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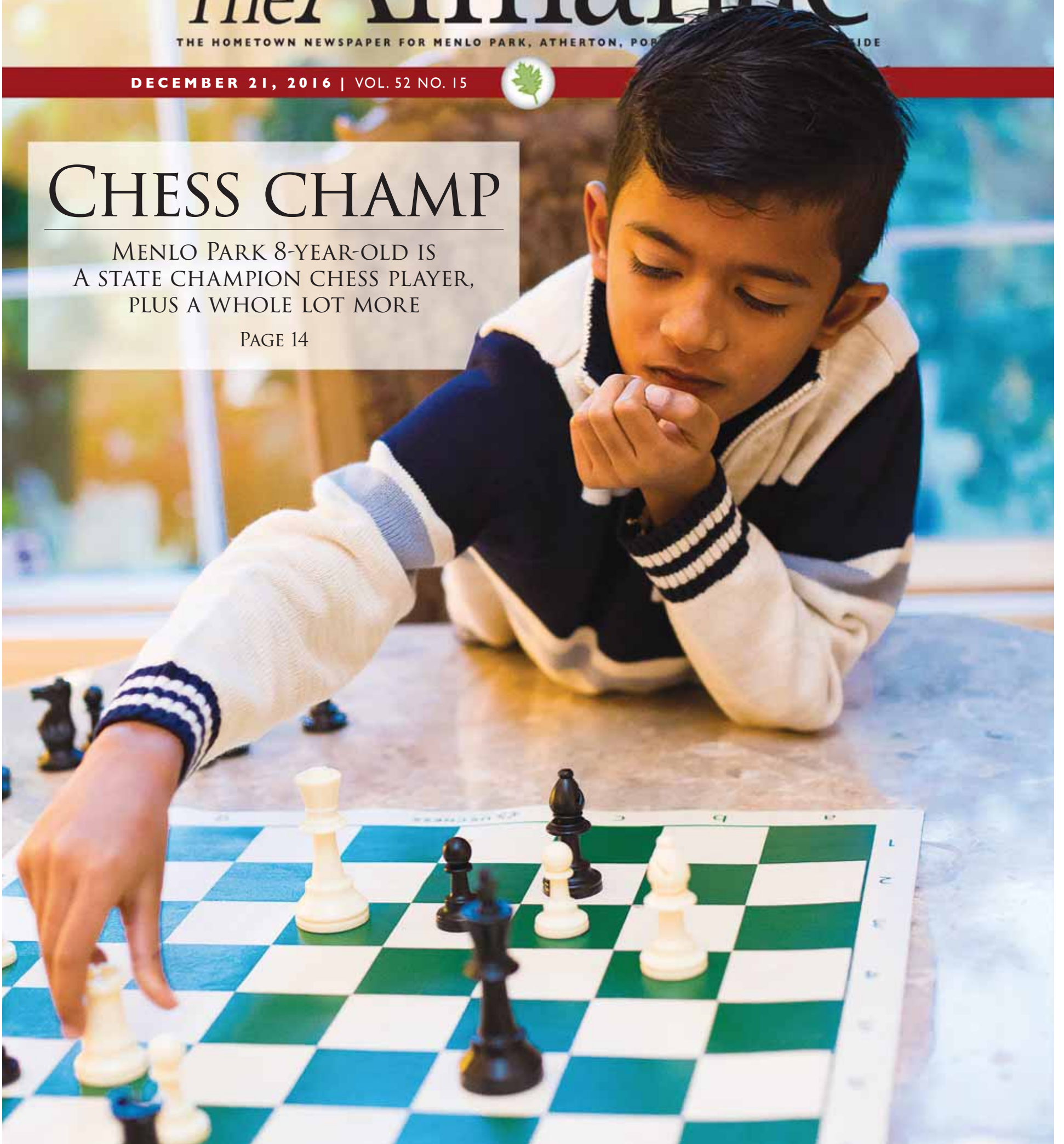
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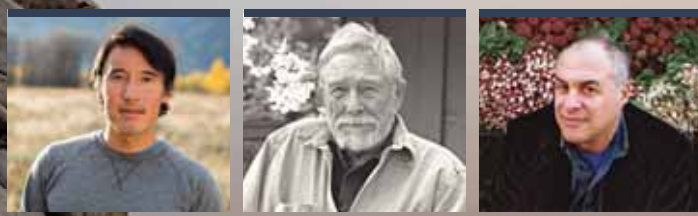


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## Commission endorses Greenheart complex

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

### ■ MENLO PARK

A proposed development at 1300 El Camino Real by local developer, Greenheart Land Co., has cleared the second to last hurdle in Menlo Park's approval process, winning an endorsement from the city's Planning Commission on a 6-0 vote (with commissioner Susan Goodhue absent) on Dec. 12.

The approval process — called an "Icelandic saga" by Greenheart principal developer Steve Pierce for its glacial pace — appears closer than ever to a conclusion: receiving permission to begin the two-plus-year process to build 420,000 square feet of offices, housing and retail space in downtown Menlo Park.

The last hurdle is to get final approval from the Menlo Park

City Council, which is expected to review it early in 2017.

The project, originally submitted to the city in 2013, has had some modifications, but as it now stands today, would have up to 204,000 square feet of offices, 183 rental apartments, and up to 29,000 square feet of "community serving" space — for uses such as shops, restaurants, personal services and banks. The development would have a two-story underground parking garage and a small amount of surface parking

adding up to about 991 spots.

Of the 183 rental apartments, 98 would be one-bedroom units, 77 would have two bedrooms, and eight would have three bedrooms.

The office buildings would be three stories tall and the residential building, four stories. Most of the parking would be underground, leaving open space between buildings for a courtyard with an amphitheater-type area and outdoor dining.

Since Greenheart wants to build more than the base amount of development allowed under the city's specific plan for the down-

town area, the company had to negotiate with the city and agree to provide benefits that will serve Menlo Park residents. As part of the develop-

ment agreement, which the City Council has approved, Greenheart would give \$2.1 million to a Menlo Park "public benefits" fund, guarantee \$83,700 a year in sales tax revenue for the city, market the office space to tech incubator-type entities (to try to get more "innovative" businesses in town), and build and maintain a public-access dog park.

The developer would also provide 20 apartments to renters below market rate — 14 will be for low-income tenants and six

**The last hurdle is approval from the City Council, which is expected to review the project in early 2017.**



Image courtesy Greenheart Land Co.

**The proposed Greenheart Land Co. complex along El Camino Real at Oak Grove Avenue in downtown Menlo Park would have this arched entryway for pedestrians, said principal developer Steve Pierce. The plan is to have restaurants facing El Camino and outside dining in an interior plaza, he said.**

for "workforce" housing (renters who make 100 to 120 percent of the median income).

Greenheart has proposed to cut down 59 heritage trees and plant 99 new trees. The city usually requires new trees be planted at a two-to-one ratio when existing heritage trees are felled. Instead, the developer said the 99 new trees will be larger than required, a step approved by the city arborist, according to a staff report.

The Planning Commission's discussion focused on details: whether a curb should be changed here; whether the arched entries were big enough; what after-hours security would be like on the site.

To the latter question, Mr. Pierce responded that Greenheart would be in charge of security for the public access areas and the private residential areas.

Of the members of the public who commented on the project, seven supported it, and two expressed reservations about specific impacts the development could have.

### Criticism

Former Planning Commissioner Vincent Bressler said the project shouldn't be approved because of the danger it could cause by bringing much more traffic so close to the Oak Grove and Glenwood

avenue railroad crossings.

Greenheart's Mr. Pierce said that nothing in the project's design would prevent the city from moving ahead with any of the options it's considering for "grade separations" — separating the roadway from the track it crosses.

Menlo Park is studying three options: (1) running Ravenswood Avenue under the Caltrain tracks; (2) separating Ravenswood and Oak Grove avenues from the tracks by raising the rails and tunneling the road underneath; (3) adding the Glenwood Avenue crossing to option 2.

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## Legal aid report: No-cause tenant eviction rate rises sharply

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

A first-of-its-kind report on evictions in San Mateo County from two non-profit legal organizations does not paint a complete picture of who is being evicted in the county and why, but it does offer a three-year snapshot based on renters who chose to contest that fate.

The Eviction Report 2016, a 12-page analysis of no-cause eviction cases taken by the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County and Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, shows 404 cases taken over the 12 months that ended in June of 2015, up from 99 cases over the year ending in June of 2012, a 308 percent increase.

These figures that combine the

caseloads of the two legal-services groups are the latest available.

San Mateo County stands out for the prevalence of its no-cause evictions, said Shirley Gibson, directing attorney for the Legal Aid Society's housing practice. In San Francisco and Alameda counties, no-cause evictions represent 20 percent to 25 percent of reported cases, compared with about 50 percent in San Mateo County, she said.

That's an indication of "few, if any, legal impediments to eviction" in San Mateo County, she said.

Over the three-year period, 96 percent of the people filing cases with legal-aid lawyers in the county had incomes below \$60,000.

Of the eviction cases these lawyers took over the 12 months beginning in July 2014, 49 percent

were clients of Hispanic ethnicity, the report says. The county's Hispanic population, according to 2014 census data, is 25 percent.

**'We hope ... this data will contribute to a better understanding of the hidden epidemic of displacement in our county.'**

LEGAL AID SOCIETY REPORT

African American clients represented 21.4 percent of the eviction cases over that 12-month period while making up 2.5 percent of the county's population.

The report is an attempt to

consolidate eviction data for public officials in the county, Ms. Gibson said in an interview.

"We hope that the analysis of this data will contribute to a better understanding of the hidden epidemic of displacement in our county, and its potential to change the lives of our residents as well as the character of our communities," the report says.

The picture the report paints is hardly the whole picture in that most renters who receive eviction notices do not seek legal aid, Ms. Gibson said.

Bringing a lawyer into a dispute with a landlord can be disconcerting. Many people are fearful and would rather leave than fight, Ms. Gibson said.

"Psychologically, (contacting legal aid) can be a huge step for

people," she said. There is also time pressure. Once a landlord files a case in court, a tenant has just five days to decide on whether to contest the eviction and seek legal assistance.

Evictions have after-effects on families, the report says, including diminished health, missed work and, potentially, the loss of a job.

Of the 1,100 households that filed cases with legal-aid lawyers in the 2014-15 fiscal year, 187 (17 percent) reported homelessness, according to a 2015 survey.

Avoiding homelessness can present its own risks. Moving in with other families leads to overcrowding and unsafe or unhealthy housing conditions, and has impacts on mental health, including correlating with a higher rate of suicide, the report says. ▀

# M-A's stellar season ends with loss at state title game

By Palo Alto Weekly Staff

In a season of firsts, the Menlo-Atherton High football team can't feel bad about finishing second.

Those firsts included M-A's first appearance in a state football championship, which resulted in a 39-21 setback to Paraclete in the Division 3-AA final at Antelope Valley College in Lancaster on Saturday night.

Along the way were a 12-game winning streak, a PAL Bay Division title, a Central Coast Section title and the realization that the Bears (12-3) could play with just about anybody.

Aajon Johnson grew into his role as a dual threat quarterback throughout the season and Jordan Mims, well, he exceeded all expectations.

It's not the way M-A would have liked to finish, especially giving the ball away six times. The Bears, who opened the year 0-2, had their turnover troubles early in the year, even overcoming six turnovers to beat Los Gatos, a team that eventually won a league title.

This time, the four fumbles and two interceptions, one returned for a touchdown, was too much to overcome. M-A also had a touchdown called back due to a penalty.

M-A senior Josh Lepulu suffered a concussion just before halftime, collapsing in a heap after making a tackle. His teammates immediately calling for help.

Lepulu was carted off the field after some anxious minutes and placed into an ambulance, though not before he could signal to the crowd that he could move his



Menlo-Atherton Athletics

Jordan Mims, left, and Aajon Johnson formed a dynamic backfield tandem for the Bears.

hands and arms. He was scheduled for an overnight stay.

Menlo-Atherton scored on its first possession, with Johnson finding Spencer Corona for a 28-yard touchdown.

Johnson ran for 138 yards and a touchdown and threw for another 121 yards, and a touchdown on 10-of-16 passing. Mims rushed for 91 of his 102 yards in the first half. He also scored a touchdown.

When the Bears regroup, without a senior class that helped define the football program the past two years, there will still be plenty of opportunity to succeed, and many more goals to set. ■

## Who will live at 'Station 1300'?

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

If the 183 downtown Menlo Park apartments at 1300 El Camino Real are approved and built, who will live there?

According to Bob Burke, principal developer at Greenheart Land Co., it is expected that the tenants at the new rental apartments will be "single professionals, young dual-income couples,

and possibly young families who are remodeling or building their home in Menlo Park and need a short-term place to live."

Between when Greenheart first proposed the project in 2013 and the current iteration of the plans, there was an increase in the percentage of larger apartments.

In the 2013 proposal, 67 percent of the apartments were one-bedroom units, 30 percent were two-bedroom, and 2

percent were three-bedroom.

In the current proposal, the percentages are 54 percent one-bedroom, 42 percent two-bedroom, and 4 percent three-bedroom.

The total number of units decreased to 183 from 215. The size of the units increased, and more two-bedroom apartments were added.

However, Mr. Burke said he didn't think that would change the expected type of renters at the new apartments. Millennials are willing to share two-bedroom apartments, he said, in order to

| Apartment Type | 2013       | Environmental Impact Report | Today      |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1-bedroom      | 144        | 104                         | 98         |
| 2-bedroom      | 65         | 90                          | 77         |
| 3-bedroom      | 6          | 8                           | 8          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>215</b> | <b>202</b>                  | <b>183</b> |

Data courtesy city of Menlo Park

**How the mix** of apartment types proposed at 1300 El Camino Real has changed since 2013 when the project was first proposed, to the time when the environmental impact report was conducted, and to today. (Data: city of Menlo Park.)

reduce individual rent costs. He said he didn't expect the shift to larger units and more bedrooms to substantially increase the number of students going to local public schools.

The property taxes and impact fees the development will pay provides a significant contribution to local school districts, he said. According to Greenheart's

estimates, the company will pay the Menlo Park School District \$580,000 per year in property taxes, while generating a maximum of 33 students, or roughly \$17,575 per student per year. In the Sequoia Union High School District, the company would pay \$500,000 per year and generate an estimated 16 students, yielding about \$31,250 per student year. ■

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In an email sent before the meeting, former planning commissioner Patti Fry said she wants to see more public benefits from the project, more housing, a trip cap on the development, and more clarity about the kinds of businesses included under the category of "community-serving uses."

#### Support

Supporters of the project appeared to agree that it is time for the development to move forward. The project complies with the El Camino Real/downtown specific plan, speaker Skip Hilton

told the commission, and could help create the vibrancy envisioned by the plan. The goals of the plan, he said, have not "really come to fruition."

"We've seen what Redwood City has built, and frankly, I'm a little jealous," Menlo Park resident Joe Moeller said. "To think we might be able to have this in our community — it's a pretty exciting thing."

Several commissioners pointed out that they had already seen the project several times before and were comfortable with it.

"We have seen this off and on for quite a while," said Commissioner John Onken. "There has been more than due diligence on this." ■

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# High school board divides district into five voting areas

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

It's the end of the era in the Sequoia Union High School District when each voter could cast a ballot to fill all five school board seats.

When a new system is fully implemented, the school district will be divided into five voting areas — one for each board seat. Each voter will cast a ballot to elect just one board member — the one residing in the same area as that voter.

Creating voting areas meets the requirements of the state's Voting Rights Act and reduces the likelihood of a lawsuit that had been threatened by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The lawsuit threat reflected complaints from Hispanic residents that they are not represented on the board despite comprising 30 percent of the district's population, according to census data. Of the five current board members, all are white and none lives in a Hispanic community.

In a unanimous vote Dec. 14, the board approved a map that divides the 19-square-mile school district into five voting areas — areas A through E — of approximately equal population and laid out using traditional redistricting principles.

Area E, which includes East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks, has a primarily Hispanic population, a factor that could make it easier for a person of color to be elected to the board.

Voting areas should reflect factors such as race, income level and the sense of community that develops in neighborhoods around schools and parks, demographers said. Race must be

a criteria, but it cannot be the only criteria.

Voting areas should also be compact and contiguous and defer to visible boundaries such as creeks and major roads.

Following instructions from the board, the demographer created a map meant to avoid perceptions by the public that a board member from a voting area represents a particular high school.

Area E, for example, includes most of the Ravenswood City School District, East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks, but parts of all of these communities are also in Area D.

Households assigned to Menlo-Atherton High School are spread among areas C, D and E, while households assigned to Woodside High are concentrated in Area C, but also present in areas B, D and E.

## Transition

Because it's a completely new election system being absorbed into an existing system of duly elected officials whose terms have years yet to go, the transition will take time. Respecting the will of voters who have already elected people to the board is another important factor to consider in redistricting.

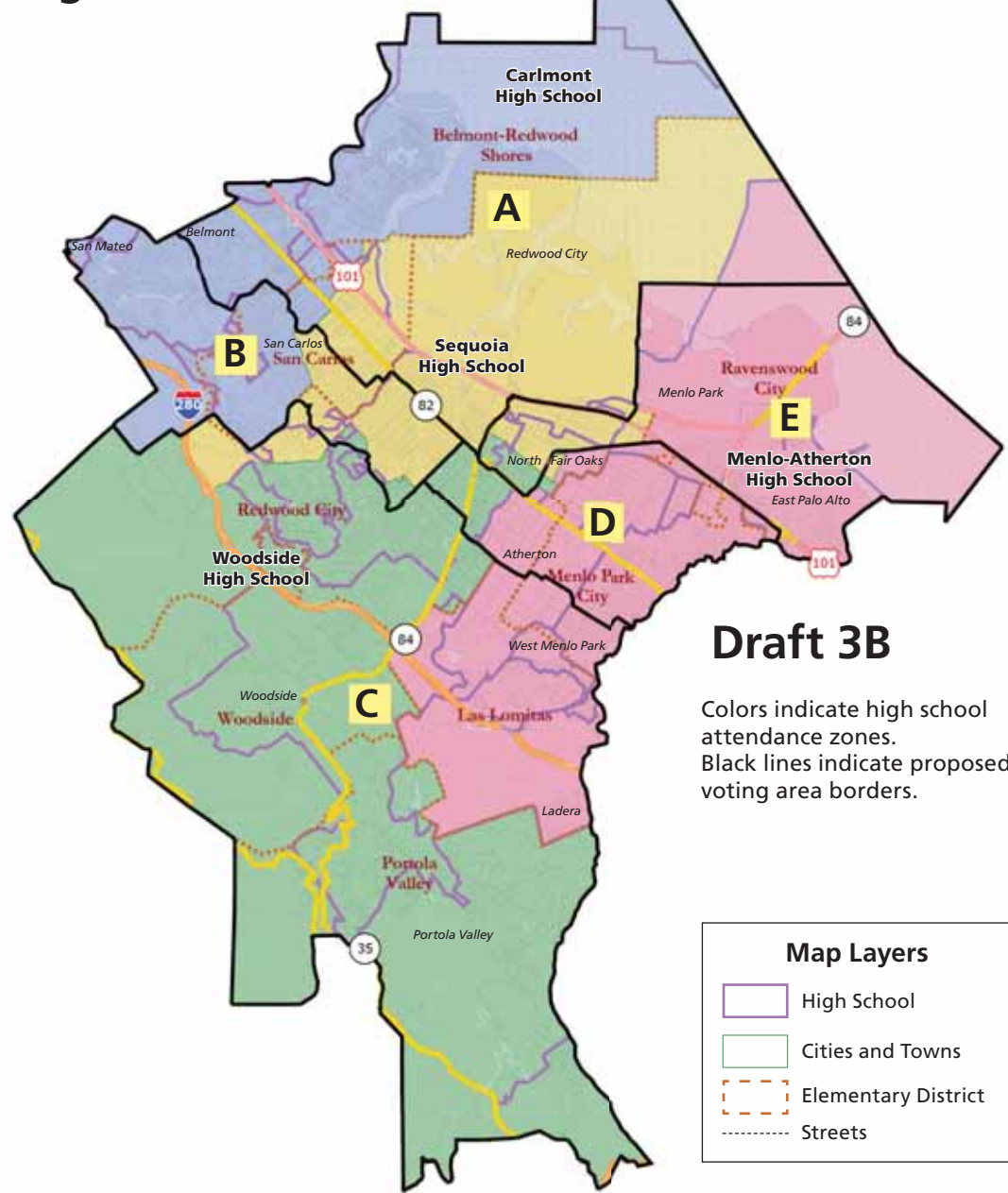
The terms of two board members — Chris Thomsen and Alan Sarver — end in 2017, while those of Carrie DuBois, Allen Weiner and Georgia Jack end in 2019.

Adding a layer of complexity, Mr. Thomsen and Mr. Weiner live in Area D, while Ms. DuBois and Mr. Sarver live in Area A.

Questions arise. Who gets to run for office first? What are the options when both members from an area are on the board, with one recently re-elected and the other facing the end of a term? An attorney from the County Counsel's

Voting areas were designed to avoid perceptions that a board member represented a particular high school.

## Sequoia Union High School District



Map by National Demographics Corp.

The five new voting areas — lettered A through E — reflect the new system for electing the five members of the Sequoia Union High School District's governing board. A voter who lives in a voting area casts a ballot to elect the one board member residing in that area. The high school attendance areas (in color) cross voting area boundaries so that a board member is not seen as representing a single school.

Office is studying the matter and may be ready to inform the board of its options in January.

Complicating this calculus still further is the likely decision by the board in the new year to shift elections to even-numbered years, when turnout is higher and in keeping with a 2015 state law meant to increase voter participation. Board members have shown a preference for extending each board member's term by one year, which would mean elections in 2018 and 2020.

## Different views

While Ms. DuBois and Ms. Jack voted with their colleagues in approving the map, Ms. Jack said she stood by her original preference, stated at a previous meeting, for a map that more closely associated elementary districts and high school attendance areas.

That map created "more logical boundaries," Ms. Jack said at the time. "It's not confusing. It doesn't divide communities. It keeps communities together.

If I'm in Menlo Park and I want to know who my trustee is, I can ask my neighbor and they will tell me. It's that straightforward."

Responding to Ms. Jack's reaffirmation, Mr. Weiner reaffirmed his preference for the map that won the day, mainly because it did not create associations with a particular high school.

Mr. Thomsen said he saw value in both approaches, and that he would have preferred a map that presented a "more elegant solution." ▀

## Kirsten Keith named Menlo Park's mayor

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

"We have a lot of issues to work on," said Menlo Park Councilwoman Kirsten Keith, who was selected Dec. 13 by her fellow council members to serve as mayor for the next year.

Those issues include development projects and traffic management. Ms. Keith often raises questions on the council about affordable housing, renter protections and bicycle infrastructure in the city. This year she was on a council subcommittee that negotiated a development agreement with Facebook.

As mayor (a title that rotates among council members), she will preside over council meetings and serve as the ceremonial head of government, representing the city at public events.

First elected to the council in 2010, Ms. Keith was mayor in 2012. She was re-elected to the council in 2014.

Councilman Peter Ohtaki was selected by the council as vice mayor.

Ms. Keith is the city's primary representative on the board of the San Francisco Creek Joint Powers Authority, and on the Grand



Kirsten Keith

Boulevard Task Force.

At the Dec. 13 meeting, she presented a proclamation to the outgoing mayor, Councilman Rich Cline. During his tenure, the city saw groundbreaking on two hotels (Menlo Gateway and a boutique hotel at 1400 El Camino Real), completed its general plan update and approved the Facebook expansion. ▀

# Outdoor seating areas under construction in Menlo Park

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Workers are building outdoor seating areas in street parking spaces in front of six restaurants on Santa Cruz Avenue in downtown Menlo Park.

Workers are installing raised concrete seating platforms, ADA-compliant access ramps and rails, and concrete planter boxes in front of these restaurants: LB Steak, Galata Bistro, Angelo Mio, Mademoiselle Colette, Bistro Vida and Left Bank.

A similar area is being created

in front of Harvest, a home furnishing store, and is expected to be used for outdoor furniture displays.

Work is expected to be completed in mid-January, according to Jim Cogan, the city's economic development manager.

A total of 10 parking spots will be lost.

Another project, accounting for a bumpy ride on Santa Cruz Avenue west of downtown, is a water main replacement beneath the road. Pavement restoration began Dec. 12, and after a holiday break, work will resume the first week in January, weather permitting. ■



Photo by Michelle Le

**Workers** install a raised concrete platform for outdoor seating in front of LB Steak restaurant in downtown Menlo Park. Work on seven seating areas is expected to be completed by mid-January.

## Menlo Park to drill emergency water well

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Up to two months of grating drilling sounds may be the price Menlo Park's water users will pay for a reliable water supply in times of emergency.

The city of Menlo Park has hired a contractor, Maggiora Bros. Drilling Inc., to build an emergency water supply well at the city's corporation yard, located at

333 Burgess Drive.

Construction is expected to start in January. The drilling could take fewer than 60 days, with seven to 10 of those days subject to 24/7 drilling, according to a staff report. The rest of the drilling will occur during normal working hours.

It will be the Menlo Park Municipal Water District's first well dedicated to storing water for emergencies, according to staff.

A list of potential well locations, created in 2010-11, is ranked in order of desirability and feasibility according to the city's urban water management plan.

Today, if an earthquake or other disaster damaged the district's distribution network, nearly 3,000 households and businesses could immediately lose water, staff said.

According to a study, district customers could be without water from the Hetch Hetchy Regional

Water System for 20 to 30 days during repairs, city staff say.

The district serves about 16,000 of Menlo Park's residents in Sharon Heights and the city east of El Camino Real. (The central part of the city gets water from California Water Service or Cal Water.)

The city intends to eventually build three or four emergency wells, which would provide users with up to 3,000 gallons of water per minute.

Plans for the next two wells are already underway. In July

2016, the city awarded a \$1.6 million contract to consultants from Infrastructure Engineering Corp. to pick locations, prepare environmental documents, design and help with constructing two more wells.

When drilling on the first well begins, nearby residents and businesses will be notified with door hangers, postcards and community meetings, according to the city. Above-ground construction for the first well is expected to start in summer 2017. ■

## Voter turnout exceeds 80 percent in county

By **Dave Boyce**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Voter turnout in San Mateo County in the 2016 presidential election was high, at 81.57 percent of registered voters, but turnouts in the Almanac's circulation area were even higher: 93 percent in Woodside, 88 percent in Portola Valley, 86 percent in Menlo Park and 84 percent in Atherton, according to official Elections Office records for the Nov. 8 election.

In the election for the Menlo Park City School district governing board, 87 percent of registered voters cast ballots. The election brought two new members to the board: David Ackerman and Caroline A. Lucas.

Countywide, the turnout exceeded the 78.83 percent turnout for the 2012 presidential election.

The 396,341 people who were registered to vote in the county this time around was an all-time high, according to Mark Church, the county's chief elections officer.

"This was truly a historic presidential election for San Mateo County voters," he said in announcing the certified results Dec. 5.

In the November elections that do not include a presidential race, turnouts are usually much lower. In 2013, 2014 and 2015,

for example, turnouts were 25.4 percent, 46.3 percent and 29.49 percent, respectively.

In this year's presidential election, 210,661 voters used mail-in ballots, 65 percent of the total vote. This compares with the 165,877 voters who cast mail-in

ballots in 2012, or 57 percent of the total, according to Elections Office records.

The number of poll workers this year dropped to about 1,700, compared with 1,876 in 2012.

Go to [tinyurl.com/jpcg32q](http://tinyurl.com/jpcg32q) for official election results. ■

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# City to install 120-foot-tall police antenna/transmitter

By **Kate Bradshaw**

Almanac Staff Writer

**T**ree growth may be great for the arcadian feel of Menlo Park's Civic Center, but it has had one negative effect.

The Menlo Park Police Department's 60-foot tall radio antenna for receiving and transmitting emergency signals hasn't worked well for years, according to Police Commander Dave Bertini, and he blames the growing trees around it for interfering with the signals.

Now the city plans to build a new police antenna in the Civic Center that's double the height.

The City Council on Dec. 6 approved a \$133,086 contract with Sabre Communications Corp., part of a total budget of \$191,703 for the installation of a 120-foot-tall antenna/transmitter pole near the police department's dispatch center in the Civic Center.

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The project is expected to start in late January or early February and last three to four months, according to Justin Murphy, the public works director.

Menlo Park's police and public works departments rely primarily on another antenna/transmitter located at the Menlo Park Fire Protection District station at 300 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park; the antenna/transmitter in the Civic Center is a backup.

The fire district has plans to renovate its training center at the station, requiring the removal of its antenna/transmitter, according to a staff report.

Even without the trees interfering with the signal, the height of the current antenna/transmitter at the Civic Center limits the signal strength near Belle Haven, and the signal cuts dead around East Palo

Alto, Cmdr. Bertini said.

The new antenna/transmitter will allow radio signals to reach Atherton and East Palo Alto, he said.

It will also create an opportunity for the city to join a countywide "microwave" radio program, which would allow Menlo Park to contact other cities even if all phone lines went down during an emergency. Having that technology would be an important "redundancy" for the city's disaster preparedness efforts, he said.

Nearby cities and the county could contract with Menlo Park to use the antenna, for a fee, but there are no plans yet to do so, Cmdr. Bertini said.

At one point, the possibility of leasing the antenna to private cell service providers was considered, but the space near the ground was determined to be insufficient for such use. ■

## Together again: Atherton council, fire board meet on mutual issues

By **Barbara Wood**

Almanac Staff Writer

**T**he Atherton City Council and the board of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District are a bit like a dating couple who fight sometimes but believe at heart they can't get along without each other.

The two bodies appear to at least have a truce in the contentious spat that's been going on, quite often in public, since Atherton announced in September that it wants to do a cost-benefit analysis of the services the fire district provides in Atherton.

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, council members and fire district directors met jointly, the second such meeting since April 2015, to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Atherton Mayor Mike Lempres and fire board President Rob Silano even jointly co-chaired the meeting.

The meeting may have gone mostly smoothly because the issue that has caused the contention between the two bodies, the finances of the fire district, was off the table.

The discussion point Atherton seemed most interested in was the agreement the fire district has with San Mateo County and other agencies to provide emergency medical services,

which are a large majority of the district's calls.

By state law, San Mateo County is responsible for providing emergency medical services to county residents. The county contracts with the American Medical Response (AMR) to transport patients to hospitals.

The county also contracts

**The meeting may have gone smoothly because the issue that has caused contention was off the table.**

with a joint powers agency that includes the fire district and other county fire agencies and cities with fire departments to provide paramedic first-response services excluding patient transportation, John Odle, executive director of the joint powers agency, explained.

The fire district has represented Atherton, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto on the joint powers agency, the San Mateo County Pre-Hospital Emergency Services Group, since it was formed in 1998.

The agreement between the county and the JPA gives the fire district \$50,000 a year for each of eight first-response units, totaling 24 paramedics. District Chief

Harold Schapelhouman said the district actually has 45 paramedics, plus nine more in training.

Atherton council member Rick DeGolia said he'd like to see the district's response time to medical emergencies in the different jurisdictions it covers reported each month, much as Atherton does for its response time to police calls.

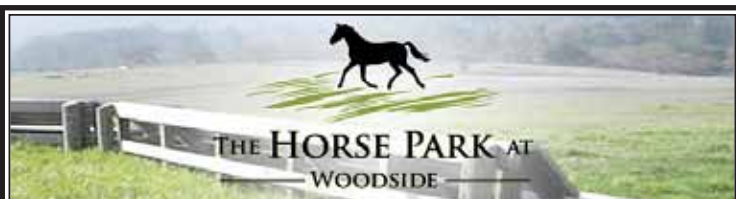
Mr. DeGolia said the town had suggested the fire district might post a medical response unit in the new civic center to aid in faster medical responses on the east side of El Camino Real.

Chief Schapelhouman said the district's staff had looked at that issue and didn't think staging paramedics and equipment in the civic center would change response times.

"We don't have all the data we want to have, but we did look at that," he said. The district now has a contractor taking a closer look, he said.

There were a few contentious moments, including when council member Bill Widmer said not providing Atherton residents with information about response times and costs was "taxation without representation."

"You don't have taxation without representation," said Chief Schapelhouman. "You have a fire board" elected to represent Atherton residents, he said. ■



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# Fire district shares fire safety tips for the holidays

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

They say a picture is worth a thousand words; but actually witnessing something as dramatic as a dry Christmas tree being consumed in flames within 30 seconds of ignition may be worth even more.

During a public demonstration on Dec. 14, the Menlo Park Fire Protection District tried to sear into the minds of local residents the importance of holiday fire safety by igniting two Christmas trees, dropping a turkey into an over-filled deep fryer, and starting fires in two sheds set up to resemble rooms full of holiday decorations.

Firefighters first tried to light a fresh and well-hydrated tree with a torch, without luck. They then touched a flame to a dried-out tree, which was fully-engulfed in flames within 30 seconds.

In addition to always keeping trees well-hydrated, the experts recommend that older or damaged lights and extension cords, the most common sources of ignition, be thrown away to avoid risks.

The firefighters demonstrated a memorable inferno by tossing modern petroleum-based synthetic fabrics and other items onto a smoldering burn. Fires fueled by synthetics can quickly reach temperatures of 1,000 degrees, Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said.

Smoke billowed up as flames engulfed the shed, corkscrewing up as air was sucked in from below, with the heat pushing onlookers back from the fire.

“You can imagine being a firefighter crawling through the building” in such a fire, Chief Schapelhouman said. “You can see here the awesome power of fire that every firefighter respects.”

He reminded the crowd that the fire district recently responded to three fires in three days, two of them structure fires. One, he said, was caused when a resident, distracted by a phone call, left a stove with a pan on the heat unattended. The second is believed to have been caused by a faulty extension cord or product wiring.

Among the facts speakers emphasized:

■ Christmas tree fires are four



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Firefighter Joe Foster, left, and cadet Alex Toriggino put out a blaze fueled with modern petroleum-based fabrics and other items to show how hot a home fire can quickly become.

times more likely to result in a death than other home fires.

■ Holiday decoration fires are most commonly caused by proximity to a heat source such as a candle. The top three days for candle fires are Christmas, New Year's Eve and Christmas Eve.

■ Holiday cooking fires are most commonly caused by unattended cooking. Top three days for cooking fires: Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

Safety tips

■ Keep Christmas trees well hydrated and don't use damaged lights or extension cords.

■ Do not place candles near holiday decorations or combustible sources such as curtains. ■ Test smoke detectors by pushing the test button. ■ Keep combustibles away from cooking areas and keep an eye on what is cooking. ■ Test smoke detectors by pushing the test button. ■

## Maxine O. Anderson

Long-time Menlo Park resident Maxine O. Anderson passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 20, 2016. She was loved by everyone who knew her and constantly exhibited a caring and loving spirit. She always had a youthful soul throughout her long life.



Maxine was Director of Food Services at Stanford University for 34 years. She was an honorary member of Cap and Gown and was very fond of all the students at the university. Many students had the lucky opportunity to work for her in the university food service. She was very focused on working to promote health awareness among the Stanford students. Upon her retirement in 1985, she was granted Emeritus status.

In 1982, Maxine was the first woman to receive the prestigious “Silver Plate” award for Foodservice Operator of the Year, presented by the International Foodservice Manufacturers Association. She was active in many professional organizations, including the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the California Dietetic Association.

Maxine was born in Eagle Grove, Iowa, and raised in Ames, Iowa. Maxine graduated from Iowa State University with a B.S. in nutrition. In her early career, she was a registered dietitian at Iowa State University, Indiana University, Illinois State University. She also worked with the Army in Hawaii for one year.

Maxine was a long-time active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Palo Alto and was part of the volunteer staff for many years. Following her retirement, she enjoyed traveling abroad and giving back to her community and church. Her community activities included serving on the board of Channing House for many years and being an active donor of Children's Health Council.

She is predeceased by her brother Lawrence and three sisters, Lois, Arlene, and Betty.

Surviving her are her nieces Jane, Ginger, Celeste, Nancy, Debbie, Cindy, Patricia, Susan, and Linda. Surviving nephews are Larry, Robert, Donald, and David. She was also blessed with many grandnieces and grandnephews.

A memorial service will be held January 14 at 2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley Street, Palo Alto, California, 94306. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the Grace Lutheran Church Music Fund. A private burial will be held in Ames, Iowa sometime in the Spring.

PAID OBITUARY

# Community speaks out on plans to add sports facilities to Flood Park

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

The proposal to add a soccer/lacrosse field to Flood County Park in Menlo Park, and its potential for creating noise, traffic and parking problems, drew the most public comment and concern at a Dec. 6 community meeting on the park's future, according to Carla Schoof, a community programs specialist with the San Mateo County Parks Department.

“That was definitely the number one concern,” Ms. Schoof said. Keeping the picnic and gathering facilities also came up, as did a fence to corral errant lacrosse balls.

The plan for the county-owned 21-acre park at 215 Bay Road would also add a baseball field, tennis and basketball courts, a sand volleyball pit, multiple play areas

to accommodate all abilities, a shaded structure for an outdoor market, picnic spaces, trails and a bicycle pump track.

Some neighbors liked and even “loved” the proposed additions, Ms. Schoof said. Others said they would put a priority on maintaining the park as an oasis of quiet, an escape from the rush and tumble of everyday life. And some sought a middle way that would address problems such as noise and traffic as well as add the proposed new facilities, Ms. Schoof said.

Rincon Consultants Inc., with offices throughout California, was at the meeting to hear comments and will be preparing an environmental impact report, including modeling the proposed changes and reporting on the results, Ms. Schoof said. The draft report, set to be ready in March 2017, will be subject to a 45-day period for public comment.

Next, the county's Parks and Recreation Commission, which approved a park landscaping plan in April, will consider the impact report at a public hearing in June or July. “There's plenty of time, as we go through this process, for people to comment,” Ms. Schoof said.

The Parks Department provides services to a “very broad community,” she said. “We need to hear from neighbors and try to work together,” she said. “We have staff who live (near Flood Park) and we have rangers who have to work there.”

The department will be putting a project timeline on its website, she said.

Go to [tinyurl.com/z543r4a](http://tinyurl.com/z543r4a) to view current documents. Comments should be directed to Senior Planner Sam Herzberg at [shertzberg@smcgov.org](mailto:shertzberg@smcgov.org).

To sign up for updates on this project, write to Ms. Schoof at [cschoof@smcgov.org](mailto:cschoof@smcgov.org). ■

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## 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.

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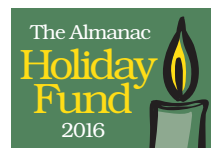
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Story by Sister Christina Helt-sley, executive director, St. Francis Center.

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Wealth and prosperity surround St. Francis Center's neighborhood on Buckingham Avenue in North Fair Oaks, also, but poverty is easy to find, not just in its area, where two-thirds of families spend more than half their income for housing, but in its large service area from San Carlos to Redwood City to eastern Menlo Park.

Though it is a 501(c)3 charitable foundation, not a religious organization, St. Francis Center, like its namesake, is dedicated to their service, providing food, clothing and low-income housing assistance to up to 600 families — upwards of 3,000 people — every month.

Since its founding by Sister Monica Asman in 1996, the center has acquired 41 apartments, which it rents at reduced rates to very low-income families; is building 15 more; built the Siena Youth Center to give children of hundreds of working families a safe place to play, exercise and congregate; runs the 26-student Holy Family School; and collects and redistributes free food and clothing.

More than 200 volunteers

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Jacqueline Rueda is program manager for the St. Francis Center.

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## Helping older teens make sexual health decisions

Story by Abigail Karlin-Resnick, executive director, Health Connected.

### HOLIDAY FUND

Gifts to the Almanac's Holiday Fund benefit Health Connected and nine other local community-service organizations.

Much has been made in recent years of the prevalence of sexual assault on college campuses. To address this, many higher education institutions have implemented sexual assault trainings for entering students.

This is a step in the right direction, but Health Connected, a local health education organization, has worked with local schools to ensure that high school students are prepared to have conversations about consent well before they become independent young adults.

Health Connected is a leading provider of sexual health education in the Bay Area and California. Health Connected's four sexual health curricula have been designed and developed in South San Mateo County and are distributed nationally. In the 2016-17 school year, Health Connected will provide sexual health education courses to approximately 10,000 students in Peninsula and South Bay classrooms.

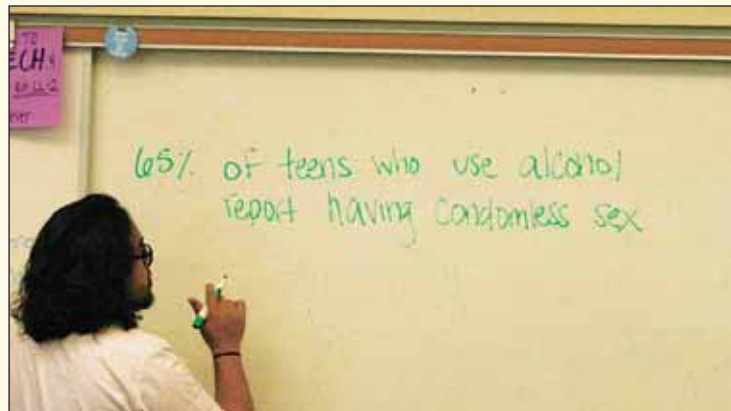
Health Connected implements age-appropriate sexual harassment and sexual assault

education as early as the fifth grade, but in recent years has put particular emphasis on these conversations with older high school students.

Health Connected's newest curriculum, Teen Talk High School Refresher, builds on sexual safety content presented in their earlier courses, with a specific focus on how to identify potentially problematic situations and intervene in those situations as a bystander or friend.

Sexual assault is not the only potential challenge older teens face. According to a 2014 report by the National Center for Health Statistics, two-thirds of teen births occurred to girls ages 18 and 19. Additionally, in 2015, the federal Office of Adolescent Health noted that there are few sexual health education programs currently designed specifically for older teens and limited research on these programs.

Health Connected developed the Refresher course in response to requests from students, parents, and teachers in the Sequoia



A Health Connected health educator teaches a class of high school juniors and seniors.

Union High School District and began implementing the course in select classes at Sequoia and Menlo-Atherton high schools in 2014. The course has since expanded to Woodside High School.

In 2016, Health Connected received a grant from a national foundation to conduct an initial evaluation of the Teen Talk High School Refresher course. This small-scale evaluation will provide a research base and inform the adolescent sexual health field on the value of providing multiple "doses" of sexual health education in high school.

While this research is an important step to bringing this

critical education to more teens, it's comments from students themselves that demonstrate the value of this programming.

One student wrote: "Without (health educators) like you, so many teens wouldn't know about STIs or how to get them treated. I also learned so many things I didn't know that seem so obvious to me now. For example, I had no idea that consent is only consent if both parties are sober."

Go to health-connected.org or call (650) 367-1937 for more information. The address is Health Connected, 480 James Ave., Redwood City, CA 94062.

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**Shawnak Shivakumar**, left, has been playing chess with retired neighbor Ted Syrett, who is ranked as a chess expert, for the past 18 months. Mr. Syrett says he thinks Shawnak has the promise to become a chess grandmaster. **On the cover:** Shawnak runs chess pieces through different scenarios while answering a visitor's questions. (Photo by Michelle Le.)

# CHESS CHAMP

MENLO PARK 8-YEAR-OLD IS A STATE CHAMPION  
CHESS PLAYER, PLUS A WHOLE LOT MORE

By **Barbara Wood**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Several words come to mind when describing Shawnak Shivakumar: prodigy, polymath and precocious among them, but despite being a state chess champ, the Laurel School Upper Campus third-grader is, at heart, just a typical 8-year-old kid.

Shawnak, who lives in the Willows neighborhood of Menlo Park with his parents Devenleena and Shiva and his almost 5-year-old brother, plays chess two or three hours a day and has recently begun winning in tournaments against adults.

But Shawnak also plays basketball, soccer, baseball, tennis and badminton with other kids his age, has recently taken up (and excels at) the piano, enjoys the "Amulet" fantasy graphic novel series and the Harry

Potter books, and attends Stanford Math Circle classes because he can't get enough of math.

Shawnak competed in the national grade-level chess championship in Nashville, Tennessee, Dec. 16-18. He won five of his first six games with one draw (tie), losing only in the final round and tying for third highest point total.

Shawnak won a place at the national tournament by winning the state CalChess/U.S. Chess Federation grade-level tournament for third-graders at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Dec. 4.

Shawnak is a serious chess player, but he's also not beyond making a rude noise after a

chess move and explaining: "The knight made a burping sound because he ate the queen."

The summer before he started first grade, Shawnak began playing chess with his father, an investment banker who specializes in the technology sector. Mr. Shivakumar said he thought chess, a game he'd played casually in India, was something he could share with his kids so they could "bond over the game."

Within months, however, Shawnak was besting his father. "Shawnak is inherently competitive," Mr. Shivakumar says. "He wanted to beat me," he says, so Shawnak started playing chess online to learn more about the

game while his dad was at work.

Since then, Shawnak has outgrown several chess teachers. He is currently tutored online, for an hour twice a week, with chess Grandmaster Predrag Trajkovic from Serbia, via Skype.

"He just teaches me new stuff I don't know," Shawnak says. "We mostly do strategy, because he says strategy is important. If you master strategy, you're a grandmaster."

A grandmaster is the second highest ranking a chess player can reach. World champion is the only higher ranking. Rankings are based on points awarded for winning games against higher ranked players, and lost by losing to lower ranked players. Shawnak had 1,657 points before the national tournament.

His short-term goal, Shawnak says, is to get to 1,900 points, which would make him eligible to play in the World Youth Chess

Championships. In November, only three 8-year-olds were above 1,900 points.

Shawnak also has a long-term goal: "To become world champion," he says.

He even dreams about chess. "Sometimes I dream about being world champion and I beat everybody," he says. "I beat Magnus Carlsen (the current world champion), too."

Ted Syrett, a retired computer software engineer who lives in Shawnak's neighborhood, has been playing chess with Shawnak for the past 18 months. Mr. Syrett, who has a U.S. Chess Federation ranking of expert (above 2,000 points), says he thinks Shawnak has the potential to get to the grandmaster title.

"In a year or two, he's going to go beyond me," he says.

Mr. Syrett and the then-6-year-old Shawnak started playing together after Shawnak's

mom posted a request for chess partners on a local neighborhood website. Mr. Syrett says he wanted to “pay forward” the favors done for him as young chess player, not much older than Shawnak, when an older player in his hometown played chess with him and provided transportation to the local chess club.

He believes Shawnak will go far. “Shawnak’s parents are supportive, but not pushy,” he says. Shawnak “continues to show enthusiasm and interest. If he keeps up his interest, I don’t see roadblocks in his way.”

Shawnak now plays online most days, and in tournaments on many weekends. The tournaments can run from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. He has played games that went as long as five hours.

His parents’ job is to make sure he eats and takes breaks, says his mother, a biochemist whose specialty is computer-aided drug design. “Once he starts playing chess, he goes into the chess mode” and doesn’t think much about things like eating and drinking, she says.

For now, when Shawnak is not busy with one of his other interests, he seems to live and breathe chess. He patiently answers a visitor’s questions while running chess pieces through different scenarios on a roll-up chess board.

Playing chess “is relaxing,” he says, because it takes all of his focus. “All I worry about is just the game, and to win it, and then my parents are proud.”

Plus, he says, “it helps you get smarter.”

For a break, Shawnak will often move to the piano. He took piano lessons when he was 4, but soon lost interest, his mother says. But, about three months ago, Shawnak asked if he could resume lessons.

It appears, at least to the untrained ear, that Shawnak is a piano prodigy as well as a chess prodigy. Ms. Shivakumar says Shawnak, in addition to flying through a classical music repertoire, has been listening to YouTube videos and then recreating them, by ear, on the piano.

He’s been teaching his brother, who will enter kindergarten next year, how to play both chess and the piano.

He says having his brother as a live-in chess partner would be “good — awesome actually. I’d always be wanting to play with my brother.”

“Someday he’s going to beat me,” he says. “Because he’s a smart little guy.”

Does he ever get bored? Yes, Shawnak says. “When my laptop is out of charge” so he can’t play chess online, his brother is using his chessboard and he’s just finished practicing piano. ■



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**Shawnak Shivakumar** says playing chess “is relaxing” because it takes all of his focus.



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**The many chess trophies** 8-year-old Shawnak Shivakumar has won, including the tall one (right) for being the state’s third-grade chess champ.



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## Jazz pianist Kathryn Bailey dies

Longtime Menlo Park resident Kathryn Bailey, a pianist and composer with an impressive history of performances with singers such as Billie Holiday and Johnny Mathis, has died at the age of 86.

Born in Altadena, California, and raised in Bakersfield, Ms. Bailey moved to the Bay Area in the late 1940s. In 1979, she bought a home on Sharon Road in Menlo Park, where she lived until moving to a retirement community in Palo Alto a little over 10 years ago, according to her son, Don Zulaica.

She earned a bachelor's degree from San Francisco State in 1953, and took graduate-level courses in music composition at U.C. Berkeley. At San Francisco State, she wrote "La Bovine," a comic opera that was produced twice by Jules Irving, co-founder of the San Francisco Actor's Workshop.

A 36-year member of the Musicians Union-Local 6 of the American Federation of Musicians, she performed



Kathryn Bailey (1965 press photo)

frequently in the Bay Area, including with the Buddy Morrow Orchestra and the Four Freshmen, and for presidential rallies for both John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon.

After a seven-week stint with Billie Holliday at the Fack's II nightclub in San Francisco, Ms. Bailey turned down the renowned singer's invitation to tour with her, Mr. Zulaica said.

But her own community also served as a stage for her talent, and her generosity, her son said. "When I was little, she was a 'special guest' assembly event" at Las Lomitas and La Entrada, where he attended

school, Mr. Zulaica said. Also, he said, "She loved to mentor pianists in the Canada College workshop big band many years ago, and played gigs with friends for various things. Some of her favorites included playing at the Palo Alto VA (hospital, and) on the SS Jeremiah O'Brien during fleet week, as she always had a soft spot for the troops."

Ms. Bailey was married twice, and her second marriage, to pianist Al Zulaica, produced her only child. Don Zulaica caught the musician bug from his parents, taking up the drums and becoming a writer and editor for several music publications.

Ms. Bailey was a breast cancer survivor, and in lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to make memorial donations to a charity of choice related to breast cancer or dementia research, or toward music education at all levels of schooling.

No memorial service is scheduled at this time, her son said.

## Obituaries: David Lotz, retired local teacher

A celebration of life was held Dec. 11 for David Lee Lotz of Fairfield, who died Oct. 20. Mr. Lotz, who taught at Encinal Middle School and Oak Knoll Elementary School for 35 years, was 88. He lived in Menlo Park for 37 years.



David Lee Lotz

Graduating from San Jose State College in 1946, he received a master's degree at San Jose State University in 1958.

He taught in the Southern Humboldt Unified School District for three years before coming to the Menlo Park City School District in 1953.

He is survived by his five children: Robert (Kathy) Lotz, Patricia (Tom) Walsh, Carolyn (Eric) Jensen, Barbara (Roger) Martinez and Richard (Amy) Lotz; brother Cyril; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Phyllis Milburn, horse enthusiast

Longtime Woodside resident Phyllis Thelma Milburn died recently at her home in Chico surrounded by her four children, Jean, Patrick, Laurie and Tom. She was 89.

Ms. Milburn was preceded in death by her husband, William R. Milburn, who practiced dentistry in Redwood City for many years.

Avid horse enthusiasts, the Milburns raised horses on a small Woodside ranch for more than 40 years. Ms. Milburn spent many hours riding her horses in Huddart Park, say family members.

A registered nurse, Ms. Milburn worked at Sequoia Hospital for many years.

At her request, no services will be held. Memorial donations may be made to Guide Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 3950, San Rafael, CA 94912

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# Mayor wants to heal divide over 2015 election

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

## WOODSIDE

Tom Livermore, chosen by his colleagues on the Town Council on Dec. 13 to be mayor of Woodside for 2017, is retired from a 30-year career in business, including the business of making ice cream.

Mr. Livermore said that his priorities as mayor for the coming year include following the lead of his predecessor, Deborah Gordon, in trying to restitch the community fabric after the contentious election between Nancy Reyerling and write-in candidate Chris Shaw for a seat on the Town Council in the fall of 2015.

Mr. Shaw won with 53 percent of the vote after a campaign colored by bitterness among the candidates' backers. "I want to help try to smooth over some of that," Mr. Livermore said.

The council elected Mr. Shaw as mayor pro tem, which puts him in line to be mayor in 2018. Mr. Shaw "came in with a big

mandate," Mayor Livermore said, "and I felt that (electing him mayor pro tem) was important."

The mayor, a title that rotates among the council members, presides over council meetings and sets agendas. The mayor pro tem chairs council meetings in the mayor's absence.

As mayor, Mr. Livermore said he also wants to continue the effort to simplify the town's residential planning and building processes. "The community has been working on it for awhile," he said, "but it still needs (work) to make life easier for our residents. That's really one of the top priorities."

Mr. Livermore has a philosophy of governing. "I feel that government needs to be responsive, but it shouldn't be intrusive. It shouldn't be overbearing," he said. He favors less government because it means fewer rules.

The problem with creating rules, he said, is that a rule tends to beget additional rules



Photo by Dave Boyce/The Almanac

**Mayor Tom Livermore:** "I feel that government needs to be responsive, but it shouldn't be intrusive."

to clarify the original rule. "You have to be really, really careful," he said. "It's a lot better to educate folks."

State Proposition 64 legalizing the use of recreational marijuana received 65 percent of the vote in Woodside, higher than county and state margins of victory. "That tells you something right there, doesn't it," Mr. Livermore said, adding that a study session on

the matter will be held "fairly quickly."

## Upside down

Mr. Livermore, who is 68, has a degree in art history from Lake Forest College near Chicago. After graduation, he tried his hand at photojournalism for the Boston Globe newspaper and ran an art gallery, also in Boston, where he met Ansel Adams and worked with notable Magnum photographers Gene Richards and Constantine Manos.

After work with a management consulting firm, Mr. Livermore took a position assisting a vice president at Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream in the East Bay. He spent a lot of time in warehouses, he said, including "giant freezers" kept at a temperature of 20 degrees below zero. He recalled a problem with lids popping off ice cream containers when shipped from the Bay Area to Denver, a mile above sea level where air pressure is lower.

"We figured out that if (we) simply turned all the ice cream

cartons upside down when we stacked it on the pallets, the weight of the ice cream would keep the lids on," he said. "A fun place to work."

He retired from business as vice president of sales and marketing at FP International, a Fremont-based company that makes packaging, including bubble wrap and the inflated plastic bags that prevent movement of items inside boxes during shipment.

He and his wife have been residents of Woodside for 30 years, he said. Mr. Livermore came to the council in 2015 from the Architectural and Site Review Board, whose five members are charged with protecting the rural character of Woodside and ensuring that residential projects are consistent with town rules and guidelines.

Mr. Livermore serves on the boards of Hidden Villa in Los Alto Hills, the Children's Discovery Museum in San Jose, and the Horse Park in Woodside. The couple own two horses and their daughter competes in show jumping, he said. ■

# Portola Valley's new mayor also a career leader in his day jobs

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

## PORTOLA VALLEY

Craig Hughes, elected Dec. 14 by his colleagues on the Town Council as the 2017 mayor of Portola Valley, is not unaccustomed to leadership positions.

Of 11 companies he's worked with, Mr. Hughes, who is 42, was founder or chief technical officer (and occasionally both) in seven of them. The projects he's worked on include anti-spam software, a Linux server the size of a stick of chewing gum, and software that allowed developers to design, test and distribute apps for digital TV.

As mayor, a title rotated among the council members, he will set agendas for and preside over council meetings. The council picked Councilman John Richards as vice mayor to chair council meetings in the mayor's absence.

When asked about priorities for the year ahead, Mr. Hughes had ready answers.

The council will be monitoring the effect on traffic of two commercial construction projects, the Windmill School at 900 Portola Road and the clubhouse renovation at the Alpine Hills Swim & Tennis Club at 4139 Alpine Road.

The drought is not over,

and the town is engaged with the California Water Service company to install smart water meters in town, and the Water Conservation Committee continues its efforts to help residents conserve and reuse water.

Looking ahead 25 years, a committee has been gathering information from various council advisory committees and from the public, asking for ideas on the future of the 11.2-acre Town Center.

On the home front, the town is looking into ways to provide housing for various groups of people who work in town, including employees, teachers and sheriff's deputies.

In an effort to discourage criminal activity, the town manager is investigating the logistics and costs of setting up license-plate-reading cameras on roads used to enter and exit the town. The council hasn't decided yet to install the cameras. Two home-invasion robberies in town in 2016 have added an urgency to the matter.

## Chief technical officer

Mr. Hughes is currently chief technical officer for Cognoa, a startup that uses machine learning and diagnostic data

Photo by Stanley Kim

**Craig Hughes**, the new mayor of Portola Valley, says his governing philosophy is listening, keeping an open mind and acting in the spirit of 1964, when the town was founded.

collected on more than 10,000 children to form the basis for an algorithm to analyze a child's behavior using information provided by the child's parents. The goal: detect children at risk for developmental delay and autism.

He served on the Architectural & Site Control Commission before running for a council seat in 2013. Mr. Hughes is bilingual (French and English) and has a



limited proficiency in German, he said. He is a graduate of St. Paul's School, a high school in London, and is a few credits short of a bachelor's degree at Stanford University in symbolic

systems — a blend of cognitive science, artificial intelligence and human-computer interaction.

Mr. Hughes is married and has two children.

Asked about his governing philosophy, Mr. Hughes said it's been on display since 2013, when he was elected to the council. He noted listening, keeping an open mind and acting in the spirit of 1964, when the town was founded.

Finding ways to adapt to modernity while "preserving what's special about Portola Valley" is the key, he said.

"I think in most cases, I've found that it's not impossible," he said. ■

# Menlo Park pedestrian killed in hit-and-run collision

A man struck and killed in a hit-and-run collision in San Jose on Dec. 10 has been identified as 59-year-old Patrick Osmar of Menlo Park, according to the Santa Clara County medical examiner's office.

Officers found Mr. Osmar on the ground at East Hedding and North 15th streets shortly after 3 a.m. when they responded to a report of a person down, police said.

The victim was pronounced

dead at the scene.

An initial investigation showed Mr. Osmar was in the road when an eastbound car hit him and then left the scene, according to police.

The suspect, identified as Jonathan Espino Ruiz, was later found and arrested in connection with the collision, police said. Mr. Ruiz was booked into Santa Clara County Jail on suspicion of hit-and-run and other alleged

crimes unrelated to the collision, according to police.

The incident was the 42nd fatal collision on city streets this year.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call police Detective Kevin McMillin at (408) 277-4654. Those who wish to remain anonymous may call Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-7867.

— Jamey Padojino,  
Bay City News Service

**■ POLICE CALLS**

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

**MENLO PARK**

**Residential burglaries:**

■ Burglars broke into three apartments in the 1100 block of Willow Road, two by kicking in the front door. In one case, the burglar stole a 2002 gray Nissan Pathfinder SUV and jewelry with an estimated value of \$8,000. In the second case, the burglar stole a pillowcase full of costume jewelry, which was later recovered behind

the building. In the third case, the burglar entered through an open bathroom window but there are no indications that anything was stolen. Dec. 10.

■ Burglars forced open a back door to a home on Donohoe Street and stole a TV, two tablet computers and three laptop computers. Estimated loss: \$8,700. Dec. 13.

■ A burglar entered a home on Windsor Way through an unlocked window and stole a paint sprayer, pressure washer, drill, table saw and extension cord. Estimated loss: \$4,050. Dec. 10.

■ Someone smashed a rear window of a home on Menalto Avenue and stole jewelry. No estimate on losses. Dec. 16.

■ A burglar stole a coin purse from a home on O'Connor Street after entering the home through an unlocked window.

Estimated loss: \$60. Dec. 16.

■ Someone entered a locked apartment on Pierce Road and moved things around, but there's no indication that anything was stolen. Dec. 10.

**Commercial burglary:** Someone broke a ground-floor window at ETrade Financial at 4500 Bohannon Drive and stole three laptop computers. Estimated loss: \$7,500. Dec. 12.

**Auto burglaries:**

■ A thief smashed a window on a vehicle parked in the Safeway parking lot at 525 El Camino Real and stole a laptop computer. Estimated loss: \$1,500. Dec. 15.

■ A would-be burglar tried but failed to gain entry, via skylight, into a locked vehicle parked on O'Brien Drive. Dec. 15.

**Thefts:**

■ A thief stole a bike from the front yard of

a home on Cambridge Avenue. Estimated loss: \$700. Dec. 13.

■ A resident of Carlton Avenue told police that someone stole a package from his front porch. Inside was a bicycle pump. Estimated loss: \$475. Dec. 13.

■ A thief opened a package on the porch of a home on Almanor Avenue and stole the watch that was inside, leaving the empty package on the porch. Estimated loss: \$300. Dec. 13.

■ Someone stole a bike from the backyard of a home on Oak Court. Estimated loss: \$250. Dec. 13.

■ A woman shopping at Trader Joe's market on Menlo Avenue told police that someone stole her wallet from her unattended shopping cart. Dec. 13.

**Stolen vehicle:** A gold 1997 Honda Accord from a parking lot on Sharon Park

Road. Dec. 15.

**ATHERTON**

**Attempted auto burglary:** A Selby Lane resident told police that the windows of her vehicle had "cracks in them." Estimated loss: \$600. Dec. 9.

**Fraud:** In response to a phone call from someone impersonating his granddaughter, a resident of Maple Avenue bought gift cards and gave the numbers to the caller. Relatives learned of the scam and responded quickly enough to block the caller's ability to redeem the gift cards. No losses. Dec. 9.

**Theft:** Someone stole a package sitting next to a mailbox at the East driveway of a home on Tuscaloosa Avenue. Estimated loss: \$20. Dec. 15.

## Police: Man suspected of possessing stolen property

Menlo Park police officers making a traffic stop in the 200 block of O'Keefe Street in Menlo Park on Sunday morning, Dec. 18, arrested an East Palo Alto man on charges that include possession of stolen property,

Antonio Gonzalez, 26, was booked into San Mateo County jail. Police said they also charged Mr. Gonzalez with suspicion of committing a felony

while out on bail, driving with a suspended license, and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

During the traffic stop, police said they discovered property in the vehicle that was stolen in a commercial burglary and in a theft from a vehicle, both of which took place in Ladera. Also, they said they found items stolen in Palo Alto.

## Portola Valley seeks volunteers

Town Hall in Portola Valley is encouraging residents with an interest in local government to come forward and consider joining one of the town's commissions or its many committees.

Portola Valley has a Town Council, a Planning Commission, an Architectural & Site Control Commission and 15 committees that advise the council on various topics, and every member is a volunteer.

"Commissions and committees are the lifeblood of the Town's operations," Town Manager Jeremy Dennis says in a recruiting statement. "The good work that committee members do every day is the reason why Portola Valley is so special."

Volunteers can get involved in the town's efforts on many fronts, including the ongoing

push to be an environmentally sustainable community, planning a community response to a major disaster such as an earthquake or wildfire, removing invasive plant species, and conserving water.

Water conservation is one advisory committee matter for which the town is particularly looking for volunteers. Other committees seeking volunteers deal with parks and recreation, cultural arts, historic resources, nature and science, public works, safety for bicyclists and pedestrians and motorists, and relocating utility lines from power poles to underground.

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

Contact Mr. Dennis at (650) 851-1700, x215, or via email at [jdennis@portolavalley.net](mailto:jdennis@portolavalley.net).

**■ BIRTHS**

**Menlo Park**

■ Joan and Michael Coward, a son, Oct. 14, Sequoia Hospital.

■ Cara and Edmund Helmer, a son, Oct. 17, Sequoia Hospital.

■ Fatemeh Pirmoradi and Alireza Shirvani, a daughter, Oct. 19, Sequoia Hospital.

**Portola Valley**

■ Robin and Ryan Harper, a son, Oct. 26, Sequoia Hospital.

**Woodside**

■ Jamie and Eric Boyle, a son, Oct. 15, Sequoia Hospital.



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### West Bay Sanitary District Notice of Public Hearing "Corrected Notice"

**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](http://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.

\* The previous notice contained a mathematical error in the quarterly charges.

**Proposed Maximum Solid Waste Rates for 2017**

| Customer Service Level           | Current Monthly Rate | MONTHLY RATES         |  | *QUARTERLY CHARGES (Corrected 12/14/16) |                            |                    |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|---|----------------------------|--------------------|
|                                  |                      | Proposed Monthly Rate | Monthly Increase                         | Current Quarterly Charges               | Proposed Quarterly Charges | Quarterly Increase |
| <b>Residential:</b>              |                      |                       |  |   |                            |                    |
| 20 gallon can                    | \$23.30              | \$27.96               | \$4.66                                   | \$69.90                                 | \$83.88                    | \$13.98            |
| 32 gallon can                    | \$37.60              | \$40.23               | \$2.63                                   | \$112.80                                | \$120.69                   | \$7.89             |
| 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             |
| <b>Commercial: (Per Pick Up)</b> |                      |                       |  |   |                            |                    |
|                                  | <b>Current</b>       | <b>Proposed</b>       | <b>Increase (Decrease) (Per Pick Up)</b> |   |                            |                    |
| 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 monthly 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 monthly rates.

West Bay Sanitary District  
Board of Directors  
San Mateo County, California

/s/ Phil Scott  
District Manager

Dated: October 26, 2016

# Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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## Theater

**'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

**New Year's Eve with The Sun Kings** Beatles tribute band performs. Dancing, singing. Dec. 31, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. \$75. Club Fox, 2209 Broadway St., Redwood City.

**The Aliens Are Coming: What If It's True?** This program features filmed interviews with UFO researcher Stanton Friedman and Mutual UFO Network director Clifford Clift. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss their belief or lack of belief in extraterrestrial life. Dec. 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany, 1095 Cloud Ave., West Menlo Park.

**Crafting a Truly Fulfilling Life: Making the Most of Whatever Comes Your Way** This program features a filmed interview with Dennis Drake, founder of the International Deaf Education Association, a Philippines-based program to providing education and training to the island's deaf population. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to tell about times they've felt fulfillment in their own lives. Dec. 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany, 1095 Cloud Ave., West Menlo Park.

**Guitarist Carlos Pavan** The Menlo Park Library hosts guitarist Carlos Pavan to perform a recital of music from Argentina along with his own original works. This free event is made possible thanks to the Friends of the Menlo Park Library. No reservation is necessary. Dec. 28, 7 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [business.menloparkchamber.com](http://business.menloparkchamber.com)

**Live Music: The Edgewood Mountain Boys** is a bluegrass Americana duo with harmonies that render hillbilly roots music. Dec. 13 and 27, 7-9 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City.

**Open Mic Night** Nick iToothless Monkey! Peters from Toothless Monkey Music hosts an open mic night. Any family-friendly acts are encouraged, from music to comedy to poetry. All ages are welcome. Two mics and two guitar amps will be ready, and the limit is two songs or 10 minutes per performer/group. Fourth Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., sign ups; 8-10 p.m., performances. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City.

## Festival

**Chanukah Festival** Chabad MidPen will host its seventh annual Chanukah Festival. Everyone is invited to participate. Entertainment, music, latkes and donuts. Dec. 27, 5:30 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

## Fundraisers

**Open Paint by CATA** This event is open to all ages. Paints, brushes, blank canvases and "paint-by-number" designs by local artists are provided. Pizza, beer and wine are available for purchase. Donations and a percentage of all food and beverage purchases support Community Advocacy Through Art (CATA), a street art and community advocacy project of the Redwood City Parks and Arts Foundation. Thursdays, ongoing, 5-8 p.m. Free, but RSVP on Eventbrite. Pizza and Pints, 821 Winslow St., Redwood City. [projectcata.com/openpaint/](http://projectcata.com/openpaint/)

## Family

**Portola Valley Library Preschool Storytime** This storytime is full of books, songs and activities just right for a preschooler's curious and ever-growing mind. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

**Creative Crafts** This is a time for kids to make something colorful, beautiful and sticky. Wednesdays, 4 p.m. Free. Downtown

Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

**Paws for Tales Schaberg Branch** During this time, participants will have the opportunity to read to a specially trained dog provided by the Peninsula Humane Society. Dec. 22, 2:30 p.m. Free. Schaberg Branch Library, 2140 Euclid Ave., Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

## Museums & Exhibits

**Alice Weill's 'Fresh Strokes'** The Portola Art Gallery presents iFresh 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](http://portolaartgallery.com)

**Folger Stable Carriage Room Museum** The Carriage Room Museum at the Folger Stable will be open each Saturday, sharing exhibits about the history of the Folger property and the surrounding area, as well as the horse heritage of Woodside. Saturdays, ongoing, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Wunderlich Park, 4040 Woodside Road, Woodside. [huddartwunderlichfriends.org](http://huddartwunderlichfriends.org)

**Highlights from the Marmor Collection** This exhibition will feature groupings of work by pioneering artists such as Robert Rauschenberg, Ed Kienholz, Bruce Nauman and Ellsworth Kelly, among others. When juxtaposed, these works highlight new modes of art making that took root after the war and utilized media ranging from photography and print-making to mixed media assemblages. Wednesday-Monday, ongoing, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu/news\\_room/Cantor\\_Fall.html](http://museum.stanford.edu/news_room/Cantor_Fall.html)

**Object Lessons: Art & Its Histories** Spanning the second floor of the museum, "Object Lessons: Art & Its Histories" presents the most significant reinstallation of the museum's permanent collection galleries in twenty years. Organized around the curriculum of Art 1, Stanford's introduction to the history of Western Art, the exhibition reflects the museum's deepened commitment to academic engagement, teaching through objects and belief in the power of close looking. Sept. 15-ongoing, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu/news\\_room/Cantor\\_Fall.html](http://museum.stanford.edu/news_room/Cantor_Fall.html)

**The Wonder of Everyday Life: Dutch Golden Age Prints** The prints in this installation explore how Rembrandt van Rijn and his peers depicted the sensual experience of the material world, contemplated life's fleeting and constantly changing nature and navigated spirituality's role in modern life. Ongoing, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu)

## 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 special. 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.

**Monday Night Pub Quiz** Each and every Monday Quizmaster Alexander or a special guest host a fun and challenging Pub Quiz. Individuals and teams are both welcome. The game starts at 7:30 p.m., but participants are advised to arrive early to guarantee seating. Mondays, ongoing, 7:30 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City.

**New Year's Eve Celebration at LB Steak** On New Year's Eve, LB Steak Menlo Park will open for lunch and dinner, serving the regular a la carte dinner menu plus a la carte specials. There will be festive decorations, and the evening's last seating will receive a complimentary sparkling wine toast and party favors at midnight. Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., lunch; 4 p.m., dinner; 11 p.m., last seating. \$10-\$38. LB Steak Menlo Park, 898 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. [lbsteak.com](http://lbsteak.com)

**Portola Valley Farmers' Market** This weekly farmers' market offers local, seasonal fruits, vegetables, nuts, fresh juices, specialty foods, traditional and gluten-free baked goods, pies, toffee, vegan nut butters and spreads, farmstead meats, chickens and eggs, honey, fresh seafood, food demos, jewelry, body products, crafts and music. Thursdays, ongoing, 2-5 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

## Health & Wellness

**Fusion Fitness for Baby Boomers** This class aims to strengthen the back, chest, shoulder and leg muscles; improve posture and endurance while strengthening the core; decrease belly fat; and reducing under arm "jiggles." Participants will listen to music from the 1960s to the present as well as partake in the camaraderie of fellow Baby Boomers. Wednesdays, ongoing, 10-11 a.m. Valley Presbyterian Church, 945 Portola Road, Portola Valley. [chezfit.com/index.php/funfit-spring-2014](http://chezfit.com/index.php/funfit-spring-2014)

## Teens

**Teen Program: Winter Finals Cram Sessions** The Teen Center will be open for quiet study hours, hot coffee and cocoa, and plenty of brain fuel treats to keep students going as they cram that last little bit of information into their brains. Rec Leaders will be on-hand to help if they get stuck, too. Dec. 16, 2 p.m. and Dec. 19-21, 4 p.m. Free. Downtown Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

## Religion & Spirituality

**Christmas Eve Family Service** This christian inter-denominational service will include a children's sermon by The Rev. Joanne Sanders, Associate Dean for Religious Life. The service also includes a Carol-sing and musical offerings by University Organist, Dr. Robert Huw Morgan. Attendees are asked to bring new, unwrapped gifts of toys or clothing, which will be distributed to needy children. Due to the popularity of this service, attendees are asked to arrive early and together with their group. Saving seats will not be allowed. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. and will close when church reaches capacity. Dec. 24, 4 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Lighthouse** Lighthouse at Bethany Lutheran Church provides a venue for people to explore their faith, develop their relationship with God, and connect with others in a positive environment. Sundays, July 17-Dec. 25, 5-6 p.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. [bethany-mp.org/lighthouse](http://bethany-mp.org/lighthouse)

**University Public Worship** Stanford Memorial Church Memorial Church, historically an important center of spiritual and ceremonial life at Stanford University since the church was dedicated in 1903, is open to anyone, wherever they may be on

## Submitting items for the Calendar

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## 'Fresh Strokes'

"The Window Box in Bloom" is one of the featured works in Menlo Park artist Alice Weil's December oil painting exhibit, "Fresh Strokes," at Portola Art Gallery during December. The gallery is located in the Allied Arts Guild at 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park. The exhibit includes new still life, garden and landscape paintings.

their spiritual journey. The Rev. Mary Greene will preach, and Communion will be offered. Sundays, ongoing, 10 a.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Windhover Saturday Tours** A docent-led tour of the Windhover, a spiritual and meditative refuge, will include information about the conceptual ideas behind the physical structure and an in-depth look at the Windhover paintings by Nathan Oliveira featured in the building. Ongoing, 11 a.m.

Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

## Community Groups

**Menlo Park Kiwanis Club** The Menlo Park Kiwanis Club — which through fundraising supports many local programs and organizations — holds meetings each Tuesday at the Allied Arts Center. Visitors are invited to attend and should contact the Kiwanis Club. Tuesdays, ongoing, noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Allied Arts Center, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. [menloparkkiwanisclub.org](http://menloparkkiwanisclub.org)

## Kepler's Books gives writers new venue

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
*Almanac Staff Writer*

Kepler's Books has long been a place for readers to gather, but it recently launched a program to bring writers together to share their work.

The Menlo Park independent bookshop and its nonprofit partner, Peninsula Arts and Letters, hosted on Nov. 17 their first "Story is the Thing" event, a quarterly reading series for mostly local writers. The next event is set for Thursday, Feb. 16.

According to Jean Forstner, director of operations at Peninsula Arts and Letters, the event

is for "authors to read from their works and celebrate what they're working on."

At the first event, the featured writers were: Melissa Cistaro ("Pieces of My Mother," a memoir), Elizabeth Percer ("All Stories are Love Stories," a novel), Tony Press ("Crossing the Lines," a short story collection), Edward Porter (short fiction writer), Peg Alford Pursell (forthcoming book: "Show her a Flower, a Bird, a Shadow"), Shruti Swamy (O. Henry Prize Stories 2016) and Olga Zilberbourg (short fiction writer).

Ms. Forstner credits Kepler's staffer and published writer Aggie

Zivaljevic, who is well-connected with local writers' networks, with recruiting the writers and developing a theme for the readings.

Peninsula Arts and Letters, as the nonprofit is currently called, has a number of recurring events, including the weekly live radio broadcasts of Angie Coiro's "In Deep Radio" show (Wednesdays at noon) and monthly literary seminars with Kimberly Ford, a former adjunct professor at Berkeley and author, Ms. Forstner said.

Contact [aggie@keplers.com](mailto:aggie@keplers.com) for more information about the program. Kepler's is at 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

## Two views on the proposed Greenheart project

### Station 1300 project a real enhancement to downtown

By Clem Molony

The Station 1300 mixed-use development proposal for El Camino Real is a welcome modernization of our downtown. It is a definite positive for our wonderful city. It brings 183 new housing units, a beautiful design, two moderate-size three-story office buildings, and it is right across the street from the Caltrain station.

The addition of 180-plus housing units that are adjacent to a Caltrain station is a transit-oriented bonus for the Bay Area.

Also, adding these apartments to the local housing stock will help to ease the pressure on rent increases in Menlo Park and adjacent cities. The developer, Greenheart Land Company, has agreed to include 20 below-market-rate units, which is twice the number required by regulation.

Greenheart's balanced and classy design is meant to match the goals of our Downtown/El Camino Real Specific Plan. There will be courtyards and plazas, community-serving uses (at least 18,000 square feet, and possibly up to 29,000), a dog park, bicycle improvements to the streets, retail stores — and all with an attractive Spanish Revival architecture.

Greenheart also has used the downtown plan's provision for a "public-benefit bonus" to strengthen its project design. This planning feature allows our city to gain:

- A new underground garage (with three entrances and 900-plus parking spaces) whose public spaces will benefit *all* of downtown.

- A 47 percent open-space ratio within the six acres of the site.

- A \$2.1 million payment to the city's Public Amenity Fund (which is used to support city improvements, including transportation, etc.).

- More homes, retail, public-use areas, and affordable housing units.

Given the project's Caltrain adjacency, and Greenheart's aggressive program of "transportation demand

Clem Molony is a 40-year Willows homeowner, a longtime environmental leader in Silicon Valley, a community volunteer, and an advocate for healthy living and youth development efforts.



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management" for the tenants and residents, the impacts on traffic and transportation will be much less than would be expected from such a project anywhere else in the city.

The state-required environmental impact report (EIR), done by the city, evaluated traffic impacts from the project. The analysis showed that there will be some increased traffic at intersections near the Caltrain station during commute hours, but because of the high percentage of workers who nowadays use Caltrain, the impacts will be very slight (under a half-minute's added delay).

Also, the EIR analysis showed almost no impact on El Camino Real traffic congestion.

Regarding the high-tech tenants in today's modern offices, a huge proportion use transit. A recent study showed that almost 30 percent of Palo Alto's office workers ride Caltrain to their jobs.

Also, almost 50 percent of Facebook's employees travel to work in an alternative to a single-occupant vehicle. Transit-oriented development is the solution for our future on the Peninsula.

I am glad that Greenheart took a cooperative approach as it adjusted its plans over the past two years. The company has worked with city staff and public input continually, to adjust and improve the project's design in excellent ways.

Station 1300 is going to be a real enhancement for downtown Menlo Park.

### Council should hold out for true mixed-use project

By Vince Bressler

The proposed Greenheart project occupies a 6.4-acre site that backs up to the train tracks. The property faces El Camino and borders Oak Grove Avenue.

For years, the city has allowed the property to remain abandoned and unkempt, overgrown with weeds. The proposed development would fill this space with over 200,000 square feet of offices, 183 small apartments, and two modest-sized retail spaces, plus underground parking for almost 1,000 cars.

The project includes a significant public plaza in the middle of the office space with no retail, a smaller public plaza at Oak Grove and the tracks, and a small park in back, near the tracks. The "community serving uses" need not be retail but can include business services and banks. These amenities are located on El Camino and Oak Grove, a few feet from traffic, and nowhere near the interior plaza. In fact, the retail spaces provide a noise buffer zone for the offices and housing.

The underground parking lot is about three times the size of the Safeway parking lot. According to the environmental impact report:

- Most Greenheart-bound vehicles will access the lot via Oak Grove at the Garwood Way intersection, right next to the tracks.

- This intersection has been designated grade F, indicating that it is a road with a continuous traffic jam. Travel times cannot be predicted.

- Cars leaving the underground lot will experience a delay of more than two minutes waiting to exit during evening rush hour.

I have waited 10 minutes to get out of the Kinkos/FedEx parking lot at Oak Grove and El Camino during the evening. Now hundreds of drivers will be trying to do the same thing.

The environmental report states that there will be significant impacts on Ravenswood, Glenwood and Oak Grove around El Camino.

This one project is going to make it a lot

Vince Bressler was a member of the Menlo Park Planning Commission between 2007 and 2015. He chaired the commission during the year the Downtown/El Camino Real Specific Plan was reviewed and adopted.



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harder to get across El Camino, and it will affect traffic flows throughout the city.

To accept this project, the City Council must decide that benefits outweigh the impacts. From the perspective of current residents of Menlo Park, here are the benefits:

- Empty car lot and ugly buildings replaced by attractive new buildings.

- Small park near the tracks.

- One plaza in the middle of offices with no shops or restaurants, and a smaller plaza on Oak Grove by the train tracks.

- Thin "retail" strips along Oak Grove and El Camino, which may or may not be used for restaurants or other uses that residents prefer. We know that Greenheart plans to put its own property office here and our development agreement has no teeth to ensure that the space includes any actual community-serving retail.

If this were true mixed-use, then there would be retail at the ground floor throughout the development. What we have are two large office buildings with a connecting courtyard and apartments with a private courtyard. The retail has been shuffled off to the undesirable edges of the project, and we have no process to guarantee that the uses in these retail spaces will serve the public.

A true mixed-use development at this site, with ground floor retail and public access throughout, could transform our downtown. I urge the City Council to reject this project as currently proposed and to push for a true mixed-use project at this site with use permit controls over all the retail.

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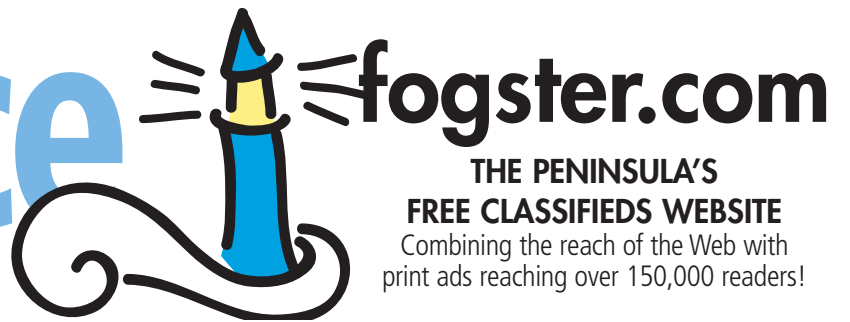
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### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

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:  
11 Embarcadero W. #220, Oakland CA  
94607.

Registered owner(s):  
VIA RAPIDA LLC  
1731 E. Bayshore Rd.  
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

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

GUS PARKING & COURIER SERVICES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 271575

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
Gus Parking & Courier Services, located  
at 112 Abelia Way, E. Palo Alto, CA  
94303, San Mateo County; Mailing  
address: 2279 University Ave., E. Palo  
Alto, CA 94303-1717.

Registered owner(s):  
AUGUSTO A. YAP  
2279 University Ave.  
E. Palo Alto, CA 94303-1717

This business is conducted by: An  
Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on 10/25/2006.  
This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo  
County on November 29, 2016.  
(ALM Dec. 21, 28, 2016; Jan. 4, 11, 2017)

HORIZON TRAVEL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 271684

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
Horizon Travel, located at 173 Wheeler  
Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061, San  
Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
ADRIATIC ADVENTURES  
173 Wheeler Ave.  
Redwood City, CA 94061  
California

This business is conducted by: A Limited  
Liability Company.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo  
County on December 9, 2016.  
(ALM Dec. 21, 28, 2016; Jan. 4, 11, 2017)

THRIVE TELE THERAPY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 271629

The following person(s) is (are) doing  
business as:  
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Jefferson Court, Apt. A, San Mateo, CA  
94401, San Mateo County.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the follow-  
ing owner(s):  
VALERIE HOOVER  
812 Jefferson Court, Apt. A,  
San Mateo, CA 94401-2276  
NATHAN EWIGMAN  
812 Jefferson Court, Apt. A,  
San Mateo, CA 94401-2276

This business is conducted by: Married  
Couple.  
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 December 2, 2016.  
(ALM Dec. 21, 28, 2016; Jan. 4, 11, 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  
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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  
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the date set for hearing on the petition  
in the following newspaper of general  
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Date: December 2, 2016  
/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2016; Jan. 4, 2017)

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 entitle 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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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

MARY E. MOHOROVICH,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

KEVIN J. KUHLLOW; LPL FINANCIAL LLC,  
and DOES 1 through 60, inclusive,  
Defendants.

Case No.: 16CIV01923

MARY E. MOHOROVICH'S STATEMENT  
OF INTENT TO SEEK PUNITIVE DAMAGES  
PURSUANT TO CCP 425.115

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT KEVIN J.  
KUHLLOW:

Plaintiff Mary E. Mohorovich  
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seek \$4,500,000 in punitive damages  
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against you.

DATED: November 15, 2016.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff  
Mary E. Mohorovich  
(ALM Dec. 21, 28, 2016; Jan. 4, 11, 2017)

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