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# Local News

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## Facebook proposes changes to expansion plan

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Facebook wants permission from Menlo Park to make changes to its expansion project at 301-309 Constitution Drive, which the City Council approved last November.

The proposed changes were brought to the Menlo Park Planning Commission on Monday, May 22, after the Almanac went to press.

Go to AlmanacNews.com for updates.

Facebook now proposes to build an 83-foot-high, eight-story parking garage, connected with bridges on multiple stories, to an 87-foot-tall, four-story office building — all closer to Bayfront Expressway than was previously planned.

The plans were changed so Facebook can move forward with its expansion even while abiding by the lease with the current tenant, TE Connectivity, at one of the existing buildings there, according to a staff report.

When the project was approved in November, the company planned its expansion to occur in two phases. In the first, Facebook would build the 513,000-square-foot Building 21. That building is under construction now.

In the second phase, Facebook planned to build

another large office building — Building 22, totaling about 450,000-square feet — and a 200-room hotel. At the time of approval, however, the plans were not far enough along to get architectural clearance from the city.

Existing buildings on the site, leased primarily by TE Connectivity, precluded the project moving forward until TE Connectivity's lease was up — or so it seemed. Facebook said in a letter to the city's planning

department that it's expected that TE Connectivity will leave buildings located at 302, 303, 304 and 306 Constitution Drive in mid-2017, but will stay at 305 Constitution Drive for at least a while longer — which

could be when the current lease is up in 2019, or following a three-year lease extension until 2022. Facebook has offered the company an "incentive" to leave earlier, according to a staff report.

The modified proposal for Building 22 would leave Building 305 alone until TE Connectivity vacates it — after which it would be demolished and converted into a 5-acre private park for employees, about 2 and a quarter acres of which would be set aside as an electric vehicle charging area for buses and trams.

To keep the same square footage, Building 22 would grow taller. Instead of having

**Facebook now wants to build an 83-foot-high, eight-story parking garage to replace surface parking.**



Courtesy city of Menlo Park

**Facebook's new plans** for its "Building 22," shown in white. To the right is a proposed 83-foot-high parking garage, with solar panels on the roof, shown in blue.

ground-floor parking with one main floor and a mezzanine at a maximum height of 75 feet, the new proposed building would have four stories of office space up to 75 feet tall, with rooftop skylights reaching heights up to 87 feet. The office building would be connected to an 83-foot-tall, 8-story parking garage, with pedestrian bridges to connect to the office. All of the height over 75 feet would be for protective features and screening for the cars, the staff report says. The top of the parking garage would have solar panels, and the walls would be shielded by vines, according to project drawings.

There would be no landscaped rooftop area at Building 22, Kyle Perata, a senior planner for the city, confirmed, unlike Facebook's buildings 20 and 21.

The public-access open space that Facebook agreed to provide would not be able to be fully installed until after Building 305 is demolished, according to a staff report. Some of the planned public access space could still be added with Building 305 there, Mr. Perata said. A public-access bike and pedestrian bridge over Bayfront Expressway that Facebook has planned would also have to be completed before Facebook can occupy Building 22, he said.

The hotel the company has proposed to build on the site would not be changed, but construction would not be allowed to begin until Building 305 is demolished.

Facebook said in a statement that it did not expect a net increase in the number of workers and visitors to the site during the potential period in which both Building 22 and Building 305 are occupied. The number of workers TE Connectivity would employ at Building 305, about 110 workers at a time, or 330 over three eight-hour shifts in a day, is lower than the expected worker and guest population at the hotel, the company said. ■

## Woodside alleges substantial construction without permits

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

In two suits filed against residents, the town of Woodside alleges substantial construction was done without permits and that homes were improperly used for Airbnb short-term rentals.

In Woodside v. Steven Ferrari, the town is seeking penalties and legal fees. Mr. Ferrari is contesting the allegations and is demanding a jury trial.

The allegations were essentially the same in the case of Woodside v. Andres

Hildebrandt and Annie Flannery Hildebrandt, but the Hildebrandts resolved their issues, according to court records.

Both cases involve homes in the Woodside Hills neighborhood, located north of Woodside Road and between Interstate 280 and Alameda de las Pulgas.

The rates for a one-night stay at Mr. Ferrari's property on Ridgeway Road were from \$1,550 to \$1,750, and \$1,645 at the Hildebrandt property on Summerhill Lane, court records say.

**Woodside accuses residents of improperly using homes for short-term Airbnb rentals.**

Attorneys for Mr. Ferrari and the Hildebrandts did not respond to requests for comment. Jean Savaree, town attorney for Woodside, said she had no comment.

**Summerhill Lane**

In the Hildebrandt case in a court judgment dated April 20,

the homeowners agreed to pay a \$5,000 penalty, legal fees of \$2,544, and \$219 in costs to the town. Construction done without permits includes a deck, a sports court with a fence, a pool with a slide, a barbecue and pizza oven, retaining walls, site work and drainage, pathways and surface coverage, and structures to shelter non-domestic animals, including chickens, goats and pigs.

Between November 2013 and April 2016, the town notified the residents three times of its intent to file code violations over the construction

activities, and actually filed violations in February and April 2016.

To dispel the legal cloud now over the property, the homeowners must acquire permits for all that construction. Within 10 days, they must begin the work needed to bring that construction into compliance with the town's codes, and finish it within 120 days, according to the court judgment.

These processes may involve oversight by the town's Architectural and Site Review Board,

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# Feds approve \$647M grant to electrify Caltrain

By Jamey Padojino

Palo Alto Weekly

Caltrain's electrification can move forward with the announcement Monday that the Federal Transit Administration has committed to providing \$647 million in federal funds over the next five years for the project.

Caltrain had requested the grant from the federal government but was notified in

February that the funds were being withheld, just days before construction was set to begin.

Caltrain was able to secure a three-month extension with its contractors to break ground on the project while waiting to hear back from the FTA.

After significant lobbying by California representatives, the FTA has announced the funding will be released. This year's federal budget will set aside \$100 million for the electrification

work, according to the FTA.

"This multi-year agreement is a commitment to provide \$647 million over the next five years, roughly one-third of the total project cost," U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein said in a statement. "I'll do all I can in the coming years to ensure Congress continues to provide full funding to keep this project moving forward."

The project, which has been in the works for more than 15 years, is expected to create

9,600 jobs, according to Caltrain officials.

"This shovel-ready project will help expand service on an already congested corridor, improve air quality and put thousands of people to work," Gov. Jerry Brown said in a statement. "(Transportation) Secretary (Elaine) Chao did the right thing on Caltrain. This is not only good for California, it's good for America."

Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo

Park said: "This critical upgrade is one of the key transportation job creators in the country. It will enhance the spine of the Silicon Valley transportation system."

She noted that passenger service began on the Peninsula rail corridor during Abraham Lincoln's presidency more than 150 years ago. "Today, I am proud that our generation is able to build something worthy of the future of our region," she said. "This is an 'Alleluia' moment." ■

## Deputy DA facing new charges of dishonesty

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

Melissa McKowan, a San Mateo County deputy district attorney and the subject of a March 2013 sanction by the state bar over dishonesty in connection with the prosecution of psychiatrist and convicted child molester Dr. William Ayres, is again facing sanctions by the state bar over a charge of dishonesty.

In a complaint filed in March 2017 with the State Bar Court in San Francisco, Robert K. Sall, special deputy trial counsel

for the bar, alleges that Ms. McKowan was dishonest in a May 2013 email to the father of one Dr. Ayres' victims. In the email, Ms. McKowan wrote: "Every agency that has been forced into investigating this case by (Victoria) Balfour has found that her accusations are entirely false and have no bases whatsoever."

In the complaint, Mr. Sall says that neither the DA nor the state bar found that accusations by Ms. Balfour, a victim's advocate, to be "entirely false" or to have "no bases whatsoever," adding that Ms. McKowan "willfully

violated Business and Professions Code ... by engaging in dishonesty and moral turpitude."

If the court finds that Ms. McKowan's conduct "poses a substantial threat of harm to the interests of (her) clients or to the public," she could be relegated to the status of an inactive member of the state bar and could be required to pay the costs of the investigation, hearing and review of the matter, the complaint says.

The parties met for a settlement conference on May 15, according to bar association records. A pretrial conference was set for May 22.

causes in prison in April 2016 at the age of 84.

In her complaint to the state bar about the first trial, Ms. Balfour accused Ms. McKowan of unethical and inappropriate behavior, including lying to a victim's mother, Barbara Ross, about having contacted a potential witness who could have undercut Dr. Ayres' defense that his physical examinations of patients were appropriate.

In August 2011, Ms. McKowan admitted to San Mateo County Chief Deputy District Attorney Karen Guidotti that she had not contacted the potential witness. After investigating the accusations against Ms. McKowan, the DA's Office in August 2012 took disciplinary action against her, including a suspension "for an act or acts of dishonesty," the complaint says.

Ms. McKowan's attorney, Paul F. DeMeester, described the discipline by the DA's Office as three days of suspension without pay and a written reprimand.

The state bar issued Ms. McKowan a private reproof in March 2013, the "most minor" of the sanctions that the bar issues.

The sanction included a

requirement that she attend a one-day state bar ethics school, according to a letter from the state bar to Ms. McKowan that was made public by Ms. Balfour.

The county DA's office did its own investigation based on the complaint against Ms. McKowan, District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe told the Almanac. "We took appropriate action," he said in March 2013, noting that regulations precluded him from describing the action. "We don't wait to see what the state bar decides" when there is a complaint against a prosecutor, he said at the time.

Responding to the bar association's recent complaint over Ms. McKowan's assertion to a victim's father that "Every agency that has been forced into investigating this case by (Victoria) Balfour has found that her accusations are entirely false and have no bases whatsoever," Ms. McKowan's attorney, Mr. DeMeester, argues that the investigations by the DA and the state bar of the 2010 allegations against Ms. McKowan were based on complaints by Ms. Ross, the mother of a victim, not on complaints by Ms. Balfour. ■

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Las Lomitas Elementary School District will hold two separate public hearings on the proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the proposed Budget for fiscal year 2017-18 on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Las Lomitas Elementary School District located at 1011 Altschul Avenue, Menlo Park, California. A copy of the LCAP and the proposed budget will be available for public examination at the above location on June 5, 2017 through June 8, 2017 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any stakeholder affected by the LCAP or the School District budget may appear before the School District Board of Trustees and speak to the LCAP or the proposed budget or any item therein.

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### Previous case

The case in question was that of Dr. William H. Ayres.

Ms. McKowan prosecuted the case against Dr. Ayres, a San Mateo child psychiatrist alleged to have molested boys during examinations in the 1980s and 1990s. The result was a hung jury and mistrial in 2009.

Facing a retrial in 2013, Dr. Ayres, 81 at the time, pleaded no contest to the charges against him. He died of natural

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Planning Commission and the county health department, the judgment says.

As for using the house for short-term rentals, the town's municipal code sets many limits for businesses at home. Among them: business activities must be "clearly incidental" to the home's use as a residence; business activities must not involve more than 25 percent of the home, or 400 square feet, whichever is less; and business activities must not affect the residential character of the neighborhood in its impacts on parking and vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

The town asserted that Airbnb rentals for individuals, large

groups and corporate events violated the code in several ways, including that they were not incidental to the use of the house, used more than the allowed space, and adversely affected traffic and parking in the neighborhood.

### Ridgeway Road

In the Ferrari case, the alleged construction without permits included a wall, gazebo, outdoor kitchen and fireplace, major renovations to the pool house, new veneer for the house and the abandonment of the home's solar system.

The allegations with respect to improperly running a home business are all but identical to those of the Hildebrandt case.

An April 24 response to the town by attorneys Craig Alan Hansen, Joan E. Marquardt

and Philip Eugene Yeager of the Hansen Law Firm in San Jose asserts 10 points in Mr. Ferrari's defense and asks for jury trial.

The town has insufficient facts and lacks standing, the attorneys say, and further allege that the construction had been permitted, that the act of renting a property is not defined as a commercial business, and that the code does not regulate "short-term rentals."

Other residents have been allowed to use their properties for short-term rentals, they say, adding that a claim for \$5,000 in penalties is baseless considering the duration, frequency, seriousness and history "of the violation(s)," and the defendant's conduct and good faith efforts "to comply."

A case management conference is set for June 7. ■

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**Menlo Park Mayor** Kirsten Keith (left) and Menlo Park city staff pose while burying ceremonial shovels into the ground at Willow Road and Pierce Road, to signify the start of a project to rebuild the Willow/U.S. 101 interchange in Menlo Park.

## Project launched to rebuild Willow/U.S. 101 interchange

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**W**ork has officially begun on a project to rebuild the Willow Road and U.S. 101 interchange, following a groundbreaking event held May 16.

The Caltrans project, expected to take two years to complete, was funded with a Measure A allocation of \$56.4 million and a \$10.4 million loan from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

The new interchange will have eight lanes of traffic, widened

off-ramps, dedicated bike lanes and sidewalks.

“It really does integrate everything,” said Robert Haus, Caltrans spokesperson.

According to Menlo Park Mayor Kirsten Keith, the project is intended to move more cars more efficiently through the interchange. Having a separate bike path to cross U.S. 101, she said, will hopefully encourage more people to ride their bikes in Menlo Park.

According to Menlo Park Assistant Public Works Director Nikki Nagaya, Willow Road will stay open during construction,

and will operate at its usual capacity, though the site will be an active construction area.

During the two years of construction, she said, there is expected to be one weekend when the interchange will be fully closed, and 20 to 25 overnight road closures, at hours when the road is least used — usually between 1 a.m. and when the morning commute begins, she said.

Mayor Keith said that \$66 million is a “huge amount” to raise, which points to the importance of the project for the whole county. ▣

## Almanac wins six statewide awards

The Almanac staff won six statewide awards in the California Newspaper Publishers Association contest, it was announced Saturday.

Staff writer Barbara Wood won two first-place awards for coverage of local government and coverage of education.

Staff photographer Michelle Le won a first-place award for an online photo story/essay and two second-place awards for news photo and feature photo.

The Almanac design staff won a first-place award for inside page layout and design.

Ms. Wood’s package of stories about a local resident fighting the county in small claims court over aircraft noise won in

the local government coverage category.

Her cover story on narrowing the education equity gap in local schools won the first-place award for education coverage.

Ms. Le’s photo essay with Kate Bradshaw’s cover story, “Praise amid tragedy,” won the first-place award for online photo story/essay. The story was about a memorial service for Bishop Teman L. Bostic Sr., pastor of Mt. Olive Apostolic Original Holy Church of God in Menlo Park. He was stabbed to death on Feb. 12, 2016, and his son was charged with murder.

Ms. Le’s two second-place awards were for a news photo of a former homeless veteran finding a home and a feature photo

related to fighting Parkinson’s disease.

In addition, Almanac staff finished in the top four positions in four categories: online general excellence for its website, AlmanacNews.com; editorial comment (Renee Batti, for an editorial on the county supervisors’ rushed appointment of a sheriff); artistic photo (Michelle Le, for her photo with a story about a gay pastor preaching the gospel of acceptance); and profile feature story (Kate Bradshaw, for her cover story on “Serving those who served,” about formerly homeless veterans sharing their stories).

Go to [is.gd/award66](http://is.gd/award66) to see this story online with links to the winners.

## Jean Carlsmith

April 18, 1933 – May 10, 2017

Jean Pope Carlsmith passed away at the age of 84 in Menlo Park, CA on May 10, 2017. Her father was Harvey Collie Pope and her mother was Grace Griffin Pope. Jean had a sister, Grace Pope McCone. Jean was born on April 18, 1933 in Manila, Philippines and spent her early childhood there until the family moved to San Francisco. She earned a degree in Education from Dominican of California. Jean was married in California to Donn Wendell Carlsmith in 1960 and later divorced. Donn and Jean spent many years living in Hilo, Hawaii and raising their two children, Harvey and Kandy. Jean spent her final years in Menlo Park, CA.



Jean loved to travel the world, completed most of the Silk Road, and collected artifacts from her explorations. She was a lover of the arts, opera, and charitable organizations. She was a proud member of the Francisca Club of San Francisco. Jean loved to laugh and adored her son’s family and her granddaughter, Holly.

She is survived by her daughter, Kandy Jean Carlsmith of California; her son, Harvey Scott Carlsmith; his wife, Daisy Carlsmith; her granddaughter, Holly Pilioloha Carlsmith of Trout Creek, Montana, and her beloved dog, Callum. She is also survived by her many dear friends from California and Hawaii. She was predeceased in death by her mother, father and sister.

Jean loved all creatures, great and small. If you wish, you may make a memorial donation on her behalf to Panhandle Animal Shelter, 870 Kootenai Cut Off Road, Ponderay, ID 83352. One of her favorite sayings was, “Never Give Up.”

PAID OBITUARY

## Clark Curtis Greenman, Jr.

October 6, 1938 – April 16, 2017

On Easter Sunday, Curt Greenman passed peacefully at his home in Foster City, California.

Husband of Lehua Greenman for the past 53 years, father of Debbie Williams (Burlingame, CA) and Curtis Greenman (Dripping Springs, TX), grandfather of Lindsay, Brock, Cody, Chandler, Kyle, Trevor and Trent, brother of Mary Jane Bidstrup (Placerville, CA) and Randy Greenman (deceased) and son of the late Clark and Marjorie Greenman (San Carlos, CA).



Curt loved nothing more than his family, his friends, his dogs and his home. He took great pride in the seeds he left behind.

Curt was always proud to be a San Mateo County native son and a graduate of Sequoia High School’s (Redwood City, CA) class of 1956. He was proud of his Aeronautics degree at College of San Mateo. He loved flying airplanes and fondly remembered the courtship “date” when he flew Lehua to Disneyland for her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. It was love at “first flight.”

Curt’s distinguished public service began with Woodside Fire Department and his career continued with California Highway Patrol, San Mateo County Sheriff Department and Tiffany & Company’s Security Director.

Curt’s family and friends find peace knowing he lingers in the Kona sunsets, he moves about the swaying palms of Kauai and shines in the sparkling pools of Kahala. He continues to be 10-8 (in-service) dutifully patrolling the heavenly highways around the world.

A Celebration of Curt’s life will be held July 7, 2017 at the Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road, Woodside at 1:00 pm. Contributions in Curt Greenman’s name are honorably encouraged and gratefully accepted by WoundedWarriorProject.org

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## Panel discussion on changes in immigration policy

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

### ■ MENLO BRIEFS

A free, open-to-the-public panel discussion about recent changes in immigration policy, the Immigration Customs Enforcement agency, and how the nation is handling jail detainees will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at the council chambers at 701 Laurel St. in the Menlo Park Civic Center.

The event will be moderated by Menlo Park Mayor Kirsten Keith, and panelists are: San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos Bolanos, Captain Paul Kunkel of the Sheriff's Office, Menlo Park Police Commander Dave Bertini and the Director of San Mateo County's Human Services Agency, Iliana Rodriguez.

### Traffic woes

A community meeting to talk about traffic problems in Belle Haven will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Menlo Park Senior Center ballroom,

110 Terminal Ave. in eastern Menlo Park.

An update will be given about a project to rebuild the U.S. 101 and Willow Road interchange and there will be discussion of an upcoming study on ways to reduce cut-through traffic in the area.

### Willow Oaks Park

Renovations to the dog park and new bathrooms at Willow Oaks Park, located at 490 Willow Road in Menlo Park, have been proposed.

To give feedback on the proposed changes, attend the Parks & Recreation Commission's discussion on the topic at its meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, in the Cypress Room of the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center.

Go to [is.gd/park642](http://is.gd/park642) for more information about the proposed changes.

## Affordable housing: County to spend \$44M

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

San Mateo County will receive about \$160 million in revenues from the Measure A half-cent sales tax between July 2017 and June 2019, and \$43.75 million of it will be allocated to increase the supply of affordable housing for seniors, formerly homeless veterans and working families that can't afford to pay the market rate.

By a unanimous vote May 16, the Board of Supervisors approved \$35.75 million to develop new and preserve existing affordable housing; \$5 million for the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART); \$1.4 million for tenant assistance; and \$1.6 million for ongoing programs and staffing.

Voters authorized the Measure A sales tax in 2012. In November 2016, voters approved Measure K, which extends the Measure A tax for 20 years, even though Measure A doesn't expire until 2022. In the Measure K campaign, advocates said that increasing spending on affordable housing was a primary reason to pass the tax.

Since 2012, the county has spent, as part of its affordable housing initiatives, a total of \$56.5 million on new housing

and on preserving rental housing, county officials say. Of that, about \$20.4 million came from Measure A funds.

Over the past four years, the county "has contributed" to 16 housing projects, including 908 new housing units for homeless veterans, the frail elderly and people with serious mental illnesses, officials say. Of those, 268 housing units are complete, 73 are under construction and 567 are in development.

The county also contributed \$13.1 million to preserve 86 rental units in four apartment buildings owned by nonprofits, about \$152,000 per unit, officials say. The county is also a partner with the nonprofit HIP Housing, which connects people in need of housing to people with housing to share.

Other areas in the county budget expected to receive Measure A funds include health and mental health services, early learning and literacy programs, county parks, support services for seniors and veterans and a new regional operations center in Redwood City for 911 dispatchers.

(Note: Since the passage of Measure K in November 2016, the county refers to the half-cent sales tax revenues, including those from Measure A, as Measure K funds.) ■



**Academic Decathlon champs:** Back row, from left: McKenna Kirscht, Mathilde Sison, Sarah Mascarenhas, Chloe Powell, Jack Glanville, Alyssa Turenne, Finnan MacRunnels and Nick Ross. Front row, from left: Emily Williams, Camille Porteous, Langley Ward, Carson Schultz, Amelia Abisia and Mia Cheng

## St. Raymond 1st at Academic Decathlon

For the fourth year in a row, the team from St. Raymond School in Menlo Park is the overall winner in the Archdiocese of San Francisco's Academic Decathlon.

Students in grades 6-8 from 12 schools competed in 10 events at the decathlon held in March at St. Pius School in Redwood City.

Two are collaborative team events — a logic quiz with 20 rigorous thinking problems, and a super quiz with 50 multiple-choice

questions on five broad academic themes.

The other eight events test individual knowledge of the Roman Catholic doctrine, English, literature, science, mathematics, current events, social studies, and fine arts.

Led by St. Raymond School teacher Valerie Mattei, the team placed first in both the super quiz and the logic quiz, as well as first overall.

Four St. Raymond students also placed in individual

events. Chloe Powell placed first in fine arts; Camille Porteous, first in social studies; Amelia Abisia, second in English; and Mia Cheng, third in math.

Team members are Sarah Mascarenhas, Jack Glanville, Mia Cheng, Chloe Powell, McKenna Kirscht, Mathilde Sison, Camille Porteous, Carson Schultz, Alyssa Turenne, Finnan MacRunnels, Amelia Abisia, Langley Ward, Emily Williams and Nick Ross.

## Plea deal on charges after high-speed chase

A 19-year-old East Palo Alto man has pleaded no contest to two felonies — assault with a metal object and evading the police — following a high-speed chase from Menlo Park to Belmont, when he allegedly drove at speeds exceeding 100 mph and struck two police cars, according to San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

Francisco Nunez-Nepita was sentenced to nine months in county jail with 104 days of credit for time served and three years of supervised probation. A restitution hearing is set for June 27. He is in custody on \$175,000 bail.

Police responded to a report on March 25 that three or four masked people had been seen in a Ford Escape in the 1300 block of Carlton Avenue in eastern Menlo Park.

When an officer approached the car, Mr. Nunez-Nepita drove off at a high speed, ramming one police car and sideswiping another, running red lights, crossing double yellow lines and hitting speeds of more than 100 mph on U.S. 101, prosecutors said.

The driver pulled off at Holly Street in San Carlos, where an occupant of the vehicle, Andrew Rumbo-Ochoa, 19, from Redwood City, fled from the car and threw something into the bushes, police said. The car was later pulled over at Ralston Avenue in Belmont, where Mr. Nunez-Nepita was arrested. In the backseat were two teenage juveniles.

Later, an unloaded firearm was found in the path where Mr. Rumbo-Ochoa ran. He now faces a misdemeanor charge of possessing a concealed firearm in a car, Mr. Wagstaffe said. He has pleaded not guilty to the charge and is scheduled for a pretrial conference on June 7. He remains out of custody.

In Mr. Nunez-Nepita's case, Mr. Wagstaffe said that while assault with a vehicle and assault with a metal object are both felonies, being convicted of assault with a metal object does not come with the added punishment of a lifetime driver's license ban.

— By Kate Bradshaw

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## MP superintendent joins Ravenswood district

By **Shawna Chen**  
Palo Alto Weekly

**M**aurice Ghysels, the superintendent of the Menlo Park City School District, will take on a new role as chief innovations officer in the Ravenswood City School District after leaving his current position at the end of this academic year.

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and an anonymous donor are funding Mr. Ghysels' position, which will have an annual salary of \$180,000.

Mr. Ghysels will provide support to Ravenswood Superintendent Gloria Hernandez-Goff as the district launches its first comprehensive middle school in the fall.

Currently, Ravenswood's sixth- through eighth-graders are enrolled at six separate sites combined with elementary

schools. The inaugural sixth-grade class will be made up of 260 students; the district's goal for middle school enrollment is 900 students across all three grades.

School board vice president Ana Maria Pulido said the board has been looking for someone to fill the innovation position for two years.

"This is an absolutely critical time for Ravenswood," Ms. Pulido said. "There's only one of (Ms. Hernandez-Goff), and there's so much to do in this district. ... We don't want anything to be missed as we transition into this comprehensive middle school."

Mr. Ghysels holds a bachelor's degree in economics from San Jose State University, a master's degree in education from California State University, Hayward (now known as California State University, East Bay), and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of San Francisco.

He was superintendent of Mountain View Whisman School District from 2005 to 2010 and left after he disclosed to its school board that he and the principal of one of the district's elementary schools were involved in an extramarital affair. In 2011, he became superintendent of the Menlo Park City School District.

In announcing last fall his planned departure from Menlo Park, he told *The Almanac*, "I like to create, build, start up and get things in place to where they can sustain, and then go on to the next adventure."

Ms. Hernandez-Goff said she and Mr. Ghysels have collaborated on projects in the past

and that Mr. Ghysels suggested working together after he leaves the Menlo Park district. Though his priorities will lie with overseeing the development of the new middle school, he will also provide assistance to Ms. Hernandez-Goff in communications plans and other areas of need in the district.

He said he will focus on building relationships with teachers, identifying talent and constructing "sustainable systems" of academic enrichment such as in performing arts, fine arts, sports and social-emotional programs.

"We need to attract and retain teachers (and) students, and I think that the vehicle of the comprehensive middle school is the way to do that," he said.

Ravenswood's students who graduate typically go on to the Sequoia Union High School District. In recent years, however, the high school dropout rate for Ravenswood students has reached "a little more than 40 percent," according to Ms. Pulido.

The Ravenswood district, said Ms. Hernandez-Goff, has the lowest percentage of students who graduate from high school and the lowest percentage of students who complete the A-G course requirements for admission to the University of California, compared with other districts whose students enter the Sequoia high school district.

The board and administration hope that the comprehensive middle school will help students bridge the achievement gap and "give kids the confidence to know that they can be successful sitting right next to someone who went to (a more competitive) district," board President Sharifa Wilson said.

The new middle school will "group students according to their academic needs," Ms. Hernandez-Goff said, such as providing an honors English lane and support for English language learners in addition to regular English.

At the end of the next school year, the board and funders will evaluate Mr. Ghysels' progress and make a decision about extending his position for another year, officials said. The district does not anticipate maintaining the position past two years. ▣



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## Wins home run derby

Menlo-Atherton Little League home run derby winner Mike Randall Jr., 12, with his father Mike Randall, manager of Lutticken's Majors team. The league's eighth annual "Hit-a-Thon" fundraiser and home run derby was held May 7 at Burgess Park in Menlo Park.

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## Village Bakery & Cafe plans to open in July

If things go as expected, a new restaurant — The Village Bakery & Cafe — will open in Woodside at 3052 Woodside Road in the third week of July.

Once the home of the Woodside Bakery & Cafe, the new outfit with the similar name will have a menu focused on “simple elegant American food,” including organic vegetables, artisanal pizza and roast chicken, owner Tim Stannard told the Almanac in May 2016.

Mr. Stannard said at the time that he was hoping for two dollar signs (\$\$) in reviews, and that there would be a full bar and perhaps tablecloths on some tables.

Asked recently if these attributes still apply, Mr. Stannard replied: “That’s it exactly!”

Mr. Stannard is a Woodside resident. He owns the Mayfield Bakery & Cafe in Palo Alto as well as The Village Pub at 2967 Woodside Road in Woodside and Spruce restaurant on Sacramento Street in San Francisco.

Mark and Jan Sweyer, who owned the Woodside Bakery & Cafe until March 2016 when it was closed at the insistence of property owners George and Christine Roberts, reopened a bakery in the Sharon Heights Shopping Center in September 2016.

## Angela Simon named vice president of national contractors' association

Angela Simon, president of the Menlo Park-based Western Allied Mechanical, a heating and air conditioning contractor, has been named the first female vice president of the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association.

She was awarded the association's 2016 “Contractor of the Year” award, partly because of her efforts as a mentor for young workers, according to an announcement from the association.

Ms. Simon previously served

as co-chair of the association's “Women in Construction Leadership Council.”

“The culture of the construction industry has changed a lot in 30 years, but it's changing slower for sheet metal than it should,” she said in a statement. “We have to get it out front. We have to promote the opportunities for women. We have to talk about it, or it won't happen.”

The association is an international trade association representing 3,500 contributing contractor firms.



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**Right:** Ginny Maiwald, right, and her children, Meghan and Sean, look at childhood photos (including the one below) in her Menlo Park City School District office. Ms. Maiwald, the district's director of student services, raised her two deaf children as a single parent.

**About the cover:** Ginny Maiwald chats with a 7-year-old at Encinal Elementary School. (Photo by Michelle Le / The Almanac.)



# Qualified

by



Educator says her deaf children, and their 'superpowers,' inspired her career

Story by Barbara Wood | Photos by Michelle Le

Ginny Maiwald, the Menlo Park City School District's director of student services, has an impressive resume. But one of her most important qualifications is not her education or her work experience — it's her life as a single mother, who raised two deaf children to be thriving young adults.

In March, the school district announced that Ms. Maiwald had been named the regional Special Education Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators. She was later named the organization's state award-winner. The nomination came from the team she supervises.

"You've earned the respect of every member of your team," Superintendent Maurice Ghysels said at the school board meeting where the regional award was announced. Ms. Maiwald, he said, brings "a sense of spirit" to the district that makes inclusion, the term for including special needs students in regular classrooms, "to a whole new level."

Accepting the accolades, Ms. Maiwald said: "I speak three languages and none of them seem to work right now." She praised her team and the psychologists who work at every district school.

"The work we do is hard. We have the hardest cases," she said. "We get through it with laughter and fun," she said.

As she spoke, Ms. Maiwald's fingers were flying, using sign language to express what she was saying. It soon became clear why. Her 27-year-old deaf daughter, Meghan, was in the audience.

"She's my inspiration," she said. "I wouldn't do the work I do with all of you if it wasn't for her."

She told about how her daughter, while still quite young, decided she wanted to play soccer. Ms. Maiwald was reluctant, she said, thinking Meghan would better spend her time working with speech and language specialists. But, she said: "I let her go. I let her use her super powers."

Super is not much of an exaggeration. Meghan, a goalie, went on to play club, high school, college, professional and even international level soccer. She was on the U.S. teams that won the Deaf World Cup in 2012 in Ankara, Turkey, and the gold medal in the 2013 Deaflympics in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Meghan is now coaching soccer while she finishes a degree in physical education and recreation at Gallaudet University, founded in 1864 to teach those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Ms. Maiwald's 23-year-old son, Sean, has his own super powers, she said. After graduating from Leigh High School in San Jose, where he played football, he attended Gallaudet University, majoring in government. He is now at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., working on his master's degree in public policy. He said he wants to work to support access for individuals with disabilities throughout the U.S. and the world.

"This is what we do, this is why I love you all," Ms. Maiwald said of her children. "This is what happens when we find their super powers."



**Far left:** Ginny Maiwald says her own children taught her that students with special needs, such as 10-year-olds Yuto (center) and Laethe, have super powers.

**Left:** The cover of Ginny Maiwald's book, written to help other parents of children who are deaf. Her children, Meghan and Sean, are on the cover.

**Below:** Ginny Maiwald works in her Menlo Park City School District office. The Association of California School Administrators named her Special Education Administrator of the Year.

### Birthday wish

Meghan Maiwald was 3, going on 4, when she told her pregnant mother just exactly what she wanted for her birthday.

She wanted a brother, Ms. Maiwald said, but also had more requirements. "She wanted him born for her birthday, and she wanted him born with hearing aids," Ms. Maiwald said.

Ms. Maiwald knew she would be disappointing her daughter. She had to explain to Meghan, who was born deaf, that she couldn't guarantee any of her desires, especially the hearing aids that no one comes into the world equipped with.

And then, she said, three weeks before her due date, the unexpected happened. "The morning of her birthday party ... I went into labor, and a baby boy was born hours before her birthday party, deaf."

Ms. Maiwald said she was starting to "feel sorry for myself" thinking of what was ahead for her as the mother of two deaf children. Then she gave Meghan the news. "I said the baby is a boy, and the baby is going to have hearing aids." Her daughter lit up. "She was delighted," she said.

Sean Maiwald became his older sister's confidant and companion, and even now, as young adults, the two share an apartment in Washington, D.C.

"It all worked out," Ms. Maiwald said.

### Unexpected arrival

Ms. Maiwald said she was working as a bilingual Spanish/English teacher when Meagan was born in 1990, before screening of infants for their hearing became routine. For more than a year, Ms. Maiwald said, she did not realize that

Meghan couldn't hear.

Meghan said "mama" at 18 months, and seemed to hear her mother come into her room, Ms. Maiwald said.

But then, one day Meghan climbed up onto a counter, grabbed a cookie jar and threw it to the floor. She wanted a cookie, but had no way to say so. "I finally realized this child needs language," Ms. Maiwald said.

"I had these feelings of sort of being an inept parent."

Later, Ms. Mailwald said, she realized it was the vibrations caused by her footfalls on their hardwood floors that had alerted her daughter to her presence. "She'd already learned to compensate at such a young age," she said. She also realized that she, too, had been compensating for Meghan's lack of hearing.

As a teacher, she began to research raising deaf children. She found books written for deaf parents of deaf children, but not many for hearing parents of deaf children.

"I knew she had a culture of her own" as a deaf child, she said of Meghan, but she found the literature confusing. Some authors recommended teaching sign language; others, verbal language and lip-reading. "I knew as a bilingual teacher, it's never one or the other," she said.

"I realized, I was a teacher and this was a bilingual issue," she said. "A person can learn two languages at a time very successfully," she said, allowing simultaneous acquisition of sign and verbal language.

She ended up writing a book for other parents, entitled "Keys to Raising a Deaf Child." One of its main tenants is: "Accept the deafness, even enjoy it," she said. She wrote the book in 1999, and now,



she said, "it's time for my two deaf young adults to write the sequel."

### Special perspective

Ms. Maiwald said her children taught her as well as inspired her. Before entering kindergarten, her children attended special classes for the deaf offered by the Santa Clara County Office of Education. By kindergarten, interpreters helped them be included in mainstream classrooms.

One day, she said, her daughter brought her a painting she had done in class. "They let me in," Meghan told her proudly. Ms. Maiwald realized that while general education students "just get to show up" to their classes, children like hers "have to have permission to show up, and have to meet goals to stay there."

Ms. Maiwald said she feels fortunate to have the "special perspective of seeing (the education system) through my kids' eyes."

"My children got the services they needed," she said. "If children don't get services, their intellect can actually become stifled. The right services for the right kids is essential."

### An outsider

Ms. Maiwald was working on a master's degree in special education when she began to focus on American Sign Language (ASL). "I wanted fluid communication in my home," she said.

She was, after all, outnumbered. "We even have a deaf cat," she said. While Ms. Maiwald is fluent in ASL, at times "signing occurred behind my back."

"I was more of an outsider," she said.

Dealing with special needs children, she said, is hard. "We become overwhelmed with all that needs to be done."

"Love your child first, other things will fall into place," she advises.

### Program changes

In her four years in the Menlo Park City School District, Ms. Maiwald said she has made many changes in the way special services are provided. She has traded outside contractors for employees and added counselor and psychologist time to every school.

She has used technology to help autistic students add the structure they crave to their schedules, with work stations showing them visually what their day entails.

"We use unique curriculum and we use different types of technology," she said.

Many of the changes, Ms. Maiwald said, have saved the district money, and some other districts are now paying the district to educate their special needs students.

"You want a child to be independent, not dependent," she said. ▣

# Woodside school board rescinds action cited as Brown Act violation

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

The governing board of the Woodside Elementary School District has rescinded action taken at a May 1 meeting that the Almanac had challenged as a violation of the state's open meeting law, known as the Brown Act.

At its May 16, meeting, the board also completely revised its May 1 meeting minutes after the Almanac complained they did not match what happened at the meeting, which was recorded.

On May 16, the Woodside district board, as it had done on May 1, voted unanimously to appoint someone to fill a board vacancy left when Wendy Warren Roth resigned 18 months before the end of her term. This time the matter was on the agenda.

Ms. Warren Roth has not given a reason for her resignation, which she submitted on April 6, a day after the school district announced it would be appointing a new board member. The district already had a website page up to accept board applications with a deadline and schedule for interviews and appointments.

Filling an uncompleted board term by appointment, rather than election, gives the school board, rather than the voters, the choice of who will serve in an elected office. It also gives the appointee an incumbent's advantage in a subsequent election.

School board members said holding the election could cost as much as \$20,000 and they did not want to spend the money. (The district board also heard at its meeting that the district's financial situation is robust enough that it anticipates adding \$100,000 to its reserves in the 2017-18 fiscal year.)

This will be the second time in two years that a board member has resigned before ending a term, allowing a board appointment. Current board member Silvia Edwards was appointed

in May 2015, and was elected six months later in a three-person race for two seats, in which she ran as an incumbent.

The board's new deadline to apply for the open position is 4 p.m. Friday, May 26. Applications must be submitted in hard copy form to Superintendent Beth Polito's office at 3195 Woodside Road in Woodside. Any registered voter in the school district may apply.

## Filling an uncompleted board term by appointment gives the appointee an incumbent's advantage in a subsequent election.

WoodsideSchool.us (the district's website) has a link to information and the application form on its home page under "School Board Trustee Vacancy."

Orientation for those interested in the position will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24.

The candidates will be interviewed Friday, June 2, by a subcommittee made up of Superintendent Polito, board President Claire Pollioni and board Vice President Marc Tarpenning.

The board is scheduled to deliberate and appoint a candidate in public at its Tuesday, June 6, meeting.

### Brown Act complaint

The Almanac's Brown Act complaint came after a May 1 board meeting when board members voted unanimously on a motion to "do an appointment process" to fill the board vacancy, with the deadline for applications four days later, on Friday, May 5.

The matter of whether to make an appointment or hold an election was not on the May

1 meeting agenda, which contravenes a Brown Act requirement that all matters discussed or acted on be listed on an agenda posted before the meeting.

After the Almanac's protest, the district put a hold on the appointment process.

The minutes for the May 1 meeting included with the May 16 meeting materials said the board had acted on three items that had been on the agenda, although the board had not actually vote on those items. The minutes did not mention what they had voted on.

The revised minutes adopted by the board on May 16 say, in part, that "the Trustees approved this recommendation (from the superintendent) for a provision (sic) appointment process by a 4-0 vote."

The Almanac letter suggests the May 1 meeting was not the district's only Brown Act violation.

"Your solicitation of candidates for appointment to the Board well prior to your May 1 meeting indicates that either the Board had earlier violated the Brown Act by making its decision outside of a public meeting or that (the superintendent or school board president) had pre-judged the outcome of its May 1 meeting," said the letter from William Johnson, president of Embarcadero Media, the Almanac's parent company.

Under the California Education Code, when school board members resign before their term is up, the board must either set an election or appoint an interim board member within 60 days.

If the board appoints a board member, voters can ask for an election instead by filing a petition signed by 1.5 percent of the district's registered voters within 30 days of the appointment.

The district had 2,365 registered voters as of April 4, so valid signatures of just 35 voters would be required to hold a special election. ■



Photo by Brendan McGrath

## A visit from the other Menlo

Representatives from Galway, Ireland, including the city's Mayor Noel Larkin and City Manager Brendan McGrath, visited Menlo Park recently. It has been two years since Menlo Park and Galway became "Sister Cities," four years since the two cities became "Friendship Cities," and more than 150 years since two men immigrated from Galway and started a ranch they called "Menlo Park," where El Camino Real and Menlo Avenue are today, according to Menlo Park Historical Association member Jim Lewis. They named it after their hometown, Menlough, located in Ireland's County Galway.

## Summertime Wine Walk set in downtown Menlo

In its first summertime iteration, a wine walk will be held in downtown Menlo Park from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3. The fundraiser for the Menlo Park Atherton Education Foundation will pair downtown businesses with wineries of the Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers' Association.

The goal is to hold the event twice a year, organizer Jamie D'Alessandro said. It's been held twice previously in December. He said the last event raised about \$10,000 for the foundation, which supports the Menlo Park City School District.

He described the wine walk as a "nice event for all involved," noting that community members discovered shops and wineries they hadn't known about, that shop owners experienced sales during the event, and that winery operators had the chance to connect with their target market — a "discriminating clientele," Mr. D'Alessandro said.

"It's not 'Two Buck Chuck,'" he

said. "It's high quality wine at a reflective price point."

Featured wineries include Burrell School Vineyards and Winery, House Family Vineyards, Kings Mountain Vineyards, Left Bend Winery, Mingo Ridge Vineyards, Portola Vineyards, Roudon Smith Winery, Russian Ridge Winery, Silver Mountain Vineyards, Silvertip Vineyards and Wrights Station Winery.

Participating businesses are Art Ventures Gallery, Cheeky Monkey Toys, Gitane, Harvest and Rococo & Taupe.

People who purchase wine at the event can then go to LB Steak, Left Bank, BBC or Galata Bistro and have corkage fees waived.

Tickets are \$49 and net proceeds go to the education foundation.

Go to scmwa.com for more information or purchase tickets onsite at the mini park at Santa Cruz Avenue and Chestnut Street.

— Kate Bradshaw

## Many prefer tunnel under tracks at Middle Avenue

At a recent community meeting held to discuss a bike and pedestrian crossing of the railroad tracks at Middle Avenue in Menlo Park, many people expressed preference for an undercrossing (a tunnel) rather than an overcrossing (a bridge).

Out of about 50 people who attended the meeting, only two preferred an overcrossing, according to a city staff report.

Several people suggested the city look at locating a bike

crossing at Cambridge Avenue rather than Middle Avenue. The contract for the consultants would have to be renegotiated if the council decides to pursue this option in earnest, the staff report said.

Residents also said they worried about the lack of bike lanes on the stretch of Middle Avenue between El Camino Real and University Drive.

The next community meeting on the bike/pedestrian crossing

is slated for the fall, when consultants and staff are expected to talk about different crossing design options.

Next, the matter would be reviewed by the city's complete streets commission and the City Council and go back to another community meeting with a specific proposal. The plan is for the crossing to be partially designed with the environmental clearance work begun by summer 2018.

# Camp Connection

For more information about these camps, see our online directory of camps at [paloaltoonline.com/camp\\_connection](http://paloaltoonline.com/camp_connection)  
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## ATHLETICS

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## ATHLETICS

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# West Bay Opera stages a 'Salome' for our times

By Renee Batti

Almanac Associate Editor

It's a story set in biblical times, familiar to people the world over. But its ancient backdrop doesn't make the story that unfolds in the opera "Salome" any less relevant to today's world.

The one-act opera by Richard Strauss, staged by West Bay Opera, opens this weekend for a four-performance run over two weekends at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto.

The composer loosely based the work on the biblical story of John the Baptist's ill-fated encounter with King Herod and his decadent stepdaughter Salome. One of the opera's most famous moments is Salome's sizzling Dance of the Seven Veils, which she is persuaded to perform by her stepfather, who promises to grant her any wish. Bad luck for the Baptist.

Despite its biblical storyline, this production, according to West Bay Opera, is set in "a post-Trumpian dystopia: the scorched and irradiated planet Earth, or whatever is left of it, as a consequence of the wanton blurring of moral and ethical limits of an irresponsible generation."

A post-Trumpian dystopia? Maestro Jose Luis Moscovich, West Bay's general director and

## ■ IF YOU GO

"Salome," staged by West Bay Opera and co-produced by Escenia Ensemble of Mexico City, is performed May 26 and 28, and June 3 and 4 at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto. Tickets are \$40 to \$83, with group discounts available. Tickets: (650) 424-9999 (preferred); or at WBOpera.org, where additional information is available.

the opera's conductor, explains in an email: "Salome is the daughter of an amoral mother, and she has an uneasy relationship with her unprincipled stepdad. He lusts after her and makes her uncomfortable. I recall a quote that seems to provide an interesting parallel: 'If Ivanka wasn't my daughter, I'd be dating her.'"

"So Salome is really the product of excess, a child that has grown up in the bubble of privilege ... . A person in those circumstances can lose all sense of empathy and compassion. Of course, rulers must be in touch with the needs and desires of the people they rule, and with their moral principles. But they aren't always. Excess leads to disaster."

To reflect this modern interpretation, the set will be "a bombed-out planet, where people are

living in small tribal clans and trying to recover from the effects of radiation from nuclear blasts triggered by a naively simplistic approach to international relations," Mr. Moscovich says.

The imprisonment of John the Baptist — called in the opera Jochanaan — is another theme relative to today's world, Mr. Moscovich says. He's jailed "because he's been walking around loudly criticizing the king and the queen's behavior. ... Nobody gets jailed in the U.S. for expressing their views ... yet," he adds.

The cautionary tone is understandable. Mr. Moscovich grew up in Argentina in the 1970s and 80s, when the so-called Dirty War roiled the country with state-sponsored terrorism. "I know what it feels like to have a government that throws you in jail for dissenting with the party line," he says.

And Ragnar Conde, who is directing "Salome," has experienced his share of political upheaval in Mexico, where he is artistic director of Escenia Ensemble, which is co-producing "Salome."

"We are looking at what's coming out of DC today and feeling an eerie sense of déjà vu," Mr. Moscovich says.



Otak Jump

Heather Green sings the title role of Salome; Isaiah Musik-Ayala is Jochanaan.

New York-based dramatic soprano Heather Green performs as Salome in this production. Baritone Isaiah Musik-Ayala sings the role of Jochanaan. Tenor David Gustafson performs the role of Herod.

Mezzo-soprano Michelle Rice performs as Herodias, Salome's mother, and tenor Alonso Sicarios Leon is the smitten captain Narraboth.

The production will feature an expanded orchestra, with some

players taking their seats on stage.

There will be two performances on opening weekend: Friday, May 26, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 28, at 2 p.m. Performances on the following weekend are Saturday, June 3, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, June 4, at 2 p.m. The May 28 performance will be followed by a discussion with the cast and directors seated on stage.

The Lucie Stern Theatre is at 1305 Middlefield Road. ■

## ■ CALENDAR

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### Theater

**Menlo School Drama** will perform "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, outdoors in the middle school quad at Menlo School. Tickets, at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, are available online at menloschool.org and at the gate. Gates open at 7 p.m., with lawn chairs, picnic baskets and blankets allowed. Traditional seating will also be provided. Appropriate for middle school and above.

**Woodside School Operetta: 'Shrek the Musical Jr.'** Woodside School Class of 2017 presents the 60th Operetta "Shrek the Musical Jr." This family-friendly musical comedy follows the adventures of an ogre named Shrek who sets off on a quest to save Princess Fiona from a dragon. For all ages, from preschoolers to grandparents. May 31 and June 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; June 2 and 3, 7-9 p.m. \$10, child; \$20, adult. Sellman Pavilion, 3195 Woodside Road, Woodside.

**An Evening with Daveed Diggs** Stanford Speakers Bureau hosts an evening with Grammy and Tony Award winner Daveed Diggs, the original Jefferson/Lafayette in the musical "Hamilton." May 24, 8 p.m. Free. Stanford students; \$10, general public. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

**'The Charitable Sisterhood of the Second Trinity Victory Church'** May 14 and 28, 2 p.m.; May 25-27, 8 p.m. \$17.50-\$35. The Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway, Redwood City.

### Music

**'Springtime Novelettes'** Bayer Ballet Company presents "Springtime Novelettes," made up of diverse pieces from classical and neoclassical ballet. The

program includes variations from Copellia, Corsaire, Sleeping Beauty, Esmeralda, Swan Lake, Paquita and more, including Spanish and Hungarian (character) dances. May 28 and 29, 6-8 p.m. \$25. Woodside High School Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Road, Woodside.

**University Singers: Venue change** Dr. Robert Huw Morgan directs the University Singers' program. This event has been moved from Memorial Church to Bing Concert Hall. May 24, 7:30 p.m. \$15-\$20. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

### Talks & Lectures

**Driverless Cars at the Moral Crossroads: Philosophy Talk** This event features a live recording of Philosophy Talk, the nationally syndicated public radio show. Host philosophers will take the wheel with special guest Joshua Greene, professor of psychology at Harvard University and author of "Our Driverless Dilemma: When Should Your Car be Willing to Kill You?" May 24, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Cubberley Auditorium, 482 Lasuen Mall, Stanford.

**Gallery Talk with Jennifer Carty: 'Hope Gangloff Curates Portraiture'** Hope Gangloff has been invited to mine the museum's permanent collection and select key historical works to hang alongside her own contemporary paintings in the exhibition "Hope Gangloff Curates Portraiture." May 25, 1 p.m. and June 24, 12:30 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford.

**Poetry Action Movement** The Poetry Action Movement will feature The Poets Three <ox2014>Jym Marks, Leah Lubin and Gary Horsman. May 28, 4-6 p.m. Free. Backyard Coffee Company, 965 Brewster Ave., Redwood City.

**Stanford Writers in Conversation: An Evening with Tom Kealey** During this evening, Tom Kealey, one of Stanford's most beloved lecturers in creative writing, will discuss his debut book, the award-winning short story collection "Thieves I've Known" (2013). Here, Kealey chronicles

the struggles and triumphs of the young and marginalized as they discover many ways of growing up. May 25, 7:30 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

**Story is the Thing: Kepler's Quarterly Reading Series** An evening of storytelling with seven Bay Area authors reading on the theme "To Find a Home." May 25, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10, ticket, cupcakes and wine included. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

**Tom Nichols on "In Deep with Angie Coiro"** Journalist Angie Coiro quizzes five-time, undefeated Jeopardy! Champion Tom Nichols on his new book "The Death of Expertise" and the instantaneous nature of information. May 24, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, RSVPs appreciated. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

### Family

**LEGO Club** All ages are welcome to this event, during which the library provides the LEGOs and participants bring their imagination. Duplo building blocks available for younger builders. May 27, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

**Page to Play** Each Page to Play event will begin on the reading rug with a chosen book. Then, kids will pull themes and ideas off the page and incorporate them into a play-based activity. Page to Play is designed for ages 1 to 5 years and requires parent or caregiver participation. Tuesdays, ongoing, 10:30-11 a.m. Cheeky Monkey Toys, 640 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. business.menloparkchamber.com/events/details/

**Portola Valley Farmers' Market** Thursdays, 2-6 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. pvfarmersmarket.com

### Dance

**Bravissimo 'Concerto: Don Quixote'** "Concerto" is Bravissimo's end-of-the-year gala performance, featuring all different levels of the school as they showcase their skills on stage and join in a production of

the "Don Quixote Suite." May 27, 5-7 p.m. \$25. Canada College, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City.

**Spring Fairy Tale** Bayer Ballet Academy's Pre-Ballet students dance age-appropriate choreography, set to the music of Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov. The performance is enhanced by custom-made costumes and settings, which add up to an evening of kid-friendly ballet for the family. May 28 and 29, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25. Woodside High School Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Road, Woodside.

### Lessons & Classes

**Primavera Festival Craft** Primavera Festival is an annual springtime (or "Primavera") celebration in Barcelona, Spain. Across the city, miles of streets are festooned with books and flowers. To recreate this festive atmosphere, participants will use chalk and oil pastels to make colorful flowers. May 25, 11:45 a.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

**Young Writer's Club** This club features snacks and creative writing activities. All materials are provided, and it's open to students in grades 1st through 5th. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

### Health & Wellness

**Adult Intermediate Tennis Clinic and Drop-In** This class is run through the city of Menlo Park. The class has 5 sign ups and 3 open spots weekly through meetup. Adult Intermediate Tennis Clinics are for students who can sustain a rally, and the class will be a combination of fundamentals, drills and playing. May 23 and 30, 7 p.m. \$35. Nealon Park, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. meetup.com/Menlo-Park-Tennis-Clinic-Drop-In/

**Curing Healthcare: Practical Help for an Ailing Nation** Practical solutions for fixing the healthcare system will be discussed. The program features a filmed interview with healthcare insider Joe Flower, author of "Healthcare Beyond

Reform." May 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park.

**Meditation** Fon Churat leads a class to rejuvenate one's body and mind with conscious relaxation, healing and wholeness. Participants will take a dive into pranayama (breathing practice) and Yoga Nidra guided meditation. Attendants should bring their yoga mat, pillow and bolster, blanket, socks, small towels and water, as well as wear loose, comfortable warm clothes, as the body tends to cool down during deep relaxation. May 25, 6-7 p.m. \$20-\$85. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park.

### Teens

**Money 101: Budget Workshop for Teens** 5th through 12th graders are invited to learn about the basics of banking, budgeting and saving with San Mateo Credit Union. Snacks will be provided. Those interested can contact the library to sign up. May 24, 3:30-5 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

### Business

**START Your Startup: A 3-Day Residential Boot Camp** Women's Startup Lab offers an environment to focus and connect. For three days, experts, advisors and investors will be working with attendees on their ideas, challenges and growth opportunities. This is for founders who are in the idea stage of their companies. May 31, 1 p.m.-June 3, 11 a.m. \$2,700. Menlo Park.

### Religion & Spirituality

**University Public Worship** All are invited to join for University Public Worship, during which Rabbi Mike Comins will be preaching. A licensed, Israeli desert guide, Rabbi Mike Comins holds an M.A. in Jewish Education (Hebrew University) with an emphasis in contemporary philosophy. Sundays, ongoing, 10 a.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

■ POLICE CALLS

*This information is from the Menlo Park and Atherton police departments 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.*

**WEST MENLO PARK**

A report of someone carrying a sword in the vicinity of Franks Lane and Valparaiso Avenue brought deputies to the area. A search yielded nothing productive, deputies said. May 11.

**ATHERTON**

**Residential burglaries:**

■ A burglar entered a Park Lane home through an unlocked front door and stole a wallet. A pedestrian later located the wallet, minus about \$40 in cash, in some bushes in the 200 block of Camino Al Lago in West Menlo Park. May 8.

■ Someone tried to enter a shed on Ridgeway Drive, but was unsuccessful. May 11.

**Thefts:**

■ A package was stolen from in front of a home in the vicinity of Austin and Almedra avenues. Inside was a white Chloe mini dress. Estimated loss: \$1,517. May 10.

■ An unlocked bike was stolen from a bike rack along Oak Grove Avenue on the Menlo-Atherton High School campus. The Marin Bridgeway bike is yellow with a black basket. Estimated loss: \$350. May 14.

**PORTOLA VALLEY**

A surveillance camera at Woodside Priory School at 302 Portola Road captured images of strangers trespassing on the campus. May 9.

**WOODSIDE**

**Annoying phone calls:** A resident of

Highland Terrace reported receiving phone calls from someone claiming to be from a federal claims court. May 10.

**MENLO PARK**

**Commercial burglary:** A thief pried open the front door of DBB Marketing on Oak Grove Avenue and rummaged through the office. Loose change appears to be all that was taken, police said. May 15.

**Auto burglaries:**

■ The passenger side front window of a vehicle parked on Merrill Street was found broken and a briefcase stolen. Inside were a passport, laptop computer, cellphone, documents and \$3,000 in U.S. bonds. Estimated loss: \$3,346. May 16.

■ A vehicle parked in the 600 block of Sharon Park Drive was found with the front passenger side window smashed. Stolen from the vehicle were a music player, gym bag and cycling shoes. Estimated loss: \$205. May 16.

■ Someone smashed the back passenger side window of a vehicle parked in the 1300 block of Willow Road and stole a checkbook, debit card and a pair of shoes. Estimated loss: \$170. May 18.

**Thefts:**

■ An unattended electric wheelchair was stolen from a driveway on Carlton Avenue. Estimated loss: \$7,000. May 16.

■ Someone stole a laptop computer from an office on Avy Avenue. Police say there were no signs of forced entry into the building. Estimated loss: \$2,500. May 16.

■ A thief stole a bicycle left unlocked behind Beechwood School on Terminal Avenue. Estimated loss: \$300. May 12.

■ A delivery box containing a NEST camera was stolen from the front porch of a home on Maybrown Avenue. Estimated loss: \$200. May 13.

■ At Walgreens pharmacy on Santa Cruz Avenue, a man and a woman were seen leaving the store allegedly with a box of



Courtesy Menlo School

**'How to Succeed'**

The Menlo School Drama Department will perform "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, outdoors in the middle school quad. Tickets, at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, are available online at [menloschool.org](http://menloschool.org) and at the gate. Gates open at 7 p.m. Lawn chairs, picnic baskets and blankets are allowed. Traditional seating will also be provided. The play is considered appropriate for middle-school-age students and older. The school is at 50 Valparaiso Ave. in Atherton.

medications that had not been paid for. Estimated loss: \$50. May 14.

**Dog bite:** Medics from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District treated and released an 11-year-old child who'd been bitten by a

dog in the vicinity of Hamilton Avenue and Alpine Street. The dog's owner surrendered it to the Peninsula Humane Society. May 13.

**Fraud:** Someone tried, unsuccessfully,

to use documents intended to create the impression of a new employee who needed access to a bank account for the company CG Management Partners on Middlefield Road. No loss. May 16.



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## Endorsement: Vote yes on Measure A

Atherton voters are now receiving ballots in the mail to cast for or against Measure A, an advisory measure that asks residents whether the town should supplement private donations and existing dedicated funds with available non-dedicated money from the general fund to build a new complex to replace the decrepit set of buildings and trailers that now serve as the Town Center. There's some opposition to the measure, but even residents who encourage a no vote acknowledge that

new administrative offices and a police station are greatly needed.

What's in dispute is the cost and, by extension, the funding mechanisms that might have to be called upon. The planned project, which in addition to administrative offices and desperately needed facilities for police services also includes a new library, is estimated to cost about \$51.5 million. But a robust fund that can be used only for library services exists, as do dedicated funds for building department facilities; with those

funds and the \$7 million raised in private donations, the town estimates that an additional \$18 million would be needed for the project.

### EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

An ill-advised 2012 ballot measure theoretically locked the town into relying primarily on private donations to supplement existing library and building funds for the overall

project. Community leaders, including former councilwoman Didi Fisher and current council member Elizabeth Lewis, expressed confidence that residents would open up their wallets and contribute, as Portola Valley residents had done years before to build that town's center. Atherton voters approved the 2012 measure overwhelmingly.

The fundraising effort fizzled, and volunteers behind the effort said many residents were telling them that public

buildings should be built with public funds. The town changed course, and with Measure A is asking voters to get behind a plan that would result in a center designed after years of community meetings and resident input, with the intent of creating not only efficient work space to administer town services, but a community hub — now sadly lacking in Atherton — where residents have access to pleasant indoor and outdoor space for gatherings.

Anyone who is not convinced of the need for a new town center should take a tour, starting with the dreary, creaky trailers from which town staff administers planning and building services. If it's been raining, you may not want to inhale too deeply. The main administrative offices won't take long to walk through — space is so limited it is a mark of sheer determination that the city manager and other staff members are able to function efficiently. The cramped police station tour shouldn't take long, either, but if police have made a recent arrest, you'll have to skip a walk-through of the re-purposed shed that serves as a booking and temporary holding facility.

The \$18 million in general fund spending the town is asking voters to endorse might seem to the frugal as too high a price tag for a new town center. But according to town officials, including City Council members with a solid track record for fiscal responsibility, the town is in such good financial shape that planned and needed capital improvement projects — including fixes to drainage problems and improvements to roadways and the park — will not be affected. And it should be noted that the town last year downsized an earlier plan for the center, shaving off about 3,200 square feet of building and \$2 million in costs.

A new town center for Atherton is long overdue, and the plan will not place an onerous financial burden on the residents who will benefit from it. Vote yes on Measure A. ■

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The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
Tesla On Call LLC, located at 2010 El  
Camino Real #1006, Santa Clara CA  
95050, Santa Clara County.

Registered owner(s):  
SABET TRANSPORTATION LLC  
2010 El Camino Real #1006  
Santa Clara, CA 95050  
California

This business is conducted by: A Limited  
Liability Company.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo  
County on May 1, 2017.  
(ALM May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017)

TENDER CARE SERVICES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273389

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
Tender Care Services, located at 102  
37th Avenue, San Mateo CA 94403, San  
Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
MELESIMANI PALELEI  
102 37th Avenue  
San Mateo, CA 94403

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 May 2, 2017.  
(ALM May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017)

NGOC PHAN MERAKI HAIR STUDIO  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273392

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
Ngoc Phan Meraki Hair Studio, located  
at 830 Woodside Road #2, Redwood  
City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
NGOC PHAN  
735 Middlefield Rd.  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

This business is conducted by: An  
Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on May 1st., 2017.  
This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo  
County on May 2, 2017.  
(ALM May 17, 24, 31; June 7, 2017)

MARGARITA RABINOVICH, LLC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273516

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
Margarita Rabinovich, LLC, located at  
458 Lincoln Ave., Redwood City, CA  
94061, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
MARGARITA RABINOVICH, LLC  
458 Lincoln Ave.  
Redwood City, CA 94061

This business is conducted by: A Limited  
Liability Company.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on 05/09/17.  
This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo  
County on May 9, 2017.  
(ALM May 24, 31; June 7, 14, 2017)

IVY TUTORING CENTER  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273631

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
Ivy Tutoring Center, located at 719 San  
Miguel Ln., Foster City, CA 94404, San  
Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
NI & YU EDUCATION, LLC  
719 San Miguel Ln.  
Foster City, CA 94404

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 May 17, 2017.  
(ALM May 24, 31; June 7, 14, 2017)

THE PET PLACE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273578

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
The Pet Place, located at 777 Santa Cruz  
Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo  
County.

Registered owner(s):  
MARC H. MACY  
1270 Bay Laurel Dr.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
LYNN M. MACY  
1270 Bay Laurel Dr.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: Married  
Couple.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on March 14, 92.  
This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo  
County on May 12, 2017.  
(ALM May 24, 31; June 7, 14, 2017)

JENNIFER BERRY WANG, LMFT  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273359

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
Jennifer Berry Wang, LMFT, located at  
452 Grand St., Redwood City, CA 94062,  
San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
JENNIFER WANG  
1415 15th Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94118

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 April 28, 2017.  
(ALM May 24, 31; June 7, 14, 2017)

### 997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF:  
ORBELINA CASTRO aka ORBELINA HILL  
Case No.: 17PRO00461

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,  
contingent creditors, and persons who  
may otherwise be interested in the will  
or estate, or both, of ORBELINA CASTRO,  
aka ORBELINA HILL, aka ORBELINA  
SALINAS, aka LINA CASTRO.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by:  
MANUEL CASTRO and LORRAINE JOMA  
in the Superior Court of California,  
County of SAN MATEO.

The Petition for Probate requests that:  
MANUEL CASTRO and LORRAINE JOMA  
be appointed as personal representa-  
tive to administer the estate of the  
decedent.

The petition requests authority to  
administer the estate under the  
Independent Administration of

Estates Act. (This authority will allow  
the personal representative to take  
many actions without obtaining court  
approval. Before taking certain very  
important actions, however, the per-  
sonal representative will be required to  
give notice to interested persons unless  
they have waived notice or consented  
to the proposed action.) The independ-  
ent administration authority will be  
granted unless an interested person files  
an objection to the petition and shows  
good cause why the court should not  
grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held  
on June 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.:  
28, of the Superior Court of California,  
County of San Mateo, located at 400  
County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.  
If you object to the granting of the peti-  
tion, you should appear at the hearing  
and state your objections or file written  
objections with the court before the  
hearing. Your appearance may be in  
person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent  
creditor of the decedent, you must file  
your claim with the court and mail a  
copy to the personal representative  
appointed by the court within the later  
of either (1) four months from the date  
of first issuance of letters to a general  
personal representative, as defined in  
section 58 (b) of the California Probate  
Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of  
mailing or personal delivery to you  
of a notice under section 9052 of the  
California Probate Code. Other California  
statutes and legal authority may affect  
your rights as a creditor. You may want  
to consult with an attorney knowledge-  
able in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the  
court. If you are a person interested in  
the estate, you may file with the court  
a Request for Special Notice (form  
DE-154) of the filing of an inventory  
and appraisal of estate assets or of  
any petition or account as provided in  
Probate Code section 1250. A Request  
for Special Notice form is available from  
the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:  
Mathew Alden  
4695 Chabot Drive, Ste. 200  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
(925)323-6149  
(ALM May 17, 24, 31, 2017)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF:  
MERSHON HILLIARD BROWNLEE MILLER,  
aka SHON MILLER, Deceased

Case No.: 17PRO00468  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, con-  
tingent creditors, and persons who may  
otherwise be interested in the will or  
estate, or both, of MERSHON HILLIARD  
BROWNLEE MILLER, aka SHON MILLER,  
deceased.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by:  
SHEILA DE LANY in the Superior Court  
of California, County of SAN MATEO.

The Petition for Probate requests that:  
SHEILA DE LANY be appointed as per-  
sonal representative to administer the  
estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's  
will and codicils, if any, be admitted to  
probate. The will and any codicils are  
available for examination in the file kept  
by the court.

The petition requests authority to  
administer the estate under the  
Independent Administration of  
Estates Act. (This authority will allow  
the personal representative to take  
many actions without obtaining court  
approval. Before taking certain very  
important actions, however, the per-  
sonal representative will be required to

give notice to interested persons unless  
they have waived notice or consented  
to the proposed action.) The independ-  
ent administration authority will be  
granted unless an interested person files  
an objection to the petition and shows  
good cause why the court should not  
grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held  
on June 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.:  
28, of the Superior Court of California,  
County of San Mateo, located at 400  
County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.  
If you object to the granting of the peti-  
tion, you should appear at the hearing  
and state your objections or file written  
objections with the court before the  
hearing. Your appearance may be in  
person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent  
creditor of the decedent, you must file  
your claim with the court and mail a  
copy to the personal representative  
appointed by the court within the later  
of either (1) four months from the date  
of first issuance of letters to a general  
personal representative, as defined in  
section 58 (b) of the California Probate  
Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of  
mailing or personal delivery to you  
of a notice under section 9052 of the  
California Probate Code. Other California  
statutes and legal authority may affect  
your rights as a creditor. You may want  
to consult with an attorney knowledge-  
able in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the  
court. If you are a person interested in  
the estate, you may file with the court  
a Request for Special Notice (form  
DE-154) of the filing of an inventory  
and appraisal of estate assets or of  
any petition or account as provided in  
Probate Code section 1250. A Request  
for Special Notice form is available from  
the court clerk.

Petitioner: Sheila De Lany  
401 Molina Drive  
Santa Cruz, California 95060  
(831)429-9641  
(ALM May 17, 24, 31, 2017)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF:  
JUDITH LYNNE MELVIN aka JUDITH  
LEVITAS MELVIN aka JUDITH LEVITAS aka  
JUDY DOLAN aka JUDITH O'CONNOR  
Case No.: 17PRO00504

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,  
contingent creditors, and persons who  
may otherwise be interested in the will  
or estate, or both, of JUDITH LYNNE  
MELVIN aka JUDITH LEVITAS MELVIN aka  
JUDITH LEVITAS aka JUDY DOLAN aka  
JUDITH O'CONNOR.

A Petition for Probate has been filed  
by: KATHLEEN LOUISE ESQUIVEL in the  
Superior Court of California, County of  
SAN MATEO.

The Petition for Probate requests  
that: KATHLEEN LOUISE ESQUIVEL be  
appointed as personal representative to  
administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to  
administer the estate under the  
Independent Administration of  
Estates Act. (This authority will allow  
the personal representative to take  
many actions without obtaining court  
approval. Before taking certain very  
important actions, however, the per-  
sonal representative will be required to

give notice to interested persons unless  
they have waived notice or consented  
to the proposed action.) The independ-  
ent administration authority will be  
granted unless an interested person files  
an objection to the petition and shows  
good cause why the court should not  
grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held

on June 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.:  
28, of the Superior Court of California,  
County of San Mateo, located at 400  
County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.  
If you object to the granting of the peti-  
tion, you should appear at the hearing  
and state your objections or file written  
objections with the court before the  
hearing. Your appearance may be in  
person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent  
creditor of the decedent, you must file  
your claim with the court and mail a  
copy to the personal representative  
appointed by the court within the later  
of either (1) four months from the date  
of first issuance of letters to a general  
personal representative, as defined in  
section 58 (b) of the California Probate  
Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of  
mailing or personal delivery to you  
of a notice under section 9052 of the  
California Probate Code. Other California  
statutes and legal authority may affect  
your rights as a creditor. You may want  
to consult with an attorney knowledge-  
able in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the  
court. If you are a person interested in  
the estate, you may file with the court  
a Request for Special Notice (form  
DE-154) of the filing of an inventory  
and appraisal of estate assets or of  
any petition or account as provided in  
Probate Code section 1250. A Request  
for Special Notice form is available from  
the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:  
Mary Katharine Davidson/Lisa B. Roper  
Henderson Caverly Pum & Charney LLP  
12750 High Bluff Drive, Suite 300  
San Diego, CA 92130  
(858)755-3000  
(ALM May 24, 31; June 7, 2017)

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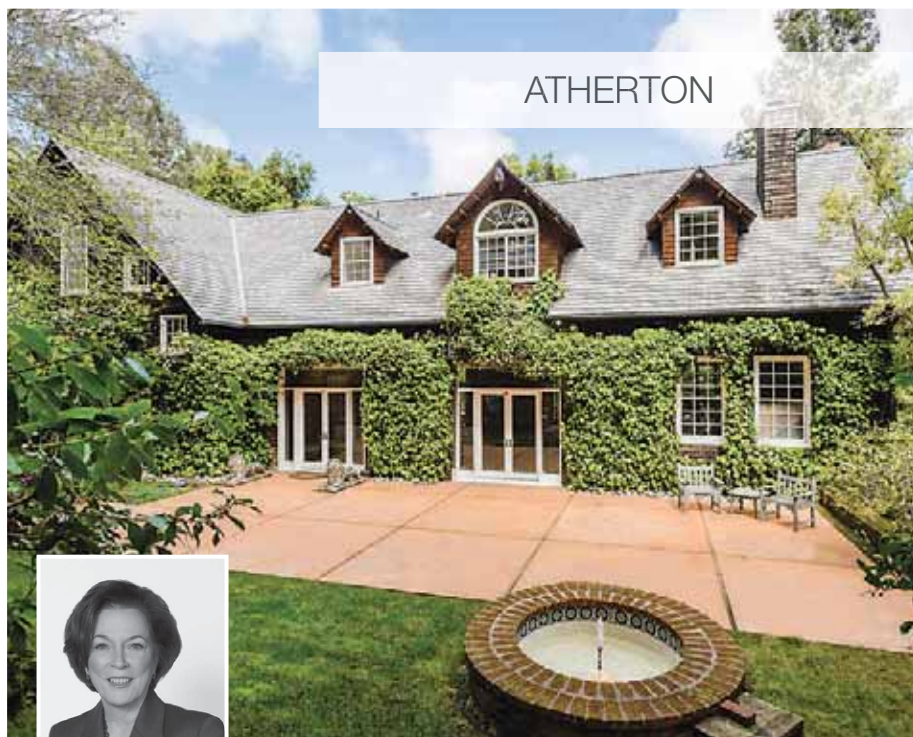
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