindenwood and attended Laurel, Encinal, and Menlo-Atherton.

on what it's all about," which is students and teachers, he said.

What the community needs to know to support the schools is more than facts and figures about the budget, he said. "I think that's only part of the story. The other part is emotion and inspiration," he said.

"What are our dreams for our kids — what is our dream for our community?" he asked. "I think that part was entirely missing from the parcel tax campaign."

Mr. Ackerman said he has been asked if he would have a conflict of interest in negotiating compensation for district staff, since his partner is a district librarian.

It turns out, however, that the California Fair Political Practices Commission says that a public official does not need to recuse himself from a decision that affects the compensation of himself or a relative as long as the change affects a whole class of people, not just the specific employee.

Mr. Ackerman said that while he would have voted to give the

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Atherton city manager, police get pay hikes

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Police officers and City Manager George Rodericks are getting pay raises. The contract with the Atherton Police Officers Association, approved by the City Council on Sept. 21, gives officers raises totaling 11.5 percent over the next three years, but asks officers to pay part of the town's retirement contributions in exchange. The contract had already been ratified by the association.

The previous three-year-contract included no annual raises.

With the savings in pension contributions offset by the raises, the contract is expected to cost the town \$250,925 over its three-year life. The average raise in salary and benefits for officers is a little more than \$3,000 a year.

Police dispatchers will receive larger average raises, a little

less than \$4,300 in salary and benefits each year, after a salary survey found they were being paid 8 percent less than other surveyed dispatchers.

City Manager George Rodericks also received a raise, bringing him to a base salary of \$209,725 a year, plus an annual \$4,800 auto allowance and an annual \$3,000 technology allowance. His contract calls for a midterm evaluation in January, after which he could be awarded a bonus of up to \$15,000.

Mr. Rodericks' base salary was \$160,000 when he was hired in October 2012, when he was expected to take advantage of free housing in Holbrook-Palmer Park. He was given a raise to \$190,000 the following July when he said he could not move to Atherton for personal reasons.

Both votes were unanimous with council member Bill Widmer abstaining because he was not present for earlier discussions of the contracts. ■

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district's employees the recent salary increases and bonus they were given, he questions some of the district's negotiating tactics, including that the district was negotiating the 2015-16 contract after the school year had already ended. He said the fact that the district has a high level of reserves also puts it at a disadvantage when negotiating.

However, he said, "we cannot expect our teachers to love, protect, and educate our children and grandchildren and then ask that they bear the burden of balancing the districts' budget by sacrificing their own family's financial well-being."

Scott Saywell

Mr. Saywell, who grew up in Menlo Park, said he thinks the quality of its school districts "are a big reason why the community is what it is," and he would like that to continue. "I want to keep it good, and I want to keep it on the trajectory that it's at."

His involvement in the schools has given him "a great perspective into how the school operates," he said.

He also plans to be around for a long time. "We plan this to be our home forever," he said. "I think that gives me a vested interest."

He said he felt that serving on the board "is something that I would really enjoy doing that is really important to me

(and) that would benefit the community."

Mr. Saywell said his perspective is that the board in making its decisions should keep in mind their effects on students. "I view this as we're providing a product to our customers," he said, and "our customers are the kids."

"To me," he said, "it's all about ... providing the best possible environment for our kids to succeed."

Passing a new parcel tax measure is vital, he said. "I don't see a whole lot of excess spending going on," he said. Passing a new parcel tax measure needs to happen in partnership with the broader community — not just the school community, he added.

"I think there's a perception of a lack of transparency and clear communication," he said. Residents need to know the results of spending their money. "There's no dialogue like that with the community," he said.

"I will support working together with the community to come up with a solution that will work for everybody."

Mr. Saywell said he agrees with the board's action on salary increases. "Increasing salaries by 2.5 percent barely maintains pay in an area with a high and rising cost of living," he said. "I see the school board's modest increase in employee pay for 2014-2017 as an action that any organization in this area should take if it wants to retain top talent in a competitive labor market." ■

Voters asked to extend county's 1/2-cent sales tax by 20 years

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

It's costly for people with average incomes to live in San Mateo County. The median price for a single-family home is \$1.25 million, a price out of reach for a three-person household earning the median income of \$108,000, according to the annual Indicators Report from the nonprofit Sustainable San Mateo County.

The report shows that home building has not been a priority. Of the county's 20 incorporated communities, 15 (or 75 percent) built fewer than 50 percent of homes planned for in a seven-year regional projection that ended in 2013. The projection for 2014 to 2022 shows a need for 16,418 new homes, with 9,851 of them (60 percent) affordable for people with incomes of less than \$86,500.

On the Nov. 8 ballot, Measure K would extend by 20 years the 10-year half-cent sales tax (Measure A) passed by voters in 2013. The ballot includes a list of priorities for how to spend the estimated \$85 million a year in revenues from the tax, starting with housing for "seniors, people with disabilities, veterans and families." Other priorities include enhancing public transit, combating human trafficking, addressing sea level rise, and maintaining safe schools and neighborhoods.

While most tax measures require the approval of a two-thirds majority of voters to pass, Measure K needs only a simple majority, or just over 50 percent, because the revenues are not earmarked for a specific purpose.

Measure K's focus on housing, sea level rise, etc., would add to the proposed spending for Measure A, including improving student reading skills, preventing child abuse, keeping county parks open and maintaining adequate staff in the county jail.

By July 2017, Measure A will have added \$322 million to the county's general fund, according to the county manager's office. The county spent \$104.6 million of these revenues so far and has allocated \$178.3 million for the current budget.

Measure A spending includes \$15 million for public transport for the disabled; \$14 million for technology infrastructure; \$12.5 million in North Fair Oaks to put utilities underground, add street lights and make other changes to improve the neigh-

borhood; \$2.1 million for new fire engines; \$1.7 million for homeless shelter operations in East Palo Alto; \$900,000 on summer school reading programs; and \$307,000 on housing for farm laborers.

A compelling issue?

In San Mateo County, between 2010 and 2014, businesses created 55,000 new jobs and developers built just 2,100 new housing units, Supervisor Don Horsley said. "We have a housing crisis now that has been developing over the past several years," he said.

"The business community (is) telling us that it is becoming difficult to recruit and retain employees because of the lack of housing," Mr. Horsley said. "In the county government, we are having trouble recruiting deputy sheriffs, doctors and nurses. School districts are having trouble recruiting and retaining teachers."

"You can walk up and down just about any main street in this county and you will see 'help wanted' adds for our service industry," he said. "That is why we are asking voters to join with us and help provide resources to address the housing crisis. ... Delaying dealing with it only makes the problem worse."

Opponents of Measure K aren't buying it. "If housing is as compelling as (Mr. Horsley) says it is, what the county should have done was to put a bond measure specifically for housing on the ballot. If you're going to do this, do it right," said Matt Grocutt, a San Carlos City Councilman and chair of the "Committee to Stop K, Why Now?"

"In trying to pull people's heart strings and get people to pass this measure, they're saying 'affordable housing, affordable housing, affordable housing,'" Mr. Grocutt said. "They're essentially making this about affordable housing."

Supervisors in Santa Clara and Alameda counties are proposing bond measures. Voters this November could authorize the counties to fund housing by borrowing up to \$950 million and \$580 million, respectively. Such measures raise taxes based on a property's assessed value and require a two-thirds majority to pass.

San Mateo County supervisors considered a bond measure, Mr. Horsley said. The county asked the Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California to test voter support for a \$500 million measure, he said.

The result: 63 percent approval, short of the necessary two-thirds majority.

The county itself polled voters on measures of \$350 million and \$300 million and got the same result, Mr. Horsley said. But support for extending Measure A came back with a 71 percent score, he said.

With a 27-year income from Measure K, the county might arrange lease revenue bonds to build affordable housing, as was done to build the new jail and a juvenile hall, Mr. Horsley said.

But County Counsel John Beiers noted that while projects for "core county facilities" are common in the bond market, affordable housing may not be in the same category. "Whether a similar financing structure is feasible for affordable housing is a complex issue," he said in an email, "and the County would need to work with bond counsel and its financial consultants if the measure passes and the County ultimately decides to explore it."

It's also possible, Mr. Beiers said, that Measure K revenues may go to support affordable housing in ways not involving construction. But, he added, "such decisions will not be made unless the voters have first approved the measure."

The board could pursue public/private partnerships with developers, Mr. Horsley said, adding that the county is considering a \$200,000 loan to Peninsula Open Space Trust and Blue Horse Farm to buy two mobile homes for farm labor housing.

'Sucking up the oxygen'

Opponents argue that with seven years yet to run on Measure A, it doesn't make sense to extend the tax now.

State Sen. Jerry Hill, whose district includes all of San Mateo County, acknowledges the importance of the problem. "I think affordable housing needs to be addressed," he said, but added that Measure K "is not a specific tax for a specific item. How much is going to go to affordable housing?"

"My concern is more the temporary nature of the (tax) turning permanent," Sen. Hill said. "We also know that sales taxes are regressive," he said. "We might be helping some, but we're hurting others."

Asked to comment, Mr. Horsley noted that the people helped by these measures are spending most of their money on rent

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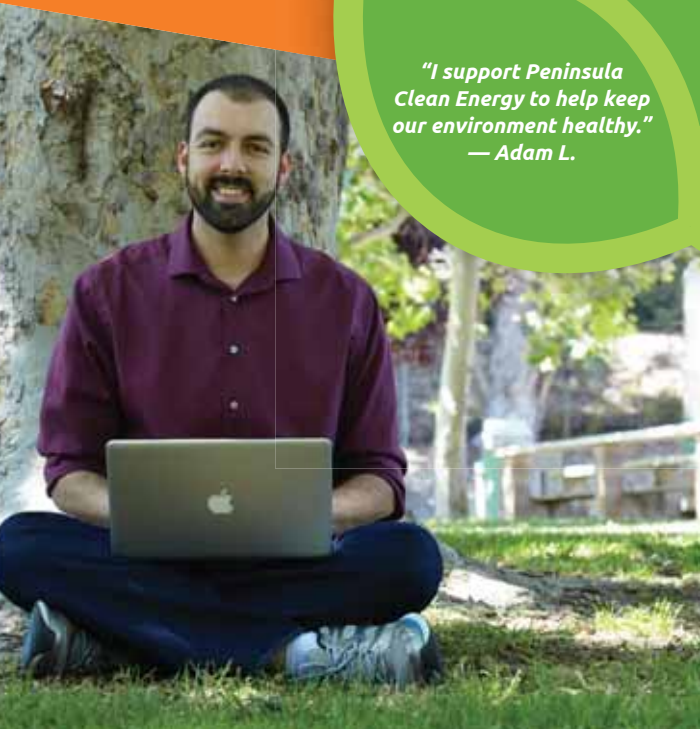
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Facebook expansion step clears Planning Commission

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

Up next: Facebook's got a date with the Menlo Park City Council.

On Sept. 26, the first phase of the company's expansion project cleared the penultimate hurdle when it earned the unanimous support of the Planning Commission. The commission voted 5-0 to recommend that the City Council approve various agreements needed for the project to move forward. The council will get the final say in the project's approval.

Facebook proposes to build two new office buildings and a hotel on the site of old industrial buildings at 300-309 Constitution Drive in eastern Menlo Park, several of which have already been demolished. The new office buildings would be connected to each other and to Building 20, Facebook's large office building that runs along Bayfront Expressway between Willow Road and Constitution Drive.

The new buildings would provide up to 962,400 square feet of office space, and the hotel, up to 200 rooms. Only approval of the designs for the first office building are currently being sought; the second phase of the project, which includes the second office building and the hotel, will require another visit to the Planning Commission.

"With this (development agreement) we've made a good faith effort to take the feedback and concerns in the commu-

nity, translate that into tangible investments to help solve some of our regional challenges," said Fergus O'Shea, Facebook's director of campus facilities. "We believe this package is robust in addressing serious issues related to transportation and housing while producing jobs and revenue important to our local economy and city services, all under the umbrella of complying with the existing general plan."

Rose Bickerstaff, a Belle Haven resident, pointed out that Facebook is not the only tech company in the Bay Area that generates a lot of commuters. Facebook said it plans to abide by a restrictive cap on the number of car and vehicle trips allowed there each day, especially during top commuting hours.

Representatives from Bay Area environmental groups Menlo Spark and Sustainable Silicon Valley praised Facebook's plans to build its own recycled water system at the new office buildings, which would repurpose sewage wastewater to irrigate the site's extensive proposed landscaping.

They also said they liked that Facebook plans to install solar panels to generate its own energy.

Those who have benefited from Facebook's philanthropic work voice support for Facebook when the company is seeking project approvals, and the Sept. 26 meeting was no exception.



Photo by Kate Bradshaw/The Almanac.

Facebook expansion project architect Craig Webb of Gehry Partners LLP discusses the project before the Menlo Park Planning Commission.

A number of JobTrain students and first-generation college students who have received scholarships funded by Facebook voiced their gratitude for the company's funding of local nonprofits.

One concern raised was the potential displacement of local residents, especially low-income people, due to the addition of an estimated 6,500 new Facebook employees.

As part of the development agreement the City Council has approved, Facebook will have to plan and design 1,500 housing units on its nearby property, but the company cannot be mandated to actually build those units.

The housing can't be built until the city rezones property in the area, a step expected to happen when the city approves its general plan update, currently underway. Facebook also will have to pay the costs for or build 20 housing units, and has agreed to subsidize rental costs for 22 apartments for local teachers, public safety officers or nonprofit workers.

Planning Commissioner John Onken said he didn't think the steps would make a "hoot of difference on the housing situation in Menlo Park," adding he thought they were "welcome but stop-gap measures."

Ultimately, commissioners agreed that while there were

some concerns — such as whether the project would foster the displacement of local residents, and how the company's busing system might be affected by shifting bus-stop policies in San Francisco — the project met their requirements to recommend that the council approve it.

Citing Facebook's commitments to mitigating environmental and transportation impacts, Planning Commissioner Henry Riggs said he doesn't have a problem approving the project.

"It takes a special entity to execute on a project like this," said Commissioner Andrew Barnes. "On balance, I support it." ■

Meet candidates for Menlo council

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ BRIEFS

Candidates for two seats on the Menlo Park City Council will participate in an election forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, in the council chamber at the Civic Center, 701 Laurel St. in Menlo Park.

Incumbents Catherine Carlton and Ray Mueller and challenger Cecilia Taylor are competing for four-year terms on the five-member council.

The forum will be moderated by a representative of the League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County, according to league president Ellen Hope. The public is invited to submit written questions to be read by the representative.

The event will be recorded by MidPen Media Center and will be broadcast following the event

and available at midpenmedia.org and lwvssmc.org.

K9 fundraiser

A "Paws for Paws" walk through Burgess Park, a fundraiser for the Menlo Park Police Foundation and the Police Department's K9 unit, will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Burgess Park is in the Civic Center at 701 Laurel St. in Menlo Park.

Those with dogs are invited to the event, which will have gifts, a raffle, dog contests and at 11 a.m., a K9 demonstration.

Registration is \$25 for one person and one dog, and \$30 for one dog and family of four. Additional dogs are \$5 each. Leashes and poop pickup are

mandatory.

Go to tinyurl.com/paws4paws to register.

LifeMoves benefit

LifeMoves, formerly Invision Shelter Network, which provides services and programs for people without homes, will host its annual breakfast fundraiser on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Burlingame. The event will be emceed by Ted Robinson, "voice of the 49ers," and feature speeches by LifeMoves CEO Bruce Ives, a LifeMoves client, and keynotes by Sarah Rosenkrantz and Sam Greenberg, former LifeMoves interns and co-founders of Y2Y Harvard Square, a student-run homeless shelter for young adults.

Go to lifemoves.org/breakfast for more information.

Firefighters hold pancake benefit

The 16th annual pancake breakfast benefit for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation will be held at the main fire station in Menlo Park from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8.

The event, at 300 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park, will be

hosted by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and the Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula. It will include kid activities, fire truck tours and a silent auction.

Donations will be accepted at the door.

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and food, neither of which is taxed. Is it fair, he asked, to use a municipal bond measure to tax people with property to support people without property? "With sales taxes, everybody contributes to the solution," he said.

Opponents have another view. With the half-cent sales tax, "the county is sucking up all the oxygen in the room," Councilman Grocutt said. Cities and towns also have reason to boost their general funds through increased

sales taxes, he said.

Assemblyman Rich Gordon said Measure K "makes a tremendous amount of sense," adding that if he were still a San Mateo County supervisor, he would support it. "I don't know how else it gets done," he said.

It's been left up to the high-cost-of-living communities to figure out how to provide housing for people with lower paying service jobs, he said. Lacking local options, these people often have long commutes. "It's really unfortunate," Mr. Gordon said. "It's just not good for the communities." ■



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Atherton council hears update on civic center design

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

When Atherton's City Council asked its architects to shave some square footage, and cost, off the new civic center's design earlier this summer, they ended up saving something they hadn't thought to ask for — a heritage oak tree scheduled for removal.

At the council's Sept. 21 meeting, Architect John Schlueter of WRNS Studio showed the majestic oak as part of the new site plan for the civic center, along with refined floor plans and a look at some of the interiors and exteriors for the new civic center buildings.

New accommodations for police, administration and planning and building functions are planned along with a new library and council chambers.

Among the changes that will allow the complex to shrink by about 3,200 square feet, or about 15 percent from an earlier version, Mr. Schlueter said, were combining the police department's fitness and technical areas and reducing the size of the new dual-purpose council

chambers/emergency operations center. The new chambers will seat about 50, with an adjoining loggia for overflow.

"It's a huge, huge reduction and huge site improvement," Mayor Elizabeth Lewis said.

The size reductions should save at least \$2 million in construction costs, the council was told at an earlier meeting. Firm cost estimates for the design are scheduled to come to the council at its Oct. 19 meeting.

The council also considered whether to help pay to move a nearly 80-year-old, 3-foot-diameter underground steel water pipe controlled by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission that will skirt the new buildings.

The water pipe's location does not interfere with the buildings' placement, but not moving it could cause problems if it fails. A consultant estimated the cost of moving the pipe at \$768,000, plus design and permit costs.

The town could be out as much as \$500,000 if it pays to remove the 45 percent of the pipe the SFPUC has an easement for. It has no easement for the remaining 55 percent of the



Drawing by WRNS Studio/Courtesy Town of Atherton

The new library would adjoin the existing council chambers, which would be renovated as a public meeting space, including a small cafe or warming kitchen. The two buildings would be joined by a large deck that could seat 60 people for events such as author readings.

pipe, the consultant said.

"I don't like our side of the cost," Councilman Cary Wiest said, but he also doesn't like the risk of leaving the old pipe in place. "This is the time to do it," he said. "This is the perfect opportunity to make this decision in the taxpayer's interest."

City Manager George Rodericks said the town will continue

negotiations with the SFPUC.

Council members also saw plans for a 199-square-foot space in the town's current council chambers that could be repurposed as a cafe or warming kitchen. They asked the architect to try to find more space, and to leave flexibility for a future tenant to design the space.

The library floor plans will be

further refined after a meeting with the Friends of the Atherton Library, the architect said. Details, such as which exterior wall materials to use, are being considered, with rammed earth one of the options. Rammed earth has a low carbon footprint and is thermally efficient, keeping heat and cold out and storing heat, Mr. Schlueter said. ▣

Atherton loses lawsuit over Caltrain electrification

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

A Superior Court judge has ruled against Atherton and other plaintiffs

that had tried to stop progress on Caltrain's electrification project by claiming the project's environmental report was flawed.

The lawsuit, filed in February

2015 by Atherton, the Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund (a transit advocacy nonprofit) and the Community Coalition on High-Speed Rail, argued that

the electrification project and the state's high-speed-rail project were so closely tied that any environmental report needed to look at the possible impacts of both projects on the Peninsula.

Rail tracks run through the center of Atherton, just feet from town offices and residents' backyards, and the town has a long history of legal wrangles with Caltrain and against high-speed rail.

Most recently Atherton made part of the town a "quiet zone," where trains are not to blow their horns, something Caltrain had said for years was not possible.

Court ruling

Caltrain spokeswoman Jayme Ackemann said the judge's ruling "confirms what we already knew to be the case: Caltrain's project is independent of the High Speed Rail project and therefore we have a valid, approved EIR (environmental impact report) that has fully investigated all of the electrification impacts and alternatives."

Ms. Ackemann, director of marketing and communications for Caltrain, said the agency did not make any concessions to Atherton as a result of the lawsuit.

She said construction activities for electrification will start in 2017 and by 2020 electric train service should be in operation.

The ruling by Contra Costa

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The community of Menlo Park City School District is invited to provide input. Learn more. Share your voice. Get involved.

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Leadership presents reduction proposal

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Tuesday, Oct. 25 @ 6:00 p.m.
"Should MPCSD pursue parcel tax to minimize cuts?"

Wednesday, Nov. 9 @ 6:00 p.m.
Board discusses options, provides direction

Atherton's police chief, Ed Flint, is retiring

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton Police Chief Ed Flint will retire effective Oct. 14, the town announced Sept. 30. Chief Flint had been on leave with a medical condition for months and Commander Joe Wade has been acting chief since early April.

Chief Flint was hired by Atherton as an interim chief in July 2011, but the town convinced him to stay and interim was removed from his title in May 2012.

He has worked in law enforcement for more than 40 years, including serving as police chief in Santa Rosa and Elk Grove. He also worked during his career with the California Highway Patrol in Redwood City and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, and was assistant police chief in Citrus Heights.

He is a retired Army colonel, and served in the Army Reserves and California National Guard.

Mayor Elizabeth Lewis said she is "sad to lose Ed as our chief of police."

She said he "joined us at a critical time and set a very high bar of excellence, integrity and performance in our police department. He has recruited the 'best of the best' to serve and protect our residents and the 10 schools and 7,000 students in our town."

In a statement, the town says he "played a major role in improving the police department through staffing changes and new hires, and

execution of new policies and procedures."

Among changes he brought to the department were strengthening the traffic unit; bringing back a schools' resource officer; increasing the number of authorized sworn personnel; adding a fifth dispatcher to the rotation; securing a full-time code enforcement officer; and working with the Civic Center Advisory Committee to help design new police department facilities.

He also implemented recognition awards for employees based on years of service and adopted a new department motto: "To Serve With Honor, Integrity and Professionalism," which was etched on all police vehicles.

"Flint's exceptional leadership and dedication to the town has been greatly appreciated by the community, town council, city manager and town staff," the town's statement says. "His professionalism and integrity have been invaluable and will leave a lasting impression on the department."

Atherton's City Manager George Rodericks also had praise for Chief Flint. "I've had the opportunity to work directly with six police chiefs over the course of my 16 years as a city manager," he said. "Some were contract, some were employees — all were exemplary. Chief Flint is no exception. His dedication to the organization, to the community, and to his role as one of its leaders was inspiring."

Mr. Rodericks said Joe Wade will remain as acting chief while the town looks for a new police chief. He said the process will take at least two to three months and will probably use a recruitment firm. ▀



Photo courtesy town of Atherton
Ed Flint

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County Superior Court Judge Barry P. Goode said high-speed rail and the electrification projects are separate projects. The lawsuit had argued that the electrification project couldn't take place without high-speed rail because some of the funding that makes the electrification project possible comes from the California High Speed Rail Authority, and that the ultimate plan is for Caltrain and high-speed rail to share the rail tracks that

run from San Francisco to San Jose.

"The Electrification Project can be implemented successfully even if the HSR project never takes another step forward," Judge Goode wrote. "It is a project of independent utility that Caltrain has been seeking to implement for nearly twenty-five years. The fact that CHSRA is willing to fund it does not change that."

Atherton City Attorney Bill Connors said it will be up to the council to review the decision and decide if it wants to appeal. ▀



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Laurel School wins Blue Ribbon Schools award

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Laurel School in Atherton, which next month will open its second campus in Menlo Park, has won a prestigious National Blue Ribbon School award, Principal Linda Creighton has announced.

Winning schools will be honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 7 and 8, and Laurel will celebrate its award when the Laurel School Upper Campus holds a grand opening at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the new school, 275 Elliott Drive in Menlo Park. Only 279 public schools nationally won the award this year.

Principal Creighton said just

being invited to apply for the award is an honor, with only 35 California schools asked to compete for the 2016 award.

A website honoring the school's accomplishment contains some of the facts from Laurel's application:

"Laurel students' achievement on state tests were twice as high as the state averages, and among Hispanic students, results were 64% (English language arts) and 54% (math), compared with 37% and 24% statewide. Although we were commended for these results, we continue to innovate toward no achievement gap at all," the website says.

"We believe that a National Blue Ribbon School is one that excels, but refuses to rest on its



Photo courtesy Laurel School

Laurel School students celebrate. Their school has won a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

laurels (pun intended)," the district's application says. "It is closing the achievement gap, but recognizes there is still much

work to be done. Its staff finds meaning and joy in doing that work, and its students arrive each day confident and excited

to learn. It is a school where the community is highly involved and invested in the vision and mission of the school." ■

Comic Con coming to Menlo Park

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Love all things fantasy, sci-fi or anime, but couldn't make it to San Diego's official Comic-Con this year?

Menlo Park will offer its own Comic Con on Saturday, Oct. 15, with manga drawing classes, comic book trading, live music, animation screenings, seminars and cosplay. The event will run from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Menlo Park Library at 800 Alma St.

Throughout the event, there will be animation screenings

and comic-related crafts, an area for artists and vendors to sell art and books, and comic book trading.

The schedule:

■ 3 p.m.: Live music from "The Cantina Band," including songs from movies and video games. Musicians are Travis W. Hendrix, Annie Cilley, Kalei Yamanoha and Juliana Frick.

■ 4 p.m.: "Women in Comics," a seminar by Anna Cebrian, founder & CEO of Illusive Comics & Games, Isle of Gamers, and Illogical Associates Publishing.

■ 5 p.m.: "The Music of J.R.R.

Tolkien," performed by Margaret Davis and Kristoph Klover.

■ 5 p.m.: Manga drawing workshop for youth 10-18 years old. Two-hour class presented by Karen Luk, whose art has been exhibited at the Cartoon Art Museum and Google. Participation limited to 30. Wristbands distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

■ 6 p.m.: "How to Get Your Comics Published," a seminar by Anna Cebrian.

Costumes are encouraged.

Go to tinyurl.com/comic509 for more information. ■

Veteran educator named Ormondale principal

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Veteran educator Lynette Hovland will be the next principal of Ormondale Elementary School, which serves children in transitional kindergarten through third grade in the Portola Valley School District.

The district's governing board approved Ms. Hovland's appointment at its Sept. 28 meeting. She will be paid a base salary of \$135,479 a year.

In June the district announced that the former Ormondale principal, Kevin Keegan, had taken a job with the Santa Clara School District near his home in Santa Clara.

Ms. Hovland, a resident of San Mateo, spent five years as an elementary school principal and nine years as a middle school principal, before taking on several positions in the district office of the San Carlos School District.

Most recently she worked for the San Carlos Charter Learning Center as a consultant and director of learner services and special education, according to her LinkedIn page.

The district's acting superintendent, Eric Hartwig, said Ms. Hovland was the perfect fit

for the district. She has experience as a teacher and principal at both the elementary and middle school levels, and is "a hands-on leader who we feel will leverage the energy and talent of the staff," he said.

Mr. Hartwig said he is "impressed with her analytical skills and her ability to communicate her conclusions to parents and teachers."

Since Ormondale is a one-administrator school, he said, "Lynette's broad experience in school policy and management (is) a huge asset to the school."

In a Sept. 28 statement from the district, Mr. Hartwig said Ms. Hovland is "very versed in curriculum and instruction and has a welcoming and confident manner. I think she will relate well with staff, with parents and the community, and most importantly, with 'the little ones.'"

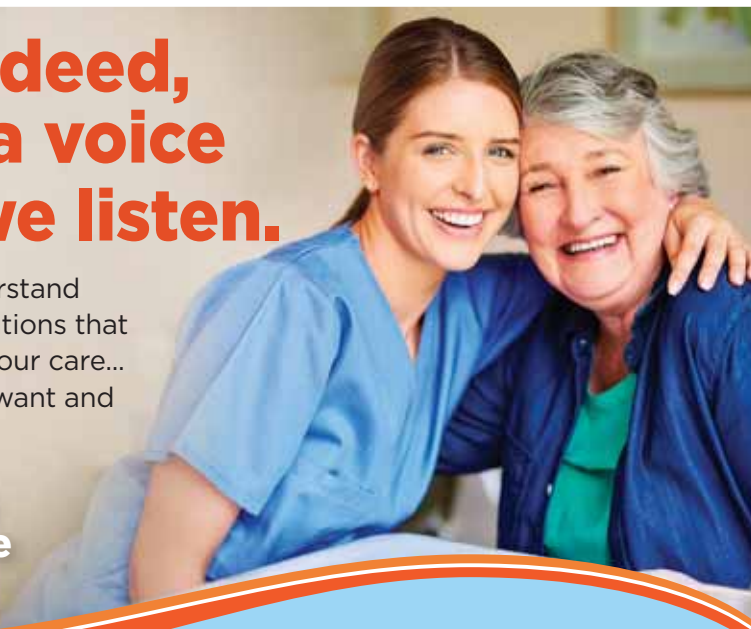
She is scheduled to start Oct. 6 and will work with acting principal Sue Sartor until Ms. Sartor's departure sometime in mid-October.

"This is the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Ormondale School, and I know you will join me in welcoming Lynette into the Ormondale and PVSD family," Mr. Hartwig said. ■

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Brandishing firearm: Why jury acquitted deputy

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

Court was not in session on April 13, 2015, when, in the presence of a custodian, a court clerk and a court reporter, Deputy Andy Mar of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, on temporary duty as a bailiff, took his gun out of its holster. Custodian Jose Verduco alleged that Mr. Mar then pointed the gun at him.

Deputies were called to the scene and Mr. Mar told a deputy, "I did it," according to an account of the incident by District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe. But what did he do?

On Aug. 29, 2016, after a three-day trial and about four hours of deliberation, a jury acquitted Mr. Mar of the one charge he was facing: misdemeanor brandishing of a firearm.

In an interview, Deputy District Attorney Deshawn Madha noted the inherent ambiguity of those three words from Mr. Mar. "That's basically what I had: 'I did it,'" he

said. It turned out not to be clear what Mr. Mar was saying that he did.

This case presented two challenges for prosecutors, Mr. Madha said: conflicting evidence about what actually happened, and the fact that the defendant was a peace officer.

Mr. Mar's attorney did not respond to requests for an interview.

Conflicting evidence

"The issue was not did he (draw) his firearm," Mr. Madha said. "It was a matter of did he violate the law. It's only a crime if you brandish it." The state penal code defines brandishing as drawing or exhibiting a loaded firearm in a rude, angry, or threatening manner.

Where Mr. Mar did point his gun? "It depends on who you believe," Mr. Madha said. "The custodian said Mar pointed it directly at him. Mar says he never pointed the gun at the custodian, but pointed it at a wall. None of the witnesses were helpful in terms of corroborating where the gun was pointed. There wasn't any-

thing for the jury to hang on to," Mr. Madha said.

The court reporter and court clerk who witnessed the incident "are people who, in general, have a very detached perspective," Mr. Madha said. "They are observers." But it's one thing to be observing in a courtroom and quite another to be testifying. They were "quite nervous" on the stand, Mr. Madha said.

The case presented two challenges for prosecutors: conflicting testimony, and the fact the defendant was a peace officer.

Having witnesses might seem a big advantage, but jurors still judge the credibility of what they're hearing, Mr. Madha said. Attorneys are in the dark as to the jurors' perceptions. "It's a one-way street, talking to jurors," he said.

Mr. Verduco, the custodian,

is also suing Mr. Mar in civil court, alleging assault as well as false imprisonment, intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, and a civil-rights violation. San Mateo County is named as a co-defendant and accused of negligent hiring, training, supervision and retention.

The civil complaint describes the incident. "Without cause or provocation," Mr. Verduco says, Mr. Mar pulled his loaded gun from his holster and pointed it at Mr. Verduco with his finger on the trigger and said, "You want some South Carolina justice?" (A week earlier, a white police officer from North Charleston, South Carolina, had shot and killed an unarmed black man with his back to the officer and running away.)

This alleged threat came up in the criminal trial, but no one could corroborate Mr. Verduco's account of what was said, Mr. Madha said.

The jury also heard five minutes of testimony by defense witnesses as to the character of Mr. Mar, a privilege not

allowed plaintiffs except in cases of self defense, Mr. Madha said.

In addition to being allowed witnesses to testify as to his character, Mr. Mar had an inherent advantage in being in law enforcement. "There's a common understanding (among prosecutors) that a jury will give the benefit of the doubt maybe more often than if it wasn't a peace officer, Assistant District Attorney Al Serrato told the Almanac in an earlier interview. Such cases are "always challenging," he said.

"It's been very interesting. We don't get cases like this every day," Mr. Madha said. "I was disappointed (with the outcome), but you win some and you lose some." ■

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Woodside's streak ends in up-to-the-wire loss

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The four-game winning streak of Woodside High School's varsity football team came to an end Friday night, Sept. 30, against arch-rival Sequoia High, but not without a valiant effort fought to the last minute, with late scoring by both sides.

Winning by one point, 29-28, the Sequoia Ravens walked away with the trophy log, a 2-foot-long specimen of a tree trunk place that the Wildcats had held for two years.

"It was an exciting game from a spectator standpoint," Woodside Head Coach Justin Andrews said. "We have a good team, but we're not great enough to just show up," he said. "If we play poorly, we're going to get beat."

The Wildcats left the field after the first half with a zero on their side of the scoreboard, down 15-0. "The first half was one step forward, two steps back, Andrews said. "We were fortunate enough to be down only 15-0 at the half, given the errors we were making."

On its first possession in the second half, Woodside punted, but Sequoia fumbled deep in its own territory and Woodside recovered then scored with a run from the 3-yard line, putting the score at 15-7.

Sequoia answered with a steady drive down field to another touchdown, mak-

ing the score 22-7. Woodside responded with a 60-yard kick-off return that led to another touchdown and a score of 22-14.

Woodside then intercepted a pass in Sequoia territory and scored a minute or so later, but missed a two-point conversion, putting Woodside just two points down at 22-20.

Sequoia lost possession again on a fumble, and Woodside lost possession on downs. After a series of punts on both sides, and several significant penalties, Woodside scored and tried (successfully) for two points, making it 28-22, but Sequoia's passing game was relentless and they sewed it up at 29-28 with just seconds left on the clock.

"We put ourselves into some really unfortunate situations," Coach Andrews said. There were missed assignments and missed catches, uncharacteristic for the Wildcats at this point in the season, he said. On offense, too many third-and-long situations limited the Wildcats' options, he said.

"It was a combination of a lot of guys taking turns making mistakes," he said. Sequoia made mistakes, too, but the negative impacts were not as severe, and they capitalized on Wildcat errors, he said.

Going into the game undefeated, "we felt really good at what we were able to do," he said. "For some reason, we really regressed." ■



Photos by Dave Boyce/The Almanac
Above: **Varsity players** for Sequoia High take a knee as the national anthem plays before a game with Woodside High at Woodside on Friday, Sept. 30. The Black Lives Matter movement and police violence against black people inspire such public demonstrations.

Right: **Darnell Ellis**, a junior at Woodside High, takes a knee Sept. 30 as the national anthem plays. These actions are "very, very important and personal for a lot of people," Head Coach Justin Andrews said. "It's a way for them to increase awareness. I support them."



Feds charge resident with bank fraud

Federal authorities are seeking the forfeiture of the two properties.

Federal authorities have charged Portola Valley resident Mark Migdal and co-defendant Naum Morgovsky (of Hillsborough) with two counts each of bank fraud and one count of conspiracy in connection with the sale of two rental properties in Hawaii, according to a Sept. 30 statement from the U. S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California in San Francisco.

The charges by U. S. Attorney Brian J. Stretch and FBI Special Agent in Charge John F. Bennett allege that Mr. Migdal, 71, and Mr. Morgovsky, 67, conspired to convince two banks to allow the sale of two condominiums to a deceased

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person whose identity was used to hide the identity of the true purchaser.

The conspiracy charge also alleges submission of false statements about Mr. Migdal's income and employment status, prosecutors said.

Federal authorities are seeking the forfeiture of the two properties.

The men were arraigned following an indictment by a federal grand jury on Sept. 29. Mr. Migdal was scheduled to make his initial appearance in federal court Oct. 3 before U. S. District Judge Vince Chhabria.

Mr. Morgovsky is out of custody on a bail of \$1 million and is next due in court on Tuesday, Oct. 4. ■

Library, fire district, business tax on agenda

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton's City Council will discuss several tax-related issues when it meets in a study session on Wednesday, Oct. 5, starting at 3 p.m. in the town's council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

On the agenda is a proposal by the San Mateo County Libraries system to transfer some property tax money now earmarked for the Atherton Library to the county system, to be used for other libraries.

The current Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement says all library property taxes go to the towns or cities that generated them. Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley are the only "donor cities" that generate more taxes than needed to run

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their libraries.

Atherton plans to build a new library with its accumulated excess library funds, currently about \$11 million and growing by \$1.23 million in the last fiscal year. Woodside had \$439,212 and Portola Valley \$105,269 in excess funds last fiscal year.

The town wants feedback on a proposal to leave 50 percent of the tax money from the three donor cities with the JPA.

Also on the agenda is a related issue, how the Atherton property owners' taxes set aside for fire services are spent. The council wants a consultant to examine how much Atherton property tax actually goes to the fire district, and how much the district

spends on services to Atherton.

On the agenda is the makeup of a subcommittee appointed to discuss the issue with the fire district. At its last meeting, the fire board said it would discuss the issue with the mayor, not the subcommittee, so the council is considering making the mayor part of the two-member subcommittee. That would avoid possibly violating the state's open meeting laws if three out of the five council members discussed the same issue with the fire board in a meeting not open to the public.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of possible ways for the town to increase revenues. The council has discussed major changes in its business license taxes, but council members wanted to review all the possible ways to increase revenues before going ahead.

The council will also discuss details of a recognition program to honor the achievements of local residents. ■

Initiative's \$3 billion commitment to health research

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, currently headquartered on Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park, announced recently that it will invest \$3 billion over the next decade in scientific research to “cure, prevent or manage all diseases by the end of the century.”

It's a big goal, said pediatrician and philanthropist Priscilla Chan, but she assured listeners — including an online audience that now numbers 3.5 million views on Facebook Live — that she and her husband, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, have spoken with scientific experts who think it's possible.

Mr. Zuckerberg described the initiative's plan: “We're going to focus on bringing scientists and engineers together to build new tools that can empower the whole scientific community to make breakthroughs on the four major disease categories.” Those categories are the areas of disease most people die from, he said: heart disease, cancer, infectious disease and neurological disease.

The couple's philanthropic initiative was announced in December 2015, when they announced the birth of their daughter, Max.

They said that through the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, they would put 99 percent of their Facebook shares into a limited liability company that, over their lifetime, will fund investments in nonprofit, for-profit and public-sector initiatives in health, education and technology.

So far the effort has emphasized support for education programs, such as personalized learning and the launch of The Primary School, of which Ms. Chan is CEO. The school combines “primary education and primary care,” according to its website, and serves students in Belle Haven and East Palo Alto. The school recently opened to serve early childhood students, but indicates it will eventually serve students in grades K-8.

Scientific research

The Sept. 21 announcement launched the initiative's scientific research arm. Cori Bargmann, a neuroscientist and genetics researcher, will be its president of science.

The first project to be funded will be the investment of \$600 million over 10 years to create a “Biohub,” which will bring together researchers from UCSF, UC Berkeley and Stanford, with headquarters in San Francisco. The effort will be led



Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook page.

“We're going to focus on bringing scientists and engineers together to build new tools that can empower the whole scientific community to make breakthroughs on the four major disease categories,” said Mark Zuckerberg, shown with his wife Priscilla Chan.

by Stephen Quake, a Stanford professor, and Joseph DeRisi, a UCSF professor.

The first two projects of the initiative will be the development of a “Cell Atlas,” which will map out all of the body's cells; and the “Infectious Disease Initiative,” an effort to speed the development of diagnostics, drugs and vaccines to address diseases, particularly viruses

such as HIV, Ebola and Zika.

Bill Gates, tech billionaire, philanthropist and reportedly a mentor to the couple, also made an appearance at the announcement, which took place at UC San Francisco. Mr. Gates and his wife Melinda Gates have supported significant public health advances with their philanthropic efforts, but, Mr. Gates noted, there is more need.

Referring to AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, he said, “We cannot end those diseases with the tools we have today,” he said. “We need more science.”

According to a spokesperson for the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, while the initiative's current headquarters are located on Santa Cruz Avenue, it is a temporary location and “relocation is imminent.”

Menlo Park school changes name and focus

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park's German American International School is no more.

In name, that is.

The private school has changed its name to Alto International School, it announced Sept. 28.

Founded in 1988, the school offers immersive German language instruction for preschool, and bilingual German and English courses in kindergarten through grade 5.

The middle school and high school are in English but offer German, Spanish and French language courses. The school just launched its high school program, which has an inaugural class of seven ninth-graders.

The new name, “Alto,” is Latin for high or tall. The name change, according to Head of School Sally Thorogood, is intended to emphasize the school's international and multilingual focus, and that it's not just for families who want their kids to speak German. The school has students of 40 nationalities, and offers Spanish and French instruction in upper grades, she said.

Ms. Thorogood said the school will be the only one in Silicon Valley to offer the comprehensive International Baccalaureate (IB) program, from preschool through high school, when it launches its IB diploma program for 11th- and 12th-grade students. That program will begin when the current ninth-grade cohort reaches those grades.

The IB program offers a standardized curriculum so that international families who move to another country can send their kids to an IB program there and won't have their learning disrupted.

“In the world we live in, it's not just about what you know or what you've memorized,” Ms. Thorogood said. The IB program, she said, creates tough academic expectations and promotes skills such as applied knowledge, social/emotional understanding, problem-solving and collaboration.

Enrollment, which had been at 300, dropped after the school moved in May 2015 from the site now occupied by the Laurel School Upper Campus to its new location at 475 Pope St. in Menlo Park. About 250 students attend

the school and about 10 more are planning to enroll in coming months, the school says.

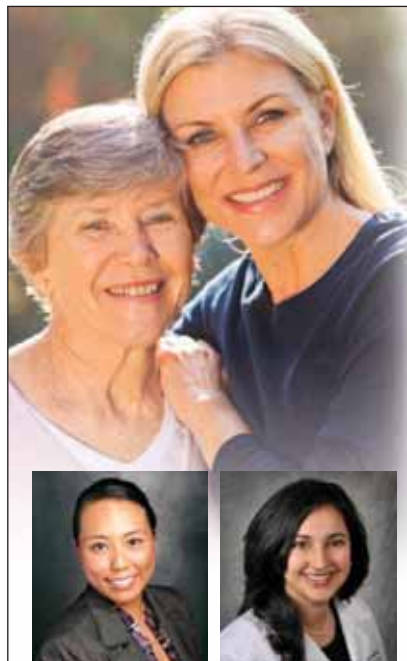
The school has adjusted to its

new home and the facilities better match high school students' needs, including a full-size gym, science lab and larger class-

rooms, Ms. Thorogood said. The school is also working on developing a sports program.

An open house will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 12.

Go to altoschool.org for more information. ■



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Remembering Portola Valley's John A. Wilson

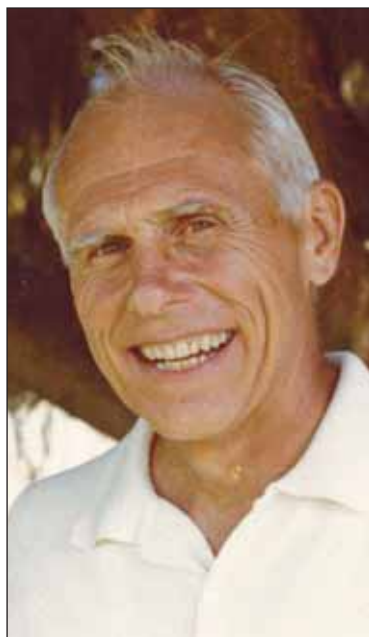
By Nancy Lund
Portola Valley Town Historian

Portola Valley pioneer resident John Arnot Wilson, who died in 1999, would have celebrated his 100th birthday on Oct. 9. He is most widely known as the co-founder of the iconic Silicon Valley law firm, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rossotti, which now employs some 600 attorneys.

From the earliest days of the world changing inventions that have been developed here, the firm has offered business advice and legal counsel to technology companies, often fledgling ones. But John Wilson was more than the head of a big law firm.

A retrospective look at his life is a thought-provoking story. During World War II he was a Navy lieutenant, a pilot and a flight instructor. Coming from Ohio and stationed at Moffett, he learned to love the golden hills of California. Wanting to help protect such beautiful land, he became an early supporter of the Peninsula Open Space Trust to help preserve Windy Hill.

He was a volunteer, serv-



John A. Wilson co-founded the law firm Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rossotti and was a leading volunteer in the Portola Valley community.

ing on boards: The Peninsula Community Foundation (now the Silicon Valley Community Foundation), the Senior Coordinating Council (now Avenidas), Stanford's Center

From 1972 to 1977, he served on the Portola Valley Town Council.

for International Security and Arms Control, the Century Access Foundation, the Northern California Presbyterian Homes, the Woodside Fire Protection District.

In 1965 he and his wife Nancy were founding stockholders of the Country Almanac, proud to support the three women who wanted to start a local newspaper. He arranged for incorporation and served as the paper's attorney for years.

He called Portola Valley a do-it-yourself town, beginning with the nine years from 1955 to 1964 when he and others worked persistently toward incorporation. He was a trustee of the Portola Valley Trust for Conservation and took on more basic roles, such as serving on the Undergrounder Committee. From 1972 to 1977 he served on the Town Council, taking a turn as mayor.

Then there is another side to John Wilson. When he was courting Nancy, who lived in Berkeley at the time (and he was in Palo Alto), they would sing in the car all the way back and forth. He knew the words, all the verses, to an unimaginable number of songs.

On New Year's Day, 1958, he drove Nancy down a dirt road and walked her up a hill to property he had purchased in Portola Valley. There, with an expansive view of the Bay Area, he presented her with a sprig of Daphne and a marriage proposal. Later, he delighted in singing sea chanteys to his grandchildren.

In the 1980s, the Community Productions were a series of school district fundraisers. One of the organizers considered John her "song and dance man." He loved the rehearsals and the performances.

And then, there's the poetry. Doggerel, it's called. For every occasion, he would have a poem that would include humor, rhythm, grasps at rhyme, and some heartfelt feeling. They invariably produced laughter.

As an example, at a celebratory retirement party for town founder Bob Brown, the Wilson poem included:

"... Now, with this progress, it's a shame

The town should keep a Spanish name.

As the real founder of the town

We ought to change its name to Brown."

He was called a voice of reason, a fine mentor, a "gentleman," and a gentle man with always enough time to stop and chat with new members of the firm and ask about family.

So, on Oct. 9, give a thought to John Wilson: pioneer of Silicon Valley and Portola Valley, community volunteer *extraordinaire*, and a man who always found time to give a friendly word and to have fun. And, besides all that, he once danced with Eleanor Roosevelt at the White House.

From the Portola Valley historical archives and Nancy Wilson, the wife of John A. Wilson and a resident of Portola Valley.

Council says 'no' again to fixed license-plate cameras

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

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After a two-hour discussion Sept. 28 revisiting the question of whether to install automatic license-plate-reading cameras at various locations in Portola Valley, the Town Council, by consensus stayed with its decision in 2015: wait and see.

Evidence of recent developments in camera effectiveness in solving crimes wasn't sufficient to warrant the council changing its position, Town Manager Jeremy Dennis said in an interview.

The topic acquired new life in June after a home-invasion robbery in central Portola Valley. The community responded by holding forums with law enforcement officials. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office also increased its presence in town.

While crime in 2016 is higher than in 2015, it is lower than in 2014 and very low compared to other jurisdictions, Mr. Dennis noted.

Given the low monetary losses typical of property crimes in town, a staff report noted that the Sheriff's Office would likely not do extensive investigations

for such crimes, and would likely not use what license-plate-camera data there was.

Academic studies of camera effectiveness have shown mixed results, sometimes depending on other steps taken in concert with use of camera data. "Generally speaking, there is a dearth of quantifiable studies that test the effectiveness of (the cameras)," the report said.

The Sept. 28 discussion engaged some 40 residents for about two and a half hours in the Community Hall. The speakers split about evenly in favor of and opposed to putting in the cameras, Mr. Dennis said.

The conversation was notable for the mutual respect exhibited on both sides of the question, Mr. Dennis said, a point also noted by Mayor Maryann Derwin in an email. "It was a remarkably respectful meeting, with many people speaking with competing views," she said. "I was really proud of the civility in the room and the thoughtfulness of the speakers."

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Joy Ramies, longtime Portola Valley resident

Joy Jean Ramies, a member of a family with deep roots in Portola Valley, died Sept. 24, at a rest home in Mountain View. She was 83. A celebration of her life has been held.

Joy Jean Neal was born in 1933 in Auburn, Nebraska, during the Dust Bowl, a multi-year drought captured in John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" about a family that left a failing, re-possessed farm in a rickety old car and headed to California. She made that trip in 1935 at the age of 2 in the company of her 4-year-old sister, with the girls' mother doing the driving.

Joy met Martin Ramies, her future husband, in Portola Valley when she was 6, Martin said. They grew up in town, attended the town's one-room school, and dated while Joy was waiting tables at La Casa Blanca (or Mama Garcia's), a diner on Alpine Road in the vicinity of Nathorst Avenue.



Joy Jean Ramies upon graduation from high school.

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Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

Joy married Martin in 1954, a year after he returned from serving in the Army in Korea. The couple had three sons. Mr. Ramies eventually bought Portola Valley Garage, an auto repair shop now run by his son Tom. Son Ron Ramies owns Portola Valley Fuel, an auto repair shop and gas station.

As a mother, Ms. Ramies practiced "helicopter" parenting, hovering over their every activity, Tom and Ron said. "If we sneezed, she took us to the doctor," Ron said.

The family lived on Portola Road, across from a field that is now the site of Woodside Priory School. The boys would play there, but not unobserved. Their mother used binoculars to watch them, calling out if they disappeared from sight, Ron said.

When Ms. Ramies packed school lunches for her kids, they were truly packed. An apple, for example, would be washed with soap and water, wrapped in cellophane, wrapped in foil, placed in a baggie, and the baggie placed

inside a lunch bag, Ron said.

Getting to the apple "was like unwinding a golf ball," Tom said.

"When the Ziploc bag was invented, that was her best friend," Ron said.

Ms. Ramies' passion was raising her children and she loved meeting people, Ron said. The couple attended every athletic contest in which their sons participated, Ron said.

"It was a very simple life," Ron said. "Our parents weren't educated, but they taught us enough that we did really well in school."

After his mother entered a rest home in Mountain View, Ron would deliver her a mid-morning meal of fettuccini Alfredo — pasta with a butter, cream and cheese sauce. "It got to the point where she wouldn't eat anything else," he said. "It kind of kept her going."

He bought noodles at Roberts Market but at one point switched to noodles from Costco. She noticed. "She busted me," Ron said.

Ms. Ramies is survived by her husband, Martin, and her sons Ron, Bob and Tom, all of whom live in Portola Valley. There are eight grandchildren.



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016 AND MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016 GENERAL PLAN AND M-2 AREA ZONING UPDATE

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

City of Menlo Park General Plan and M-2 Area Zoning Update, including a General Plan Amendment, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Rezoning, Environmental Review:

The City is proposing to update the Land Use and Circulation Elements of the General Plan, including revised goals, policies and programs, the establishment of new land use designations, and the creation of a new street classification system. The General Plan Update seeks to create a live/work/play environment that fosters economic growth, increased sustainability, improved transportation options and mobility, while preserving the existing residential neighborhood character and quality of life enjoyed today. The land use changes are generally focused in the M-2 Area (which is primarily the existing industrial and business parks located between Bayfront Expressway and Highway 101) and could result in an increase in development potential above what would be allowed under the current General Plan, as follows:

- Up to 2.3 million square feet of non-residential space;
- Up to 4,500 residential units; and
- Up to 400 hotel rooms

This additional development potential in the M-2 Area, combined with the remaining development potential under the current General Plan, would result in a total of up to 4.1 million square feet of non-residential development and up to 5,500 residential units in the City.

The Planning Commission will consider and make recommendations to the City Council on the following:

1. General Plan Amendments: Incorporate the updated Land Use and Circulation Elements into the General Plan to replace the existing elements. Change the General Plan land use designations of properties in the M-2 Area, as shown in the included figure, to one of the following designations — Light Industrial, Office, Life Sciences, Mixed Use Residential, Baylands and Public Facilities. No land use designation changes are anticipated outside of the M-2 Area and Baylands Area.
2. Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Create three new zoning districts in the M-2 Area for consistency with the proposed General Plan Land Use Element. The proposed zoning districts include Office (O), Life Science (LS) and Residential-Mixed Use (R-MU) designations. The O district includes overlays to allow hotels (O-H) and corporate housing (O-CH). Overlays for bonus level development are also proposed in the Office, Life Science and Mixed-Use zoning districts (O-B, LS-B, and R-MU-B). The proposed bonus level development would allow increased density (up to 100 dwelling units per acre), intensity (up to 200% floor area ratio) and/or height up to 120 feet in exchange for community amenities. Each zoning district includes development regulations, design standards, green and sustainable building requirements, and potential new public paseos and street connections. In addition, proposed changes to the C-2-B (Neighborhood Commercial District, Restrictive) zoning district would allow for residential uses with up to 30 dwelling units per acre and heights of up to 40 feet for mixed use development. The zoning ordinance amendments also include proposed modifications to streamline the hazardous materials review process as an administrative permit, subject to the review and approval of the Community Development Director (or designee) when certain criteria are met, and other minor modifications, such as allowing administrative review for architectural changes in the O and LS districts similar to current regulations for the M-2 district, changes to the non-conforming uses and structures chapter, and other minor text amendments for consistency in implementing the proposed changes to the M-2 Area.
3. Rezoning: Rezone property in the M-2 Area, as shown in the included figure, to one of the following zoning designations for consistency with the proposed General Plan land use designation amendments — O (Office), Office, Hotel (O-H), Office, Corporate Housing (O-CH), Office, Bonus (O-B), Life Science (LS), Life Science, Bonus (LS-B), Residential Mixed Use (R-MU-B), Public Facilities (P-F), and Open Space and Conservation (OSC).
4. Environmental Review: Review of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the General Plan and M-2 Area Zoning Update, which analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the General Plan and M-2 Area Zoning Update.

The EIR prepared for the project identifies less than significant effects in the following categories: Aesthetics, Geology, Soils and Seismicity, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Public Services and Recreation. The EIR identifies potentially significant environmental effects that can be mitigated to a less than significant level in the following categories: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use Planning, Noise, and Utilities and Service Systems. The EIR identifies

potentially significant environmental effects that are significant and unavoidable in the following categories: Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Population and Housing, and Transportation and Circulation.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed hazardous material sites are present at the location. The project area does contain a hazardous waste site included in a list prepared under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Copies of the Final EIR will be on file for review at the City Main Library (800 Alma Street), Belle Haven Branch Library (413 Ivy Drive), Onetta Harris Community Center (100 Terminal Avenue) and Community Development Department (701 Laurel Street) in Menlo Park, CA 94025, as well as on the ConnectMenlo website at www.menlo-park.org/connectmenlo, on **Monday, October 10, 2016**. Written comments should be submitted to Deanna Chow via email at connectmenlo@menlopark.org or at the Community Development Department (701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park) no later than **5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2016**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the above described items in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, California, on **Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. A second Planning Commission meeting on the proposed project has been scheduled for **Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**, and will only be conducted if needed. If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to make a recommendation to the City Council, which is tentatively scheduled to review the project on November 15, 2016. The City Council will be the final decision-making body on the proposed project. Separate notice will be given for the confirmed City Council public hearing.

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

Please call Deanna Chow, Principal Planner, if there are any questions or comments on this item. She can be reached at 650-330-6733 or by email at connectmenlo@menlopark.org. Up-to-date information on the project can be found on the project webpage: <https://menlopark.org/739/ConnectMenlo>.

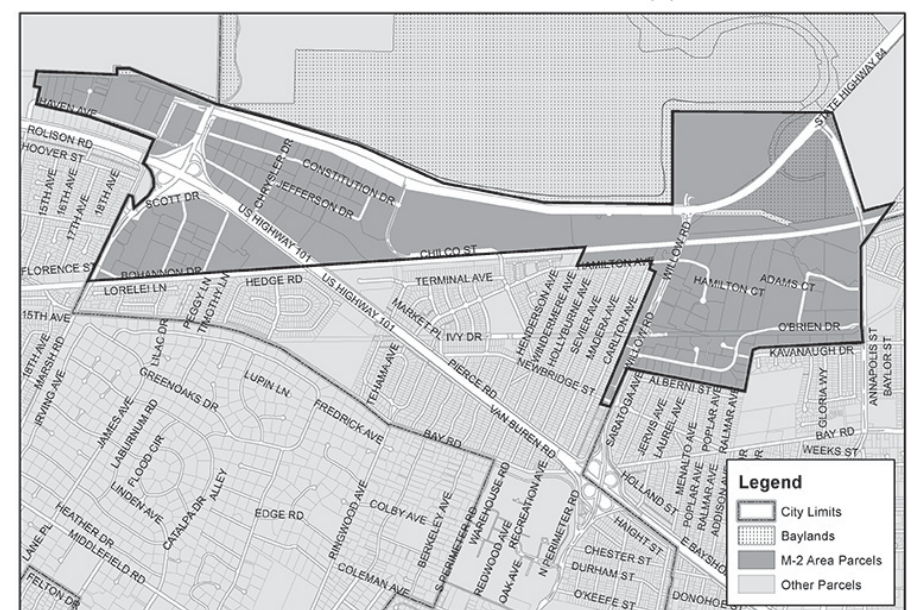
Si usted necesita más información sobre este proyecto, por favor llame al 650-330-6702, y pregunte por un asistente que hable español.

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Riekes Center athletes compete in Rio Paralympics

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Two athletes who train or work at the Riekes Center for Human Advancement in North Fair Oaks — Katie Holloway and Steven Toyoji — have returned home from the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro. One bears a gold medal, and both athletes spoke with the Almanac about their accomplishments in Rio.

The Paralympics, an international competition for athletes with disabilities, is associated with the Olympic Games, and was held this year from Sept. 7 to 18 in Rio.

Katie Holloway, who trains at the Riekes center, took gold with her team in sitting volleyball. Steven Toyoji, who works in adaptive fitness at the Riekes Center when he is not training or competing, raced in the 400-meter and 1,500-meter events in track and field. He took 5th in the 1,500-meter event.

Both athletes are often seen training and participating in activities around the center, according to Gary Riekes, the center's founder and executive director. Located at 3455 Edison Way, the center is a nonprofit that offers fitness, musical, and outdoor education and coaching for people of all ages and ability levels.

Katie Holloway

The journey to train and prepare for the Paralympics this "quad" (four-year cycle between competitions), hasn't been easy, she told the Almanac.

She moved to the Bay Area in 2013, away from where the official team is stationed in Oklahoma, after getting a job at the Palo Alto VA. She set about pursuing her own training regimen, and in the process, has had to launch a grassroots effort to build a sitting volleyball program in the Bay Area.

While she does conditioning and cross-training on her own, getting enough people together for regular six-on-six games is a challenge.

An international competition for athletes with disabilities, the Paralympics was held in Rio after the Olympic Games.

When she was 20-months old, she had one of her legs amputated below the knee, and has lived with a prosthetic most of her life. She participated in standing sports when she was younger, including volleyball, and competed on the women's basketball team at California State University, Northridge.

Ten years ago, in her senior year of college, she was recruited for the U.S. sitting volleyball team. Now, she's back from her third Paralympics trip, this time with a gold medal. She said she was most proud of her team's dominant performance over China: 25-12, 25-12, 25-18.

"This was the first time we've seen our team perform at that level," she said. "We literally were flawless. We made a statement, I think."

Steve Toyoji

When he was only 8 months old, Steve Toyoji was diagnosed with transverse myelitis, a neurological condition that causes inflammation of the spine. He was initially paralyzed from the shoulders down, but later regained some mobility in his arms and legs.

He grew up in Seattle, where he competed in track and field in wheelchair racing. Racing wheelchairs are different from the everyday wheelchair apparatus, he said, and can be awkward for some people to get used to. For him, though, it felt natural from the beginning.

He received a scholarship to compete at the University of Arizona in Track & Field, and competed in the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing. "Track has taken me all over the world," he said.

With the Paralympics, not every competition is offered at



Photo by Joe Kusumoto/U.S. Olympic Committee.

Katie Holloway passes the ball during a U.S. Women's sitting volleyball match against China on Sept. 11.

the games every four years, he explained. Because the Paralympics classifies competitors based on the specific nature of their disabilities, each racing event has many subdivisions. This year, the 1,500-meter race was offered, but not the marathon or the 800-meter race, which he had competed in during the 2008 Beijing games. He placed fifth in the marathon in 2008.

Wheelchair racing involves a lot of strategy and planning, he said. The International Paralympics Committee sets standards on what kind of equipment is allowed in the competition, which helps to level the playing field.

People have different approaches to how they sit in and maneuver their chairs, however. During a race, he said, it's safe to assume that his competitors will "bring their A-game," and visualize for that. However, he added, "There's a very good possibility it will go nothing like how you planned it."

Back in the states after his competition, he said, "My first gut reaction is that I definitely want to try out for the 2020 team." For now, though, he's planning to spend time relaxing after training for what he calls "the better part of the last four years." ▣



Photo courtesy Riekes Center

Steven Toyoji, an employee at the Riekes Center, competed in the 400-meter and 1,500-meter races in the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Woodside's Day of the Horse set for Saturday

The annual celebration of Woodside's equestrian heritage, the Day of the Horse, begins at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, with the first of three "Blessing of the Horse" ceremonies on the grounds of the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County at

521 Kings Mountain Road in Woodside.

The other two blessings take place at 2:45 and 3:30 p.m., also at the Mounted Patrol grounds, according to a schedule of the day's events published by the Woodside-area Horse Owners Association.

A "horse fair" opens at 10 a.m. at Town Hall at 2955 Woodside Road, runs until 2:30 p.m. and includes tables of information, educational exhibits, activities, outfitters and gifts.

A trail ride begins at 11 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. Stage

coach rides leave from Town Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The day has several sponsors, including the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California at Davis, The Village Pub, Wells Fargo bank and Until There's a Cure. Sponsors

will have exhibits at the Mounted Patrol ground from 12:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Prizes will be distributed from 1 to 4 p.m. on the Mounted Patrol grounds.

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Community Events

12th Woodside Day of the Horse is an equine celebration. This year's theme: "Saturday night at the movies." Event features horse fair with food, petting zoo, Wells Fargo stagecoach rides, and a progressive trail ride for experienced riders and their horses. Oct. 8, 10 a.m. Free, horse fair; donation, progressive trail ride. Woodside Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside. whoa94062.org

Menlo Park Library Comic Con Oct. 15, 3 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Theater

Curtains Cabaret Presents: 'Variety on the High Seas', Featuring burlesque, song, dance, pole acrobatics, circus, sea monsters and pirates. Oct. 7, 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$10, floor seating; \$15, general, \$20, VIP seating. The Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

Every 28 Hours Plays: a staged reading of one-minute plays inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, followed by a discussion and light reception. Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

"Le nozze di Figaro" ("The Marriage of Figaro") is fully staged with orchestra, chorus, period sets, costumes. Widely considered Mozart's best opera. Oct. 6-23, times vary. \$50. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto. westbayopera.org

Stanford Comedy Festival Evening of stand up, improv and sketch comedy on the new Meyer Green. Oct. 15, 7-9 p.m. Free. Meyer Green, Escondido Mall, Stanford.

"The Sleeping Beauty" Suggested for grades K-5. Oct. 12, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to noon. \$9. Canada College Main Theatre, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Woodside. canadacollege.edu/arts

Concerts

A Tribute To Benny Goodman at Carnegie Hall Oct. 16, 2-3:30 p.m. \$114-\$165. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City.

Bing Inside/Out: Arts Open House Stanford Live's annual free community event will feature food trucks from Off the Grid, local artists, craft tables, the Leland Stanford Junior University Marching Band, The Brothers Comatose and more. Oct. 9, 1-5 p.m. Free. Stanford Live, 327 Lasuen St., Bing Concert Hall, Stanford. live.stanford.edu

Music

More Joy Concert and Gathering Five-piece folk music band. Oct. 8, 7-9:30 p.m. Free, donations to YMCA Women's Shelter. Ladera Community Church, 3300 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. ladera.org

Top Shelf's Motown Summer Gold Top Shelf's fully staged and choreographed production will take viewers on a musical journey from the early doo-wop days, through the classic sounds of Motown, Staxx and Atlantic up to the smooth soul favorites of the '80s. Club Fox in Redwood City. Oct. 14, 8 p.m.

\$15. Club Fox, 2209 Broadway, Redwood City.

Talks & Lectures

Alton Brown Book Signing: 'EveryDay-Cook' Oct. 12, 7:30-9 p.m. \$45. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Alexander McCall Smith has written more than 60 books, including specialist academic titles, short story collections and a number of children's books. He is best known for his No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. This event celebrates the 17th installment in this series. Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. \$5. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Jodi Picoult Jodi Picoult is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of twenty-three novels, including "My Sister's Keeper." "Small Great Things" is the latest. Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. \$45, premier, includes book; \$25, general; \$15 student. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St, Redwood City. keplers.com

Brexit: What's next for UK and Europe? The United Kingdom's vote to leave the European Union promises to fundamentally alter the political and economic future of the UK and the European Union. Stanford faculty members Nick Bloom and Christophe Crombez lead a discussion about the future of the UK's relationship with Europe and Brexit's most important political and economic consequences. Oct. 10, noon. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

John Donovan and Caren Zucker in conversation with Jill Escher and Dr. Antonio Hardan John Donovan and Caren Zucker's book, "In A Different Key," explores the past 50 years in autism history. Community is invited to a spirited panel discussion about research, advocacy, health care and a perceived crisis in adult services for autism. Oct. 7, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Margaret Stohl and the People of Marvel Stohl will be joined by comic book creators Kate Leth, Ryan North, Marguerite Bennet, producer Judy Stephens, and actor Lorraine Cink. Oct. 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Michael DiMartino in conversation with Gene Luen Yang Michael DiMartino, co-creator of the animated Nickelodeon shows "Avatar: The Last Airbender and The Legend of Korra," talks about his new adventure series, "Rebel Genius." Oct. 10, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Peter S. Beagle in conversation with Tad Williams Peter S. Beagle, author of "The Last Unicorn," comes to Kepler's with his new fantasy novel, "Summerlong." Oct. 6, 7 p.m. \$20 premier, includes book; \$10 general. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Steve Young Book Signing A three-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback, Young played professionally for more than 15 years, most of that time with the 49ers. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2005. Oct. 15, 2 p.m. \$35 admits 2, includes book. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

The History of the Milky Way SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory physicist Dr. Phil Marshall shares billions of years of history

Church opens cafe, music venue

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

There's a new music venue and cafe in town. Bethany Lutheran Church, located at 1095 Cloud Ave. in West Menlo Park, has transformed its family area into "The Coffee Shop & Music Lounge" each Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m., according to Viliami Finau, communications and marketing manager at the church.

The cafe is open to the public and not overtly religious. The intent is "not to push any sort of religious agenda on people," Mr. Finau said. It's a place where people can get homework done, use the free Wi-Fi, and sit, chat and enjoy a latte, he said.

The coffee, espresso and snacks do not have fixed prices, Mr. Finau said. The cafe operates on a donation basis. Whether visitors pay \$1 or \$4, he said, "we'll make you a great cup of coffee."

If income exceeds operational costs, the funds will go to improve the coffee and music program, he said.

The church will offer its stage and sound equipment for



Image by Bethany Lutheran Church

Bethany Lutheran Church opened a weekly cafe and music venue to make the church "more open to the public and more relevant," a church spokesman said.

use by local musicians from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sundays.

"We want to be open to the community and use the space to promote artists and give (them) a venue to showcase their talent," Mr. Finau said.

Nearby musical acts from Menlo-Atherton High School and from Stanford and Foot-

hill and Canada colleges, for instance, will be able to perform at the venue.

The last Sunday of each month will be an open mic night when anyone can sign up to perform. Signups are still being accepted for the first open mic night on Oct. 30, he said.

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, the first musical performance at the venue is scheduled. Headlining the show will be musician Eddy Dyno, who routinely busks on the streets in downtown Palo Alto before large crowds, Mr. Finau said.

The idea of launching a coffee shop and performance venue out of a church sprang from internal meetings about how to make the church "more open to the public and more relevant," he said. "The church and everyone here really backed it up."

Here is the October lineup (each performance is from 6 to 8 p.m.): Oct 9, Eddy Dyno and Company; Oct. 16, Holly Smolik; and Oct. 23, The Acoustic Session with Saane.

Go to tinyurl.com/cafe608 for more information. ▣

in about an hour's time. A staff scientist at the Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology at SLAC, Marshall's main research interest is observational cosmology using gravitational lensing: weighing galaxies, and measuring the expansion rate of the universe. Oct. 11, 7-8 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Ziggy Marley presents his new Family Cookbook The oldest son of Bob and Rita Marley will talk about his childhood, his favorite family recipes and his Grammy and Emmy award-winning musical career. Oct. 19, 5 p.m. \$40, premier, includes book; \$20, general; \$10, student. Keplers Bookstore, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Fundraisers

Young Minds Advocacy 4th Anniversary fundraiser brings together a diverse group

of community members to improve California's mental health system for young people. The night will feature food, drinks and a silent auction. Oct. 7, 6-9 p.m. \$10, youth under 21; \$50, adults. Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. youngmindsadvocacy.org

Family

Storyteller John Weaver This event is not a storytime, but a performance of tales from the oral tradition. It is especially designed for elementary schoolers on up. Oct. 6, 4 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Galleries

Portola Art Gallery Presents Marsha Heimbecker's "Sunshine", expressive oil paintings by Marsha Heimbecker of San

CAMERAS

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A representative from the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center, where camera data is stored, was present, as were sheriff's deputies.

There were concerns about privacy and a council majority concluded that the town does not yet meet criteria warranting installing cameras, Ms. Derwin said. She said she "essentially agreed" with the consensus, but that she remains open to the idea of installing cameras.

She was looking at the issue, she said, from the perspective of a world that is "random and

Mateo. This latest collection is inspired by the orphaned elephants of Tsavo, Oct. 1-31, Monday-Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

Food & Drink

Menlo Park Police: Friday Night Lights Community invited to join police officers for tailgate parties. Oct. 14, 5:30 p.m. Free. Boys & Girls Club, 701 Pierce Road, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Community Groups

Woodside High School Class of 1971 45th Reunion Tickets available through October 5. For more information visit our Facebook page at WHS1971. Oct. 15, 5-11 p.m. \$110-\$130. Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Ave., Atherton.

Charter school group wins \$10 million grant

By Dave Boyce
Almanac staff writer

Summit Public Schools, the nonprofit that operates 11 charter high schools, including Summit Prep and Everest in Redwood City, was awarded a \$10 million grant recently to open another school, Summit Elevate, in Oakland.

Summit joins two California high schools and seven schools nationwide in beating out some 700 entries in the XQ Super School Project to "re-imagine" high school. The competition was organized by Laurene Powell Jobs, widow of the late Steve

Jobs, according to EdSource.org, a nonprofit journalism website.

"I feel very humble," Summit CEO Diane Tavenner told EdSource. "I feel very fortunate that we are able to do the work we believe in and are passionate about."

Using feedback from the Oakland community and Summit's network of schools, Summit Elevate will focus on helping students "better understand the workplace and career paths open to them," according to a statement.

Ms. Tavenner was part of the team that opened Summit Prep in 2003 and Everest in 2009

— Everest with a state charter, given the strong opposition from the administration of the Sequoia Union High School District.

Summit Prep was originally chartered by a school district in Tuolumne, and the Sequoia district renewed it when the charter expired in 2005. (Summit comes before the district board on Sept. 28 with a petition to renew its charter for another term.)

The two schools routinely report that more than 90 percent of graduates are accepted into four-year colleges and universities.

Private defender program will retain most of its independence

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Most people have seen accused criminals being read their rights in TV dramas so often that they know the words by heart, including: "If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you."

Just how San Mateo County provides those attorneys to poor defendants has been under scrutiny for more than a year, after a county civil grand jury issued a report in July 2015 on the county's Private Defender Program.

The report suggested that while no specific problems had been found with the program, the county's oversight might be lax. It suggested, for starters, that the county make sure the program met state and federal standards for representing indigent defendants. The report also proposed that the county review the program more often and include the public in such reviews.

In response, the county asked retired judge Zerme Haning and retired county counsel Thomas Casey to review the private defender program. The county also asked its controller's office to look at the private defender program's finances.

The Board of Supervisors on Sept. 20 considered suggestions for changes that came out of the Haning-Casey report, including that an oversight committee be created to, among other things, choose the private defender program's top official, known as the chief defender.

The private defender program has operated since 1968, when the county began contracting with the San Mateo County Bar

Association to represent poor criminal defendants. The program, which has represented as many as 30,000 people in a year, uses private attorneys who spend some or all of their time defending indigent defendants.

In the 2013-14 fiscal year, there were 107 attorneys in the program, handling 2,254 cases, the county's staff report says.

The contract, at around \$19 million, was the county's single largest contract last year, deputy county manager Reyna Farrales told the supervisors at their Sept. 20 meeting.

After hearing recommendations from Ms. Farrales for changes to the program, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to increase oversight, but declined to limit the program's independence by creating a committee that would choose the program's top official, the chief defender, and set the program's priorities.

That recommendations drew a crowd of lawyers to the meeting, with more than a dozen speaking.

The private defender program "doesn't need to be fixed — it's not broken," attorney Steve Chase told the supervisors. "We have resources to work with. This is a great program."

Attorneys said that because the program has its own investigators and other resources, they are able to well represent their clients.

Attorney John Halley said the program gives attorneys "what we need to do the job right ... so we can practice at the highest possible level."

Attorney Joan Tillman said recommendations to change the program's financial practices are fine, but the program must remain independent.

"I have no problem with auditing, I have no problem with someone coming in and saying how does the PDP spend its money," she said. "But I do have a problem with someone coming in and screwing with our autonomy."

The grand jury report said San Mateo County is the only California county with a population of more than 500,000 to not have a public defender's office representing poor defendants. It is also the only county in the state to contract out all legal representation for poor clients to a bar association, the report said.

The grand jury said it had not received any complaints about the program, and pointed out that the program has won national honors and been used as a role model for providing superior legal services to clients who cannot afford their own attorneys.

The Haning-Casey report listed several perceived conflicts of interest, including that the chief defender was also the head of the county bar association and that some bar association board members who made decisions about the private defender program were also program attorneys.

The controller's report pointed out a number of record-keeping and other financial discrepancies.

The program's current chief defender, John Digiaccinto, told the supervisors that a number of changes have been made to address those problems. He is no longer chief executive of the bar association, and board members who work in the program can no longer vote on issues affecting the program, he said.

He said the program has clari-

fied its fee schedule and is putting two new staff members in place to oversee financial matters.

Supervisors said they think the program is a good one. "This review is not a knock on any of the work that has been done or the service provided," Supervisor Adrienne Tissier said. "I clearly am not looking to micromanage."

"I've always been very impressed with the work they do and their advocacy for their clients," Supervisor Don Horsley said. "It really needs to be independent. We don't choose

judges, we don't choose the DA, we don't choose the sheriff. We should not be choosing the chief defender," he said.

In addition to requiring more stringent financial controls, the supervisors agreed to recommendations for closer monitoring of the program, to make the application process for attorneys open and visible to the public, to solicit feedback from clients, and to set up a way for clients who have complaints to be able to share them with someone outside the program. ■



TOWN OF ATHERTON NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton City Council will hold a hearing to review a draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) for the Town of Atherton, which outlines the strategy for reducing the Town's greenhouse gas emissions. The draft CAP is consistent with the State's Global Warming Solutions Act (State Assembly Bill 32 passed in September 2007 and Senate Bill 32 passed in September 2016), which directed public agencies in California to support the statewide goal of reducing GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and 2030.

The hearing by the City Council will be held at its regular meeting on **October 19, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Town Hall of the Town of Atherton, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the draft Climate Action Plan should or should not be approved.

The Draft Climate Action Plan will be available for public review by October 7, 2016 at the Town Permit Center, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA, 94027, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A copy will also be available on this date for review at the Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton California and online at <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us>

The project has been determined to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Sections CEQA Guidelines 15262 (Planning and Feasibility Studies), 15061(b)(3) (No Possibility of Significant Effect), 15306 (Information Collection), 15307 (Protection of Natural Resources) and 15308 (Protection of the Environment).

Any attendee who wishes accommodation for a disability should contact the City Clerk at (650) 752-0529 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Stephanie Bertollo Davis, Senior Planner at (650) 773-7249 or sbertollo-davis@ci.atherton.ca.us.

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ATHERTON CITY COUNCIL

/s/ L Costa Sanders

Lisa Costa Sanders, Deputy Town Planner

■ POLICE CALLS

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

MENLO PARK

Commercial burglary: Police were called to CVS pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real on a report of a crime in progress, then arrested and booked into Hillcrest juvenile facility two teenagers on suspicion of burglary and possession of burglary tools. Both girls wore concealed sacks around their waists, and a search of one turned up items with a value of about \$2,500, police said. Sept. 28.

Thefts:

■ Thieves stole bikes locked to bike

racks — in front of the public library on Alma Street and at the public swimming pool. Estimated loss: \$600 and \$500. Sept. 26.

■ A man walked into Trader Joe's supermarket on Menlo Avenue and walked out with an unpaid for bottle of tequila. An employee saw the man get into the back seat of a waiting vehicle that police located a short time later, but without making an arrest. Estimated loss: \$39. Sept. 25.

■ Two men walked out of the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real with two unpaid-for six-packs of Mike's Hard Lemonade and fled. Estimated loss: \$20. Sept. 23.

■ A woman walked out of the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real with several items she hadn't paid for. Police were told the woman was seen holding

paper plates while entering a gray Saturn vehicle. Sept. 29.

LADERA

Fraud: A woman paid for \$1,800 in gift cards that she transferred to someone claiming to be an attorney acting on behalf of her granddaughter, who was said to be in a Miami jail and in need of bail money. The woman later learned she'd been scammed. Sept. 14.

WOODSIDE

Auto burglary: A man who parked his vehicle on Runnymede Road and went for a run later returned to find a window smashed and a purse and a gym bag stolen. The contents of the gym bag included clothing and a diamond ring. Estimated losses: \$2,990. Sept. 14.

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Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

Endorsement: Ackerman and Lucas for Menlo Park district school board

A common route to appointment or election to local school boards is that of the parent who is an active volunteer for the school district, often serving in leadership positions on school site councils and education foundation boards. Such experience can be valuable to those whose role on the school board is to help govern the district, a job that requires an understanding of how things work on many levels.

weaknesses in the district's leadership, and says he found that leadership lacking in inspiration.

As a board member helping to chart the district's way forward, he says, he would emphasize the importance of tapping into teachers' ideas and the valuable knowledge they have gained from on-the-ground experience. He rightly states that the board is at a disadvantage in having no member with a background in education.

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

But if all board member emerge from a similar field of experience, the end result can be a governing board of like-minded thinkers in danger of discussing key issues facing the district in an echo chamber.

In many election years, voters who would like to see a governing board that brings to the dais a wider perspective have been frustrated because viable candidates haven't come forward; sometimes, such as in 2014 in the Menlo Park City School District, elections have been canceled because the number of candidates equals the number of open seats. This year is different.

In the race to fill the Menlo Park City School District board seats of Jeff Child and Maria Hilton, who have chosen not to run for re-election, we endorse David Ackerman and Caroline Lucas. They have come to their quest for governing board seats through untraditional routes and we believe they can offer valuable new perspectives as part of the district's decision-making team.

David Ackerman

Mr. Ackerman can hardly be called an outsider: He served in the district as Oak Knoll School principal for 15 years. Now retired and living in Menlo Park, he wants to stay involved in the district and offer, as a board member, a perspective gained from a 45-year career in education as both a teacher and an administrator.

From his position as a principal, he was able to observe firsthand the strengths and

Caroline Lucas

Ms. Lucas, a longtime educator and currently a Spanish teacher at La Entrada School in the Las Lomas School District, also would come to the board with an educator's perspective, but with a broader community perspective as well.

She's been a school volunteer in the Menlo Park district and the Ravenswood elementary school district, which administers Belle Haven and Willow Oaks schools in Menlo Park and schools in East Palo Alto. Her children attended district schools and now attend Menlo-Atherton High School. She has also been a community volunteer — a Girl Scout leader and a translator for Spanish speakers in medical clinics.

One of her goals as a board member, she says, would be to improve the district's communication with the broader community and increase the public's participation in district affairs. Her ideas for doing so include more town hall-style meetings, conducting more interactive surveys, and posting videos of school board meetings, which are poorly attended.

She wants to change a process in board decision-making that she sees as backwards: The board arrives at consensus on issues, she says, then solicits feedback from the public. If elected, "I'm going to ask the public what they want, then bring that back" to the board as an important component in deciding the way forward. ▣

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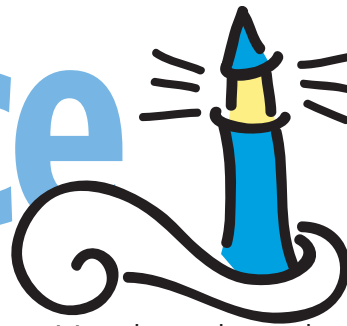


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995 Fictitious Name Statement

KINGS MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 270597
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Kings Mountain Vineyards, located at 187 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County; Mailing address: PO Box 620170, Woodside, CA 94062.
Registered owner(s):
KINGS MOUNTAIN WINERY LLC
187 Kings Mountain Road
Woodside, CA 94062
California
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/1/2011. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 1, 2016.
(ALM Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 2016)

DONATO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 270568
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Donato, located at 1041 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
SPIGA LLC
1041 Middlefield Rd.
Redwood City, CA 94063
California
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 30, 2016.
(ALM Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 2016)

WOODSIDE BAKERY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 270697
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Woodside Bakery, located at 104 Constitution Drive, #3, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
WHISKEY HILL ENTERPRISES INC.
104 Constitution Dr., #3
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Calif.
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03-16-16. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 9, 2016.
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WOODSIDE BAKERY & CAFÉ
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 270698
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Woodside Bakery & Café, located at 325 Sharon Park Drive, D-1, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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325 Sharon Park Drive, D-1
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03-16-16. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 9, 2016.
(ALM Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 2016)

BLOOM FLORAL DESIGN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 270787
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Bloom Floral Design, located at 3110 Woodside Rd., Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
FIONA MARGARET RYAN
3110 Woodside Rd.
Woodside, CA 94062
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 15, 2016.
(ALM Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 2016)

File No. 270721
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Kindred at Home, 355 Gellert Blvd., Suite 110, Daly City, CA 94015, County of San Mateo
Registered Owner(s): NP Plus, LLC, 680 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40202, Delaware

This business is conducted by: a limited liability company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signature of Registrant:
Joseph Landenwisch
Print name of person signing. If corporation, also print corporate title of officer:
JOSEPH LANDENWICH
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN MATEO COUNTY on September 13, 2016.
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AIDA MAKEUP DESIGN STUDIO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 270647
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Aida Makeup Design Studio, located at 1146 Chestnut Lane, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
AIDA MORANO
2160 Santa Cruz Ave. Unit 9
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 2, 2016. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 6, 2016.
(ALM Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 2016)

ART | TML
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 270738
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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TATIANA MARATCHI LEGRAN
325 Yale Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 15, 2016.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 14, 2016.
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T.S. No. 034809-CA APN: 062-073-090-3
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/28/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 10/12/2016 at 12:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/10/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-034650, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: YADIRA DIAZ AND ALEX DELGADO BASTIDAS, WIFE AND HUSBAND WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: AT THE MARSHALL ST. ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AND RECORDS, 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1130 WINDERMERE AVE MENLO PARK, CA 94025-1314 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$614,584.85 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and

Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 034809-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 16CIV01071
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: DANIEL CHRISTOPHER KOCH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
DANIEL CHRISTOPHER KOCH to DANIEL FARSTRIDE LIEFWALKER.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: Wed. October 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC
Date: September 1, 2016
/s/ John L. Grandsaert
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 2016)


ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 16CIV01655
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: BRITNEY HSIAO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

names as follows:
RYAN CHRISTOPHER HANSON to RYAN CHRISTOPHER HSIAO.


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

NOTICE OF HEARING: Thr. November 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC
Date: September 30, 2016
/s/ George A. Miram
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016)

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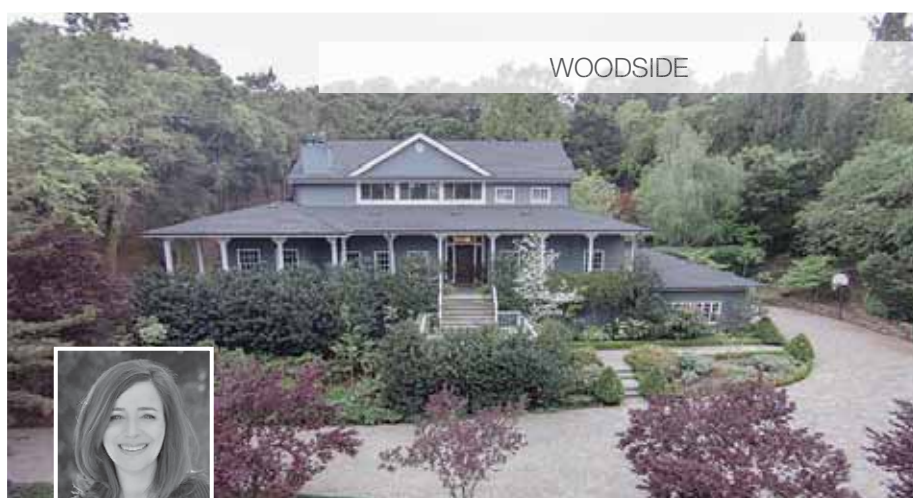


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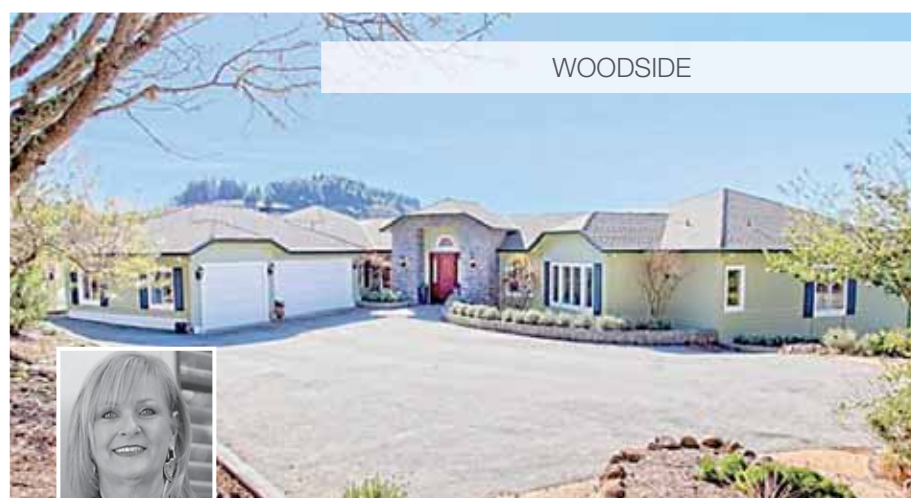


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