

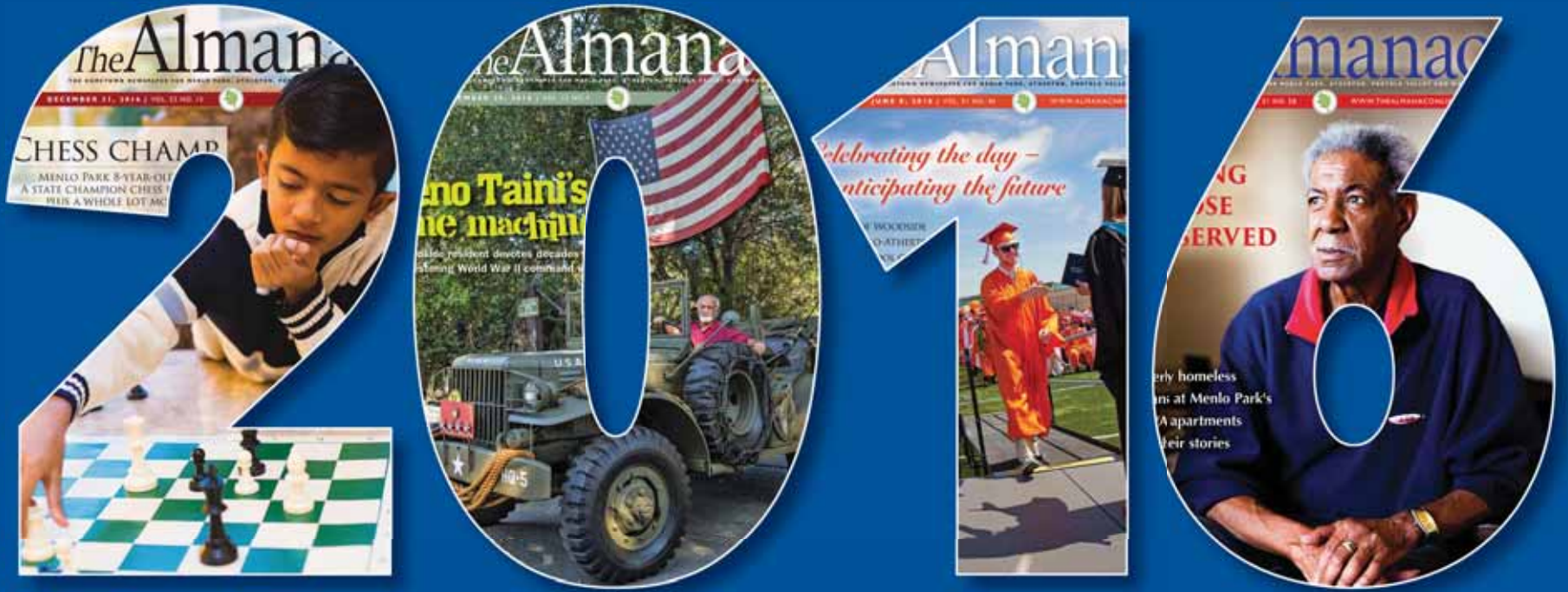
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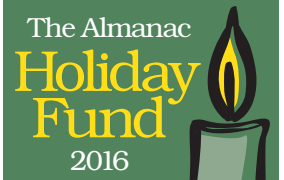


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**SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE "J" CITIZEN'S BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REPORT TO COMMUNITY**

Contact Person: Matthew Zito, Chief Facilities Officer

The Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee has issued its final report on the \$165,000,000 Measure "J" bond approved by the voters on February 5, 2008. Members of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee are pleased to report to the community the bond funds have been spent in accordance with the bond language approved by voters. Complete financial information is available on the District website www.seq.org (Construction Department).

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, Chanvan and Associates issued a report dated August 31, 2016, to the Sequoia Union High School District for the Proposition 39/Measure "J" Bond. The purpose of the report is to describe the scope of the testing; the internal control over financial reporting and compliance; and the results of that testing. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Sequoia Union High School District's internal controls over financial reporting and compliance. As of this final report, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above, that could have a direct and material effect on the Proposition 39/Measure "J" bond program for the period ended August 31, 2016.

Significant new facilities and renovation projects that were completed under the Measure "J" Bond are:

Sequoia High School – New Gymnasium, New Parking Lot, New Biotech Classroom, New Classrooms in Old Woodshop, Various Classroom Renovations and Other Upgrades

Menlo-Atherton High School – Performing Arts Center, Pride Hall and Music Building Renovations, New Biology Lab, and New Media Digital Arts Classroom Building.

Carlmont High School – New Music and Arts Classroom Building, Biotech Classroom Building, Stadium Lights and Bleachers and Other Upgrades.

Woodside High School – Health Science and Engineering Classroom Renovations, New Field House, Restroom Renovations, Media Digital Arts Classroom Building, Guidance Office and Multi-Use Room Renovations, Additional Modular Classrooms and Other Upgrades

Redwood High School – Renovations and New Modular Classrooms

New Schools – Construction of Myrtle Street Campus, East Palo Alto (East Palo Alto Academy) and Fifth Avenue Campus (Everest High School). Acquisition and Construction of Green Street Satellite Learning Center.

Corporate Yard – Acquisition of Properties and Construction of new Transportation and Maintenance Facility in Redwood City (1061 Douglas Way and 1090 Mills Way, Redwood City)

Technology – Classroom Technology Updates, Security Cameras, Network Communication System Upgrades, Telecom Systems Upgrade, and Campus Hardware Purchases.

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Openings, closings, and paying through the nose

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

Woodside is a town that loves its heritage trees and protects them with a statute that incurs large penalties on people who cut them down without a permit. While five-figure fines are not uncommon, the Town Council went well beyond that threshold in 2016.

The council fined Rudolph Koppl \$212,500 for the premature felling of 22 large trees on a vacant 3.2-acre lot he once owned at 205 Mountain Wood Lane. An application for a permit to cut down 228 of the 287 trees on the property was in process when the town learned of the already downed trees. When the fine was paid, the town's budget surplus more than doubled.

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The year also saw the reopening of the public library and the forced closing of the Woodside Bakery & Cafe, a much loved gathering place that closed its doors on March 15.

The library, after a \$2.8 million remodel, reopened on April 16 with a daylong ceremony. The 5,000-square-foot interior was reconfigured to include a learning center/meeting room and improved spaces for children and teens. The restrooms are larger, access for people with disabilities is better, the lighting is better and the building has been seismically retrofitted.

When the Woodside Bakery closed at the insistence of property owners George and Christine Roberts, business

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owners Mark and Jan Sweyer, who are siblings, held an everything-must-go buffet dinner. Six months later, they opened a bakery in the Sharon Heights Shopping Center. A cafe is coming in 2017, the Sweyers say, with a menu of breakfast, weekend brunch and lunch, including some items from their old menu.

Meanwhile at the site of the old bakery and cafe, a remodel began for the Village Bakery & Cafe, owned by Tim Stannard, who also owns The Village Pub restaurant a block away. Mr. Stannard said he is hoping to open in April or May.

Home improvements?

If 2015 in Woodside was the year of studying potential basements and their contours, 2016 was the year of resolving the matter after two years and six public hearings. In April, the council passed an ordinance establishing a formula that includes the square-footage of the main residence and the total volume of soil removed.

No more than 50 percent of the basement can be located outside the footprint of the main house above it, and if the basement is 25 percent or less than the maximum allowed, a site development permit is not required.

In May, the council directed the Planning Commission to consider house size and what might be done to increase the maximum allowable size of the main house. The community's parcels vary widely in size and topology, and many are nonconforming, in that they do not fit well with town regulations. The goal residents

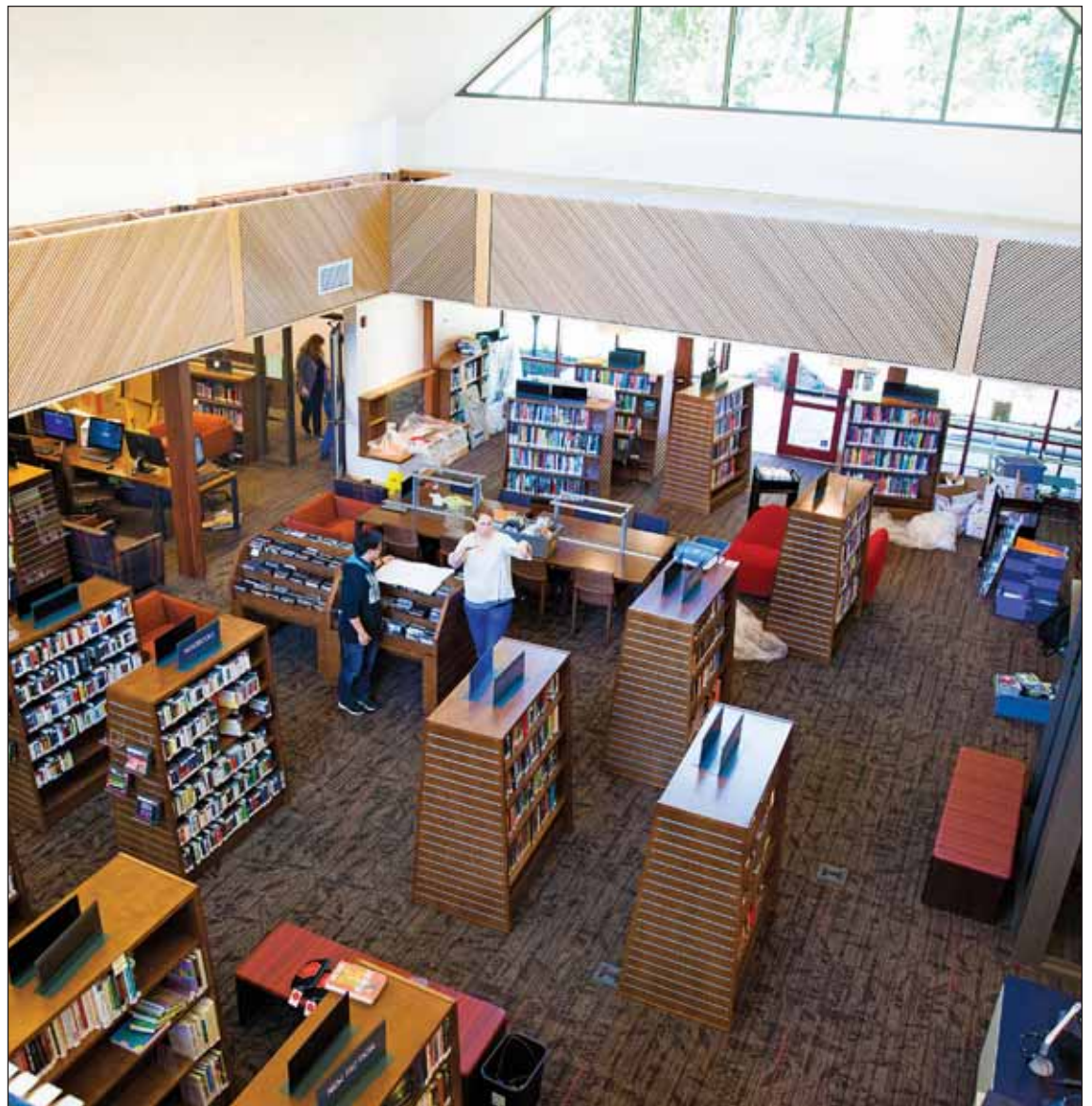


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The new interior of the Woodside Library is adaptable, with roll-away book shelves in an open-plan central area, which can accommodate a large performance space and community gatherings.

say they are looking for is a simple methodology.

Elsewhere on the home front, critics of Airbnb outnumbered allies at an October Town Council study session on the problems

and opportunities created by short-term rentals of rooms and houses in a community of single-family dwellings.

"I'm living next door to a corporation," a resident of

Woodside Heights said.

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

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Portola Valley: Home safety a major concern in 2016

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

With two home-invasion robberies in four months in Portola Valley, the second and most violent incident in October, it's been a time of living cautiously for some residents — a trend that's likely to continue into 2017.

Residents in this semi-rural community are setting up neighborhood watch groups, putting up outdoor surveillance

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cameras, and talking about changes to longstanding town policies such as those that discourage motion-sensitive lights so as to protect the night vision of passersby gazing at the stars.

Town Manager Jeremy Dennis, hired in March, is studying the logistics of buying, installing and maintaining fixed automatic license-plate-reading cameras at key locations in town. While

the Town Council has not yet given a green light to acquiring the cameras, that's likely to happen after Mr. Dennis completes his preliminary work.

For almost two years, the council put off installing fixed cameras, given the expense and the lack of reliable evidence that they are an effective crimefighting tool. But public opinion is now weighing in the cameras' favor.

After the second home-invasion incident, Mr. Dennis

surveyed residents with a one-question poll: "Do you support the purchase of automatic license plate readers (ALPRs) for use in Portola Valley?" Of 742 responses, 583 (or 78 percent) said "yes," Mr. Dennis said. One-hundred-thirty-seven residents answered "no," and 14 did not express an opinion, he said.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office held a community meeting on home safety in June after the first robbery, and a meet-and-greet in November

after the second. About 30 deputies attended.

A week later, the council held a community discussion on home safety. About 70 people attended, and those who spoke supported the idea of license-plate-reading cameras and suggested other ways to improve readiness and toughen the town's reputation.

One woman said she wanted a regional effort by police to get people with criminal records

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Home safety a major concern in Portola Valley

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off the streets. Another spoke of decals for cars that indicate who is and who is not a Portola Valley resident. Another said she was “tired” of photographing license plates on her own.

Sounding a note of reassurance, resident and former county sheriff Greg Munks called Portola Valley “one of the safest communities in the county and the state. Very, very safe.”

Deputies have called the two robberies random incidents, and Councilman Craig Hughes, recently elected mayor for 2017, noted that crime rate numbers in town are too small to detect a trend.

Mr. Hughes reminded residents that fear is “100 percent each individual’s responsibility. You can be afraid or not be afraid,” he said. “I’ve talked to my kids,” he added. “They know about what’s been happening in town. I’ve been talking about what we’re doing as a town to help, what their mom and I are doing to help, and how they’re safe! They should feel safe. We’ll do what we can do as a town. Everybody has to help take part in this.”

Affordable housing

In deciding priorities for 2017 in April, the council topped the list with the lack of housing affordable to people who work in town. Town Manager Dennis called the problem a regional crisis, but also “a Portola Valley-centric problem that has Portola Valley-centric solutions.”

Among the ideas discussed at



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Portola Valley responded to home-invasion robberies with a campaign to encourage homeowners to look out for themselves and their neighbors and harden their neighborhoods with crimefighting technology.

an October meeting: expanding second-unit options to parcels smaller than one acre, allowing larger second units, and looking into ways to lower the typical \$600,000 cost of building a second unit. Asked about modular “tiny” homes, Planning Director Debbie Pedro said they are permitted, provided they meet zoning requirements and sit on a foundation. One resident suggested a group purchase of prefabricated homes.

Another idea: Survey employees and employees in town on the desirability of living in

housing on employer-owned property. A survey “really puts a face on this whole issue,” Mr. Hughes said at the time.

Councilwomen Ann Wengert and Maryann Derwin will serve on an affordable-housing study committee along with two Planning Commission members and three residents. Six residents applied and three will be appointed in January, Ms. Derwin said.

Other council priorities for 2017 include better code enforcement, better communication with residents, support for alternative sources for electricity,

addressing aircraft noise, and widening the shoulder of Portola Road at narrow spots.

New manager

Town Manager Jeremy Dennis joined the staff at Town Hall in March. Mr. Dennis was the top aide to state Assemblyman Rich Gordon for nearly five years. His duties included developing legislative ideas for Mr. Gordon and managing his affairs when he was not in the district.

He came to Portola Valley from City Hall in Palo Alto, where as the advance planning

manager, he was responsible for oversight of the city’s comprehensive plan update, its programs to regulate commercial occupancy, its environmental review processes, and its housing matters, including block grants and below-market-rate housing.

Mr. Dennis, 42, is a resident of Redwood City, has a bachelors’ degree in political science and U. S. history from the University of California at Davis, and a master’s degree in regional and urban planning from the London School of Economics and Political Science. ■

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a Woodside Hills resident. A neighbor noted that “if people are running hotels in Woodside, I think it would destroy the rural character of Woodside.”

But, countered a Woodside Glens resident, “I don’t want to leave my house empty. It’s a magnet for thieves.”

We need to “quickly put something in that allows us to defend the community,” Councilman Peter Mason said. A focus on worst case may be the best approach, he said.

“The new sharing economy has made it such that these behaviors are coming to every community,” then-Mayor Deborah Gordon said. It’s difficult to define bad behavior in an ordinance, she added.

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

Junior rodeo

When the Fourth of July rolled around, protesters picketed the annual junior rodeo at the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County. The protest was over the annual pig scramble, in which three groups of children chased and tried to grab a group of hapless pigs in hopes of winning a ribbon.

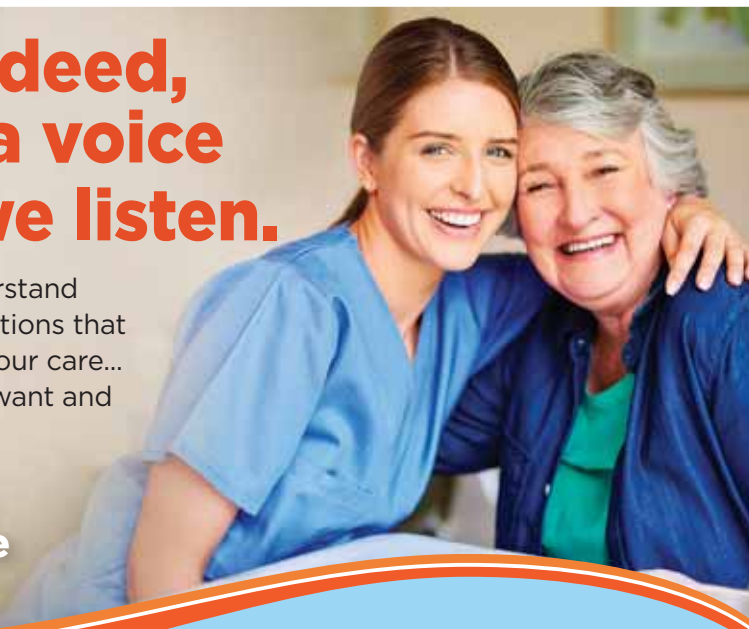
Pigs are intelligent, New York Times science writer Natalie Angier wrote in 2009, noting that they understand mirrors, can herd sheep, can do circus tricks, and can play video games. Pigs are also slow to forget, she wrote.

Perhaps a case in point: the pigs would not come out from under their trailer for the third chase. Asked to explain, arena boss Michael Raynor said that pigs like to lay together in piles. “I just think they found a place that is nice and shady and a tight spot, as in, ‘We’ve got a quiet spot in here. We’re going to lay in a pile.’ ... Pigs don’t have the complicated emotional overlay that humans have,” he said. ■

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A group of local officials and neighbors try out the new pedestrian-activated stoplight at the El Camino crosswalk at Almen-dral Avenue in Atherton on Aug. 17. Caltrans has started work on two more such stoplights that will be on El Camino at Isabella and Alejandra avenues.

El Camino safety, civic center and noise top Atherton's agenda

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

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It was a busy year in Atherton with pedestrian and bicycle safety on El Camino Real, the Marsh Road drainage channel project, design and funding of a new civic center, and noise from planes and trains being major issues in the town.

El Camino safety

In August, a jury found the California Department of Transportation 90 percent responsible for the 2010 death of a 62-year-old man who was struck by a car in an El Camino Real crosswalk in Atherton. Chris Chandler's family was awarded \$9.5 million.

Atherton had been asking Caltrans since Mr. Chandler's death to help make crossing El Camino safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Since then, at least three more people died and two more suffered serious injuries crossing the street.

In 2014, Caltrans offered to put two pedestrian-activated stoplights at Isabella and Alejandra avenues, but said they wouldn't be completed until 2017.

When another pedestrian died crossing El Camino at Almen-dral Avenue in late 2014, the town tried another tactic: offering to pay to install a light at that location. That project moved more quickly, and was completed in August of this year.

Soon after, however, complaints began to surface that the

light made crossing El Camino even more dangerous because its timing stranded pedestrians in the middle of El Camino amidst oncoming traffic.

This time Caltrans responded more quickly, and within weeks had changed the light's timing to give pedestrians more time to cross.

By the end of the year, Caltrans had begun preliminary work on the two additional pedestrian activated lights it had been promising since 2014. The state agency said it will be installing such lights at 11 more locations along El Camino Real in San Mateo County.

Marsh Road closure

Atherton has long wanted to replace the deteriorating section of the drainage culvert that runs along Marsh Road between Middlefield Road and the Redwood City border near Bay Road.

In January, the town finally received the permits needed to replace the existing culvert with a poured-in-place U-shaped reinforced concrete culvert, designed so it could later be covered over. A steel guard rail deters vehicles from plunging in, something that had happened at least four times in 2015.

In order to complete the job within the timeline allowed by the state, the town decided to close the busy road completely for 12 weeks. A series

of meetings with officials and residents from adjacent communities helped the town plan detours to keep drivers off nearby residential streets.

Despite a couple of unplanned glitches, including a last-minute request from the West Bay Sanitary District to add new sewer pipes into the work plan and a flood mid-way through construction when a Menlo Park water main broke, the project was completed on schedule in August.

Civic center plans

Atherton worked to complete the design of a new civic center to house its police and town offices, a council chamber/emergency operations center, and a library — and it worked to raise donations to pay for a substantial portion of the cost.

In March the public got a chance to see drawings of the new complex at an unveiling in Holbrook-Palmer Park. In May the City Council approved schematic plans for the complex, but asked that its size, and cost, be reduced. The buildings were downsized by 3,200 square feet, reducing the cost between \$2 million and \$2.5 million, the council was told.

By the end of the year, the council was close to giving the go-ahead to the architects to begin the working drawings that would be used to solicit bids from contractors.

One major hurdle remains,

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by Monica Corman



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

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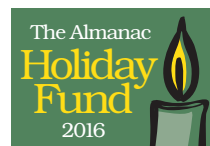
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Civic center, safety top Atherton issues

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however: How to pay for the project. New Mayor Mike Lempres said in December that it appears clear the town is going to have to find a way around a 2012 voter-approved measure that says the civic center must be built primarily with private funds.

By Dec. 1, Atherton Now, the group formed to raise money for the civic center, had donations or pledges of only a little more than \$6 million of the \$25 million needed. The group's goal was to raise \$10 million by the end of the year.

Atherton officials say if voters rescind the earlier measure and allow the town to use public money to help pay for the new complex, the town may have enough money in reserves to cover most of the cost.

Plane, train noise

In 2016 Atherton made some progress toward ameliorating two everyday annoyances: the noise generated by Surf Air planes headed to the San Carlos Airport and the horns sounded by trains passing through town.

After years of complaints from local residents about the noise from Surf Air, a small airline that in June 2013 began offering flights on an all-you-can-fly subscription basis in and out of the San Carlos Airport, San Mateo County in March authorized a study of options for the airport that could help with the problem.

The county hired consultants and held hearings, but by the end of the year had not yet returned its findings to the Board of Supervisors.

Just before the March meeting, Surf Air began working with the Federal Aviation Administration to allow use of a new approach to the airport that would take Surf Air planes over the San Francisco Bay instead of the Peninsula. The airline received permission, starting in July, to use the new approach during clear weather when it wouldn't interfere with traffic to other airports.

Residents living under the flight path said the new approach helped, but that the ubiquitous Bay Area fog meant the Surf Air planes were using their old approach, especially in the mornings.

In August, the matter came up in San Mateo County Superior Court after the county appealed a judgment against it in a small claims court case brought by North Fair Oaks resident Adam Ullman. The judge said the county did not have to pay the



Photo by Michelle Le /The Almanac

A big project in Atherton was the 10-week closure of Marsh Road so the drainage channel alongside the busy commuter route could be rebuilt. Although there were a few hitches, the road reopened on schedule.



Graphic by WRNS Studio/courtesy town of Atherton

Atherton spent much of the year refining the design of its new civic center, but ended the year by saying it appears private donations to fund much of the project are falling short of what is needed.

\$1,000 Mr. Ullman had been awarded when he claimed the county was remiss in not stopping the noise from Surf Air. The judge did order the county to pay its own court costs and suggested the neighbors ask for an injunction against the airline.

The town had similar mixed results in attempts to quiet the noise from train horns in Atherton. In mid-June, the town took advantage of a federal law that allows communities to impose a train horn "quiet zone" if they have safety measures in place. Atherton met the requirements for its Fair Oaks Lane crossing,

but not its Watkins Avenue crossing.

After the zone was put in place, however, Caltrain argued that it didn't apply in front of the Atherton train station, which is located just south of the Fair Oaks crossing. Atherton said Caltrain was wrong, and Atherton residents complained that even in the undisputed segment of the quiet zone, north of the crossing, train horns were still being sounded.

A study by an acoustical engineer, presented to the City Council in December, confirmed that Caltrain was regularly violating

the quiet zone in the area north of the Fair Oaks crossing. The study documented 22 violations in two days.

Caltrain promised after the report was released to do its own study and if it found "violations as determined by Caltrain, steps will be taken to address them." Soon after, residents say, the quiet zone became much, much quieter.

In the meantime, the town is studying what it would take to add safety features to the Watkins Avenue crossing to extend the quiet zone to most of the rest of the town. ▣

Development dominates Menlo Park news in 2016

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

‘Strong’ was the word Councilman Rich Cline, who held the title of mayor at the time, used to describe Menlo Park during 2016. The strength of the city’s economic fortune was reflected in the constant stream of news about construction, development and planning projects that characterized the year.

In January, Mayor Cline said he hoped 2016 would be a year when the city would “get things done,” and the goal was met on a number of fronts.

Notably, the city completed its general plan update, establishing an outline for what could get built in the city over the next 25 years and clearing the way for the development and redevelopment of the city’s M-2 area (formerly zoned for light industrial use and roughly bounded by San Francisco Bay, University Avenue, U.S. 101 and Marsh Road).

Changes in the general plan will allow the construction of 2.3 million additional square feet of nonresidential buildings, 400 hotel rooms and 4,500



Courtesy Facebook/city of Menlo Park

This map shows the scale of Facebook’s expansion project. New office buildings 21 and 22 and a new hotel along Bayfront Expressway would fill in the space between Facebook’s existings offices in buildings 20 and 23.

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residential units, which could add a total of 11,570 residents and 5,500 workers.

The city also approved a large expansion by Facebook. The company plans to construct three buildings where TE Connectivity buildings are now, all

75 feet tall: two office buildings totaling 962,400 square feet, and a 200-room hotel.

A proposed 420,000-square-foot mixed-use development by Greenheart Land Co. at 1300 El Camino Real came closer to approval. A public hearing before the City Council is expected in January 2017.

Construction began on two hotels: the 11-story, 250-room Menlo Gateway hotel at 100-190 Independence Drive, east of U.S. 101; and a 4-story, 61-room boutique hotel at 1400 El Camino Real. Each has promised the city new revenues from hotel taxes.

This year, the City Council made progress on some long-standing projects. Belle Haven will finally get two bus shelters, at Marketplace Park and the Onetta Harris Community Center. Santa Cruz Avenue west of downtown will finally get sidewalks, after work to replace the water main beneath the street is completed. The sidewalks will extend on the north side of the road between Olive Street and Johnson Street, and on the south side between Olive Street and Arbor Road.

Seven downtown raised platforms in front of restaurants and a shop on Santa Cruz Avenue are being installed and will allow more eating and shopping outside. An emergency well and a new police antenna/transmitter are also scheduled for construction.

Menlo Park also joined Peninsula Clean Energy, a group governed by representatives from San Mateo County and its cities that provides residents with electricity that is lower-cost and cleaner than PG&E.

Traffic

Residents, workers and commuters who frequent Menlo

Park’s roads likely felt that too much of 2016 was spent sitting in traffic.

This year, Menlo Park spent a lot of money and time researching ideas and planning designs for projects that could help reduce traffic in the future.

Among the initiatives:

- Funding has been secured to begin building a new interchange at Willow Road and U.S. 101, converting the “full cloverleaf” pattern to a “partial cloverleaf.” A construction schedule is expected to be released soon, according to Transportation Manager Nikki Nagaya.

- A \$1 million study of short- and long-term ways to reduce traffic on the Dumbarton Corridor by SamTrans, funded by Facebook. The study is expected to be done in mid-2017.

- A study of three options for where and how to separate Menlo Park’s roads from where they cross Caltrain tracks, including at Ravenswood Avenue. As of now, all the options involve tunneling the roadway beneath the Caltrain tracks, and two of the options also involve elevating the Caltrain tracks.

- The city gathered enough funding in March to begin preliminary engineering work on a bike and pedestrian tunnel under the Caltrain tracks at Middle Avenue. The city will likely begin the process to select a consultant to work on the project in January, according to Ms. Nagaya.

- The City Council held a study session on building a parking garage downtown. In 2017, the city plans to organize a competition for developers to design a mixed-use parking structure, according to Jim Cogan, housing and economic development manager.

- A study of options to reduce

traffic on El Camino yielded a suggestion to remove parking lanes and replace them with bike lanes. The council asked city staff to finalize analysis of this project early in the new year, Ms. Nagaya said. A regional effort called the “Grand Boulevard Initiative” aiming to make El Camino Real attractive for bikes, pedestrian and transit, as well as motor vehicles, has received funding to design road improvements for Menlo Park’s neighbors, Palo Alto and Redwood City.

Housing

On the housing front, construction and project approvals continued. The council talked about creating more affordable housing and passed an ordinance requiring landlords of certain housing types to offer 12-month leases to renters. Kepler’s Books hosted a forum on the topic.

New apartments were completed at 777 Hamilton Ave. Twenty-two apartments for teachers and public service workers will have rent subsidized by Facebook due to an agreement the company made with the city.

The first 65 units at the Anton Menlo apartment complex on Haven Avenue in eastern Menlo Park are expected to be completed by mid-February, according to Nick Linkert, project manager. Eventually, the complex will have 394 units.

Two complexes offering affordable housing to certain groups of renters were completed: 60 units at Willow Housing near the VA campus for homeless veterans, and 90 units at Sequoia Belle Haven on the 1200 block of Willow Road for

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE SAN MATEO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission will hold a public hearing on January 18, 2017 at a meeting scheduled to begin at 2:30 pm in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, to consider the following items:

LAFCo File No. 16-10—Proposed Activation of Recycled Water Provision to Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club (SHG&CC) and Stanford Lands (Phases I and II) by West Bay Sanitary District pursuant to Government Code Section 56824.12

The Waste Water Treatment Plant would be located on the southwest side of the SHG&CC property, which is located in the OSC zoning district. The influent supply pipeline and discharge pipeline would be located in existing Right-of-Way. Other surrounding land uses include residential and commercial uses along Sand Hill Road. A small private school is also located along the alignment on Sand Hill Road. The discharge pipeline would be constructed in SHG&CC property, adjacent to commercial and residential land uses. Pipelines outside of the Sharon Heights property will be aligned in Sand Hill Road. The proposed pump station site is located in a cul-de-sac northeast of the project site at the intersection of Sand Hill Road and Oak Avenue.

The proposal application and the Recycled Water Project - Sharon Heights Mitigated Negative Declaration are available to view at www.sanmateolafco.org. The staff recommendation will be posted on the LAFCo website on January 11, 2017.

At the hearing, the Commission will hear and consider oral and written testimony by any affected agency or interested person and the report of the Executive Officer. For more information, contact the LAFCo office, 455 County Center, 2nd Floor, Redwood City, California, 94063, (650) 363-4224, or mpoyatos@smcgov.org.

Martha Poyatos
Executive Officer

Dated: December 28, 2016

Local school districts planning for their futures

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

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For four local elementary school districts — Menlo Park City, Las Lomas Elementary, Portola Valley and Woodside Elementary — 2016 was a year of planning and preparing for the future, with parcel tax proposals in two districts, new buildings opening in two districts, and planning for construction in two others.

Menlo Park City

The Menlo Park City School District's budget and how to balance it were in the forefront for most of the year.

Early in 2016, the school

board decided to put two parcel tax measures on the ballot — one a straight renewal of an expiring tax, and one a variable tax based on annual enrollment growth. Like three other parcel taxes the district has, the two taxes would not have had expiration dates.

If both measures had been approved, the maximum total parcel tax paid by district residents would have been \$1,320 per year, increased each year by the amount of local inflation.

Opposition to the two measures sprang up, and the renewal measure received the support of

60.3 percent of voters, while the tax tied to student enrollment was backed by 54 percent of voters. Each needed approval of at least two-thirds of the voters for passage.

Soon after the measures failed, district officials met to decide what to do next, predicting that without a parcel tax the district would have a \$5.3 million deficit by the 2020-21 fiscal year.

The district held 10 meetings to discuss how to cut spending and raise revenues, culminating in a November vote to put a new seven-year parcel tax measure on a March 7, 2017, ballot. The measure would replace the expiring \$207 annual tax with a \$360 tax, bringing in \$2.83

million a year.

The school board is working to decide what spending cuts must be made even if the parcel tax is approved, as well as a fall-back plan for cuts if the tax fails.

New school

The district opened a new school in October, called Laurel School Upper Campus, serving 300 third- to fifth-graders who had been squeezed onto the Laurel School Lower Campus site with the kindergarteners to second-graders since classes opened Sept. 1.

Before the new school was built, the students attended Laurel through third grade and

then went to Encinal School for fourth and fifth grades.

The school, at 275 Elliott Drive in Menlo Park's Willows neighborhood, has 16 classrooms, two STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) labs, a music room, library and a multi-use gym and stage.

It also has a covered eating area, spaces that can be shared by teachers for collaborative activities, and offices. Outside, the school will have a playground, running track and a baseball and soccer field. It was built with proceeds of a \$23 million bond measure approved

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low-income seniors.

Renovations at the Sharon Green apartment complex are planned for the coming months and are expected to result in higher rents.

Business

It was another year of change for Menlo Park businesses.

Beltramo's Wine and Spirits, which had been operated by the Beltramo family since 1882, closed, and a fitness equipment store moved in.

The U.S. Geological Survey announced it would leave its Middlefield Road offices and relocate to the NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View over the next five years.

Competition with local fitness studios and a rent increase caused Menlo Pilates and Yoga to close at the end of the year, though its instructors will continue to teach locally. The city lost two longstanding barber shops: Golden Shears and Moses Hairstyling.

As may be expected in the hometown of the venture capital firms of Sand Hill Road, startup companies continue to spring up.

Spaces, a company that offers co-working office spaces for startups and small businesses, opened an operation at 101 Jefferson Drive in Menlo Park. Quarterly events, when local artists can show and sell their work, will be held there in 2017, the company says.

The Cuckoo's Nest, a members-only venture capital and startup hangout near a residential area along Willow Road, backed down from its application for a liquor license after many neighbors complained. Meanwhile, Cafe Zoe did receive permission to sell beer and wine, and now stays open later.

Menlo Park-based innovators debuted the "world's largest molecular food database," a machine that automates apple picking and a tool to measure infants' exposure to language.

SRI International celebrated its 70th year.

Menlo Park was named the U.S. city with the largest number of registered commercial drones. The city banned the use of remote-controlled airplanes and drones in its parks. A company asked the City Council to think about allowing a fleet of ground delivery robots to take on delivering goods across town. (That may still happen.)

And Menlo Park's biggest company, Facebook, continued to earn large profits and expand, adding new workers and traffic, but also city revenue and funding for local nonprofits.

Schools, institutions

An enrollment increase in the Menlo Park City School District led to the completion and opening of a new campus for Laurel Elementary students in grades 3-5. Long conversations were had about the best course of action for keeping young cyclists and pedestrians safe on their way to school.

Casa dei Bambini, a preschool in Menlo Park's M-2 area, closed after the family-run location was not able to afford a rent increase.

The group that has administered and helped staff St. Patrick's Seminary since it began in 1898, the Society of the Priests of St. Sulpice, said it will stop providing "administrative leadership" to the institution after the current school year ends in mid-2017.

Other Menlo Park institutions, the fire district and the library, both celebrated their 100th anniversaries in 2016. Both appear to be thriving.

The Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce brought back its "Golden Acorn Awards" ceremony after a several-year hiatus.

Politics

While the surprising results of the presidential election overshadowed other races, Menlo Park's council election generated buzz when newcomer Cecilia Taylor, a resident of Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood, challenged the two incumbents running for re-election, Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton.

The incumbents won, but Ms. Taylor was a fairly close third. After the election, former Mayor Rich Cline said he wanted the city to begin discussions about how to get better representation from Belle Haven on the City Council.

Menlo Park drew some big-name visitors this year: Secretary of State John Kerry spoke at the Rosewood Sand Hill Hotel and Shirin Ebadi, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, spoke at a Kepler's event. Representatives of the Department of Homeland Security came to SRI International to present plans to contract with local startups to develop new technology.

In the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election, residents responded in a variety of ways. High school students at Menlo-Atherton and Woodside high schools staged peaceful protests. A candlelight vigil to "Make America kind again" was held in Fremont Park. A group of locals began to meet about what to do to show their support for undocumented local residents and asked the City Council to consider an ordinance to ban city staff from questioning residents' immigration status.

Under a separate initiative, the council agreed to consider an

ordinance to ban city staff from making a registry that tracks residents by religious affiliation.

Losses

Menlo Park also lost several community members, among them former councilman Andy Cohen, Bishop Teman L. Bostic Sr. of the Mt. Olive Apostolic Original Holy Church of God, former Pastor Walt Gerber of

the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, former police detective Larry Shannon, and most recently, 14-year-old Aisea Mataele, a Menlo-Atherton High School student and East Palo Alto resident. Many others will be remembered and missed.

Did we miss something big that happened in Menlo Park this year? Email kbradshaw@almanacnews.com. ■

Jean Long

Jean Long passed away in Carmichael, California, on December 14, 2016.

Jean Marie Vontobel was born in Stamford, CT, on June 13, 1928, to Rudolph and Jeanette Lynch Vontobel. She grew up in Darien and Stamford.

After high school, she attended the Katherine Gibbs School in New York, as well as completing two years of study at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY. There she met Frederick Harold (Pete) Long of Constableville, NY.

Jean and Pete were married on December 26, 1948, at the Union Memorial Church in the Glenbrook section of Stamford. They lived briefly in New Jersey and then in Darien until 1967, when the Long Family, now including four boys, moved to Atherton, CA.

There Jean quickly became involved in civic life, serving on the Athertons, the Atherton Dames, and numerous parent groups, as well as providing direction to the then newly launched Holbrook-Palmer Park.

She also became a member of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. In the 1970s, Jean branched out professionally, becoming an accomplished Realtor in Atherton, Menlo Park, and Woodside.

Pete passed in 1981 and in 1988 she moved to Menlo Park while continuing her real estate career.

In 2005, she moved to the new Classic Residences by Hyatt in Palo Alto (now known as the Vi) and resided there until October of 2016, where she had many close and enduring friendships.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Albert Vontobel of Mount Kisco, NY. She is survived by four sons, Frederick of Marina Del Rey, CA; William of Salem, OR; Robert of Belmont, CA; Christopher of Sacramento, CA; and six grandchildren. Her ashes will be interred at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto, CA.

In accordance with her wishes, no services are planned. However, her family will gather to celebrate her life. Donations can be made in her memory to Ronald McDonald House.

PAID OBITUARY



Early in my career in wastewater, I found a lot of different things in the sewers while cleaning the sewer pipes, without a way to know which houses they came from. I found lots of coins, enough to buy a soda once in a while, and I found a whole set of false teeth once; not sure how they got in there. I also found gold and diamonds. I saved up all the rings, necklaces and bracelets that I found, cleaned them up and took them to the jewelers where they melted down the gold and made a custom ring for my wife for our 10th wedding anniversary, adding a couple of diamonds I found as well.

Now we mine our sewers for another more important resource – water. West Bay is embarking on a public/private partnership with Sharon Heights Golf Course to locate a recycled water treatment facility on their grounds and utilize recycled water to irrigate the golf course and free up the drinking water for Bay Area residents.

Similarly, West Bay is exploring the feasibility of a recycled water treatment facility in the Bayfront area that could convert the wastewater to recycled water for use in developments, parks and public buildings for irrigation and industrial purposes. Resource recovery is West Bay's business. Turning a former waste product into something useful again provides sustainability, reduces the carbon footprint of our community and helps us become more resilient to drought. Resource recovery is good business for the Bay Area and for California.

Please visit www.westbaysanitary.org for more information. If you have trouble with your sewer, don't forget, Call Us First 650-321-0384. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY

The Belle Haven I Sewer Rehabilitation Project involved the replacement and rehabilitation of District sewer mains. The Belle Haven I area project included approximately 10,900 feet of sanitary sewer main lines located between Ivy Drive, Willow Road, and Pierce Road within the City of Menlo Park. Sewer mains were replaced using both open trench and pipe bursting methods and were rehabbed using the structural cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) liner method. The project was awarded to Precision Engineering of San Francisco for the amount of \$2,069,930.00.

The Belle Haven II Sewer Project consists of the replacement and rehabilitation of approximately 18,000 linear feet (3.4 miles) of six inch to 15 inch sanitary sewer mains. The Belle Haven II project is the second phase of what is anticipated to be a three phase project. The project area is approximately 18,000 feet of sanitary sewer mains located between the Bayshore Freeway, Bayfront Expressway, and Willow Road within the City of Menlo Park. The project will involve the replacement and rehabilitation of the sewer mains with the standard open trench method in areas where the pipeline needs replacement and trenchless methods using a structural cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) liner and pipe bursting in areas where the pipeline can be rehabilitated. The engineer's estimated cost for construction is \$3,600,000.00.

The Sausal Vista Pump Station feasibility study determined it was feasible to eliminate the Corte Madera Pump Station located along Portola Road near the Corte Madera Creek crossing and rebuild the Sausal Vista Pump Station located along Georgia Lane to accommodate

the combined flows. The project abandons the existing Corte Madera pump station and redirects the flows with new gravity sewers to a new deeper Sausal Vista pump station. The project also includes a new force main from the new Sausal Vista pump station to the existing force main along Portola Road connecting at the intersection of Portola Road and Georgia Lane. Phase 2 reconstructs the Sausal Vista Pump Station. This phase also includes the redirection of the flows to the new gravity sewer and force main constructed in Phase 1. The engineer's estimated cost for construction for Phase 2 is \$1,200,000.00. Phase 1 of the project was completed September 2016 and Phase 2 was completed December 2016.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

In May of 2016 George Otte was appointed as the newest WBSD Board Member. Mr. Otte is a licensed Civil Engineer whose career has spanned 34 years working in the private sector for regional consulting firms in the water and wastewater fields. Many of his former clients included cities and special districts in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mr. Otte grew up in Redwood City and has lived within the West Bay district since 1987. He is now retired. Director Otte is joined on the Board by WBSD President Ned Moritz, Secretary Roy Thiele-Sardiña, Treasurer David Walker and Director Fran Dehn.



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ATHERTON AND WEST BAY TEAM ON MARSH ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

From May 31 through August 13, 2016, the Town of Atherton reconstructed the Marsh Road Channel. At that time WBSD wished to rehabilitate the sanitary sewer along Marsh Road using a trenchless method known as cured-in-place pipe (CIPP). The total CIPP project was approximately 1,800 feet along the Town Project.

The town and district teamed up on the Marsh Road Channel Repair Project for the public convenience, safety, and to minimize the public disruption for the project on Marsh Road. *“It was in the public’s interest to conduct both projects simultaneously,”* said WBSD Manager Phil Scott. *“Since the timeline was so strict, bidding the project through the normal bid procedures would likely cause a delay in the project or result in missing the opportunity to partner with the town on this project, resulting in closing Marsh Road twice which we desperately wanted to avoid,”* said Scott.



The project was completed in August 2016. The total cost of the project was approximately \$700,000.00.

WEST BAY JOINS IN SUMMER BLOCK PARTY EVENT

In June 2016 West Bay welcomed summer at the annual Menlo Park Block Party on Santa Cruz Ave. Prizes were given to lucky winners of West Bay’s emoji toilet bean bag toss to help raise awareness of the ‘Think Before You Flush’ program. Parents of toddlers repeatedly told us how appropriate the “poo toss” was since they were trying to teach the eager toilet trainees that “poo” goes in the toilet.



Remember wipes in the toilet clog your sewers and WBSD pumps, and cost you money

EASEMENT CLEANING EQUIPMENT WILL IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY, SAFETY



In an effort to further reduce sewer overflows in easements, staff is focused on keeping sewer lines in backyard easements and hillside easements clean. This requires a lot of manual work carrying equipment in and out of easements and a great deal of staff time due to the difficult access. In fiscal year 2016-17

the WBSD Board allocated funds to purchase a new easement access vehicle. After comparing easement access vehicles, staff found the John Deere Gator performed the best and was properly rated to carry the loads. The existing CCTV and pipe patch equipment will fit on the easement access vehicle and will allow the crew to drive the equipment to rear property easements, pathways and down grades and back up again. This vehicle will really improve productivity in keeping sewer lines clean and enhance the safety of our valued staff.

TWO RECYCLED WATER PROJECTS ADVANCE

West Bay continues working in partnership with Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club to build a Recycled Water treatment facility at Sharon Heights Golf Course to supply the Sharon Heights area with recycled water for irrigation and industrial use.

The project consists of a satellite wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) on the Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club property, an influent supply pipeline under Sand Hill Road, a pump station for the influent supply, recycled water distribution pipeline to the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center and the golf course irrigation system, and a solids discharge pipeline to the existing sewer system. The project will allow West Bay to treat water for reuse within the service district to meet customer demands.

“Wastewater used to be something that had to be cleaned up enough to safely dispose of into the bay or rivers. Now it’s a valuable resource that we can treat and reuse for irrigation water or for the industrial cooling towers,” said Phil Scott, District Manager. *“This frees up pristine water from the Hetch-Hetchy system for use by other Bay Area residents and meets our increasing demands for potable water during the drought.”* Scott said.

The public private partnership between WBSD and Sharon Heights Golf is moving ahead and should be under construction in the summer of 2017 and completed in late 2018.

West Bay also is moving ahead with a feasibility study to explore the viability of a Resource Recovery Center at West Bay’s former treatment plant behind Bedwell Bayfront Park. Recycled water from such a facility could potentially be used for irrigation, industrial purposes, firefighting, public fill stations and even for flushing toilets in the Bayfront (M-2) area.

This regional approach would be less expensive, sustainable and available to a broader user base than expensive onsite treatment systems. The study will explore costs, challenges, funding opportunities and complexity and duration of the project.

Once the study is complete (≈12 months) WBSD will assess viability and explore partnering options with both public and private entities. Ultimately, West Bay may find a way to recover up to 3.5 million gallons per day of wastewater and reuse it to free up Hetch-Hetchy drinking water for the Bay Area.



Local school districts planning for their futures

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by more than 75 percent of the voters in 2013.

Election

When longtime school board members Jeff Child and Maria Hilton decided not to run for re-election this fall, five other community members stepped up: former Oak Knoll principal David Ackerman, Las Lomas teacher (and parcel tax opponent) Caroline Lucas, Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation co-president Alka Gupta, and Laurel School site council president Scott Saywell.

Former appointed board member Scott Hinshaw also filed to run, but after it was too late to keep his name off the ballot he said he had to withdraw for personal reasons.

The election was close, but in the end Mr. Ackerman and Ms. Lucas were elected with 5,814 votes for Mr. Ackerman, 4,964 for Ms. Lucas, 4,644 for Alka Gupta, 4,617 for Scott Saywell and 1,711 for Scott Hinshaw.

Woodside Elementary

With its own \$290 parcel tax due to expire next June, the one-school Woodside Elementary district started talking about putting a parcel tax on the ballot early in 2016.

But it was side-tracked by two controversies: A proposal to change the name of the school's auditorium, and a flier, authorized and paid for by the district and sent to district residents, that said a newly constructed auditorium was a remodel of the old auditorium, which had been demolished.

The school board ended up postponing the parcel tax measure several times before finally voting unanimously to put a renewal of the expiring parcel tax on an April 4, 2017, special mail-in-only ballot.

The Woodside district is in a much different financial situation than the Menlo Park district, with enrollment falling about 12 percent since the 2013-14 fiscal year to 398 students this fall. During that time the school's property tax revenues increased by about 20 percent, and the district's projections show that even without the parcel tax revenue, Woodside would still have the state required reserve of 4 percent of its general fund budget.

Sellman Auditorium

In January, a crowd showed up at the district's usually deserted board meeting to talk about an item not on the agenda — a proposal to give the school's new auditorium a name different



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Gina Watkins' fifth-grade class passes by on the second story of the Laurel School Upper Campus on Oct. 17, the first day at the new school. Classrooms surround a two-story interior atrium.

from the name of the building it replaced — Sellman Auditorium.

No one in the district ever officially said where the idea of a new name had come from, but after being barraged with opposition from former and current district residents, the school board voted to retain the Sellman name, slightly changing it to Sellman Pavilion.

George Sellman was a Woodside Elementary teacher or superintendent for 37 years, known for his contributions to the school's long tradition of eighth-grade operettas and to Woodside's community theater productions. He died in 2005 at the age of 81, a few years after the original Sellman Auditorium was rededicated in his honor following a \$1.5 million renovation. That building was torn down in June 2015.

Just before the district celebrated the opening of the new \$8.26 million auditorium, district residents were surprised to receive a mailing from the district that said the new auditorium wasn't really new. "Sellman Auditorium was in bad shape... We seismically retrofitted it, fixed the leaky roof and upgraded the facility," the glossy brochure said.

District officials refused to say why the faulty information had been distributed, although it appeared they had been following the advice of a parcel tax campaign consultant.

Las Lomas

In February, 177 parents signed a letter asking the district to do more to diversify its teaching staff. State figures showed the district with 38 percent non-white students but only 9 percent non-white staff in 2014-15, and fewer non-white teachers than any other nearby district except Portola Valley, at 8 percent, and Woodside Elementary at 7 percent.

"We would like to see the educators and administrators who inspire, inform, enlighten and advocate for our children reflect the spectrum of diversity in our classrooms and community," the letter said.

About 75 people showed up at an April school board meeting to discuss the diversity issue. Consultant Eugene Whitlock said the district has been working hard since the topic first surfaced more than a year and half earlier, and had already increased the percentage of non-white teachers on its staff to nearly 15 percent.

Mr. Whitlock said most of the

steps he had recommended to help recruit a more diverse teaching staff were already in place. The district promised to take two other steps: a "diversity statement" for the district and modifications to district recruiting materials.

No election

By the filing deadline in mid-August, no one but incumbents Bill Steinmetz, a retired attorney from Ladera, and Diane Honda, a Menlo Park attorney, applied for two open school board seats, so no election was held.

Construction plans

The Las Lomas district spent much of the year finalizing plans for construction projects that should start at both district schools when the school year ends in June.

A two-story, 21-classroom building is planned for La Entrada. At Las Lomas a new kindergarten "village" with second-story classroom space, plus a new administration building are planned.

The work will be paid for with proceeds from a \$60 million bond measure approved in 2013.

Portola Valley

Kevin Keegan, the principal at the Portola Valley School District's lower-grades Ormondale

School, left in June to take a job at the Santa Clara Unified School District near his home. Sue Sartor, the former principal at Las Lomas School, served as interim principal until veteran educator Lynette Hovland took over in October.

Ms. Hovland, a San Mateo resident, was an elementary school principal for five years and a middle school principal for nine years, before moving to the district office of the San Carlos School District.

Early in 2016, Eric Hartwig, who was hired as interim superintendent of the two-school district when Superintendent Lisa Gonzales abruptly left in October 2015, agreed to continue as interim superintendent for the district through the 2016-17 school year.

Mr. Hartwig retired as the superintendent in the Las Lomas Elementary School District in 2012 after a 36-year career as an educator.

Looking ahead, the district is working on a facilities master plan that will include a 10-year plan for work at the district's two school sites as well as long-range plans for the district's facilities. Cody Anderson Wasney Architects of Palo Alto is the district's contractor for the master plan. ▀



Image courtesy of Sequoia Union High School District

Rendering of the still-to-be-named three-story, 43,000-square-foot magnet public high school planned for Jefferson Drive in Menlo Park. The focus will be technology, engineering and design.

New election system, new school make news at high schools

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2016, the biggest news for the Sequoia Union High School District may have been the decision to divide the 19-square-mile district into five voting areas — one for each board seat — to encourage people of color to run for seats on the board.

Residents of East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks now have a voting area of their own. Candidates who live there can come forward and win or lose based on the vote tally in those mostly Hispanic communities.

School board candidates in the Sequoia district have been running district-wide, meaning that each voter could cast a ballot to fill all five board seats.

When the five voting areas are created, 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 that Hispanic residents 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.

New school

While ground has not yet broken at 150 Jefferson Drive, site of a new 400-student magnet public high school focusing on technology, engineering and design,

there has been other news for this site in the light-industrial zone of Menlo Park (east of U. S. 101).

The Sequoia board approved the project's environmental impact report in October. The school is likely to generate more traffic at nearby intersections, but the impact report lists several mitigation measures, including a commitment by the district to implement a travel-demand-management plan, and to participate in Menlo Park's transportation-impact-fee program.

The school will be unique in its combination of technical focus, community college teachers on staff working part time, and mentors from nearby high-tech corporations and startups, an aspect of a Linked Learning curriculum.

Plans include 15 classrooms and five labs: a maker-space lab, a design lab and traditional labs for biology, chemistry and physics. This confluence of talent and opportunity may give students the potential to graduate from high school with the freshman year of college complete, and with early exposure to Silicon Valley corporate culture.

The school does not yet have a name, but district Superintendent Jim Lianides has been urging district Chief Facilities Officer Matthew Zito to complete that task. So the board recently heard a "branding and marketing" presentation by Krista Skehan, founder of Personify, a Menlo Park company.

The presentation proposed 21 name ideas in three categories: conservative, middle-ground and creative.

From the creative category, there is LEO, or Linked

Educational Opportunity. It comes with a tagline: "Say hello to LEO." In two other creative names, the word "link" figures prominently: Combine "link" and IQ to get LINQ, or combine "link" and "unique" to arrive at LINQUE.

The suggested middle-ground name Collab is a mashup of "collaborative" and "college focused." Also in this category: Root, OneValley, Monument and TIDE (Technology, Innovation, Design, Engineering).

Of the four conservative names, the word "bay" starts three of them: Baytech, Bayshore and Bayfront. The fourth name is Newbridge.

As a group, the board did not respond positively to any of the names, but some members put in a few good words for TIDE, including the ease with which it would fit into a school cheer, as "Roll Tide!" does for the University of Alabama's Crimson Tide.

Election protest

In a departure from most presidential elections, the victory of Donald Trump on Nov. 8 elicited an outpouring of protest at both Woodside and Menlo-Atherton high schools.

The protest at Woodside stayed on campus. Students in the central quad began with an anti-Trump rally, but it morphed into "a unity thing," one student told the Almanac. "It was pretty cool to see, actually," he said.

At M-A, protesting students flooded onto Middlefield Road in waves, peacefully walking and running, carrying anti-Trump signs and banners, and bantering and shouting as they traversed Oak Grove Avenue to El Camino Real to Palo Alto and back to school via Willow Road.

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Unknown illness claims life of M-A freshman

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Only eight days after going to an emergency room with a mysterious illness, Aisea Mataele, a 14-year-old freshman at Menlo-Atherton High School, died Dec. 20 at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital after life support was ended.

On Aisea's last day, about 460 people, many from the Las Lomas Elementary and Menlo-Atherton High School communities, donated more than \$57,000 online to help with the young man's medical costs. By 11 a.m. Dec. 22, the funds raised had grown to more than \$72,600.

The cause of his sudden illness has not been confirmed by doctors, according to Aisea's

mother's cousin and the creator of the crowdfunding campaign, Nona Ybarra. They think it may be from a bacterial cause, she said.

A little over two weeks ago, in early December, Aisea Mataele was a freshman at Menlo-Atherton High School, who was doing great at school, the family says. He was proud of the T-shirt he got for having a GPA of 3.0 or above and being on a sports team.

He had finished his first season on the freshman football team and had just played in his first high school basketball game, Ms. Ybarra said.



Courtesy, Nona Ybarra
Aisea Mataele

Two weekends ago, he began feeling ill, as if he had a cold, she said. He attended a family baptism on Dec. 11 and late on Dec. 12, he collapsed at his

Community raises more than \$72,000 to help family.

home in East Palo Alto and was rushed to the emergency room at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

He was initially diagnosed with meningitis, because there was fluid found in his spine and brain, but doctors later ruled it out as a cause. He received treatment and stayed at the hospital but his symptoms saw no improvement, Ms. Ybarra said.

His condition worsened. The fluid in his brain was pressuring his brain stem, and he lost his vision, she said.

He underwent emergency surgery to reduce the fluid in his brain. After the operation, he was unresponsive and was not breathing on his own, Ms. Ybarra said.

Various tests were conducted, and ultimately, life support machines supporting his breathing were turned off, and he did not respond, she said in a text sent around 5 p.m. Dec. 20.

The San Mateo County Public Health Department, Stanford Hospital and the California Department of Public Health are investigating Aisea's illness, according to a letter sent to Menlo-Atherton High School on Dec. 21, from Dr. Jeanne Lindquist, a consulting health officer for the county health system. "At this time, no communicable disease has been identified," the letter said.

Community

On Monday, Dec. 19, Ms. Ybarra set up a GoFundMe campaign online on the family's behalf. "This family needs to use all their energy to fight alongside Aisea. (Let's) all help relieve the financial stress and worry off their minds," she wrote.

After about 24 hours, the \$55,000 goal had been surpassed. Donors have come from across the community, Ms.

Ybarra said, and include both those who know the Mataele family and others who don't but are sympathetic.

"I do not know Aisea but I have 2 sons at MA and we are all wishing him and his family all our love, prayers and best wishes," wrote one donor on the website.

The Mataele family has lived in eastern Menlo Park and East Palo Alto for generations and many members of the family have grown up attending schools in the Las Lomas School District through the Tinsley program, she said. (The Tinsley program allows selected students to transfer from schools in the Ravenswood City School District to attend schools in other local districts.)

When Aisea graduated from eighth grade at La Entrada last year, he stood out for his height, Ms. Ybarra recalled.

"You could see him above all the other kids," she said. "He's like 6'2" and he's tall and gentle and caring. ... He's just a really good kid."

Go to tinyurl.com/aisea713 for more information. ■

Undercover surveillance, home video leads to arrests of two juveniles

Due to undercover police surveillance and a home video security system, two juveniles suspected in several burglaries in the Willows area of Menlo Park were arrested Dec. 19, police said.

Menlo Park detectives found the juveniles — both male, age 16 and residents of East Palo Alto — inside a vehicle police stopped for a code violation at around 4:50 p.m. in the vicinity of O'Keefe Street and Menalto Avenue.

Detectives said the juveniles resembled suspects in a nearby residential burglary who had been caught on a

home security video system, according to Commander Dave Bertini.

The juveniles were arrested, questioned and booked into the Hillcrest Juvenile Detention Facility on two counts each of residential burglary. One of the juveniles was on probation for residential burglary, and a no-bail warrant had been issued for his arrest due to a probation violation, Mr. Bertini said.

The driver, Kevin Plazola-Navarro, 19, of East Palo Alto was cited for driving on a suspended license and released.

An increase in daytime residential burglaries in the Willows

in the past month led police to increase patrols there, Mr. Bertini said. Also, members of Menlo Park's narcotics enforcement team and detective units conducted undercover surveillance operations in the area.

A police investigation is continuing and has connected the juveniles to "several more burglaries in the Willow's neighborhood," Mr. Bertini said.

He urges residents to remain vigilant and report suspicious persons or vehicles to the police. He thanked the residents who supplied the video surveillance, which he said provided "excellent evidence" in the case.

CALENDAR

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Theater

Goldilocks and the Three Sharks In this production of "Goldilocks" from Puppet Art Theater, Goldilocks goes under the sea. Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Music

Benefit Concert Steve Gill and his daughter Anne Gill, along with Menlo School alumni, present "Let's Misbehave" Cole Porter Re-Visited for the 16th annual Benefit Concert for The Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Jan. 7 and 8,

7:30-9 p.m. Free, \$15 donation requested. Martin Hall, Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton.

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

Jym Marks Quintet "Menlo Park Renaissance Man" Jym Marks and his quintet play Thelonious Monk, Miles Davis and more jazz of the 1960s. Jan. 7, 11 a.m. Free. City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. business.menloparkchamber.com

New Year's Eve with The Sun Kings Dancing, singing with tribute The Beatles.

Dec. 31, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. \$75. Club Fox, 2209 Broadway St., Redwood City.

Talks

Also Rans: Failed Presidential Candidates KGO radio host and political analyst John Rothmann will share stories of "the ones who got away," and their impact on American history. Jan. 8, 11 a.m. Free. City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Omar Saif Ghobash In Deep with Angie Coiro Talk show host Angie Coiro moderates a discussion with United Arab Emirates Ambassador to Russia, Omar Saif Ghobash. The discussion will center on letters Ghobash has written to his sons about what it means to be a Muslim in the 21st Century. Jan. 11, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

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New 70-room hotel proposed in Menlo Park

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A developer has proposed to demolish the 28-room Red Cottage Inn & Suites and build a 70-room “Hampton Inn by Hilton” hotel at 1704 El Camino Real, between Stone Pine Lane and Buckthorn Way in Menlo Park.

According to designs submitted to the Menlo Park Planning Division, the proposed hotel would be about 40,000 square feet and three stories tall with an underground garage that would fit 58 cars.

Jim Rato, of RYS Architects, said that the architecture would be after the “farmhouse modern” style.

Of two large heritage trees on the site, one would be kept and the other will be removed. A city arborist report said the tree to be removed was in declining health.

According to planning documents, the hotel would serve alcohol at some events and breakfast in the mornings. It would have a boardroom, a

fitness room and a pool. Courtyard spaces and the boardroom could be used by the public.

The Housing Commission voted Nov. 2 to recommend the Planning Commission approve the developer’s plan to pay \$256,248 to the city’s below-market fund to meet the affordable housing requirement generated from the new square footage the hotel would add, according to Corinna Sandmeier, associate planner with Menlo Park.

The plans were submitted Aug. 11, but were incomplete, she said. The project cannot move forward to the Planning Commission until the developer submits the required information. There is no estimate yet on how much the hotel would generate in transient occupancy tax, a 12 percent per night tax hotel visitors pay that goes to the city, she said.

The planning department has received several letters from neighbors expressing concerns about the change in size of the hotel, according to Ms.



Courtesy city of Menlo Park

A rendering of the proposed “Hampton Inn by Hilton” hotel that would replace the Red Cottage Inn at 1704 El Camino Real. The location is set back about 130 feet from El Camino, closer to neighboring homes than other businesses along El Camino Real.

Sandmeier.

In an email submitted to the City Council, Dave Forter wrote, the proposed hotel “is too tall

and the design does not fit our neighborhood.” He said that the location is bordered on three sides by residential properties,

and that he expects the new hotel would block the view, increase noise and trash, and reduce privacy near Forest Lane. ■

At long last, BBC restaurant holds stealth opening

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

On the morning of Dec. 23, a passerby peeped through the window of the British Bankers Club, then entered the building. A few minutes later, he left with a dinner reservation for the same night.

The British Bankers Club, a renovated restaurant inside a historic Menlo Park building at 1090 El Camino Real, has been shrouded in mystery even while its prominent location as the visual terminus of Santa Cruz Avenue and neighbor to Cafe Borrone and Kepler’s Books means that the spot has been under the close scrutiny of many eyes through nearly three years of renovation.

Renovation plans for the restaurant showed an expanded mezzanine and three floors for dining, including an outdoor dining area with a bar and grill on the roof.

The restaurant, as confirmed by Eric Beamesderfer, director of operations, had a soft opening at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 23, and is currently accepting reservations.

For now, the restaurant is only serving dinner, and it is expected that lunch service will begin later in January, he said. Reservations can be made

in person, but the restaurant’s capacity will be very limited during the early opening days, he emphasized.

A sign posted near the entrance stated: “We are currently training in preparation for the opening of the British

Bankers Club. We will be opening soon and look forward to being part of the Menlo Park community.”

The Almanac acquired an early copy of the menu, but no prices were listed yet. The menu listed entrees such as

pan-roasted sea scallops, house-made ricotta gnocchi, hibiscus brined pork porterhouse, mushroom and foie gras agnolotti.

Listed starters included charcuterie and artisan cheeses, oven-roasted beef marrow bone, line-caught hamachi crudo,

and burrata and country ham crostini. A salad selection listed ingredients such as truffle tremor cheese and watermelon radish.

Mr. Beamesderfer said that the restaurant is still working out final details of the menu. ■



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Compassion needed as the vulnerable face uncertainty

It's no coincidence that the incidence of harassment and crimes targeting vulnerable populations nationwide has soared over the last year with the rise of a presidential candidate who made a toxic practice of ridiculing and vilifying "the other" — Mexicans and Muslims, for example, and the disabled. The degradation of civility and respectful behavior in our society has been furthered as well by the antagonism and threats against immigrants and their children who, after months of anti-immigrant tirades by the man now heading for the White House, are understandably fearful and uncertain about their future.

Many of these people are longstanding — and upstanding — members of our communities, but as the number of hate crimes continues to rise, they feel menaced not only by individuals emboldened by Donald Trump's shameful rhetoric but by the future administration's threatened policies targeting immigrants and the country's Muslim community.

During these times of uncertainty and instability, some local citizens and public officials are looking for ways to protect our communities from a possible mass deportation of undocumented residents and a potential mandate for the registration of Muslims.

One proposal comes from City Councilman Ray Mueller, who wrote a draft ordinance that would prohibit the use of city resources, including police assistance, in any government effort to create a registry or database of U.S. citizens intended to identify people "solely on the basis of their religious beliefs, and/or race, and/or nation of descent." The ordinance would also ban the use of city resources in any government agency's program of "detention, relocation, or internment" of citizens — an obvious response to a prominent Trump supporter's citing of the World War II Japanese internment camps as a precedent for dealing with immigrants from "high-risk countries."

The City Council has agreed to consider such an ordi-

nance, and Mr. Mueller is working with the city attorney to fine-tune the language. This is an appropriate and necessary local response to what might quickly become a nationwide crisis. Putting as many local protections in place as possible now is the right thing to do.

Other residents are also looking at ways to "think globally and act locally," discussing possible strategies to protect members of our communities from misguided policies threatened by the incoming president's team. A group in the Willows neighborhood met recently to brainstorm ideas to propose to the City Council, including making Menlo Park a "sanctuary city" to offer a range of protections to undocumented immigrants.

Residents who don't live under the direct threat of increased scrutiny and deportation, but who are searching for ways to protect fellow community members now living under a cloud of fear, are showing the compassion and courage that will be increasingly necessary in our society to protect those vulnerable groups most likely to be targeted by the incoming administration. ■

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LETTERS

Our readers write

Fire district recruitment efforts questioned

Editor:

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District is to be congratulated for hiring 20 new firefighters. However, one has to wonder about the predominantly white male makeup of its current class of new hires.

Although the district presumably did not discriminate in employment, it certainly failed to reach out effectively to recruit women and individuals of color.

James Madison
Holly Avenue, Menlo Park

Keep streets safe at night, without lights

Editor:

I have a concern about lighting and am definitely a big fan of Portola Valley's lighting restrictions. I have enjoyed nighttime neighborhood walks all my life. For me, enjoying the night sky visibility and the sweetness of night odors are important contributing reasons we moved to Portola Valley.

But there is another reason for my concern. For low-traffic streets such as ours, night walking under street lighting does not feel as safe as on an unlighted street. I discovered this when I lived in Palo Alto. Because of the lighting there, I felt completely visible and vulnerable as a vehicle neared. Yet, I couldn't

identify anything about the car driver. Of course this wasn't much of a problem if I recognized the car as a neighbor's, but a strange car, especially if slowing near me, was another matter.

On Golden Oak, I see a car approaching well before its headlights reach me. As it nears I can choose to walk off the road and remain invisible, or signal my presence as a pedestrian.

Finally, many claim it is known that night lighting greatly reduces crime. This is *not* true. Check out the comprehensive study in 2011 "Does Increased Lighting Reduce Crime?" It's at tinyurl.com/Lights2011

Arthur Jonath
Golden Oak Drive
Portola Valley

Population issue part of housing puzzle

Editor:

We are definitely facing an affordable housing crisis in the Bay Area, and do need to work together ("We Must Work Together to Solve County's Housing Crisis," guest opinion by Don Horsley, Nov. 30). We cannot solve it, though, unless we look at the whole problem. One can't get an idea of what a puzzle looks like by looking at one or two pieces. The whole puzzle needs to be put together.

A good financial adviser will suggest investing in "short term" funds and "long term" funds. Both are necessary for a balanced portfolio. This is what needs to be done with the housing crisis. More affordable homes need to

be available in the county ("short term"), and the county needs to cut back on the number of new jobs it allows in the county. (Some 54,600 new jobs came to the county between 2010 and 2014, according to the guest opinion.) A concerted effort should be made to hire local people for jobs.

Organizations that help children and adults to understand why we — and most places in the world — need to strive for a balanced population (and how to prevent unwanted pregnancies) should be supported ("long term"). Some questions to consider might be: "What is the motive, purpose, or goal of having children? How will having children affect the health and well-being of our planet?" Maybe it is time to open our thought to the unlimited ways we can each express the qualities of "motherhood" and "fatherhood" on a daily, moment-by-moment basis.

If we don't consider these questions and strive for a "balanced" population, San Mateo County, too, will be experiencing many of the negative effects of overcrowded cities.

Jackie Leonard-Dimmick
Walnut Avenue, Atherton

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Looking back

Fred Winkler was part of the Winkler & Shine Blacksmiths operation that helped keep the wagons rolling and horses shod during a period when the lumbering industry thrived, according to the Woodside history book by Thalia Lubin and Bob Dougherty. He's seen in a c. 1869 photo taken at the blacksmith's shop on Woodside Road, just west of Whiskey Hill Road.



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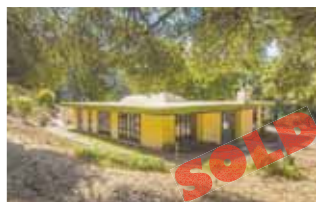


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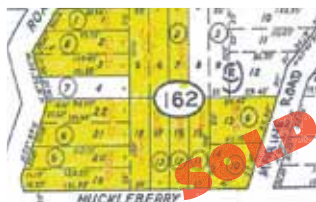
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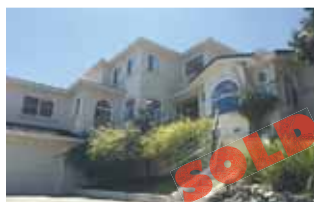
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271581

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Registered owner(s):
VIA RAPIDA LLC
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
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TRINITY CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271591

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
PETER VLAHAKOS
313 Camaritas Ave.
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
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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
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This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271770

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File No.: 271693

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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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 scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
THE ALMANAC

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

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)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

MARY E. MOHOROVICH,
Plaintiff,
vs.

KEVIN J. KUHLW; 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

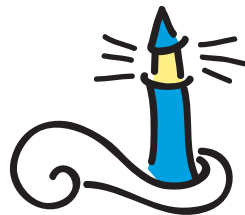
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT KEVIN J. KUHLW:

Plaintiff Mary E. Mohorovich (Mohorovich) reserves the right to seek \$4,500,000 in punitive damages when it seeks judgment in the suit filed against you.

DATED: November 15, 2016.

COMMINS & KNUDSEN
Professional Corporation

By: /s/ _____
David H.S. Commins
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Mary E. Mohorovich
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