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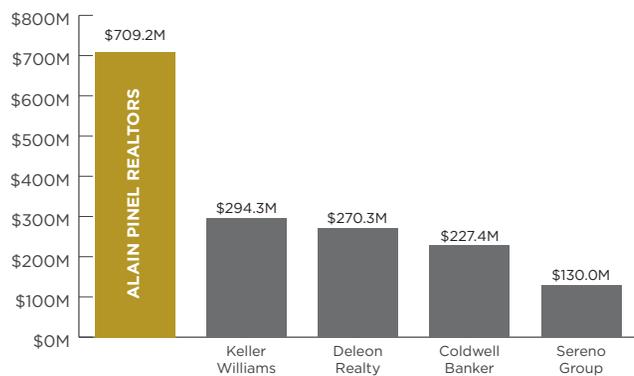
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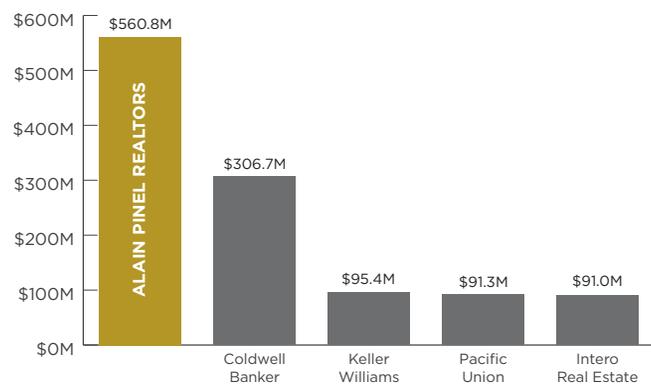
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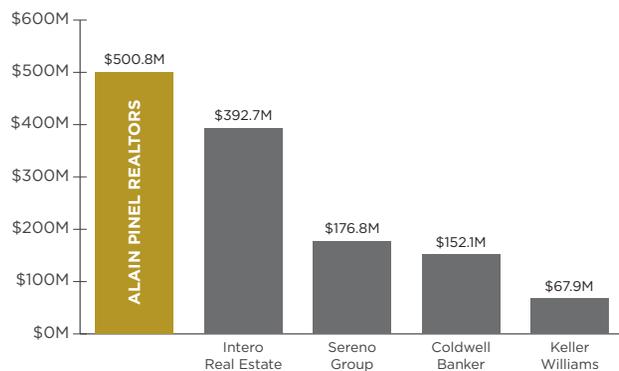
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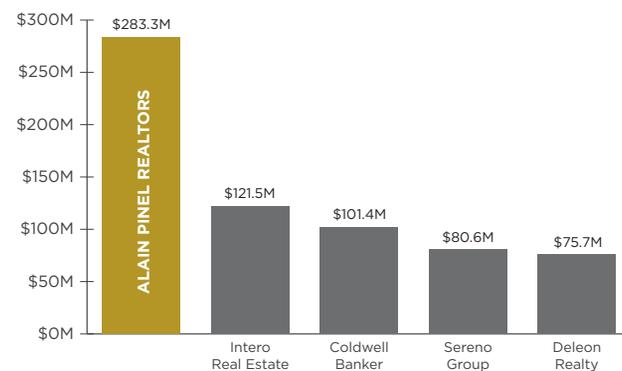
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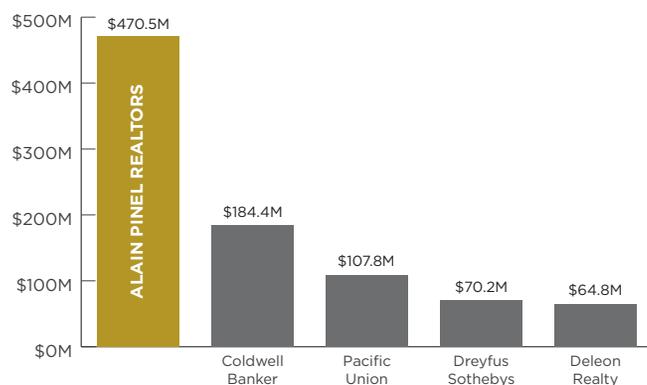
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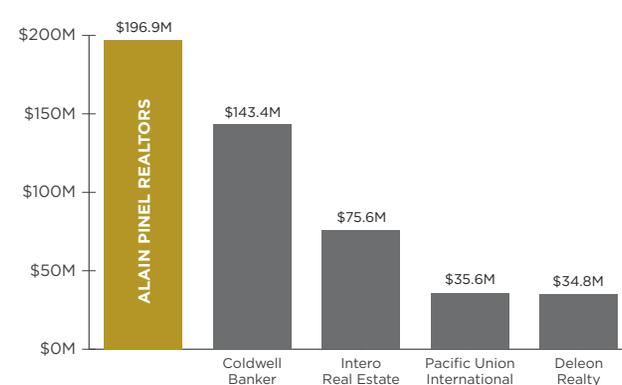
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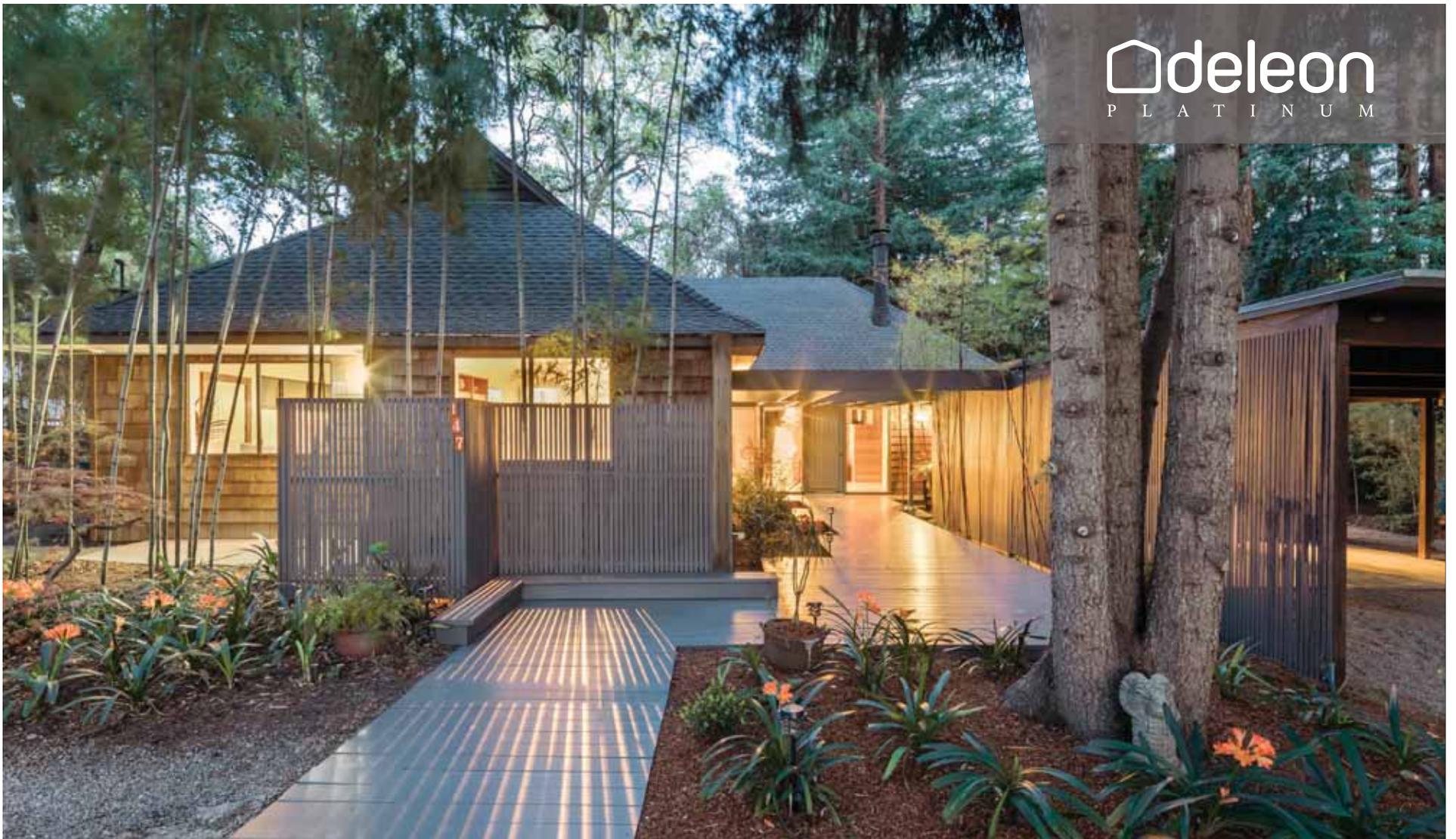


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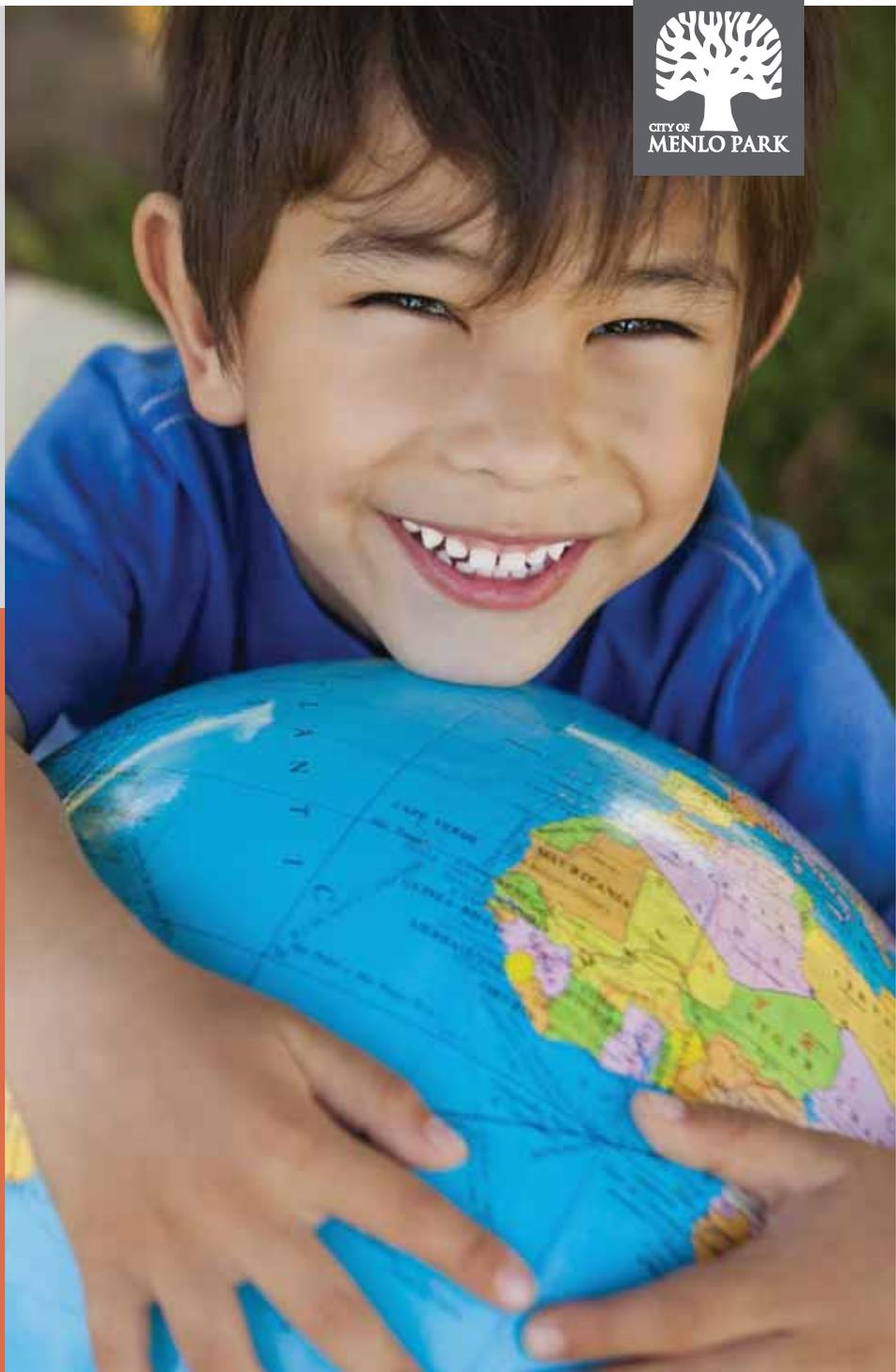
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Residents fear being landlocked in emergencies

■ Skywood Acres has one access point, and sometimes none after mudslides.

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Skywood Acres in Woodside is a neighborhood of 70 to 80 hillside homes along five streets just north of La Honda Road and east of Skyline Boulevard. The neighborhood has a single entry point, from La Honda Road via Skywood Way. From the air, most of the homes cannot be seen because the tree foliage is so dense.

More than once during the winter just past, storm water runoff caused mudslides and erosion on La Honda Road that blocked traffic, sometimes east of Skywood Way, sometimes west, sometimes east and west, in effect marooning the entire neighborhood. Had there been a medical or public safety emergency in Skywood Acres, these blockages could have complicated rescue efforts.

“I can personally confirm that there were multiple times that the entire Skywood Acres Subdivision was completely landlocked for hours on end in each instance,” resident David Madrid said.

The residents of Skywood Acres came to Independence Hall on March 14 to weigh in as the Town Council considered a proposal by town staff to make use of an easement it owns to create a second entrance to Skywood Acres from Skyline Boulevard. A key point: the

town’s rights restrict access at the easement to a locked gate that may be unlocked only in case of an emergency.

Woodside’s rights on this easement were not always limited to emergency access. San Mateo County established a public right-of-way there in 1957 when it approved the Skywood Acres subdivision, according to a staff report. Residents used this right-of-way into their neighborhood, but to their annoyance so did

‘There were multiple times that the entire Skywood Acres Subdivision was completely landlocked for hours on end.’

RESIDENT DAVID MADRID

the general public as an alternative to La Honda Road.

Woodside annexed the neighborhood in 1975. Around that time, responding to Skywood Acres residents concerned about cut-through traffic, the town vacated public access rights to the easement other than for emergency reasons. The easement itself remained physically unblocked, so the

residents added a guardrail.

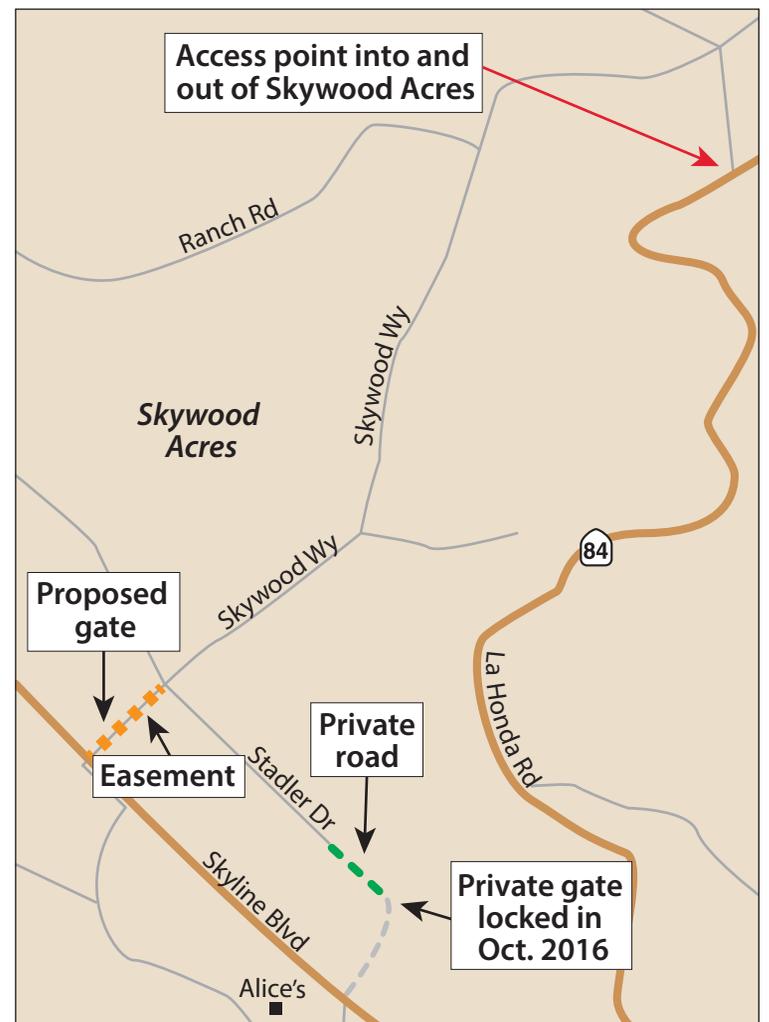
In the decades since, residents have made do, getting to Skyline Boulevard via a private drive behind the Skywood Trading Post. The drive has a gate, but the gate’s traditionally been left open, residents said.

In October 2016, someone — it’s not clear who — locked the gate and efforts to get permission to unlock it have been unsuccessful. Residents say the gate, open for decades, created a “prescriptive easement” that mitigates against its closure. Town officials have said that determining the existence of a prescriptive easement is a judicial matter.

In response to the locking of the private gate, the town proposed to reopen its easement, without the public access rights that it vacated, and with a locked gate to prevent use other than for emergencies.

The residents do not oppose a gate but want it to be automatic, allowing them to open it, preferably by pressing a key fob against a controller. Outsiders and their cut-through traffic would not have access.

The neighbors have their own line of authority, Mr. Madrid said. The county approved a subdivision map in 1957 that included three points of access to the neighborhood, and state law guarantees residents those three access points over time, he said. The town’s response, Mr. Madrid added, has been to tell the residents to “get a court order,” since the town is



With one way into and out of Skywood Acres after the October 2016 closing of a private gate that had been open for decades, the residents and the town are considering creating a second entrance at Skyline Boulevard, but legal technicalities are complicating the matter.

without the authority to adjudicate the matter.

A complication: ownership of the easement is split down the middle. “I understand the dilemma,” Stein Hoffmoen,

who with his wife Eloise Yamamoto Hoffmoen is one of the owners, said in an interview when asked if he appreciated

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Woodside School district voters adopt parcel tax by wide margin

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Voters in the Woodside Elementary School District have approved Measure Z, a \$290-a-year parcel tax that will expire in eight years. It replaces an identical measure that expires June 30.

The vote count as of April 10 was 830 (72.8 percent) for the measure, and 310 (27.2 percent) opposed. Just 48.2 percent of the district’s registered voters had cast ballots.

To pass, the measure needed approval by at least two-thirds (66.67 percent) of the voters.

All votes postmarked by April 4 and received by Friday, April 7, will be counted, according to the San Mateo County Elections Office.

The office plans to release vote-count updates at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, and on Friday, April 14.

The measure was the only item on a mail-in-only ballot. The tax will be adjusted annually for the local consumer price index.

Property owners who are 65 or older and live on the property can claim an exemption from the tax.

At is.gd/WES_Sr is a form to register for the exemption. It must be returned to the district by June

1 to qualify for an exemption for the coming year. Once applied for, the exemption does not need to be renewed, and exemptions granted in the past will be applied to the tax.

Members of the Measure Z campaign committee said the parcel tax was needed to maintain Woodside Elementary School’s programs.

The district’s annual revenues amount to about \$10 million. The Woodside School Foundation donates about \$1.8 million annually to the district — about 20 percent of the budget. About 60 percent of funding comes from property-tax revenues (not

including the parcel tax).

The parcel tax measure was the district’s fifth school-funding election since 2001. Voters approved parcel tax measures in 2001 and 2009, and bond measures in 2005 (\$12 million) and 2014 (\$13.5 million).

According to state figures, the district, which has one school, spent \$24,901 per student in 2015-16. Only 24 schools in the state spent more per student, most of those in tiny districts. Only two of those districts had more than 100 students, and 18 had fewer than 50 students.

Since the 2013-14 school year, Woodside Elementary School’s

enrollment has fallen from 452 students to the current 401, a drop of 11.2 percent. During that time, the school’s property-tax revenues rose from \$5.5 million in the 2013-14 fiscal year to a projected \$6.6 million in 2016-17, a 20 percent increase.

Over that period salaries and benefits increased from 79.9 percent of the budget in the 2013-14 fiscal year to a projected 84.3 percent in the 2016-17 year. A three-year budget forecasts that percentage increasing to 84.8 percent by 2018-19, including an annual state-mandated increase in retirement costs of about 2 percent each year. ■

Report: Menlo Park issues lots of housing permits

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park appears to be on a trajectory to reverse its reticence about housing growth.

Compared to one metric, the “Regional Housing Needs Assessment,” a state requirement laying out how much housing each city should plan for in order to meet regional housing needs, Menlo Park has already granted permits far surpassing the net number of units it is supposed to plan for by 2022.

In the three-year 2014-16 period, the city has approved permits for 885 housing units, whereas the city was required to plan for an additional 655 units by 2022.

“We’re making up ground for some lack of production, like the rest of San Mateo County,” said Jim Cogan, the city’s housing manager. “What’s exciting is how the City Council, Planning Commission and Housing Commission have all embraced the production of affordable housing.”

Part of the turnaround is due to a 2012 lawsuit filed against the city by Peninsula Interfaith Action, Urban Habitat and Youth United for Community Action. The suit alleged that Menlo Park was in violation of state law, which mandates that each city update every seven years its “housing element” — the section of the city’s general plan devoted to housing policies. Menlo Park hadn’t updated its housing element since 1992.

Housing report

In settling the suit, Menlo Park agreed to update its housing

Housing permits issued in Menlo Park 2014-2016, compared to state allocations					
INCOME CATEGORY	HOUSEHOLD INCOME (1 PERSON)	HOUSEHOLD INCOME (FAMILY OF 4)*	STATE ALLOCATION	ACTUAL	REMAINING
Extremely Low	Less than \$25,850	Less than \$36,900	N/A	9**	N/A
Very Low	\$25,851 - \$43,050	\$36,901 - \$61,500	233	130	103
Low	\$43,051 - \$68,950	\$61,501 - \$98,500	129	26	103
Moderate	\$75,401 - \$90,500	\$107,701 - \$129,250	143	0	143
Above Moderate	Greater than \$90,500	Greater than \$129,250	150	729	-579
Total			655	885	-230

* Income range for a family of four in San Mateo County (2016) to qualify at each level of affordable housing, according to Hello Housing.
** Nine units were dedicated for extremely low-income seniors at Sequoia Belle Haven at 1221 Willow Road, but were included the state allocation category for “very low” income housing.

Data: city of Menlo Park

In its first three years of a eight-year cycle beginning in 2014, Menlo Park has granted permits for 230 more housing units than the city was supposed to plan for. The “state allocation” category describes the number of units Menlo Park is required to plan for.

element and lay out plans to meet its fair share of regional housing needs, which includes affordable housing. The city in its housing element made plans to enable the addition of 655 units: 233 for very-low-income households, 129 for low-income households, 143 for moderate-income households, and 150 for above-moderate-income households.

Three years into the eight-year cycle, though, an annual housing report approved by the Menlo Park City Council on March 14 shows that high-cost housing units for which permits have been issued far outnumber those that would be affordable for lower-income households, and that the actual breakdown by income levels does not follow the state-mandated allocation of how much housing should be built for people

in each income category.

Of the 885 new housing units for which the city has issued building permits during the three-year 2014-16 period, a total of 729 units fall into the category of being affordable for households with more than than 120 percent of the county’s median annual income — \$90,500 for a single person or \$129,240 for a family of four. Since the city was only supposed to plan for 150 such units, the goal has already been exceeded by 579 units.

In the same period, Menlo Park granted permits for 130 units for very-low-income households and 26 for low-income households — and not one unit considered affordable for “moderate” income households, as defined in San Mateo County as a four-member household making between

\$107,700 and \$129,240 a year, or a single person household making \$75,400 to \$90,500 a year.

Based on the suggested distribution of how many units at each income level Menlo Park should plan for, the city is still short 143 units for moderate-income households, 103 units for low-income households, and 103 units for very-low-income households.

In other words, the city has permitted about six high-cost units for every one unit that would be affordable to a household making under \$129,250 a year.

Mr. Cogan pointed out that it can be difficult to provide incentives for housing construction affordable to low-income households — but moderate-level housing may be hardest of all to get financed. Available government subsidies tend to

go to housing construction at low-, very-low- and extremely-low-income levels, and tax credit financing typically also only applies to low-income housing developments, he said.

In addition, under state laws, Menlo Park can’t require developers to build affordable housing in all situations. In some cases, the city can require affordable housing only by permitting the developer to built at a higher density than would otherwise be allowed.

The recent completion of Menlo Park’s general plan update could ease the process to develop moderate-income housing, but it’s “not certain,” according to Mr. Cogan. “It’s tough because we zone for the units, but it’s up to developers to build what they’re going to build.”

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the concerns of residents. “But I also paid for this half of the (easement) road. ... We’re all for emergency access, but we don’t want it for everybody.”

Asked about the possibility of a residents-only electric gate, Mr. Hoffmoen did not categorically reject the idea, but said he would expect to be appropriately compensated for the 7,000 square feet of his property that could be involved in such a project.

Comments

Mr. Madrid, who is an attorney, criticized the town’s advice that residents get a court order. “That is not the proper role of government,” he said.

The town should be facilitating a conversation, Mr. Madrid said. “Don’t force us to hire lawyers,” he said. “Join us. Let’s work this out.”

Town Attorney Jean Savaree said the town is encouraging neighbors to engage with each other.

Several residents told the council they would not have bought property in Skywood Acres had there been just one access point at the time.

A wildfire would consume the neighborhood in 15 or 20 minutes, eight-year Ranch Road resident Matt Blake said. “The concept of a 911 access-only gate is ludicrous,” he said.

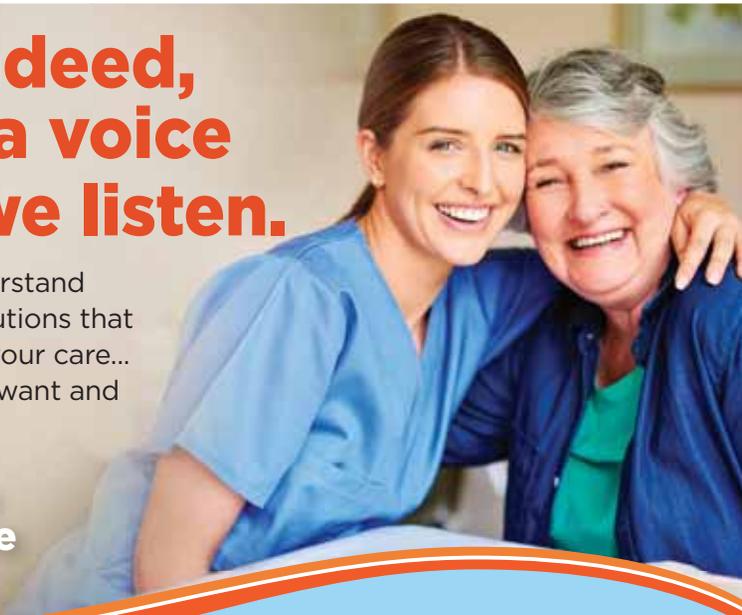
Another resident posed several questions, including who would define what constitutes an emergency, who would have the keys to a locked gate, and who would be liable if a locked gate leads to injuries.

Councilman Chris Shaw, referring to what he called the elephant in the room, remarked: “We, as a town, royally screwed up when we vacated the (easement) rights.”

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The width of the shoulder along northbound Portola Road near Farm Road is substantially less than it is elsewhere on the road. The town will be widening this spot to a shoulder of at least 5 feet.

Road shoulder work to address pinch point for bicyclists

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

PORTOLA VALLEY

There are no bike lanes on Alpine or Portola roads in Portola Valley, but there are painted white fog lines that create shoulders that serve as bike lanes. In recognition of that function, the town of Portola Valley will be widening the shoulder at a brief and perhaps hazardous pinch point on northbound Portola Road near Farm Road.

The Town Council approved a resolution March 22 to spend about \$122,000 to widen the shoulder, with most of the funding coming from a grant from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, according to Public Works Director

Howard Young. Construction is set to start May 29 and to be completed by June 30. Work will be done on both sides of the road, widening the shoulders to at least 5 feet, the report says, and will require the removal of six trees, which the town will make "best efforts" to preserve.

The project is the second of two road shoulder projects funded mainly by the transportation authority grant. In 2015, the town spent \$256,300 to widen the shoulder and build a 400-foot retaining wall along the north side of Alpine Road at the intersection with Arastradero Road.

In all, the two projects involve \$309,500 in grant money and \$138,000 in funds from the town, a town staff report says.

In a related matter, the council approved a budget for 2016-17 of \$527,628 to resurface Portola Road from the Woodside border to the Village Square shopping center, and from the intersection of Willowbrook Road to the intersection of Portola Green Circle.

If the budget allows, the repaving work will include \$77,674 (in two allotments) to resurface Portola Road from the Village Square shopping center to the Spring Down Open Space preserve at the southern end of Town Center at 765 Portola Road. ■

MONTHLY REAL ESTATE UPDATE WITH MANDY MONTOYA

March 2017



The spring real estate market is now in full bloom with active buyers and sellers. Compared to last year Atherton, Portola Valley and Woodside were relatively flat in terms of activity. Menlo Park, however, saw a big jump in number of homes for sale. The closed sales for the month are not reflective of the larger number of homes on the market because most of the purchases likely had a 30 escrow period. As price is closely tied to inventory, next month I'll compare prices year/year as well as number of listings and sales.

	March 2016		March 2017	
	# of Active Homes for Sale	# of Closed Sales	# of Active Homes for Sale	# of Closed Sales
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Woodside	34	10	39	4
Portola Valley	20	3	19	7
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231 Hillside Drive Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Planning Commission review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a Variance to the front setback requirement to construct an infill balcony addition to an existing legal nonconforming balcony currently located within the required front setback. The existing balcony is immediately adjacent to the front property line, and the additional balcony area would be set back 15 feet from the front property line.

2. Samuel Maslak No File Number (Policy Decision)
941 High Road Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director

Planning Commission review of a property owner's assertion that the Stream Corridor Designation at 941 High Road, as shown on General Plan Map CV1 (Watersheds and Streams), should be removed from this site.

3. Andy Kerr No File Number (Policy Decision)
17288 Skyline Boulevard (Alice's Restaurant) Planner: Jackie Young,
Planning Director

Planning Commission review of the appropriate use designation, pursuant to WMC Chapter 153.026 (A), for a proposed "Alice's Annex", a to-go only food establishment in a space previously used as a real estate office.

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

Hydrogen fuel-cell station set to open in Woodside

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

The era of the electric car has been upon us for several years. Is the era of the car powered by hydrogen fuel cells next? California roads hosted 925 such vehicles in October 2016, up from 331 in April of that year, according to the Zero-Emission Vehicle and Infrastructure Office of the California Energy Commission. That's an increase of 179 percent in six months, and the office expects a 1,359 percent increase by 2019.

For this trend to achieve the status of an era, drivers need to be able to refuel conveniently. There were just 25 up-and-running hydrogen refueling stations statewide in 2016, according to state records and the California Fuel Cell Partnership. Among them are stations in South San Francisco, Campbell, Saratoga and San Jose. Mountain View and Palo Alto have stations in development.

A hydrogen pump, among the other fuel pumps at Woodside's Skywood Trading Post at 17287 Skyline Blvd. across the street from Alice's Restaurant, is set to open in May or perhaps June. Installation is complete and testing of the pump is underway.

The hydrogen system's original opening date of mid-2016 was delayed by a year due to "a host of unforeseen challenges," according to Colin Armstrong, the station's owner/operator and the chief executive of British Columbia-based HTEC Hydrogen Technology & Energy Corp.

One unforeseen challenge was the discovery of easements on four "intertwined property parcels" that had to be sorted out, in part to allow the station's parking spaces to intrude into the public right-of-way, Phil Cazel of the Zero-Emissions office told the Almanac.

The Woodside station would join 13 other stations expected to open statewide in 2017, amounting to a 56 percent increase in the number of stations, according to the Fuel Cell Partnership.

The Woodside station would produce about 40 kilograms of hydrogen per day on site using 100 percent renewable electricity, as required by state law. Another 100 kilograms would come by truck in a "drop-and-swap" system that involves using a forklift to replace empty containers of gaseous hydrogen.

The station could fuel between 30 and 45 vehicles a day, Mr.



Photo courtesy HTEC Hydrogen Technology & Energy Corp.

This pump to recharge fuel cells in hydrogen-powered vehicles is undergoing final tests at the Skywood Trading Post in Woodside. A soft opening of hydrogen service is set for May.

Cazel said. The 43 gallons of grey water also generated daily would be used for irrigation, he said.

State support

The state is subsidizing the spread of fuel cell technology. By 2050, 87 percent of the cars on the road will need to be full zero-emission vehicles, according to an Air Resources Board statement. "This will place California on a path to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050, a goal adopted by many nations and believed necessary to stabilize climate temperature," the statement says.

Subsidies were to be forthcoming for the Woodside station — according to the 2015 plan, about \$100,000 a year for three years. Asked if that figure had changed, Mr. Cazel said the amount is "to be determined."

The Energy Commission used a mathematical formula to determine where to locate stations to create a viable hydrogen market, commission staff member and Menlo Park resident Jean Baronas told the Woodside Planning Commission in 2015. Assembly Bill 8, passed in 2014, authorizes the state to spend \$100 million a year for nine years on alternatives to fossil fuels, she said.

Subsidies are also available to car buyers. A new hydrogen-powered Toyota Mirai comes with a \$5,000 tax credit and a fuel card good for \$15,000, enough to cover three years

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Separating roads from rails: Council picks two options

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

Presented with three options to separate Ravenswood Avenue, and possibly other roads, from the Caltrain tracks, the Menlo Park City Council on April 4 winnowed those options down to two.

However, some council members expressed dissatisfaction with the options presented, whether because they'd prefer to see the tracks separated from the roads via a trench or tunnel, or because the options include the possibility of a third rail line running through the city.

The options that will receive further study are, one, separating Ravenswood Avenue from the Caltrain tracks, and two, separating Ravenswood, Oak Grove and Glenwood avenues from the tracks.

The first option would run Ravenswood Avenue under the tracks, which would stay at their current elevation. The preliminary estimated cost is between \$140 million and \$190 million.

Go to is.gd/train327 for more information.

The other option would elevate the Caltrain tracks at three crossings: Ravenswood, Oak Grove and Glenwood avenues. This option would create a berm to elevate Caltrain, at a maximum of 10 feet, and would depress the roads. Three of the five council members — Rich Cline, Catherine Carlton and Kirsten Keith — expressed support for this option at the April 4 council meeting. The preliminary estimated cost of this option is between \$280 million to \$380 million.

The option that was eliminated would have separated the Caltrain tracks from Ravenswood and Oak Grove avenues, and would have created a berm through the city that would reach a maximum height of 17 feet, at a preliminary estimated cost of between \$230 million to \$310 million.

Councilman Peter Ohtaki was the sole supporter of this option, noting it would cost less than adding Glenwood Avenue to the project.

"I think we need what we can

get that has most likelihood of happening in our lifetimes," Mr. Ohtaki said, pointing out that the current administration in Washington, D.C., is not likely to offer funding support.

Third rail

For the two options selected to move forward, the study will factor into the equation the possibility of an added third rail line, or "passing" track, through the city.

While Menlo Park has a policy that does not support a

ambiguity over how far that grant requires Menlo Park to go in planning for a third rail line. City staff consulted legal experts, including Caltrain representatives, but not those from the transportation authority.

Council members Carlton, Keith and Ohtaki voted to add a potential third track on the outside of the existing tracks, likely the east side, rather than between the tracks. At the Menlo Park station, people would board and exit trains from a central platform between the existing two tracks, rather than having separate north- and south-bound boarding platforms, as exist now.

That would minimize the amount the rail area would have to be expanded, and would enable simpler plans if a third rail line ends up not being necessary, according to staff.

That said, Menlo Park resident Steve van Pelt pointed out in a public comment that if plans for a passing track move forward, Menlo Park will have to coordinate with neighboring cities to make sure those track lines connect; the city may not have much say where

the third rail goes. Councilman Rich Cline said in a message to the Almanac that he supports whatever option will fit with neighboring cities' rail lines.

Councilman Ray Mueller did not vote on either measure because he said he does not support a third rail track through Menlo Park and wanted the council to meet in a closed session to talk about what exactly the legal requirements of the grant are with the transportation authority.

Not 'bold' enough?

Councilman Rich Cline said he has spent a lot of years on this subject, and the project isn't the far-sighted "50- to 100-year project" staff claim it is. "If we were to really consider this seriously as a 50- to 100-year project," he said, "we would be talking about tunneling (the tracks) right now."

"We're not being bold," he said.

Trains should go underground, not above ground, he told the council. Yet in his experience, he said, proposals to tunnel trains underground "died at the dais every single

'These are tough decisions. That's why nothing's been done for decades on this.'

MENLO PARK MAYOR KIRSTEN KEITH

third rail line, the study was funded, in large part, by a grant from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority via Measure A, a countywide half-cent sales tax. Considering a third rail track was a condition of the grant.

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time,” mostly because they’re very expensive and funds are hard to come by.

“Wouldn’t it be fabulous,” suggested Councilwoman Carlton, if Menlo Park were to join with neighboring cities to somehow find a way to tunnel the train beneath the road, and have a continuous bike and pedestrian path above the tracks. But she noted that her preference, of the options presented, was to study three crossing separations.

Menlo Park resident Chris Kilburn said in a public comment that he lived in Boston during its “Big Dig” project, which was under construction between 1991 and 2006. He admitted it was a pain while under construction (and cost billions and took years more than expected), but since it has opened, it has transformed and reconnected the city.

Similarly, Robert Cronin said in a public comment said that although people were inconvenienced by the construction of five grade separations in San Carlos and Belmont in years past, now, locals there say they appreciate it.

“If we don’t tunnel this route — we are fools,” Councilman Cline later wrote in a message

to the Almanac.

Mayor Kirsten Keith said she would “love” to put the rails underground, but added: “I don’t see that happening. ... These are tough decisions. That’s why nothing’s been done for decades on this.”

Quiet zone?

If the roads were no longer in conflict with the train tracks, then, theoretically, Caltrain wouldn’t have to toot its horn at those crossings. That would improve quality of life for many, Bicycle Commissioner Cindy Welton said in a public comment.

That brought up the question: What about Encinal Avenue, Menlo Park’s fourth rail crossing?

If it were not also separated from the tracks, then would Caltrain still have to blare at that spot, sending its reverberations through the city?

Some suggested that the crossing could be shut down, which, according to Councilman Mueller, might not be an undesirable alternative for some residents, given its likelihood to become a cut-through route with development growth nearby.

Others suggested installing a



Image: city of Menlo Park/AECOM.

A screenshot from a photorealistic video showing what a Ravenswood Avenue underpass beneath the Caltrain tracks might look like, with traffic heading westbound. Bicycle and pedestrian areas would be elevated compared to the road.

special “quad” gate at the crossing, such as what Atherton has done, which would enable Caltrain to skip the horn there. However, such gates can cost about \$1 million, according to

Nikki Nagaya, assistant public works director. Also, the city might take on liability if something bad were to happen on the tracks, she said.

According to Mr. Cline, the

driver of the train always has the discretion and right to pull the horn — “nobody can change that,” he said. “I don’t think there ever is a quiet zone.” ▣



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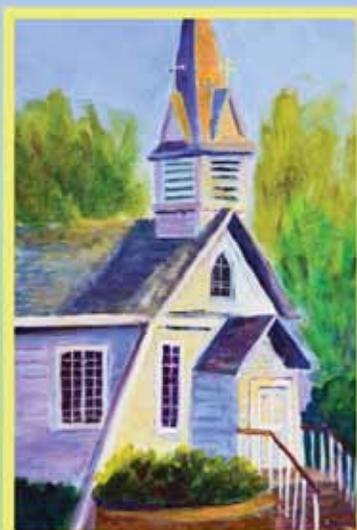
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Boards cover the windows of the main house at the Hawthorns estate in Portola Valley, built in the 1880s and one of the two structures on the estate targeted for restoration and preservation by the Hawthorns Preservation Foundation Trust.

Trust seeks to preserve Hawthorns estate

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

WOODSIDE

The Peninsula was once a haven for estates of gentleman farmers — people of means who farm, but not for profit. What is now Portola Valley was home to such estates as Villa Lauriston, established by patent medicine entrepreneur Herbert Law, Catoctin and the Hawthorns.

The 79-acre Hawthorns, now owned by the MidPeninsula Regional Open Space District, is still more or less intact and the focus of the recently established Hawthorns Preservation Foundation Trust, which is seeking donors to help fund long-term maintenance and repairs to major structures.

The main house was completed in 1887, and there's a carriage house/garage reportedly designed by noted California

architect Julia Morgan.

The first phase of the project is halting the structures' deterioration, trust board member Regina Coony said in an email. The trust intends to show the Hawthorns' owner, the open-space district, "that we have serious commitment and interest from the community and can achieve financial viability to complete the work," Ms. Coony said. "Our hope is that by the end of summer 2017, we will have raised enough funds to show this level of community commitment."

The second phase would involve working with the community and the open space district to develop potential uses for the site and structures, Ms. Coony said.

Those potential uses include a museum along with farming

and animal care, consistent with past activities, she said.

While the designer of the carriage house is not definitively known, the trust and Portola Valley historian Nancy Lund provided the Almanac with a digitized page from the "Building and Engineering News" section of a newspaper dated April 3, 1918, that includes notice of a contract awarded to Ms. Morgan for a garage in Menlo Park.

"Back in the day, Portola Valley was a remote place with a small population and was regularly referred to as Menlo or Redwood City in newspapers," Ms. Lund said in an email when asked about the site being thought of as Menlo Park. "We have an envelope addressed to The Hawthorns, Redwood City, Cal," Ms. Lund said by way of example. "There is no record of a Julia Morgan garage in Menlo Park. I can only say that the garage (or carriage house) is more likely than not a Morgan design." ■

Go to hawthornspreservation.org for more information.

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of typical driving at 12,000 to 15,000 miles per year, said Stan Wolowski of Toyota Sunnyvale.

Fuel-cell-powered cars also tend to come with "complimentary" maintenance and roadside assistance, Mr. Wolowski added. Some purchase agreements include free rental cars, he said.

Toyota Sunnyvale has been selling 10 to 15 Mirais a month,

Mr. Wolowski said. "That's really good for a vehicle that has to be tied to a station," he said. "It's kind of jumping, actually. We're doing really good."

The Fuel Cell Partnership's list of brand names selling hydrogen powered vehicles includes Audi, General Motors, Honda, Mercedes Benz and Nissan. The partnership is a public/private cooperative whose members includes the state Energy Commission, the

state Air Resources Board, major automotive manufacturers, hydrogen suppliers and laboratories.

Of the 1,034 hydrogen-powered cars sold in 2016 in the United States, all were Mirais but for 40 Hyundai Tucson SUVs, according to hybridcars.com, and "99.9 percent" of the fuel-cell vehicles in that list were sold in California, said Partnership spokesman Joe Gagliano. ■

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Finding a home in the world

Menlo Park author tells gripping story of an exile's return home in her first novel

By **Renee Batti**
Almanac Associate Editor

What if as a teenager you had to flee the country you were born in because religious radicalism had unleashed a wave of bloodletting and terror against the population? What if you found your way to the United States, where you attended university, thrived in the career of your dreams, and settled into family life with a spouse and a child? And what if in midlife, your marriage in tatters and yearning to again see your native land and the loved ones you left behind, you embarked on an extended journey to your birthplace?

Menlo Park author Donia Bijan doesn't have to call on her imagination to answer the first two questions. They closely reflect the reality of her early years to the present: Born in Iran, she left that increasingly dangerous country at the beginning of the Islamic Revolution in 1978, finished her academic schooling at UC Berkeley, and trained in Paris at Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts School before opening her acclaimed restaurant, L'Amie Donia in Palo Alto, marrying and having a child.

But it's the third "What if?" that Ms. Bijan began struggling with in earnest several years ago — knowing that with the political and religious oppression that still bedevils her native country, a prolonged or

permanent stay isn't possible for her, but trying to imagine how a homecoming after decades of exile might shift her sense of who she is, of her place in the world. And in contemplating where that road not taken might have led, Ms. Bijan did what came naturally to one with vivid imagination and a gift for storytelling: She wrote a novel.

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DONIA BIJAN

"The Last Days of Cafe Leila" is Ms. Bijan's debut novel, and it's being released this week and launched at Kepler's bookstore on Thursday, April 20.

It's a finely written, lively, and at times nail-biting read — the work of a storyteller capable of evoking the colors, smells and flavor of an environment. That skill is not so surprising, perhaps, for someone whose early success in the culinary arts depended on the capacity to satisfy the full range of senses of guests at her table.

The book is in part an attempt to sketch out an answer for that third imagined scenario: the exile's homecoming, and her confrontation with painful new knowledge about the past and wrenching emotion avoided for too long.

"A novel's job is to explore the 'what ifs,'" Ms. Bijan says, and that's the journey she embarked upon with "Cafe Leila."

The main character is a middle-aged woman who travels to Tehran for the summer to visit her father, the owner and operator of the cherished Cafe Leila. Many years earlier, he



Photo by Michelle Le

Donia Bijan, the former owner/chef of L'Amie Donia in Palo Alto, has followed her 2011 memoir with a novel, "The Last Days of Cafe Leila," which is being launched at Kepler's bookstore on April 20.

had put his daughter on a plane to go to school in America with the intent of removing her from the growing perils and turmoil in Iran.

She takes her 15-year-old daughter with her, and if a novelist accepts the principle that fiction must involve conflict to be good, Ms. Bijan certainly hit the mark by dropping into the cast of characters a willful teenage girl forced to travel to a strange, suffocatingly restrictive land when what she wanted to do was hang out with her friends for the summer.

Sketching out answers

Ms. Bijan is not a first-time author. Her memoir with recipes, "Maman's Homesick Pie,"

was published in 2011. Though novel-writing can be a daunting proposition for writers of nonfiction, Ms. Bijan set upon the task with a sense of necessity.

"These characters came to me almost fully formed — they wouldn't leave me alone," she recalls. "They kept saying, 'Let me in.'"

"It started as a sketch. I had to find my way in, had to go through a door, and knew there would be very raw emotion."

Describing fiction as "a kind of salve," Ms. Bijan says that writing the novel was an attempt to sort out the emotions rising from displacement and nostalgia for her past life, and it helped her understand that "you can build a home

from the beautiful ruins of your homeland."

The book is "not at all autobiographical," she says; rather, writing it allowed her to explore more themes — larger themes — than her own displacement. The setting "didn't have to be Iran," she says. It could be anywhere — it could be Tennessee.

"The questions I asked myself, the riddles for me, were: Who do we want to be? What kind of person do we want to be?"

As an immigrant, she says, she sometimes feels like a guest in her adopted country. But she acknowledges that anyone can experience that sense of

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT 500 LAUREL STREET MENLO PARK, CA 94025

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the District Board of West Bay Sanitary District will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the District's Board Room located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider a proposed increase in sewer services charges for fiscal year 2017/2018. Additional information is available through the District's website (www.westbaysanitary.org) and on the official notice that was mailed to every parcel address that pays District rates.

The annual sewer service charge will increase from \$1,031 per single family residence to \$1,072 in fiscal year 2017/2018. Approximately 68 homes in the Portola Valley area (located within the On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone) who pay higher charges for the maintenance of their STEP or Grinder Sewer Collection Systems will increase from \$1,312 per single family residence to \$1,364 in fiscal year 2017/2018. Non-residential rates will increase proportionately according to loading characteristics. The increased charges are required to fund needed maintenance and reconstruction to the sewer system and to the Silicon Valley Clean Water regional wastewater treatment plant.

Protests against the proposed rate increase must be submitted in writing by 4:00pm on May 10, 2017, and signed by the property owner, must identify the owner(s) of the property for which the protest is entered, and must include the property address and assessor's parcel number (APN).

/s/ Phil Scott
Phil Scott, District Manager

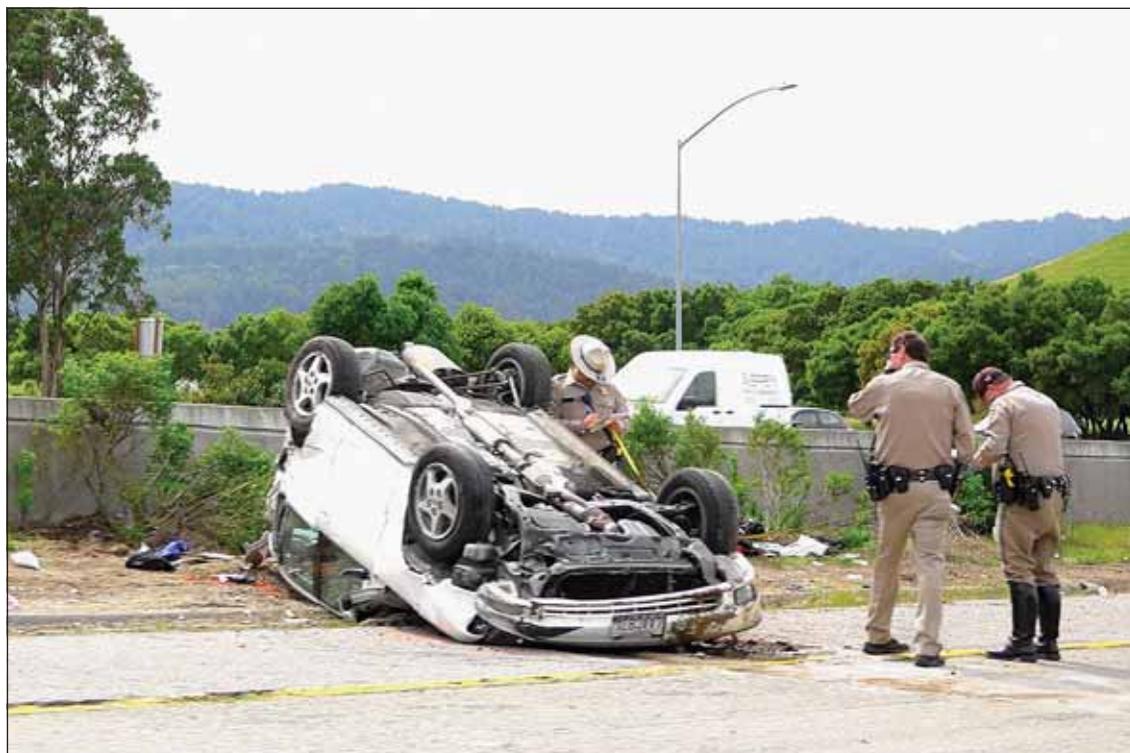


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California Highway Patrol officers investigate a fatal crash April 5 on northbound Interstate 280, just north of the Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park.

Two killed in Interstate 280 crash

Two people who died in a crash on Interstate 280 in Menlo Park on the afternoon of April 5 have been identified by the San Mateo County coroner's office as Los Altos residents Gloria Cazanjan, 83, and Rudolph Cazanjan, 87.

The solo-vehicle crash was reported at about 12:30 p.m. on northbound I-280 near Sand Hill Road.

The pair were traveling in a 1998 Toyota Avalon when the vehicle veered to the left, struck the center median and overturned, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Gloria Cazanjan, a passenger

in the Toyota, was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle, CHP officials said. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Rudolph Cazanjan was taken to Stanford Hospital but later succumbed to his injuries.

Two northbound lanes on the highway were closed as CHP officers investigated the crash. The lanes reopened by about 3:20 p.m.

A witness to the immediate aftermath of the crash was driving on Sand Hill Road and said he saw bystanders racing to help the accident victims before emergency crews arrived.

"I'm guessing about two dozen or so people rushed to help, with more cars pulling off the road," said

Dale Bentson said he was able to see a victim in the overturned car. "Within that nightmare, there was some measure of hope — that strangers would leap into the fold and do what they could to help with unknown dangers."

Alcohol and drugs do not appear to be factors in the crash, according to the CHP. Anyone with information about the case is asked to call CHP Officer Evyn Roman at (650) 369-6261.

— *Bay City News Service*

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alienation, even those born here.

"All of us are guests at this enormous party, and must (ask) the same questions: How do you behave? How do you fit in? What did you bring to the party? Are you here to take something? To give something?"

Second act

Ms. Bijan began her working life as a chef who achieved a high level of respect and visibility on the Bay Area's restaurant scene, particularly with her popular bistro L'Amie Donia, which she operated for 10 years before closing it. Was it difficult to segue from a demanding life in the kitchen to a life at the writer's desk? Not at all, she says.

"All those years I was cooking, I never stopped reading," she recalls. "I'd come home from an 18-hour day and ... get under the covers and read. If I wasn't

reading, I was writing."

Her life at the bistro fed her writing impulses. "The restaurant was like a village — it was like a theater," she says. "I always had my eyes open, and was always listening to conversations. I had to write it all down."

Her writing tutors were the great novelists whose books she devoured — "I'm pretty crazy about all the dead Russians and the dead Irish," she says with a laugh, although she adds that some of her favorite Irish writers, Edna O'Brien and Colm Toibin, are still alive and writing.

She has not taken writing classes, nor has she joined a writers' group. And for good reason. "I can't have other voices in my head," she explains. "We all have one reader in our heads" that needs to remain the guiding force for an individual's creative work.

"I'm so happy when I'm writing, and I feel so fortunate," she says. She had earlier lived "the

dream of being a chef, and then to have this second act — it's a miracle. I'm sorry, I don't have another word. It's a miracle."

Ms. Bijan and her husband, the prominent artist Mitchell Johnson, have lived in Menlo Park for many years with their son, Luca. She dedicates her novel to them. ■

If you go

A reading to launch Donia Bijan's novel, "The Last Days of Cafe Leila," is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Kepler's bookstore, 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. The event is free, but the sponsor requests an RSVP at keplers.com.

Other area author events include:

- Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m., Books Inc., 1375 Burlingame Ave., Burlingame.
- Tuesday, May 2, 6 p.m., Book Passage, 1 Ferry Building, San Francisco.
- Thursday, June 1, 6 p.m., Draeger's, 1010 University Drive, Menlo Park.

Go to doniabijan.com for more information.

Earth Day in Woodside, Portola Valley, Atherton

Earth Day will be celebrated by local towns, including a joint celebration by Woodside and Portola Valley on Saturday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Runnymede Farm, 980 Runnymede Road in Woodside.

Atherton will hold events at its town center.

The focus of the Woodside and Portola Valley celebration will be sustainable landscaping.

Exhibits will include displays of drought-tolerant flowers, plants and succulents to examples of low water use landscaping offered by landscape design and construction firms. Visitors can pick up tips on converting a field of weeds to field of wildflowers, and how to manage weeds and pests without poisons.

A ticket to the event is redeemable for a catered lunch from Redwood Grill. There will be awards for heritage trees and the environmental champion of the year, and music by the saxophone quartet of the Woodside Village Band.

Free items include a cookie for visitors who arrive by bicycle or horse, and a self-guided tour of the farm's sculptures. For Portola Valley residents, free compost will be available at the Historic Schoolhouse at 765 Portola Road in Portola Valley.

Tickets, at \$15, must be purchased in advance, and are available at town halls or at woodsidetown.org. Click the "Earth Fair 2017" link in the "What's New" listings.

Atherton

Atherton will celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, with student environmental exhibits, a garden mulch giveaway, e-waste recycling and

Art contest for students

Every spring since 1982, Congress has held an art contest for high school students. This year, all high school students in the 18th Congressional District, represented by Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, have until 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 24, to submit a work to Ms. Eshoo's office at 698 Emerson St. in Palo Alto.

The winner receives two round-trip tickets to Washington, D.C., display of the winning work on a corridor wall at the U.S. Capitol for a year, and an invitation to a Capitol reception. Eligible works include but are not limited to paintings, drawings, collages, prints and photos.

Go to tinyurl.com/TJkdp for details.

shredding, 3-D printing, planting exhibits, and experiments for the family.

The events run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the town center, located at Ashfield Road and Dinkelspiel Station Lane. Organizers are the town's Environmental Programs Committee, Recology and the Atherton Library.

Local high school students were invited to participate in the student environmental challenge with prizes for the best exhibits.

The Pure Juice Organics juice truck will serve fresh pressed juice and Acai bowls, and the San Mateo County Bookmobile will pay a visit.

At ci.atherton.ca.us/EarthDay is more information, including about last year's student challenge.



Menlo Park City School District

Getting ready for play

Sod for the playing field at the new Laurel School Upper Campus in Menlo Park was installed April 4 and 5. The field will remain closed until the roots are established, but once the field is ready, it will be available for community use during non-school hours. A request must be submitted to the school district for organized teams, events and activities to use the field.



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A bright and shining light has left our lives, though his light will shine amongst us forever in our hearts. Eric Lee Brandenburg of Menlo Park, CA passed from this earth to a heavenly world of life and love on March 28, 2017.

Deeply loved by his family and friends, Eric had a smile and kind word for everyone he encountered, regardless of circumstance. He was an exceptionally caring person who went out of his way to help anyone—a hallmark of his parents. Noted for his exuberance for life, broad smile, twinkly blue eyes, infectious laugh and good humor, magnanimous personality, warmth, creativeness and exceptional generosity, Eric's most treasured role in life was that of Dad to his twin children, Jackson and Taylor. Eric was also an exemplary son and brother, uncle, cousin and dear friend to so, so many. There are no words that can express our deep sorrow at his sudden passing and the grief we feel.



Eric was born on December 18, 1955 at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley, CA, delivered by his maternal grandfather, Dr. Homer Struble. Eric grew up in San Jose, notably the Almaden Valley, and later moved with his family to Woodside, where he attended Woodside High School. He was a member of the Woodside High Football team and earned "Most Improved Player" in his senior year and also on the golf team. He attended San Diego State University and in 1978, joined his father, Lee, in the real estate investment business by forming "Brandenburg Properties".

Over the course of the next near 40 years, this father and son dynamic duo went on to acquire and develop over 4,000 acres of property in 6 states and in British Columbia, Canada. Notable achievements over the course of this partnership include the nationally-acclaimed Cinnabar Hills Golf Club, a high-end public 27-hole golf club located in the heart of Silicon Valley, as well as obtaining approvals for an over 1,500 residential/golf community known as Silver Creek Valley Country Club, also located in San Jose. Eric and his father also assembled 5.5 acres located in downtown San Jose at the key Highway 87 interchange now planned for over 1,500 residential units, as well as reclaiming the former 104-acre Hillsdale Quarry into the "Waterford" development, home to Home Depot, Lucky Food Store-anchored neighborhood shopping center and nearly 1,400 homes. Lastly, Eric helped recently secure the approval for Heritage Oaks Memorial Park—the first cemetery in 134 years to be established in the City of San Jose. Countless other projects and investments located in northern and southern California, Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida kept Eric busy.

He loved thinking creatively and "beyond" most anyone else. He loved collaborating and engaging on a personal level directly with others. In business transactions, sometimes agreement can't be achieved, yet in Eric's case, it didn't always matter. What was most important was the relationship created. At the end of the day, you'd become his friend and he'd become yours. He was just one of those guys you liked, no matter what. The added bonus for those he encountered was that his genuineness and curiosity was contagious.

Like his mother and father, Eric caught the "give back to your community" bug early in life and was inextricably and happily tied to supporting Santa Clara County's arts programs, numerous non-profit organizations doing great work within our community, and served to protect open spaces by serving on the Land Trust of Santa Clara County. In the more recent past, Eric particularly loved spending his time and resources in support of Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation supporting its good work in

advancing children's literacy. He had profound respect for the life-saving public education and awareness efforts of the Stroke Awareness Foundation throughout Santa Clara

County as well as sharing high regard for the work of Downtown Streets Team, a program helping to end homelessness through the dignity of work. Many years ago, Eric was also incredibly instrumental in supporting the Ronald McDonald House through its annual golf and tennis tournaments—raising funds for "the House" benefitting families whose children were undergoing life altering experiences. Eric loved fun and games, which came into practice as he co-created "Monopoly Night" benefiting the American Heart Association, which raised millions and lastly, he was touched by Random Acts of Flowers-Silicon Valley, which improves the emotional health and well-being of individuals in health care facilities by delivering recycled flowers, encouragement and

personal moments of kindness. There were so many more wonderful causes he cared about and touched in positive ways during his life.

Eric was always known to exit a room full of friends that he had earlier entered full of strangers—because he was curious and always interested in learning about others. He had an expansive, inquisitive mind that allowed him to easily converse and was also regularly prepared to share stories of his own experiences. He enjoyed traveling and in the process, would learn all there was to learn about his destinations and those he encountered along the way—most of whom became friends. In addition to travelling, Eric loved games, including dominoes and playing Rummikub with his mother and close pals. His passion was golf and he was an active member of Sharon Heights Country Club and The Santa Lucia Preserve. He was also a member of the Spyglass Hill Golf Club and thereafter, the Friends of Spyglass Hill.

Although Eric's life on earth was cut short, he lived every moment to the absolute fullest in all he pursued. He loved practical jokes, laughing and having fun with all those he encountered. His hoard of incredible friends—from early in life to those fostered in his adult years—is testament to the care and compassion—the warmth, generosity and joy—he genuinely shared with all. Just say his name to anyone who knew him, and a smile and story will soon follow. While Eric was an active liver of life, he also enjoyed quiet moments, each of which filled with meaning, particularly when spending time with his family.

Eric is survived by his beloved 14-year old twins, Taylor and Jackson, and their mother, Kristy. He is also survived by his incredible parents, Lee and Diane Brandenburg, loving sister Karen and loving brothers Gary and Bill. He is also survived by his niece Diana Lane, husband Jason and great niece Bella Grace Lane and great nephew Aiden Lane; by his nephew Brenten Brandenburg; and survived by many cousins and second cousins located around the United States. He joins hands and hearts in heaven with his beloved Jessie Brandenburg, his paternal grandmother, with whom he had a very special relationship and paternal grandfather Melford Brandenburg, in addition to maternal grandparents Dr. Homer and Adelaide Struble.

A Celebration of Eric's Life will be held in the coming weeks—and in a manner fitting this fine soul. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you take a moment to reach out and express a random act of kindness to family, friends and strangers. Only if your spirit is inclined to do so, you are welcome to contribute to one of the mentioned non-profits or to a non-profit organization you care about in honor of Eric Brandenburg's life of giving.

PAID OBITUARY

Chelsea Clinton at Kepler's Books

A book signing session with Chelsea Clinton for the paperback release of her book, "It's Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired and Get Going," will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

Ms. Clinton is vice chair of the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton

Foundation, and her work focuses on health, women and girls, and creating service opportunities. The book tells stories for kids and teens about people who help their families, communities and countries.

Tickets are \$15 for a copy of the book and admission for a family of four to the signing line.

Go to is.gd/Clinton357 for more information.

BRIEFS

Ms. luncheon

A luncheon to raise funds for the Feminist Majority Foundation, which publishes Ms. Magazine and Girls Learn International, will be held Monday, April 24, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club in Menlo Park.

The luncheon will honor Sarah Culberson, president and co-founder of Sierra Leone Rising, a public health and education nonprofit for women in Sierra Leone, West Africa; and Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, executive director of UN Women and United Nations under-secretary general.

Available tickets start at \$500. Go to is.gd/ms318 for more information.

Easter at St. Anthony's

Preparations have begun to provide a free Easter meal for up to 1,000 people from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room, 3500 Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks.

St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room provides daily hot meals, plus take-home groceries, free clothing and some health services on a weekly basis.

Volunteer slots are full for Easter, but people can call (650) 365-9664 or email paduadiningroom@gmail.com for information about volunteering at other times. Donations are also accepted.

Atherton may not need loans to build civic center

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

It looks as if Atherton should have enough private and public funds to build a new civic center without having to borrow.

That's what the City Council heard at an April 5 study session held to examine the 2017-18 fiscal year budget and look at ways the town could borrow if necessary to build the complex.

The budget shows the town continuing to bring in more revenues than it expects to spend. Before the council commits to spend more public money on the civic center, however, it wants to hear from voters.

An advisory measure on a June 6 ballot asks residents to overrule a 2012 vote limiting public money spent on a new town center.

The June measure asks the town's voters to say whether they support the town spending the surplus that it already has, or expects to have in the next two years, on the project.

Information presented to the council shows the estimated \$25.6 million cost of designing and constructing the new civic center could be covered by using more than \$8.1 million in unallocated general funds, \$4.4 million in unallocated capital improvement funds, and two years of educational revenue augmentation fund rebates (ERAF) of about \$1 million a year.

The new civic center would have a police station; administrative, building and planning offices; and a new council chamber/emergency operations center. A new library, which will include the renovated historic council chambers building, is separately funded from the rest of the civic center with tax funds that can only be

spent on the library.

The funding plan also assumes the town will have an additional \$1.25 million surplus in the general fund at the end of the 2018-19 fiscal year that could go toward construction. The figures also include \$7 million in private donations made through the Atherton Now fundraising group, and close to \$3 million in revenues from town building funds, which are allowed to be used under the 2012 ballot measure.

The calculations show the town should have \$221,000 more than what is currently estimated to be the cost of the project. The cost could change after it goes out to bid later this year.

Consultants from Urban Futures told the council that there are two options for raising the relatively small amount of money it is likely to need: a private placement loan from a bank or certificates of participation, which work like bonds but don't require voter approval to issue.

Borrowing \$5 million for 10 years in certificates of participation would cost the town about \$800,000 in interest and fees, Michael Busch of Urban Futures said. Borrowing the same amount from a bank would cost about \$1.1 million, he said.

Councilman Rick DeGolia said the town doesn't anticipate needing to borrow money. "I want to be very clear that we do not have that plan," he said. "I'm absolutely confident that we have the funds" for construction, he said, and more money would be needed only if unanticipated costs came up during construction.

Citing his experience remodeling a home, Councilman Bill Widmer said the town might need "to have a cushion so we're not scrambling at the last minute" for funding. ■

Woodside holds soapbox derby

Woodside's soapbox derby will be held Sunday, May 7, in the Woodside town center parking lot at 2955 Woodside Road.

Open to children age 6 through 12 and hosted by the Woodside Recreation Committee, the race will award prizes for best decorated, most original, most complex and fastest vehicles.

Practice begins at 10 a.m. and the race starts at 11 a.m., with

a barbecue lunch available at noon.

There were 32 of the 60 kit cars available as of April 7. The race is open to homemade vehicles, but not for the fastest category. Kit-car-assembly sessions are set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, in Hayward.

Go to tinyurl.com/FVxRB for directions.

Go to woodsidesoapboxderby.com for more information.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

ARTICLE 1 INVITATION TO BID

1.1 Notice Inviting Bids: Owner will receive sealed Bids at the **Town Hall**, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until **2:00 P.M.** on **Thursday, May 4, 2017** for the following public work:

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

2017 Road Rehabilitation Project

Various Locations in the Town of Woodside, CA

1.2 Project Description: The work will include the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary or required to perform AC dig-outs, AC swale, AC Overlay, trail overlay, Concrete curb, Concrete gutter and striping & pavement markings on various Town roads.

1.3 Procurement of Bidding Documents: Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. Bidders may examine a complete hard-copy set of the Bidding Documents at the Town's Public Works Department, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062. Bidders may download a complete set of Bidding Documents at <http://www.woodsidetown.org/rfps> at no cost. Bidder is responsible for printing any and all of Bidding Documents.

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

1.5 Project Schedule: All work shall be completed within **60 working days** from Notice to Proceed and no later than October 15, 2017.

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

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

ARTICLE 2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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

2.2 Required Contractor and Subcontractor Registration

A. Owner shall accept Bids only from Bidders that (along with all Subcontractors listed in Document 00 4330, Subcontractor List) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

B. Subject to Labor Code Sections 1771.1(c) and (d), any Bid not complying with paragraph A above shall be returned and not considered; provided that if Bidder is a joint venture (Business & Professions Code Section 7029.1) or if federal funds are involved in the Contract (Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)), Owner may accept a non-complying Bid provided that Bidder and all listed Subcontractors are registered at the time of Contract award.

2.3 N/A

2.4 N/A

2.5 Substitution of Securities: Owner will permit the successful bidder to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract. Should the contractor opt for this option please contact the owner to obtain the form.

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

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

CALENDAR

Visit AlmanacNews.com/calendar to see more calendar listings

Community Events

Egg Hunt The city of Menlo Park, the Menlo Park Firefighter's Association and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District will host Annual Egg Hunt. The Bunny will arrive at 10 a.m. for pictures, and the big egg hunt will start at 10:20 a.m. There will be bounce houses, crafts and a jelly bean guess. April 15, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Burgess Park, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/

Music

American Songbook Jazz Concert With Paul Vornhagen & His Trio Featuring composers such as Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Rodgers and Hart. April 14, 5-6

p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

The Rhythms of Cuba with Tumbao

Bravo Band performs rhythms of Cuba with rich jazz harmonies. Members of the band will discuss life on the island and the origin of the Cuban rhythms. The event is for adults. April 15, 2 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Choral Concert, Mendelssohn's 'Elijah'

The 28-year-old Valparaiso Singers choral group performs selections of Mendelssohn's "Elijah." April 14, 7:30-9 p.m. LDS Valparaiso Chapel, 1105 Valparaiso Ave., Menlo Park.

Authors & Talks

ACLU's Jay Laefer: Protecting Our

Neighbors The League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County holds discussion by Jay Laefer on efforts by American Civil Liberties Union to defend everyone's rights. April 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000

Woodside Road, Redwood City. lwvssmc.org/calendar.html

Dr. Elisabeth Rosenthal discusses the healthcare system and advises how to decode medical doublespeak, avoid the pitfalls of the pharmaceuticals racket. April 19, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Robert Hass: An Education Into Poetry

Former poet laureate and Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author. April 12, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, RSVPs appreciated. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Family

Mystery in the Library Best for ages 7 to 12. Part scavenger hunt and part breakout room, this game asks participants to follow the clues and try to solve the mystery. Those who succeed will be rewarded. April 12, 1-4 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Also: April 13, 1-4 p.m.

Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Zoo Animals @ Atherton Library All are invited to meet animals at the Palo Alto Jr. Museum & Zoo, like hedgehogs, snakes, lizards, rabbits, birds, ferrets, rats or insects. Visitors will learn about the amazing ways these animals stay alive in the wild, and find out about their life at the zoo. April 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton.

Art

Art Exhibition Nora Reza, longtime painter based in France and the Bay Area, will show her color-oriented, geometric abstract oil paintings. All are invited to the exhibit, "Geometric Fields of Light and Color." The opening is April 11, 6-8 p.m. April 11-21, 8 a.m. to closing. Free. Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Portola Art Gallery: 'Open Spaces and Quiet Places' Portola Art Gallery presents "Open Spaces and Quiet Places," an exhibit of landscape paintings in pastel and oil by Mary K. Stahl. April 1-30, Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

Community Groups

Annual Shredding Day Little House Activity Center and Nancy Goldcamp & Associates host annual shredding day. Limit is 3 boxes per person, and participants are asked not to include junk mail. April 19, 1:30-4 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. penvol.org/littlehouse

Design Contest In honor of the library's one-year anniversary, there will be a design contest to draw one's favorite part of the remodeled library. There will be two categories — youth and adult — and winning designs will be printed on tote bags and T-shirts at the anniversary celebration April 29. April 1-22. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Lessons & Classes

Lost Arts: Tea Cup Planters This adult class will get participants ready for spring by painting a planter that looks like a tea cup. Christie will provide the inspiration and

the materials. April 14, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Rock Steady Juggling Workshop Anyone can learn to juggle, and Doug Nolan of Rock Steady Juggling will make it easy for even the youngest children to learn the basics. April 18, 3:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

STEAM Saturday This event, for ages 4-8 is a hands-on program that will explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering, art and math using the power of play. This month features math games. April 15, 11:30 a.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Tech Lab This activity club, for ages 7 and up, allows kids to "go full STEAM ahead," and explore science, technology and more in fun and sometimes messy ways. This month's theme is "Super Slime Time." April 19, 3 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Health & Wellness

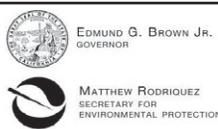
Pilates Mve Chair engages muscles and helps improve the core. Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m. \$20 per class, members; \$24 per class, nonmembers. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. penvol.org/littlehouse

Et Alia

Cardinalpalooza - Free Stanford Sports Festival Six Cardinal teams host a full day of sporting events on The Farm. Admission free to every event except baseball. April 15, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford.

The Origins of Silicon Valley: Why and How It Happened Here Paul Wesling, an IEEE Life Fellow and distinguished lecturer, explores why Silicon Valley came into being. April 19, 5 p.m. Free, but RSVP required. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Peninsula Roller Girls 2017 Season Opener will feature a battle between home teams The Psychopathogens and the Damas de los Muertos. April 14, 7-10 p.m. \$70. Redwood Roller Rink, 1303 Main St., Redwood City.



San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Lead Agency: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Contact Person: Nathan King, P.G.
Tel: 510-622-3966; email: Nathan.King@waterboards.ca.gov

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.).

Project Title

Environmental Cleanup of IR-6 and IR-8 Drainages

Project Location

SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory (SLAC)
2575 Sand Hill Road, San Mateo County, California

The project is located within unincorporated San Mateo County on Stanford University property, south of Sand Hill Road and East of Interstate 280. A portion of the Project is within the SLAC facility limits, and a portion is outside SLAC facility limits.

Project Description

The purpose of the Project is to be a final action to remove soil containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), lead, copper, and zinc from portions of earthen drainage channels at SLAC to address cleanup requirements of Water Board Cleanup and Abatement Order R2-2009- 0072. The Project site is on a list enumerated in section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Approximately 1,550 bank cubic yards of soil will be removed and disposed off-site at a permitted landfill. Following soil removal, the drainages will be backfilled and restored.

The Project will have a net environmental benefit by removing soil containing PCBs and metals from the drainages and restoring the Project area's function as a stormwater drainage with wetland, riparian, and upland vegetation.

A draft Initial Study that identifies and evaluates environmental effects of the Project and describes mitigation measures to reduce potentially significant effects to less than significant has been prepared to support a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. A Restoration and Monitoring Plan requiring implementation of these mitigation measures will be attached to, and adopted with, the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Mitigated Negative Declaration: A copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, draft Initial Study, draft Restoration and Monitoring Plan, draft Resolution to Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and other supporting documents are available for review at the San Mateo County Clerk's Office (555 County Center, Redwood City) and on the Water Board's website http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/#sitecleanup.

Written comments on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, Restoration and Monitoring Plan, and tentative Resolution must be addressed to:

Nathan King, P.G.
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, California 94612

Comments may also be sent by email to nathan.king@waterboards.ca.gov

Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, Restoration and Monitoring Plan, and tentative Resolution will be received from April 12, 2017 until 5:00 pm on May 12, 2017.

POLICE CALLS

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

PORTOLA VALLEY

Residential burglary: Sheriff's deputies are looking for three people in dark clothing whose images were captured in a home surveillance video and who are suspected of breaking into and burglarizing a house in the 100 block of Golden Oak Drive. April 10.

MENLO PARK

Suspicious circumstances: A man claiming to be an officer with the U.S. Air Force called Applied Expert Systems on Constitution Drive to ask for access to the company's network servers to investigate a claim that the company's IP address was being used for "accessing questionable websites." Attempts to contact the man were unsuccessful and he never showed up, but company employees were advised to contact police if he did. April 3.

Thefts:

■ A thief stole an unlocked bicycle from the driveway and a backpack from the front porch of a home in the 100 block of Bay Road. In the backpack was the resident's wallet. Estimated loss: \$975. April 1.

■ Someone stole an unlocked bike from a backyard shed of a home on Callie Lane. Estimated loss: \$800. April 5.

■ A power washer was stolen from

the backyard of a home on Pierce Road. Estimated loss: \$400. April 4.

■ The resident of a home on Arbor Road heard a knock at his door, was too busy to answer, then looked through a window. He told police he saw a man leaving his porch with two packages, getting into a white pickup truck and driving off. The resident said he was unaware what was in the packages in that they were gifts. No estimate on losses. March 31.

Shoplifting: Police cited and released a San Francisco man on shoplifting charges over two bottles of alcoholic beverages allegedly stolen from Draeger's Market. The beverages were recovered. March 31.

Fraud:

■ Police arrested and booked a Palo Alto woman on charges of forging a temporary operating permit for her car after she was stopped over an expired registration. She allegedly changed the permit's effective year to 2017 from 2015. April 6.

■ A resident of Laurel Street selling snow tires online received a check for the tires but the check was found to be fraudulent and the resident did not send the tires. No loss. March 24.

■ A resident of Monte Rosa Drive in the process of buying a house learned that someone had used his personal information to take out a small loan. No estimate on losses. April 6.

Stolen vehicles:

■ A beige 1997 Honda Accord from an apartment carport on Glenwood Avenue. March 24.

■ A white 2017 Toyota Camry from a parking lot in the 1200 block of Willow Road. April 6.

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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

i2eye Media Group
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272643
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
i2eye Media Group, located at 149 Plymouth Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
Open Transaction Professional Services, Inc.
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California
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 6, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 19, 2017)

LITTLE AGES CHILDCARE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272650
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Little Ages Childcare, located at 1407 Hill Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
LISA BORLO
1407 Hill Ave.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Jan. 2013.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 7, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 19, 2017)

QUO AXIOM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272750
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Quo Axiom, located at 61 Cove Lane, Redwood City, CA 94065, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
VINCENT SMITH
61 Cove Lane
Redwood City, CA 94065
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/14/17.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 14, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 19, 2017)

SEAPORT REFINING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272774
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Seaport Refining, located at 208 E. Branch Street, Arroyo Grande, California 93420, San Luis Obispo County.
Registered owner(s):
SEAPORT REFINING & ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC
208 E. Branch Street
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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.
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Registered owner(s):
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Woodside, CA 94062
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 March 23, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 29; Apr. 5, 12, 19, 2017)

ESTILO BEAUTY SALON
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272562
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Estilo Beauty Salon, located at 377 Grand Ave., So. San Francisco, CA 94080, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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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 February 27, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 29; Apr. 5, 12, 19, 2017)

PACMK
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272693
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
pacmk, located at 80 Atherton Court, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
PIERRE MELOTY-KAPPELLA
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Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/9/17.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 9, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 29; Apr. 5, 12, 19, 2017)

RIDE UP LIMO
SWIFT CAB
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272911
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Ride Up Limo, 2.) Swift Cab, located at 1362 Kingfisher Way #9, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County.
Registered owner(s):
RAJESH KUMAR
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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 03-27-2017.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 27, 2017.
(ALM Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017)

GoldenHearts
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272921
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GoldenHearts, located at 70 Serrano Drive, Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
FRAUKE JANSSEN
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Atherton, CA 94027
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 March 27, 2017.
(ALM Apr. 12, 19, 26; May 3, 2017)

LITTIEST ANGELS PRESCHOOL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272924
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Littiest Angels Preschool, located at 1095 Cloud Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA
1095 Cloud Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 17, 1996.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 27, 2017.
(ALM Apr. 12, 19, 26; May 3, 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.: 17CIV00941
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: MARIA ELIZABETH URIARTE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MARIA ELIZABETH URIARTE to ELIZABETH CECHETTO.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not

be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: Thr. April 20, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, 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: March 6, 2017
/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 2017)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 17CIV01246
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: JENNIFER VELA, JOSEPH VELA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JOSEPH MAXIMUS VELA JR to MAXIMUS JOSEPH VELA.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: Thr. May 11, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, 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: March 24, 2017
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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Apr. 12, 19, 26; May 3, 2017)

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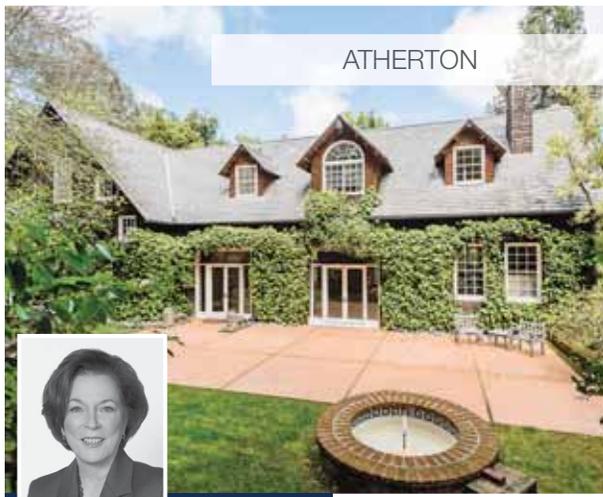


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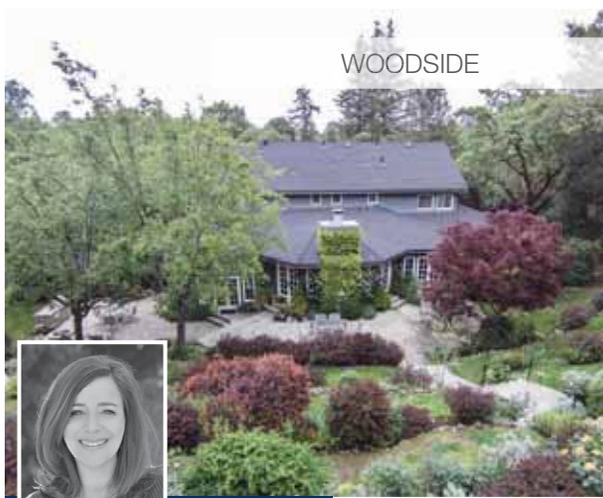


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