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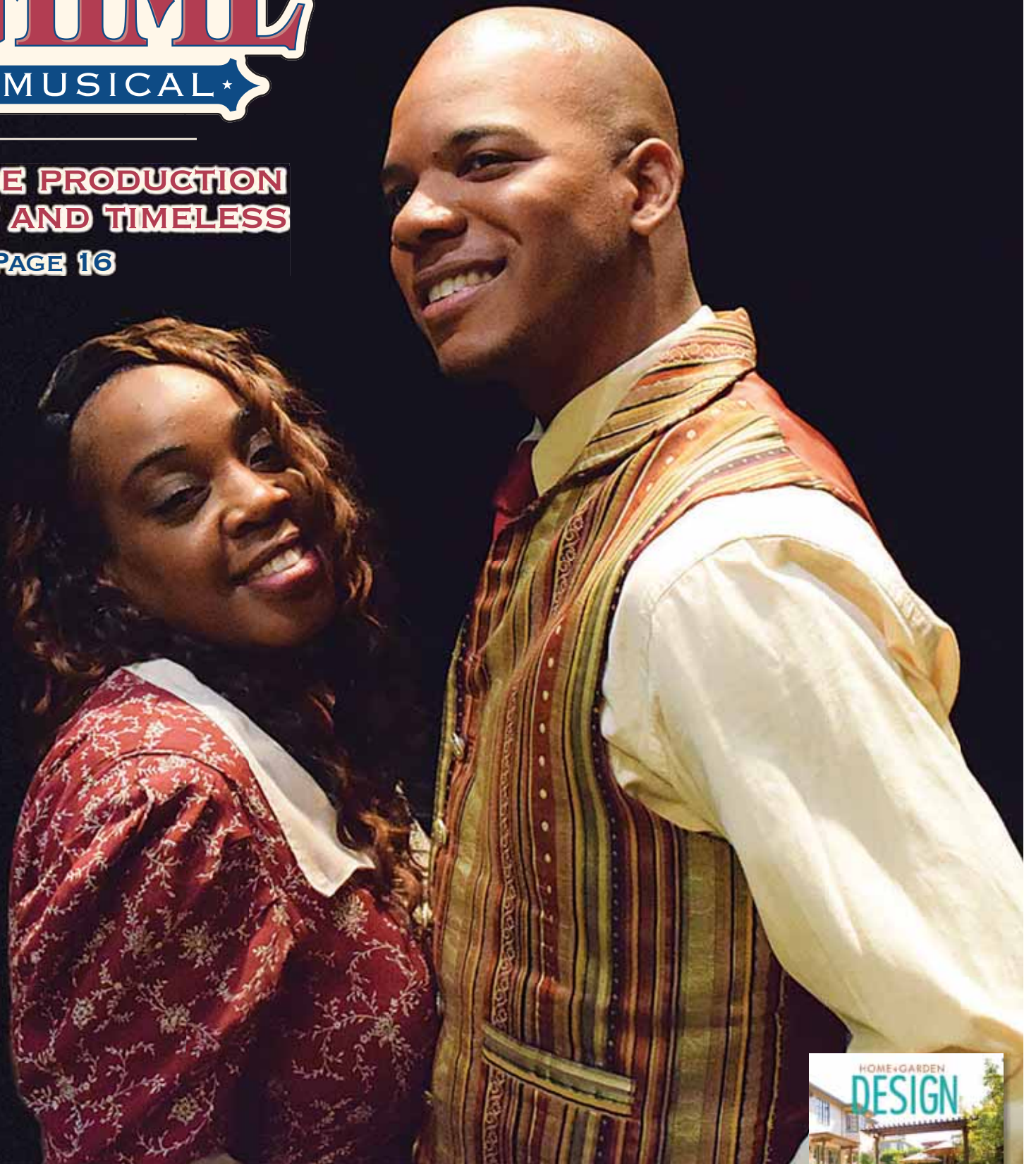


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF MENLO PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2016

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

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment, Rezoning, Conditional Development Permit, Development Agreement, Lot Reconfiguration, Heritage Tree Removal Permits, Below Market Rate Housing Agreement, and Environmental Review/Hibiscus Properties, LLC on behalf of Facebook, Inc./300-309 Constitution Drive and 1 Facebook Way:

1. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to include hotels as conditional uses within the M-2 zoning district. The text amendment would be consistent with the Limited Industry Land Use Designation of the existing General Plan;
2. Rezone entire site from M-2 (General Industrial) and M-2(X) (General Industrial, Conditional Development) to M-2(X) (General Industrial, Conditional Development) to allow for a Conditional Development Permit to establish the development regulations;
3. Conditional Development Permit (CDP) to redevelop an approximate 58-acre site (300-309 Constitution Drive) with approximately 962,400 square feet of office use, including ancillary employee amenities, and a 200-room hotel of approximately 174,800 square feet. Including the existing Building 23, addressed 300 Constitution Drive (approximately 180,108 square feet), the maximum gross floor area for offices would be approximately 1.143 million square feet, which is within the maximum 45 percent floor area ratio (FAR) for offices in the M-2 zoning district. With the hotel, the maximum gross floor area would be approximately 1.318 million square feet, or 52 percent total FAR, which is consistent with the FAR maximum of up to 55 percent for office and all other uses. The CDP would permit maximum building heights of up to 75 feet, allow building coverage to potentially exceed 50 percent of the site, identify the expanded construction hours, establish the permitted uses at the site, establish the maximum allowed signage area, permit the use and storage of hazardous materials associated with general office uses, set the parking ratio for the site, as well as to define all other development standards and regulations. The proposed CDP would incorporate the existing Building 20 (1 Facebook Way) and create one CDP for 300-309 Constitution Drive and 1 Facebook Way. No changes are proposed to Building 20;
4. Development Agreement for the provision of overall benefits to the City and adequate regulations in exchange for vested rights for the Facebook Campus Expansion Project;
5. Heritage Tree Removal Permits to permit the removal of approximately 274 heritage trees and establish a heritage tree replacement ratio associated with the proposed project;
6. Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Agreement, per the requirements of the City's Municipal Code, which would help increase the affordable housing supply by requiring the applicant to provide monies for the BMR fund or by procuring off-site BMR units;
7. Lot Reconfiguration to modify the location of two legal lots or merge the legal lots that comprise the project site and the adjacent lot for Building 20; and
8. Environmental Impact Report to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said City Council will hold a public hearing on this item in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 7:00 P.M. or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Please contact Kyle Perata, Senior Planner, if there are any questions or comments on this item. He can be reached at (650) 330-6721 or by email at ktperata@menlopark.org.

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

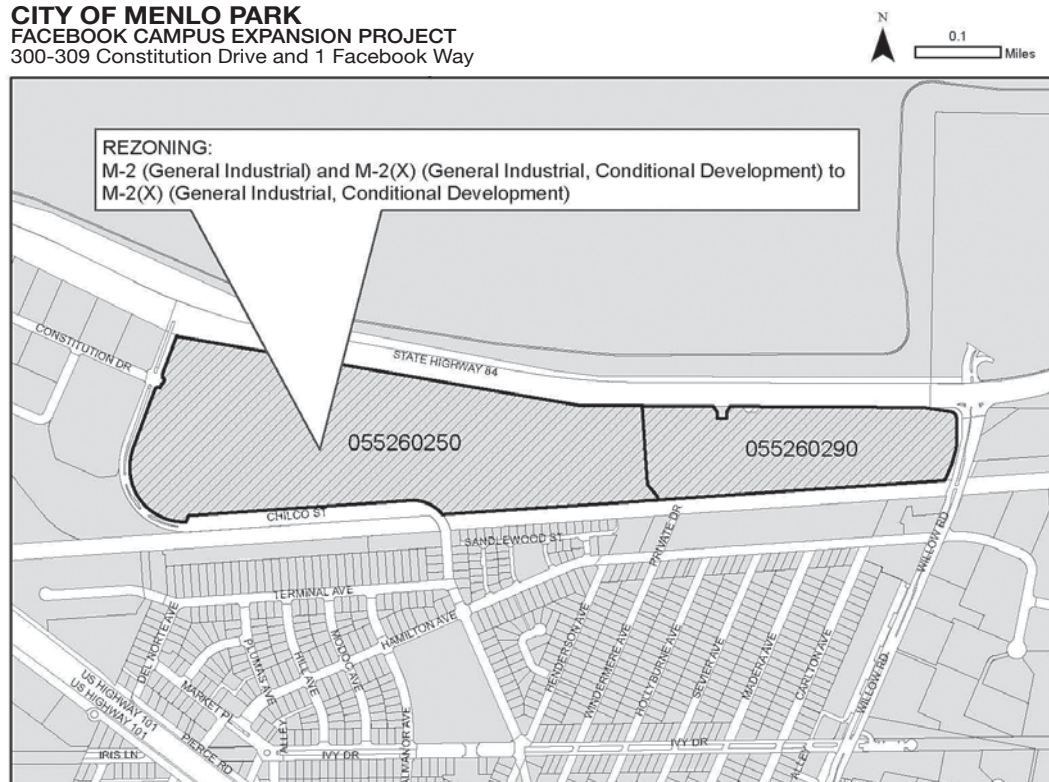
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If there are any questions, please call the Planning Division at (650) 330-6702.

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Town opens door to affordable housing plan

The Portola Valley Town Council is gearing up for a community discussion on steps to increase the supply of homes affordable to people of average means.

The council, which in April identified affordable housing as a top priority, on Oct. 12 gave a green light to Town Manager Jeremy Dennis to prepare a strategic plan to address the issue. Staff may have a draft in November that is likely to include ideas on second units and homes on town-owned land.

"There is an ongoing regional housing crisis," Mr. Dennis told the council. The local impact includes long commutes for employees in town, increased traffic, and tough times for elderly residents and grown children trying to remain in the community.

"It's a Portola Valley-centric problem that has Portola Valley-centric solutions," and public comment will be vital to addressing it, Mr. Dennis said.

Town government has not been

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idle. The council in 2015 approved expanded floor areas for second units on parcels of at least two acres, allowed two second units on parcels of at least 3.5 acres, and allowed a simplified review for units 750 square feet or less, up from 400 square feet.

As to what else might be done, Mr. Dennis floated ideas, including expanding second-unit options to parcels smaller than one acre, allowing larger second units and possibly subsidizing costs.

Councilwoman Ann Wengert asked Planning Director Debbie Pedro about the potential for modular housing. It's permitted but uncommon, Ms. Pedro said. Tiny homes are permitted, she said in an interview, provided they meet zoning code requirements and sit on a foundation.

Resident Bill Youstra suggested the council consider group purchases of prefabricated homes, as was done in 2006 when some

38 households got together and bought solar panels.

The council agreed to several recommendations from staff:

- Staff would explore ways to reduce estimated costs of up to \$600,000 to build a 750-square-foot second unit. Making up that estimate are permit fees (4 percent), planning and design (13 percent) and construction (83 percent), the staff report says.

'In my opinion, we are beyond crisis at this point and into disaster.'

MAYOR MARYANN DERWIN

- Form a committee to study affordable housing. Councilmen Craig Hughes and Jeff Aalfs volunteered to serve with two Planning Commission members and three people from the public.

- Survey employers and employees in town on the desirability of living in housing on employer-owned property. A

survey "really puts a face on this whole issue," Councilman Craig Hughes said.

In Town Hall, one staff member recently moved to Hayward from the Peninsula after an extraordinary rent increase, Mayor Maryann Derwin said. Three other staff members could face a similar situation, Ms. Derwin said by email. "In my opinion, we are beyond crisis at this point and into disaster," she said.

The town owns 26 properties in town, though most cannot be developed due to size, topography, location and proximity to utilities. The council could direct staff to "explore opportunities to produce modest and appropriate numbers of housing on town-owned land," the report says.

"Do we really see a potential upside to this?" Councilman Jeff Aalfs said. "Do we really believe that we could create housing on town-owned property?"

Controversy loomed over past initiatives. In 2003, the council rezoned 3.6 acres near Alpine and Portola roads for 15 to 20

small homes. Residents angry about higher housing densities challenged the council with a referendum and won. The houses were never built, but the issue split the community.

In July 2012, the council held a well-attended forum in connection with the council's intent to buy 1.68 acres at 900 Portola Road for homes for people of moderate incomes. Residents expressed strong pro and con opinions. The council eventually abandoned the property after learning of soil contamination. Windmill School bought it, cleaned it up, and won approval to begin construction of a preschool, all without significant controversy.

Replying to Mr. Aalfs, Ms. Wengert recommended another look at homes on town-owned land. "We've been committed to trying to do something for a long time" and the housing situation has evolved, she said, adding that it's important to determine which options are realistic.

Mr. Aalfs had no further comment. ■

City Council OKs lease to move food truck event to Menlo Civic Center

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Off the Grid, a weekly food truck gathering at the Caltrain station parking lot in Menlo Park on Wednesday nights, has won approval of its plan to move to the city's Civic Center parking lot located off Alma Street, between the library and the Arrilaga Family Gymnasium.

The Menlo Park City Council on Oct. 11 voted 3-1-1 (with Ray Mueller opposed and Catherine Carlton abstaining) in favor of a lease agreement with Off the Grid for use of the Civic Center site. A maximum of 10 food trucks at a time would be allowed, according to the lease agreement.

Separately, though, Menlo Park Mayor Rich Cline said he plans to talk to Caltrain about why it terminated its lease with Off the Grid, which has operated for almost two years at the train station parking lot.

According to Economic Development Manager Jim Cogan, Caltrain's decision is based on a preservation covenant intended

to protect the historic train station building.

According to Caltrain spokesperson Tasha Bartholomew, the station is listed in the "National Register of Historic Places," and Caltrain's designated "covenant keeper/reviewer" Hilda Lefebvre determined that the weekly Off the Grid events were not "appropriate under the historical covenant."

Mayor Cline says he intends to ask Caltrain why a single person's interpretation of the covenant should dictate how the space can be used. Councilwoman Carlton volunteered to act as a backup for the mayor.

"I think the request to move is not based on something I can see as a reasonable argument," she said. "Maybe I'm missing something. I'd love to have that conversation."

In the meantime, though, the food-truck gathering needs a new home, and city and Off the Grid staff have concluded that the Civic Center parking lot is the best location. The site was recommended for approval in a



Almanac file photo/Michelle Le

An Off the Grid gathering at its inauguration at the Caltrain parking lot in February 2014.

4-2 vote by the Planning Commission on Sept. 12.

Other sites were considered. Closing streets or part of a downtown parking plaza were seen as disruptive to shoppers and other users.

The move comes at a bad time for Off the Grid, its business development director Ben Himlan told the council.

The operation reduces its hours in the winter, and dur-

ing the rainy season, turnout is expected to drop to only 200 visitors per week, Mr. Himlan said, compared to its overall average of 500 to 600 weekly visitors. That, combined with a new location, could spell trouble for the food truck event, which relies on vendors who agree to come if they think they can meet sales goals.

To help, the council agreed to waive the \$1,500 a month rental

fee in the six-month lease agreement, charging only \$1 a month instead.

Ms. Carlton said she had hoped to table the lease agreement with the city and talk to Caltrain first, to see why the train-station lease was terminated.

Mr. Mueller said he opposed the move to the Civic Center because additional traffic and pedestrians

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Ghysels says he's 'ready for next big adventure'

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Maurice Ghysels, who has headed the Menlo Park City School District since mid-2011, says he plans to leave the district at the end of the school year because the time is right, both for him and for the district.

In an interview, he said he has accomplished his goals: a "super strong" leadership team is in place, and the district has adopted a set of core values, a strategic vision and guiding principles.

The district is ready to go to the "next level," he said, "and at the same time, I'm ready for a new adventure."

Mr. Ghysels, 60, has had a long career in education, but he also spent four years as an executive with Citibank

and a year with a startup. "I think this is probably the longest gig I've had," he said.

"I like to create, build, startup and get things in place to where they can sustain, and then go on to the next adventure," he said.

Menlo Park governing board member Maria Hilton, who was board president when Mr. Ghysels was hired by the district, agreed that he has put a strong foundation in place to continue the work he has begun.

Mr. Ghysels was hired in part because the district was looking for someone who could "identify, attract and retain talent," she said. "To a person, across our principals and key leadership roles across the district," she said, "Maurice has helped us get the best possible people. I can't tell you how valuable that is."

She said that when Mr. Ghysels was hired, the district was also looking for someone to help it become a "core-value, strategic vision" district, and he has helped put those things in place.

"He's continued to deliver on those things that we were interested in," she said. The leadership team in place can continue to work

toward the goals the district has identified under Mr. Ghysels, she said.

"Could he be the one to continue this work

— absolutely," she said. But for him, she said, moving on "is an opportunity to say: 'What do I really enjoy the most?'"

What's next for Mr. Ghysels? "I'm in that mode of thinking and ideating and not taking anything off the table," he said.

His dream job, he said, is not "by topic" but "when I feel alive and feel like I'm doing good, and making an impact." He said he could end up inside, or outside, education.

He plans to stay in the area.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Maurice Ghysels, superintendent of the Menlo Park City School District, with a kindergarten class at Encinal School in Atherton on Sept. 2.

He lives in Menlo Park with his wife, Carmen Mizell, who works in Mountain View.

With an undergraduate degree in economics from San Jose State, and a teaching credential in social studies, math and life sciences, he started his career as a high school teacher at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. He received a doctorate in educational organization and leadership from the University of San Francisco while he was working.

He soon became a vice principal and was a principal by his mid-30s. Some teachers he was supervising were his parents' age, he noted.

At that point, Mr. Ghysels' said, his career took a detour when he was recruited to become an executive with Citicorp. The job included training employees as the company began adopting internet banking.

"It was an internal start-up," he said.

Although he had thought he'd take only a one-year leave of absence, he worked in New York City for Citicorp for four years, returning home to his family in the Bay Area on weekends.

He then spent a year working for a Silicon Valley start-up, Groundswell Inc., which he describes as a business-to-business consulting firm. "We were in that dot.com irrational exuberance stage," he said, and the company ran through its funding in a year.

"It was one of the greatest learning experiences of my life," Mr. Ghysels said.

Mr. Ghysels then returned to education as a deputy superintendent in the Campbell Union Elementary School District, before becoming superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District from 2005 to 2010. He left the Mountain View district after revealing to its school board that he and Carmen Mizell, who was a principal at a Mountain View Whisman school, were involved in a romantic relationship. Both were

married to others at the time.

Soon after the affair was announced, Mr. Ghysels went to work for the Santa Clara County Office of Education as its chief schools officer, before moving on to the Menlo Park district.

School board member Ms. Hilton said Mr. Ghysels "continued to deliver on those things we were interested in," during his tenure.

"All of the things I was personally hoping for, he really did deliver," she said. "My only hope is he really thinks about staying in education" so he could end up "sharing that knowledge and experience" he gained in Menlo Park with another district, she said.

"We are eternally grateful for him," Ms. Hilton said.

Mr. Ghysels said he is most proud of "the people I've worked with who have made these great things happen" in the district. "I think overall the students' experience has been transformative in academics, in their social emotional wellbeing, and their access to really discovering what their strengths are and what their talents are."

"Our students are among the best educated in the world, and extraordinarily prepared for college and beyond," he said.

"The greatest accomplishment of a leader is creating a collaboration, a collection of people, a community," he said.

"I'm surely not perfect, I know I've not always made the right calls," he said. But making a mistake simply means, he said, that "it's back to learning." ■



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Former Woodside mayor Susan Crocker dies at 75

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Susan Crocker, who served on the Woodside Town Council from 1991 to 1995, and was mayor in 1993, died suddenly at her home in Woodside on Wednesday, Oct. 12. She was 75.

Ms. Crocker, who had lived in Woodside for 38 years, was known for her love of gardening, reading and opera. She was curious about nature and enthusiastically passed on her knowledge to both the young and old. She volunteered for many years in the nature program at Filoli, at the Academy of Sciences and at Huddart Park.

Ms. Crocker also loved following politics and staying abreast of current issues. Woodside town volunteer Thalia Lubin praised Ms. Crocker's work as "a tireless advocate for Woodside's natural treasures."

Ms. Lubin said Ms. Crocker "often spoke up when the town veered off course from the principles of the general plan. Susan was someone we could count on for advice and a sage perspective on various town issues. She was a caring and dedicated citizen of Woodside."

In 1991 Ms. Crocker was elected to the Woodside Town Council to represent the first district, which includes her neighborhood of the Woodside Glens. A Times Tribune article at the time said: "Despite being unopposed, Crocker ran an active campaign as a way of getting out to meet people and find out about the issues."

She was then a marketing manager at Hewlett-Packard Co. and had been chairwoman of a town committee appointed to consider

revisions to residential regulations. The committee had recommended 15 changes. The Times Tribune article said: "She ran (for office) to see that the work was completed and because, 'I'm interested in seeing Woodside remain the unique residential community that it is,' she said."



T. Fink, Times Tribune/Courtesy Woodside History Committee archives

Susan Crocker in 1991, soon after she was elected to the Woodside Town Council. She is shown with her dog Abigail.

A friend and neighbor of Ms. Crocker's, Jennifer Gonzales, said Ms. Crocker and her partner, Lee Gallagher, had "an amazing garden."

She was "a very caring person," Ms. Gonzales said. "Anyone who had a question about Kite Hill could ask Susan or Lee, from the name of a flower to information about the history of saving Kite Hill," she said.

"When Susan set out to solve a problem, she immediately made a plan, and would put her knowledge and passion into reaching the solution."

"Woodside has lost a dear person," Ms. Gonzales said.

Susan Crocker was born in Eugene, Oregon, and grew up in Denver. She had a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in social policy and planning from Wayne State University in Detroit.

According to a 1996 article about Ms. Crocker in Fast Company Magazine, she became a Peace Corp volunteer in 1965, living in Chile for two years, teaching nutrition in mountain villages. "It was an experience, she says, that forced her to take risks," the article by David Diamond said.

A close friend said that after returning home from Chile, Ms. Crocker set a goal to work for social change. She particularly liked writing funding proposals for the nonprofit sector and enjoyed working out organizational puzzles and challenges in general.

Ms. Crocker worked for nonprofits as well as in the public sector at San Francisco General Hospital followed by the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the San Francisco Regional Tumor Foundation.

Later, she worked in marketing management at Varian Medical Systems Inc., Apple Computer Inc. and Hewlett-Packard.

Ms. Crocker was a fierce advocate for the environment and her longtime community of Woodside.

She is survived by her partner, Lee Gallagher, brother Samuel Crocker and sister Gayle Crocker.

There will be no services. Donations in Ms. Crocker's memory may be made to Cedars of Marin at TheCedarsofMarin.org. ■

Public input sought on school budget decisions

The Menlo Park City School District wants to know what the public thinks about it putting a parcel tax measure on the ballot next year to help it make up what the district predicts will be a \$5.3 million budget shortfall by the 2020-21 school year.

Two board meetings, one at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 24, and a second at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25, will be held in the Hillview Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1100 Elder Ave. in Menlo Park.

The district says the topic of both will be: "Should MPCSD pursue a different parcel tax to avoid or minimize cuts?"

Two parcel tax measures failed in May.

The district plans two additional meetings on budget options: Nov. 9 and Nov. 30. Both will be in the Hillview Performing Arts Center, starting at 6 p.m. The Nov. 30 meeting is scheduled so the board could meet a Dec. 2 deadline to put a parcel tax measure on the March 2017 ballot.

Visit District.MPCSD.org (the district's website) for more information. Videos of previous budget meetings and links to financial information on current and past budgets are posted.

Vote registration deadline: Oct. 24

Monday, Oct. 24, is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 8 election.

Paper registrations postmarked before or on Oct. 24 will be accepted. Online registrations must be completed by midnight on Oct. 24.

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John Kerry discusses ethical, social issues in internet age

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry sat casually on the stage of the Rosewood Sand Hill Hotel ballroom in Menlo Park on Oct. 10 discussing ethical and social challenges linked with technology and the internet.

The event was part of a two-day internet conference hosted by the Internet Association, a Washington, D.C.-based lobbying group supported by major internet companies. The conference, called "Virtuous Circle," attracted a lineup of internet entrepreneurs and government leaders.

Mr. Kerry's appearance came days after the U.S. on Oct. 7 formally accused Russia of hacking emails at the Democratic National Committee. "We need to take every measure possible to guarantee the integrity of our elections," he said.

As everyone becomes more dependent on the internet and internet-based services, breaches in cybersecurity become more of a potential threat.

Overall, he said, the expansion of new technologies has been a net positive on a global level. "Everyone who has a smartphone has an instrument of empowerment," he said.

However, new technologies have created new challenges. One



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Secretary of State John Kerry was interviewed by E.B. Boyd of Fast Company magazine at the Internet Association's Virtuous Circle Conference, held at the Rosewood Sand Hill hotel in Menlo Park on Oct. 10.

fear of tech companies is that government and security agencies will seek access to "back door" decryption tools to obtain private information stored on personal tech devices.

Mr. Kerry said he's not looking for any back doors, but added that there should be "rules of the road" for dangerous scenarios involving national security. One

scenario he presented: What if data from a tech company discovered that a nuclear bomb, planted in New York City, was set to detonate in 48 hours? What is the company's role as a "corporate citizen"?

Preserving the integrity, innovation and freedom of the internet is important, as is the task of protecting Americans, he said.

"I do not come here with all the answers to this, because a lot of this is uncharted territory," he said.

Mr. Kerry also discussed some of the social challenges resulting from the tech boom. "Blue collar jobs are being lost at a higher percentage than are tech jobs filling the void," he said. "There's just a massive amount of disruption

we're living with today, and public policy is much harder to fashion into a consensus as a result of that."

He said the country needed to "tame the worst instincts of insensitive capitalism ... because right now we've got a lot of angry people who just don't know where their future is and where they're going." ■

Short-term rentals disrupt Woodside 'rural character'

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

The sharing economy, in the form of short-term rental outfits like Airbnb, has become a disruptive force in parts of Woodside.

While Woodside residents may not be able to say exactly what they mean when they're talking about the town's rural character, they seem to know when they're not experiencing it.

"I'm living next door to a corporation (of 10 employees) living and working there," resident Dick Brown of Woodside Heights told the Town Council during an Oct. 11 study session. They're nice people, Mr. Brown said, but the previous corporate tenants were not and the next group may not be either. "The rural character of Woodside is extremely important to us," he said.

A resident of Ridgeway Road said he's lived there for 29 years and that the place next door has been turned into an event center. "The noise, sometimes (a) whole day long," he said. "And the weekend comes, and it's just a disaster and it's totally changed why I

wanted to live in Woodside. ... It's very miserable to live right next to people who turned their house into a hotel."

Sue Sweeney Burow prepared a list of communities that, she said, have found ways to regulate short-term rentals. "Certainly in Woodside we care about our rural character, and if people are running hotels in Woodside, I think it would destroy the rural

character of Woodside, which goes against the general plan," she said.

Among the ideas offered: no rentals for fewer than 30 days, no corporate leasing within residential areas, limiting the number of rentals in a calendar year, and requiring the homeowner to be living at the property.

Group events are the primary complaint, Town Manager Kevin Bryant said. The problem in regulating short-term rentals, he said, is in administering the regulations and enforcing them.

Bans tend not to work, he said. The sharing economy has a peer-

to-peer structure, so a key issue is how a city or town might insert itself into that relationship, he said.

Annie Kaskade of the Woodside Glens, a community of small homes, urged the council to note the positive opportunities

that short-term rentals offer residents away for a week or two. Tenants in such cases may be pet sitters or nannies, she said. "I don't want to leave my house empty," she said. "It's a magnet for thieves."

She urged the council to develop a formal process for addressing complaints and to consider unintended consequences of regulations.

"The community has rights," Councilman Chris Shaw said. "Neighbors have rights. Running a for-profit, short-term rental place for parties is not what we want for our community. ... If you're using your property for commercial gain, that's not what Woodside is about."

Councilman Daniel Yost, a

'It's very miserable to live right next to people who turned their house into a hotel.'

RESIDENT OF RIDGEWAY ROAD

Glens resident, said that while something must be done about group events, the issue deserves a lot of thought. Noise could be a trigger for intervention, he said. The council might consider a formula of two people per bedroom plus two. (The city of St. Helena in Napa County, noted by Mr. Bryant, uses this formula.)

Councilman Peter Mason suggested that the council focus on the worst cases. We need to "quickly put something in that allows us to defend the community," he said.

"It's behavior," Mayor Deborah Gordon said. "The new sharing economy has made it such that these behaviors are coming to every community." It may be appropriate, she said, to look at egregious behavior as a first step, but noted that it's difficult to define bad behavior in an ordinance.

"We have a very tiny resource," she added, referring to the few deputies that patrol the town. (St. Helena has a police force.)

The council asked staff to come back with six or seven approaches and a report on some common regulating threads, such as using nuisance laws. ■

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could create dangerous conditions on Ravenswood Avenue. Also, he opposed the loss of parking at the Alma Street parking lot.

The lease would last six months and then be reviewed by the Planning Commission. The city has the option to terminate the lease on 30-days notice.

Concerns about the event causing parking problems at the library were allayed by Library Director Susan Holmer, who said that Wednesdays are usually quiet evenings at the library, and that Off the Grid could attract more visitors. "More people in the library is always good," she said.

Mayor Cline recommended setting up a dropoff site for young athletes headed to the gym and setting aside some nearby parking for library patrons.

"We're flexible and we're committed to staying here, and we're committed to finding something that is a win-win," said Mr. Himlan.

There's no date set in stone for the big move yet, he said. ■

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Another home invasion by three armed men

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Three men armed with handguns invaded an occupied home on Valencia Court in Portola Valley late Thursday, Oct. 13, corralled the three residents — a man and a woman in their 50s and a girl — and escaped with jewelry and electronic equipment, according to deputies from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

This home-invasion robbery was the second in Portola Valley in 2016. Three armed men invaded a home on Golden Oak Drive in June. Both incidents took place in central Portola Valley.

The homeowner was standing in front of his house at around 10:30 p.m. when three African-American men approached him and forced their way into the house, deputies said. Once inside, they

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moved the residents to a bedroom and then ransacked the house, deputies said.

The men fled in a white sedan of unknown make and

model, deputies said.

Medics treated the man at the scene for a small cut on the side of his head, the only physical injury incurred during the incident, deputies said.

The darkness that is valued highly in Portola Valley may have aided the robbers in hiding identifying information about them, making details about the incident that much more important, deputies said.

Deputies are asking residents to be vigilant and contact the Sheriff's Office upon encountering anything suspicious.

"These types of incidents are very rare for Portola Valley," Detective Salvador Zuno told the Almanac. "It's random and it's very rare."

Detective Zuno went out of his way to ask that residents focus on suspicious activity, not on African-American men or white vehicles. ■



Square dancing comes to Menlo Park

Submitted by Pat Ho, a Los Altos resident, long-time square dancer and a member of Stanford Quads.

Stanford Quads, a club that has been dancing in Palo Alto for the past 27 years, moved to Menlo Park this summer.

But you probably won't hear fiddle music or see cowboy boots around First Baptist Church at 1100 Middle Ave., where the group meets every Sunday evening.

Modern square dancers use music that ranges from Beethoven to Taylor Swift, and wear ordinary clothes. This style of square dancing is about movement, patterns, and a community of people sharing a hobby. It's also great exercise for both the mind and body.

The people at Quads range from teens to retirees, and include families, singles and couples. Everyone dances together in groups of eight, which change throughout the evening.

Members of the club come from a wide range of backgrounds, but a high proportion are from technical fields. A few are students at Stanford, where the club originated 33 years ago, as a spin-off of MIT's Tech Squares.

"Anyone from age 8 to 80 can square dance. You don't need a sense of rhythm or coordination," said Michael Barclay who lives in Menlo Park and has been dancing with the group for 15 years. "It's like playing chess on a life-size chess board."

Square dancing began as an American folk activity, and is the official dance of California and 23 other states.

In its modern form, it has taken on an international flavor, with hundreds of clubs in Europe, Asia and Australia.

Dancers learn a common vocabulary of "calls" — instructions telling them how to move. These calls have specific mean-

ings that are the same even in Japan or Sweden. "You learn the calls and then you can dance anywhere," said Sue Lietz-Davis of Sunnyvale, who met her husband 25 years ago at Quads.

Learning the calls is the key, and many clubs in the area offer a class for beginners once a year. Each week introduces new calls, building on the ones learned in earlier weeks.

"It's like playing a new game. You learn new moves and increase complexity each week," said Lucy Hsu of Los Altos. "You are moving around, getting both physical and mental exercise at the same time, and interacting with interesting people."

Go to StanfordQuads.org for more information. Stanford Quads is not affiliated with Stanford University or First Baptist Church. The author, Pat Ho, can be reached at patho24@yahoo.com.

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■ POLICE CALLS

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

ATHERTON

Thefts:

- Someone stole a two-carat diamond pendant on a silver chain from a dorm room at Menlo College. Estimated loss: \$25,000. Oct. 12.
- Over the space of three days, three bikes have been stolen from a bicycle cage at Menlo-Atherton High School at 555 Middlefield Road. A black Specialized 24-speed bike (\$500), a green and blue Electra cruiser (\$200) and another bike not described (\$600). In every case, a surveillance video showed the theft but the resolution "was not clear enough to identify the suspect," Atherton police said. Oct. 10 and 12.

WOODSIDE

- Theft:** A woman told deputies that, while attending a pool party of some 200 guests at a home in the 2800 block of Woodside Road, someone stole her purse from an unlocked pool house. Estimated loss: \$5,300. Sept. 24.

WEST MENLO PARK

- Fraud:** A resident of Trudy Lane shipped a smart phone to an address in Sacramento in connection with an eBay transaction after receiving an email, purportedly from Pay Pal, that confirmed payment for the phone. But later, suspicious of the "odd" appearance of the email, the resident contacted PayPal and determined the email to be a fraud. Estimated loss: \$450. Sept. 29.

MENLO PARK

Commercial burglaries:

- Someone smashed the glass of a front door at Enjoy Technologies on Constitution Drive while the business was closed and stole about 100 smart phone and 50 tablet computers. Estimated loss: \$100,000. Oct. 15.
- Thieves entered the Haven Avenue offices of Bonde Ventures & Advisory while employees were away from their desks and stole two laptop computers. Estimated loss: \$3,300.
- A burglar forced open a window at the Blue Garden Cafe at the Allied Arts Guild at 75 Arbor Road. Stolen items include liquor and five cases of beer. Estimated loss: \$500. Oct. 11.
- Residential burglaries:**
 - A thief broke into a home on Hillview Drive through a locked bedroom window and stole jewelry and

a tablet computer. Estimated loss: \$25,000. Oct. 12.

- Someone broke into an apartment in the 1100 block of Willow Road and stole a safe containing a gold ring, vehicle titles and other documents. Estimated loss: \$1,100. Oct. 11.

- A resident of Euclid Avenue discovered damage to a front door, thought to have been done by someone kicking the door trying to get in. Oct. 12.

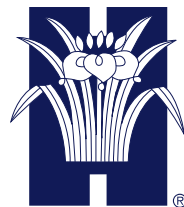
Auto burglary: Police have no clues as to how someone entered a locked vehicle parked on Stanford Avenue and stole a set of ear buds and a wallet containing \$250 in cash and various cards. Estimated loss: \$583. Oct. 14.

Thefts:

- A thief stole two locked bicycles and a miter saw from the front porch of a house on Bay Road. Estimated loss: \$4,200. Oct. 7.
- Someone stole a purse that had been hanging on the back of a door at the Fey Restaurant on El Camino Real. The purse's contents included sunglasses and \$700 in cash. Estimated loss: \$1,350. Oct. 11.

Stolen vehicles:

- A black 2003 Honda Element from a residence on Johnson Street. Oct. 13.
- A gray 2000 Mercury Sable from a parking stall on Sharon Park Drive. Oct. 13.



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New law: School districts can't invest bond funds

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

San Mateo Community College District Chancellor Ron Galatolo, who also happens to be a certified public accountant, said he has long believed that some of the district's bond funds might earn the taxpayers a little extra money while they were waiting to be spent on construction if they were invested differently.

He won't have a chance to find out.

Last month Gov. Jerry Brown signed a new state law that the legislative analyst's office said was written in direct response to the community college dis-

trict's attempts to invest its own bond money. The law, signed by the governor on Sept. 22, says only county treasurers can invest bond proceeds for public school districts and community college districts.

Chancellor Galatolo said he asked San Mateo County Treasurer Sandie Arnott in 2015 if the county, which is charged with handling school district funds, might put some funds in longer-term investments that were deemed safe, but would bring in a slightly higher return, because he knew the community college district wouldn't need some of its bond money for years.

When Ms. Arnott declined,

Chancellor Galatolo said he decided the district should invest the money itself, since doing so wasn't specifically prohibited by law. In June 2015, the district declared \$109 million in bond proceeds "surplus," the first move in taking the funds from the county investment pool and transferring them to the district's control.

Because interest rates on long-term investments currently aren't much higher than short-term rates, the investment plans remained on the back burner, he said.

In February of this year, a legislator from Stanislaus County, Kristin Olson introduced

Assembly Bill 2738, prohibiting what Chancellor Galatolo wanted to do. The bill, backed by the California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, was approved by a large margin in the state Assembly and unanimously in the state Senate.

The request to allow the college district to invest its own funds wasn't his first, Chancellor Galatolo said. He said he made the same request to then-county treasurer Lee Buffington in 2008. Not long after Mr. Buffington turned down the request, the county lost \$155 million from its investment pool after the col-

lapse of Lehman Brothers. (It later recouped \$70 million of the losses.)

Chancellor Galatolo said the college district was the biggest loser in the debacle, losing about \$25 million.

It is ironic that "they passed a law to preclude me from having money that they lost once before," he said. "We should have the freedom and flexibility to invest the money. I'm trying to maximize the return on that investment."

He said he wasn't upset about it. "It's unfortunate," he said. "If I can 100 percent protect my money and make a little bit more money — why not do it?" ■

Atherton weighs scope of fire district funding study

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

The details of a study of Menlo Park Fire Protection District property taxes generated in Atherton and how that money is spent will be discussed by the Atherton City Council on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

The meeting starts at 6 p.m. with a closed session that the city manager's report says is to discuss if the town should heed its Rail Committee's recommendation to join a lawsuit challenging the use of California High-Speed Rail Authority money to help fund Caltrain's move to electric trains.

The regular meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the town's council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road. The agenda is a long one, with 32 items and a 529-page packet of background information.

Also to be considered is an update on the new civic center's design, with a total cost estimate for the project \$4 million less than last October's estimate, and a reduction in the total amount of money that must be raised from donations to below \$22 million.

The donor dollar amount was reduced by shrinking the size of the building that will contain the council chambers and offices for police, administration, and building and planning. The cost of the library has gone up slightly, to nearly \$15 million, but it will be paid for

with library-use-only property tax revenues.

The fire district study recommendations came from a subcommittee made up of Councilman Cary Wiest, City Manager George Rodericks, and Bob Polito, the head of Atherton's Audit/Finance Committee.

The subcommittee suggests a consultant look at four items: property taxes generated in Atherton that go to the fire district, both now and in the future; how much the fire district spends providing all its services to the town; how much would it cost the town to

provide its own fire services; and what steps would be needed for the town to provide its own services.

Other agenda items include:

- A public hearing on increased refuse collection rates.

- A state-required climate action plan to reduce greenhouse gases generated in the town. The proposed plan is considerably watered down from the original version submitted by the town's Environmental Programs Committee, but requires a smaller investment by the town.

- A discussion about asking the California Department of Transportation to remove the El Camino Real crosswalk at Stockbridge Avenue. Studies have shown that marked crosswalks without lights or stop signs may actually increase pedestrian risks. ■

Woodside loses another member of its equestrian community

By Dr. Gary Hanes, a resident of Woodside and a local equine veterinarian who has practiced on the Peninsula since 1989. He owns Briarwood Equine Clinic, with an office in Portola Valley.

On the night of Sept. 15, Woodside lost another older member of the local equestrian community. As a veterinarian of more than 20 years, I put to sleep Henry, or as his former owner used to refer to him, "Alpo," under the light of a nearly full moon.

Henry was born Feb. 12, 1980, making him 36 years old and perhaps one of the oldest equine residents of the area. For comparison's sake, that made Henry more than 100 years old in human years.

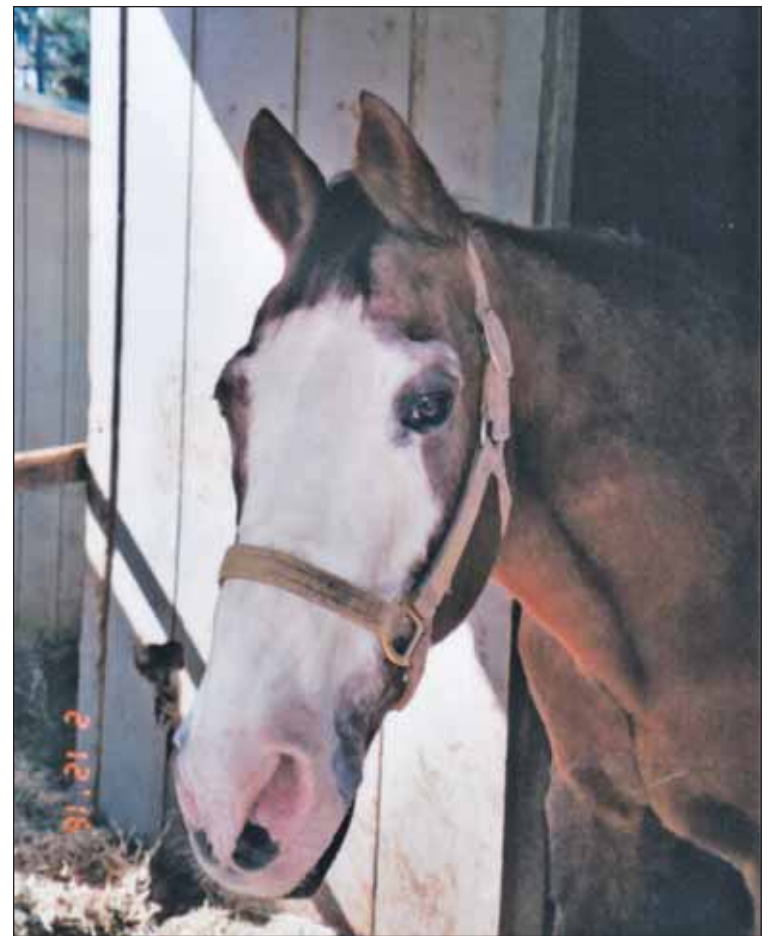
His health had rapidly declined in the past few weeks and his owners Don and Pam Robertson finally faced the difficult decision that it was Henry's time to go.

Henry became a local celebrity for the many years he was ridden by his owner, Dave Burlingame, an active member of the Mounted Patrol.

Dave frequently rode Henry through town trails, to Shack events, and to dozens of rides at the Mounted Patrol Grounds.

People in town began to recognize the pair everywhere they were seen and appreciate the kind and outgoing personality Henry possessed as a horse.

Henry also served as Dave's mount for countless rides in Mounted Search and Rescue events and the Fall Ride, usually held in a remote part of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.



Henry was a local celebrity in Woodside.

Even with arthritis coming on, Henry was always willing to give his best and take Dave the places he wanted to go.

Upon Dave's death, Woodside residents Pam and Don Robertson on Canada Road adopted Henry and provided for his every need through the rest of his life.

No horse could want for better care, and Henry continued to be recognized whenever he was seen on town trails, even when just out for a walk and a bit of grass.

On the night of his passing, Don recalled several memorable stories about Henry.

A lifelong resident of the area, Don still lamented the fact that some people in town knew Henry but didn't know Don. Pam recalled a riding incident in which she ended up dismounted and flat on the ground while Henry stood looking down in complete disbelief.

Many believe that Henry and Dave are once again riding those celestial trails. ■

General plan update goes before Planning Commission

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

The final environmental impact report on Menlo Park's general plan update has been released, and will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, Oct. 19, along with proposed changes to the general plan.

The general plan is Menlo Park's constitution for future development, and hasn't been updated since 1994. This update, christened "Connect Menlo," involves rezoning areas in the city's M-2 area (east of U.S. 101) and reclassifying some of the city's roads.

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

The environmental impact report is a comprehensive study conducted in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

This final report has city staff and consultants' responses to public comments on the draft environmental report.

The Planning Commission will recommend to the council whether to approve amendments to the general plan and zoning ordinance and allow rezoning in the M-2 area, given the findings of the environmental report.

If necessary, the commission will meet again on Monday, Oct. 24, to complete the review. The council is scheduled to review the proposal on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

The Oct. 19 meeting of the Planning Commission starts at 7 p.m. in the Menlo Park council chambers at 701 Laurel St. in the Civic Center. ■

Man sentenced to jail for grabbing, kissing teen

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Adam Joseph Degroat, 44, of Menlo Park, a registered sex offender, was sentenced Oct. 12 to one year in county jail after pleading no contest Aug. 29 to one count of felony child molestation, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

On June 15, Mr. Degroat followed a 14-year-old girl into the Willows Market on Middlefield Avenue, grabbed her arm and kissed her cheek, according to San Mateo County Chief Deputy District Attorney Karen Guidotti.

Mr. Degroat was sentenced on Oct. 12 to one year in county jail (with 237 days' credit for

time served) and five years of supervised probation.

The girl said she had recognized Mr. Degroat but had no prior contact with him, according to Ms. Guidotti.

Immediately after the incident, the girl called her father, who called the police, prosecutors said. Mr. Degroat was found and arrested nearby.

The plea was made on the condition that he would spend a year in county jail instead of state prison, according to the DA's office.

Mr. Degroat had a previous misdemeanor from 2012 in South San Francisco that involved annoying or molesting a minor, Ms. Guidotti said.

He remains in custody on \$50,000 bail. ■

Menlo Park developer arrested on suspicion of domestic assault

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

David D. Bohannon II, president and CEO of the development company David D. Bohannon Organization, was arrested on suspicion of domestic assault on Wednesday, Oct. 12, around 6:30 a.m. on Hermosa Way in Menlo Park.

According to Menlo Park Police Department spokesperson Nicole Acker, Mr. Bohannon and the victim had an altercation about missing property in the home, and the victim received injuries that were "visible."

Mr. Bohannon called the police, Ms. Acker said, and when the officers arrived, they determined that he was considered the "primary aggressor" in

the incident.

The victim's injuries were deemed "superficial," and the victim declined medical attention, Ms. Acker said.

Mr. Bohannon was then arrested on suspicion of felony domestic assault and booked at the San Mateo County jail, she said.

According to Detective Salvador Zuno of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, Mr. Bohannon posted \$25,000 in bail and was released at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13. He will be expected to return to court on Tuesday, Nov. 15, Detective Zuno said in an email.

Mr. Bohannon's company is currently overseeing the construction of a complex in eastern Menlo Park that includes a 250-room, 11-story hotel, an eight-story office building, a parking structure and a fitness facility. The Bohannon family has been operating in development and real estate on the Peninsula since the 1930s. ■



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Mother and Artist

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Joan Wambach, born Joan Barbara Hennig, passed away in the pre-dawn hours on September 23rd after a nearly three year battle with lymphoma cancer. A lifelong devoted mother and artist, she conducted her life in every aspect with compassion, nurture, patience, and a focus on the beauty and serenity that life and nature offers the world. Born and raised in Hempstead, New York, where her German born parents owned and operated a successful bakery and wedding cake business, Joan attended the Cathedral School of Saint Mary in Garden City, NY. In addition to being gifted in art, and having two active brothers, Joan was also very sporty and captained most of the teams on which she played through the years. Field hockey was a favorite, though she also greatly enjoyed basketball, swimming, tennis, and golf.

She later graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. In 1958 she married Daniel Wambach, a U.S. Air Force pilot and childhood friend, and moved around the country having each of their three children in different regions. Settling in San Rafael, California in 1965, she and her husband separated in 1970 and divorced in 1974. Joan then began the 'unconventional at the time' work of carving out a life as a single mom. After trying her hand at several careers including paralegal work, retail sales, and a self-started custom-carved entry door business, she settled into a regional sales position in residential lighting to the homebuilding industry -- her primary goal of maintaining a loving, supportive, and stable home for her three children unwaveringly intact.

In 1992, with her children grown and independent, Joan decided to pursue her lifelong dream of living in the country and moved to Woodstock, Vermont, where she could retire and resume working on her art. Between painting and sculpting, she continued to enjoy gardening and many walks in the woods. Joan's attention to detail, combined with her kind heart and

gentle nature flourished during her time in Vermont, and she produced many paintings and sculptures in addition to welcoming an endless stream of family and friends into her home. Joan possessed a heightened sense of the nuances of color, texture, and composition which allowed her to see things

in unique ways. It is this gift that she translated into her art. She found boundless inspiration in nature and used her walks in the woods, listening to the leaves "crunching under her feet," as opportunities for reflection and emotional refueling. During most of these years, Joan also cared for her aging mother who lived with her. The two enjoyed many activities together, such as going to the movies, seeing plays, and taking trips throughout the Northeast to enjoy the fall colors and Vermont's scenic areas.

In 2005, at age 70, Joan felt it was time to return to California to be closer to her children and their families. She settled in Menlo Park, CA, set up an art studio in her garage, and began attending the many sports events, birthdays, and holiday gatherings of her children and grandchildren. She adopted a rescued puppy and named him Cocktail for his mixed and mysterious heritage. Joan and Cocktail went everywhere together and could be spotted walking the streets of Sharon Heights, the hills of Portola Valley, and the beaches of Half Moon Bay. Joan's kindness, creativity, and thoughtfulness combined with her adventurousness, spunk, and playfulness made her the unique person she was and she will be greatly missed. She leaves behind her three children: Barbara, Leslie, and Bill; their spouses and significant others, 5 grandchildren: Naomi, Natalie, Zoe, and Nicholas, and step-grandchild Alexia; two brothers: Bill Hennig of Kennebunkport, ME, and George Hennig of Hawthorne, FL, along with many in-laws, nieces and nephews; and of course, Cocktail. Please direct remembrance gifts to: Pets In Need, Redwood City at petsinneed.org.



Candidates give views on traffic, business, rail issues

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

A painstakingly slow process to get things done. A gap in communication between people in different parts of the city. Old infrastructure and urban planning methods that discourage cities from thinking regionally. Those are among the biggest problems facing Menlo Park, according to, respectively, Catherine Carlton, Cecilia Taylor and Ray Mueller, the three City Council candidates.

Vying for two open seats on the council in the Nov. 8 election, the candidates responded to questions at a forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County on Oct. 10 in the council chambers at the Civic Center.

Written questions were submitted by those in the audience and read by Ellen Hope, president of the League of Women Voters' local chapter. Candidates discussed issues such as traffic, small businesses and Caltrain.

Go to tinyurl.com/forum307 to watch the full forum, recorded by Midpen Media Center.

Traffic

What would the candidates do to reduce cut-through traffic on residential streets?

Ms. Taylor said she would encourage the use of signs and traffic enforcement on residential streets that receive high amounts of cut-through traffic,

noting the efforts to protect residential streets near Marsh Road when it was closed earlier this year. There are signs prohibiting certain turns on streets in Belle Haven, but they are routinely disregarded, she said.

Ms. Carlton said that 80 percent of traffic comes from nearby cities, not from within Menlo Park, so regional efforts need to be made to address the problem. "We're not able to fix the problem alone," she said. She also supports bike and pedestrian measures that get drivers out of their cars.

She and Mr. Mueller spoke of the importance of improving conditions along the Dumbarton corridor. Ms. Carlton said she'd like to see public transit developed along the corridor. Mr. Mueller said relevant stakeholders, such as SamTrans representatives and state legislators, should get together and talk about what can be done to expedite action before the city approves the general plan update. He also said that U.S. 101 should be connected directly to Bayfront Expressway, with access to Belle Haven offered via an off-ramp.

Small businesses

The candidates were asked: What support do small businesses need to thrive in the city?

"The first thing you need is customers," said Ms. Carlton, listing efforts the city has made



Photo by Kate Bradshaw

Turnout was sparse at a City Council candidates forum in the Civic Center.

to boost downtown activity. She said the city has recently focused on installing bike racks, allowing and funding outdoor dining areas, hosting outdoor movie nights to draw visitors, extending parking limits, and attracting appealing restaurants and businesses.

Mr. Mueller said that when he was mayor in 2014, he hosted quarterly small business round table talks. Out of those discussions came the idea for the outdoor dining areas, now funded and on their way to being built, he said. He said he also supports provisions in the city's zoning policies to protect retail spaces and said he'd like to see more restaurants and some location for an entertainment venue downtown. "You have to give (people) something to do besides go out to dinner and

shop," he said.

Ms. Taylor said downtown Menlo Park should declutter its sidewalks to allow easier passage for the visually impaired and handicapped. She said there should be more attention paid to the needs of longtime businesses and businesses in Belle Haven, rather than newer downtown franchises that sell costly goods. She recommended setting up a subcommittee to hear from businesses about their needs.

Rail issues

An audience member asked what the candidates thought about high-speed rail and Caltrain electrification.

Ms. Carlton told the audience she does not support a third railroad "passing lane" through the city, but generally supports rail transit and favors grade separa-

tions, especially since they could facilitate east-west connectivity in Menlo Park.

Mr. Mueller said he does not support the prioritization of spending taxpayer money on high-speed rail. Higher education should be a bigger statewide priority, he said. Considering that funding is committed, though, he said he supports the electrification of Caltrain, and opposes a passing lane being built through the city.

Ms. Taylor said she uses public transportation, doesn't think high-speed rail in Menlo Park is "actually a solution," but supports Caltrain electrification. "Too many people make decisions about public transportation that do not utilize (it)," she said. "We need to engage people who are affected by it." ■

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Rep. Speier speaks at college fund benefit

Rep. Jackie Speier will be the keynote speaker at the Peninsula College Fund's first community engagement luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club in Menlo Park.

"The Challenge of First Generation Education" is Ms. Speier's topic.

Since 2005, the fund has awarded college scholarships to 157 local students from underserved families. Ninety-two percent have graduated or are still in college, according to the Peninsula College Fund.

Scholarships winners are chosen each year from 10 high schools in Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and Redwood City.

■ BRIEFS

The fund is expanding to include four more schools in Belmont, San Mateo, Mountain View and Atherton.

The complimentary luncheon is open to the public. Reservations are required.

Visit peninsulacollegefund.org to register.

'Addiction, Recovery' at Trinity Church

"Addiction, Recovery and Grace" is the topic for the Hearts for Justice program to be held Saturday, Oct. 22, at Trinity Church, 330 Raven-

swood Ave. in Menlo Park.

The featured speakers will be the Rev. Thomas C. Weston and the Rt. Rev. Chilton R. Knudsen. The Rev. Elizabeth Riley, associate rector at Trinity Church, is organizing the free event, which runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and is open to the public.

Father Weston has been a leader of retreats and workshops for addicts and alcoholics since 1984. He is a superior in the Jesuit Community of Oakland. Bishop Knudsen is the former Episcopal bishop of Maine, now assistant bishop of Maryland.

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RAGTIME

THE MUSICAL

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'RAGTIME' IN WOODSIDE DEALS WITH IMMIGRATION, RACIAL ISSUES IN EARLY 1900S

STORY BY KATE DALY | PHOTOS BY MARK BOWLES

Months ago, Woodside Community Theatre reached out to the larger community to find a diverse and talented cast for its fall musical, "Ragtime." As a result, many fresh faces will be appearing on stage at the Woodside Performing Arts Center from Oct. 21 through Oct. 30.

The cast of 56 ranges in age from 8 to 80, with experience varying from performing on Broadway to never having been in a show.

Some veteran WCT actors are back for another season as well as most crew members, led by Gary Stanford Jr. of Wood-

side, who is directing his first WCT show.

"I've done a lot of work to bring in these folks from the East Bay and South Bay, so as a production for WCT, this is a very new experience," he says. "A third of the cast is African American."

The Tony Award-winning musical is based on E.L. Doctorow's novel of the same name. Terrence McNally wrote the book; Lynn Ahrens, the lyrics; and Stephen Flaherty, the music.

The show depicts three New York communities: New Rochelle, Harlem and the Lower East Side at the turn of the

20th century and how they deal with issues that still feel relevant today.

"It's just fascinating, everything is there — social values, police brutality and perceptions of race," Mr. Stanford says.

He's been in "Ragtime" four times, but now that he's directing it, he says, "It feels like starting from scratch and recreating the story."

He's staging the show a little differently in hopes of helping the audience follow along better.

Akio Patrick of Woodside has designed a multi-level set with a 30-foot bridge and stairs to help move people around. He's hanging two large scrims in the foreground so digital images can be projected to show quick scene changes.

He figures he and light designer Don Coluzzi of Portola Valley have spent dozens of hours scouring the internet for photos to transport the audience from a garden in New Rochelle to Harlem, Ellis Island, a ship deck, another ship deck, and a train station, for example.

"It's probably the most ambitious set and story we have had," Mr. Patrick says, grateful to be assisted by a team that includes his brother, Steve, the builder, and Steve's wife Tina, the set painter.

Mr. Patrick feels they have it easy compared to his wife, Karen Patrick. She — along with another former Woodside High School parent, Lyndesay Adams — is in charge of costumes and some actors have as many as eight outfit changes.

Ms. Adams' husband, Bob, is playing in the orchestra.

As for leads, Dedrick Weathersby and Leslie Ivy are reprising the same roles they played at Stage 1 Theatre's production of "Ragtime" at Ohlone College last July. He's Coalhouse, the ragtime pianist and she's Sarah.



The Jewish immigrant Tateh and his daughter, played by David Martin and Brynn Ayoob.

Another lead, David Martin, has done "Ragtime" three times before and is excited to be cast as the Jewish immigrant Tateh in his first WCT show.

Adrienne Herro is playing the upper class New Rochelle Mother, a departure from Velma Kelly, her leading part in WCT's "Chicago" last year.

San Franciscan Sean Michael Grady has his Screen Actor's Guild card and sought out WCT so he could perform a role on his bucket list, Younger Brother.

Gary Ferguson's resume includes Broadway productions and serving as dance captain for the Radio City Rockettes. He now teaches dance at Mercy High School in Burlingame and has joined the ensemble plus brought in his student, Amelia Threath of Menlo Park, to do a pas de deux in the show.

Her brother, Evan, a student at Las Lomitas, is the youngest cast member. He is making his stage debut as Coalhouse Jr.

The oldest cast member, Jose Spencer of San Jose, is back in the ensemble after appearing in Woodside Community Theatre's "The Sound of Music" a couple of years ago.

Local ensemble cast mem-

bers include Fiona Ryan of Woodside, Rex Bressler and Cheryl Pasanisi of Menlo Park, Woodside School student Kate Cornyn, and Woodside High students Samantha Ayoob and Sofia Constantini.

Former Woodside High parent Darrell Batchelder is back in the ensemble this year. So is Lydia Cuffman, a teacher at Sequoia High School, and Elizabeth Lawrence, who appeared in WCT's "The Producers" and "The Sound of Music."

The actor playing Father is Brandon Savage. He went to Hillview Middle School, where the group has spent many hours rehearsing when it wasn't in the newly redone Sellman Pavilion at Woodside School (named after the late George Sellman of Woodside who directed WCT and eighth-grade operettas for years).

This show is dedicated to the late Richard Gordon of Woodside, who served as music director at WCT, led the orchestra for many eighth-grade operettas, and directed the Woodside Village Band. He died Sept. 12.

Kristin Pfeifer, vocal director at Sacred Heart Prep in



The New Rochelle mother, father and young boy, played by, from left, Tyler Groshong, Adrienne Herro and Brandon Savage.

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Aerospace engineer named poet laureate

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Aerospace engineer, private pilot and Menlo Park resident Lisa Rosenberg has been named the new poet laureate of San Mateo County. Her two-year term begins Jan. 1, 2017, and she succeeds Caroline Goodwin, who was appointed as the county's first poet laureate in 2013.

The poet laureate has duties as an ambassador and advocate for poetry and the arts in general and is expected to contribute to the county's poetic and literary legacy "through public readings and participation in civic events," according to the application. Four times a year, the poet laureate must open a Board of Supervisors meeting with a poem.

Ms. Rosenberg, 54, has had her poems published in anthologies and poetry journals and comes to the art from a Silicon Valley career in aerospace engineering with Lockheed Martin Corp. She is not currently employed, but her Lockheed career involved work on solar cells for spacecraft, including

devices used by NASA and the International Space Station, she said. She has a private pilot's license.

Aerospace engineering runs in the family: Both her father and grandfather were aerospace engineers with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, and she is married to an aerospace engineer, she said. The couple have one daughter.

A Wallace Stegner poetry fellow at Stanford University, Ms. Rosenberg has a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of California at Davis and a master's degree in creative writing from Boston University. The focus of her poetry tends to be landscapes and nature, she said.

Asked about her interest in writing poems, Ms. Rosenberg replied that, "on some level, it's really just an artistic impulse. It intrigued me as a really enjoyable challenge." Her artistic interests include dance, music and theater, but poetry "has been kind of the ongoing thread, I guess, since high school," she said.

A would-be poet laureate



Photo by Think Le

Lisa Rosenberg's aerospace engineering career has included work on solar cells for spacecraft.

applies for the position to the San Mateo County Poet Laureate Advisory Committee, which makes a recommendation to Board of Supervisors, the appointing body. Ms. Rosenberg said she found out about the opening a week before the application deadline.

"I thought about it," Ms. Rosenberg said. "I thought 'Wow, this sounds like exactly the kind of thing I want to do.' It's a more formal and official

venue for doing things that I already enjoy."

Part of the attraction is San Mateo County's physical and cultural diversity, she said. "You can be in a very small space geographically and find a very big spread in terms of variety. That leads to a lot of artistic possibilities," she said. "We really are blessed with a broad spectrum."

Supervisor Warren Slocum, who co-chairs the Poet Laureate Advisory Committee, referred to Ms. Rosenberg as a "scientist poet" with a unique perspective that will bridge the communities of art, science and technology.

"All of our eight applicants were amazing poets which speaks to a hallmark of our thriving literary arts community in San Mateo County," Mr. Slocum said in a statement. "Lisa has so much talent and passion for her craft. We look forward to her serving as an ambassador and role model to poets and in our community."

Go to tinyurl.com/STE5G to read some of Ms. Rosenberg's poems. ■

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Atherton, is now WCT's music director. Newcomer Ariela Morgenstern has filled Ms. Pfeifer's old spot as WCT's vocal director.

Kim Harvath returns as choreographer.

Donna Losey, Liz Matchett and Mark Bowles are co-producing again, and Mr. Bowles is also acting in various roles. Ms. Matchett's husband, Richard Vaughan, directs Hillview's instrumental program and is playing cello in the orchestra.

Fletcher Johnson is operating the Vortek computer that moves parts of the set.

Alex Rubin of Emerald Hills is off stage this time, serving as assistant director.

Karen Peterson of Woodside is back helping in publicity and house management.

Grant Huberty of Woodside is a new volunteer working on sound design. He said he's thrilled to be back at his alma mater after spending decades in the music production business.

Also new to WCT is the director's brother, Kevin Stanford, head of props. ■



Leslie Ivy and Dedrick Weathersby play Sarah and Coalhouse (the ragtime pianist). They are also on the cover in another Mark Bowles photo.

History museum docent orientation

A free docent orientation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway in Redwood City. Applicants will learn about opportunities available at the Wood-

side Store and the museum. There will also be an orientation from 10 a.m. to noon on that date at the Sanchez Adobe, 1000 Linda Mar Boulevard in Pacifica. Call (650) 299-0104, ext. 231, for more information.



Photo by Barbara Wood/The Almanac

Margaret MacNiven, left, and Sue Flint of the Friends of the Woodside Library get ready for the library's Saturday, Oct. 22, book sale.

Book sale at Woodside Library has something for everyone

There will be children's books aimed at all, from toddlers to teens; gardening books and cookbooks, travel books, reference books, history books, and, of course, fiction when the Friends of the Woodside Library hosts a book sale on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, 3140 Woodside Road.

Featured at the sale will be an extensive selection of classical records and art books donated

from a local estate. Hundreds of albums, including complete operas, classical and pop music, along with coffee table and scholarly art books, will be available.

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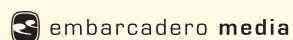
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County's Measure K is too vague; vote 'no'

Over the last several years, an increasing number of San Mateo County residents have come to see the light regarding the pressing need for more affordable housing. Their kids' teachers are not returning in the new school year; "help wanted" signs paper storefront windows in their downtowns and shopping centers; and for the renters among us, every call or letter from the landlord sparks panic over the possibility of another rent hike ahead — one that could be the final straw that pushes them out of the Bay Area.

With the growing awareness of this problem and the damage to our communities that it's causing, county residents are primed to consider reasonable measures by our government leaders to ease the affordable housing shortage.

The Board of Supervisors signaled last year that county leaders view the housing shortage as a top priority and notched up the commitment to address the problem, which was a welcome development. But the main strategy that supervisors and county officials devised to support housing affordability countywide is an unwelcome let-down.

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

With Measure K on the November ballot, county residents are being asked to extend by 20 years a 10-year half-cent sales tax — an existing tax that won't expire for another seven years. A top spending priority for the estimated \$85 million annual revenue from the tax, the supervisors say, would be housing for "seniors, people with disabilities, veterans and families."

A close look at this ballot measure raises a number of questions. County officials are appealing to voters' concern over the affordable housing crisis, but because Measure K is a general tax measure that requires a simple majority to pass, it cannot be designated for a specific purpose. So there is no real guarantee that, once the tax is extended for 20 years, and perhaps new members are seated on the Board of Supervisors, the revenue will be used for affordable housing.

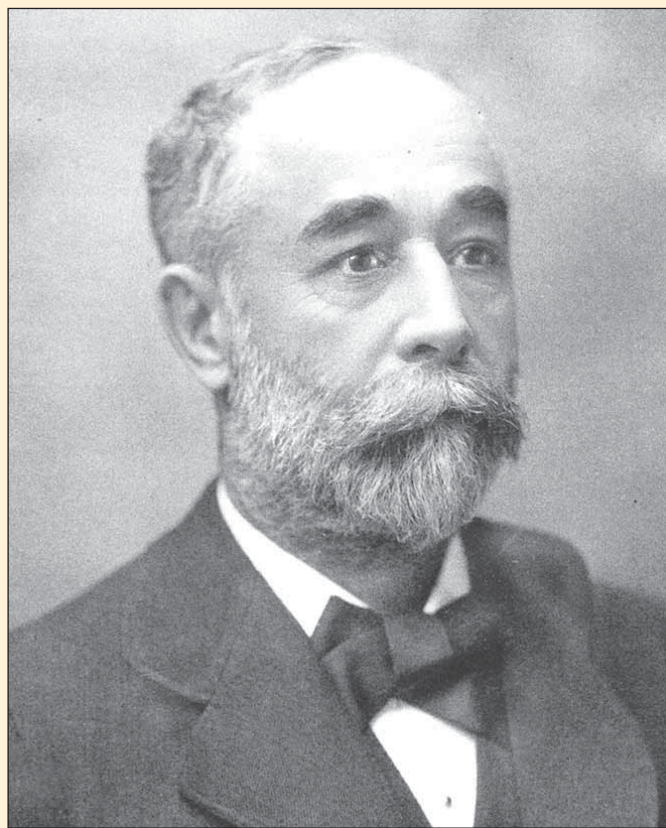
Supporters say that extending the tax now, essentially making it a 27-year source of revenue, would ensure that the county has a stable, long-term revenue stream that can help it raise money in the bond market to finance the building of affordable housing. Yet County Counsel John Beiers has indicated that legal questions surround-

ing the use of Measure K tax revenues to pay off bonds that finance affordable housing have yet to be answered.

With a current tax that will be in place for another seven years, voters have the right to wonder: Why are we being asked to commit ourselves and another generation of residents to an additional 20 years of the higher sales tax when the spending plan is so vague?

Two other Bay Area counties, including Santa Clara County, are asking voters to approve bond measures to pay for affordable housing programs. That option was considered by our supervisors as well, but unfortunately polls indicated that a bond measure generating enough revenue to make a difference wouldn't be supported by the two-thirds of voters needed to pass it.

We believe the county is doing the right thing in trying to find the means to address the affordable housing shortage. But Measure K is not the answer — at least not now. More legal clarity is needed, and specifics on how exactly the money will be used should be prerequisites to placing ballot measures before voters. There is time to renew the sales tax before it expires, and the county should come back with a more firm plan and stronger arguments as to why voters should support it. ■



Courtesy Merrill family archives

Looking back

John Francis Merrill, shown in this photo in the Atherton history book "Under the Oaks" by Pamela Gullard and Nancy Lund, was born in Maine in 1841, and migrated west to San Francisco to tend the family hardware business. He and his wife, Mary, lived in an ornate mansion on Van Ness Avenue and had six children, according to the historians. After their mansion was destroyed in the aftermath of the 1906 earthquake — the home and others were dynamited to create a firebreak that would prevent the ensuing fire from crossing the road — the Merrills moved to Atherton Avenue in what was then called Fair Oaks, the authors write.

An opposing view in the race for Menlo Park council seats

By John Boyle

Last week's Almanac included an endorsement for a newcomer (Cecelia Taylor) over one of the incumbents (Catherine Carlton) in the Menlo Park City Council election, despite the fact that Carlton has been an outstanding council member for the past four years. The Almanac in fact described incumbent Carlton as having "... served the community conscientiously and with commitment."

The endorsement of the newcomer acknowledged that "... (Taylor) 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." However, the editorial decision seemed to center on the claim that, because Ms. Taylor is a renter and lives in Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood, she would bring a better voice for those groups to our council.

The Almanac endorsement raises an interesting issue: Seeking out and listening to a diverse set of voices is obviously an important component of good government. But so is electing experienced leaders who have demonstrated their commitment and ability in the role of elective office.

Having previously served on the Menlo Park City Council, I know firsthand that the learning curve is steep. And it takes a completely different skill set than managing in the private sector, volunteer or non-profit organizations. There are complex rules unique to elected officials, you're on call 24/7, your comments are publicly reviewed and



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critiqued, and no one person is in charge. And soliciting and considering input from all neighborhoods and demographics is critical. But does that mean that every such group must have their own, dedicated representative?

First of all, let's recognize that it would be impossible to fully meet the "every group gets a seat" standard. If "renters" and "each neighborhood" need be directly represented, then what about other categories? Should we also require representation for residents by age group? After all, young people often have different interests than our senior citizens. Should religious affiliation be a factor? Race? Sex? Size of family? Employment status?

Secondly, while I completely agree that diversity is always a "plus," our city government is a lot different from the stereotypical private corporate boards or even city government of 30 to 40 years ago. There are no "smoke-filled back rooms" for Menlo Park elected officials.

Virtually all of the city's business is done in public with strict adherence to the Brown Act. Meetings are not only public, but run according to structured, published agendas, always with time allowed for public comment.

Our city has a very open and accessible website, providing vast amounts of information on past, present and future planning and decisions. Email addresses and phone numbers are available for all elected officials. Staff directory information is listed.

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Any resident can submit a request, comment, complaint, or question virtually 24 hours a day through the city website, over the phone, or in person at the centrally located City Hall. In the old days, it was sometimes difficult to get access to elected leaders and city staff unless you “knew someone.” Not anymore. In 2016, we truly have an open and accessible city government.

Ironically, electing someone based on what neighborhood he or she lives in could actually backfire. Elected officials sometimes have to recuse themselves on issues that might directly impact them in a uniquely specific way. For example, they may be required to not participate in decisions and even discussions related

to a big development if it were being proposed near their home.

If our current elected leaders were closed-minded or so politically motivated that they only listened to supporters, then yes, it would be time for a change. But that is not the case. All five of our current council members are doing a great job of managing our diverse city. All five actively seek out and listen to input from all across our city.

I hope Ms. Taylor pursues more experience through the many city commissions that are always looking for volunteers. If she does, I suspect that she could become a great council candidate in 2018. But in this election, I urge you to join me in voting to re-elect Cat Carlton and Ray Mueller.

LETTERS

Our readers write

Scarce housing solution is fewer people

Editor:

There was an article in the Oct. 5 issue of the Almanac, “Voters asked to extend county’s 1/2-cent sales tax by 20 years” by Dave Boyce. Those in support of — and opposed to — Measure K have good intentions. Affordable housing should be available for everyone.

Why is it so costly to live in San Mateo County? One reason is the abundance of people living and working in the county. We don’t need more homes built. We need fewer people coming into San Mateo County, both internally and externally. (The whole world is experiencing the pitfalls of overpopulation). Stop bringing more jobs and employees in from outside. Hire locally! As this happens the cost of housing will become more reasonable for all.

When the bath tub or washing machine is overflowing, one does not first bring out the towels and baling bucket. One turns the faucet/machine off. Go to the source, the cause of the problem. In this case, it is the presence of too many people. This can be prevented. As we continue to feed and support the problem we will also have to spend more money for jails, transportation systems, schools, and ways to fight global warming.

As population increases the Bay Area becomes more cluttered. It daily loses the beauty and luster it once had. It is time to change our priorities. As we strive for a balanced population (throughout the world), we will all see more of our needs met in a harmonious way.

Jackie Leonard-Dimmick
Walnut Avenue, Atherton

How would sales tax help the poor?

Editor:

My voter information pamphlet arrived the other day and

I just had the chance to review it. I found the argument in favor of Measure K to be confusing. It states that the proposed extension of the county’s half-cent sales tax will help low-income families by providing them with housing. Yet not even an outline of how that will happen is laid out in the text of the measure, nor is it made clear by the proponents in their arguments.

The proponents of the tax also insist, “The time to address San Mateo County’s affordability crisis is now.” How does continuing a sales tax, the most regressive form of taxation that there is, help the poor to live more affordably? That’s just the government taking money out of the pockets of the poor to turn around and give it back to them, after, of course, the government has taken out its “administrative” and “overhead” costs.

I’ve already marked my sample ballot with a “no” for Measure K.

Noe Chavez
San Mateo

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Community Events

Halloween Hoopla Attendants are asked to put on their Halloween costume and parade through downtown Menlo Park at the annual Halloween Hoopla. Oct. 29, 11 a.m. Free. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue at University Drive, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Theater

Woodside Community Theatre presents 'Ragtime,' the 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. Go to woodsidetheatre.com or call (800) 838-3006 for tickets.

Concerts

Halloween Concert: Stanford Wind Symphony and Stanford Symphony Orchestra Music ranges from Saint-Saëns to Star Trek. Audience members invited to attend as their alter-ego and participate in costume contest. The winner gets to conduct the orchestra! Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$15. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Daniel Pearl World Music Days Concert The St. Lawrence String Quartet leads Stanford's annual free concert honoring the life and memory of alumnus Daniel Pearl, the violin-playing Wall Street Journal reporter who was murdered in 2002 in Pakistan. The program will include works by Beethoven, Jonathan Berger, David Popper and Gabriel Faure. Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Music

Live music: Kelly Rogers is a local musician playing a wide range of rock: Foo Fighters, Coldplay, Mumford & Sons, John Mayer, The Lumineers, Death Cab. It's an animated performance, and the audience is encouraged to call out artists and songs. Oct. 28, 8-10 p.m. Free. Free-wheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. freewheelbrewing.com

Film

United Nations Association Film Festival screens 60 documentaries on current events around globe. Topics include climate change, impact of industrial and military ocean noise on whales, gun control, capture and counting of votes in our elections, evolution of political media, efforts to restore violins recovered from the Holocaust, Islamic seminars for children, refugees using the power of theater and the future of food. Oct. 26-30. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Talks & Authors

Brexit, Trump and the politics of fear: is populism here to stay? With the backdrop of the Brexit vote in the UK, Nick Clegg, member of Parliament and former deputy prime minister of the UK, explores factors behind the rise of the politics of identity, populism and nationalism in the UK, the U.S. and around the world. Oct. 27, noon. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Author David Bodanis discusses his biography, "Einstein's Greatest Mistake," about how much we owe Einstein, and how much more he might have achieved. Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Dean Karnazes: 'The Road to Sparta' Ultramarathoner Dean Karnazes explores his Greek ancestry and investigates the history of the world's first

marathon by recreating the 150-mile long treacherous trail run from Athens to Sparta. Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Transcending Kitty Hawk "Quest for Flight" serves as the basis for a talk by author Craig S. Harwood. He will weave the story of how Montgomery and his Bay Area peers accomplished the seemingly impossible "conquest of the skies" at the dawn of the twentieth century. In the course of the talk Mr. Harwood will reveal how the emergence of the Kitty Hawk legacy obscured the actual backstory of the solution of flight — much of it playing out in our own backyard in the Bay Area. Oct. 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Redwood City library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. redwoodcity.org

'Domestic Violence Solutions' benefit in Menlo Park

A benefit for Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence will be held Thursday, Oct. 20, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park.

The evening will include a conversation on the historical concepts of beauty by physicians David Lieberman and Sachin Parikh and Stanford artist So-Rim Lee, along with a silent auction, food and an open bar. The doctors provide free facial surgeries to clients of Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence.

■ BRIEFS

Tickets at \$100 each may be purchased by calling 327-3232.

Poster contest

Rethink Waste (the South Bayside Waste Management Authority) is holding its third annual America Recycles Day poster contest, open to third- through fifth-grade students.

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medium, including paint, markers, crayons and colored pencils. Winning artwork will be displayed in Rethink Waste's public education programs.

Deadline for submission is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. Entries should be submitted to: Rethink Waste, Suite 202 (second floor of the San Carlos Library), 610 Elm St., San Carlos. Only one entry per student will be accepted. First prize is a \$100 gift card.

Visit RethinkWaste.org for more information.

Family

Life-Sized Candy Land Community members are invited to kick off Halloween and play a life-sized version of the popular game. Candy and fun provided will be provided! The event is for ages 2 and up. Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Portola Valley Library Read for the Record For one day only, people all around the world will be reading the same book. Those interested can join in by reading this year's Read for the Record selection: "The Bear Ate Your Sandwich." Afterwards, there will be a craft. The event is for all ages. Oct. 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Lessons & Classes

Conference: Race, Inequality and Language in Education Arnette Ball, director of Race, Inequality and Language in Education (RILE), is organizing a conference featuring many of the faculty associated with this new Ph.D. program. Oct. 28, 12:30-9 p.m. and Oct. 29, 9 a.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. ed.stanford.edu/events

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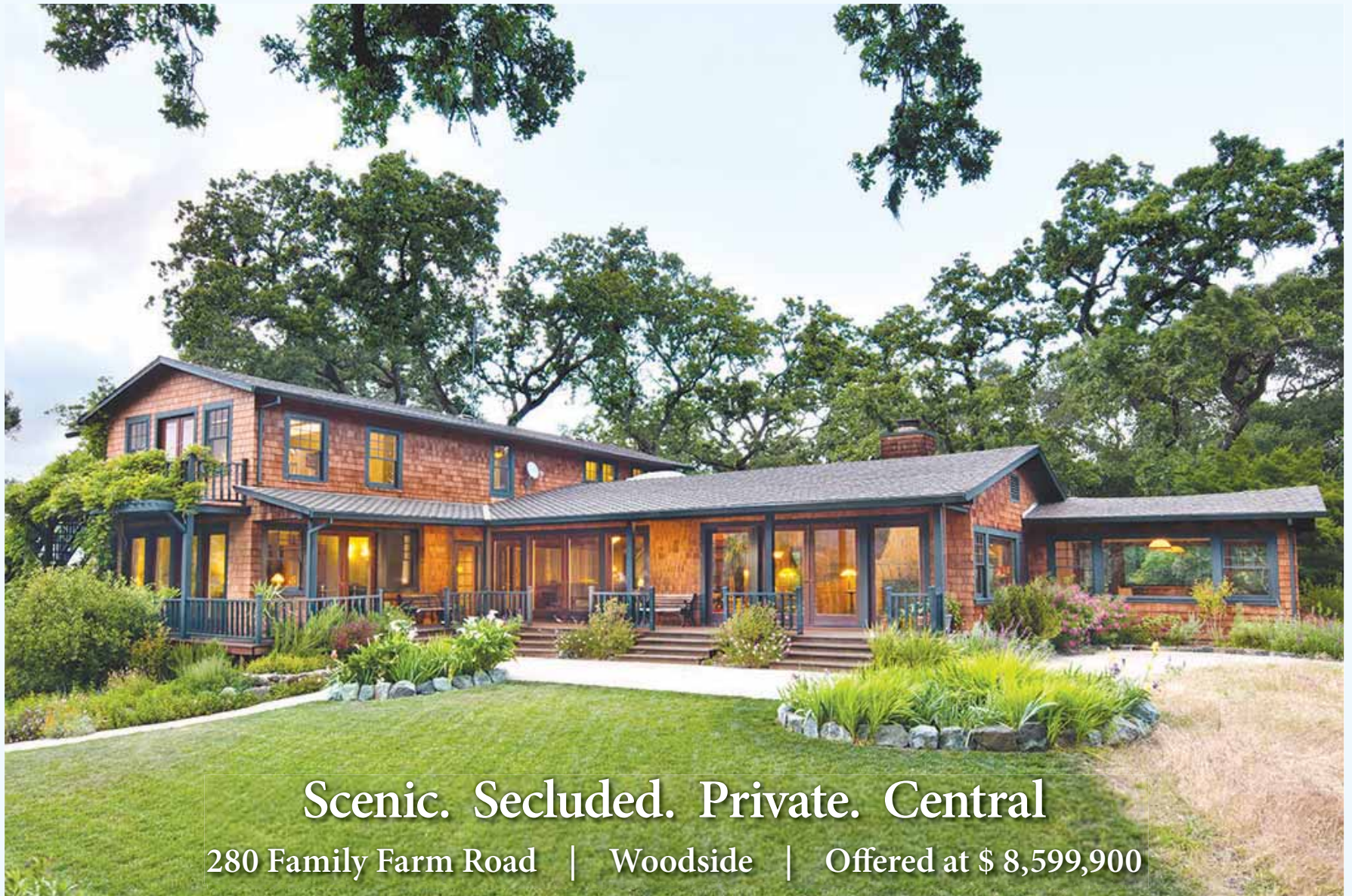
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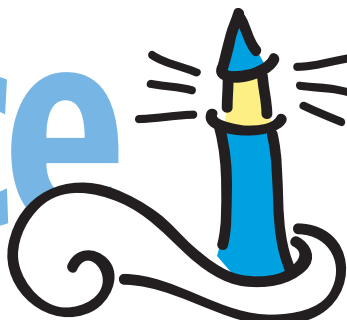


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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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 corporate, 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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Original
MARK CHURCH, COUNTY CLERK
SAN MATEO COUNTY
BY: ANSHU NAND, Deputy Clerk
CN928647 10133700 Sep 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 2016
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AIDA MAKEUP DESIGN STUDIO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 270647
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Aida Makeup Design Studio, located at 1146 Chestnut Lane, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s): AIDA MORANO
2160 Santa Cruz Ave. Unit 9
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 2, 2016.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 6, 2016.
(ALM Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 2016)

ART | TML
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 270738
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ART | TML, located at 455 Yale Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
TATIANA MARATCHI LEGRAIN
455 Yale Road
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)

BT Properties
BT Properties-Management & Investment Services
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 270893
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1.) BT Properties, 2.) BT Properties-

Management & Investment Services, located at 800 W. El Camino Real, Ste. 180, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
Registered owner(s):
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800 W. El Camino Real, Ste. 180
Mountain View, CA 94040
A California Corporation
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
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 22, 2016.
(ALM Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 2016)

SYCAMORE DESIGN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271107
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Sycamore Design, located at 1570 Union Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County; Mailing address: PO Box 620928, Woodside, CA 94062.
Registered owner(s):
NANCY M. SHANAHAN
1570 Union Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061
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 October 12, 2016.
(ALM Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 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.: 16CIV01655
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: BRITTNEY HSIAO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
RYAN CHRISTOPHER HANSON to RYAN CHRISTOPHER HSIAO.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: Thr. November 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
THE ALMANAC
Date: September 30, 2016
/s/ George A. Miram
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
STEFAN ANDREW
CASE NO. 16PRO00375
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Stefan Andrew
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by San Mateo County Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that San Mateo County Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m in Dept. 28 located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
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Attorney for Petitioner:
Peter H. Cruz, Deputy, 400 County Center, Sixth Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063, Telephone: 650-363-4618
10/19, 10/26, 11/2/16
CNS-2932756#
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
Case No.: 16CIV01770
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: NOHEMY GODINEZ, JOSE MARTINEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
JOSE ROMEO MARTINEZ to ROMEO JOSE MARTINEZ.
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: November 18, 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:
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/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi
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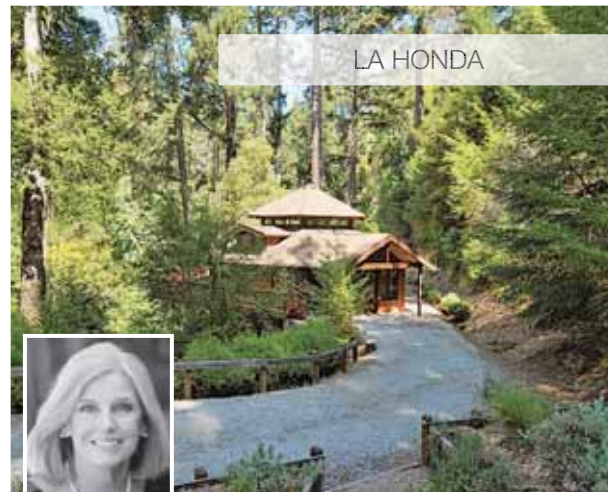
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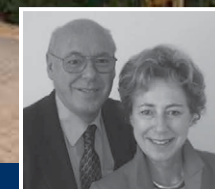
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