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## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

### ARTICLE 1 INVITATION TO BID

**1.01 Notice Inviting Bids:** Owner will receive sealed Bids at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Woodside, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until **2:00 PM on Thursday, December 1st, 2016** for the following public work:

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

**1.02 Project Description:** Work includes all labor, materials, tool and equipment necessary for furnishing and installing approximately 28 LF of 6" PVC SDR26, 66 LF of 8" PVC SDR26, 24 LF of 12" PVC SDR26 gravity sanitary sewer, and 80 LF of 4" DIP sanitary sewer force main; a 26-foot deep, 72" (6') diameter precast wastewater wet well with two ( 2 ) - Flygt submersible pumps; a new System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment; a new electrical control cabinet and a new 40 kW diesel generator with sound enclosure subbase fuel tank; a 11-foot deep, 48" diameter inside sanitary sewer drop manhole with pour-in-place base, and CIM1000 lined; a timber lagging retaining wall; a new 1" copper water service line; a new asphalt concrete pavement; rehabilitating existing wetwell; and abandoning sanitary sewer mains and manholes, complete in place, including but not limited to excavation of trenches, laying pipe materials and installation of structures, backfill trenches, pavement removal and new surfacing and other pertinent work as necessary to construct the project as shown on the approved plans and specified in the project specifications.

**1.03 Project Schedule:** All work shall be completed within 100 working days from Notice to Proceed. The Town will issue Notice to Proceed for this project in April 2017.

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

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

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

**1.06 Non Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Visit:** Owner will conduct a Non Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit at 10:00 am on Thursday November 17, 2016 at Town Center Sewer Pump Station Improvements, 2995 Woodside Road, Woodside CA 94062. The Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will last approximately two hours.

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

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

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

### ARTICLE 2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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

#### 2.02 Required Contractor and Subcontractor Registration

- Owner shall accept Bids only from Bidders that (along with all Subcontractors listed in Document 00 4330, Subcontractor List) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.
- Subject to Labor Code Sections 1771.1(c) and (d), any Bid not complying with paragraph 2.02A above shall be returned and not considered; provided that if Bidder is a joint venture (Business & Professions Code Section 7029.1) or if federal funds are involved in the Contract (Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)), Owner may accept a non-complying Bid provided that Bidder and all listed Subcontractors are registered at the time of Contract award.

#### 2.03 Bid Alternates:

- N/A:
- The determination of lowest bid shall be based upon base contract bid only.

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

- N/A
- Owner has made a finding that the material(s), product(s), thing(s), or service(s) identified above by specific brand or trade name are required for use in the Project and may not be substituted for "or equal" items, for the following purpose:
  - In order to match other products in use on a particular Owner project either completed or in the course of completion.

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

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

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

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# Local News

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## Town toughens defenses after home invasions

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

### ■ PORTOLA VALLEY

Burglars and robbers may see the darkness, wealth and semi-rural tranquility of Portola Valley as an invitation to perpetrate crime, but residents and the Town Council, energized by home-invasion robberies in mid-June and mid-October, are considering steps that would change any such impression.

The Town Council met Nov. 9 in a session devoted to addressing public safety. About 70 people attended and took most of the seats in the Community Hall. Three deputies from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office stood in back, and in the audience was recently retired sheriff Greg Munks, also a resident of Portola Valley.

At the request of Town Hall staff, the council revisited and is likely to approve the purchase of cameras to capture the license plate numbers of all vehicles entering and leaving the town.

The council gave a green light to hiring a part-time person to help set up neighborhood-watch groups, explore changes to policies that discourage motion-activated lights, and identify technologies to assist

homeowners to collaborate with law enforcement, including with a new 911 center scheduled to open in late 2018 in Redwood City.

The staff report cited the many places in the town's zoning code that restrict lighting, streetlights, landscaping, gates, fencing and signs so that they blend with the natural environment. Such restrictions aren't necessarily consistent with preventing crime. If the council asks for changes in those restrictions, staff can make recommendations, Town Manager Jeremy Dennis said. But he urged caution.

"These features are what attract new residents to Portola Valley, and are the reason there are so many founding residents still living here," Mr. Dennis

said. "Depending on the issue area, even small changes could result in a profoundly different community than the one enjoyed today."

The council nixed the idea of exploring an independent Portola Valley police force. Research showed the town would not be better served and would pay more for services than it does now under contract with the Sheriff's Office, according to a staff report.

On the home front, the council heard a plethora of ideas from residents, including neighborhood-watch signs in yards, panic buttons in homes, and further scrutiny of solicitors. One resident said questions he was asked by a door-to-door canvasser raised his suspicions.

The county is building a new 911 center scheduled to open in 2018 in Redwood City, Mr. Dennis said. High-tech links between the center and homeowners is likely to become a key component of the town's safety program.

Relatively inexpensive home surveillance cameras, including cameras that can read license plates in the dark, were mentioned. One resident said the council should keep the door open to the use of drones.

### A hard target

The public spoke for about an hour, all in support of getting tough on crime. But opinions did differ.

"We live in an extremely safe town," Mr. Munks said in advocating for the license-plate-reading cameras. "We're all blessed to live here in one of the safest communities in the county and the state. Very, very safe."

One resident referred to Portola Valley as "a very inviting target," relaying a conclusion that a group of neighbors had come to after some study. "We're trustworthy (with each other), we're dark, we're right off of (Interstate) 280, let alone



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**Portola Valley** is responding to recent home-invasion robberies with a campaign to encourage homeowners to look out for themselves and their neighbors and harden their neighborhoods with crime-fighting technology. (Cover photo also by Michelle Le.)

the assets and so forth. It's kind of all the right signals to come here and mess with us."

There's been lots of talk about using technology to catch the bad guys, "but the real win here is if nothing happens at all," he said. "The real benefit will be ... that the word gets out, that (Portola Valley) is a hard target, ... that you (the burglar) are not going to be effective in your goal. You're going to fail for one reason or another."

Another resident spoke in favor of cameras and coordinated action. "I think we need to get (people with arrest warrants and past criminal records) off of our streets, not just around here but in the adjacent communities and counties, and we need to develop a concerted effort and offer our support and cooperation in these efforts," she said.

Regarding changing town policies on night lighting, she said: "Please don't. It's so sacred. We've preserved it for so long. ... People can't find our front door. I don't want to light the path that tells them where it is."

Another resident said she has been "very frustrated" with the council's "incredible amount of foot dragging." She offered support to a previous speaker's



Photo by Dave Boyce/The Almanac

**Greg Munks**, recently retired sheriff of San Mateo County and a resident of Portola Valley, speaks at a town gathering on home safety.

suggestion of decals to distinguish residents' vehicles from those of outsiders. "I thought that was actually brilliant," she said. "I hope that is seriously taken under consideration." And the town should ask residents how they feel about "the lighting issue."

One resident said she engaged a person at Wunderlich Park in Woodside because his vehicle had New York license plates. She said she approached the driver and said, "Hey, you're not from town. Where are you from? Are you new to the area?"

"He was there when I left (for a hike), he was there when I came back." He could have been "scoping the cars," she said.

"I'm tired of taking pictures of licenses," she added. "I don't want to take pictures anymore. Please pass this license-plate-reader (initiative) and let us take control of our town. Let them be scared to come into our town."

### No cosmetic fixes

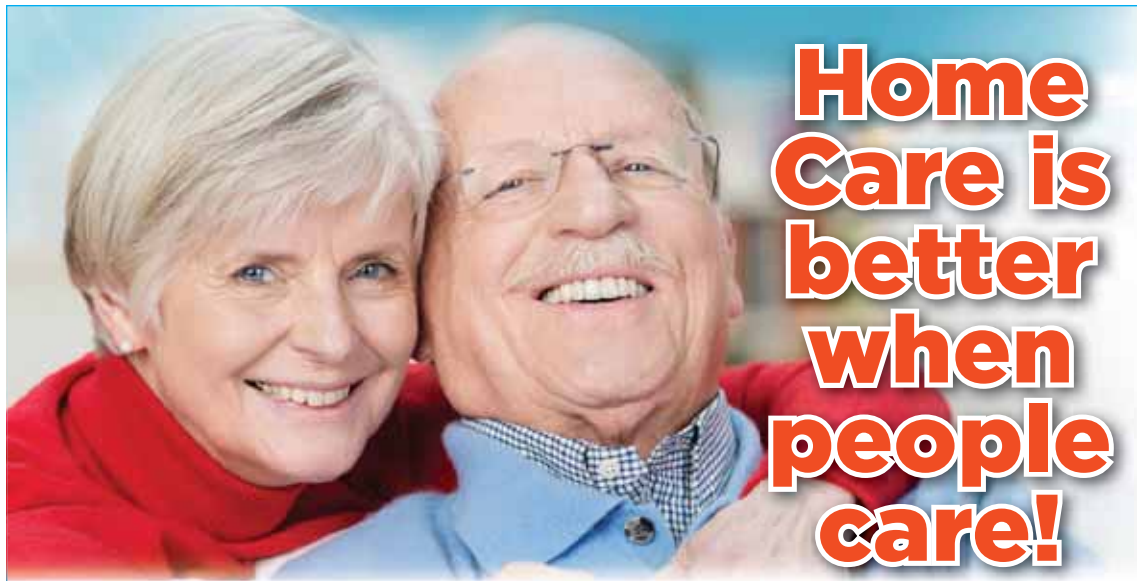
The number of burglaries fluctuates, Councilman Craig Hughes noted. Some years it's been half a dozen, others 30, all numbers too small to detect a trend, he said.

"The more we're known as a soft target, where you can come in and steal some jewelry, steal some laptops off the kitchen counter, get out of town and nobody's ever going to catch you. ... We need to not just have a cosmetic thing that's not going to have any real effect." The kwey is to combine the cameras with other resources, Mr. Hughes said.

The town's police budget is low compared with other communities, he said. Maybe the town should pay for a detective working an eight-hour shift two or

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## Some landlords must offer 12-month leases

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

Some landlords in Menlo Park will be required to give renters the option of a 12-month lease as early as February 2017. The policy was approved unanimously by the Menlo Park City Council on Nov. 9 as one measure to help renters facing rapidly rising rents and evictions.

The measure affects only those living in rental apartments that contain four or more housing units, and there is a long list of housing types exempted from the requirement: single-family homes, condos, duplexes, triplexes, secondary dwelling units, and government-subsidized housing. Hotel rooms, boarding houses and hospital rooms are also exempt.

Many of the exemptions are because of California law, but the exemption for duplexes and triplexes came after prodding by representatives from the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors and the California Apartment Association.

Penelope Huang of the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors suggested the council apply the policy to apartments of four or more units because that's the typical threshold for when professional management gets involved, she said.

It's not yet known exactly how many renters will be affected. Menlo Park currently has 3,148 housing units that are considered "multi-family" and have more than four units. The ordinance is expected to affect a little less than a quarter of Menlo Park's housing units, said city Economic Development and Housing Manager Jim Cogan.

The council built in a 60-day window to educate landlords about the new policy before it would take effect after final

approval, which is slated to happen at the council's Dec. 6 meeting.

### Mediation

The council was more wary about approving an ordinance that would create a system for renters and landlords in disputes over rent increases to meet with a third-party mediator.

Cities that have such programs, such as Palo Alto, sometimes contract the services out, but such a program would have as-yet-unknown costs. The program was initially called "mandatory nonbinding arbitration," but mediation is a simpler, clearer term for what the program would be, said City Attorney Bill McClure.

The council agreed to ask the Housing Commission to research this further and make recommendations to the council.

Evelyn Stivers of the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County said that in her experience, such programs can actually give renters false hope about being able to get a rent reduction.

Generally, when people are at the breaking point of what rent is affordable for them, they need two things, she said: time to find a new place to live, and enough money for a down payment. If the city implements a mediation program, it should have clear information about the success rate, and provide people with information about other resources that can help them.

### Next steps

The council agreed to host a joint meeting with the Housing Commission in January to discuss other anti-displacement options and talk to local experts. ▀

The council built in a 60-day window to educate landlords about the new policy.

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three days a week and focusing on crime in Portola Valley. Maybe more sophisticated motion detectors would minimize the effect on darkness at night?

He encouraged everyone to participate, and to look out for themselves and their neighbors.

As for fear, it is "100 percent each individual's responsibil-

ity. You can be afraid or not be afraid," Mr. Hughes said.

"I've talked to my kids. They know about what's been happening in town," he said, his voice breaking. "I've been talking about what we're doing as a town to help, what their mom and I are doing to help, and how they're safe! They should feel safe. We'll do what we can do as a town. Everybody has to help take part in this." ▀



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

## We protest!

In a loud and boisterous protest against the election of Donald Trump as the next president of the United States, a huge crush of Menlo-Atherton High School students — more than 1,000, an Atherton policeman said — gathered at about 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, on the school campus with their signs and their frustrations over Mr. Trump's positions. Off they went, marching along Middlefield Road and then Oak Grove Avenue in a wide, lengthy and apparently impromptu circuit that reportedly led back to school. See AlmanacNews.com for more information.

## Menlo Park: 104 new apartment units near Facebook up for lease

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

A total of 104 new apartment units are now available for lease at a recently built complex near Facebook in Menlo Park, the developer announced at a Nov. 2 grand opening event.

Rents are expected to range from \$3,100 to \$6,100 a month.

The 6.5-acre complex at 777 Hamilton Ave. is located between Facebook's Building 20 (at Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road) and Belle Haven.

This is the first apartment complex of more than 10 market-rate units to be built in Menlo Park since 1974, when the Sharon Green apartments were constructed in Sharon Heights, said Bob Burke, principal at Greenheart Land Company, which built the new apartments.

When construction is completed, the complex, known as 777 Hamilton, will have 195 apartments: 117 one-bedroom units, 52 two-bedroom units and 26 three-bedroom units.

According to the website, 777Hamilton.com, the monthly rent for the one-bedroom apartments will be between \$3,150 and \$3,600; for the two-bedroom units, between \$3,838 and \$4,282; and for the three-bedroom units, between \$5,311 and \$6,164.



Photo by Michelle Le

**When construction is completed**, the complex known as 777 Hamilton will have 195 apartments, with rents ranging from \$3,100 to \$6,100 a month.

There are bike storage spots, a dog park, a fitness center, a hot tub and outdoor barbecues among other amenities. The website says the apartments are "pet friendly" and will allow certain breeds of dogs with a consent form, veterinarian statement and security deposit.

The apartments are expected to house people who work at Facebook or at Menlo Park Labs, in the life sciences area near O'Brien Drive, Mr. Burke said, but at least one Stanford professor has leased an apartment.

None of the apartments will be part of the city's "below market rate" housing program. However, 22 apartments will be subsidized by Facebook for teachers as part of a development agreement the company signed Nov. 1 with the city of Menlo Park in connection with Facebook's planned expansion.

Facebook has committed to contribute \$430,000 per year for five years toward the rent subsidies. The company declined to comment on how the funds would be distributed. ■

## REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



### New Construction

**Dear Monica: I am interested in a newly built property and am surprised that the disclosures do not include a home inspection. I expected the Seller/Builder to have included this with other disclosures. Do Seller/Builders usually provide this?**  
Linda W.

Dear Linda: Some sellers do hire home inspectors to inspect newly built properties but many do not. With new construction, it is expected that buyers will have their own inspections done because out of this comes the punch list of items to be corrected

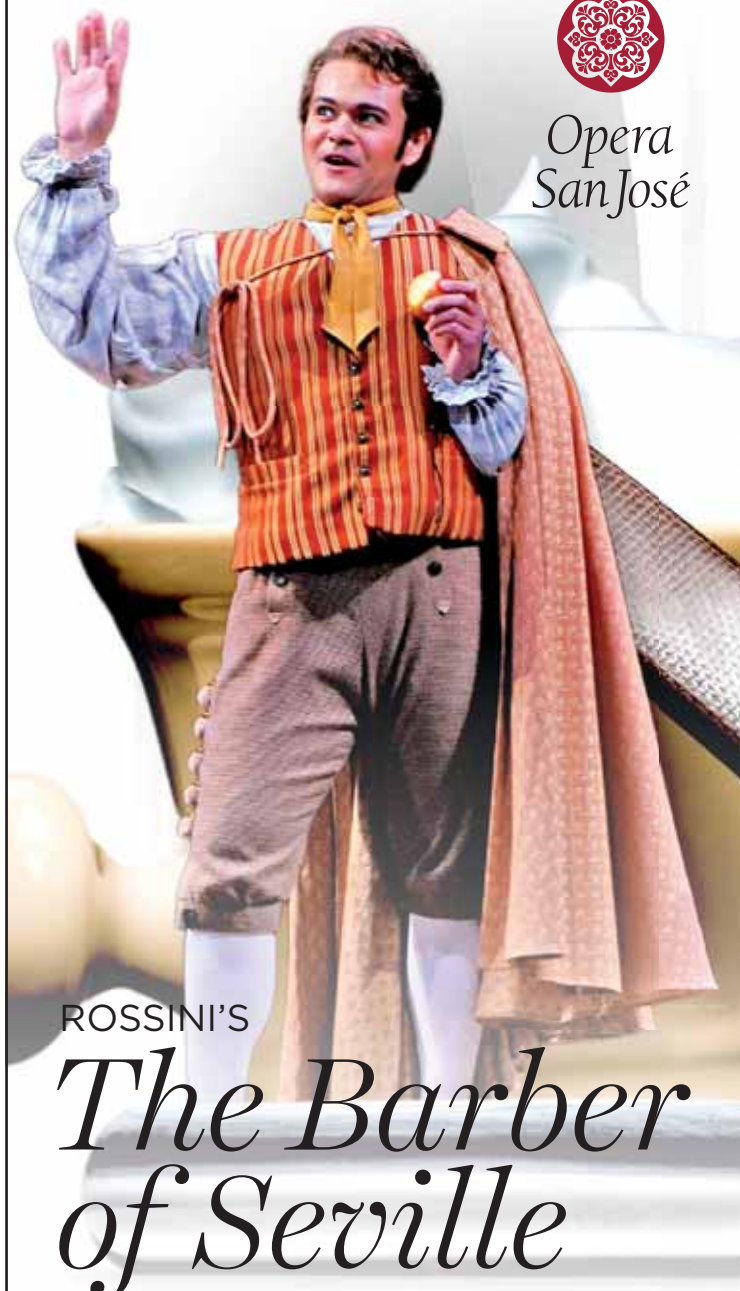
by the builder. When you buy a newly constructed home there are builder's warranties to cover defects and/or repairs in the first 10 years. During the first year the builder warrants the fit and finish of cabinets, mirrors, flooring, walls, countertops, paint finishes and trim. But there are other warranties extending as much as 10 years from the date the property was built.

Even if you do not have an inspection contingency, you would be wise to do your own inspections whether or not the owner/builder has already done them.

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# Voters give Mueller, Carlton second terms

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

## ■ MENLO PARK

Both Menlo Park City Council incumbents, Catherine Carlton and Ray Mueller, were re-elected Nov. 8 to serve another four years on the council. Challenger Cecilia Taylor, who would have been the first council member from Belle Haven since 1986, came in a close third.

As of Nov. 10, the vote count was 5,734 for Mr. Mueller, 5,296 for Ms. Carlton, and 4,609 for Cecilia Taylor.

Mr. Mueller and Ms. Carlton will fill the two open seats on the five-member council. Both were first elected in 2012.

There are an unknown number of mail-in and provisional ballots to count, but with a 4.4 percentage point spread between Ms. Carlton and Ms. Taylor, the outcome is not expected to change. (Go to [racetracker.shapethefuture.org](http://racetracker.shapethefuture.org) to access the latest count).

### Ray Mueller

At an election night watch party at the Oasis pub in Menlo Park, Mr. Mueller said he is “grateful and appreciative” to be re-elected.

While knocking on doors during his campaign, he said he learned that each neighborhood has a different problem weighing on its residents. In the Willows, that problem is cut-through traffic. Families that live near the railroad tracks worry about high-speed rail.

In Belle Haven, displacement of residents is a major concern. Near the city’s busiest streets,

people worry about their children having safe routes to school.

Mr. Mueller complimented the courteous campaigns run by his opponents: “We didn’t follow the lowest common denominator demonstrated nationally,” he said. “Nothing I’d say (was) disrespectful.”

He added: “I’m looking forward to working with both of them to improve the city.”

### Catherine Carlton

During Ms. Carlton’s election party, held at Bradley’s Fine Diner in Menlo Park, she said that one thing she learned during the campaign was that people seem to like the direction the city is going in, citing city projects such as developing safe routes to school, adding sidewalks and installing green striping to make bike lanes more visible.

She said knocking on doors gave her a chance to meet residents of the city beyond the “Menlo 100,” a label she used to refer to people who follow council affairs closely.

“I’m deeply honored that people trust me with the responsibility of helping Menlo Park move forward in a positive way,” she said.

At the event were council members Kirsten Keith and Peter Ohtaki, who both endorsed Ms. Carlton and Mr. Mueller.

“I think she’s done a great job on the council,” Mr. Ohtaki said. “Cat has a strong sense of compassion that comes out. She takes a lot of personal time reaching out and working with folks.”



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

**Incumbent Catherine Carlton** and her kids at Bradley’s Fine Diner on election night.

Mike Doran, who lives on Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park, said he appreciated Ms. Carlton’s work on a project to install sidewalks along Santa Cruz Avenue, between the downtown area and Hillview Middle School. He said the sidewalks have been a “sticking point for years” and Ms. Carlton helped to “clear the logjam.”

Looking forward to the next four years, Ms. Carlton said she is interested in seeing progress on the Greenheart “Station 1300” development at 1300 El Camino Real and the Stanford development at Middle Avenue, and pursuing ways to get a grocery store with a pharmacy and other services built in eastern Menlo Park. ■



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**Incumbent Ray Mueller**, center, Chuck Bernstein, left, and Nate Hodges check out election results at a watch party at the Oasis pub in Menlo Park. Mr. Mueller was the leading vote-getter.

## Council challenger Taylor comes close, plans to stay in game

Mayor says council structure could be up for discussion

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Candidate and challenger Cecilia Taylor came fairly close to winning a seat on the Menlo Park City Council on Nov. 8, receiving 4,609 votes and coming in third after incumbent Catherine Carlton, who received 5,296 votes.

Ms. Taylor raised just \$3,709 for her campaign, according to reports that were filed. This compares with \$17,077 for Ms. Carlton and \$15,247 for incumbent Ray Mueller, who came in first with 5,734 votes, according to the tally as of Nov. 14.

“I didn’t know what to expect,” Ms. Taylor told the

Almanac on election night, expressing excitement, surprise and hope when she saw the initial counts released at 8:05 p.m.

The following morning, she conceded in a written statement.

“I am disappointed that after 30 years of waiting, Belle Haven must carry on without representation on the Council,” she wrote. “My commitment is even stronger because of this loss. We have waited 30 years but the Chicago Cubs waited 108 years. With the increased participation and vocalization of our residents, we won’t have to wait that long.”

The 30 years refers to the last time a resident of Belle Haven served on the council — in 1986.

“We will not carry on as we have for past 30 years, waiting for equality, waiting for justice. We will make our voice heard,”



**Cecilia Taylor:** “My commitment is even stronger because of this loss.”

she said. “I am grateful to the voters who believe, as I do, that it is time for Menlo Park to come together as many neighborhoods but one city.”

Ms. Taylor says she plans to maintain an “advisory board” she assembled during her cam-

paign, which will break into smaller groups to work on specific problems in Menlo Park. To start, she said, she plans to coordinate volunteers who will serve as crossing guards on Willow Road near schools. She also plans to keep attending local meetings and learn more about local government.

### Representation

Menlo Park Mayor Rich Cline said Ms. Taylor’s campaign pointed out the “under-representation of a number of people who haven’t ... or feel they have not been heard.”

In Menlo Park elections, council candidates run citywide and can live anywhere in the city. Some areas, such as Belle Haven, don’t have a council member living there. All five current council members live west of U.S. 101, and

four live west of El Camino Real.

Mayor Cline said he is interested in examining whether there’s a way to structure the council to deal with this sense by some people that they lack representation on the council.

He suggested the possibility of expanding the council to seven members, or establishing districts whose voters would elect a council member living in that district.

As he sees it, the process would start with discussions at community gatherings, such as homeowner association meetings, or at people’s homes and local cafes. “I think we should start it before the end of the year,” he said, citing disparities in the way people live and in the schools.

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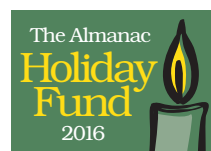
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# Trump election: Woodside High protest turns into unity rally

By Kate Bradshaw  
and Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writers

Hundreds of students gathered in the Woodside High School central quad at mid-morning Thursday, Nov. 10, and stayed out of classes to air opinions on the election of Donald Trump as president.

What began as an emotional outpouring evolved into a “unity thing,” a student said.

A protest to Mr. Trump’s election started during the campus brunch at 10:30 a.m. when a group of the school’s Latino and students of other races marched through campus with flags and signs, Woodside High student Ethan Steinmetz told the Almanac.

The march was nonviolent, and soon, what appeared to be the whole school had gathered in the central quad, he said. After the short brunch period, few left the quad to return to class. Many teachers were out of their classrooms offering assistance and supervision, he said.

The protest occurred the day after an assault on a Woodside High student who said she was attacked because of her support of Mr. Trump.

The tone shifted during the protest, which continued for about two and a half hours, Ethan said. Initially, comments began with Latino and Mexican students voicing their opinions, “just feeling a sense of tragedy,” he said.

Principal Diane Burbank

came out and all students who wished to speak were invited to wait in line for their turn at the microphone. Teachers also spoke, he said.

The protest started as more of an emotional outpouring of anti-Trump sentiment, but turned “into a unity thing,” he said. “It was pretty cool to see, actually.”

**‘It was pretty cool to see, actually.’**

WOODSIDE HIGH STUDENT

According to Ethan, one of the more memorable quotes from a student at the protest-turned-unity rally was: “We are not the generation of tomorrow. We are

the generation of today.”

In an email message to the school community, Principal Burbank said she decided to excuse the protesting students from their fourth-period classes.

“We recognized students’ right to free speech and the need to practice it, too,” she said. “We challenged students that it was easy to be respectful when you agreed with a position, but that it was harder to be respectful when you disagreed, and that all opinions were welcomed at the microphone.” (School staff had set up a sound system in the quad.)

“One student spoke about unity and different pathways to unity,” Ms. Burbank said. “We added that every voter also deserved inclusion in that pathway to unity. It was a remarkable peaceful protest.”

The protest continued through lunch — “an outdoor classroom in the quad” and “a teachable

moment,” Ms. Burbank called it — but students were expected to return to their classrooms for the sixth period. “I challenged them that the effective way to protest was to become educated and to make a difference by earning their diplomas,” she said.

News media were barred from the campus, and deputies from the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office guarded the entrance.

About 30 students who “peacefully” remained in the quad after the start of the sixth period will be issued unexcused absences as a result, Ms. Burbank said, adding that further protests will also result in unexcused absences.

The school district administration is investigating the circumstances of the assault, Superintendent Jim Lianides of the Sequoia Union High School District said, adding that “appropriate disciplinary action has been taken.” ■

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“I’m grateful to Cecilia for having courage to step up and run,” he said. “It’s a very difficult thing to do.”

## Newcomers

At a campaign volunteer party held at her home in Belle Haven, several attendees said this was the first time they’d gotten involved in a political campaign.

Willy Beasley, who has lived in Belle Haven for 50 years, knocked on doors and distributed literature and signs in sup-

port of Ms. Taylor because, he said, he believes the residents of his neighborhood need representation on the council.

Belle Haven, he said, has for too long been considered a “thumb” sticking out of Menlo Park, that has been “never really included or fit in within the politics of the city,” he said. “Now, it’s a new day.”

“To support her is to support myself,” he said.

Julie Shanson, a Willows resident, was at the party with her 12-year-old daughter, Leah. The pair had worked together to write and design campaign fliers.

She said she learned about Ms. Taylor’s campaign at a Cafe Zoe event and was impressed with her passion, integrity and knowledge of the issues.

Sally Heath, a Belmont resident, got involved in politics for the first time when asked for help by Ms. Taylor’s mother, Pam Jones. She helped organize an email database and prepared emails.

While campaigning, Ms. Taylor said, one thing that struck her was: “There are so many people in this city who feel the same way — unheard and voiceless.” ■

# Locals grapple with election surprise

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Eighty-seven percent of Menlo Park’s voters picked a candidate other than the country’s new president-elect, Donald Trump.

Across the city’s 25 precincts, 82.3 percent of voters supported Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, 3.4 percent voted for Gary Johnson,

1.3 percent voted for Jill Stein and 0.1 percent voted for Gloria Estela La Riva. Donald Trump received 12.8 percent of Menlo Park’s votes.

“The people spoke,” said Menlo Park Mayor Rich Cline. “There are obviously a lot of people in the country that were overlooked or under-heard. Every pollster, every political expert that I heard completely missed that level of angst that was out there.”

“Let’s be honest. We live in a bubble,” he said. “That doesn’t make you immune to the realities of the rest of the country. ... I think we should all acknowledge there’s a tone deafness that happens when you’re inside a bubble.”

The election, he said, also revealed that the economic growth spurred by Silicon Valley tech companies and investment, while good for this region, “wasn’t performing for a large majority of people in the middle of the country.”

Semyon, a Menlo Park resident who asked that only his first name be used, supported Donald Trump with his vote and, according to [opensecrets.org](http://opensecrets.org), gave campaign contributions totaling \$36. He was born in the Soviet Union and has lived in several countries, and now works in high tech. He told the Almanac he voted for President-elect Trump because of his stances toward national security, law and order, and deregulation. Some of Mr. Trump’s comments he does

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# Close race in Menlo Park district school board election

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

David Ackerman and Caroline Lucas appear to be the winners of two, four-year terms on the governing board of the Menlo Park City School District, but the race is still close enough for the outcome to change.

San Mateo County said on Wednesday, Nov. 9, that nearly 100,000 votes, from about 25 percent of the county's registered voters, remained uncounted. If the same holds true for the district, as many as 4,300 ballots may have been uncounted after election night. The county added 479 ballots to the total on Nov. 10 with Mr. Ackerman and Ms. Lucas remaining in the lead.

On Nov. 14, Mr. Ackerman had 3,972 votes, followed by Ms. Lucas with 3,419. Close behind are Scott Saywell with 3,236 votes and Alka Gupta



Photos by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**David Ackerman and Caroline Lucas** appear to have won the election.

with 3,175. Scott Hinshaw, whose name was on the ballot but who had dropped out of the race, had 1,238 votes.

Updates to the vote count were scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15; Friday, Nov. 18; and Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Go to [tinyurl.com/MPCSD-elect](http://tinyurl.com/MPCSD-elect) to see the latest totals.

Mr. Ackerman and Ms. Lucas are seen by many as school district "outsiders," although both are educators with ties to the district. Mr. Ackerman is a retired Oak Knoll School principal and Ms. Lucas had children in the district and is a Spanish teacher in the neighboring Las Lomitas school district.

The other two candidates were seen as members of the district "establishment." Scott Saywell, who trailed Ms. Lucas by 183 votes Nov. 10, is president of the site council at Laurel School and has two young children in the district.

Alka Gupta, who trailed Mr. Saywell by 61 votes, is co-president of the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation board with a 9-year-old son in a district school.

**Caroline Lucas says her priority is 'maintaining strong schools through fiscal responsibility, transparency and community outreach.'**

The district has been reeling since voters failed to approve two parcel tax measures in May, leaving the board with difficult decisions on how to cut the budget and/or propose a new tax measure.

Ms. Lucas was aligned with

those who campaigned against the May parcel taxes, and has been a critic of many district actions.

The candidates filed to run for the two open seats on the five-member school board when incumbents Jeff Child and Maria Hilton decided not to run again.

**David Ackerman**

Mr. Ackerman said he thinks there were "four good candidates" in the election. The fact that so many candidates ran, despite the difficulties the district is facing, "showed that people are really interested in the schools and want the schools to succeed," he said. "It's certainly why I stepped up."

"I'm encouraged by the win, by the faith that people have in my leadership," he said.

Mr. Ackerman said the district's immediate priority "has to be the finances of the school district. A solution has to be found in terms of the deficit they're running," he said. "I think we have to do more than

just balance the books. The school district has to move forward and continue to get better."

He said he favors putting a parcel tax measure on the March ballot at some level higher than just a renewal of the expiring tax.

**Caroline Lucas**

Ms. Lucas said she is "grateful to the voters for electing me" and also expressed appreciation for her "opponents' dedication to serving our community."

She said that despite the fact that there had been some negative campaigning, "I stand ready to work with the current board members and school district in true collaboration to maintain the strong schools they have built."

"From the beginning of this campaign, I have made it clear what is important to me: maintaining strong schools through fiscal responsibility, transparency and community outreach," she said. "I will continue to work for those priorities." ■

## Developer legal fees rise, city attorney gets raise

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park's legal fees for developers are rising and Menlo Park's City Attorney Bill McClure is getting a pay raise after the City Council recently approved these measures in a

unanimous vote.

Mr. McClure will now receive a salary of \$10,000 per month (up from \$9,000), plus income from an hourly fee, which goes into effect after the equivalent of \$11,500 in fees have accumulated that month, according to Lenka Diaz, the city's human resources manager.

Fees that developers pay the city for legal services related to development projects will rise to \$350 per hour (up from \$300) for services rendered by Mr. McClure or partners at his law firm. The fees will remain at \$240 for associates and rise to \$125 for paralegal, clerk or assistant work.

For general legal services by Mr. McClure or other partners in his law firm, hourly fees will be \$225 and for services by other attorneys, \$200 per hour, according to a staff report. Per-hour fees for paralegals, law clerks and legal assistants will be \$110 per hour.

This is the sixth amendment

to the city attorney's contract since Mr. McClure started working for the city in 1993; the last amendment was in 2011. His initial salary was \$4,675 a month, with hourly fees of \$150 for law partners, \$100 for research attorneys, and \$75 for paralegals. The council adopted these changes Oct. 11. ■

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not support, he said. "Based on history, (he) is a businessman who knows how to run things. ... That's how I base my decision."

Kathleen Daly, owner of Cafe Zoe in Menlo Park, hosted an election night watch party at the cafe for friends. She and her daughter, Zoe, had been supporters of Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, and had expected her to win, with champagne ready. Instead, attendees at the party watched in utter disbelief. Some left crying, she said, among them several young families who are not originally from the U.S.

"This isn't the America that we know," she said.

For Zoe, age 22, this was the first time she'd voted in the presidential elections.

"I felt confident in my decision, well-informed and educated and proud," she said. "Knowing what is in our future for anyone who is a minority..." she trailed off. "I think about who we have to stay and fight for now." ■

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# Measure to extend sales tax for 20 years passes easily

By **Dave Boyce**  
Almanac Staff Writer

There are seven years to go before the expiration of Measure A, a 10-year half-cent tax on retail sales in San Mateo County. But with 70 percent of the voters approving the passage of Measure K in the Nov. 8 election, there are now effectively 27 years to go.

With all precincts reporting, the unofficial count was 142,145 in favor of extending the tax by 20 years, and 60,925 against.



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

The tax has been adding about \$85 million annually to the county's general fund, advocates say.

County supervisors supporting Measure K said the revenues will be vital to efforts to provide affordable housing for "seniors, people with disabilities, veterans and families." Other priorities

include enhancing public transit, combating human trafficking, addressing sea level rise, and maintaining safe schools and neighborhoods.

"I'm extremely excited to see the overwhelming support for Measure K," Supervisor Dave Pine said. "The support exceeded my expectations. To see 70 percent approval of a sales tax hike is extraordinary."

"I'm happy about the outcome, obviously," Supervisor Don Horsley said. An approval of 70 percent of voters is a bit higher than it was when Measure A passed in 2012, he noted.

It may reflect, he said, that the board kept promises on how they were going to spend the money. "I think people have a lot of trust in board members doing what they say they're going to do," he said. "We did it with Measure A and we'll do it again with Measure K."

#### How to spend it

The Board of Supervisors will be considering a two-year budget in the first half of 2017 and will be making decisions about how to invest in affordable housing, Mr. Pine said.

With 27 years of income from

**'I think people have a lot of trust in board members doing what they say they're going to do.'**

SUPERVISOR DON HORSLEY

both Measure A and Measure K, the supervisors can at least look into lease revenue bonds to build affordable housing, as was done to build the new jail and a juvenile hall.

But affordable housing may not be in the same category as such "core county facilities," which are common in the bond market, County Counsel John Beiers said.

"Whether a similar financing structure is feasible for affordable housing is a complex issue," he said in an email, "and the County would need to work with bond counsel and its financial consultants if the measure passes and the County ultimately decides to explore it."

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

#### Opponent comments

Matt Grocott, a San Carlos councilman and chair of the

no on Measure K campaign, said he wasn't surprised that it passed because it had significant institutional and union support and proponents who put a lot of money into it "and a ton of advertising."

The latest campaign finance report from the Elections Office showed more than \$1 million in contributions in support of Measure K, including several five- and six-figure contributions.

"With that kind of organization, with that kind of money and support, it's hard to overcome," he said. "(Unions) always have the means of organizing any time they put a campaign together, which leaves the other side scrambling." ■

## League of Women Voters surveys community

The mission of the League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County is to engage citizens in the democratic process and public policy discussions, but how many local residents know this?

A group of alumni from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business wants

to explore that question with a survey, which should take less than a minute to complete.

Go to [tinyurl.com/poll224](http://tinyurl.com/poll224) to take the survey.

The Stanford Alumni Consulting Team, which does pro bono work for nonprofits, aims to help the league better understand how to engage

the community in its activities, including voter education, team member Rick Warp said in an email.

"(The) League of Women Voters serves a critical function in our community, at a time when unbiased voter information is difficult to obtain," he said.

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## Berman wins Assembly seat

Palo Alto councilman on his way to Sacramento.

By **Gennady Sheyner**  
Palo Alto Weekly

In an election that split the Peninsula's Democratic establishment, Palo Alto City Councilman Marc Berman defeated attorney Vicki Veenker on Nov. 8 to represent Assembly District 24 in Sacramento.

Mr. Berman received, as of Nov. 14, 69,146 votes, or 54 percent of the total, versus Ms. Veenker's 58,905, or 46 percent.

Two moderate Democratic attorneys were pitted against each other in the race to succeed Rich Gordon, D-Menlo Park, in the district that includes Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Sunnyvale, a part of Cupertino and the San Mateo County coastside—from El Granada to the Santa Cruz County border.

On election night, Ms. Veenker said she was proud of the results, given how much money outside interests contributed through independent expenditures in support of Mr. Berman.

"We had a huge number of really motivated, ardent, loyal supporters, and I couldn't be more heartened by that," she said.



The campaign created tough choices for the region's progressive nonprofits and advocacy groups. Mr. Berman and Ms. Veenker had amassed more than \$500,000 in contributions to their campaigns. In addition there were more than \$1 million in independent expenditures in support of Mr. Berman from EdVoice, an organization that advocates for educational reform, and several other political action committees.

The district's two major labor groups — the San Mateo Labor Council and the South Bay Labor Council — issued dual endorsements (recommending both candidates), while Ms. Veenker had

Supervisor Joe Simitian and U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo.

Donald Trump's victory over Hillary Clinton in the presidential election cast a pall over Mr. Berman's victory party in Mountain View, he said.

"How can you not think about (it)?" he said. "Obviously, all of my supporters and volunteers were definitely hoping for a different result in the presidential election."

On Wednesday morning, Nov. 9, Ms. Veenker called Mr. Berman to congratulate him and released a statement saying she looks forward to "working with Assembly-member Berman as an advocate for our community when it comes to protecting our environment, investing in education, improving access to affordable health care, and expanding economic opportunity and affordable housing."

Mr. Berman told the Weekly he appreciated her call and said he has an "immense amount of respect for Vicki, the work she's done, the campaign she ran, and her remarkably strong team of supporters, which said a lot about the candidate."

He also said he is excited for "the challenge that lies ahead."

"I think, given the national situation, California's importance to the country and the world has only increased," he said. "We were already a leader on issues like climate change, and now we'll have to double those efforts as the president-elect says he'll pull the U.S. out of the Paris Climate Accords and other things." ■



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'Given the national situation, California's importance to the county and the world has only increased.'

the support of the California Teachers Association and several environmental groups, including the Sierra Club and the California League of Conservation Voters.

Mr. Berman's supporters included Assemblyman Rich Gordon, the termed-out incumbent, and Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, while Ms. Veenker was backed by Santa Clara County

## Incumbents re-elected to health care district board

By **Dave Boyce**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Incumbents Kim Griffin and Kathleen Kane were re-elected Nov. 8 to four-year terms on the five-member governing board of the Sequoia Healthcare District. The vote count as of Nov. 14 was 34,518 for Ms. Griffin and 29,494 for Ms. Kane.

For board member Jack Hickey, to borrow from the catalog of witticisms of the late all-star New York Yankees catcher Yogi Berra, it was *deja vu* all over again.

Once more, a slate of candidates under his management failed to win enough votes to take two open seats. Challengers Harland Harrison and Lois Garcia came in third and fourth, with 14,294 votes for Mr. Harrison and 14,085 votes for Ms. Garcia.

Had Mr. Harrison and Ms.



Garcia won, Mr. Hickey, a Libertarian, would have sought the board's approval for a vote by the public on whether the district should continue spending tax revenues in southern San Mateo County on activities it was not chartered to address, such as funding for school nurses and free healthy-living workshops.

Mr. Hickey regularly asks the board to consider his initiative to ask for a vote by the public, but his parliamentary motions never get a second from board colleagues, he said.

When asked what's next for him, Mr. Hickey sighed and said he will complete the two years remaining in his four-year term.

He also said he will attend an upcoming meeting of the Little Hoover Commission in Sacramento. Health care district executives will discuss topics that include the role for districts that once operated hospitals, how districts without hospitals contribute to health care servic-

es, and how they are responding to the Affordable Care Act in an "era that favors preventative care over traditional hospital care."

### A new mission

The district came to life in 1946 as the Sequoia Hospital District, but in the mid-1990s, the district sold the hospital and, under enabling state legislation, re-purposed itself as a health care district.

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

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

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Photo by Natalia Nazarova

The BBC building at 1090 El Camino Real in Menlo Park was approved for major renovations in February 2014.

## BBC inches closer to completion

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
 Almanac Staff Writer

It's not yet known when the famed BBC building in downtown Menlo Park will be open for business as a new restaurant and bar, but progress on the building is being watched carefully.

So carefully, in fact, that when the owner, Rob Fischer, installed metal roll-up security doors at three of the building's entrances, it was soon brought to his attention that those doors were not permitted and needed clearance from the Planning Commission.

So he pleaded his case for the doors before the commission on Nov. 7 and his request was approved unanimously.

Mr. Fischer told the commission there is a need for additional security at the building due, he said, to the threat of transient people known in the past to spend time near the train station. The building has a three-floor staircase that people could hide in at night, he said.

Todd Burke, who spoke at the commission meeting, said he is a patron of Mr. Fischer's Peninsula restaurants, which

include the Palo Alto Creamery, Reposado, Gravity and Scratch. "I think one factor you need to weigh is no longer delaying the project," he said. "Anyone who has the gumption to bring a restaurant to Menlo Park is either very bold or slightly crazy or some combination of the two. ... I'm in favor of what it is he's doing."

The permit came with an urging to open the restaurant and bar as soon as possible. As Commissioner Henry Riggs said, "Get that thing open. I'm thirsty." ▀

## High school district head to step down

By **Dave Boyce**  
 Almanac Staff Writer

A little more than seven years after he signed on as superintendent of the Sequoia Union High School District, James Lianides will be stepping down. His last day on the job will be June 30, 2017, he says in a Nov. 1 announcement to district staff.

With his departure, Mr. Lianides completes 39 years as an educator, much of it on the Peninsula. He headed schools in Mountain View and Half Moon Bay and came to the Sequoia district in 2008 as an assistant superintendent from the Pacifica School District, where he was the business official and superintendent.

Mr. Lianides lives in and is a native of Redwood City and is

an alumnus of Woodside High School, also the alma mater of his two sons.

His mother worked at Woodside High as a secretary, he says. He is bilingual in Spanish, an ability he used on occasion, including at community meetings in East Palo Alto.

"I will always view my years in the Sequoia Union High School District as the highlight of my career," Mr. Lianides says in his statement. "Our students represent a wide socio-economic and racial diversity and our focus has been to serve all students well."

"I am proud of the efforts to promote greater equity and opportunity for our underserved students. Many of our students move on to well known universities and many are the first generation in their family to graduate and go on to college."

Mr. Lianides has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California at Berkeley, a master's degree in

educational administration from San Jose State University, and a doctorate in education from a program run by UC Berkeley and California State University.

He taught elementary school for 10 years, most of it at Garfield School in Redwood City. He was principal at elementary and middle schools in Mountain View before heading to Pacifica, he says.

"Making a very important personal decision such as this is always difficult and conflicting," he says in the statement. "I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve in the Sequoia Union High School District and to be associated with such a strong community of staff, parents, and students. I will especially miss working with the dedicated, professional staff throughout our district."

Mr. Lianides says he plans to spend more time with family and friends, possibly traveling, and that he may re-engage with education. ▀



James Lianides

# High schools: Board narrows options for subdividing district

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

The board of the Sequoia Union High School District is a bit closer to deciding on how to fairly subdivide the 19-square-mile school district that includes San Mateo County communities from Belmont south to East Palo Alto.

Threatened with a lawsuit from a Latino civil rights group, and to comply with California's Voting Rights Act, the board is making changes to its at-large election system in which each member is elected by voters from the entire district.

In pursuit of a goal to reflect the district's ethnic diversity in the board's members, the new system would divide the district into

trustee areas. Candidates would have to live within the area's boundaries and would be elected by voters living in that area.

The board has been studying a series of maps prepared by a demographer, and has narrowed the selection to two maps that each create five trustee areas. The board may settle on a map before the end of the year.

The challenge has been to find a map that meets rigorous federal fairness standards while not creating the impression that board members could be perceived as representing individual high schools, including Menlo-Atherton and Woodside high schools.

View the maps at:  
■ [tinyurl.com/QUKnS](http://tinyurl.com/QUKnS)  
■ [tinyurl.com/pbsVb](http://tinyurl.com/pbsVb)

One change proposed by board member Chris Thomsen would slightly alter a boundary in Area E to include all of the Ravenswood City School District.

Board President Alan Sarver noted that the area boundaries will be reevaluated after the next national census in 2020.

The board has been putting off a discussion of what to do if the final map puts two current board members in the same area, something that's possible for four of the five members: Mr. Thomsen and Allen Weiner, both residents of Menlo Park, and Mr. Sarver (of Belmont) and Carrie DuBois (of San Carlos).

The demographer, while aware of members' home addresses, was told not to consider them in preparing the maps. ▣

## ■ BUSINESS

### Coldwell Banker names manager

Chris Rasmussen is the new manager of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices in Menlo Park, Woodside, and Portola Valley.

He succeeds longtime local manager Wendy McPherson, who has retired, according to Steve Maita, spokesman for Coldwell Banker.



Chris Rasmussen

A 27-year residential real estate veteran, Mr. Rasmussen was most recently an agent in the company's Los Gatos office. In his new position, he will oversee 110 agents in the three offices.

Mr. Rasmussen is the founder of a social media platform company specializing in real estate called CircleSuite. In that capacity, he has worked with more than 1,000 agents helping them grow their businesses through social media, Mr. Maita said.

In addition to his tech and real estate background, he is the founder of a real estate mentoring and coaching program.

He combines agent sales and coaching skills with "technology skills that agents need to be successful going forward," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

Office locations are 1377 El Camino Real in Menlo Park, 2969 Woodside Road in Woodside, and 116 Portola Road in Portola Valley.

### Alf Carstens January 15, 1922 – October 25, 2016

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of a great man on October 25, 2016. Born to Agnes and Bjarne Carstens on January 15, 1922, as Alf Bengt Hoeg Carstens in Copenhagen, Denmark. Alf brought his sharp wit and strong heart with him to the United States with his parents when he was 5 years old settling in San Francisco, where he attended Balboa High School. As a young adult Alf legally dropped his two middle names to be simply, 'Alf Carstens'. This was most likely the beginning of his life-long philosophy of "keep is simple." "Think smart, work smart and keep it simple".



Alf joined the army and flew P-38's and P-51's for many missions from England to Germany during WWII. In 1944, he became a member of the Caterpillar Club, having his life saved by parachute. After the war, Alf returned to California and married his childhood sweetheart, Carolyn Johnson. They met at the young age of 7 in Sveadal, a Swedish community in the Santa Cruz mountains, where both their parents spent summers. They married at 25 and spent 54 years together until Carolyn's passing in 2001. They lived in San Mateo and then moved to Woodside in 1966, where Alf resided for 50 years.

Alf became a Real Estate broker and developer in San Mateo initially working with his father in law, Alex V. Johnson, for San Mateo Investment Company. In 1975, he formed Carstens Realty where he worked with his children until the age of 87.

Alf was a soft-spoken man who carried a strong presence. You always knew when he had entered the room. Alf's passion for his work, animals and his family was like no other. His inspiration, passion, and strong moral character continues to live on in his four children; Linda Hall (Doug), Terry Ann Carstens, Carla Carstens, Chris Carstens (Liz) and his seven grandchildren; Kari and Jamie Hall, Trevor Gearin, Jenna, Brent, Ken and Casey Carstens. Alf is also survived by his dear friend, Caroline Kochaly and his little puppy, Sandy III.



He is loved, known, and respected by many, and will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace Papa. We love you.

A private family 'celebration of life' will be held. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Sveadal Memorial Fund-1019 Pinehurst Court, Millbrae, CA 94030, or your favorite charity.

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### Tessie J. Matthews

July 21, 1916 — November 7, 2016

Tessie Josephine Matthews passed on into glory on November 7th, peacefully at her home in Menlo Park. She was 100 years old.



She was born in New Jersey, the daughter of Sicilian immigrants. Tessie loved learning but could not complete her education, staying home to take care of her father and run the household; Her siblings and Mother working hard to support the family.

She and her sister worked together in the garment industry in New York and San Francisco as seamstresses.

Their boss, at one time, announced to the dress shop that they were the two best seamstresses in the entire shop.

She was Married to the love of her life Thomas Matthews for 70 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Melani Bray of Menlo Park, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

The family prefers memorials be donations to: Dementia Society of America [www.dementiasociety.org/donate-by-mail](http://www.dementiasociety.org/donate-by-mail), PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901

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### Joseph H. Hafkenschiel, Jr. M.D. 1916 – 2016

Joseph H. Hafkenschiel, Jr., M.D. passed away on October 26, 2016 at the Sequoias in Portola Valley, California where he lived his later years. He is survived by his sons Joseph III, Tom, Mark, and John; his daughters in law, Cynthia, Wendy and Jaelyn Jean; his grandchildren Erin, Alex, Ian and Haley; his grandson in law, Ryan Donnelly, and his great granddaughter, Lucinda Easton Donnelly.



Joe was born on April 2, 1916 in Youngstown, Ohio. He was the son of Joseph H. Hafkenschiel and Anna Conroy Hafkenschiel. He graduated from Rayen High School in Youngstown in 1933. He attended Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1937. He graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1941.

He interned at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital where he met his future wife, Lucinda Buchanan Thomas. They were married from July, 1942 until Lucinda's death in 1983. His second marriage to Carol Rush of Villanova, Pa. ended in divorce.

During WWII he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and did overseas duty in the China-Burma-India Theater from October, 1943 to November, 1945 where he instructed "hump" pilots in the use of Oxygen which was necessary for flights over the Himalayas.

After the war he was awarded a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship for Veterans at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine where he did a residency in Internal Medicine and a Cardiology Fellowship. He supervised cardiopulmonary research at Lankenau Hospital near Philadelphia where he also had a private practice.

In 1965, he accepted a position as Medical Director for the San Francisco Office of Sandoz Pharmaceuticals and moved the family to California. He served on the staff of the Stanford Cardiac Clinic, Stanford Student Health, Agnews Hospital and the Menlo Park VA Hospital.

Joe had a lifelong love of golf which began while caddying in high school. He was a member of Merion Golf Club, Seaview Country Club, and, after moving to California, San Francisco Golf Club.

In 2009, he reviewed his long and fulfilling professional and personal life by writing and publishing "Joseph H. Hafkenschiel, Jr., M.D. a 21st Century Memoir". A video tribute to his life can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y460rdJ0BTc>.

PAID OBITUARY

## New apartments for seniors

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Low-income seniors will soon have a new place to live in Menlo Park. Sequoia Belle Haven, a “below market rate” senior-living complex of 90 apartments under construction at 1221 Willow Road, is on the lookout for tenants.

Applications to live there are now being accepted, according to the city of Menlo Park.

When the complex is completed, there will be 86 one-bedroom and four two-bedroom apartments. The site previously had 48 apartments that were built in the 1960s and lightly rehabilitated in 1987, according to MidPen Housing.

Seniors who lived there previously will be given the first chance to move back in. Of the remaining apartments, preference will be given to new renters who already live or work in Menlo Park, said Beth Fraker, spokesperson for MidPen Housing Corp., the nonprofit housing developer that is building the apartments.

The units are for households with at least one person age 62 or older. The seniors must also have an income that falls below 50 percent of the area median income, Ms. Fraker said.

For a single person, 50 percent of the median income is \$43,050 and for two people it’s \$49,200, according to San Mateo County data.



Courtesy city of Menlo Park

**A rendering** of the new Sequoia Belle Haven apartments at 1221 Willow Road in Menlo Park. All 90 units will be for low-income seniors.

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Rent will be \$619 to \$949 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$736 to \$1,132 for two bedrooms.

By contrast, the market-rate apartments that opened Nov. 2 at 777 Hamilton Ave. in Menlo Park have monthly rents of \$3,100 to \$6,100 for one- to three-bedroom units.

A maximum of three people can live in each one-bedroom apartment, and a maximum of five in each two-bedroom unit, Ms. Fraker said. Therefore, the most the complex could accommodate is 278 people.

In addition to housing, the

development will have a community room, a lounge, a computer lounge, an exercise room and two laundry rooms, according to MidPen Housing. There will be classes on computers, financial literacy, meditation and nutrition, and other activities, including arts and crafts.

The project was funded with \$5.1 million from the city of Menlo Park, about \$1.7 million from San Mateo County’s Department of Housing, and loans and other funds from MidPen Housing, the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, and Wells Fargo.

Contact MidPen Housing at 650-356-2900 for more information. ■

## M-A High’s annual canned food drive underway

A festive meal for the holidays when times are hard can raise one’s spirits, even if only for a little while. Can that spirit be encouraged to linger a while longer? Try participating in a program that provides the makings of festive holiday meals for families that can’t afford them.

Menlo-Atherton High School’s canned food drive began Nov. 2 and continues through Dec. 2 at several nearby grocery stores.

The collected food — typically two boxes of non-perishable food, a box of fresh vegetables and other perishable food, and a chicken — will be deliv-

**The drives continues through Dec. 2 at local grocery stores.**

ered on Dec. 3 to hundreds of families, including several M-A families, the school says in announcing the program.

Participating is easy. Drop cans of food in barrels placed at participating grocery stores: Bianchini’s Market in Ladera; Roberts Market in Portola Valley; Delucchi’s Market and Safeway in Redwood City; Mi Pueblo Supermarket in East Palo Alto;

Whole Foods Market in Palo Alto; and Draeger’s Market, Trader Joe’s, Willows Market and Safeway (on El Camino Real and in Sharon Heights) in Menlo Park.

Students from M-A will be on hand at the barrels to note the items most needed and most requested.

Go to [shfb.org/donate](http://shfb.org/donate) for more information on M-A’s partner in this program, the Second Harvest Food Bank of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. To make a donation, enter the words “high school” in the search box, and pick out M-A from the list of participating high schools.

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# Menlo Park school district leans toward tax election in March

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

In a discussion that took up most of a six-hour meeting, the Menlo Park City School District's governing board agreed on Nov. 9 that it will probably put a parcel tax measure on the ballot in March in an attempt to balance the district's budget before it is forced to issue layoff notices.

What board members couldn't agree on was how high a parcel tax they should ask for. They will meet again on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Hillview Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1100 Elder Ave. in Menlo Park, to discuss that issue.

Board members must propose a tax acceptable to at least two-thirds of the voters, while they realize that any tax less than \$515 per parcel means they will have to make cuts to balance the budget.

Without a new parcel tax, the district projects a budget shortfall of \$5.3 million by the 2020-21 school year.

"I don't like the cuts, they're not comfortable," said board member Stacy Jones. "I don't want to make cuts, but I also don't want to be in the position where we have to slash and burn because we didn't pass a parcel tax."

Board members had a massive amount of information to process, including transcripts

**'I don't want to make cuts, but I also don't want to be in the position where we have to slash and burn because we didn't pass a parcel tax.'**

BOARD MEMBER STACY JONES

of all the public comments they received between Sept. 27 and Oct. 31 on the budget issues. There were 469 online comments made on the district's website and 77 comments from board meetings.

The board received an overview of detailed plans for cuts in programs. Five scenarios ranged from the passage of a new \$515-per-parcel tax requiring no budget cuts, to not replacing the parcel tax that expires on June 30, 2017, which would require \$4.5 million in budget cuts over the next three school years.

In the no-parcel-tax scenario, the cuts would include:

- Increasing class sizes by an average of two students in kindergarten through fifth grade and by three students in sixth through eighth grade.

- Shortening the teachers' work year by one day and the work year of principals, assistant principals and department directors by five days.

- Teacher salary increases would be half a percent smaller than usual.

- The schools would stop giving iPads to each middle school student, the middle school's

"mini-course" week would go away, art teachers and librarians would be replaced with aides, and most classroom aides would be eliminated.

- Hillview Middle School would offer fewer electives (and those offered would have larger class sizes) and the district would eliminate the job of one custodian.

The board is scheduled to meet Nov. 30 to approve details of a measure that would appear on the March 7, 2017, ballot. Dec. 9 is the deadline to submit measures for that ballot.

The board's decision is complicated by the fact that two new board members were elected Nov. 8, but they will not take office until after the deadline for the March ballot.

Members of the current board agreed they want the approval of the incoming board members on the timing and amount of any parcel tax. ■

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# Atherton civic center donor seeks design changes

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

As Atherton scrambles to finish the design of its new civic center, a donor has asked for design changes that could set back the start of the project.

Atherton's City Council held a special joint meeting with its Civic Center Advisory Committee on Nov. 7 to discuss energy and water-saving features and costs of the project, but spent much of the meeting talking about a donor's wish that the town take another look at some of the nearly completed plans.

Didi Fisher, who is a member of the advisory committee and co-chair of Atherton Now, the group raising funds for the civic center, said \$3 million in donations is at stake.

One of the concerns, she said, is the lobby, which as now designed is a 28-foot-by-58-foot space connecting the police department with the rest of the town's offices.

"It's too grand," said Ms. Fisher.

"He perceives it's excessive," said Mayor Elizabeth Lewis, who is also on the board of Atherton Now.

Council member Bill Widmer agreed. "My two cents," he said, "I think the lobby is a little big." He said it should be reduced by 800 square feet by pushing in what is now the exterior wall, and leaving part of the current lobby as covered outdoor space.

However, WRNS Studio archi-

tect Adam Woltag said exterior finishes cost more than interior finishes, so changing interior space into exterior space could add to the cost of the building, not reduce it.

The donor also has asked the town to look again at the costs of renovating the historic council chambers so the space could continue to be used as a meeting place for the council, as opposed to the current plan that calls for building a new council chamber and renovating the historic building as an auxiliary of a new library.

That option was rejected by the town and the advisory committee more than a year ago when it was determined that it

**At stake is \$3 million in donations, says Didi Fisher, a member of the group raising funds for the civic center.**

would cost nearly as much to renovate and upgrade the existing building as to construct a new building.

Because the renovated council chambers will become part of the library, which already has its funding in place, the town doesn't have to raise money to pay for it.

Councilman Rick DeGolia, who is a member of the governing board of the joint powers authority that runs the county library system that the Atherton



Drawing by WRNS Studio

**A potential donor** has complained that this proposed lobby for a new Atherton civic center is "too grand," but the architects say making it smaller could actually end up increasing construction costs.

ton Library is part of, said the board won't authorize the use of library funds to renovate the historic building if it's not part of the library. Currently, the building is to be the library's community meeting room and house the town's history collection, plus a small cafe or kitchen.

"I don't believe we can redo

this as a council chambers and have the library pay for it," Mr. DeGolia said.

In the end, the council did not ask the architects to change the plans, but instead asked the contractor estimating the costs of project to come up with a report.

"The reality also is we're going to go out for public financing," Mayor Elizabeth Lewis said. "I

think everybody's agreed on that."

Steve Dostart, chair of the advisory committee, defended the current design. "I think it's a phenomenal project," he said. "It's in keeping with what the town is."

Mayor Lewis agreed. "I don't think anybody... thinks what we have here is overstated," or too grand, she said. ▀

## School may put parcel tax on April ballot

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

On Nov. 9, the same day the governing board of the Menlo Park City School District held a marathon session to consider the details of a parcel tax it wants to put on the ballot in March, the

Woodside Elementary School board had a similar item on its agenda.

In Woodside, however, the measure merited only a half-page memo from Superintendent Beth Polito and not a word of discussion from the school board.

The difference, Ms. Polito

said after the meeting, is "we're not in the same spot they're in." She said that while the Menlo Park district is facing a long-term budget deficit, Woodside simply wants to extend its expiring parcel tax so it continues to have the \$300,000 in revenue from the current tax.

"For us it's about maintaining a \$300,000 revenue stream," she said.

The Woodside district hasn't been discussing cuts that would have to be made if the tax isn't approved, and isn't worried about putting it on the ballot before the March 15 deadline to give layoff notices to teachers who might lose their jobs without the tax money. That's because Ms. Polito doesn't think any teachers would lose their jobs even if the measure fails, she said.

If two-thirds of the voters don't approve the measure, "we would just have to cut back in any way we can and go out again (with another measure)," she said. The district could do without the revenue for a year, she said, but "for the long term that's a problem."

Both school districts are for children in kindergarten through eighth grade, but Woodside has only one school while Menlo Park has five. Woodside currently has about 400 students while Menlo Park has about 3,000.



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# M-A wins first round of playoffs decisively

By Andrew Preimesberger  
Palo Alto Weekly

Menlo-Atherton senior quarterback Aajon Johnson accounted for five touchdowns and the Bears earned a 42-14 Central Coast Section Open Division quarterfinal victory over visiting Wilcox on Friday, Nov. 11.

The top-seeded Bears improved to 9-2 while the No. 8 Chargers fell to 5-6 on the season.

“I said going into it, ‘That’s not an eight-seed,’” said M-A head coach Adhir Ravipati. “You can make the argument that they were the top-four team in our bracket. To win in the fashion we did, we played overall disciplined football. It was definitely a big win. For us to get a first round playoff win and keep playing, it’s a big thing.”

Menlo-Atherton came out of the gates quickly when running back Jordan Mims took it 62 yards to the end zone on the first play of the game and the Bears went up 7-0. Mims had a solid game and finished with 150 yards on the ground.

On M-A’s second drive of the game it took eight plays to get in the end zone. Aajon Johnson ran up the middle and got a

huge block from Ben Makoni and scored on a two-yard touchdown making it 14-0.

In the same quarter, Johnson again took it in for the keeper and ran in for a 10-yard score making it a 21-7 M-A lead going into the second quarter.

“We really wanted to try to get up on them early,” said Ravipati. “The fact that they run the ball so well, we wanted to see if we could get them out of their comfort zone a little bit and we were able to do that.”

In the second quarter, Johnson hooked up with wide receiver Spencer Corona in the corner of the end zone and the junior leaped up and caught the ball. The Bears went up 28-14 with just under a minute left in the half.

“I knew it’d be a good play,” said Johnson, who threw for 237 yards. “We got Marquise (Reid) on it the play before and I knew the corner would bite — I trusted Spencer.”

With just under a minute left in the third quarter, Johnson sprinted in for his third rushing touchdown of the game making it a 35-14 M-A lead.

The M-A defense held both of The Chargers top rushing leaders, Richard Herrera and David Hernandez, to just 122 yards combined. The two totaled over 1,000 yards on



Photo by Bob Dahlberg

Jordan Mims carries the ball during M-A’s 42-14 victory over Wilcox on Nov. 11.

**Jordan Mims scores early, Aajon Johnson scores a lot in M-A victory**

the season.

In the fourth quarter, Aajon Johnson found his brother, Aaron Johnson, wide open down the field and the senior ran for a 55-yard touchdown. This was the second time Aajon threw a touchdown to his brother this season.

“Those two have a pret-

ty good connection,” said Ravipati.

M-A will square off against Bellarmine (7-4) in the Open Division semifinals Friday night. The Bells beat M-A in the season opener 34-20.

“I told the kids at the end of the game, ‘We are going to get another shot at them,’” said

Ravipati. “They’ve gotten a lot better as the year’s gone on, I’ve felt like we’ve gotten better too. I told them, ‘That opportunity is going to show up and when it comes, are you going to be ready for it?’ I think it’s only right that we have to beat them to get to the championship game.”

## Elections: County revises redaction practices

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

In response to several emails from the Almanac, the San Mateo County Elections Office says it will stop redacting some information from online campaign finance reports, which contain information on those contributing to a political campaign.

Under state law, certain contact information — the contributor’s street name and building number— must be redacted from online reports, although that information is available in paper copies of the reports.

However, in online finance reports on Measure K, the county’s half-cent sales tax extension, the county redacted additional information: the contributor’s contact information, such as phone number and email address, and the

town or city where the contributor is based.

Elections official Jim Irizarry said the county will stop redacting that information, and will follow the law to redact only street numbers, street names and bank account numbers from the online reports.

“In this age of the internet and all of the breaches of security we are experiencing as individuals and organizations, it has been the practice of this department to use an abundance of caution to protect the privacy and security of the individual while striking a balance with the public’s right to know,” Mr. Irizarry said in an email.

### See the reports

You can find campaign finance reports online, but it’s tricky.

Go to [tinyurl.com/port927](http://tinyurl.com/port927) and note the Advanced Search

link on the upper right.

The search function lacks an intuitive interface. Entering “Measure K” in the “Search By Name” field, for example, yields information for opponents of Measure K — “Committee to Stop Measure K, Why Now?” — but nothing on the measure’s proponents.

One way to see reports on proponents’ activities: Enter the letter “K” and click your way to the last of the five pages of entries. Near the bottom, under Committees, you’ll see “Yes on K, Neighbors for Affordability and Quality of Life with Major Funding by Seton Medical Center and MidPen Housing Corp.”

Alternatively, a search for the word “Affordability” brings the link up immediately, but you’d have to first know that this word is part of the contributor’s name.

### PARCEL TAX

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Menlo Park’s expiring parcel tax is less per parcel than Woodside’s expiring tax, at \$207 per parcel vs. \$289 per parcel. However, because the Menlo Park district has many more property owners, its parcel tax adds up to much more revenue for the larger district, \$1.6 million a year versus \$300,000 a year for Woodside.

The Menlo Park district has three other parcel taxes that don’t expire, which add up to about \$850 per parcel annually.

The districts are in much different financial condition. According to the state’s Ed-

data website, in 2014-15, the last year for which data is posted, Woodside spent \$21,613 educating each of its 438 students while Menlo Park spent \$14,006 educating each of its 2,904 students.

The Woodside district picked an April ballot because the timing works well for the volunteers who will run the campaign, Superintendent Polito said. An all-mail ballot will also save the district \$8,000 off the cost of an election that allows in-person voting at polls, she said.

The Woodside board is scheduled to vote Dec. 6 on putting the parcel tax measure on the ballot, she said.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2005 (2016)**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ON-SITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL ZONE**

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The District Board of West Bay Sanitary District finds and determines as follows:

A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District's "Zone Master Annexation Resolution" ("ZOMAR"), which was adopted by the District Board August 12, 1996. The provisions of ZOMAR are incorporated by reference into this Resolution of Intention.

B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property (the "Parcel") to the District's On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone (the "Zone"). The Parcel is described in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the description contained in the Exhibits are incorporated by reference. The name and address of the applicants and the number, type, volume and location of on-site wastewater disposal systems which are proposed to operate on the parcels to be annexed are described in Exhibit "B" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the information contained in the Exhibit are incorporated by reference.

C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board that the Parcel constitutes "real property" for the purposes of Section 2(b) of ZOMAR in that:

All of the conditions described in Subsections i., ii., iii., iv. and v. of ZOMAR Section 2(b) are satisfied; or

Other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone. If applicable, those conditions are also set forth in Exhibit "B" and are incorporated by reference.

D. All of the conditions and requirements of ZOMAR Sections 2(a), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) have been fully satisfied.

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

**IT IS RESOLVED** by the District Board as follows:

1. It is the intention of the District Board to annex the Parcel to the Zone pursuant to the provisions of ZOMAR and applicable provisions of law.
2. In conjunction with a meeting of the District Board to be duly and regularly called and conducted, the Board will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering all matters pertaining to this Resolution of Intention.

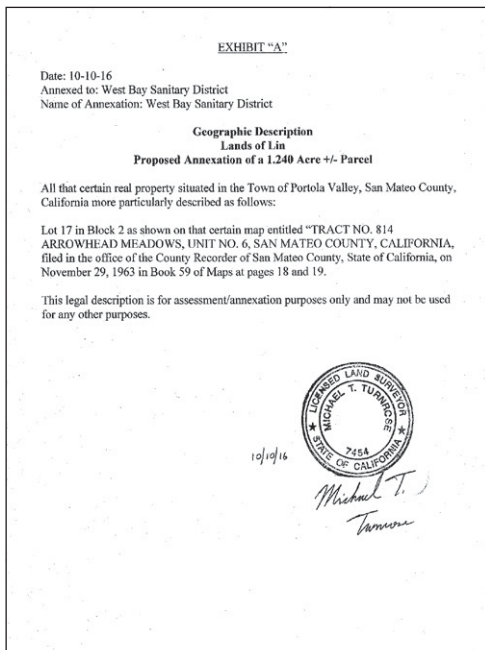
The time, date and place of the Public Hearing are:

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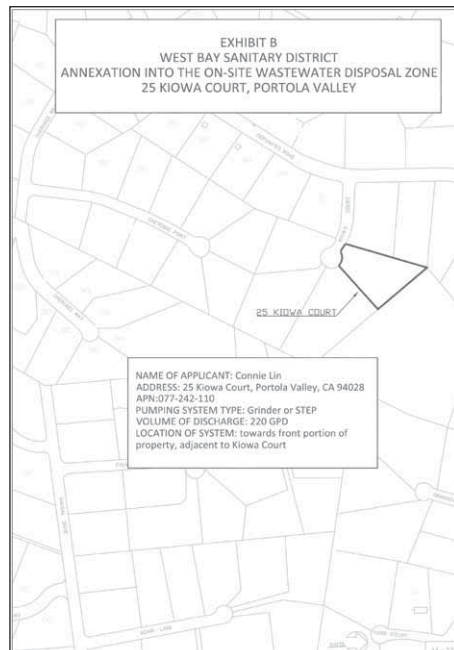
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3. This Resolution of Intention shall be published and copies shall be delivered to the persons and entities as specified in ZOMAR Section 2(e)(i.).
4. A true copy of this Resolution of Intention shall promptly be filed for record in the office of the County Recorder of the County of San Mateo.
5. The District Manager shall cause the matters set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of this Resolution of Intention to be completed as directed.

**Exhibit A**



**Exhibit B**



**Menlo Park institution SRI International turns 70**

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
 Almanac Staff Writer

**S**RI International turned 70 on Nov. 6.

The research institute was chartered as the Stanford Research Institute by Stanford University trustees on Nov. 6, 1946, with the purpose of using science and innovation for local economic growth.

Today, SRI International, which separated from Stanford University in 1970, is the second largest employer in Menlo Park, after Facebook. According to a 2015 city report, the research and development firm had 1,373 workers in Menlo Park. The institute reports 2,100 employees worldwide.

Since it began, the research and development organization has launched more than 60 ventures, according to Dina Basin, spokesperson for SRI International.

A timeline of some of the organization's milestones includes the following:

■ 1950s-2009: Research is conducted on treatments and related compounds to deal with peripheral T-cell lymphoma. In 2009, the FDA approves pralatrexate, a treatment for the condition.

■ 1968: The computer mouse is first demonstrated at a conference presentation by research-

ers at the Stanford Research Institute.

■ 1970s: Halofantrine, a malaria treatment, is developed for the U.S. Army and distributed by the World Health Organization.

■ 1975: The Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act is passed. SRI begins conducting the National Longitudinal Transition Study, tracking students with disabilities into adulthood. Results have been used to improve the U.S. education system, according to Ms. Basin.

■ 1995: SRI research on minimally invasive surgery leads to the start of Intuitive Surgical Inc., which developed a surgical robot system with the U.S. Army. Today, Verb Surgical Inc. is developing surgery technology to integrate imaging, analysis and machine learning.

■ 2010: Siri, which began at SRI International, is acquired by Apple Inc.

"Our Silicon Valley roots and proven innovation methodology have enabled SRI to nurture new technologies and applications that can help solve some of the most difficult challenges today, for the next 70 years, and beyond," said Stephen Ciesinski, president, SRI International.

Go to [tinyurl.com/SRI70](http://tinyurl.com/SRI70) to see a timeline of the research institute's other projects. ■

**Portola Valley farmers' market switches over to winter hours**

With the end of daylight saving time, winter hours — 2 to 5 p.m. — have begun for the Portola Valley farmers' market. The market is held weekly on Thursday afternoons in the parking lot in front of the Historic Schoolhouse at 765 Portola Road.

Regular hours of 2 to 6 p.m. will resume in March, market operator Maggie Foard says.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, the market will debut artisan bread by Portola Valley resident Fiona Strouts of L'Atelier du Pain, Ms. Foard says.

Also scheduled for that market is a book signing by Erin Gleeson, author of "The Forest Feast for Kids" and "The Forest Feast Gatherings," both vegetarian cookbooks published in 2016.

Go to [pvfarmersmarket.com](http://pvfarmersmarket.com) for more information.

**Free sandbags**

Locals can prepare for the rainy season by picking up free sandbags in Atherton, Menlo Park, Portola Valley and Woodside.

Sand, shovel and bags are available at the Atherton Corporation Yard on Dinkelspiel

Station Lane near Fair Oaks. Call 752-0570 in advance to see when the yard will be open.

In Menlo Park, sandbags are available at the Burgess Drive and Alma Street parking lot and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District station at 1467 Chilco St.

In Portola Valley, sand, shovels and bags are available at the Portola Valley Town Center near the tennis courts.

In Woodside, sand and bags are available in the town hall parking lot at 2955 Woodside Road.

Go to [tinyurl.com/sand674](http://tinyurl.com/sand674) for more information.

**Boot camp grad**

Private Russell T. Wong, 18, of Menlo Park has graduated from the U.S. Marine Corp boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego after completing 13 weeks of basic training.

He will report to Camp Pendleton for one month military combat training then Military Occupation Specialty School for flight crew training.

He is a 2016 graduate of Menlo-Atherton High School.



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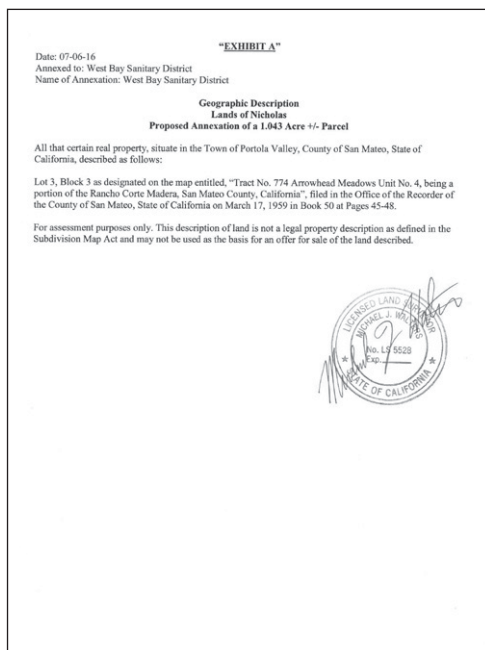
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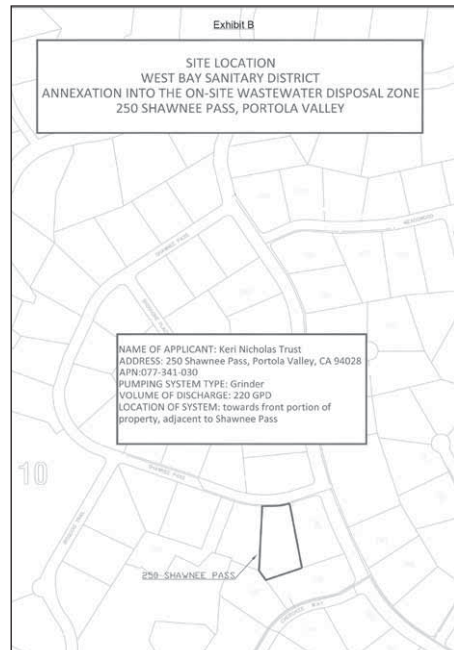
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**Exhibit A**



**Exhibit B**



Schuyler Knapp, left, and CJ Box.

**Two Menlo Park youths attain Eagle Scout rank**

Schuyler Knapp and CJ Box in Troop 206 have earned the rank of Eagle Scout and took part in a Court of Honor ceremony Oct. 30 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Menlo Park.

Schuyler, the son of Lewis and Vicki Knapp of Menlo Park, is a junior at Menlo-Atherton High School, where he has taken part in varsity volleyball, outdoor volleyball club, the Surfriders club and the ping pong club. He started in scouting as a cub scout in first grade.

For his Eagle project, he coordinated a team of scouts to build

new lunch tables for the student body at Menlo-Atherton High School.

CJ is the son of Michelle and Mark Box of Menlo Park. He is a senior at Sacred Heart Preparatory, where he is on the water polo and swim teams. He has been a patrol leader, a troop guide, troop scribe, and troop historian.

For his Eagle project, he built a large shade structure and benches at Rich May Field in East Palo Alto.

Troop 206, founded in 1958, has had 160 of its scouts earn the Eagle rank.

**Mary Elizabeth Rapp, longtime Menlo resident**

A Mass of Intention for Mary Elizabeth Rapp will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at St. Denis Church, 3350 Avy Ave. in Menlo Park. Ms. Rapp died Oct. 15 at the age of 92.

A reception will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. that afternoon at the Weston Palo Alto, 675 El Camino Real in Palo Alto.

Mary lived most of her life in Menlo Park. In 2015, she moved to her daughter's home in Monmouth, Oregon.

Born in Illinois, Ms. Rapp moved to California with her family as a youngster. She graduated from U.C. Berkeley, where she was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

When her children were young, she was active in PTA and a children's theater group. She and her husband, Tom, took up tennis in their 40s, establishing a tennis club at Sacred Heart

**OBITUARY**

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

School in Menlo Park.

At age 60 she received her real estate license and sold homes into her early 80s. Her passions were tennis, bridge, Ferragamo shoes, orchids and fine jewelry, say family members.

She is survived by her children, James Hilton Rapp of Portland, Oregon, Donna Elizabeth Rapp of Calgary, Canada, Kathy Rapp Myers of Monmouth, Oregon; and three grandchildren. Her husband, Thomas Hilton Rapp, and son, Bruce McDonald Rapp, preceded her in death.

Memorials may be made to the Menlo Park Library Foundation (foundationmpl.org) or St. Denis Church, 2250 Avy Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025.



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# Website is social network for those 55 and up

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Noopur Pandey says her widowed 74-year-old mother, who often comes for long visits with her in Menlo Park, had wondered how to meet neighbors in her age group who might share interests.

This being Silicon Valley, Ms. Pandey started a website to help her mother out. The website, Picket Fence, is a social network just for those 55 and older.

Picket Fence aims to foster in-person relationships by helping its members set up group activities such as pet play dates, walks, cooking classes, book clubs and visits to plays, museums, lectures and restaurants.

Ms. Pandey partnered with Chung-Man Tam, a former work colleague from Yahoo who lives in San Francisco. Mr. Tam says he also was inspired to help his parents, who were getting ready to retire and relocate to the Bay Area from Chicago, where they have lived for 45 years.

"Finding new friends, exploring the passions that they've always had but never had the time to enjoy, and having a great quality of life is something I'd like for them to experience," Mr. Tam said.

The website started in Menlo Park and Palo Alto, but has now spread to include Woodside, Portola Valley and Atherton,

plus Stanford, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, San Carlos, Belmont, San Mateo, Saratoga, Campbell, Los Gatos, Cupertino and Santa Clara. A group of San Jose residents are on a wait list for their city to join in.

Residents of each community are only able to see members from their own and adjacent communities on the website.

"Response has been really amazing, especially for the in-person interactions," Ms. Pan-

**'I think it's fun to build something so meaningful.'**

NOOPUR PANDEY,  
FOUNDER, PICKET FENCE

dey said. "They ask, 'How do we keep having these events?'"

At JoinPicketFence.com new members join by entering their date of birth and home zip code. Once the email is verified, they are asked to prove their address by emailing a copy of a utility bill or driver's license.

Partners such as local libraries and others that offer events are being invited to join the site and post events as well.

Like other social media sites, users can post a photo and basic information about themselves. They can send messages to



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

**Noopur Pandey and Chung-Man Tam**, founders of Picket Fence, a social network that aims to foster in-person relationships by helping its members set up group activities.

other members (or message up to 10 other members at a time), post photos and events and start conversations on any topic.

The site recently offered a number of events for local members including \$20 discount tickets to TheatreWorks' production of "Outside Mullingar" at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts; a talk about local volunteer opportunities with an executive from Peninsula Volunteers; lunch at a new Palo Alto restaurant, Zareen's; a visit to the Legal Design Lab at Stanford; and a Palo Alto

Baylands walk.

For now, the two founders have funded the costs of the website themselves, with Ms. Pandey working full time on the site.

They plan to soon expand the reach of the website to more Bay Area locations, including San Francisco.

"Then we'll talk about how to take it more nationally, including funding," Mr. Tam said.

They will have to eventually figure out how to make money from the website, which could include sponsored events or advertising, they said. They have

also considered a membership fee.

Ms. Pandey said some of the current users have said "if we can provide them with a network that's safe, they would be willing to pay a fee for that."

They also are looking for ways to provide information to help members age in place in their own homes.

"If we can help our parents do more of that, that would be something we would really like," Mr. Tam said.

"I think it's fun to build something so meaningful," Ms. Pandey said. ■

## Woodside's Bailey is now flea-free

By Kate Daly  
Special to the Almanac

This story started with a very itchy dog in Woodside named Bailey who scratched at hairless hotspots for years. After multiple visits to the vet, and two rounds of prednisone and antibiotics, the underlying issue became clear: fleas had built up immunity to her flea preventative medication.

Bailey suffered from the most common skin problem for pets — fleabite allergic dermatitis, an allergic reaction to flea saliva. The advised solution: Try a new generation of flea control products containing different ingredients.

The happy ending is that the lab mix, at age 10, is finally flea-free. Hopefully sharing her experience will help other pets find relief.

Bailey used to be on a monthly regimen of Frontline Plus, a topical treatment that claims, "Kills fleas, flea eggs and larvae, ticks, and chewing lice."

The liquid product is squirted on the back of the neck. Three applications retail for around \$40 (that varies depending on the size of the dog).

When Dr. William St. Lawrence examined Bailey at Portola Valley Village Square Veterinary Hospital, he said he had observed some over-the-counter topicals not killing fleas any more.

He suggested switching to oral medications, either a chewable called Nexgard that lasts 30 days, or another one named Bravecto that lasts 90 days. Both medications require prescriptions and claim the same outcome, "Kills fleas and ticks."

Drsfostersmith.com, the online animal supply website, lists Nexgard at \$57.99 for three, and \$39.99 for one dose of Bravecto.

For Bailey, Bravecto proved to be the winning formula.

For cats he recommended a prescription for Comfortis, a monthly chewable whose packaging claims, "Kills fleas and

infestations." Prices start at \$89.99 for a six-pack.

His colleague Dr. Jessica Christiansen, advises her cat clients to try Revolution, too. The topical prescription is designed to provide a month's protection against heartworm, roundworms, hookworms, fleas and ear mites. It runs \$52.99 for a three-pack.

She also suggests using cat and dog Seresto collars for up to eight months of flea and tick protection. They are available over the counter for \$44.99 each.

India Vannini, staff doctor at Peninsula Pet Hospital in Menlo Park, recommends using Revolution, as well, but cautions, "I don't think the collars ever worked."

"In flea wars we're finding a lot of resistance, more like desensitization over time ... involving a mutation in the gene where the hearty ones are the only ones that have multiplied. I think it'll happen every decade or so in



Photo by Kate Daly

**Bailey suffered** from the most common skin problem for pets: fleabite allergic dermatitis, an allergic reaction to flea saliva.

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# Bridging the divide

Divided Cypriot teens find common ground here

By **Kate Daly**  
Special to the Almanac

“I’m sorry to go,” Nelly admitted at a group dinner she helped prepare right before she left the U.S. in late July. She is one of six teenagers who became new best friends when they came to this area for four weeks, and then flew home to Cyprus, an island nation designed to keep many of its people separate.

“In a country divided, people united” they cheered three times in unison at dinner that night at Brad and Becky Stirn’s Woodside home. Earlier in the evening the teenagers sang a Bruno Mars song repeating the chorus: “You can count on me like one two three, I’ll be there.”

As Nelly’s roommate, Ipek, explained, “We’re always singing; music is our common language.”

So is English, even though their native tongues are Greek and Turkish.

Since 1974 a green line patrolled by United Nations’ guards has separated their country into the smaller Turkish-speaking Muslim side in the north and the larger Greek-speaking Greek Orthodox side in the south.

Checkpoints with passport controls are set up between the two parts of the country but lingering bitterness over the violence and displacement that partition caused has led to little interaction between the two sides.

Eight years ago, Mr. Stirn’s American cousin started the

Cyprus Friendship Program — patterned after a similar program in Northern Ireland — to try to change that. He invites pairs of teenagers from both sides of the buffer zone to come to the U.S. and live together with host families in hopes the students will bond over their similarities.

So far, more than 700 teenagers have traveled to New Hampshire, Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, Oregon, Washington and Georgia. This is the first time a group has come to the Bay Area.

Ms. Stirn is so pleased with how things went here, she wants to bring 20 students here next summer.

“The ripple effect is we bring one teen over and that impacts 20 people,” she said. “The longer this goes on, the hope is more people will know each other.”

Nelly, who comes from south Cyprus, and Ipek, who comes from the north, shared a room at Susan Speicher’s house in Atherton. “It was wonderful,” she said, in summing up the experience.

Two other teens, Tanje and Simoni, live in the capital, Nicosia, one in the northern Turkish Cypriot part and the other in the southern Greek Cypriot part. They shared a room at Janet Larson’s home in Atherton just a few blocks away from Ms. Speicher’s house.

“The kids loved to get together; they have really bonded,” she said.

The third pair, Diyar from north Cyprus and Konstantinos from the south, split time between Betsy Morgenthaler’s home in Portola Valley and Brad and Helen Miller’s in Woodside.

“From day one they were brothers from another mother,” Ms. Miller said.

“They listen to music; there’s tons of commonality in the food and the way they live. Religion is



Photo by Becky Stirn

**The Cypriots** learned about conflict resolution from Frederic Luskin at Stanford.

not an issue.”

She took the boys hiking and biking in Yosemite, and surfing in Santa Cruz. A Woodside friend helped entertain them by taking them to Google, Google X, and Facebook.

The boys attended concerts and Giants games in addition to the set group activities: a ropes course in Watsonville; a day-long session on conflict resolution with the director of the Stanford Forgiveness Project, Frederic Luskin; serving lunch at Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco; and touring the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito.

Konstantinos said he has friends who didn’t approve of him participating in the Cyprus Friendship Program, but for him “it has been an amazing experience, an opportunity to create bonds without prejudice.”

“It’s definitely one of the best experiences of our lives,” Diyar said, finishing his roommate’s sentence.

Diyar explained, “The conflict in Cyprus is still going on

because our grandparents’ generation is still holding onto the hate.”

Konstantinos finished the sentence this time: “And it transfers to the younger generation.”

Diyar said, “My mom was in a city in the south.” Konstantinos chimed in, “My mom was in the north side. After the war (which started in the 1960s), they both had to move.”

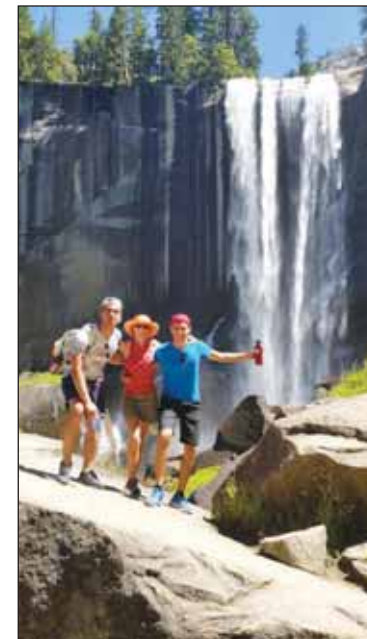
“We are trying to unite right now, but it’s a big deal,” Diyar said.

Konstantinos added, “I can see change happen, but not in my lifetime. ... We’ll have to change individual minds.”

The boys have already seen a change in their own families’ attitudes.

Diyar’s family sent a thank-you email to his hosts saying, “We also acquired (Konstantino’s) family as our new friends with whom we have been spending wonderful time.”

There’s even talk of the two families going on a beach vacation together in Cyprus. That would entail one family crossing the green line, something



**Konstantinos**, on the left, hiked in Yosemite with Helen Miller and Diyar.

Konstantinos, for example, had never done before applying to the Cyprus Friendship Program.

Both boys are now seniors and planning to apply to go to college in the U.S. ■

## ‘Eternal Belief’

This is the last verse of the poem, “Eternal Belief,” which Ipek wrote and presented on her last night in the U.S.

*The tender heart the phoenix owns  
Flashes like a torch  
With the heart beats of people who believe:  
Forgiveness is more powerful than traumatic chaos  
Love is deeper than hatred  
Wiseness of affection is stronger than blind judgement  
And phoenix is alive to end the division.  
It is the new name for  
REUNIFICATION!*

The poem was printed with permission of Ipek.



Photo by Susan Speicher

**Simoni, Ipek, Nelly and Tanje** at the Golden Gate Bridge.

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California,” she said.

She believes this area’s dry, warm weather has made the flea problem worse over the last two years because populations don’t die off unless temperatures drop below freezing for a while.

“Frontline and Advantage are the ones we’re seeing not working,” she said, in addition to the “cheaper products” at Costco.

A spot check showed the latter are no longer on the shelves at the Redwood City store.

A nurse at Mid-Peninsula

Animal Hospital in Menlo Park confirmed what the other practices have noticed. “We are finding the fleas more resistant to topicals,” she said, and then she talked about “lots of new oral medications” on the market.

That hospital’s blog warns fleas are a year-round problem on the Peninsula, and that one female flea can lay about 2,000 eggs in her lifetime.

Just one flea bite can lead to suffering such as Bailey has experienced. Lucky for her, her condition has vastly improved, but note this article is NOT a product endorsement. ■

# Like humans do

David Byrne and co. blend science, art in Menlo Park

By Karla Kane

You may find yourself living in the body of a doll. And you may find yourself behind the podium of a moral-dilemma game show. And, to quote David Byrne, you may ask yourself, “Well, how did I get here?”

Probably via El Camino Real, in this case, where musician/author/artist Byrne, technology investor/nonprofit founder Mala Gaonkar and the team at Pace Art + Technology have created “The Institute Presents: NEUROSOCIETY,” an “immersive theatrical experience” based on real neuroscience and psychology experiments.

“The Institute Presents: NEUROSOCIETY” is housed in the building adjacent to Pace Art + Technology’s popular teamLab installation at 350 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

Visitors are admitted in groups of 10 (tickets to the 80-minute experience are sold by timeslot) and greeted by guides wearing stylish mint-green lab coats sporting the project’s logo of a question-mark face. (Fifteen actors were hired to serve as “The Institute’s” pseudo-scientific docents, mostly recruited from postings in local theater groups. After putting on a pair of clean-room booties, it’s time to enter the lab.

The first room looks like a futuristic sci-fi film set (jokingly referred to as “Barbarella’s nail salon”). In the center of the room sits a doll with an electronic device where her head should be.

Take a seat in the circle of

## EXHIBITION

“The Institute Presents: NEUROSOCIETY” will be on exhibit through March 31 at Pace Art + Technology, 350 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. The exhibit is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$45. Go to [pacegallery.com](http://pacegallery.com) for more information.

chairs, put on some goggles, look down and suddenly you’ve become the doll, your body — and your view — replaced by hers, tiny plastic torso and legs where yours should be.

If a guide manipulates the doll — say, by poking her leg — you may just feel it, too. And perhaps most disconcertingly, when you look around with the doll’s perspective, you also see your real human self sitting across the room. Trippy.

The exhibition, which is reminiscent of San Francisco’s beloved Exploratorium, includes other optical illusions, such as hands appearing to grow, and moving objects becoming frozen with a change in light.

At a recent event at Stanford University (part of Stanford Arts’ new “Makers” series), Mr. Byrne and Ms. Gaonkar, along with professors from the music and psychology departments, discussed their inspiration for the project, what they’ve learned and what they hope participants will get out of it.

An overarching lesson from the experience is the realization that “context determines much of how you see the world,” Ms. Gaonkar said.

The pair was introduced by

their mutual friend, visionary musician Brian Eno, and found they shared an interest in neuroscience and “similarly odd ideas” about how art and science could intersect.

Both disciplines involve improvisation and “creative thinking: ‘Where does this lead? Let’s follow that direction,’” Mr. Byrne said. “There’s a real parallel there in the way of working.”

The two visited a range of working laboratories and eventually designed “The Institute Presents: NEUROSOCIETY” with a certain theatrical framework and narrative in mind.

The series of experiments at the Pace venue purposely go from those involving basic perception and sense of self to those that deal with bias, game theory, social interaction and moral choices.

In a space staged to resemble an “old-school” classroom — little desks, chalkboards and all — you’ll be given a tablet device and asked to predict the outcome of U.S. Senate elections based on a few seconds of seeing the candidates’ photos. According to a guide (playing the “teacher”), people tend to get the answers correct about 60 percent of the time, due to society’s response to and favoring of certain facial characteristics.

“We thought, it’s a show of some sort, it needs to have an ending,” Mr. Byrne said, explaining why they chose to leave the moral and social aspects for the grand finale.

The last room deals with, “how we relate to other people and the rest of the world ... if people actually cooperate, that’s



Courtesy Pace Gallery/Catalina Kulczar

Mala Gaonkar and David Byrne, sporting green lab coats with the project’s logo, were inspired by neuroscience laboratories.

a happy ending.”

In that final room, you’ll become a contestant in a game show, where you and your group mates will play for “brain cells” (“Institute”-branded plastic coins). It’s here where you’ll be presented with various shifting moral dilemmas, as well as have a chance to work together cooperatively with the hope of managing resources successfully.

The dilemmas “get tweaked in different ways,” Mr. Byrne said. “Now what would you do if it were this many people? If it happened five years from now, or 10 years from now?” The idea is to see if people change their decisions depending on context, he said, “and we notice that it happens in the strangest ways.”

In one example, you’re a drone operator. You know a terrorist has planted bombs all over the city and you can take him out easily, but in doing so you’ll also kill a friend and colleague who happens to be nearby.

Hardly any of the “guinea pig” contestants so far, Mr. Byrne said at the Stanford discussion, are willing to pull the trigger, so to speak, in that scenario. Next, you’re shown an image of an unfamiliar child selling lemonade on University Avenue, where friends of his dad are making pipe bombs in the garage behind him. Would you take out the kid? Yes, Mr. Byrne said, in this case, a death of an

innocent stranger seems to be more palatable than the death of a friend.

“It’s really interesting, really fascinating. It shows that your moral values shift. We’re not trying to prove that you’re a monster because you would take out ... the kid with the lemonade stand,” he said. “The point is the changes.”

An area with umbrellas and picnic tables allows visitors to gather and discuss the experience afterward.

“It doesn’t stop when they walk out the door,” Mr. Byrne said. “They’ve gone through this experience as a group and they start to talk to one another.”

Mr. Byrne and Ms. Gaonkar made clear at their Stanford event that the goal of the experience is to offer a fun, interesting, thought-provoking experience, not to collect scientific data, prove a particular theory or influence people into changing their behavior in some way.

“People will come to their own conclusions. Let them have those intuitions. It’s a much richer and deeper realization rather than me ... saying this or that,” he said, adding that his own forays into neuroscience have given him a new awareness of his behaviors and biases.

“I see things through a different lens,” he told the audience. “I don’t think about things the same way any more.” ■



Courtesy Pace Gallery/Kenny Komer

“The Institute Presents: NEUROSOCIETY” exhibition includes a room designed to resemble a game-show set, as seen in this artist’s rendering.

■ POLICE CALLS

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

PORTOLA VALLEY

**Residential burglary:** Someone smashed a bedroom window in a home on Golden Oak Drive and stole a computer, an expired passport and a ceramic box containing seven silver rings. Oct. 18.

**Fraud:** Someone posing as the pastor of a church in the 900 block of Portola Road asked the church's secretary, by email, to transfer "a large sum of money" to a bank in Texas. The secretary checked with the pastor and discovered the attempt at fraud. No losses. Oct. 17.

WOODSIDE

**Theft:** During an investigation of an occupied vehicle parked on Cinnabar Road and Crest Road, a deputy discovered a laptop computer, cameras and jewelry that matched items stolen from a burglarized home in Belmont. The deputy arrested and booked the driver.

**Hoarding:** The owner of a home on Godetia Drive asked the Sheriff's Office for help in dealing with a tenant who owned "prodigious personal property," also referred to as "hoarding." The owner has asked the tenant to leave and has been refusing to accept rent payments. Oct. 12.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglaries:

■ A burglar forced open a side door of a home on McKendry Drive and stole jewelry and paperwork. Estimated loss: \$4,750. Nov. 11.

■ A burglar forced open a side door to a garage on Falk Court, then entered the house through an unlocked door and stole a laptop and a desktop computer. Estimated loss: \$2,500. Nov. 7.

■ Three bicycles were stolen from carports, two on Arbor Road and one on Oak Grove Avenue. Estimated losses: \$2,500, \$450 and \$350. Nov. 7.

Thefts:

■ A man told police that he's been unable to retrieve household items, clothing and electronic equipment from a space he rented in a home on Windermere Avenue. The owner of the property won't let the owner of the stored items on the property, police said. Estimated loss: \$27,000. Nov. 9.

■ Someone stole a complete sound system from the gym at the German American school on Pope Street. There were no signs of forced entry. Estimated loss: \$2,000. Nov. 8.

■ A thief stole a bicycle locked and parked in front of the Le Boulanger bakery on Santa Cruz Avenue. Estimated loss: \$400. Nov. 7.

■ Someone stole a compressor and a license plate from a truck parked on Haven Avenue. Estimated loss: \$290. Nov. 5.

■ A woman stepped away from her shopping cart while shopping at Safeway supermarket on El Camino Real and someone stole her wallet from

the cart. In the wallet were debit and credit cards, a driver's license and \$200 in cash. Estimated loss: \$265. Nov. 5.

■ A woman inadvertently dropped her wallet on Chestnut Street and, when she went back to look for it, found her credit cards and ID in a plastic bag. The wallet and its other contents — including cash and gift cards — was gone. Estimated loss: \$110. Nov. 7.

■ Someone stole a Hillary Clinton for president yard sign from the front lawn of a home on Rosefield Way. Nov. 4.

■ The wheels locked on a shopping cart at Safeway supermarket on El Camino Real when someone tried to leave the store with four cases of beer and two bottles of whiskey that had not been paid for. The would-be thief fled and the beverages were recovered. Nov. 6.

**Hit-and-run with injury:** A cyclist collided with the right side of a Kia Optima when the driver turned in front of the cyclist. The driver fled. The cyclist came away from the accident

with non-life-threatening injuries and did not need medical attention. Nov. 5.

**Vandalism:** Someone stole a mailbox on Cambridge Avenue, forced it open, and then discarded it along the road. Nov. 6.

WEST MENLO PARK

Auto burglaries:

■ Someone broke the rear passenger side window of a vehicle parked in the Dish parking lot at Alpine Road and Piers Lane and stole a purse containing a cellphone, checkbook, wallet, cash and other items. No estimate on losses. Oct. 13.

■ After smashing a window on a vehicle parked in the Dish parking lot, someone stole a purse, a smart phone and cosmetics. Estimated loss: \$797. Oct. 30.

**Fraud:** A woman living on American Way relayed the serial numbers for Apple gift cards worth \$6,000 in the mistaken belief that she was helping post bond for her grandson to get out of jail. The woman discovered she'd

been scammed after contacting her daughter and learning that her grandson was not "in any type of trouble." Oct. 26.

**Shoplifting:** A man entered the convenience store at the Chevron gas station at 3600 Alameda De Las Pulgas and left the store with milk, an energy drink and juice, all unpaid for. Estimated loss: \$12. Oct. 19.

LADERA

**Commercial burglary:** A surveillance camera at a locked business on Ansel Lane caught someone thought to be an ex-employee stealing a laptop computer. A television set is also missing. Whoever entered the building might have done so using a key code that had not been changed recently. Estimated loss: \$1,500. Oct. 13.

ATHERTON

**Theft:** Someone stole a package from the front porch of a home on Walnut Avenue. Inside were "The Rescue Princesses" books, and Shopkin figures. Estimated loss: \$17. Nov. 9.

'State of the City' event at Facebook on Thursday

Menlo Park's annual "State of the City" event will be held Thursday, Nov. 17, at Facebook's recently refurbished Building 23 at 300 Constitution Drive. Doors open at 6 p.m. and remarks are expected to begin at 7 p.m.

Expected speakers are Menlo Park Mayor Rich Cline; Evelyn Stivers, executive director of the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County; Mark Spencer, managing principal of W-Trans; and Ted Lempert,

trustee of the San Mateo County Board of Education.

People can take Facebook shuttles from City Hall to the Facebook campus at 5:30 and 6 p.m.

Go to [tinyurl.com/state357](http://tinyurl.com/state357) to RSVP (required).

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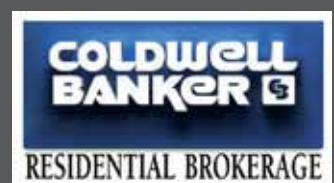
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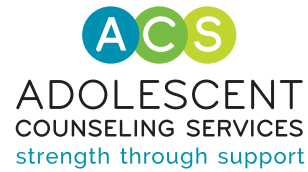


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**995 Fictitious Name Statement**

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 File No.: 271064

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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 Registered owner(s):  
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 8 Newell Ct. # T-7  
 East Palo Alto, CA 94303  
 This business is conducted by: Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Oct. 24, 2016. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 7, 2016. (ALM Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 2016)

FIRST CLEANING SERVICE  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 271172

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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 Registered owner(s):  
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 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 18, 2016. (ALM Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 2016)

THE SAN PERDIDO TRADING COMPANY  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 271193

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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 Registered owner(s):  
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 This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/19/2016. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 19, 2016. (ALM Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016)

REALISTIC ENTERPRISES  
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 File No.: 271236

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 This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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CALIFORNIA CONCRETE POLISH  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 271405

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 901 Garden St.  
 East Palo Alto, CA 94303  
 This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11-8-16. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 8, 2016. (ALM Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 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.: 16CIV01713  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
 Petitioner: SUE ANN BASSETT filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
 SUE ANN BASSETT to SUANNE BASSETT.  
 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 30, 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: October 11, 2016  
 /s/ Susan Irene Etezadi  
 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
 (ALM Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 2016)

T.S. No. 036577-CA APN: 076-232-010-9 and 076-220-070-7 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/18/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 11/30/2016 at 12:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/23/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-205906, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: RANDALL C. SINGLE AND AULAIRE NAUGHTON SINGLE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: AT THE MARSHALL ST. ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AND RECORDS, 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 112 RUSSELL AVENUE PORTOLA VALLEY, CA 94028 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
 Case No.: 16CIV02029  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
 Petitioner: MICHAEL COSTEINES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
 MICHAEL DAMIAN COSTEINES to MICHAEL DAMIAN.  
 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: Tue. December 13, 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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 Date: October 27, 2016  
 /s/ John L. Grandsaert  
 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
 (ALM Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2016)

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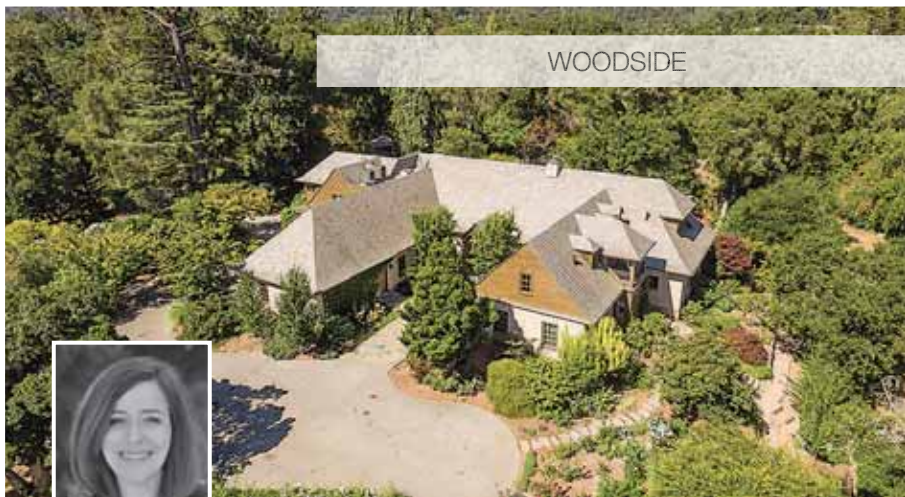


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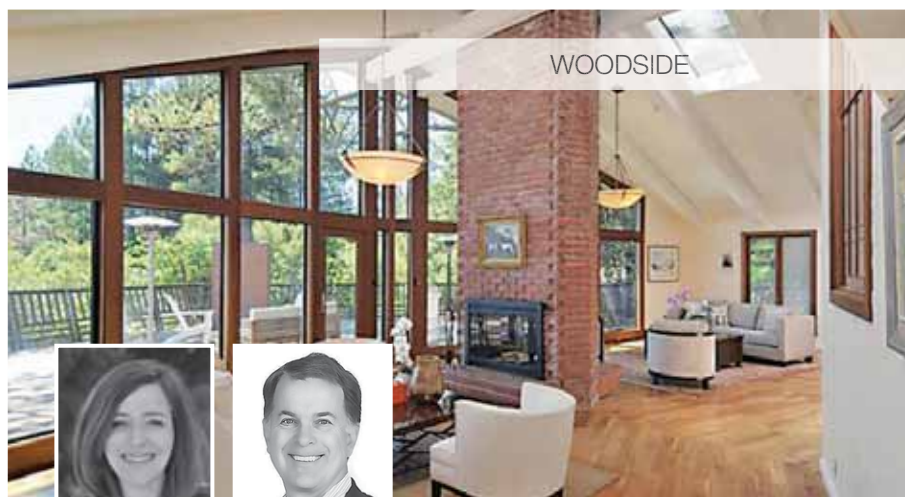


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