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Downtown Menlo Park bike route approved

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The start of new bike lanes and the end of some street parking is ahead for downtown Menlo Park.

A concept plan laying out a route to safely navigate downtown Menlo Park by bike was approved 3-0 by the Menlo Park City Council at its meeting on Dec. 6, with Mayor Rich Cline and Councilman Ray Mueller absent.

According to Councilwoman Kirsten Keith, the plan, which the city Bicycle Commission asked the council to consider, is intended to create a safe east-to-west bike route across El Camino Real for students and cyclists of all ages.

There will be a one-year trial period for the project, which is expected to cost \$236,200, according to a staff report.

The plan is to add 5-foot wide painted bike lanes — with a minimum 18-inch buffer — or “sharrows” (lanes marked to remind drivers to share the area with cyclists) along a route intended to give cyclists a clear path through downtown Menlo Park. Councilwoman Keith asked staff to look into installing protective barriers on Oak Grove Avenue west of El Camino Real, where the proposed buffer narrows to 18 inches. Doing so could add costs to the project, which the council would have to approve.

The route will start at Menlo-Atherton High School, run along Oak Grove Avenue past El Camino Real to Crane Street, and then continue left with a mild jog across Santa Cruz Avenue, go right up Live Oak Avenue, and continue left again on University Drive to Middle Avenue. The Crane Street bike lane would extend in the other direction to connect with Valparaiso Avenue.

The proposal the council discussed will likely eliminate between 130 and 177 street parking spaces along Oak Grove Avenue and University Drive.

Bike lanes or sharrows markings will be painted on these streets:

■ University Drive from Middle Avenue to Live Oak Avenue. (Sixty-four parking spaces on both sides of the street will be removed and buffered bike lanes will be installed.)

■ Live Oak Avenue from University Drive to Crane Street. (Sharrows markings will be painted on the road.)

■ Crane Street from Live Oak Avenue to Valparaiso Avenue. (Sharrows markings will be painted on the road.)

■ Oak Grove west of El Camino Real. (Nineteen parking spaces on the north side of the street will be removed and a buffered bike lane installed.)

■ Oak Grove east of El Camino Real. (Up to 94 parking spaces may be removed on both sides of the road and a buffered bike lane



Data courtesy city of Menlo Park

Bike lanes through downtown Menlo Park have been approved for a one-year trial.

installed. However, the council has directed staff to look into keeping parking on one side of Oak Grove Avenue east of El Camino Real, which could halve the number of parking spaces to be cut, according to Michael Tsai, assistant engineer. Near Menlo-Atherton High School, there are also some off-street dirt parking spots. Those would remain as they are, Mr. Tsai said.)

In addition to the one-year trial, a more permanent change will be made: a new left-turn signal will

be added at Laurel Street so that northbound and southbound drivers turning onto Oak Grove Avenue won't have to turn with oncoming traffic approaching, Mr. Tsai said. The traffic lights will be replaced with larger lights.

The project was initially brought forth by the Menlo Park Bicycle Commission, and was presented to the Environmental Quality Commission in October 2015.

Next steps are to finalize designs, establish what criteria will be used to determine

the effectiveness of the one-year trial, award a construction contract, and install the bike lanes, which could happen by May 2017, according to city staff.

The project will require coordination with Atherton and Caltrans, according to Mr. Tsai. Atherton is working on improvements to the Middlefield Road and Oak Grove Avenue intersection, he said, and the city will coordinate with Caltrans on plans for the Oak Grove Avenue and El Camino Real intersection. ■

Menlo Park school district puts \$360 parcel tax on March ballot

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Voters in the Menlo Park City School District will be asked in March to approve a \$360 annual parcel tax that would expire after seven years.

A unanimous school board, including two newly seated board members, agreed Dec. 5 to put the measure on the ballot.

If voters approve the measure, the tax would replace a \$207 annual parcel tax that expires at the end of June 2017. Property owners would pay \$153 more per year than they do now.

The new tax would bring the district's total parcel taxes to approximately \$1,027 a year. The other three parcel taxes do not have expiration dates.

Board members tweaked the

language, gave impassioned speeches about why more money was needed, and even called the district's campaign consultant to ask a question, but in the end all the board members voted for the ballot measure.

To pass, the measure will need approval from two-thirds of the voters in the March 7 election. Board members chose the date because it is one of the few county elections scheduled in 2017 that will have polling places open as well as mail-in ballots. Also, the election comes before the March 15 deadline to give layoff notices to any teachers who could lose their jobs.

After two parcel tax measures with no expiration dates failed to receive the necessary two-thirds of the vote last May, the district has been working to figure out what went wrong and

how to balance its budget. With an expected \$5.3 million deficit by the 2020-21 school year, the district has been considering ways to reduce spending as well as raise revenues with a new tax.

The new tax would bring the district's total parcel taxes to about \$1,027 a year.

According to district forecasts, if the tax measure passes, the district will still need to reduce spending between \$800,000 to \$1.4 million over the next two to three years.

In January, the board will probably consider spending reductions and a plan for what to do should the tax measure fail.

Speakers

Among the speakers at the five-hour meeting was Alex Keh, a district resident without children currently in the district, who had signed the ballot argument against the two parcel tax measures that failed in May.

"I can fully support a parcel tax measure with shared sacrifice," Mr. Keh said. He thanked the district for changes made since that election, including video-recording meetings, spending reductions and adding an expiration date to the proposed tax measure.

"I can support the measure with a commitment to hold the line on spending," Mr. Keh said.

District resident Jennifer Bestor warned the board that its proposed parcel tax would probably not even cover the amount of additional pension contributions the district is due to make over the

next several years.

A major cause of the financial woes cited by the district is that its mandated contributions into the state pension system will increase from \$2.25 million a year in the 2013-14 fiscal year to approximately \$6 million a year by the 2020-21 fiscal year, if the district's personnel costs grow at expected rates.

Ms. Bestor warned a downturn in the economy or further reductions in state money coming to the district could worsen the outlook.

"There may very well need to be another parcel tax put before the voters in another three to four years," Ms. Bestor said.

Allen Weiner, a district resident and former parent as well as a member of the Sequoia Union High School District board, told

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Correction: No loss of affordable housing due to Facebook rezoning

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The Almanac inaccurately reported, in a Dec. 6 online story and in the Dec. 7 print edition, that a rezoning of Facebook's east campus from "residential-mixed use" to "office-corporate housing" in the final months of the process resulted in the potential loss of up to 300 affordable housing units in Menlo Park.

Those potential affordable housing units weren't lost because below-market-rate housing was never part of the plan for the site, city staff and a Facebook spokesperson said.

On Nov. 29, the Menlo Park City Council approved in its general plan update a policy that residential rental developers building over a certain density would have to designate at least 15 percent of the total number of units as "below market rate" housing.

In drafts of the general plan update, Facebook's east campus was not zoned to be eligible for "bonus" development — unlike some other residential areas that were rezoned in Menlo Park's M-2 area.

An area where "bonus" development is allowed means that a developer there can negotiate to provide public benefits (such as affordable housing or community amenities) for the city in exchange for greater development allowances, such as greater density, height or floor-area ratio (the ratio of the floor area to the land size).

According to California law,

affordable housing cannot be required in developments intended for rental residential use. It is only when developers choose to build above a certain base density — into the "bonus" level — that a development can be required to provide a certain amount of affordable housing, which is what Menlo Park has done in its general plan update.

Areas that are not eligible for bonus development, then, cannot be part of the city's requirements for on-site, constructed affordable housing.

The story is different for commercial or office development, which is the category that Facebook's east campus housing plans fall under now. The city requires that developments in that category pay into the city's "below market rate" housing fund, which is currently set at a rate of \$16.15 per square foot of office development.

Facebook may still, as it says it is doing now for a separate development project, coordinate with a nonprofit housing developer to see that its "below market rate" funding contribution facilitates the construction of affordable housing off-site in a timely manner.

Any assumption that at least 15 percent of the city's total number of 4,500 newly zoned residential units would be part of the city's "below market rate" housing program is also inaccurate. Those percentages would apply only to the number of housing units in developments that are eligible for and built at the "bonus" development level. ■

Recruiting restaurants, shops to Menlo Park

■ BRIEFS

A retail recruitment firm with access to data about the spending habits of people who live, work and shop in Menlo Park — aggregated anonymously, city staff members say — has been hired to research and help court potential retailers and restaurants to come to Menlo Park.

On Dec. 6, the Menlo Park City Council agreed to authorize a one-year, \$60,000 contract with consumer analytics consultant Buxton Co.

Research and recruitment would cover all of Menlo Park, including Belle Haven and future retail sites, according to Jim Cogan, the city's housing and economic development manager.

Lisa McCay, senior vice president at Buxton Co., told the council,

"We're looking to fill gaps where there's opportunity for growth, not necessarily add more of the same."

Greenheart project

A proposed 420,000 square-foot mixed-use development with offices, 183 rental apartments and retail space to be built at 1300 El Camino Real was presented to the Menlo Park Planning Commission on Dec. 12, after the Almanac went to press.

The commission's job is to decide whether to recommend that the City Council approve the plans.

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Arthur Lloyd, railroad man through and through

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A funeral service is set for Saturday, Dec. 17, for Menlo Park resident Arthur Lloyd, a career railroad man, ardent advocate for rail passenger service and columnist for the Almanac on rail and public transit issues.

Mr. Lloyd died peacefully at home on Dec. 4 at the age of 91. With him when he died were his daughters Lynne Rosenberg and Liane Strub.

The funeral is set for 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 178 Clinton St. in Redwood City. A reception at MacArthur Park restaurant in Palo Alto follows the funeral, with free round-trip Caltrain tickets available.

Before he moved to Menlo Park in 2011, Mr. Lloyd was long a resident of Portola Valley and was, until 2014, a long-time member of the boards of Caltrain and the San Mateo County Transit District.

Mr. Lloyd commuted by rail to San Francisco for 40 years and needed no help with time tables in remembering Caltrain schedules, he told the Almanac in 2002. To say he had an interest in rail travel and railroads probably understates the case.

In 1942, according to a CV provided by SamTrans, he signed on as a yard clerk with the San Francisco and Napa Railroad.

He served in the U.S. Army medical corps during World War II, but said that he asked for the transportation corps. After the war, and after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley, he became a partner in the Berkeley-based Sequoia Stages/Eastshore Lines intercity bus line in 1946.

He joined the Western Pacific



Arthur Lloyd and daughter Lynne Rosenberg

OBITUARIES

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

Railroad in San Francisco in 1949 as an information clerk and rose to assistant director of public relations before leaving in 1961 to join a travel service in San Francisco.

In 1971, he joined Amtrak as a sales manager in Washington, D.C., and retired in 1991 as director of public affairs for the Western United States. Amtrak honored him with a "Champion of the Rails" award in 2002.

Mr. Lloyd subsequently joined the SamTrans and Caltrain policy boards. In his March 2014 letter resigning from Caltrain's overseer, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, Mr. Lloyd noted the board's arduous effort to preserve the commuter service.

"The fact that a 150-year-old railway is beloved by a new generation of riders is something to be celebrated, and I am proud of my role in making that happen," he wrote.

His railroad associations include the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee, the Coast Rail Coordinating Council, the Bay Area Electric Railroad

Association, and the California State Railroad Museum Foundation. He was president of California Operation Lifesaver, an organization that promotes railroad safety, and was an adviser to the Golden Gate Railroad Museum.

In 2003, he was appointed secretary to the American Public Transportation Association's Transit Board Committee in Washington, D.C. The committee addresses the concerns of local transit boards throughout the United States, and is responsible for overseeing association policies.

Mr. Lloyd sold his Portola Valley home in 2011 and moved to a Menlo Park condo on Alma Street alongside the Caltrain tracks. At his new home, "he could tell his caregivers whether a train was on time or not each time he heard one passing," Ms. Strub said.

His wife Eleanor Hutson Lloyd preceded him in death in January 2010. Mr. Lloyd is survived by daughters Lynne Rosenberg of La Honda and Liane Strub of Redwood City (and an English teacher at Menlo-Atherton High School); son Lawrence Lloyd of Chico; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. ■

Officer interrupts apparent burglary in progress

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Police arrested three men after an officer on patrol interrupted what appeared to be a burglary in progress on Dec. 7 at the construction site of the Menlo Gateway project on Constitution Drive in Menlo Park, according to Nicole Acker, spokeswoman for the Menlo Park Police Department.

Taken into custody on charges

of burglary were Filimon Acosta Paredes, 26; Faustino Carrera Morales, 21; and Rafael Perez Mosqueda, 22, all of San Jose. Charges against Mr. Carrera Morales and Mr. Perez Mosqueda included possession of burglary tools and delaying or resisting arrest, police said.

Around 1 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, a police officer on patrol noticed a hole cut into a gate at 150 Constitution Drive. (An office, parking and hotel

complex is under construction at the site.)

After seeing the silhouette of someone running and attempting to hide, the officer called for reinforcements and set up a perimeter.

Police captured the person seen in silhouette without incident. A search turned up two more suspects hiding in and around machinery and materials. They were also arrested without incident, police said. ■

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Obtaining the Mortgage Interest Deduction When Paying Cash

Dear Monica: I have just purchased a home and paid cash so that I could close escrow quickly. I intend to obtain a mortgage and understand that there are rules that affect whether or not I can deduct the mortgage interest. Do you have information on this? Greg C.

Dear Greg: You are referring to the IRS' "90 Day Rule" which stipulates that in order to deduct mortgage interest on your home it must be "Acquisition Debt" and to qualify as this it must

be obtained within 90 days of purchasing the property. It is common in this market for buyers to pay cash for properties but if you want to deduct the interest on your tax return, you must get a mortgage within this 90-day window.

If you don't meet the 90 Day rule limitation, a mortgage you obtain will be considered a "Home Equity Loan" and there are substantial limits on what interest you may deduct. It is best to consult your CPA for guidance on your particular situation.

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City may set 30-day minimum on renting out secondary units

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

A cursory skim of Airbnb listings in Menlo Park shows a number of cottages and private units listed online for \$125 to \$170 a night. Unless those units were rented out for a minimum term of 30 days, such offerings could soon be illegal.

On Dec. 5, the Menlo Park Planning Commission voted unanimously (with Susan Goodhue absent) to recommend passage of an ordinance requiring 30-day

minimum rentals for homeowners with secondary units, also known as accessory, in-law, “granny” and cottage units.

The ordinance, as currently written, would apply to rental of both the main and the secondary dwelling. The 30-day minimum, which would be enforced based on complaints, isn’t mandated but is allowed by the state, said Thomas Rogers, a principal planner with the city.

In January or February, the proposed ordinance may come before the City Council, Mr. Rogers said.

The topic of regulating second units arose because of state mandates for cities to update their secondary dwelling policies. The main state-mandated change, Mr. Rogers said, is a provision that won’t require a secondary unit to have parking if it is near public transit or a car-share program.

Short-term rentals

According to City Attorney Bill McClure, the 30-day-minimum

policy was proposed because the city has received complaints from neighbors of residents who have rented out their “granny” units on Airbnb or other short-term rental programs.

Since secondary units can be nearer to neighboring properties than main dwellings, they can have more impact on neighbors. Having vacationers or, say, a rowdy crowd in town for a Stanford football game, can cause problems, he said.

Large numbers of people, noise late at night and overnight parking violations were examples of ways neighbors have been affected, he said.

Short-term rental limits on other property types aren’t currently being considered, Mr. Rogers said. ■

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the board that a parcel tax is vital. The district’s costs for educating students are high because of the area’s high cost of living, but Menlo Park and Atherton residents also are able to help pay those costs, he said.

“If we want to be successful in recruiting the best teachers ... we have to be able to offer competitive and attractive salaries,” he said.

Mr. Weiner likened the attempts to cut spending too severely to trying to “save money by not changing the oil” in a car.

During the board’s deliberations, school board member Terry Thygesen asked for a parcel tax of at least \$450. A smaller amount “is inadequate to provide us with the ability to maintain our existing excellent high quality education for students,” she said.

But newly seated board member David Ackerman said the chance of a measure passing was the most important consideration.

“We can’t afford another loss,” he said. “The cuts would destroy the district.”

The other new board member, Caroline Lucas, agreed. “To not pass another (parcel tax measure), I couldn’t live with the consequences,” she said. ■

SRI scientist wins research award

Parijat Bhatnagar, program director for cell-based medicine at SRI International in Menlo Park, has received an innovator’s award from the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, part of the National Institutes of Health.

The award comes with \$3 million in research funding over five years.

His research is focused on

using immune cell engineering against the dengue virus. The goal is to engineer cells that travel to diseased areas in the body, figure out how bad the disease is, and synthesize proportionate amounts of therapeutics to neutralize the disease.

The award is part of the National Institutes of Health’s “High-Risk, High-Reward Research Program.”

City Council to discuss ban on religious registry

The Menlo Park City Council has agreed to discuss adopting an ordinance that would prohibit any employee of the city of Menlo Park, including the police, from using resources or funds to make a “registry or database” of “U.S. citizens based on their religious beliefs, race, or nation of descent.”

The ordinance would also prohibit the use of resources to

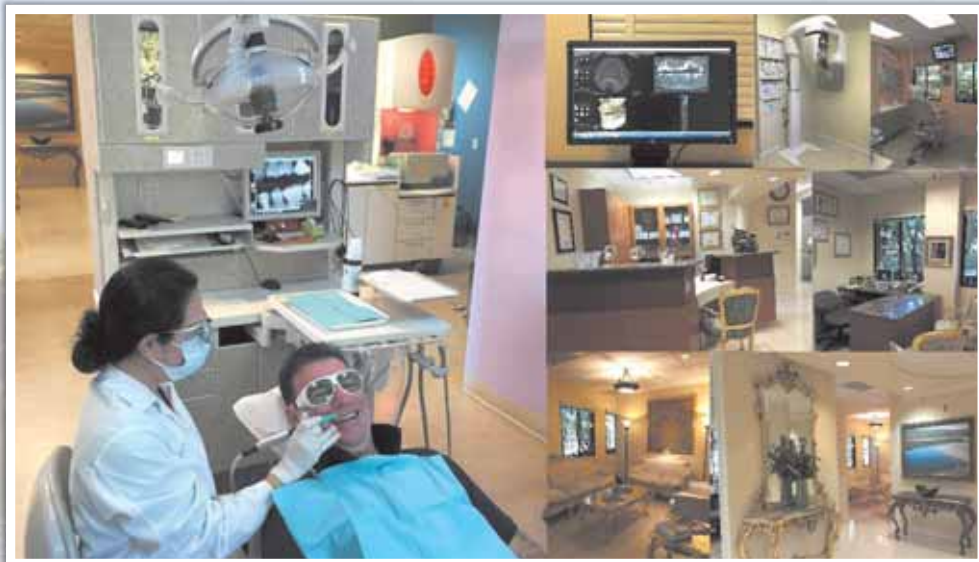
intern or relocate such citizens.

The idea comes from Councilman Ray Mueller, who has drafted an ordinance, but plans to work with the city attorney to iron out the language.

During the presidential election, there was talk of creating a registry of Muslims, Mr. Mueller said. “The reason I brought this forward: I think it’s a no-brainer,” he said. “That’s a violation of civil rights.”

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Contributions to the Holiday Fund go directly to programs that benefit Peninsula residents. Last year, Almanac readers and foundations contributed \$180,000 for the 10 agencies that feed the hungry, house the homeless and provide numerous other services to those in need.

Contributions to the Holiday Fund will be matched, to the extent possible, by generous community organizations, foundations and individuals, including the Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. No administrative costs will be deducted from the gifts, which are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

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Provides after-school academic support, enrichment, and mentoring for 1,800 low-income K-12 youth at nine locations across Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and the North Fair Oaks neighborhood of Redwood City.

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LifeMoves

Provides shelter/housing and supportive services across 18 sites in Silicon Valley and the Peninsula. Serves thousands of homeless families and individuals annually on their path back to permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

Project Read

Provides free literacy services to adults in the Menlo Park area. Trained volunteers work one-on-one to help adults improve reading, writing and English language skills so they can function more effectively at home, at work and in the community. Basic English classes, weekly conversation clubs and volunteer-led computer enrichment are also offered.

Ravenswood Family Health Center

Provides primary medical and preventive health care for all ages at its clinic in East Palo Alto. Of the more than 17,000 registered patients, most are low-income and uninsured and live in the ethnically diverse East Palo Alto, Belle Haven, and North Fair Oaks areas.

Sequoia Adult School Scholars

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StarVista

Serves more than 32,000 people throughout San Mateo County, including children, young people, families with counseling, prevention, early intervention, education, and residential programs. StarVista also provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services including a 24-hour suicide crisis hotline, an alcohol and drug helpline, and a parent support hotline.

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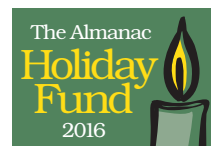
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How Project Read-Menlo changes lives

Story by Mike Goodkind,
Project Read volunteer.

In 2014, 'Atonio Tongia, a native of Tonga, was unemployed, homeless, navigating in a wheelchair as a result of childhood polio, and unable to read or write in any language. With the help of Project Read-Menlo Park, 'Atonio is finding the support and functional literacy skills that have already led him to finding an apartment and to his first corporate job in 62 years of life.

'Atonio began work at the East Palo Alto YMCA in October performing a range of duties, from maintenance to refereeing youth sports and greeting members in the lobby.

His Project Read tutor, Connie Watanabe, a former special education teacher and a retired research assistant at the Stanford Medical Center, says 'Atonio is "ecstatic." He keeps saying "that he now knows for sure that he is in America" — even after living 36 years in California and Hawaii.

"I cannot begin to tell you what a difference this job has already made in 'Atonio's life," she says. "It has increased his sense of self-worth, his self-dignity, tenfold. He's not yet even thinking much about what a regular paycheck will do for him monetarily."

Roberta Roth, literacy program manager for Project Read-Menlo Park, says tutors such as Connie are able to integrate life-skill learning into more traditional literacy tutoring. "We're fortunate to have people such as Connie who have the energy to improvise and go the extra mile to provide life-skills support," Ms. Roth says.

Connie runs a virtual boot-camp, up to two tutoring sessions per week. She uses a variety of techniques available from Project Read, such as flash cards and computer language programs, and exercises that include transcribing 'Atonio's autobiographical stories, so he can practice reading familiar material back to her.

At other times she helps 'Atonio with life skills, such as filling out job and housing applications. Sometimes she goes to the Y or the bank to help 'Atonio navigate online mysteries such as work scheduling, emailing or depositing a check.

"Experiences make me strong," he says.

HOLIDAY FUND

Gifts to the Almanac's Holiday Fund benefit Project Read-Menlo Park and nine other local community-service organizations.

Project Read is always looking for new tutors. While about 90 students are matched with one-on-one tutors, another 25 students are on a waiting list, Ms. Roth says.

Go to projectreadmenlopark.org for more information or contact Ms. Roth at rlroth@menlo-park.org or (650) 330-2525.

Photo by Mike Goodkind

Right: Project Read-Menlo Park tutor Connie Watanabe with her student, 'Atonio Tongia.

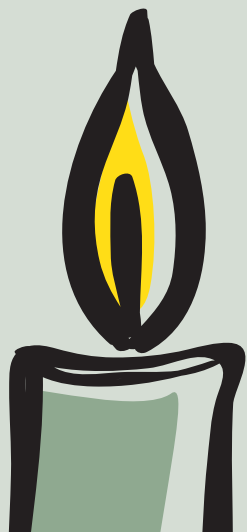


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Philip Adrian McDonnell

September 30, 1921 – November 26, 2016

Long-time Atherton, CA resident and former TIME Inc. advertising executive, **Philip A. McDonnell** passed away peacefully on November 26 in Union City, CA at Acacia Creek Retirement Community, where he lived recently with his wife of 69 years (Catherine T. McDonnell), until her death last May. Philip was 95.



He was born in Dunmore, PA in 1921 to Patrick Lawrence and Margaret Josephine (McAvinney) McDonnell. Philip was the second youngest of their five children raised in Dunmore. His diligent work ethic resulted in a scholarship to Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, MD. He focused his studies in English and Economics becoming editor-in-chief of the Mountain Echo, class valedictorian, and received his B.S. degree in 1943.

A deep love of country inspired Phil to pursue military service. In 1942, he enlisted in the Navy attending Midshipmen School at Northwestern University in Chicago before entering active duty in the South Pacific during WWII. He served with the seventh fleet in New Guinea, as an Operations Officer in Manila, with New York's Port Harbor staff, and later in Naval Intelligence at the Pentagon. His WWII service resulted in an American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. Phil retired as a Lieutenant from the United States Naval Reserve in 1954.

In 1947, Phil married the love of his life, Catherine, of Richmond, VA and Newark, NJ. They raised eight children while moving coast to coast several times as his thirty-three-year career in Advertising with LIFE and TIME Magazines flourished. During his early career as a journalist, Phil wrote for The Washington Post, The Associated Press, The Baltimore Sun, and The Journal of Commerce in New York. Phil eventually became LIFE Magazine's New York Advertising Sales Director, and later TIME Magazine's Western Region Advertising Manager based in San Francisco. Phil and Catherine resided in Atherton for over 46 years.

Phil was a long-time member of the Church of the Nativity in Menlo Park and Sharon Heights Country Club in Menlo Park where he began playing golf in 1967. Phil also served as President of the San Francisco Advertising Club during his professional career.

Throughout his life he worked tirelessly in support of his alma mater, Mount Saint Mary's University in Maryland. Most recently, he served as a steward for the "Class of 1943 Scholarship" Endowment providing nearly 100 student scholarships since its inception. In 2008, Phil received the University's "Bicentennial Medal" for his dedication and service to the college. He described it as one of the highlights of his life.

Philip will be remembered for his selfless acts of kindness, his gentle encouragement to others, and his deep devotion to faith, family, education, and country. He will be missed dearly. His adoring family is eternally grateful for the exemplary role he played in their lives.

He is survived by seven of his eight children: Philip J. McDonnell (Pat) of Menlo Park; Dennis McDonnell (Celeste) of Atherton; Adrienne McDonnell (Barry); Corinne Chavez of Danville; Kevin McDonnell of Pleasanton; David McDonnell (Ardis) of San Ramon; and Carolyn Beckwith (David) of Menlo Park. He was preceded in death by his wife Catherine in May 2016, and his son Douglas Michael McDonnell in 2015. Relatives include 17 nieces and nephews, 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial celebration will be held **Monday, December 19, at 1 pm at Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park, CA.** Friends can R.S.V.P. or email at www.philmemorial.com. A private family burial service is also planned at Holy Cross in Menlo Park, CA.

Memorial donations may be made in Phil's name to: Mount Saint Mary's University, Office of Development, "Class of 1943 Scholarship - Philip A. McDonnell", 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd, Emmitsburg, MD, 21727, or by calling 1-877-630-6102, or to www.tessresearch.org at 655 Oak Grove Ave. #53, Menlo Park, CA 94026.

PAID OBITUARY

Woodside School District puts parcel tax measure on ballot

By **Barbara Wood**
Almanac Staff Writer

A ballot measure asking voters to approve a parcel tax identical to an existing tax that expires June 30 will go before voters in the Woodside Elementary School District in an April 4 special mail-in election.

The measure, which the school board unanimously approved putting on the ballot at its Dec. 6 meeting, asks voters to authorize an annual tax of \$290 per parcel, adjusted annually for the local consumer price index. The tax would expire in eight years. To pass, the measure must be approved by at least two-thirds of district voters.

As of Nov. 8, the district had 2,357 registered voters. The school had 398 students in September. Past elections held by the district have seen very low turnout with only a little over 1,000 voting in a June 2014 bond measure election and 1,134 voting in the last parcel tax election in May 2009.

The district's boundaries include only about half of the town of Woodside, mostly west of Interstate 280. Woodside's Emerald Hills neighborhood and parts of Canada Road east of I-280 are also in the district, but the parts of Woodside west of Philip Road, including part of Mountain Home Road, are in the Portola Valley School District.

The current parcel tax contributes a little more than \$300,000 a year to the district's annual

revenues of about \$10 million.

At the meeting, which did not include a public hearing on the tax measure, school board members discussed only the language of the 75-word ballot measure and the statement that will appear in the voters' pamphlet. They did not talk about why the tax is needed.

In an earlier interview, Superintendent Beth Polito said that the district is not in financial need, but simply wants to extend its expiring parcel tax so it continues to have the \$300,000 in revenue from the current tax.

The district spends about \$21,000 a year per student, the second highest in the state for a district its size.

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

The resolution adopted by the board, however, says "unless (the parcel tax) is extended by voters, the loss of funding will result in a substantial reduction of educational programs."

The district receives a grant of about \$1.8 million a year from the Woodside School Foundation, accounting for about 20 percent of its budget, Superintendent Polito said.

The district spends approximately \$21,000 a year per student, the superintendent said. That's the highest in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties and second highest in the state for a district with between 350 and 450 students. She said the district's funding "allows for small class sizes, robust student support, credentialed full-time staff in art, music, design, (transitional kindergarten) and library."

The number of students at the school has fallen from 452 students in the 2013-14 school year to this year's 398 students, a drop of about 12 percent. During that time the school's property tax revenues increased from \$5.5 million in the 2013-14 fiscal year to a projected \$6.6 million in 2016-17, a 20 percent increase.

During that time, the district's June budget report says, salaries and benefits increased from 79.9 percent of the budget in the 2013-14 fiscal year to a projected 84.3 percent in the 2016-17 year. A three-year budget forecasts that amount increasing to 84.8 percent by 2018-19, including an annual state-mandated increase in retirement costs of about 2 percent each year.

This year's budget includes five administrators — a superintendent, two principals, a business official and a director of special education — plus the full-time equivalents of 42.6 teachers and 12.7 other non-management employees.

According to the state's Ed-data.org website, in 2014-15, the last year for which data is available, Woodside had an average class size of 15.5 students, had a ratio of one credentialed teacher per 10.5 students, and one administrator per 109.5 students.

Those numbers are all better than they were in the 2010-11 school year, when the district had an average class size of 17.6 students, 1 credentialed teacher per 14.2 students, and one administrator per 151 students.

The three-year budget projection made in June did not include the parcel tax as revenue after its expiration date. The projection showed that the loss of the parcel tax revenue would still allow the district to maintain the state required reserve of 4 percent of the general fund budget, getting down to 4.35 percent in the 2018-19 school year if revenues do not increase or expenses are not cut. ■

David Lee Lotz

September 10, 1928 - October 20, 2016

David Lee Lotz, 88, a 37-year resident of Menlo Park, passed away peacefully in sleep, October 20, 2016, in Fairfield, CA.

He graduated from San Jose State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1946 and continued his education at San Jose State University, receiving his Masters of Arts degree in 1958.

He taught for the Southern Humboldt Unified school district for 3 years before moving to Menlo Park in 1953, teaching for the Menlo Park City School District for 35 years.

He taught 4th -8th grades at Encinal Middle School and Oak Knoll Elementary School, retiring in 1988.

His wife of 47 years, Roberta Nunn Lotz, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his five children, Robert (Kathy) Lotz, Patricia (Tom) Walsh, Carolyn (Eric) Jensen, Barbara (Roger) Martinez and Richard (Amy) Lotz, his 11 grandchildren Pamela, Elizabeth, Zach, T.J., Aaron, Josh, Desiree, Chelsea, Coleen, Brandon and Meagan, 5 great-grandchildren, his oldest brother Cyril and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Joe.

A celebration of life was held Sunday, December 11th at the home of his youngest daughter and a private graveside service will be held Monday, December 12th.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org/involved/donate/donateonlinenow/index



PAID OBITUARY

Bears head for state bowl game

By Palo Alto Weekly Sports Staff

Jordan Mims and Aajon Johnson were at it again, running wild behind an offensive line that created opportunity after opportunity. At the end of the night, Menlo-Atherton put together a running attack that scored from just about everywhere on the field.

As a result, the Bears (12-2) are going to a state football bowl game on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m.

M-A beat visiting Manteca, 49-21, Friday night to claim the Northern California Division 3-AA title and will meet Paraclete-Lancaster at a site to be determined.

The Spirits (11-4) advanced with a 34-18 win over Mater Dei Christian (12-2) on Friday night at Antelope Valley College.

Mims rushed for 267 yards and scored four touchdowns. Johnson added scoring runs of 55 and 18 yards and Stavro Papadakis also scored on a 25-yard run.

Mims scored on runs of 13, 31, 72 and 3 yards. Johnson also caught a pass from brother Aaron Johnson to complete a



Photo by Bob Dahlberg

Jordan Mims scored four times to help Menlo-Atherton beat Manteca, 49-21, to win the Division 3-AA Northern California title and earn a spot in a state bowl game.

two-point conversation.

The Bears' defense forced three turnovers, including a fumble recovery that led to a touchdown. Spencer Corona

intercepted a pass in the end zone to prevent a score late in the first half and Tate Tussing picked off a pass in the fourth quarter that sealed it.

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Sunday, December 18, 2016

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Sunday, December 18, 2016

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4:30 pm Catholic Mass

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family service (Doors open at 3:00 pm)

Please bring new, unwrapped toys which will be given to children in need.

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Festival Communion service (Doors open at 7:00 pm)

Please arrive early for Christmas Eve Services. Attendees must arrive together with their group. Saving seats will not be allowed.

Sunday, December 25, 2016

12:00 am Catholic Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

10:00 am Christmas Day Communion Service

12:30 pm Catholic Christmas Day Mass

More info: religiousoffice.stanford.edu/holiday-services

Stanford Office for Religious Life Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford, CA 94305, (650) 723-1762



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NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

ARTICLE 1 INVITATION TO BID

Notice Inviting Bids: Owner will receive sealed Bids at the Town of Woodside Office, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until **2:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 12, 2017** for the following public work:

**TOWN OF WOODSIDE
PORTOLA ROAD CULVERT REPAIR
Located at: PORTOLA ROAD and OLD LA HONDA ROAD**

1.01 Project Description: Install an aggregate base access road from near the Old La Honda Road and Portola Road intersection to the creek top of bank. Install Trash & Debris Rack in the bottom of the existing creek at the west side of Portola Road and install Energy Dissipaters downstream of the creek at the east side of Portola Road.

Work shall be completed within **20 Working Days** from the date when Contract Time commences to run.

1.02 Procurement of Bidding Documents: Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. Bidders may examine a complete hard-copy set of the Bidding Documents at the Town's Public Works Department, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062. Bidders may download a complete set of Bidding Documents available at <http://woodsidetown.org/rfps>.

1.03 Instructions: Bidders shall refer to Document 00 2115 (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.

1.04 NA

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

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

ARTICLE 2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

2.01 Required Contractor's License(s): A California A contractor's license is required to bid this contract. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract. Specialty work may require a specialty contractor's license held by Bidder or a listed subcontractor.

2.02 Required Contractor and Subcontractor Registration

- A. 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.
- B. 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 Substitutions: Bidders must base their bids on products and systems specified in Contract Documents or listed by name in Addenda. Except as provided below, Owner will consider substitution requests only for "or approved equal items." Bidders wanting to use "or approved equal items" may submit request on form to be obtained from Owner no later than **7 days after issuance of Notice of Award**.

2.04 Substitution of Securities: Owner will permit the successful bidder to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract, in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300.

2.05 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.

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

2.07 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE).—this project is subject to Title 49 CFR 26.13(b):

The contractor, sub-recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 cfr, part 26 in the award and administration of dot-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate. Take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBEs have opportunity to participate in the contract (49 cfr 26).

To ensure there is equal participation of the DBE groups specified in 49 cfr 26.5, the agency specifies a goal for disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs). DBE is a firm that meets the definition of DBE.

Make work available to DBEs and select work parts consistent with available DBE subcontractors and suppliers.

Meet the DBE goal shown in the notice to bidders or demonstrate that you made adequate good faith efforts to meet this goal.

It is your responsibility to verify that the DBE firm is certified as DBE at date of bid opening. For a list of DBEs certified by the California Unified Certification Program, go to:

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1. 100 percent counts if the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE manufacturer.
2. 60 percent counts if the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE regular dealer.
3. Only fees, commissions, and charges for assistance in the procurement and delivery of materials or supplies count if obtained from a DBE that is neither a manufacturer nor regular dealer. 49 cfr 26.55 defines "manufacturer" and "regular dealer."

You receive credit towards the goal if you employ a DBE trucking company that performs a commercially useful function as defined in 49 cfr 26.55.

2.08 DBE COMMITMENT SUBMITTAL

Submit DBE information on the local agency bidder DBE commitment (construction contracts), exhibit 15-g form, included in the bid book. If the form is not submitted with the bid, remove the form from the bid book before submitting your bid.

If the DBE commitment form is not submitted with the bid, the apparent low bidder, the 2nd low bidder, and the 3rd low bidder must complete and submit the DBE commitment form to the agency. DBE commitment form must be received by the agency no later than 4:00 p.m. On the 4th business day after bid opening.

Other bidders do not need to submit the DBE commitment form unless the agency requests it. If the agency requests you to submit a DBE commitment form, submit the completed form within 4 business days of the request.

Submit written confirmation from each DBE stating that it is participating in the contract. Include confirmation with the DBE commitment form. A copy of a DBE's quote will serve as written confirmation that the DBE is participating in the contract.

If you do not submit the DBE commitment form within the specified time, the agency finds your bid nonresponsive.

2.09 GOOD FAITH EFFORTS SUBMITTAL

If you have not met the DBE goal, complete and submit the DBE information - good faith efforts, exhibit 15-h form with the bid showing that you made adequate good faith efforts to meet the goal. Only good faith efforts directed towards obtaining participation by DBEs will be considered. If good faith efforts documentation is not submitted with the bid, it must be received by the agency no later than 4:00 p.m. On the 4th business day after bid opening.

If your DBE commitment form shows that you have met the DBE goal or if you are required to submit the DBE commitment form, you must also submit good faith efforts documentation within the specified time to protect your eligibility for award of the contract in the event the agency finds that the DBE goal has not been met.

Good faith efforts documentation must include the following information and supporting documents, as necessary:

1. Items of work you have made available to DBE firms. Identify those items of work you might otherwise perform with its own forces and those items that have been broken down into economically feasible units to facilitate DBE participation. For each item listed, show the dollar value and percentage of the total contract. It is your responsibility to demonstrate that sufficient work to meet the goal was made available to DBE firms.
2. Names of certified DBEs and dates on which they were solicited to bid on the project. Include the items of work offered. Describe the methods used for following up initial solicitations to determine with certainty if the DBEs were interested, and the dates of the follow-up. Attach supporting documents such as copies of letters, memos, facsimiles sent, telephone logs, telephone billing statements, and other evidence of solicitation. You are reminded to solicit certified DBEs through all reasonable and available means and provide sufficient time to allow DBEs to respond.
3. Name of selected firm and its status as a DBE for each item of work made available. Include name, address, and telephone number of each DBE that provided a quote and their price quote. If the firm selected for the item is not a DBE, provide the reasons for the selection.
4. Name and date of each publication in which you requested DBE participation for the project. Attach copies of the published advertisements.
5. Names of agencies and dates on which they were contacted to provide assistance in contacting, recruiting, and using DBE firms. If the agencies were contacted in writing, provide copies of supporting documents.
6. List of efforts made to provide interested DBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract to assist them in responding to a solicitation. If you have provided information, identify the name of the DBE assisted, the nature of the information provided, and date of contact. Provide copies of supporting documents, as appropriate.
7. List of efforts made to assist interested DBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, supplies, and materials, excluding supplies and equipment that the DBE subcontractor purchases or leases from the prime contractor or its affiliate. If such assistance is provided by you, identify the name of the DBE assisted, nature of the assistance offered, and date. Provide copies of supporting documents, as appropriate.
8. Any additional data to support demonstration of good faith efforts.

The agency may consider DBE commitments of the 2nd and 3rd bidders when determining whether the low bidder made good faith efforts to meet the goal

2.10 DBE GOAL FOR THIS PROJECT

The City has established the following goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation for this project:

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE): **5.0 percent**

Caltrans has engaged the services of a contractor to provide supportive services to contractors and subcontractors to assist in obtaining DBE participation on federally funded construction projects. Bidders and potential subcontractors should check the Caltrans website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep> to verify the current availability of this service.

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Atherton: New mayor shares 2017 priorities

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

A busy year is ahead for Atherton, new Mayor Mike Lempres says, with plans and funding for a new civic center, improving safety on El Camino Real, and hiring a new police chief among his priorities.

Mr. Lempres, who was elected to the council in November 2014, was unanimously chosen as mayor by his fellow council members at their Dec. 7 meeting. Cary Wiest, who last served as mayor three years ago, is the new vice mayor. He was also chosen unanimously.

Mr. Wiest and Councilwoman and outgoing Mayor Elizabeth Lewis were sworn in on Dec. 7 to begin new four-year terms, the second for Mr. Wiest and the third for Ms. Lewis. Since no other candidates filed to run for their seats, the election was canceled and they were appointed to their new council terms.

Civic center

Among the plans that Mayor Lempres will oversee is a new civic center. The council is scheduled to give final approval to the civic center plans in February. That would allow the town to put the project out for bids over the summer and begin construction about a year from now, City Engineer Marty Hanneman told the council.

The funding for the civic center is still in question, however, and Mayor Lempres said the council must figure out an answer early next year.

In 2012 Atherton voters approved a measure requiring the town to build the civic center primarily with private donations.

Atherton Now, the group formed to raise donations for the civic center, has admitted it is not going to raise the approximately \$25 million needed. The group's current goal is to raise \$10 million by the end of the year.

"Let there be no doubt we need



Photo by Joe Lewis

Councilman Mike Lempres was appointed mayor by his fellow council members Dec. 7.

a new civic center," Mayor Lempres said, citing the unsafe and deteriorating facilities that the police department and other town employees occupy.

The council and town must shape a new public-private partnership, he said. "We will build a town center that strengthens our community and that we will be

proud of" he said.

Other projects the council will tackle in the coming year, he said, are "a safer and better El Camino Real," the railroad quiet zone, high-speed rail, air traffic noise, and hiring a new police chief. The council will also have to decide in 2017 if it wants to put a parcel tax measure on the ballot.

Mayor Lempres said he plans to work with Atherton's neighboring communities "to help increase communication on development projects that have direct impacts on Atherton." Currently he said, Atherton often learns about projects that will affect the town only after they are nearing final approval. ■

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Left: A miniature world accessible to kids is part of the plan for the new model-train layout at the West Bay Model Railroad Association's home on Merrill Street next to the Caltrain tracks in Menlo Park.

Below: Were it not for the acrylic shielding, images of this train crossing this trestle might fool some of the people some of the time into thinking it's full size. (Cover photo by Dave Boyce.)

How to run a RAILROAD

Menlo Park model railroaders are putting their new layout on the map

Story and photos by Dave Boyce

There was a time when observing a passing freight train did not require the imagination to see normal signs of use and weathering on boxcars and tank cars rolling by. In the 1940s and 1950s, graffiti was not as ubiquitous as it is today. The workhorses of commercial rail traffic were allowed to age gracefully.

You can visit (or revisit) those days, on a small scale, and lose yourself in mid-20th century charms by checking out a new layout, three years in the making with more to come, at the West Bay Model Railroad Association's home in Menlo Park.

The model railroad is inside the wood-frame building at 1090 Merrill St., next to the Caltrain tracks and a few hundred feet southeast of the Menlo Park Caltrain station.

The layout is not officially open until sometime in 2017, Mark Drury, the association's vice president says, but you can try the door most Wednesday evenings or Saturday afternoons and chances are good you'll be welcomed inside.

The layout of trains, tracks and scenery includes finely detailed industrial facilities, a train yard full of cars, a roundhouse that locomotives use to turn around, clouds that will challenge your suspension of disbelief, a precipitous trestle, and a theater marquee featuring "Gone With the Wind" in make-believe neon.

It is a land of make believe. The association is planning "operation sessions" when members of the public can spend two or three hours in an accelerated 24-hour day working on the railroad, including operating a train loaded with raw materials and headed to a distant plant to process those materials into finished goods.

The day may include checking a list of

cars in the train, Mr. Drury says. There may be waybills — instructions related to the shipment of a consignment of goods.

On the way, there may be delays. Perhaps a dispatcher assigns a priority to another train. Maybe you'll have to drop off cars and pick up others. Where in the train will those new cars go and what maneuvers will you have to undertake to get them properly placed?

"It's exactly how a railroad operates, except in miniature," Mr. Drury says. "It's a really interesting facet of the hobby."

Easier for kids

If looked at from above, the new layout resembles a capital letter E with the edges rounded off. Each "leg" of the letter is a peninsula with tracks winding around the edges. Looking at it from the ground, at any point in the layout, "you see only what's in front of you," says club President Clyde King, "which forces you to walk around."

Unlike the previous layout, where kids had to be held by their parents to see most of the trains, the new layout includes an entire set of tracks and sights to see at a height convenient for an 8-year-old.

The trains travel seamlessly between the two levels via a helix — a set of circles arranged like the coils of a spring that allows trains to go from one level to another without human intervention.

The helix is also a terminus. The tracks at the upper and lower ends of the helix lead through tunnels to a hidden staging area. When trains emerge from the staging area or disappear into it, the trains are (in your imagination) coming to the layout from anywhere in the country and leaving for anywhere in the country, Mr. Drury says.

Representing an era when passenger



train travel was common and freight trains were ubiquitous, this layout embodies a gap in the everyday experiences of observers today, particularly children. Asked about how the layout might impress or not impress the children of today, Mr. King noted that "the toughest thing for kids these days is that you don't see trains the way I did."

Mr. King, a resident and native of Menlo Park, says he remembers when the tracks that now run Caltrain commuter trains were far more busy carrying freight.

Freight still passes by. At about 9 p.m. on most weeknights, a freight train will rumble through Menlo Park, usually empty if it's headed south and usually carrying raw materials for regional industrial destinations if going north.

On a Wednesday night, when the freight train's mournful horn breaks the ambient silence, it's a signal to the model railroaders at their Merrill Street sanctuary. By the time the train arrives, the entire club is usually outside to watch it go by, to count the cars and see what the train is carrying, Mr. Drury says. "For whatever reason, it's a big part of the club's thing," he says.

Laying it out

The new layout represents about three years of work, Mr. Drury says. While tracks can be bought off the shelf, the switches — and there are hundreds of them — are made by hand.

"A switch has to be very, very finely tuned to get the wheels through there consistently," Mr. Drury says. "Switches can ruin a layout pretty quickly if they're not very carefully built."

Each train car or locomotive has to meet standards and includes tiny adjustments that can raise or lower the coupling devices and adjust the wheels for width. Each car is weighed. Cars that are too light will wobble or tip over; too heavy and they will demand too much from the locomotive. Each car must also pass a test rolling down an inclined plane.

The layout's backdrops are mostly based on lithographs available for model trains. The original paintings are by Jessica King. She is self taught, her father Clyde King says. "She just likes to draw and paint."

Club member Jeff Savitz recalls the circumstances around one painting. "We got a Midwest scene. What do we need?" he says. "We need a tornado." Ms. King painted them one.

The prominent trestle bridges — over a river and crossing a canyon — are by Mr. King. The bridge over the canyon, with trains emerging from a tunnel, took about four and half months to build, he says.

To join the club, would-be members attend three meetings, pick a project to work on, and the members vote you in, Mr. Savitz says. "We've never voted anybody out," he adds. Dues are \$200 a year.

"We're always looking for new members," Mr. Drury says. Members' ages range from the 20s to the 70s. "It's fun," he says. "A really fun group of people." ■

■ INFORMATION

To visit the layout, try the door at 1090 Merrill St. in Menlo Park most Wednesday evenings or Saturday afternoons.
Website: wbmrra.ning.com

City installs red-light cameras at Chilco, Bayfront Expressway

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A red-light camera monitoring system — to catch drivers running red lights — has been installed at Bayfront Expressway and Chilco Street in eastern Menlo Park.

This is the fourth location for the red-light cameras in Menlo Park.

The intersection was chosen “because of a high volume of collisions due to speed and red-light violations,” according to Nicole Acker, spokesperson for the Menlo Park Police Department.

Running red lights has caused 28 percent of major injury collisions and 14 percent of fatality collisions in Menlo Park, police say.

In August 2011, a fatality occurred at that intersection when Richard Buckley, a 64-year-old bicyclist, died after his bike and a Lincoln Town car collided.

Menlo Park ranks second-worst out of 92 cities of similar size statewide for the number of victims involved in traffic collisions, according to 2013 rankings from the California Office of Traffic Safety.

The penalty for a red-light violation is one point on a driving record and a minimum fine of \$380, according to the city’s website.

The cameras

The system uses a radar sensor to detect when a car is traveling too fast toward an intersection to stop at a red light, according to Sgt. Matthew Ortega, who supervises the city’s red-light enforcement program.

Once the sensor is triggered, it activates cameras to snap photos that record the car’s position in the intersection, the license plate and the driver’s face. The cameras, when triggered, also record 12 seconds of live-streaming video, 6 seconds before and 6 seconds after a violation,

according to Ms. Acker.

After the photos and videos are collected, they go to Redflex Traffic Systems, which has a contract with Menlo Park to install, maintain and operate the red-light cameras, according to Sgt. Ortega.

The city pays about \$6,200 per month for the service, according to Hilory Brown, who enforces red light laws in Menlo Park.

In 2015, there were 4,356 citations issued in Menlo Park that were associated with the red-light cameras, she said.

The other intersections in Menlo Park that are monitored by red-light cameras are: Bayfront Expressway at Willow Road, two approaches at the El Camino Real and Ravenswood Avenue intersection, and El Camino Real and Valparaiso Avenue.

Redflex does the first round of filtering the captured images for the Menlo Park Police

See **RED-LIGHT CAMERAS** page 22



Photo: Menlo Park Fire Protection District

Fire investigators say the Dec. 7 apartment fire started in the kitchen. A resident said she had been cooking bacon when a phone call distracted her.

Kitchen fire displaces two

A one-alarm kitchen fire Dec. 7 displaced two Menlo Park residents and caused \$80,000 of damage to their apartment, fire officials said.

Firefighters arrived at the two-story, 16-unit apartment building on Oak Grove Avenue at about 3:05 p.m. and brought the blaze under control within seven minutes, Menlo Park Fire Protection District Chief Harold Schapelhouman said.

One of the residents said that she had been cooking bacon on the kitchen stovetop when a phone call distracted her. Fire Marshal Jon Johnston validated the cause and origin as “accidental, human error.”

“Unattended cooking fires are the most common type of fire we see,” Chief Schapelhouman said. “It’s easy to get distracted by a phone call, ball game, someone at the door, bathroom break or some other event. We recommend you turn off the burner and move the pan or dish to another location while you are out of the kitchen.”

A resident was examined for smoke inhalation and possible burns but was not taken to a hospital, he said.

Fire officials estimated the structural damage at \$50,000 and loss and damage to contents within the apartment at \$30,000.

— Bay City News Service

Two bus shelters coming to Belle Haven

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

After years of residents’ requests for bus shelters in Belle Haven, the city has approved a contract with SamTrans to build two shelters: at Marketplace Park and the Onetta Harris Community Center.

Marketplace Park is located at the corner of Market Place and Hamilton Avenue, and the Onetta Harris Community Center is located at 100 Terminal Ave.

After the shelters are ordered, it is expected to take several months for them to arrive and be installed. Meanwhile, the sites will be prepared for the shelters.

City staff will keep looking into getting three shelter stops on Willow Road: at Newbridge

Street, Ivy Drive, and possibly Hamilton Avenue.

SamTrans has specific requirements for where the agency will install bus shelters, according to a staff report.

To be eligible, a transit stop has to serve more than 200 passengers a day, be visible to traffic, and be located in an area that is urbanized. The spread of shelter locations should also parallel areas in the county with minority census tracts, the report said.

The process was complicated by a potential violation of the city’s municipal code that advertising on the bus shelters could create. SamTrans contracts with a company called Outfront Media, which replaces and maintains bus shelters at no cost to SamTrans or local agencies by allowing advertisements at the

shelter. Advertising revenues cover the costs of building and maintaining the shelters.

However, the city’s municipal code bans signs and advertising in the public right-of-way in many circumstances.

The city attorney decided that advertisements are OK after SamTrans explained the kinds of advertisements it allows. Advertisements that include political, religious, defamatory, obscene or misleading messages, or those that promote alcohol or tobacco products are not allowed.

An agreement allowing advertising at the city’s other bus shelters is in the works. Those shelters are located at Middlefield Road near USGS, Ravenswood Avenue near SRI, Willow Road near Durham Avenue, and El Camino Real near Encinal Avenue. ■

Extended free parking downtown made permanent

A one-year trial to extend free downtown street parking to 90 minutes from one hour and lot parking to three hours from two hours was made permanent Dec. 6, with the approval of the Menlo Park City Council.

Councilwoman Kirsten Keith asked staff to find a way to make the city’s parking permits transferable, so that employees at the same business switching off shifts won’t each have to

have their own permit. Parking lot 4, where Draeger’s is located, still has a parking limit of two hours.

Grade separations

City staff and consultants from AECOM presented to the Menlo Park Planning Commission on Dec. 5 their research on the feasibility of three options to separate Menlo Park’s roads from the

Caltrain tracks they cross.

Option A would tunnel Ravenswood Avenue under the Caltrain tracks, Option B would raise the Caltrain line and lower Ravenswood and Oak Grove avenues, and Option C would do the same thing as option B, but also include Glenwood Avenue in the project.

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Driver in police chase could face prison time

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A sentence of up to two years in prison could be ahead for a 36-year-old driver who led Menlo Park police on a dramatic chase in July that involved running stop signs and colliding with another vehicle and a fire hydrant. The pursuing officer was injured after striking a curb with her motorcycle.

Evaimalo Palemene, 36, of East Palo Alto pleaded no-contest on Dec. 5 to one count of resisting arrest and one count of evading a police officer, according to a report from the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

Both counts are felonies and prosecutors sought a maximum of three years in prison, District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said. Mr. Palemene remains in jail on a \$100,000 bail, prosecutors said. His next court appearance is a sentencing hearing set for Jan. 23.

The incident that led to Mr.

Palemene's arrest took place on July 11, when a Menlo Park police officer on a motorcycle observed a driver who was talking on a cellphone run a stop sign at the intersection of Hamilton Avenue and Sage Street in Menlo Park, prosecutors said.

When the officer tried to stop the driver in traffic, the driver made a U-turn and sped away. A chase ensued with the driver doing 50 mph in a 30 mph zone, running another stop sign and broadsiding a vehicle that was leaving a gas station about seven blocks away, prosecutors said.

The driver lost control and spun out, collided with a fire hydrant and left the vehicle, fleeing to a strip mall, prosecutors said.

The police officer struck a curb with her motorcycle and was thrown into a light pole, leaving her with a broken wrist, prosecutors said.

Officers found Mr. Palemene "hiding in bushes near the railroad tracks," prosecutors said. ▀

Gas leak ignites and melts water main

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A break in a small gas line that burned a hole in a large water main led first to shooting flames and then to jets of water on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, at 300 Sand Hill Circle in Menlo Park.

An electrical worker from Pacific Gas & Electric had been working in a hole in the street when a spark from his activities ignited gas from an unknown leak in a 3/4-inch gas line, according to Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

The electrical worker was not injured, the chief said, thanks to protective clothing he was wearing when the fire started. Flames shot as high as 6 feet, the chief said.

A PG&E crew shut down the gas supply when they arrived, about 30 minutes after the initial report, the chief said. A crew from the water authority did the same for the water main after about 45 minutes, he said.

Firefighters went door to door and evacuated about 20 residents from the apartment complex potentially threatened



Photo: Menlo Park Fire Protection District

A leaking gas line at 300 Sand Hill Circle in Sharon Heights ignited and melted a water main.

by the broken gas line. No one was injured, the chief said.

A homeowner nearby took in about half the residents and the nearby Rosewood Sand Hill Hotel gave shelter to the others, Chief Schapelhouman said. Officers from the Menlo Park Police Department helped in shuttling people to and from

the hotel, he said.

Firefighters learned of a fire "in the street" at 8:22 p.m. and arrived on the scene at about 8:30 p.m., he said.

Fire crews had an advantage in that the leaking gas was on fire, the chief said. "When it's on fire, you know where it is," he said. ▀

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PUBLIC HEARING

1. Hao Zhong & Mya Tran ASRB2016-0031, XSET2016-0004, VARI2016-0007, GRAD2016-0002
90 Roan Place Planner: Sean Mullin, Associate Planner

Review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal to construct a new single-family residence, a new vehicular gate, and other landscaping and site improvements on an undeveloped lot at 90 Roan Place. The project requires Planning Commission review and approval of a Setback Exception to reduce the required side setback from 50 feet to 30.92 feet; a Variance to the Natural State requirement; and a Grading Exception to allow grading in excess of 1,500 cubic yards and cuts and fills with depths exceeding 8 feet. The Project includes construction of a retaining wall within a public utility and equestrian easement, within which no utilities or trail is located.

2. Alyn Beals ASRB2016-0026; GRAD2016-0003
153 Marva Oaks Drive Planner: Corinne Jones, Assistant Planner

Presentation and consideration of a proposal requiring Formal Design Review, to construct a two-story main residence with an attached garage and a partial basement; an accessory structure (workshop); an Accessory Living Quarters (gate house); a swimming pool; and, associated landscaping and landscape lighting. Formal Design Review is being completed by the Planning Commission because the project includes an additional entitlement, a Grading Exception (GRAD2016-0003), in order to exceed 1,500 cubic yards of grading.

3. Town of Woodside ZOAM2016-0004
Townwide Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Review and Approval/Denial of a Resolution of Intention and Recommendation to the Town Council to Amend Chapter 153 (Zoning) of the Woodside Municipal Code as it pertains to definitions, text changes, and permitted use modifications required by State law and listed as action items in the 2015-2023 Town of Woodside General Plan Housing Element Program.

All application materials are available for public review at the Woodside Planning and Building Counter, Woodside Town Hall, weekdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Woodside Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.

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Theater

The Hip Hop Nutcracker Tchaikovsky's ballet masterpiece gets a fresh hip-hop remix as Peninsula Ballet Theatre brings the holiday favorite into the distant future. In this re-imagination, Clara celebrates the holidays with her friends at her Victorian Scotland home. When she falls into a deep sleep, she is transported to the enchanted realm of Hip Hop Land, where she encounters a mysterious wizard and the Sugar Plum Tribe. Prouettes are replaced with popping, and Tchaikovsky's iconic score gets a modern mashup in this spin. Dec. 16, 7 p.m. \$30. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City.

'Oy, Humbug!' Curtains Cabaret presents "Oy, Humbug!" a burlesque variety show that celebrates the winter holidays that Christmas forgot. Dec. 24, 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$10-\$20. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City.

Music

A Chanticleer Christmas A Stanford holiday tradition for more than two decades, Chanticleer, the Grammy-winning male ensemble, performs a variety of songs, from Gregorian chant to carols from around the world, ancient polyphony and African American spirituals. Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

35th Annual Gryphon Carolers Holiday Concert highlights music from all over the world. Dec. 17, 7-10 p.m. \$15-\$25. Canada College Main Theatre, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Woodside.

Annual Messiah Sing / Play Along, conducted by Stephen Sano. Orchestral parts will be provided, and singers may purchase scores at the door or bring their own. Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$15. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. music.stanford.edu

Crafting a Truly Fulfilling Life Program features filmed interview with Dennis Drake, founder of International Deaf Education Association. During the program, participants tell about times they've felt fulfillment in their lives. Dec. 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany, 1095 Cloud Ave., West Menlo Park.

Guitarist Carlos Pavan returns to perform a recital of music from Argentina along with his original works. Free event made possible by Friends of Menlo Park Library. No reservations necessary. Dec. 28, 7 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. business.menloparkchamber.com

Holiday Organ Recital: Robert Huw Morgan, Stanford university organist, presents annual holiday recital. Dec. 18, 1:30 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Kings Mountain Sound Immersion Sounds and vibrations of singing bowls, gongs and chimes created by sound therapist, Danny Goldberg. Participants asked to bring yoga mat, pillow and blankets. The room will be heated. Dec. 18, 11 a.m.-noon. \$25-\$30. Kings Mountain Sound Immersion, Kings Mountain Community Center, Woodside.

Live Music: Dave Crimmen "Holly Day" show features the Jordanettes for the "Candy Cane Express" Christmas Show. Music inspired by likes of Elvis Presley, Little Richard and Chuck Berry, setting out to emulate their

feel-good, rock-out vibes. Dec. 17, 8-10 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City.

Talks & Lectures

Russia: Looking Back and Looking Ahead A panel of four top Russia experts discuss the U.S.-Russia relationship at a time when it seems the bleakest since the end of the Cold War. Dec. 14, 2 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Art

Alice Weil's 'Fresh Strokes', a collection of new oil paintings by Menlo Park artist Alice Weil. The exhibit includes still life, garden and landscape paintings featuring bold, lush brushwork. The result is fun, loose, whimsical and full of rich color. Mondays-Saturdays, Dec. 1-31, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Food & Drink

Christmas Eve Celebration On Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, LB Steak in Menlo Park will open for lunch and dinner with the last seating at 9:00 p.m., serving the regular a la carte dinner menu plus a la carte specials. Dec. 24, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., lunch; 4 p.m., dinner. Menu prices vary. LB Steak, 898 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.

Murder Mystery Dinner Series Theme is "Casablanca Intrigue." Diners are welcomed to 1940 and Morocco, entering Sam's Alcazar Chateau Gambling Palace in the Casbah. They should be on alert for refugees and spies following the fall of France to Hitler's army. Though they are invited to enjoy Sam's party, they are advised to guard their secrets and their passport. Decipher the deceit and they may win the prize. Dec. 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$17-\$25. Angelicas, 863 Main St., Redwood City. smccvb.com

Lessons & Classes

Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve Nature Walk Edgewood Park docent Rebecca Reynolds leads a nature walk during which participants will learn about moss. Walkers are asked to bring a hand lens if they have one as well as water, a hat, sturdy shoes, sunscreen and a snack. The leisurely 3-mile hike traverses gentle hills and lasts three hours. Restrooms and water are available near the main entrance. Dogs not allowed in the park. Dec. 17, 10 a.m. Free. Edgewood Park & Natural Preserve, 10 Old Stage Coach Road, Redwood City.

Health & Wellness

Woodside Ramble Runners explore Huddart and Wunderlich parks and the many small streams, gullies and redwoods throughout them. Runners may spot deer and foxes along the way. Dec. 17, 8 a.m. \$70. Woodside Ramble, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside. trailrunner.com/event/woodside-ramble/

Et Alia

7th Annual Chanukah Festival, hosted by Chabad MidPen. Unity Menorah will be created. Everyone invited to participate. Music, latkes and donuts. Dec. 27, 5:30 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. redwoodcity.org

Mystery Readers Group Trivia & Holiday Party The Mystery Readers Group convenes for an annual holiday party. Food and trivia. Dec. 21, 7:15 p.m. Free. Downstairs Program Room, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org



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NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE

TOWN OF ATHERTON, CA

At the November 16, 2016 City Council meeting Council adopted the following ordinance:

Ordinance 621

An ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Atherton rescinding the rates set forth in ordinance 617 and setting the rates for solid waste/recycling collection services.

For a complete copy of the refuse and recyclable material rates Ordinance 621 please contact Judi Herren at jherren@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650- 752-0585.



West Bay Sanitary District Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District Board of the West Bay Sanitary District will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday evening, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider a proposed increase in some of the existing residential customer rates for year 2017 effective April 1, 2017 for the collection of waste/recyclable materials in the West Bay Sanitary District for 2017.

The need for this increase was discussed by the District Board at the October 26, 2016 Board meeting. The staff report for this matter is available at the District Office located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park or online at www.westbaysanitary.org

WHAT ARE THE NEW RATES:

Approximately fifty-five percent (55%) of residential service containers are a 32 gallon size. The new proposed rates for 2017 for a 32 gallon container would increase from \$37.60 per month to \$40.23 per month, a \$2.63 per month increase. Beginning in 2018 residential customers retaining a 20 gallon container will be billed at the same rate as those with a 32 gallon container in an effort to fully reflect the cost of service.

Currently, the 20 and 32 gallon cans are priced below the cost-of-service level. The District will be restructuring pricing, over time, so that a transition is made whereby the smaller cans will support the cost of collection and disposal.

The following table shows the current rates and the proposed rates for West Bay Sanitary District Franchised Customers to be effective beginning April 1, 2017.

Proposed Maximum Solid Waste Rates for 2017

Customer Service Level	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Monthly Rate	Monthly Increase	Current Quarterly Rate	Proposed Quarterly Rate	Quarterly Increase
Residential:						
20 gallon can	\$23.30	\$27.96	\$4.66	\$69.90	\$69.90	\$6.90
32 gallon can	\$37.60	\$40.23	\$2.63	\$112.80	\$112.80	\$10.80
64 gallon can	\$73.70	\$73.70	\$0.00	\$221.10	\$221.10	\$0.00
96 gallon can	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$0.00
*Commercial: (Per Pick Up)						
	Current	Proposed	Increase (Decrease) (Per Pick Up)			
1 yard bin	\$227.81	\$216.42	(\$11.39)	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 yard bin	\$432.35	\$410.73	(\$21.62)	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 yard bin	\$481.45	\$457.38	(\$24.07)	N/A	N/A	N/A
4 yard bin	\$641.92	\$609.82	(\$32.10)	N/A	N/A	N/A
6 yard bin	\$795.78	\$755.99	(\$39.79)	N/A	N/A	N/A
32-gallon cart	\$37.60	\$35.72	(\$1.88)	N/A	N/A	N/A
64-gallon cart	\$73.70	\$70.02	(\$3.68)	N/A	N/A	N/A
96-gallon cart	\$110.00	\$104.50	(\$5.50)	N/A	N/A	N/A

At this hearing, the Board of Directors will consider public comment as well as written protests by ratepayers regarding the proposed increase in collection rates. If you would like additional information on the proposed rates, please call the District at 650-321-0384.

Any person interested, including all solid waste/recycling collection customers of the West Bay Sanitary District, may appear at the public hearing and be heard on any matter related to the proposed increase in rates.

West Bay Sanitary District
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■ POLICE CALLS

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WOODSIDE

Laser misuse: The pilot of a Surf Air flight told deputies that someone in the vicinity of Mountain Home Road and Mountain Home Lane shined a green laser at the plane heading to San Carlos Airport at an altitude of about 5,000 feet. There were no injuries, deputies said. Dec. 2.

Thefts: Thieves entered two unlocked vehicles on High Road, stealing a laptop computer, shoes and a bag of clothing from one and three golf clubs and papers from the other. Nov. 29 and 30.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglaries:

■ A burglar removed the screen from an unlocked window of a

house on Sharon Park Drive, entered the house and stole jewelry and \$800 in cash. Estimated losses: \$5,800. Dec. 5.

■ Someone kicked in the front door of a home on Concord Drive and stole a laptop computer, a passport, a pillowcase and costume jewelry. Estimated losses: \$1,380. Dec. 9.

Attempted commercial burglary:

A would-be burglar broke a window at Apptimize Inc. at 111 Independence Drive, but never entered the business. The perpetrator fled in a gray or silver truck after being told by an employee in the building that police would be called. Dec. 5.

Thefts:

■ Someone stole a bike locked to a bike rack outside the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real. Estimated loss: \$2,500. Dec. 7.

■ A woman returned to her red 1992 Mazda Miata sports car parked on Bohannon Drive to discover that someone had stolen the car's hard top. Estimated loss: \$1,000. Dec. 5.

■ Thieves stole bicycles at two Willow Road addresses, one bike

locked and sitting in an apartment staircase and the other sitting unattended outside a storage unit. Estimated losses: \$1,000 and \$700. Dec. 9.

■ Someone stole a Willow Road resident's keys to her mailbox and safe deposit box. Estimated loss: \$61. Dec. 6.

■ Police arrested a Pacifica man in connection with the theft of razor blades and boxes of medication from the CVS pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real. Police also found the man to be in possession of methamphetamine. Dec. 6.

Fraud:

■ Someone used forged prescriptions to acquire oxycodone at the CVS pharmacy on Sharon Park Drive, once in September and once in October, and charged the prescriptions without authorization to someone else's account. Dec. 2.

■ A resident of Willow Road found that someone had transferred \$1,000 from his checking and savings account into an unknown account. Dec. 8.

Immigrant rights forum at M-A

■ BRIEFS

A community forum to discuss what could change for immigrant families and students during a Trump administration will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Menlo-Atherton High School Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton.

The forum is being presented by the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, partners with the Collaborative Resources for Immigration Services, and the Sequoia Union High School District.

The discussion will include a presentation on possible immigration law changes, how students' education and financial aid may be affected, and information about legal rights.

Call or text (415) 967-0970 to register to attend. The first 50 to register will receive a free immigration law consultation.

Atherton Now

The group seeking donations for a new Atherton civic center, Atherton Now, has raised more than \$550,000 toward a \$1 million matching grant, with the goal of getting to a \$10 million total by the end of the year, according to the latest report

from the group.

The group had raised a little over \$6 million, with donations by 96 Atherton residents, by Dec. 1.

"While donations come in daily, we need help crossing the finish line," said Atherton Now's Didi Fisher. "Currently our momentum is strong across all ranges of donations."

Train horns

Angry and frustrated after a recent report showed Caltrain is repeatedly violating Atherton's quiet zone, City Council members said they'll work with Caltrain to resolve the problem before going to federal officials to ask for enforcement.

The council discussed a report by acoustical engineers Edward L. Pack Associates of San Jose at its Dec. 7 meeting. The report shows 19 of 92 southbound trains, or just under 21 percent, blowing their horns over two days near recording equipment set up by the consultants in the quiet zone.

Go to is.gd/KAiQ50 for more information.

RED-LIGHT CAMERAS

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Department, Sgt. Ortega said. Then, trained police officers and staff go through the information Redflex sends them, verifying vehicle information

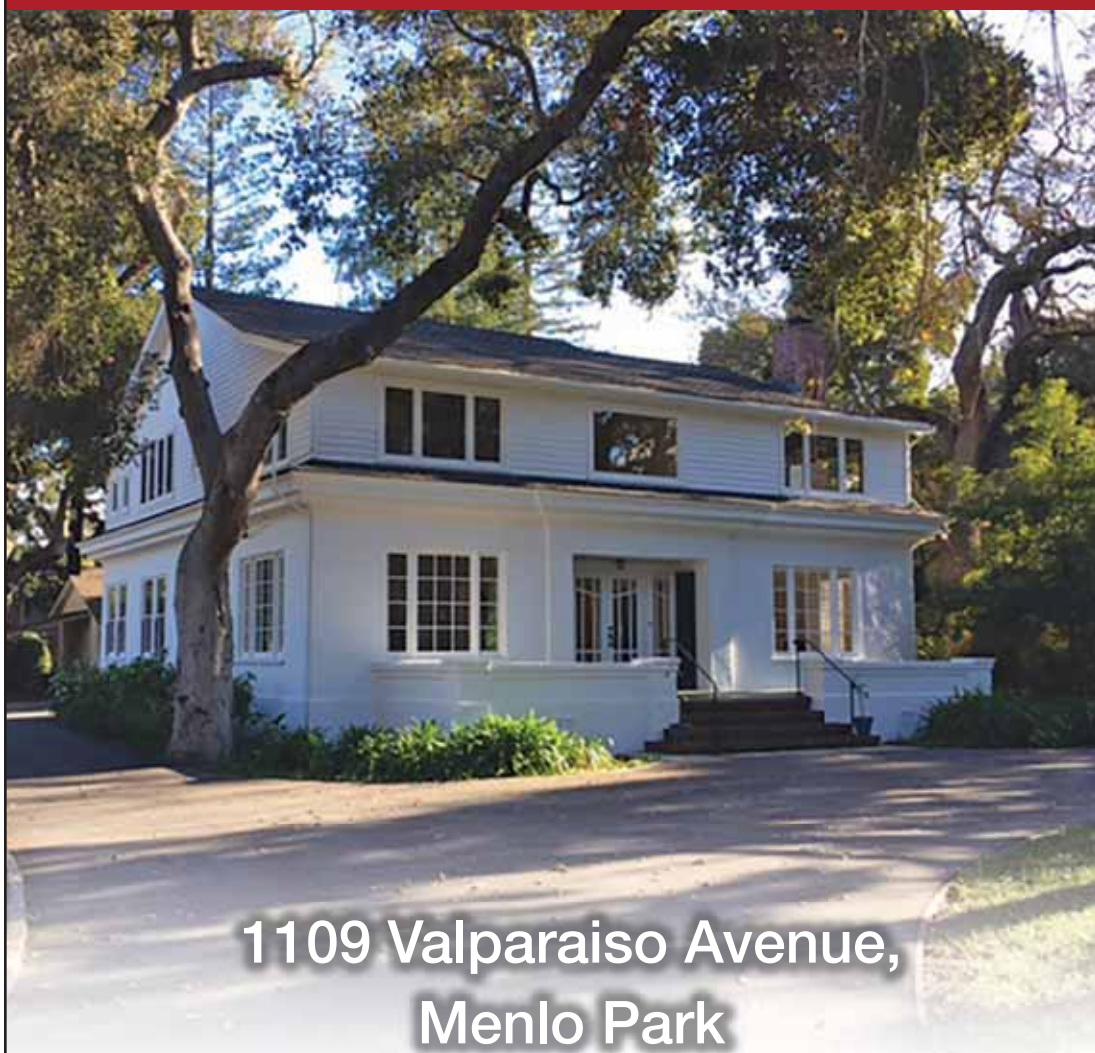
and ensuring the vehicle was in violation.

For the red-light camera system at Chilco Street and Bayfront Expressway, there will be a 30-day grace period that ends at midnight on Jan. 7, 2017. Citations will begin getting sent

by mail starting Jan. 8, according to the police department.

The city's transportation department and police department worked with Caltrans to get permission to install the cameras, according to Menlo Park city staff. ▣

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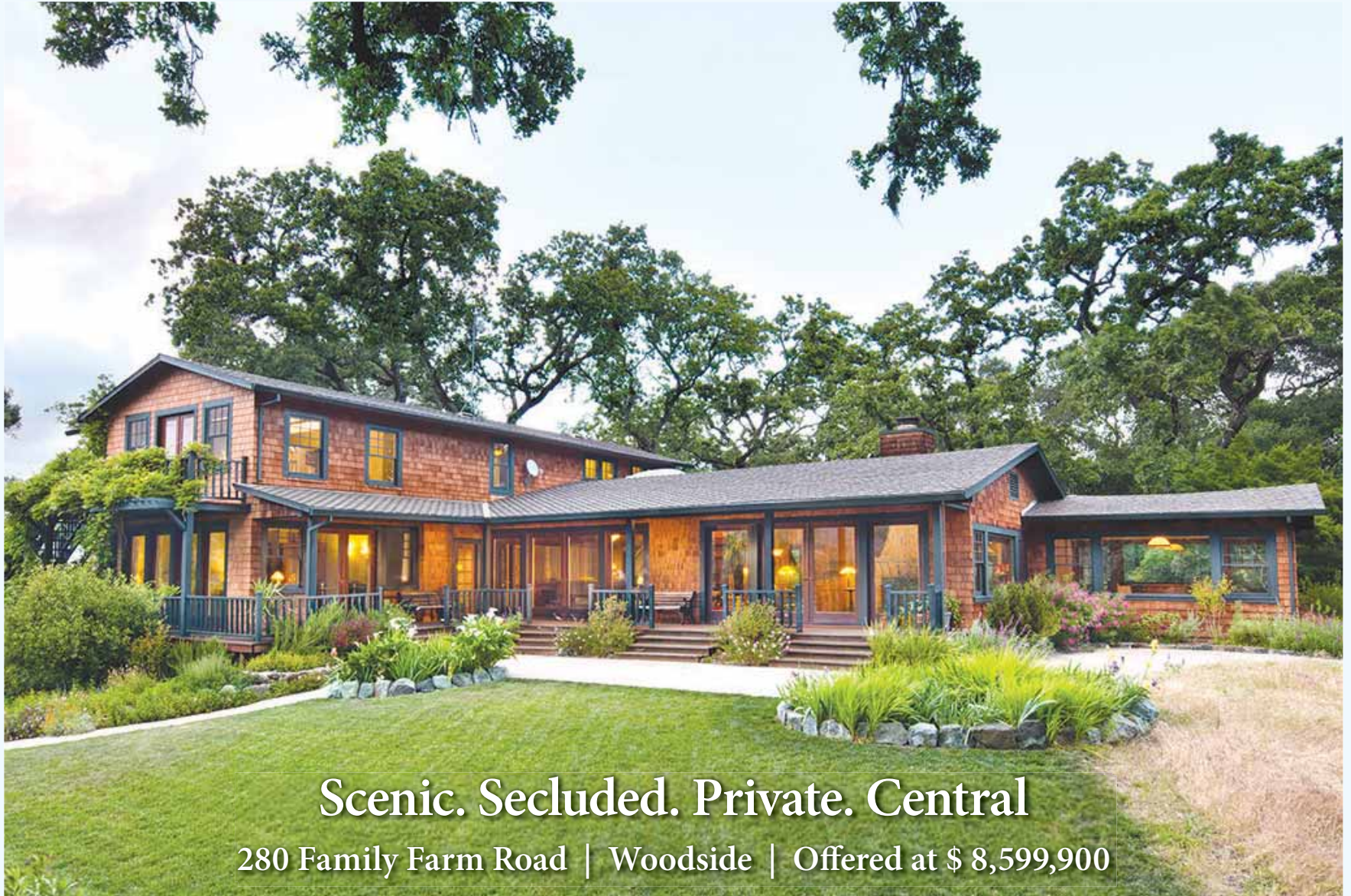
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Public Notices

**995 Fictitious Name
Statement**

CALIFORNIA CANNABIS COMPANY
THE CALIFORNIA JOINT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271370

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
1.) California Cannabis Company, 2.) The
California Joint, located at 29 Fairway
Place, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, San
Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
CALIFORNIA CANNABIS CULTIVATION
COMPANY
29 Fairway Place

Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
This business is conducted by: A
Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on November 7, 2016.
(ALM Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2016)

PREMIER MEDICAL CARE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271493

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
Premier Medical Care, located at 1860 El
Camino Real, Ste. 321, Burlingame, CA
94010, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
LAKOWSKY AND BATLIN MEDICAL CORP.
1860 El Camino Real Ste. 321
Burlingame, CA 94010
California

This business is conducted by: A
Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 11/17/16.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on November 17, 2016.
(ALM Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2016)

TEL (Tertulia de Escritoras Latinas)
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271359
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
TEL (Tertulia de Escritoras Latinas), locat-
ed at 3142 Middlefield Road, Redwood

City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
DANIELA AGUILERA
2853 Blenheim Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94063
LUZ MARIA GORDOA
1036 Dodge Dr.
Redwood City, CA 94063

This business is conducted by: A General
Partnership.

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 November 4, 2016.
(ALM Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2016)

VIA RAPIDA SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271581

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Via Rapida Services, located at 1731 E.
Bayshore Rd. East Palo Alto, CA 94303,
San Mateo County; Mailing address:
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94607.

Registered owner(s):
VIA RAPIDA LLC
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This business is conducted by: A Limited
Liability Company.

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name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on November 29, 2016.
(ALM Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016)

TRINITY CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271591

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Trinity Construction Services, located at
313 Camaritas Ave., SSF, CA 94080, San
Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
PETER VLAHAKOS
313 Camaritas Ave.
SSF, CA 94080
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 November 30, 2016.
(ALM Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016)

CSM CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271499

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
CSM Consulting, located at 325 Sharon
Park Drive, Suite 327, Menlo Park, CA
94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
MARGOT CONSULTING, INC.
325 Sharon Park Drive, Suite 327
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California

This business is conducted by: A
Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 11/3/2016.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on November 17, 2016.
(ALM Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2016; Jan. 4, 2017)

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.: 16CIV02672
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: AMY GREENE filed a petition
with this court for a decree changing
names as follows:
JOSEPH XAVIER EUBANKS to JOSEPH
XAVIER GREENE.

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 sched-
uled 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: January 13, 2017,
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: December 2, 2016
/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2016; Jan. 4, 2017)

ESCROW NO: 19681-PD
DATE: December 6, 2016
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(SECS. 6104, 6105 U.C.C. & B & P 24073
et seq.)

Notice is hereby given to creditors of
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may constitute a bulk sale has been or
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partnership, or corporate names and the
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and addresses used by the seller within
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Farah Nadeem, Member By: Zeeshan
Siddiqui, Member

12/14/16
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE
OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN
MATEO

PENINAH KANIU, an Individual,
Petitioner,
vs.
DELEON HILL, individually and doing
business as HBC CONSTRUCTION,
Respondent

Case No.: 16 CIV 00578
[Unlimited Jurisdiction]

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO
CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARD
Date: February 10, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Dept.: Law & Motion
NO TRIAL DATE

To Deleon Hill, individually and doing
business as HBC Construction and to
his attorney of record at the arbitration
Vernon Goins.

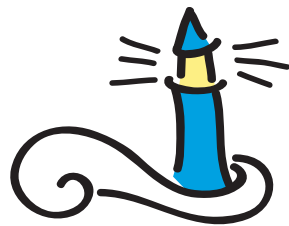
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on
Friday, February 10, 2017, at 9:00 AM
in the Law and Motion Department
of the above entitled Court located at
400 County Center, Redwood City, CA
94063, Peninah Kaniu will move the
court for entry of an Order confirming
the Arbitration Award of the Arbitrator
Elizabeth Tippen rendered on June
13, 2016. The motion will be based
on this Notice, the Petition to Confirm
Arbitration Award, the Memorandum
of Law and the records and files in this
action.

Dated: December 6, 2016

/s/
Brian W. Newcomb
Attorney for Petitioner Peninah Kaniu
(ALM Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2016; Jan. 4, 2017)

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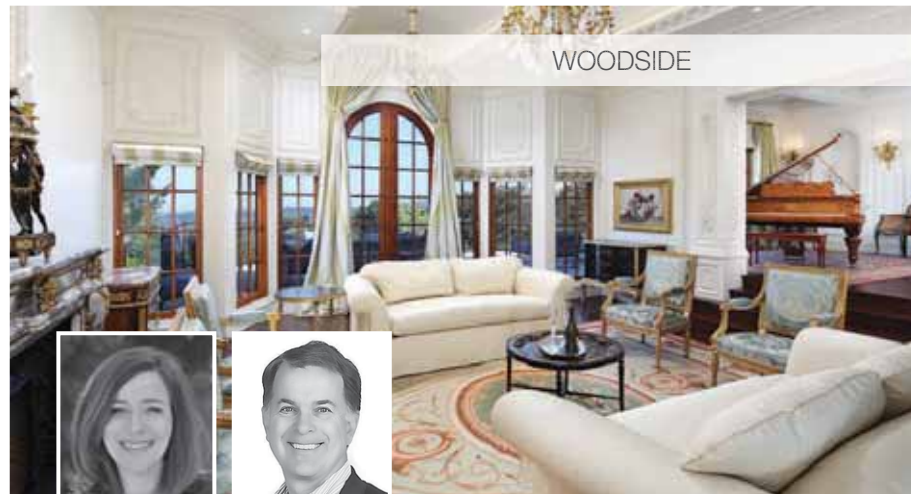


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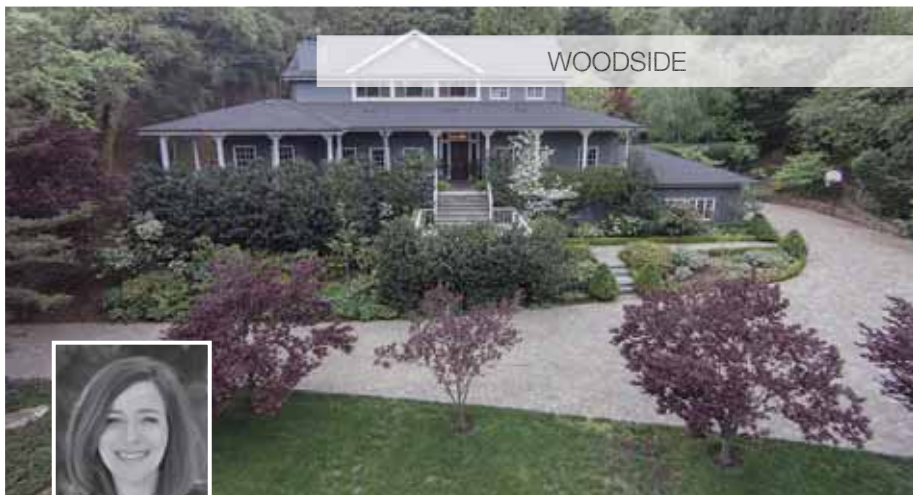


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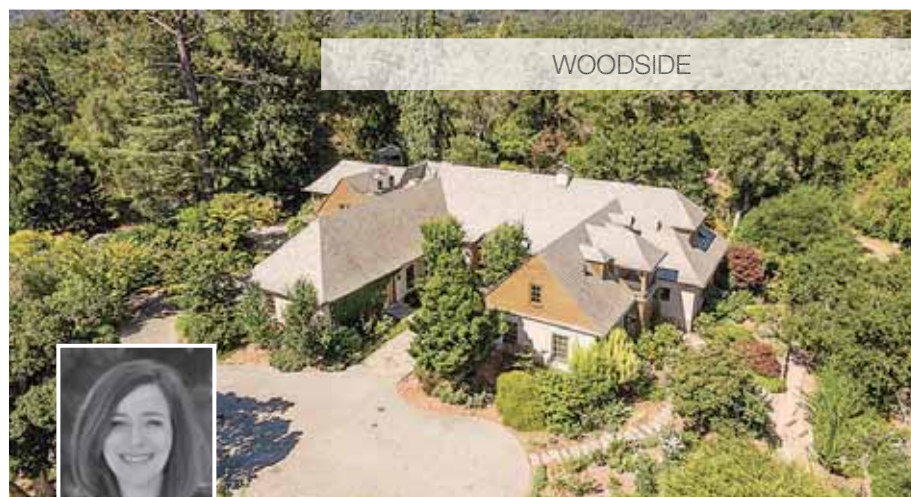


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