

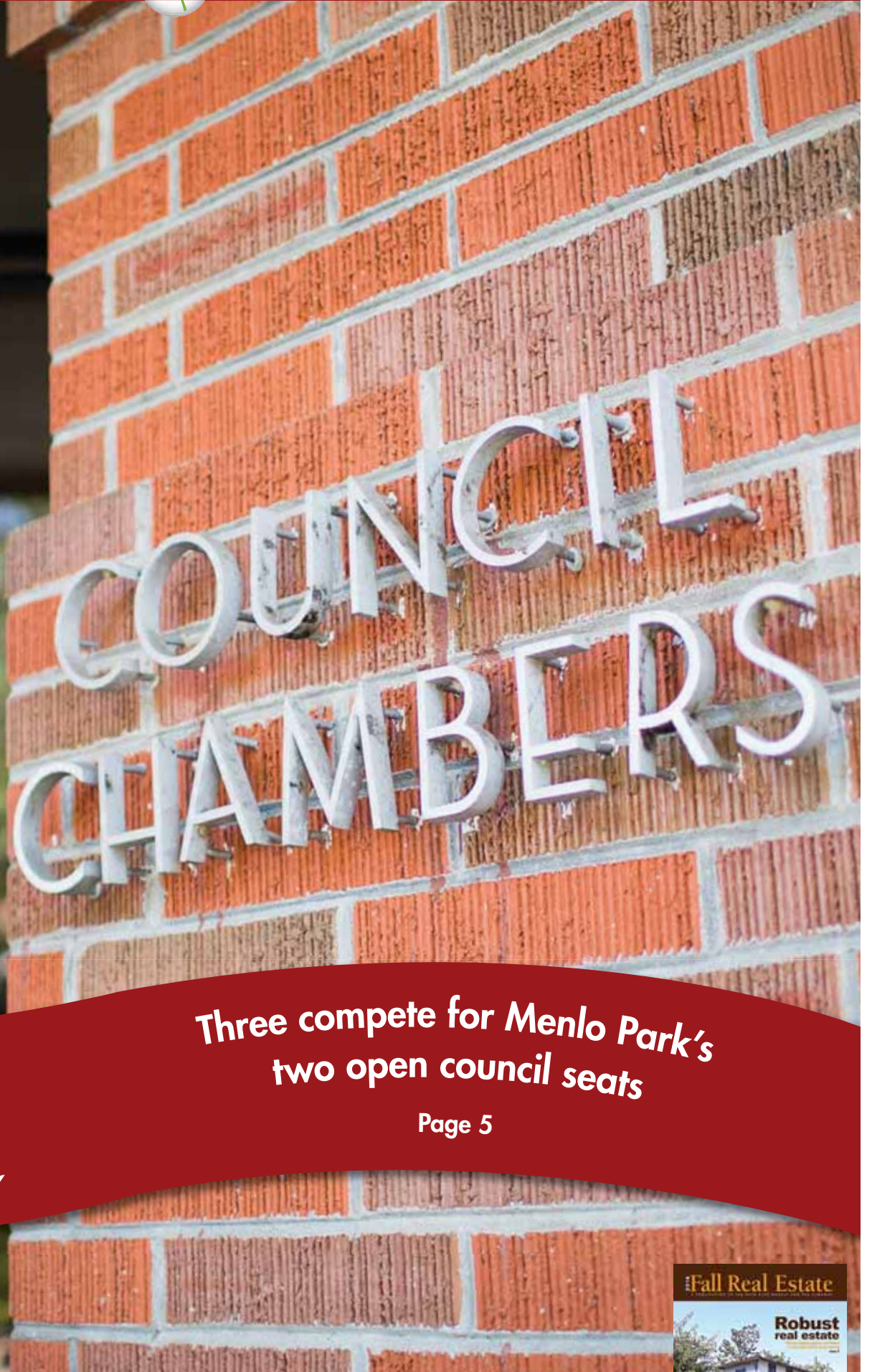
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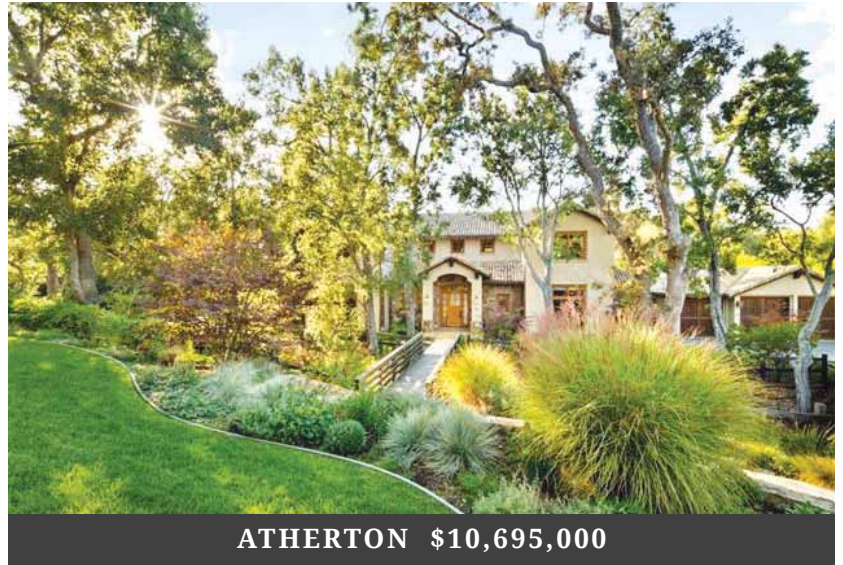
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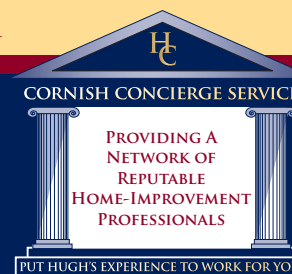
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Three contend for two council seats

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

Three candidates are running for two open seats on the Menlo Park City Council in the Nov. 8 election: incumbents Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton, and challenger Cecilia Taylor.

While Ms. Taylor has less experience in city government than the two incumbents, she resides in the city's Belle Haven neighborhood, and the council has had no member from Belle Haven, a less affluent area of the city, since Billy Ray White served on the council three decades ago. Carolyn Clarke was the most recent Belle Haven resident to vie for a council seat when she ran in 2012.



Ray Mueller

"One of the big challenges we have right now is the rising tide of the economy. ... It's not rising for everybody. We have people who are being left behind. So the question is, how do you go ahead and build in proper systems to make sure that everyone's taken care of?"

Looking within and beyond the boundaries of Menlo Park to solve problems is what Ray Mueller says he plans to do if he is re-elected in November.

He was first elected to the council in 2012, and since then has engaged in projects and initiatives, big and small.

On the smaller side he's pursued kid-friendly projects. He managed work by architect Sam Sinnott

Mr. Mueller has also worked on a larger scale. As a councilman, he has worked with the San Mateo County Jobs Housing Task Force, in addition to representing the city on the board of the Facebook Community Fund, which helps distribute Facebook funds to local nonprofits, and on the South Bay-side Waste Management Authority JPA. He is also the assigned liaison for the city's environmental quality, library, and transportation commissions.

He says his approach is to think of Menlo Park as one piece of a regional puzzle, where jurisdictional boundaries matter less than common-sense solutions to shared problems.

"We have systems in place that are 50-year-old ways of thinking about cities," he said.

The city should work more with its neighbors, he said. Agreements between cities could be signed that would enable revenues to be shared, infrastructure funded, economic growth spurred, and housing built rather than have cities pushing others away in pursuit of economic growth. He supports projects such as connecting U.S. 101 to Bayfront Expressway, and revenue-sharing agreements.

"One of the things I pride myself on as a City Council member is being innovative and trying to think outside the box," he said.

An idea he has pursued on the council is to develop a joint powers authority (JPA) that could create a funding source for cities to help support the Ravenswood City School District, which has

a \$282 million shortfall in the funding it needs to make safety improvements and modernize its facilities beyond what it can fund with bond measures.

Belle Haven School and others in the eastern part of the city are in the Ravenswood district.

The JPA that Mr. Mueller has proposed would gather representatives from Menlo Park, Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Mateo County and the Ravenswood school district. So far, Mr. Mueller and Ms. Carlton are the council representatives on a subcommittee to look into the possibility of



Ray Mueller

Age: 42

Occupation: vice president, One Concern, an artificial intelligence company.

Experience: Member, Menlo Park City Council (since 2012); board member, LifeMoves (formerly InnVision Shelter Network); former chief of staff, Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian; past chair, Menlo Park Transportation Commission; past board member, Las Lomas Education Foundation; past development team member, Ravenswood Education Foundation; past organizer, Santa Cruz Avenue Neighborhood Association; past pro bono attorney, San Mateo County Domestic Violence Collaborative; past co-host, Healthy Communities Forums.

Education: B.S., bio-resource sciences, U.C. Berkeley; J.D., civil litigation concentration, U.C. Hastings College of the Law

Campaign contributions received: \$12,098 as of Sept. 24

Website: muellerformenlopark.com



Catherine Carlton

Age: 49

Occupation: Business development director, Mandarin Matrix, an online learning company.

Experience: Member, Menlo Park City Council (since 2012); past president, Las Lomas Education Foundation; former member, Parks and Recreation Commission; former vice president, Sharon Heights Homeowners Association; founding board member, Peninsula Clean Energy and Menlo Park Sister City Committee; board member, Council of Cities, Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired; member, City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County and League of Cities.

Education: B.A., public communications, Tulane University; MBA, Cass Business School, London.

Campaign contributions received: \$18,879 as of Sept. 24

Website: carltonformenlopark.com



Cecilia Taylor

Age: 46

Occupation: Math instructor /community advocate

Experience: Member, Ad hoc Advisory Board for San Mateo County Housing Authority, 2000-2012; trainee, Bay Area leadership conference by PICO California, a faith-based community organizing network pursuing racial and economic justice; volunteer, East Palo Alto Teen Home; tutor, homeless shelter; co-host, community meetings on affordable housing; participant, ConnectMenlo, General Plan Advisory Committee, City Council, Planning Commission meetings; attendee, local workshop on understanding environmental impact reports.

Education: B.A., mathematics, San Francisco State University; Early Childhood Education Certificate, Canada College.

Campaign contributions received: \$1,304 as of Sept. 24

Website: taylor4menlopark.com

establishing such a group.

"Menlo Park is a very interesting city because on one corner of the city, we have billionaires, and on others, we have those who are underserved," he said. "It's a perfect Petri dish to create really effective policy."

Cecilia Taylor

"It's obvious that there are pieces missing on the council, and I believe that (one of them) is a voice like mine."

It was a personal misfortune that brought Cecilia Taylor back to Menlo Park a little over a year ago. She and her husband had been on vacation when they were told a fire had damaged the San Bruno home they rented. The pair returned to Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood and began renting from Ms. Taylor's mother. Her family has been in Menlo Park for three generations.

Ms. Taylor, a middle school math teacher at a private academy in Redwood City, became frustrated at the state of her neighborhood.

Schools in the Ravenswood City School District are still underperforming; the narrow arteries to and from the neighborhood are choked with traffic for hours each day; and the city has no representation on its City Council from Belle Haven, even as it considers and approves major developments on its eastern side.

So Ms. Taylor got involved, and began attending lots of city meetings, including meetings of the General Plan Advisory Committee, ConnectMenlo, the Planning Commission, the Housing Commission and the City Council.

Ms. Taylor's campaign slogan is: "Menlo Park, Many Neighborhoods, One City." As the slogan suggests, one of her primary goals will be to improve communication and increase civic engagement across the city, especially in her neighborhood, so that Belle Haven will no longer be what she calls "the lonely triangle."

Some of her ideas are to improve pedestrian safety, such as installing better traffic controls at New-

bridge Street and Willow Road, where she says she sees pedestrians in danger under the current stoplight configuration. She wants to work with the county's Safe Journeys to School program to pursue safe bike and pedestrian routes citywide to all Menlo Park schools. She would support some form of mandatory tenant-landlord agreements, and a possible cap on major rent increases over a certain period of time.

A big concern is the poor educational outcomes of Menlo Park children who go to schools in the Ravenswood City School District. In addition to supporting Mr. Mueller's educational equity joint powers authority proposal, she would support eastern Menlo Park schools forming a new district or being absorbed into the Menlo Park City School District.

She's open to new ideas, she said, and has already added a stack of city documents to her reading list.

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Two incumbents and a challenger are in the race for two four-year terms on the Menlo Park City Council.

New Laurel School Upper Campus to open Oct. 17

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

As enrollment increased by 40 percent in the past 11 years, Menlo Park City School District schools have steadily become more and more overcrowded. On Monday, Oct. 17, students should get some breathing room as the new Laurel School Upper Campus opens for 300 students in grades 3 to 5.

The school was built on property the district had been leasing since 1991 to the German-American International School (recently renamed the Alto International School). The district demolished the former O'Connor School on the site before beginning construction in summer 2015.

The new school gives more room to both the Laurel School Lower Campus and Encinal School. Previously students in the Laurel School attendance area went to Laurel from kindergarten through third grade and

then to Encinal for fourth and fifth grades.

Students have been squeezing together on the lower campus since school started Sept. 1.

The new school has 16 classrooms, two STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) labs, a music room, library and a multi-use gym. The school also has a covered eating area, spaces that can be shared by teachers for collaborative activities, and offices. Outside, the school has a playground, running track and a baseball and soccer field.

It was built with proceeds of a \$23 million bond measure approved by more than 75 percent of the voters in 2013.

The new school's public grand opening, which will serve double-duty as a celebration of Laurel School winning a National Blue Ribbon Schools award, will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday Oct. 22, at the school, located at 275 Elliott Drive in Menlo Park.



Menlo Park City School District

The Menlo Park City School District is scrambling to complete work on the new Laurel School Upper Campus in time for the school's opening.

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As a renter and a Belle Haven resident, she said, she represents a different perspective that's currently missing from the council. For instance, she said, the city has been remiss in not tracking how many people have already been evicted or priced out of the community.

"There are just certain things that the city didn't do because their perspective isn't there. My perspective is there," she said.

The changes the council members make on the eastern side of the city do not affect them directly, she said. "They get to make the decision but they put it over here, so they don't actually see what's happening. They have to call someone and ask or drive by. I hear it. I see it every day."

Since there are two open seats, she said, "there's still space for one of the two incumbents (who are running for re-election). And there's space for me too."

Catherine Carlton

"I would like to be elected one more time to finish a lot of the things that we started."

On the City Council, the sludgy pace of city bureaucracy can be frustrating, said incumbent Catherine "Cat" Carlton. Projects she'd like to see done are invariably more complicated than they seem, she said, and her first term hasn't been long enough to see some of the projects she's worked on through to fruition.

She cited a lesson learned from

her childhood. She had complained about something and her mother, a teacher who raised two children alone, told her: "There will always be people more poor than you, and there will always be people richer than you, so get over it. If you see a need, it's your responsibility to step up and do something about it."

While serving as mayor in 2015, she followed this advice, stepping in as president of the Las Lomas Education Foundation, which had a leadership vacuum at the time, she said. In the 2015-16 school year, the foundation raised \$2.45 million. She also serves as the council's liaison to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and Parks & Recreation and Planning commissions.

If re-elected, she said, she wants to launch a program that would open college savings accounts for some Menlo Park kindergartners, such as those who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, an indicator of poverty. She told the Almanac that she has already had \$100,000 promised by local businesses and foundations committed to supporting the program.

She said she's talking to banks about the possibility. Studies indicate that students who have college savings accounts are more likely to graduate from high school, regardless of the amount saved in the account, she said.

On development projects along El Camino Real, she said, "I think that people in Menlo Park are ready to see something developed that is appropriate." She recently served on the council's

subcommittee to negotiate the development agreement for the Greenheart project, which will have 14 units designated as rentals for low-income tenants and six for moderate-income tenants. She supported construction of sidewalks along Santa Cruz Avenue, from roughly Hillview Middle School to downtown, and outdoor dining areas downtown.

Downtown revitalization, she said, "is on the right trajectory."

On the topic of displacement, she says she is waiting to receive recommendations from city staff based on research into "best practices" with regard to tenant protection, but does support six-month or 90-day leases instead of month-to-month policies.

Ms. Carlton's initiatives during her first term in office have focused on children and the environment. For kids, she promoted an anti-bullying public awareness campaign in schools, supported the city's "safe routes to school" initiatives, and led an international exchange program between Bizen, Japan, and Menlo Park for middle school students.

On environmental matters, she supports bike-friendly initiatives such as green paint on bike lanes and added bike racks downtown. She pushed the city to ban neonicotinoids, a form of pesticide linked to honey bee die-offs, in city parks, and worked with local jeweler Ceci Wong to sell necklaces to raise money to plant trees in the city. Ms. Carlton also supports water conservation measures, like safely encouraging more greywater use.

"I'm kind of a greenie," she said. ▀

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Mental health clinic for youth coming to Menlo Park

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

By the end of next summer, if all goes according to plan, Menlo Park will have a mental health clinic just for young people.

SafeSpace is planned as a self-sustaining nonprofit modeled on the Australian clinics called “headspace.”

Since starting in 2006 with 30 clinics, headspace has expanded to 100 clinics in Australia (which has about half the population of California) and the model has been adopted in Israel, Denmark, Ireland, Netherlands and Canada.

The team working to open SafeSpace says the Menlo Park clinic is planned to be the first of many in the U.S.

SafeSpace will serve young people from ages 12 to 26, and involve youth in everything from designing the clinic interiors to spreading the word about it and referring friends who may need help. The clinic will have a youth advisory board, and partner with student groups at local schools. Online counseling and advice will also be available.

Stacy Drazan of Woodside, Susan Bird of Menlo Park and Liesl Moldow of Atherton are heading the effort to get SafeSpace open by the end of August 2017. They have some powerful help in the person of Chris Tanti, who has agreed to be SafeSpace’s executive director. For 10 years, until his resignation in June, Mr. Tanti was the CEO of Australia’s headspace.

The three women have a number of things in common beyond living on the Midpeninsula. They



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Working to open SafeSpace, a mental health clinic for those from ages 12 to 26, are, from left, Susan Bird of Menlo Park, Stacy Drazan of Woodside and Liesl Moldow of Atherton.

are mothers with business backgrounds and experience in startups, and all have parented children with mental health issues.

Mr. Tanti said the experience of the three is part of what convinced him to go beyond his initial offer to serve on SafeSpace’s board and become its director. “I’m working with pretty extraordinary people,” he said. “People who understand and have had experience in the mental health system.”

Ms. Moldow said her now-college-age daughter’s struggle with anxiety and depression since she was in second grade showed her family first-hand many of the problems with the existing mental health system. “We have nothing for our kids,” she said.

SafeSpace will provide “a whole new model of mental health that’s primarily focused on acceptance,” she said. One idea they will emphasize, she said, is that mental health “is just as impor-

tant as your physical health.”

Statistics show the need for youth mental health services in San Mateo County. A survey in San Mateo County’s 2014-15 Adolescent Report showed 70 percent of students in San Mateo County public schools reported being depressed, anxious or emotionally stressed in the month

The clinic will provide a ‘new model of mental health’ focused on acceptance, says SafeSpace supporter Liesl Moldow.

before the survey and that 23 percent of boys and 38 percent of girls reported suicidal thoughts.

National statistics show suicide is the second leading cause of death for those between ages 15 and 25.

In the Midpeninsula area,

“young people are struggling, as they are everywhere else, and there really aren’t the services for them to go to,” Mr. Tanti said. Many available services aren’t age-appropriate, he said.

As with the Australian headspace clinics, SafeSpace’s interior will be designed by a youth advisory board with the goal of making youth feel at ease.

“This is why this organization has been so successful,” Ms. Bird said, “because kids have input and they feel they’re being heard.”

“We’re hoping to give the kids a really comfortable place to go,” Ms. Drazan said. While the group is still looking for a Menlo Park location for the clinic and SafeSpace offices, they hope to be near public transportation and local schools. They are looking for 6,000 to 8,000 square feet of space that could be in two separate, but nearby, locations.

Young people will be able to get help “from someone who will

listen and not judge them,” Ms. Drazan said.

Ms. Moldow said SafeSpace will help “kids to understand who they are and who they’re not,” and allow them to be “who they are and not who we expect them to be.”

Mr. Tanti said SafeSpace will not dismiss problems that might be thought of as minor by adults, such as relationship breakups or questions about sexuality. “People don’t get screened out because their problems aren’t complex enough,” he said. “We don’t turn anyone away.”

Group therapy, where young people can try out their ideas on their peers, and family therapy will be offered.

“Young people know what young people need, and families know what families need,” Mr. Tanti said.

Catching problems early can help keep them from getting more serious. “We try to get in at the earliest possible point,” he said.

SafeSpace will work to eliminate the stigma of seeking help for mental health, and educate youth and adults on how to recognize early signs of mental health problems.

SafeSpace will focus on working with high school students at first, Ms. Drazan said, and will partner with five or six local high schools, both public and private. Veteran educator Lesley Martin, a former school principal who lives in Menlo Park, is helping make the connection with schools.

The group hopes to raise enough funds to cover three years of operation before opening the clinic. “Our goal is to create something and prove its sustainability, and then take it to other places,” Ms. Drazan said.

“We do not want to be those ladies who just throw fundraisers,” Ms. Moldow said. “We want to change the world.”

SafeSpace.org has more information. ■

Donor offers \$1 million matching grant for Atherton civic center

Atherton Now, the nonprofit group raising funds for a new Atherton civic center, announced last week that an anonymous donor has offered to match up to \$1 million of any donations received through the end of the year.

Beverly Lenihan, a consultant working with Atherton Now, said the donor will match any money raised from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31. That means that the more than \$100,000 the group reported it raised in September will also be matched.

Ms. Lenihan said the donor wants the civic center design to be “practical and efficient” with “no wasted space.”

“It looks at this point that the Civic Center Advisory Committee, the architects and the City Council are working to that end,” she said.

Ms. Lenihan said Atherton Now will be contacting all residents of Atherton through emails or mail.

At the group’s last report to the Atherton City Council, Atherton Now had raised \$5.63 million. The group says its goal is to raise \$10 million by the end of the year. While the town has not yet received a firm estimate of the cost of the civic center, the council set a goal of having \$25 million privately raised to pay its costs. Several council members have

said they will give Atherton Now until the end of the year to raise the money.

If the donations do not materi-

alize, the town may return to the voters to find a way around a 2012 measure that requires the town to build the civic center primarily

with private donations. The measure allows the town to use building fees or grants, but not general fund or parcel tax money.

Where to get free flu shots

People can get flu shots Saturday morning, Oct. 15, for free and without an appointment, by visiting the main fire station at 3111 Woodside Road in Woodside. The three-hour clinic opens at 8:30 a.m.

Free flu shots are available at the Padua Dining Room of

St. Anthony’s Church at 3500 Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on three Thursdays: Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 1.

People most at risk of contracting the flu, which is contagious, include those over 60 years old, those with seri-

ous long-term health issues, and anyone with a weakened immune system. Flu shots are also effective for children at least 6 months old.

Go to tinyurl.com/CS59T5 for more information on the flu.

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Should Woodside adopt term limits for council?

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

Of the 20 incorporated towns and cities in San Mateo County, five — Redwood City, Foster City, San Mateo, Millbrae and Pacifica — have term limits for their council members.

Will Woodside join this group? At a recent Town Council meeting, Town Manager Kevin Bryant brought the topic up in replying to an October 2015 request by then mayor Tom Shanahan and Councilwoman Anne Kasten to schedule a discussion of term limits.

Term limits has some support and at least one opponent on the council.

Councilman Chris Shaw said he does not like the idea. "It's the responsibility of the electorate to make choices, and term limits, to me, they seem like a nanny-state solution to people not being willing to get engaged and cast a vote," he said. "If you don't like the system, vote to change it. Run. Find somebody else to run. ... Having to have the government

make decisions for you is just abdication of your responsibility as a citizen."

Councilwoman Anne Kasten, while agreeing with Mr. Shaw's nanny-state point, said she "very much" wants to discuss term limits, in part because deciding to run against an incumbent in a small town is a difficult decision. "Everybody knows everybody," she said. "It's a very uncomfortable situation." Mr. Shaw conceded that she had a point.

Ms. Kasten said she occasionally runs into people who thank her, but add that they're grateful for her service so they don't have to serve. "I don't think that is the way a democracy should run," she said. "I feel that we as a council need to bring people's attention to the fact that this is their town and that they need to participate in it. They need to contribute. I think it's really important ... (and) we owe it to our residents to have a conversation about it."

"My inclination," Councilman Tom Livermore said, "would be to adopt reasonable term limits." They can't be too short, he said,



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Familiar and new

The arches in this view of what will be the Village Bakery & Cafe at 3052 Woodside Road in Woodside recall the interior decor of the Woodside Bakery & Cafe at that location that closed in March. If the arches remain, they will join the seating capacity as holdovers from the old cafe, but the new interior will be 650 square feet larger with the addition of what was a frame shop next door.

because the learning curve is too high, but "having some turnover over an extended period of time is a good thing."

Councilman Peter Mason and

Daniel Yost and Mayor Deborah Gordon said they're open to the discussion.

Councilman Dave Tanner did not express an opinion at the

meeting and has not yet responded to a request for comment.

Woodside voters would have to approve an ordinance to institute term limits. ■

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Menlo Park weighs three options for separating roads from rail line

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Three options to separate the Caltrain rail line from the Menlo Park streets it crosses were presented by the city of Menlo Park and representatives of the construction engineering consulting firm, AECOM, at a community meeting on Oct. 4.

Grade separations are being studied as a way to improve traffic flow and safety around the railroad tracks.

One option is to run Ravenswood Avenue under the tracks, which would remain at their current grade. The underpass, expected to be 740 feet in length from El Camino Real to Noel Drive, would have a steep grade downhill, and would be 22 feet below the ground at its lowest point. It would also cut off access at Alma Street. Alma Street would continue across the intersection at grade level parallel to the tracks.

A second option is to build two grade separations, at the Raven-

swood and Oak Grove avenue crossings, that would both raise the tracks and lower the roadway considered a "hybrid" approach. At Ravenswood, the crossing would go 8 feet down while Caltrain would be elevated 14 feet up, and at Oak Grove, the crossing would go 15 feet down and the tracks 6 feet up. The project would cover a span of 5,400 feet, from East Creek Drive to Glenwood Avenue.

The third option is a "hybrid" as well, but would add a grade separation at the Glenwood Avenue crossing. It would run 5,800 feet, from East Creek Drive to Encinal Avenue, and over the three intersections, would have a maximum added height of 10 feet and maximum depth of 15 feet.

Each would have bike and pedestrian crossings separate from the tracks. Each also has its pros and cons, presenter Etty

Mercurio of AECOM said, and carries implications for the possibility of building future grade separations along the Caltrain line. For instance, if the city were to pick the first option, then it could be harder and more expensive to build grade separations at the other rail crossings

Grade separations are designed to improve traffic flow and safety around the railroad tracks.

later on, since the chance to raise the Caltrain line may have passed.

The three options will also be presented to the Menlo Park Transportation, Bicycle and Planning commissions for feedback.

According to Menlo Park Associate Engineer Angela Obeso, the purpose of the study is for the City Council to have the information it needs to pick an option and move forward with creating designs. From that point, she said, it'll probably take three to four years to identify funding and proceed with designing the project, and then

another three to four years to get construction funding and build the project. Construction time will vary based on the selected project.

Buildings at the Menlo Park train station may have to be moved, Ms. Obeso said.

"Due to the need for wider platforms (the current station platforms are non-standard widths) and the proximity of the existing buildings to the existing platforms, most likely the buildings would have to be moved," she said in an email.

Based on the requirements of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, which helped fund the feasibility study, the designs cannot interfere with the train's electrification process or preclude the possibility of the construction of a passing track, or third track lane.

The contract for the feasibility study says the fee is "not to exceed \$631,000."

Electrification

According to Casey Fromson, external affairs officer at Cal-

train, the electrification process has already begun to get the electric train fleet built.

The current timeline for the electrification process is for construction to begin in 2017, with four different phases, expected to be completed in 2021. Caltrain service will continue, with construction taking place in off-peak hours, on weekends and during evenings.

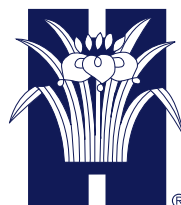
A third community meeting on the feasibility study is expected to be held in early 2017. At that point, Ms. Obeso said, the consultants and city staff are expected to have refined designs, cost estimates, and more information about the possible impacts and project staging plans.

"Once we have a preferred alternative and cost estimates prepared, the project will be better positioned to apply for additional funding. Potential sources are local, regional, state and federal funds and we'll need to explore all possibilities," she said in an email. ▀

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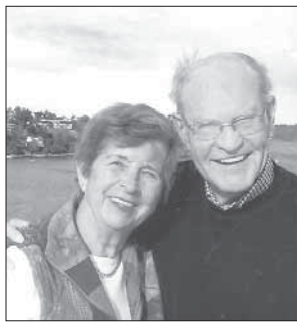
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Barbara Bunting

January 23, 1911 – September 27, 2016

Barbara was born in Palo Alto, CA, on January 23, 1911, and passed away of natural causes peacefully at home, just shy of her 106th birthday. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Edith Parkinson and the younger sister of Frances Shaw (deceased) and Elizabeth Talt (deceased).

Barbara was raised on The Alameda in San Jose when it was just a small town in the Santa Clara Valley, aka Silicon Valley today, then populated with open spaces and orchards. She graduated from San Jose High School in 1918 and attended the University of California, Berkeley, where she pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma. She married her high school sweetheart, John, in 1934, a loving bond of 58 years.

They moved frequently during the first few years of their marriage, living in Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, Atlanta and New York. Returning to California in 1942, they settled permanently in Menlo Park where Barbara immediately became involved in the community. Her most tireless and ardent volunteer work was as a member of the Charter Woodside Atherton Junior Auxiliary for the benefit of the Stanford Children's Convalescent Home, later the Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. Her efforts on its behalf were legendary and lifelong.

Barbara and John moved to San Francisco in 1972 and, in 1997, Barbara moved to the San Francisco Towers the very day it opened. She made many new friends there while still maintaining her large circle of friends from the Peninsula, San Francisco and the Francisca Club. She lived each day as it came, welcoming everyone in her presence, always sensitive to their needs above her own. While life dealt her some difficult circumstances, she cheerfully conducted her own with dignity, graciousness, humility and always much mirth and laughter. An avid sports fan to the very end, Barbara followed her favorite football, basketball and baseball teams, particularly Stanford, her husband's and father's alma mater. When Stanford quarterback Adrew Luck graduated and was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts, she became a Colts fan, too. She was, indeed, a wise and loving role model for her family and all those who knew her. Our world has lost a very special lady. We will miss her dearly.

Preceded in death by her beloved John (1992) and their young son, Johnny (1939-1945), Barbara is survived by her loving daughters, Sally Pitts and Susan Warfield, grandchildren Katie, John, Deborah, Ken and John, her great grandchildren, Rebecca, David and Christopher, great great grandson, Jonah, niece Margaret Walter, great niece Melinda and great nephew, Dwight.

Barbara's family wishes to express their gratitude to Rosemary MacCloud and her staff at the San Francisco Towers, Dr. Martin Lieberman, Dr. Lester Jacobson and to her loving caregivers, Millie Figueroa, Editha Elep, Cathy Mallari and Anna Pascua.

At her request, internment at Alta Mesa in Palo Alto will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Lucile Salter Packard Children's Fund, 400 Hamilton Avenue, suite 340, Palo Alto, CA 94301-1805 or to the charity of your choice.



PAID OBITUARY

Election could alter future of Sequoia Healthcare District

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The governing board of the Sequoia Healthcare District, which annually authorizes spending of millions of dollars in property tax revenues on public health concerns in southern San Mateo County, has two open seats in the Nov. 8 election.

Running for those seats are two incumbents — Kathleen Kane and Kim Griffin — and two challengers — Harland Harrison and Lois Garcia — who are running as a slate under the campaign management of a third board member, Libertarian Jack Hickey.

Mr. Hickey has a longstanding goal: to achieve a majority on the board in order to take steps that would lead to a vote by the public on whether the district should continue spending tax revenues on activities it was not chartered to address. To that end, he has contributed \$13,000, mostly his own money, to the "Harrison and Garcia for Director 2016" committee.

"I guess you could say that I chose them and they're qualified to do the things that need to be done," Mr. Hickey said in an interview. "If I get one elected, then I'll have somebody to second

my motions (to the district board) and we can have a discussion."

Mission revision

The district was created in 1946 as the Sequoia Hospital District, but in the mid-1990s, the district sold the hospital and, under enabling state legislation, re-purposed itself as a healthcare district.

With a mission more like a community foundation, the district distributes property tax revenues to health organizations and services, including nonprofits — \$11 million in the current fiscal year, according to the 2016-17 budget.

The beneficiaries this year include supporting staff such as nurses, counselors, physical coaches in schools (\$3 million), free-to-the-public healthy living workshops (\$58,000), community grants (\$2 million) for organizations such as Meals on Wheels (\$100,000), Second Harvest food assistance program (\$80,000), and CORA, a family-centered mental health program (\$100,000).

For the 2016-17 fiscal year, the district authorized grants of \$613,000 to train nurses, and \$683,000 and \$700,000 to medical clinics in Redwood City and the Ravenswood City School District, respectively. The district recently opened a hospice in San Mateo, a homelike place with staff accus-

tomed to caring for the dying, Ms. Griffin, the incumbent, said. "You don't want to die in a hospital," she said.

The district also tests children for heart defects, a condition that affects 1 percent of the population, said Ms. Griffin, who is also a registered nurse. "As a child, you rarely get an electrocardiogram," she said. "You always find kids with problems."

Go to sequoiahealthcaredistrict.com for more information.

Ask the voters?

"We need to validate the district," Mr. Hickey said, referring to the idea of putting a resolution before the voters that would allow them a chance to weigh in on the district's change of mission. If voters want an organization competing with the county's public healthcare infrastructure, they can vote on it, he said.

As a first step toward an election, a majority on the district board would have to submit a petition to the Local Agency Formation Commission. "(The board) hasn't done that and they're not about to do that," Mr. Hickey said. Even if such a petition were submitted, "it's not a done deal," he said. The commission has a veto, and "there are some supervisors on that commission that probably wouldn't go along with it," he said. ■

School board meets on funding issues

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

A series of meetings designed to get public input on how the Menlo Park City School District should balance its budget will continue on Tuesday, Oct. 18, when the district's governing board looks at staff recommendations for cutting spending and reviews public input about why the recent parcel tax measures failed.

The budget discussions will be part of the regular agenda of the school board's meeting, which starts at 6 p.m. in Hillview Middle School's Performing Arts Center at 1100 Elder Ave. in Menlo Park.

At the district's first public-input session Sept. 27, about 35 people showed up at Hillview, many of them district staff and teachers, to talk about what could be learned from the failure of two parcel tax measures in May.

Each measure needed two-thirds voter approval for passage. Measure A, which would have renewed a tax of a little more than

\$200 per parcel that will expire at the end of June 2017, won the support of 60.3 percent of voters, shy of the two-thirds threshold.

Measure C, which would have added an annual \$2.20-per-parcel tax for each student who enrolled beyond the district's then-2,938 students, was supported by 54 percent of the voters. (This year's enrollment growth of 55 students, would have meant an additional annual tax of \$121 per parcel.)

Alex Keh, one of those who led the opposition to the tax measures, said the district has gotten itself in a bind by trying to keep its per-pupil spending up with other neighboring districts that have higher property tax assessment bases to work from.

"The district was on a course of higher and higher spending" with greater and greater reliance on parcel taxes, he said.

Instead, he said, the district needs to have a budget plan in place that is "sustainable in the long term" and retains enough reserves "so that we can weather the next recession" without cuts

or more parcel taxes.

"If you put such a plan in place, many of us, like myself can come around to supporting a new temporary parcel tax," he said.

Other speakers said they opposed the fact that the parcel taxes would, like three other parcel taxes in the district, be permanent, with no sunset dates. Mary Beth Sur, a longtime district resident, said, "I would not be inclined to vote for any permanent tax increase."

Scott Saywell, a school board candidate, said, "I think fundamentally one of the issues the school board faces is a trust problem."

At tinyurl.com/MPCSD-Vid the district has posted a video of the meeting.

At district.mpcsd.org, the district's website, links to videos of the whole series of meetings about the budget will be posted.

The district's website also has a new tool, called OpenGov, for looking at the district's budgets going back to the 2005-06 fiscal year. ■

Carlton, Mueller lead election fundraising

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

Menlo Park City Council incumbents Catherine Carlton and Ray Mueller lead in fundraising in the Nov. 8 election for two council seats, based on campaign finance reports for the period July 1 through Sept. 24. The reports were released Oct. 3.

Ms. Carlton reports raising \$12,754 and Mr. Mueller, \$11,123, in cash contributions. Challenger Cecilia Taylor reports raising \$924 in cash during the same period.

Catherine Carlton

In addition to cash donations, Ms. Carlton reports loaning her campaign \$5,000 and receiving nonmonetary contributions valued at \$1,225. She reports spending about \$7,298.

Her top donors are: David Bohannon, Menlo Park resident and president of David D. Bohannon Organization, \$2,500; AJ Oxley of Gilroy, vice president of Ciarra, a construction company, \$1,500; SILVAR (Silicon Valley Association of Realtors), based in Sunnyvale, \$1,000; and Jason Chang, Palo Alto resident and COO of CS Bio, a Menlo Park-based biotech company, \$950.

She also received wine valued at about \$720 from Joel Butler, executive at W.L. Butler Construction.

Ray Mueller

Mr. Mueller reports spending \$3,838. He has set a contribu-

tion limit of \$500 from any donor who lives or has property or business interests in Menlo Park. Excess contributions beyond that amount were returned to Jason Chang of CS Bio and Tod Spieker of Spieker Co. Inc.

"I just feel comfortable seeing the limit at \$500," Mr. Mueller said.

In addition to Mr. Chang and Mr. Spieker, donors at the \$500 cap were Steven Westly, former state controller and venture capitalist; Ted Schlein, venture capitalist at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers; Kimberly LeMieux of Laurel Homes, an interior design business; and Bob McGrew, Menlo Park resident and entrepreneur.

Mr. Mueller said he does plan to make an exception and will accept a \$1,500 contribution from Jim Wagstaffe, his former law school professor.

Cecilia Taylor

Cecilia Taylor reports receiving a total of \$1,304, including nonmonetary contributions. She reports spending \$1,186.

Her campaign's top donors are: Terri Epidendio, Belle Haven resident, \$350; Sheryl Bims, Belle Haven resident, \$200; and Diana Reddy, an affordable housing advocate in Redwood City, \$100.

Pamela Jones, Belle Haven resident and mother of Ms. Taylor, contributed about \$379 in in-kind donations of campaign supplies. ■

School board candidates file campaign finance reports

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Candidates for two seats on the board of the Menlo Park City School District have filed their campaign finance reports.

For the period from July 1 through Sept. 24, Scott Saywell reports he has raised \$900 and loaned his campaign \$8,150. He said he spent \$1,823 on a logo, voter data file, yard signs, office supplies and T-shirts.

Candidate Alka Gupta reported raising \$4,075, including \$2,000 she donated to her campaign on Oct. 3. She reported that through Sept. 24 she had not spent any money.

Candidate Caroline Lucas had said she planned to raise and spend less than \$2,000, which would have excused her from filing campaign finance reports. But on Oct. 3 Ms. Lucas reported two donations from Atherton's Peter Carpenter, totaling \$2,100. She will have to report any spending by the next reporting date, Oct. 27.

Candidate David Ackerman also said he will raise and spend less than \$2,000. He voluntarily provided the Almanac with his spending: \$460 for signs and stickers. He said he is not accepting donations.

Ms. Gupta reported that three

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Atherton questions plan to share library funds

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

As real estate prices have boomed in recent years, additional property tax revenue has helped turn around Atherton's finances, but has also prompted town officials to criticize some inequities in funding of local agencies that have their roots in the 1978 passage of Proposition 13.

At an Oct. 5 study session, Atherton City Council members discussed the San Mateo County Libraries system's proposal to start using some property tax money generated in Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley that is set aside for libraries to help fund libraries in less-affluent communities.

The percentage of property tax revenues that go to libraries, and other local entities (such as schools, fire districts and municipalities) was set in 1979, the year after California voters put strict limits on property tax rates with the passage of Proposition 13. The state Legislature allocated property tax proceeds to local agencies based on the percentage of local tax revenues the agencies had received prior to the proposition's passage.

Now, 47 years later, the allocations put in place in 1979 mean that in Atherton, during the last fiscal year, taxes set aside for libraries brought in \$1.2 million more than it costs to run the library. Woodside generated \$439,212 in excess library funding last year and Portola Valley, \$105,269.

Currently, the excess library funds are set aside for the municipality that generated them to use for library-related expenses. Woodside remodeled its library

with its accumulated excess funds. Atherton also plans to build a new library with its accumulated library funds, currently about \$11 million. (Portola Valley's new library was built with donated funds. Portola Valley Mayor Maryann Derwin says at the time of its construction, the town had only recently started generating more tax dollars than it spent on its library.)

But the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that manages the county library system — which also includes Belmont, Brisbane, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Carlos and Woodside as well as San Mateo County — is now asking for changes. The proposal is that the three municipalities that generate excess library property taxes give 50 percent of their excess tax money to the JPA, so it can be spent on other libraries.

Rick DeGolia, who represents Atherton on the governing board of the library JPA, said the proposal is to split the funds remaining after the library's operating expenses and a share of the overall system's expenses are paid.

The split would come before the towns paid the expenses of maintaining and operating their library's buildings and grounds, Mr. DeGolia said, and that didn't sit well with some council members.

"Our job is to make sure the residents of Atherton" are getting the benefits from their tax dollars, said council member Mike Lempres. "It's great to subsidize libraries in other places," he said, but that is not Atherton's job.

Council members also said they want to build up a reserve fund to



Courtesy town of Atherton

Woodside High School's team won top honors in Atherton's Environmental Challenge competition for its project on ocean acidification on coral reefs. Team members are, from left, Alessia Presotto, Etienne Rappaport and Samantha Reitmaier. The Almanac's website has a complete list of winners and more photos at tinyurl.com/ALM-challenge.

repair or replace the new library in the future.

"If we have to do some sort of splitting," council member Bill Widmer said, the split should occur after facility operations and maintenance are funded and some money is put into a replacement fund. Otherwise, he told Mr. DeGolia, "I think you should vote against it."

Mr. DeGolia said he had already made the argument to the JPA board exactly as Mr. Widmer suggested. "That's a position I have taken and it has not passed," he said.

Mr. DeGolia pointed out that the prediction is that Atherton will generate about \$1.5 million a year in excess funds once its new library is built, and that maintaining and operating a new and larger library probably will not cost more

than about \$150,000 a year.

"Nobody has presented an idea of how we could use \$1.5 million a year on library services," he said.

Council members also expressed frustration that while the town has resorted to a parcel tax to fund a long list of capital improvements, Atherton-generated property tax revenues allocated for other purposes seem to be going unused.

"I'm having a hard time separating this issue" from the issue of how much property tax generated from Atherton goes to the fire district and how much of that is spent in Atherton, Mr. Widmer said. "Where is our money going, and what is it being spent on, and are we getting any benefit from it?" he asked.

Mayor Elizabeth Lewis suggested the council might form a

subcommittee look further into the library issue before it comes to a vote of the JPA.

Mr. DeGolia said that the county library system, originally an independent entity, was changed into a joint powers association in 1999. He said turning the fire district into a joint powers association, which would presumably be made up of Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Atherton and San Mateo County, would be "one solution for the fire district."

"That's a potential avenue to look at for the fire district," he said.

Any amendments to the library JPA agreement would have to be approved by two-thirds of its 13 members," Mr. DeGolia said.

"There's some leverage that we have to get what we want, because they want us to stay in the JPA," Mr. DeGolia said. ■

Police Department wins community policing award

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park Police Department has been recognized again for community policing, this time by winning the International Association of Chiefs of Police/Cisco Community Policing Award.

The award, announced on Oct. 4, recognizes initiatives by law enforcement to prevent crime and improve quality of life in communities.

"I am extremely proud of the men and women of our department for being so actively engaged with the community," Menlo Park Police Chief Bob

Jonsen said in an email.

Menlo Park won in the category of cities with 20,001 to 50,000 residents. The winners will be recognized in San Diego.

Menlo Park's Police Department has been on a winning streak over the past 12 months. The department won the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in Public Safety in October 2015, and was a top-three finalist for the 2016 James Q. Wilson Award for Excellence in Community Policing in March 2016.

In September 2016, Chief Jonsen was named winner of the Golden Acorn award for public service, given by the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce.

Cafe Zoe hosts candidate event

Cafe Zoe will host a "Get out the Vote" event at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21. Visitors can register to vote and hear a panel discussion and participate in a question-and-answer session with the Menlo Park City Council candidates.

There will also be live music, an open mic, spoken word performances and free ice cream.

Cafe Zoe is located at 1929 Menalto Ave. in Menlo Park.

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donors have given \$500 each: Sharad Rostogi of Menlo Park, Cisco executive; Shefali Narayan of Singapore, Oracle operations; and Mita Gupta of New York, GEP general manager and global vice president.

She reported that these donors have given \$100 each: Arjun Gupta of Bowling Green, Ohio, Bowling Green State professor; Nisha Gupta of Dulles, Virginia, Center for Disease Control scientist; Allen Weiner

of Menlo Park, Stanford lecturer; Ramkumar Agrawal of Sylvania, Ohio, retired; and Amy Redell of Menlo Park, Adobe.

Mr. Saywell's form had the city of residence blacked out. He reported that Rob Bentley, owner of Bay City Windows, donated \$200, and that these donors gave \$100 each: Sheila Cooper, retired; Keri Nicholas, Realtor; Barbara Berman, retired; Carolyn Feamster, biotech consultant; and Nancy Rankin, retired teacher.

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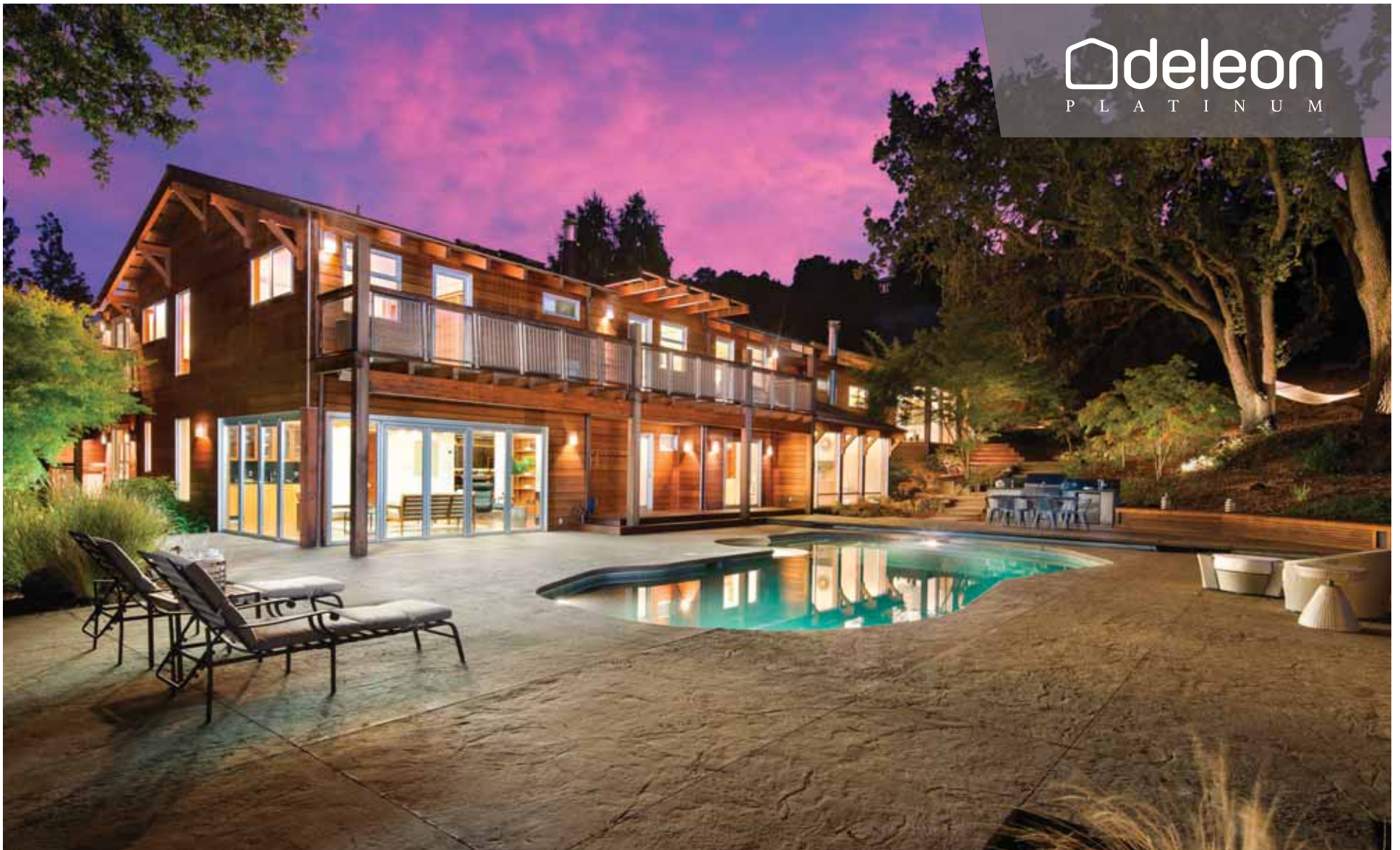
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Thrilling Property in Menlo Oaks

Immense gardens surround this spacious, flexible 5 bedroom, 5 bathroom home of approx. 4,000 sq. ft. (per project data) occupying a gated property of approx. 0.46 acres (per project data) along a sought-after street. Sized for everyday living, this clever design includes a flexible den, updated colors, and a fully functional addition, perfect for in-laws or extended-stay guests. Abundant trees shade the sprawling rear gardens, and the property also offers a private well and a potential MFA of approx. 6,000 sq. ft. Stroll to Flood Park and quickly access Highway 101, Facebook, and exceptional schools like Laurel Elementary (API 927), Hillview Middle (API 950), and Menlo-Atherton High (buyer to verify eligibility).

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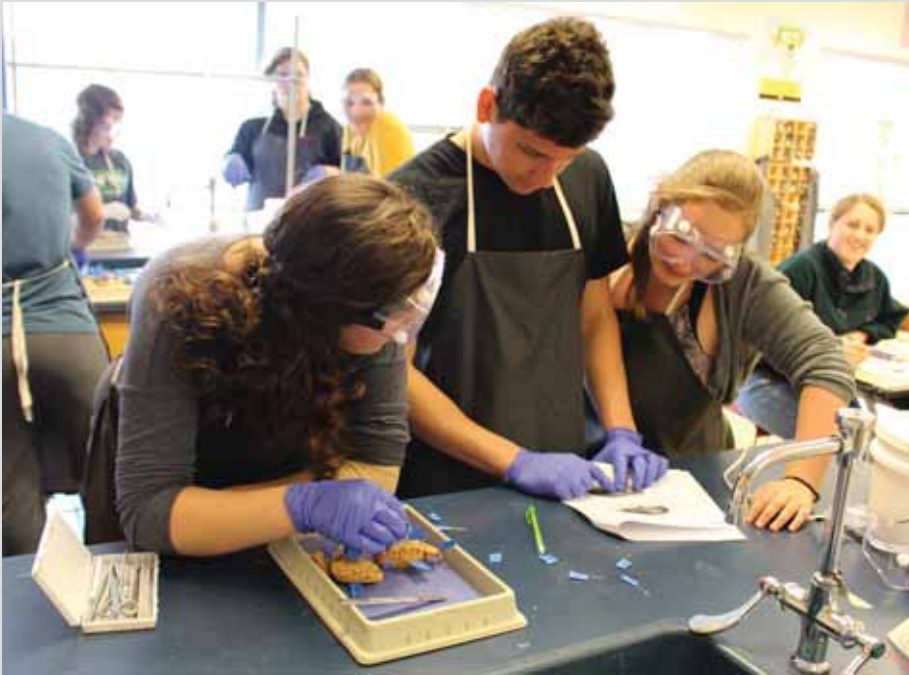
Woodside's Day of the Horse

Photos by
Natalia Nazarova

Woodside celebrated the 10th Day of the Horse on Saturday with a "horse fair," trail rides and horse blessings



Clockwise from top: Riders in costumes take to the trail at Woodside's Day of the Horse celebration. **Kids try their hands** at decorating leather at the horse fair in downtown Woodside. **Marianna Drogitis** (foreground) assists her friend Morgan Buckleg in mounting up for a free pony ride at the horse fair. **Ryan Perea**, 4, uses a stethoscope to hear a horse's heartbeat under the guidance of Dr. Gary Hanes of the Briarwood Equine Clinic.



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County rolls out its clean energy program

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

All of San Mateo County's small and medium businesses, city government facilities and about 20 percent of homes across the county just got greener by doing nothing.

As of Oct. 3, Peninsula Clean Energy took over Pacific Gas & Electric as the default energy provider for those buildings selected to be included in the first of two phases of the initiative's rollout. The second phase, which will cover the rest of San Mateo County, will launch in April 2017.

Peninsula Clean Energy is a public energy provider governed by a joint powers authority led by all 20 of San Mateo County's cities, plus the county itself.

Except for users that have chosen to opt out, that means that the selected electricity accounts will automatically be signed up for "ECOplus," or energy in which 50 percent comes from renewable sources and 75 percent from carbon-free sources. On ECOplus, people also save 5 percent compared to PG&E's generation rates.

If they choose, users can opt "up" for ECO100, or energy that's 100 percent renewable and carbon-free, for an additional 1 cent per kilowatt hour, or roughly \$4.45 a month for the average household.

If users want neither, and wish to keep PG&E as their provider (which contains less renewable energy and is slightly more expensive than the ECOplus option), they can also do that.

Peninsula Clean Energy, which now has four employees, including CEO Jan Pepper, will likely expand to about 20, according to Ms. Pepper.

The agency has contracted with a separate energy service provider called Direct Energy to source the clean energy, which is generated from renewable sources like solar, wind, and small hydroelectric plants in California and the Pacific Northwest. The agency

uses the collective purchasing power of participating cities to buy and deliver it via the existing PG&E grid.

Areas that were switched over to the clean energy program in the first phase are: in Menlo Park: selected clusters in Sharon Heights, Menlo Oaks, Belle Haven, west-central and central Menlo Park, the Willows and Suburban Park/Lorelai Manor/Flood Park Triangle; in Atherton, segments mostly south of Atherton Avenue; in Woodside, clusters mostly east of Interstate 280; and all of unincorporated West Menlo Park.

Go to tinyurl.com/PCE798 for more information.

Portola Valley has opted to automatically enroll all of its residents in the 100 percent renewable energy mix, though residents and businesses will still have options to select the 50 percent renewable energy mix, or continue

receiving energy from PG&E. As a result, the town will begin to receive energy from Peninsula Clean Energy during the second phase.

At an event held Oct. 6, a ceremonial switch was flipped at the County Center in Redwood City, signaling the program's

launch.

Jeff Aalfs of the Portola Valley Town Council, who works in the energy efficiency industry and is Portola Valley's representative on the agency's board, attended the event.

In launching Peninsula Clean Energy, he said, the agency collaborated with other clean energy agencies, such as Marin Clean Energy, Sonoma Clean Power and Lancaster Choice Energy, to figure out what might work best. He said he expects programs such as Peninsula Clean Energy and others to change the electricity business in California, and ultimately, globally: he recently attended a conference where similar strategies are being discussed for implementation in China.

"This may have the most measurable impact of anything I do on the planet," he said. ▣

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Photo by Officer M. Ferguson/Menlo Park Police

With Hillview Middle School students at a bike rodeo are, from left, Menlo Park Councilwoman Kirsten Keith, Police Chief Bob Jonsen and Bicycle Commission Chair Cindy Welton.

Bike rodeo promotes street safety

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park Police Department and Bicycle Commission recently hosted a bike rodeo that taught about 375 sixth-graders at Hillview Middle School about safe biking practices.

The "rodeo," involved a series of stations with bike handling drills to challenge riders. Obstacle courses were set up to teach bal-

ance, stopping, turning and control, according to Cindy Welton, chair of the Menlo Park Bicycle Commission.

The event was held during the students' physical education class time on Sept. 21 and 22. Volunteers and Menlo Park police officers supervised and gave instruction about riding bikes in traffic.

One of the key lessons for students was the "ABC Quick Check," Ms. Welton said. Before biking, riders

should check the air, brakes, chain and quick release levers on their bikes.

Tires should be properly inflated and in good condition; brakes should work well; the chain should be able to shift properly; and the quick release lever should be secure. Then, cyclists should test the bike to ensure everything feels in order. If one of those components is not working, the cyclist should take the bike to get fixed. ▣

Woodside man sentenced to prison for violating bank reporting laws

A Woodside man who admitted that he structured his bank transactions to conceal that he skimmed about \$1.5 million in cash from his business was sentenced Friday to 31 months in prison and ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine, federal prosecutors said.

Per Alftin, 52, owner of Alftin Construction, admitted knowing that banks have obli-

gations to report certain cash transactions, and that between 2009 and 2012, he structured his banking transactions in an effort to prevent such reports, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California.

He pleaded guilty June 24 to a single count of structuring financial transactions to avoid reporting requirements.

Under the sentence by U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston in San Francisco, Mr. Alftin must also be under supervision for a year once he is released from prison, prosecutors said.

He will begin serving his sentence on Feb. 2, 2017. The case was investigated by the criminal investigation unit of the Internal Revenue Service. ▣

Benefit raises \$275K for homeless services

LifeMoves (formerly InnVision Shelter Network), the Menlo Park-based nonprofit that serves people who are homeless, raised \$275,000 during its annual benefit breakfast Oct. 6 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Burlingame.

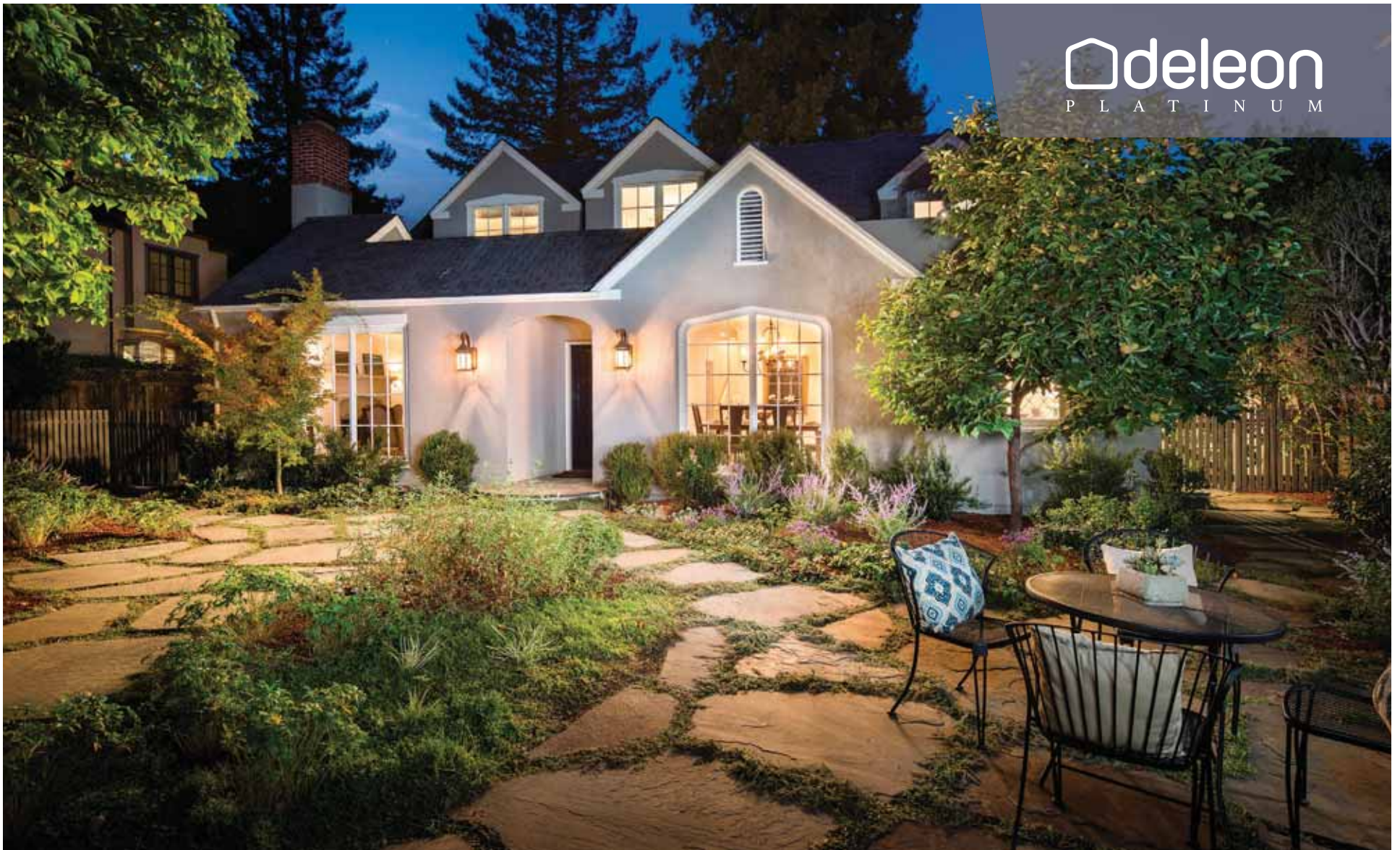
Half of the contributions came from guests in the room and the rest from matching contributions by the nonprofit's board members.

Remarks were given by Tammie Sweetser, who, over two decades ago, stayed in one of the shelters operated by the organization while a young, single mother. Now, she works at the San Mateo County Human Services Agency, in the department that grants funding to organizations like LifeMoves.

Keynote speakers Sarah Rosencrantz and Sam Greenberg, who as Harvard undergradu-

ates, did internships at LifeMoves, talked about their journey to launch their own homeless shelter for youth in Harvard Square in Massachusetts last year.

According to event attendee Cathy Paniagua, a staff member at Portola Valley Presbyterian Church, which contributes volunteering and funding to LifeMoves, the event was "worth getting up at 5 a.m. for." ▣



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Exquisite Luxury in Crescent Park

Captivating gardens trim this recently remodeled 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath residence of over 4,100 sq. ft. (per plans) that provides a poolhouse and delightful grounds of 12,000 sq. ft. (per city). Enjoy a flexible, walk-out lower level and soothing, sun-lit spaces, including an elegant gourmet kitchen, bursting with classic charm and modern amenities. An upper patio overlooks the poolside retreat, while a variety of fruit trees are found throughout the wraparound gardens. Sky-lit and versatile, the poolhouse offers a wet bar and a wall-bed. Stroll to popular University Avenue, Eleanor Pardee Park, and Duveneck Elementary (API 956) (buyer to verify eligibility).

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Sequoia board prepares for redistricting meetings

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The board of the Sequoia Union High School District is holding three community meetings — on Thursday, Oct. 20, Tuesday, Oct. 25 and Wednesday, Oct. 26 — to discuss subdividing the district into separate voting areas, one for each member of the Board of Trustees.

The 19.4 square miles and nine communities that make up the district represent extraordinary diversity in ethnicity, income and education levels of the families that live in the southern half of San Mateo County.

And to reflect that diversity on the school board, to comply

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with the California Voting Rights Act, and in response to the threat of a lawsuit from a Latino civil rights group, the board will be discussing maps that show five ways to subdivide the district.

Earlier this year, the district commissioned the National Demographics Corp., a specialist in local government redistricting, to analyze the district and create a series of draft maps. The analysis shows that of the district's 243,514 residents, 51 percent are white, 30 percent are Latino, and 12 percent identify as Asian American and 4 percent as African Americans.

To pass legal scrutiny, such maps should account for the existence of neighborhoods and for factors such as race, income level and school attendance area, demographers said. Race must be a criteria, but it cannot be the only criteria. It should also be possible to traverse an entire area without leaving it, demographers said.

The board chose five draft maps: four that subdivide the district into five trustee areas and one that divides it into seven areas. One key criterion, board member said: avoid creating trustee areas that have the effect of linking a board member to a particular comprehensive high school.

Board members in the

Sequoia district are elected at-large, meaning that each board member is elected by voters from the entire district. The board would replace that system with one in which voters from each trustee area elect a board member. The candidate would have to live within the area's boundaries.

Since the Voting Rights Act came into effect in 2002, it has figured in decisions to switch to sub-district elections in at least 135 school districts, 27 community college districts, 30 cities and one county (San Mateo County for Board of Supervisors elections), the report says.

Of the five current Sequoia board members, all are white and none lives in a Latino

community. In March 2015, the board appointed Laura Martinez of East Palo Alto to complete the term of retiring member Olivia Martinez (no relation), who lived in Menlo Park. In November 2015, Laura Martinez ran for election as an appointed incumbent but did not win enough votes to retake her seat.

The Oct. 20 meeting is set for Carrington Hall auditorium at Sequoia High School at 1201 Brewster Ave. in Redwood City. The Oct. 25 meeting takes place at the Fair Oaks Community Center at 2600 Middlefield Road in Redwood City. The Oct. 26 meeting is set for the East Palo Alto Academy at 1050 Myrtle St. in East Palo Alto. All meetings begins at 7 p.m. ■

■ CALENDAR

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Theater

Woodside Community Theatre presents 'Ragtime,' the Musical Based on E.L. Doctorow's novel, "Ragtime" is the winner of the 1998 Tony Awards for best score, book and orchestrations. WCT performs this Broadway musical with a full orchestra, scenery, costumes and talented performers and musicians. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Oct. 21-30, times vary. \$15. Woodside Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave., Woodside.

Dragon Theatre Productions presents 'On the Verge' (Or the Geography of Yearning) by Eric Overmyer. Three Victorian female explorers set out on an adventure to the darkest part of Africa, the highest Himalayas and the newly discovered lands of Terra Incognita. The New York Times wrote that the play takes the audience "on a mirthful safari that spins into time travel." Oct. 14-Nov. 6, Thursday-Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 p.m. \$30, adults; \$25, seniors/students with ID. Dragon Productions Theatre Company, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

Talks & Authors

Genealogical Research Professional genealogist Paula Stuart-Warren discusses developing a plan to research family history, and how to use the Library of Congress, newspapers, county courthouses and town hall records. There will be a book sale and a silent auction. This event is hosted by the San Mateo County Genealogical Society. Oct. 22, 9 a.m. \$37-\$48. Menlo Park LDS Hall, 1105 Valparaiso Ave., Menlo Park. smcgs.org

Barry Eisler's thriller, 'Livia Lone' Barry Eisler has launched every book he's written at Kepler's Books. Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Angie Coiro, host of In Deep Radio, talks with scientists and bird experts Peter P. Marra and Chris Santella about the controversial topic of the threats free-ranging cats pose to biodiversity and public health throughout the world. Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Leonard David in conversation with Dr. Chris McKay of NASA This fall, National Geographic and Imagine Entertainment launch the global event series "Red Planet." Kepler's is celebrating this series by bringing Leonard David, the author of the companion book, "Mars: Our Future on the Red Planet," to Kepler's. David, who previously co-authored Buzz Aldrin's "Mission to Mars," has been reporting on space activities for more than 50 years. Oct. 25, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Fundraisers

Book Sale Discover a treasure trove of used books from bestsellers to foreign language

books, children's favorites to cookbooks. All proceeds benefit the library. The sale will be in the parking lot and is organized by the Friends of the Woodside Library. Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Family

Portola Valley Library Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time Combining singing, dancing, reading and playing, Baby Bounce and Rhyme is a great way for parents to connect with their young child. Age-appropriate toys will be brought out at the end for playtime. Oct. 24, 11 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Portola Valley Library Preschool Storytime Books, songs and activities for preschoolers. Oct. 14, 11 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Pumpkin Decorating Day Pumpkins, paint and glitter will be waiting for those who sign up for Pumpkin Decorating Day. Oct. 22, 10:30 a.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Russian-speaking families are invited to Huddart Park for a Sukkot picnic. The program includes: Sukkah decorating, games, arts and crafts, prizes, wine and challah. The event is a potluck. Attendants are asked to bring their favorite picnic food to share. Price includes supplies, wine, challah and the parking fee. Oct. 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$20-\$25. Huddart Park, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside.

Galleries

Portola Art Gallery Presents Marsha Heimbecker's 'Sunshine' Expressive oil paintings by Marsha Heimbecker of San Mateo. Work inspired by 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.

Film

Portola Valley Library Family Movie Night "Monsters Inc." (G, 92 min.), and pizza will be provided. Oct. 21, 5:30-8 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Food & Drink

Pitch to Sand Hill Monthly Event The Pitch to Sand Hill meetup features an investor panel from venture capital firms on Sand Hill Road. They will select 10 projects every month to pitch at the event. Each team will have five minutes to pitch and three minutes for questions and answers. A pizza lunch will be provided for the meetup. Attendants are asked to send their pitch deck at least one week earlier. Oct. 21, noon. Free. 3000 Sand Hill Road, Conference Room, Menlo Park.

Portola Valley Farmers' Market Thursdays, ongoing, 2-6 p.m. Free admission. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. pvfarmersmarket.com

Lessons & Classes

California History Class Historian Michael Svanevik offers a new look at traditional tales, from the 1830s and after, when Americans and Northern Europeans arrived in California. Wednesdays, Sept. 7-Nov. 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$12 drop in; \$53 member. Little House, Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park.

Tai Chi and Chi Kung instructor Ben Dineen leads 60-minute class in the Redwood Grove, next to the Town Center Community Hall. Wednesday through Nov. 2, 10 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Portola Valley Library OverDrive eBooks/eAudiobooks event helps patrons access the library's free online books. Participants invited to bring their device and any questions. Those interested should contact the library to sign up for a 30-minute, one-on-one appointment. Wednesdays through Nov. 2, 4-5 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Health & Wellness

Hearts for Justice: 'Addiction, Recovery, and Grace' is the topic of this year's Hearts for Justice program. Featured speakers include Fr. Thomas C. Weston and the Rt. Rev. Chilton R. Knudsen. Open to wider community. Oct. 22, 10-11:30 a.m. Free, reservations encouraged. Trinity Church, 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. trinitymenlopark.org

Aiming Higher after 50: Discover Your Future This workshop, limited to 60 people, was designed by Stanford faculty, staff, and alumni for those who are eager to look ahead, discover, and plan. It is a way to address health, housing, money, and meaning of life issues. Oct. 18-20, times vary. \$500. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Living Healthy at Little House Peninsula Volunteers and Sequoia Healthcare District co-host Living Healthy, which covers healthy eating, exercise, stress and pain management, memory, communications and more. Mondays, Oct. 3-31, 10-11:30 a.m. Free, register in advance. Little House, The Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park.

Portola Valley Library Color Me Calm Adult coloring is a new way to relax; it can produce a calming effect similar to meditation. Participants can enjoy their lunch while they de-stress. All materials will be provided. Oct. 14, 12:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Teens

Portola Valley Library - Wii Arcade Gamers are invited to show off their skills and challenge their friends. They'll get to pick a character and try to be the last one standing in Nintendo Wii games such as Super Mario Brawl and Mario Kart. Beginners are welcome. Oct. 20, 3:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Voting has already started

While Election Day is a month away, voting has already started. Vote-by-mail ballots are being sent to voters starting Oct. 11, the same day three voting centers opened for those who want to cast an early ballot.

Voting centers are in Redwood City at 555 County Center on the first floor; in San Mateo at 40 Tower Road, and at the South San Francisco Public Library, 840 West Orange Ave. Voters from any precinct in the county may cast a ballot or drop off a mail-in ballot at the centers.

The voting centers are open weekdays through Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on two Saturdays — Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 — from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Registered voters who haven't signed up for permanent absentee status or asked to have a

vote-by-mail ballot for this election may still do so until Nov. 1 by using the application postcard on the back cover of their sample ballot and election information pamphlet.

At shapethefuture.org voters can ask for a mail-in ballot under "Access My Election Materials."

To be counted, mail-in ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by Monday, Nov. 14, or dropped off at any city or town hall in the county through the close of business on Nov. 8.

On Election Day, mail-in ballots may be dropped off until 8 p.m. at the voting centers or any active polling place in the county.

Go to shapethefuture.org, call (650) 312-5222, or follow @smcvote on Twitter for more information.

Final environmental report released on plan update

The final environmental impact report for Menlo Park's general plan update was released Oct. 10.

Go to tinyurl.com/gplan340 to see it.

The Menlo Park Planning Commission is scheduled to review the document Wednesday, Oct. 19, and Monday, Oct. 24, if necessary, and will make recommendations to the City Council. The council is tentatively scheduled to review the general plan update in its entirety on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

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The city's general plan is its constitution that governs future development. The proposed zoning changes in Menlo Park's M-2 area east of U.S. 101 could allow construction of 2.3 million additional square feet of nonresidential buildings, 400 hotel rooms and 4,500 residential units. If built out, the combined new development could add 11,570 new residents and 5,500 employees to Menlo Park.

■ POLICE CALLS

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

MENLO PARK

Residential burglary: A thief entered a home on Pope Street, probably through an unlocked rear door, and stole a laptop computer and a jewel box containing about 30 pieces of jewelry. Estimated loss: \$30,000. Oct. 6.

Auto burglary: Police arrested a man in possession of a small handsaw on suspicion of petty theft and possession of burglary tools. The arrest was made in connection with someone having tried to cut a cable lock that was securing an air compressor to the bed of a pickup truck parked in the 1100 block of Willow Road. Oct. 2.

Assault:

■ Two women who had been conversing while having their nails done in a salon on Willow Road were later involved in a physical fight with each other, police said. One of the women left the salon, but came back and accused the other woman —

who was outside smoking a cigarette — of having taken money from her purse. The woman with the cigarette denied the accusation and a fight ensued, initiated by the accuser, police said. Three men on the scene separated the two whereupon the accusing woman returned to her vehicle and drove off. The woman smoking suffered minor scratches on her nose and declined medical attention. Police are looking for a light-skinned black woman in her 50s or 60s, about 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighing between 100 and 120 pounds and wearing blue jeans. Oct. 1.

■ An altercation between two dogs in the vicinity of La Entrada School on Sha-

ron Road led to an altercation between their owners that involved one woman punching the other in the head. One dog allegedly ran up and attacked the other. The owner of the dog attacked kicked the attacking dog to fend it off, and the owner of the attacking dog allegedly responded by striking in the head with her fist the woman who had defended her dog, police said. A man on the scene separated them. Police are looking for an Asian woman about 25 years old with black hair, weighing about 100 pounds and wearing a pink sweatsuit. The report did not describe the dogs. Oct. 2.

ATHERTON

Residential burglary: A gardener discovered a broken window on a detached garage of a home on James Avenue. Police have no leads. Sept. 29.

Thefts:

■ Someone stole a laptop computer from a bag at Menlo School on Valparaiso Avenue. Estimated loss: \$1,300. Sept. 28.

■ A thief cut a cable lock and stole a black-and-white Trek Domane bicycle at Menlo-Atherton High School at 555 Middlefield Road. Estimated loss: \$1,300. Sept. 19.

ZERO WASTE WORKSHOPS

Creating an environmentally sound community

This planning effort aims to reduce waste sent to the landfill and support Menlo Park's role as a sustainability leader.

Please RSVP online as light refreshments will be provided and a raffle will be held for all attendees.



WORKSHOP #1: UNDERSTANDING CURRENT ZERO WASTE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

Wednesday, November 2, 2016
3:00–5:00 pm and 6:00–8:00 pm (choose either time)
Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, Oak Room
700 Alma St.

WORKSHOP #2: ZERO WASTE OPPORTUNITIES AND ANALYSIS

Monday, December 5, 2016
6:00–8:00 pm
Menlo Park Senior Center
110 Terminal Ave.

WORKSHOP #3: ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

Thursday, January 12, 2017
6:00–8:00 pm
Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, Oak Room
700 Alma St.

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- Managing resources more efficiently, including their design and handling at end-of-life
- Working towards a future without waste
- Promoting sustainable environmental practices and policies that benefit both the planet and the Menlo Park community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Endorsement: Mueller, Taylor for City Council

Menlo Park voters may have a tough time deciding on which two of the three candidates running for seats on the City Council to cast their ballots for this November. The two incumbents whose terms expire this year, Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton, are seeking second terms, and their records over the last four years indicate they have served the community conscientiously and with commitment. But a third, highly impressive candidate has emerged who promises to provide something the city has been lacking for decades — a voice for the most underrepresented neighborhood in Menlo Park: Belle Haven.

If challenger Cecilia Taylor wins her bid for a council seat, she will be the first resident of Belle Haven — the city's least affluent, largely minority neighborhood — to sit on the council since Billy Ray White served some three decades ago. This is a neighborhood experiencing quick and dramatic change from the effects of major development, such as the Facebook expansion project, and from a housing crisis that has resulted in the displacement of residents who can no longer afford to pay skyrocketing rents. This is a neighborhood that needs a voice on the City Council.

In this election, the Almanac endorses Ms. Taylor and incumbent Ray Mueller.

Ray Mueller

During his four years on the council, Mr. Mueller has demonstrated strong leadership and intelligence in his approach to addressing issues such as police surveillance and the need for regional problem-solving. He has shown fiscal responsibility, taking

the lead in opposing the use of one-time revenue for ongoing costs, such as staff salaries.

A champion of equity in education, he delved into the legal and practical questions of how to help the low-wealth Ravenswood City School District find more funding to improve its schools, which include Belle Haven Elementary in Menlo Park. He has presented a working proposal, which a council subcommittee of himself and Ms. Carlton is further exploring, to create a joint powers authority, consisting of the Ravenswood district, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Palo Alto and San Mateo County, that would create a funding mechanism to support the school district.

His ideas for regional solutions to challenges shared across jurisdictions target problems such as affordable housing and transportation.

Mr. Mueller's leadership on key issues and his ideas for solving problems facing Menlo Park and its regional neighbors are solid, and we hope he is returned to the council.

Cecilia Taylor

It would be understandable, and fair, if voters ask why they should support Ms. Taylor's bid for a seat on the council. Although she grew up in Belle Haven, she returned to the neighborhood only about a year ago, when the home she and her husband were renting in San Bruno was damaged by fire. And she doesn't have the record of service on the city's commissions and committees that is considered by many to be a prerequisite to a council seat.

But voters should consider Ms. Taylor's longstanding knowledge of the city and, particularly, her own underrepresented neighborhood, as well as her commitment to strengthening the connection between what sometimes seem to be two separate communities: Belle Haven and the rest of Menlo Park, which is blessed with outstanding schools, higher property values and far better commercial services such as banks and grocery stores.

A math teacher in a Redwood City school, Ms. Taylor has served on the Ad hoc Advisory Board for the San Mateo County Housing Authority. She has no experience on city boards, but during her time in the community since moving back, she has spent many hours attending City Council, Planning Commission and Housing Commission meetings. She has absorbed much knowledge and insight at those meetings and those of the General Plan Advisory Committee, which focuses on changes to the general plan in the city's M-2 industrial area — changes that will deeply impact the Belle Haven neighborhood.

She believes that the city can find creative and effective solutions to housing, transportation and education challenges, but that the perspectives of all segments of the community are needed if that is to happen. If elected, she would be the only renter on the council at a time that many residents who don't own their homes are being driven out of their community because of out-of-control rent increases.

We strongly agree with Ms. Taylor when she says, "It's obvious that there are pieces missing on the council, and I believe that (one of them) is a voice like mine." We hope she is given the chance to be that voice. ■

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac



Menlo Park Historical Association

Looking back

The late Jeanne Ward Bone, a key leader of the Menlo Park Historical Association for more than three and a half decades, was the first of 700 civilian employees at Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park when it was built in 1943, according to the Menlo Park history book "Beyond the Gate," by Michael Svanevik and Shirley Burgett. Ms. Bone is shown here with Lt. Col. T.W.E. (Tom) Christmas, Dibble's executive officer, and area engineer Capt. Miner. Ms. Bone served as a secretary at the military hospital.

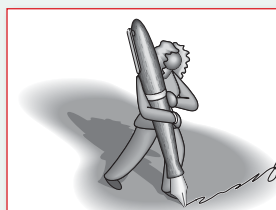
What kind of school district will its new superintendent lead?

By Erik Burmeister

I like adventure. And when the Menlo Park City School District (MPCSD) board put my potential appointment as the district's next superintendent on the agenda, it was clear that adventure might possibly await.

In addition to a new superintendent, MPCSD is opening a new school, welcoming two new board members, addressing the ramifications of two failed parcel tax measures, and making difficult decisions regarding its financial future. The most important question at the heart of my potential adventure is not, *Am I excited to be considered?* Without a doubt, I am humbled and honored. The real question for all of us is: *What kind of district will I be tasked to lead?*

Different narratives swirl as to why MPCSD has found itself in a structural deficit in the first place. The economy is strong, California is returning money to schools it once held back, homes are selling faster and for more than ever.



Erik Burmeister is the Menlo Park City School District's associate superintendent and a former Hillview Middle School principal.

GUEST OPINION

How could MPCSD possibly be in this position? This is a fair question.

From my perspective, informed by many years outside of MPCSD, our district is partly a victim of its own success. Years ago, leaders in our community felt strongly that our

schools could and should compare favorably to those of our neighbors. To my estimation, we have exceeded expectations. As a result, housing prices have soared, families have flocked to MPCSD-area homes, and enrollment has increased. New families have invested in this community with the expectation that this quality of education is something on which they can depend.

While our neighboring districts experience decreasing enrollment, MPCSD has added 55 new students this year alone. After an enrollment growth of more than 18 percent

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in seven years, we anticipate adding another 300 students by 2025. Being a community funded district means that MPCSD will receive the same amount of money each year, regardless of how many students attend. So as our neighboring community funded districts have negative or static enrollment growth, they have more money to spend per student than MPCSD. Our community can be proud of the excellent product we provide, and we've done it for less money per student than any of our neighboring districts with similar programs.

Were increased enrollment our only challenge, we could probably address it without significant reductions or revenue increases. However, two other challenges stare us in the face. The first is the expiration of the 2010 Measure C parcel tax, which brings in \$1.6 million annually and will sunset on July 1. Were enrollment to have stabilized in the last six years, we might be able to manage simply with the increases to our property tax rate. Sadly, and contrary to what one might assume, the portion of the property tax increase that MPCSD receives doesn't make up the difference in the costs related to enrollment increases, much less cover the costs of the projected increase of 300 students over nine years.

The third and final challenge that faces all California districts is the state's decision to move more of its financial burden of providing a solvent teacher retirement system to the local districts, amounting to an increase from 8.25 percent of a teacher's salary in 2014 to 19.1 percent by 2020. Regardless of what one thinks of public pensions, this is a real cost to the district, one we cannot avoid.

So where does this leave us? I believe it leaves us with a choice. What kind of a district does our community want the next superintendent to lead? Do we want to spend the next five years tied up in a budget crisis, or do we want to spend our time doing what we do best — imagining and providing a truly noteworthy education?

The answers are out there; we just have to come together to find them. They will likely involve a combination of reductions and revenue. Honestly, the decisions about what we should do have not been made. In fact, the decision to appoint me has not been made. These decisions happen in public and the public is invited, in fact implored, to share their perspective. *You* will determine what kind of district the next superintendent leads. I hope you will visit district.mpcsd.org and get involved.

As for me, should the board appoint me superintendent, I am excited for the adventure.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEASE- LEASEBACK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Las Lomas Elementary School District, located in San Mateo County, California, hereby invites and will receive proposals for Lease-Leaseback Construction Services (LLB) for the following work:

Construction of New Classroom Buildings, Administration Building, and Sitework at La Entrada Middle School

The LLES School District seeks proposals from qualified LLB entities to provide pre-construction services, construction services, and post construction services as outlined in the Request for Qualifications/ Request for Proposals available on the District's website at:

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Schematic Plans and Specifications may be viewed at:

Las Lomas School District Main Office
1011 Altschul Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025

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Additionally, final plans and specifications will be available at the same location.

Written proposals must be submitted no later than
2:00 PM Friday October 21, 2016

at the Las Lomas Elementary School District Main Office.

A Mandatory Pre-Proposal conference has been scheduled for
2:00 PM Thursday October 13, 2016

Attendees must be present for the entire meeting.

Meet for the conference at the following site:
Las Lomas Elementary School (meet at main office)
299 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Selection Process

The successful applicant will be selected based on review of the proposals and interview of applicants to determine the LLB entity that is most qualified and provides the best value to meet the needs of the District.

After selection and approval by the District's Board of Trustees, the District will negotiate a mutually agreeable LLB Contract with the selected firm for construction of the entire project pursuant to the LLB provisions of Education Code Section 17406, et seq.

If the District is unable to reach an agreement, the District will proceed, at its sole discretion, to negotiate with the next firm selected by the District.

Prevailing Wage Requirements

This project is a "public work," and the general prevailing wage rates mandated by Labor Code Section 1770, et seq., will apply to the Project. Applicable prevailing wage rates are available on the California Department of Industrial Relations website at www.DIR.ca.gov.

The Contractor and all Subcontractors on the project shall pay all workers on all work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing per diem wage rate and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the DIR for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed.

This project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIRs. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, of the Labor Code. Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit certified payroll monthly via the eCPR system.

No contractor or subcontractors may be listed on the bid proposal unless registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

Skilled and Trained Workforce

Pursuant to Section 17407.5 of the California Education Code, the selected LLB entity must commit to use a "Skilled and trained workforce" to perform all work on the project that falls within an apprenticeship occupation in the building and construction trades.

Escrow Accounts

Pursuant to Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Agreement will contain provisions permitting the successful bidder to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the agreement or permitting payment of retentions earned directly into an escrow account.

Payment Bond

Before commencing any work under the contract, the Contractor shall file a Payment Bond with the Owner. It shall be a surety bond issued by a corporation licensed to transact business in the State of California and approved by the District. The bond shall be issued at the expense of the Contractor; and shall be maintained during the entire life of the Contract. This bond shall be in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price and shall secure the payment of all claims for labor and materials used or consumed in the performance of this contract.

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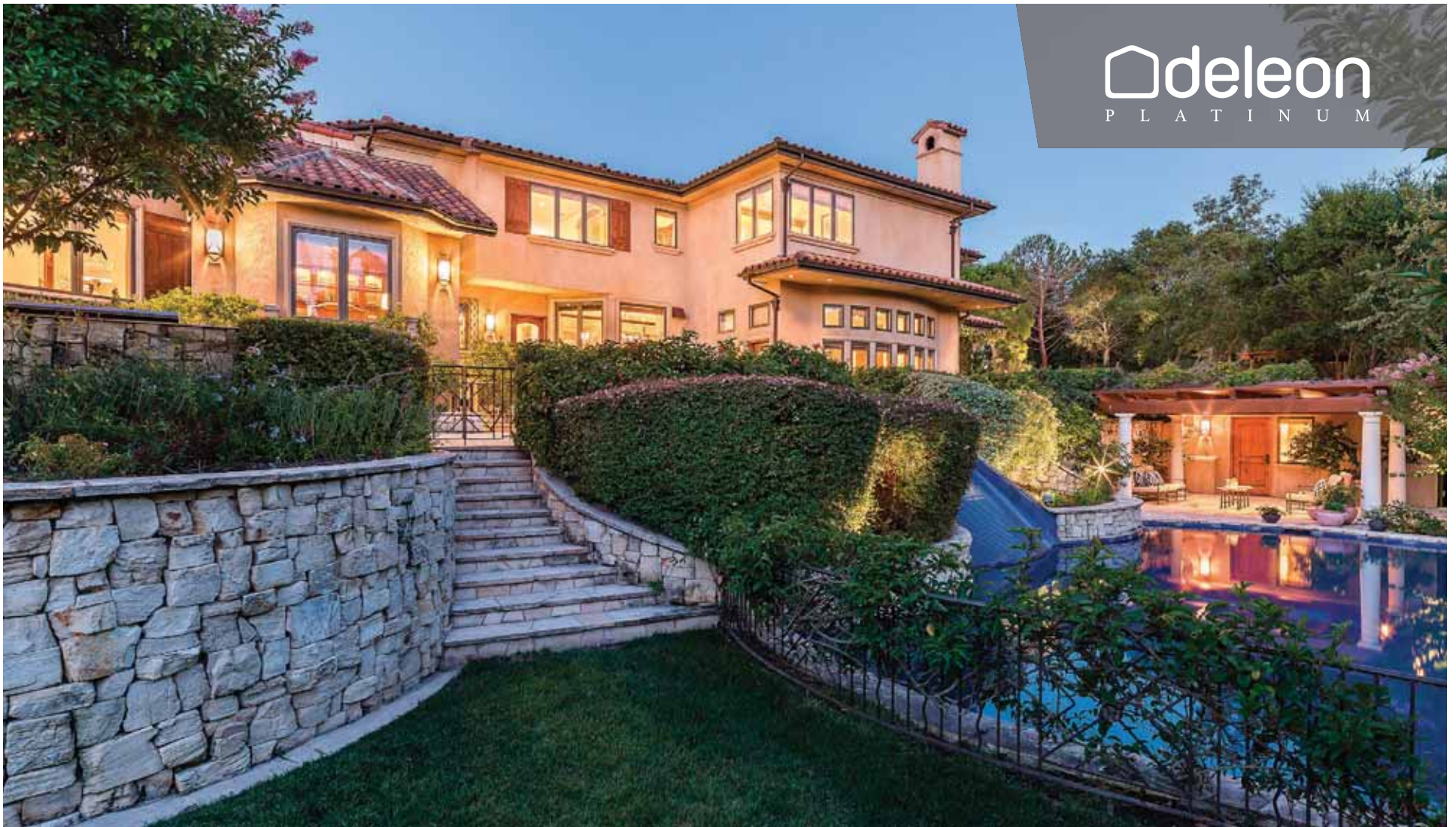


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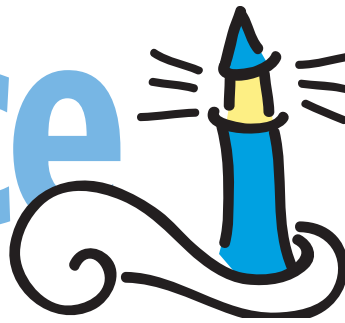
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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

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
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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)

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): WHISKEY HILL ENTERPRISES II INC.
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.
Notice - In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. Except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to

Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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AIDA MAKEUP DESIGN STUDIO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 270647
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s): AIDA MORANO
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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:
ART | TML, located at 455 Yale Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
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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 September 15, 2016.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 14, 2016.
(ALM Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 2016)

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