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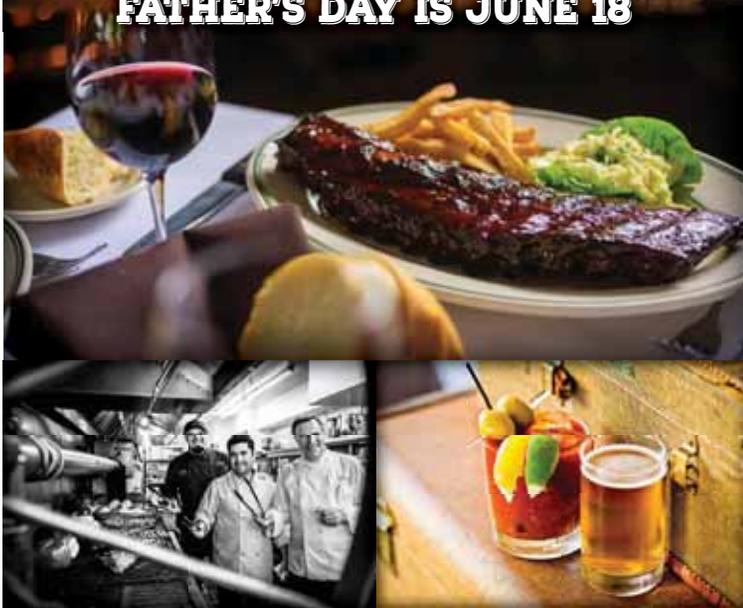
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## New plaza, classroom building on M-A campus

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

There's a new plaza on the campus of Menlo-Atherton High School, the area enclosed by the two arms of the new G Wing building. The two-story, 27,000 square-foot building is shaped like a C (when seen from above) and includes 21 classrooms intended for English, math and social studies classes.

Also located in the building are an academic resources center for special education and a food preparation facility. Outside is a shaded dining area adjacent to the plaza.

The project came in just under its budget of \$27 million, M-A Principal Simone Rick-Kennel told the Almanac.

While crews are still addressing the list of tasks remaining before the building is declared finished, six of the classrooms are already in use, she said.

Most classroom furniture is on wheels, including desks, chairs and charging cabinets for 34 Chromebook laptop computers. The school uses Google applications for documents, forms, spreadsheets and slides, as well as the Google Classroom learning platform, Ms. Rick-Kennel said.

Mobile furniture allows easy rearrangement for whatever the needs are, including working in groups, pairs and individually, Ms. Rick-Kennel said.

Equipment storage carts, also on wheels, have facings that double as whiteboards, as do the opaque surfaces on the inside of bay windows facing the hallways. There are also blinds should an emergency — such as a threatening person on campus — require sheltering in

classrooms, she said.

At least four classrooms open into shared smaller and quieter rooms fitted with informal soft furniture and a white board for collaborative or small-group activities. And at least two classrooms share a wall that folds up to create one large room.

Multi-story classroom buildings are unprecedented at M-A, but the campus is built out and the district is increasing capacity at all four major high schools. M-A has an enrollment of 2,365 for the current year, reflecting growth of 50 to 75 students per year for the past three years — growth of about 3 percent per year and not on track to meet the 2013-14 projections of a 25 percent increase by the 2020-21 school year, Ms. Rick-Kennel said.

Superintendent James Lianides attributed slower enrollment growth in the district to gentrification and the high cost of living on the Peninsula.

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### Trending green

Asked about the building's sustainability profile, Matthew Zito, the chief facilities officer of the Sequoia Union High School District, described it as "highly efficient" and built to the state's latest mandatory Title 24 energy efficiency standards.

G Wing architect Katia McClain of the San Jose firm of LPA Inc., said that the classrooms have windows that open, a roof that is highly reflective of sunlight, and lights that are high-efficiency LEDs controlled by sensors that turn off lights when the classroom is not occupied. Of buildings of the same type, the G Wing beats the minimum energy reductions called for in Title 24 by nearly 36 percent, she said. ■



Photos by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**The new G Wing** at Menlo-Atherton High School is the first two-story classroom building on campus. The building encloses an open-air plaza equipped with permanent seating and extending under the building to a collection of picnic/lunch tables.



**Space to play, space to work, space to eat lunch,** they're all available at the new G-Wing classroom building at Menlo-Atherton High School.

## Menlo Park restaurateur offers local housing to his workers

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

One Menlo Park restaurant owner is trying a new tactic to help address the Silicon Valley restaurant worker shortage, due largely to the high cost of housing.

Jason Kwan, who owns Jason's Cafe, Chef Kwan's and Yum Cha Palace in Menlo Park,

said he began this year to rent a nearby apartment for four of his employees who work at his newest restaurant in town, Yum Cha Palace.

At his various businesses, he said, he has more than 50 employees, many of whom live relatively nearby, such as in Mountain View and Palo Alto. But for four of his most needed employees who live far away, he

has offered them a spot in an apartment to sleep in after work hours.

This way, they don't have to make the grueling commute from their residences in Stockton, Sacramento or San Francisco each day.

They stay in the apartment for four or five days, he said, before returning home.

He said having them nearby

makes it easier to run the new restaurant, which closes each day at 10:30 p.m. — on the later side for a city known for going dark around 9.

People who have to drive hours each day to get to work may quit, he said.

He declined a request to interview some of these employees because he said they do not speak English.

Yum Cha Palace opened in January at the former Su Hong restaurant site at 1039 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. It is open for lunch daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for dinner from 5 to 10:30 p.m. ■



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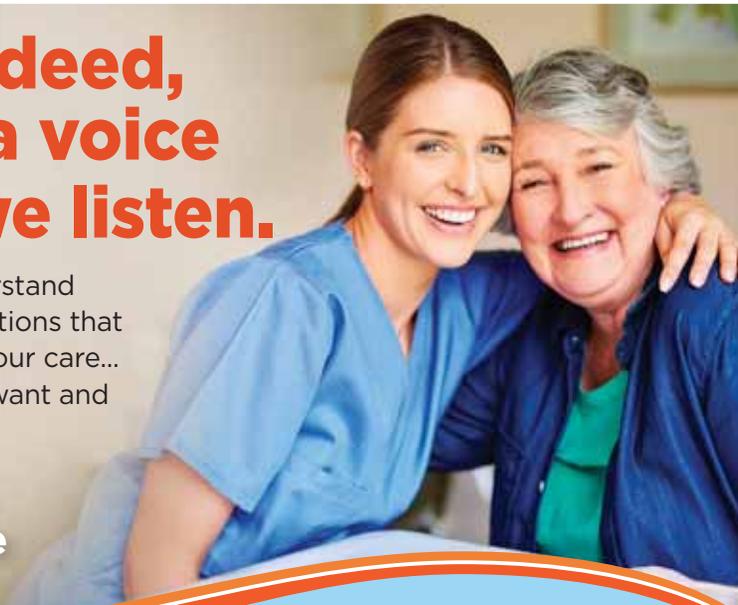
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## Fire district buys home in Atherton for \$4.6M

No immediate plans for new Atherton property

By **Barbara Wood**  
 Almanac Staff Writer

**A**fter the Menlo Park Fire Protection district closed escrow on a \$4.6 million residential property next to its Almadral Avenue fire station in Atherton, the district's chief said that it will be two decades — and possibly three — before the district will build a new fire station using the property.

District Chief Harold Schapelhouman said on June 8 that the district's cash offer, a quick close, and willingness to allow the prior owner to stay at least 30 days helped the district beat out three other formal offers for the property at 28 Almadral Ave.

The district's agent, Nino Gaetano, and listing agents Maya and Jason Sewald, work for Pacific Union International.

The chief said the district has not yet inspected the home on the property, and will not do so until the current owners move out, which will not be for several months.

Chief Schapelhouman said there is no plan to tear the house down, "but we have discussed allowing it to be used by fire and/or police officers," which the district has done with other homes purchased prior to construction of stations. He said the district may also rent out the home.

"Honestly, it's not a high priority for us right now," he said, "but we will absolutely make sure to maintain the property."

The chief said the Almadral station was rebuilt after the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1998, and is one of the district's newer stations.

However, the station is small, with one bay that vehicles must back into. The 3,600-square-foot station accommodates three firefighters, a fire engine and minimal equipment on an

11,250-square-foot lot. The new property, located close to El Camino Real on the west side, is much larger at 39,640 square feet — nearly an acre, he said.

"The L-shaped lot conveniently wraps behind the existing Fire Station property which made it highly desirable for the fire district," the chief said in a statement released June 8.

"Do I see a new fire station there in 10 years? No," said the chief. "In 20 years? Maybe, if this economy and region continues to grow at its current pace."

"In thirty years? I would hope so," he said.

The chief said it takes about 10 years to get ready to build a new station: saving and setting aside the funding, plus the design, planning, permitting and public hearing process.

**It may be  
two or three  
decades  
before the  
property is  
used for a  
new station.**

Chief Schapelhouman said the purchase is considered "strategic" by the district because the combined lot size will allow the district to build a "more functional station."

Board president and Atherton resident Peter Carpenter said in a statement: "I want to assure the neighbors and community that while acquisition was a high priority, major change and development are many, many years away."

Mr. Carpenter said the purchase was "an incredible opportunity with a once in a blue moon availability, but it is not of immediate necessity."

He said the district may open up the parking area to the rear of station and add some storage capability in the next year.

The chief said the Atherton station is the fire district's sixth busiest, responding to 770 emergency incidents in 2016. The district operates seven stations serving Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Atherton and adjoining unincorporated areas of San Mateo County. ■

## USGS lecture on effects of climate change

The effects of climate change is the topic of a free U.S. Geological Service lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 22, in Rambo Auditorium/Building 3 on the USGS campus, 345 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park.

USGS scientist Tom Suchanek will discuss how the frequency

of extreme and unpredictable weather events is increasing; the effects of an increase or decrease in carbon emissions; and what research is projecting for the future in terms of changing climate.

Go to [is.gd/live622](http://is.gd/live622) to watch the lecture live online.

# Menlo Park 110-foot redwood is spared the ax, for now

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

A contentious debate is pitting tree experts against each other over the fate of a 110-foot-tall redwood tree in a Willows neighborhood backyard. The Menlo Park City Council is also split on the issue. It voted 2-1 (with two council members absent) June 6 to deny an application by property owners to cut the tree down.

Scott and Isabelle Cole, owners of the property where the tree stands at 318 Pope St. in Menlo Park, told the council they want to remove the tree because they are worried it could topple and crush them, their home or their neighbors.

They have submitted plans to build a two-story home on the site.

Three arborists hired by the property owners told the council they concluded the tree is a safety hazard.

With a diameter of 96 inches, the tree is an unusual conifer in that it splits about 15 feet from the ground into three “codominant leaders,” or separate trunks, the arborists said. As each trunk continues to grow, the trunks may be pushed away from each other and become more likely to break or fall over.

“That tree is going to fail,” arborist Kevin Kielty said. “When that angle changes, there’s no force on earth that’s going to stop that tree.”

City Arborist Christian Bonner, on the other hand, told the council he concluded that the tree is healthy, and that, with mitigations, the tree’s current overall risk of failing could be brought from “moderate” to “low.”

He said that in his experiences with other large trees in the city, there are usually indicators of a tree being in poor health before it falls. If the tree is monitored, as he recommends, then steps can be taken to improve its health preemptively.

Last September, the Coles

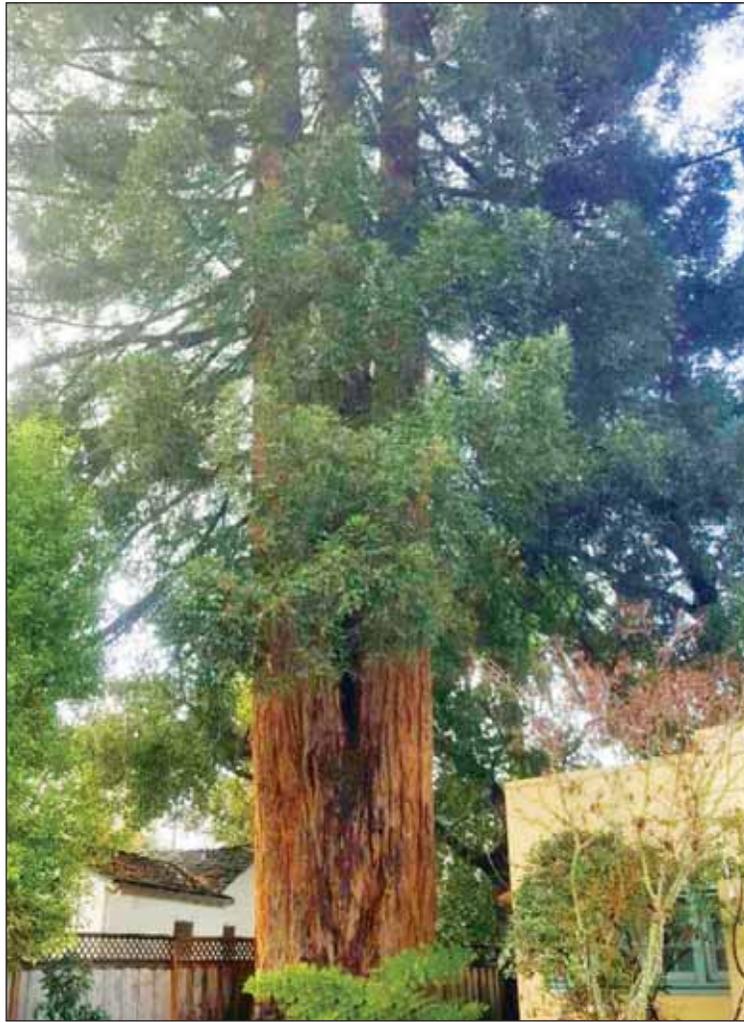


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**A 110-foot-tall redwood tree** at 318 Pope St. in Menlo Park’s Willows neighborhood has been observed as a perch for hawks and a golden eagle, according to neighborhood resident Gwyn Murray.

applied to remove the heritage tree. When their application was denied, they appealed to the Environmental Quality Commission, which also denied it. Then they appealed to the City Council.

## Reactions

Councilwoman Catherine Carlton cast the sole vote opposing denial of the permit. She said was not convinced the tree is structurally sound and won’t topple without warning, causing potentially catastrophic damage.

“This is one of the hardest decisions I’ve had to make on council,” she said. “It’s a beautiful tree.”

Councilmembers Ray Mueller and Rich Cline were absent.

Councilman Ohtaki and Mayor Kirsten Keith voted to deny the permit, noting they both have redwoods in their backyards. They also voted for steps to be taken to improve the safety and health of the tree, including installing cables to bolster it.

The city, Councilmember Peter Ohtaki confirmed with legal staff, is not liable if the tree does fall over.

“If the tree was not healthy, I would definitely be on your side,” Mr. Ohtaki told the Coles.

In public comments, four people spoke in favor of removing the tree, while two wanted to let it stay.

The Coles expressed disappointment with the decision and declined further comment. ■

## Emergency-response drill set for downtown Menlo Park

An emergency drill to help residents learn about disaster response will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 24, in Fremont Park, at the corner of Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive in downtown

Menlo Park.

The park will be set up as working emergency-response headquarters and members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will conduct disaster-response,

reconnaissance and light search-and-rescue operations in the area. An information booth will be staffed to answer questions.

Hosts include the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and the Menlo Park Police Department.

## REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



### How to Succeed When There Are Multiple Offers

**Dear Monica: We recently made an offer, our first one in this market, and we lost. We thought we would have a chance to revise our bid but our agent didn’t get a call from the listing agent until it was too late to do anything about it, and we would have bid higher. What could we have done to succeed?** Sara B.

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# After election, civic center on track for spring construction start

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Since voters have given Atherton the go-ahead to use more public funds for a new civic center, construction should be able to start on schedule next April or May, City Manager George Rodericks told the City Council at a June 7 meeting.

The day before, on June 6, voters had approved an advisory measure reversing a 2012 ballot measure that limited funding for a new town center to primarily private donations. The 2012 measure had exceptions only for the library, which has its own restricted-use tax funds, and for money set aside

for new building and planning offices.

When sufficient donations did not materialize, the town put the new measure on the ballot.

Plans for the center approved by the council include a new library, and the renovation of the historic building now housing the council chambers, which will become a library annex. A second building will have a new council chamber and emergency operations center at the end of a police wing, and administration, planning and building offices in a second wing.

The projected total cost of the complex is \$51.5 million, but most of that is covered by private donations and public funds allowed under the 2012 measure. The town figures it needs about \$15 million more to pay the remaining costs. The actual amount won't be known until bids are received.

Construction documents are being prepared, and the project is expected to go out to bid in November or December. Mr. Rodericks said the contractor should be chosen by March or April and work can begin soon after.

On June 8, the vote count on the advisory measure stood at 1,181 (61.4 percent) in favor and 742 (38.6 percent) opposed. The mail-in only ballot required a simple majority (at least 50 percent of voters plus one) for passage.

By June 8, ballots from 39.3 percent of the registered voters had been counted. The county is scheduled to release the final count by June 16. Ballots post-marked by June 6 and received by June 9 will be counted.

Supporters of the ballot measure, which included the entire City Council, celebrated June 6 after election returns were released.

Councilmember Elizabeth Lewis said the center will transform what is now an "asphalt jungle" into "an ecological garden" — a meeting place for residents and functional work places for town staff.

She promised the council would carefully manage the costs. "We're not going to bankrupt the town," she said. "The council is very fiscally conservative."

While the yes vote easily surpassed the simple majority needed for passage, Ms. Lewis said she would like to hear from those who voted no to learn why they opposed it.

Former Atherton mayor and council member Kathy McKeithen is one of those opponents.

"We did what we could to shed some light on the potential effects to the town of the civic center project," she said in a statement. "The Atherton council has throughout its Measure A campaign promised no new taxes," she said.

"Now it is up to the Atherton council to recognize fully the potential effect this percentage vote against the measure may mean for new tax measures like

a renewed parcel tax this fall and for the 'fees' it has delayed considering until July, as it begins to spend millions of taxpayer dollars from the general fund over the next few years and plans to move many millions more from the existing capital improvement fund

in order to build this project," she said.

City Councilman Rick DeGolia promised the council will not treat the vote as a "blank check" and will be "very prudent in the allocation of funds to do this."

Mr. DeGolia said the election results "have confirmed the judgment of the City Council that this is the most important project we have on our plate and we need to build it."

Didi Fisher, a former Atherton council member who was part of the Atherton Now group that attempted to raise donations for the civic center, said fundraising will continue, she said, with the goal of raising about \$2 million more to ensure the town need not take on debt to complete the project.

Steve Dostart, who headed the Civic Center Advisory Committee, said the election "was the culmination of a very thoughtful and well-run process" in which the committee visited every neighborhood in Atherton to get residents' thoughts about the civic center's design.

"They came, they gave their positions, we listened, and tonight it's so rewarding to see their support," he said on election night. ■



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**Atherton** Councilwoman Elizabeth Lewis and Steve Dostart, chair of the Civic Center Advisory Committee, celebrate on June 6 after learning voters had approved an advisory measure to allow more public funding to build a civic center.

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# Pastor suspected of sex assaults detained by ICE

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

After spending a little more than a day at the San Mateo County jail, the pastor of a Menlo Park church charged with sexual assault of children as young as 13 was picked up June 2 by agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Victor Elizandro Tax-Gomez, 47, of East Palo Alto, is a pastor at the El Señor Justicia Nuestra

Church, located in the 1300 block of Chilco Street in Menlo Park. The church leases space in another church at that location, police said.

According to ICE spokesperson James Schwab, Victor Elizandro Tax-Gomez is an alias, and the suspect's real last name is Oliveros-Cano. Mr. Schwab said he was "unable to provide" either the suspect's first name or his country of birth.

According to Detective Salvador Zuno of the Sheriff's Office,

Mr. Oliveros-Cano was booked into the county jail on June 1, around 11:40 a.m. and released after posting bail the following day around 7:20 p.m.

He said that the Sheriff's Office had responded to a request by ICE agents to learn the suspect's release date.



San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.  
**Victor Elizandro Tax-Gomez**

The agents showed up at the jail, where custody of Mr. Oliveros-Cano was transferred at a secure area inside the jail.

When someone is arrested, that person's fingerprints go into a nationwide system.

Often that is how immigration authorities learn of someone they're looking for, said San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe in an interview.

Mr. Oliveros-Cano was previously arrested in July 2003 by border patrol agents from the

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency after he attempted to illegally enter the U.S., Mr. Schwab said.

"He has been placed in removal proceedings and it will now be up to a judge with the Department of Justice's Executive Office for Immigration Review to determine whether he has a lawful basis to remain in the United States," Mr. Schwab said in a statement.

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## Kirtee Kapoor, 46, prominent attorney

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Following the June 5 death of Kirtee Kapoor, a 46-year-old Menlo Park lawyer and father, many who knew him have expressed sorrow over the loss of a man they say was respected for his intellect and kindness.

Mr. Kapoor died after being struck by a train near the Watkins Avenue train crossing in Atherton. The San Mateo County coroner's office said the cause of death is under investigation and it will release its conclusion when the case is closed, which may take a couple of weeks.

Mr. Kapoor was an attorney and partner in the Menlo Park office of the Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP law firm.



Kirtee Kapoor

### OBITUARY

Born in Bangalore, India, in 1971, he studied at the University of Delhi, where he was editor-in-chief of the law review and valedictorian. He also earned degrees from the University of Oxford and the New York University School of Law.

In 1999, he joined DavisPolk's New York office as an associate.

In 2000, he married Sushma Sharma during a ceremony in India. The couple had courted as students in Delhi, Oxford and New York.

He became a partner in the firm in 2007 and worked at several of the firm's offices, including Hong Kong.

That year, his daughter was born.

Mr. Kapoor joined the law firm's Menlo Park office in 2015 and his family moved to the city then.

In a statement, the law firm said: "Kirtee will be remembered

as a great partner of the firm, a steadfast friend to so many and, above all, a wonderful person. We will miss keenly his optimism, warmth, honesty and wisdom."

Puneet Arora, who had been friends with Mr. Kapoor for 17 years, said that professionally, he was a good negotiator and that he "had an unbridled passion to succeed, not for the sake of success, but to pave the way for others."

Mr. Arora said Mr. Kapoor had boundless intellectual curiosity, exhibited in one instance when Mr. Kapoor spent an evening teaching him what he'd learned about single malt whiskeys.

Mr. Kapoor, his friend said in an email, "redefined what it is to be a good human being," noting that he was generous and dedicated to his family.

"Kirtee would have been touched by the love pouring in from all over the world for him and his family," Mr. Arora said. "He always wanted to make a difference, and in the lives of so many, knowingly and unknowingly, he did."

He is survived by his wife Sushma, his daughter, his sister and his mother.

A memorial service was held June 13. ■

## Crews to resurface Portola Road

Traffic on Portola Road in Portola Valley will be subject to delays during weekday working hours starting Monday, June 12, and ending Monday, July 31, town officials say, as crews resurface about two miles of the road.

Crew working hours will be 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Roads will be open to normal traffic at the end of the day, but the surface may be unfinished, with loose gravel and uneven pavement, according to the Portola Valley public works department.

The work will include grinding worn areas, sealing cracks, sealing the new surface and repainting pavement markings, the department says.

Resurfacing will be done on these stretches of Portola Road: ■ About 1.2 miles starting at the town's border with Woodside and proceeding south to 900 Portola Road, formerly the site of Al's Nursery and the eventual home of Windmill School.

■ A half-mile starting at Willowbrook Drive and proceeding south to Portola Green Circle.

### ICE

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### Seven felony charges

Mr. Oliveros-Cano was arrested on suspicion of several acts of sexual assault after three alleged victims, all female, reported incidents to the police.

According to Mr. Wagstaffe, the three alleged victims attended the church and were ages 13, 15 and 17 at the time of the alleged assaults.

The assaults allegedly took place at the church facility, in the church office and at a small house next to the church

between September 2011 and May 2015, Mr. Wagstaffe said.

Mr. Oliveros-Cano has been charged by the District Attorney's Office with seven felony counts: several counts of digital penetration in addition to sexual battery and child molestation, he said.

According to Mr. Wagstaffe, Mr. Oliveros-Cano remains in federal custody for now, but his office plans to ask for an increase in bail so that he returns to county custody to continue the prosecution process. His bail had previously been set at \$100,000. His next court date is Tuesday, July 11. ■

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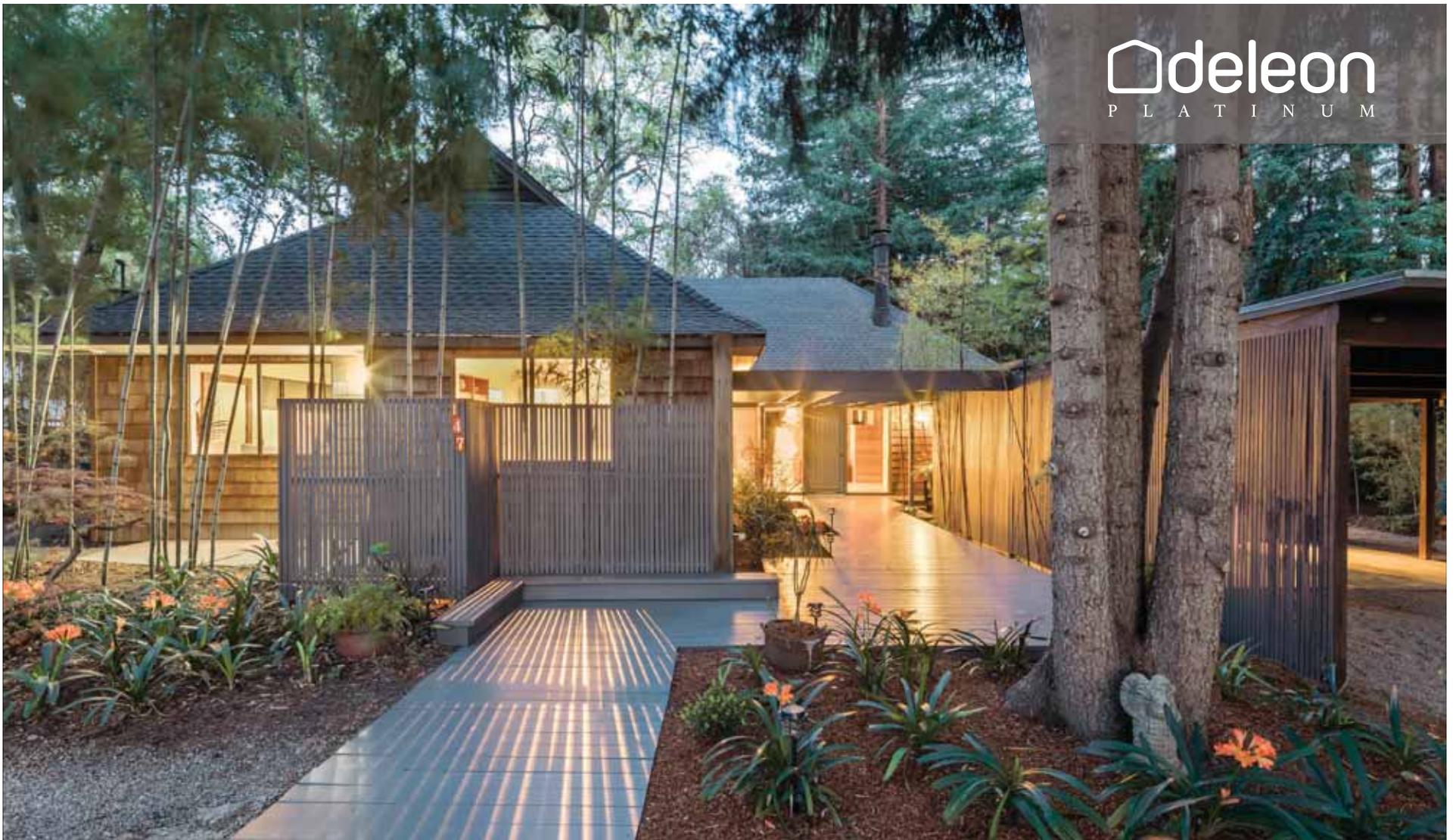


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## Jan Craig Gay

February 2, 1928 - May 18, 2017

Jan Craig Gay, formerly of Atherton CA, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2017 at her home in Lahaina, HI. She was 89. Jan and her younger sister Carla were born to Harold and Ruth Craig of Altadena, CA. She attended Altadena High School and the University of California Los Angeles where she was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business in 1949. In 1950 Jan was hired by the Electric Accounting Machine Division of International Business Machines. A Systems Instructor, one of her students was Henry M. Gay, who became her husband in September 1952. Their only son, Craig, was born in 1955. Moving with I.B.M. from Los Angeles, to Endicott (New York), Denver, and Salt Lake City, the family eventually settled in Atherton, California where Jan was active in the Red Cross, the P.T.A., the Children's Hospital Auxiliary, and Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. Jan ran a successful kitchen design business and designed several of their family homes. She was legendary for her creativity and organizational abilities. She loved planning family events, a competitive game of bridge and traveling with Henry. She was good-humored and unfailingly forthright. Jan's faith in Christ was her hope and comfort. She battled Multiple Sclerosis for almost 50 years. Her husband and primary caregiver, Henry, passed away within 48 hours of her death. She is survived by her sister, Carla (Dan), her son, Craig (Julie) and her four grandchildren, Andrew (Casey), Elsa, Owen and Nicholas.

A memorial service for Jan (and Henry) was held at Kumulani Chapel, Maui, on Saturday, June 10, 2017. Donations in honor of Jan can be made to Young Life Maui and/or Kumulani Chapel.



PAID OBITUARY

## Gail LeBaron Reed

February 11, 1941 - May 31, 2017

Gail LeBaron Reed, a long term resident of Woodside and Portola Valley, has died. She was 76.

Reed, who died May 31st, was born in Stockton, California to Donna and Francis LeBaron on February 11, 1941. She attended primary and high school in Stockton and then earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Stanford University where she met and married her first husband, Richard Pepper in 1960. They were married for 22 years. They settled in Woodside where they raised two sons. Reed then married her second husband, Leonard Reed in 1990. They traveled the world and loved every minute of their marriage until his death in 2006.

A long-time parishioner of Christ Church Portola Valley, Reed was an avid gardener, seamstress, artist, dog lover and teacher in several local school districts. For the past several years she called The Sequoias of Portola Valley home, where she enjoyed art classes, singing and her local Women's Group.

She is survived by two sons, Christopher and Nicholas; two granddaughters, Emily and Haley; three step-children, David, Olwen and Carrie; and six step grand-children, Joseph, Matthew, Daniel, Dylan, Katherin, and Samantha. Also, by her brother Blake of Stockton California. She leaves behind a wonderful community of friends.

Services were held on June 10 at Christ Church Portola Valley, 815 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California 94028.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Ecumenical Hunger Program, 2411 Pulgas Avenue, East Palo Alto, California 94303, (650) 323-7781, www.ehpcare.org - an organization close to Gail's heart.

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## Does Mounted Patrol's use permit allow pig scramble at annual rodeo?

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

The Woodside Planning Commission, on a 3-1-1 vote, declined June 7 to take up the question of whether the pig scramble — kids chasing and capturing pigs at the July Fourth junior rodeo — is a permitted activity under the use permit granted to the rodeo's host, the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County.

Planning Director Jackie Young recommended that the commission not review the matter. She noted that the permit does not define what is or is not allowed at the rodeo, and that the pig scramble has a long history in the rodeo.

And, she added, even though pig scrambles are not included among the activities sanctioned by the regional rodeo association, it is the Mounted Patrol that holds the use permit, not the rodeo association.

A local group of residents called "Committee for a Humane Woodside" will not appeal the commission's decision, committee member Belle Stafford told the Almanac. Committee members claim that it's cruel to the dozen or so small pigs to be chased around an arena by 50 to 75 children.

Voting to not schedule the

topic for a future discussion were commissioners Marilyn Voelke, Elizabeth L. Hobson and Grant Huberty. Commissioner Aydan Kutay, who proposed that the commission consider the question because the event was not specifically mentioned in the Mounted Patrol's permit, abstained. Commissioner Kurt C. Calia opposed the resolution.

### Views on pig scramble

The three commissioners voting in the majority alluded to the fact that the pig scramble is not illegal and that the Mounted Patrol is not violating its conditional use permit by hosting the event. However, no one in the majority expressed support for the pig scramble.

Ms. Voelke told Patrol Captain Victor Aenlle that she objected to the lessons the event embodies and forbade her kids from attending after one visit to the rodeo.

Ms. Hobson contested the idea that pigs are a part of rodeo culture. "Pigs are on farms, not ranches," she said. She recommended a community dog show as an alternative.

Mr. Huberty said that while he does not like the idea of a pig scramble, he does not see grounds for review of the permit.

The Town Council in March reached a similar conclusion to

take no action, but recommended that the event's opponents take their complaints to San Mateo County or the state Legislature.

Commissioner Calia, in explaining his opposition, noted that of the many discussions about the pig scramble, the evening's discussion was the first to raise the question of whether the Patrol's permit allowed a pig scramble at all.

Ms. Kutay commented that the language in the permit did not specifically exclude a pig scramble and that that ambiguity worked against the idea of further examination of the permit by the commission.

Members of the Committee for a Humane Woodside will be at the rodeo this year to protest the event, Ms. Stafford said. Three Woodside residents and one former resident form the group's core.

The Mounted Patrol, through its current captain Victor Aenlle, said the rodeo is not in violation of the Patrol's permit and described the continuing efforts to end the pig scramble as a "witch hunt."

At one point, Mr. Aenlle alluded to possible changes. "To be honest with you," he said, "there may be a day when ... we choose to maybe end the pig scramble, but not this way. Not like this, not under this pressure." ■

## Atherton continues legal fight over funding for Caltrain electrification

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Even as Caltrain starts work on its nearly \$2 billion project to electrify its trains on the Peninsula, Atherton and others continue a legal fight that could take \$741 million in funding from the project.

New filings were made on May 25 in a lawsuit by a coalition including Atherton, seeking to overturn a state law that eliminated some restrictions on how the California High Speed Rail Authority spends its bond money. If the lawsuit is successful, Caltrain could lose \$741 million in funding from the high-speed rail authority for its electrification project.

The suit seeks to invalidate a law that went into effect Jan. 1 that modifies how the high-speed rail authority can spend money. The suit says the law is unconstitutional because it substantially changes the bond measure without a public vote.

The lawsuit against the state of California, the high-speed

rail authority and its board, and several individuals, asks for an injunction to stop any activity, including electrification, funded by high-speed rail bond funds, the repayment of any high-speed rail funds already spent, and the legal costs of the lawsuit.

Many opponents of high-speed rail also oppose the electrification project because they say it paves the way for high-speed rail.

In November, when the Atherton City Council discussed the lawsuit in an open session, Mike Lempres, who is now Atherton's mayor and is an attorney, said he thinks the new law is a "pretty clear violation" of the terms of the ballot measure voters approved in November 2008, authorizing issuing \$9.95 billion in bonds for high-speed rail.

A report from Atherton City Attorney Bill Connors says the 2008 bond measure restricted spending to only "usable segments" of rail that could accommodate high-speed trains when completed. The new law redefines "usable segments," making it easier to

spend the bond proceeds.

Atherton has been involved in a series of lawsuits against high-speed rail that by November had cost the town more than \$145,000.

Atherton's participation in this lawsuit is fairly minor, capped at \$5,000. Other participants are John Tos, who owns land being taken by eminent domain by the high-speed rail authority; Quentin Kopp, a former state senator and chairman of the high-speed rail authority, and author of the legislation creating the authority; Kings County, the Community Coalition on High Speed Rail, the Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund, the California Rail Foundation and several individuals.

The lawsuit says that if the high-speed rail authority spends money on projects, including the Caltrain electrification project, Atherton and its citizens would be harmed, "including causing the unnecessary destruction of mature trees bordering on the Caltrain right-of-way in Atherton." ■

# Country Corner owner dies at 63

Described by a local resident as “the cornerstone of our little West Menlo neighborhood,” Bishara (Bob) Dahood Wehab, longtime owner of the Country Corner deli and grocery store at Alameda de las Pulgas and Monterey Avenue, died June 9 at age 63.

Over the weekend, flowers were placed at front of the store, along with a blank orange-colored sign for people to leave messages, West Menlo Park resident Cheryl DeGolia told the Almanac.

“I have been living here for 20 years and I’ve never seen anything like it,” she said. “He was such a personable guy. Such an up guy.”

Mr. Wehab knew many customers by name and watched their children grow up, resident



**Bishara (Bob) Dahood Wehab** owned the Country Corner deli and grocery store at 3207 Alameda de las Pulgas.

Debbie Baker said. “Bob showed respect and love for all,” she

added. “He will be greatly missed.”

Mr. Wehab was born in Ramle, a city near Tel Aviv in central Israel. Of Greek heritage, he was brought up Christian, attending Bethlehem’s Church of the Nativity, believed to be built on the birthplace of Jesus. Bob and his younger brother Edward, who made sandwiches at the deli, came to the United States after graduating from high school. Bob lived in Millbrae with his wife and family.

Mr. Wehab is survived by his wife Nadia; his mother Mikal; his children David, Michelle, Issa and Natalie; his siblings Milad, Esther, Victor, Sonya, Gabi, Hiam, Edward, Ramzi, William and Sylvie; and two grandchildren.

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■ **is.gd/Aguilar** For the better part of the past decade, as Menlo Park deputy city clerk and then city clerk, Pam Aguilar has been the behind-the-scenes workhorse keeping city government goings-on running smoothly. Now, Ms. Aguilar is being considered

for appointment to the city clerk position in Redwood City.

■ **is.gd/budget666** With numerous acknowledgments of the city’s good fortune — marked by another year of major property tax revenue growth, increasing hotel tax revenue and a projected surplus — Menlo Park council members on June 6 gave their support to the city’s proposed \$116 million spending plan for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

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#### MENLO PARK

**Residential burglary:** Someone entered a locked construction site on Oak Court, then entered the unlocked residence on the site. Items stolen from the house include a car jack, backpack, air tools, compressor, miter saw, nail gun and an extension cord strip. Estimated loss: \$2,200. May 30.

**Auto burglary:** A thief entered a locked vehicle by means unknown while it was parked on Monte Rosa Drive and stole wireless headphones and cash. Estimated loss: \$510. May 30.

#### Thefts:

■ A thief entered an employee break room at the Safeway supermarket at 525 E Camino Real and stole a bicycle. Estimated loss: \$700. May 28.

■ A thief stole a wallet from a purse a woman had placed in a shopping basket at the Safeway supermarket on El Camino Real. Inside were her driver’s license, credit and debit cards and \$400 in cash. Estimated loss: \$462. June 1.

■ Someone stole three pairs of sunglasses from an unlocked vehicle parked on Monte Rose Drive. Estimated loss: \$300. May 30.

■ A thief stole four checks from the unattended front desk of Remedy Spa on Oak Grove Avenue. June 1.

■ A man left the Safeway supermarket on El Camino Real with a “shopping cart full of groceries,” was confronted outside the store, fled with the cart while being chased by Safeway staff, then dumped the cart and left it behind. All the merchandise was recovered. Police are looking for a white man in his mid 30s, about 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighing about 180 pounds and wearing a black jacket and dark jeans. No losses. May 31.

■ Police arrested, cited and released to their guardians two teens (16 and 17 years old) on theft charges after they allegedly left the CVS pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real with merchandise they had not paid for. Police confronted the girls outside the store and recovered the allegedly stolen property. June 1.

## Henry Matthew Gay

July 28, 1924 - May 20, 2017

Henry Matthew Gay III, formerly of Atherton CA, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2017 at his home in Lahaina, HI. He was 92.

Henry’s was born in Minot, North Dakota in 1924, the third of four children born to Henry and Marion Gay. The family moved to Bozeman, MT when Henry was eight.

Henry attended Bozeman Senior High School and Montana State University, where his studies were interrupted by World War II. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army in 1943 and served in Europe until the war’s end.

Henry graduated from M.S.U. in 1949 with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and, in 1950, took a job with International Business Machines in Los Angeles.

At IBM, Henry met his future wife, Jan Craig, in a training class in which she was the instructor. The two were married in 1952 and their only son, Craig, was born in 1955.

Moving with I.B.M. from Los Angeles, to Endicott (New York), Denver, and Salt Lake City, Henry was promoted to Branch Manager of I.B.M.’s San Francisco office in 1960 and the family settled in the mid-peninsula in Atherton.

In 1970, Henry left I.B.M. to found DynaComp, a computer services provider. In 1972, with partners William W. Stevens and Donald J. Ruder, Henry launched Triad Systems Corporation, a technology company that provided business management hardware and software to the automotive aftermarket.

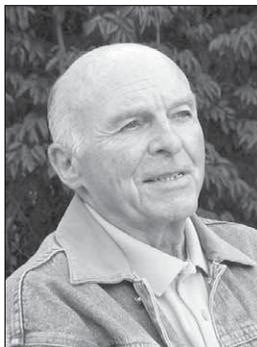
Henry retired from Triad in 1980 to care for Jan, who had contracted Multiple Sclerosis ten years earlier. The two subsequently divided their time between Atherton and Maui, HI.

Henry was an active member and elder of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church and Kumulani Chapel on Maui.

He served on the Board of Governors of Regent College (Vancouver, BC) and was an early board member of the Silicon Valley Bank. He loved dogs, skiing, hiking and the mountains of the West. He lived by the motto “I am Third,” honouring Jesus, then others and lastly himself.

Known for his longstanding devotion to Jan, Henry passed away within 48 hours of her death. They will both be greatly missed. Henry and Jan are survived by their son, Craig (Julie) and their four grandchildren, Andrew (Casey), Elsa, Owen and Nicholas, and Happy the Dog.

A memorial service for them both was held at Kumulani Chapel, Maui, on Saturday, June 10, 2017. Donations in honor of Henry can be made to Young Life Maui and/or Kumulani Chapel.



PAID OBITUARY

## Suzanne Bassett Fitzpatrick

Suzanne Bassett Fitzpatrick, formerly of Menlo Park, CA, and Bend, OR, passed peacefully at home in Fremont, CA, on May 14, 2017. Her devotion to God supported her both in life and in death.

Sue was born in Columbus, Ohio, and was the younger of two siblings. She attended St. Mary of the Springs for High School. She earned a B.S. in Pharmacy from Ohio State University at a time when not many women went to or graduated from College, especially from such a rigorous program.

Sue is survived by her four children, four step children, and fifteen grandchildren; by a beloved cousin, brothers- and sisters-in-laws, various nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. Sue was preceded in death by her husband, an infant grandson, by her brother and his wife, by another beloved cousin, and by her parents as well as various aunts, uncles, and other relatives.

Sue was a good cook and a gracious hostess. There was always room at her table to add another person, especially during the holidays. Friends and family gathered on numerous occasions for “pot lucks” as well. Additionally, she liked to make “To Do” lists; family and friends alike were often invited to join her in completing the tasks.

Sue was very devoted to her church and in particular to the prayerful devotion of Mother Mary and to the Heavenly Host. She was an active member of the 24-Hour Adoration Rosary Prayer Group at Church of the Nativity in Menlo Park, CA, and later worked tirelessly to bring a similar Adoration program to St. Francis Parish in Bend, OR. She travelled extensively with her husband Joe all over the world to sacred sites of religious apparitions for prayer and learning opportunities. During their travels, they were privileged to meet many devout persons and to experience many prayerful miracles, among them smelling certain scents during prayerful moments, seeing various images in the sun and sky both in person and later on film, having rosaries change colors during prayer at the sites, and more.

Sue was particularly taken with the Marian apparitions that were witnessed by three shepherd children beginning on May 13, 1917, in Fátima, Portugal. It was a great honor for her to live to experience prayers on the 100th Anniversary of this miraculous event, especially since this occurred the same weekend as Mother’s Day. Her devotion was inspiring to those around her.



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# Woodside High School grads: Wishing them well

Photos by Michelle Le

Nearly 400 seniors in Woodside High School's Class of 2017 gathered on the school's football field Friday morning, June 9, to say goodbye to their high school days and celebrate their graduation.

The school band, under the direction of William Tolles, played the processional and the national anthem, and Devin Hicks, the senior class president, welcomed the audience of parents and friends.

The program included three student speakers: Veyra Hernandez Pacheco on "The Choice to Change," and Natasha Badger and Sabina Blankenberg on "The Timeless Bonds of Community."

Valedictorians were Jason Asenso, Natasha Badger, Tanin Barzanian, Sabina Blankenberg, Avelle Campell, Emily Chargin, Manuel Delgado, Natalie Finander, Nicole Greenberg, Kara Herson, Carley Knudson, Emma Lara, Caroline Laubscher, Vladmir Lopez Ruiz, Taylor Matel, Alyssa Montalvo,

Manuel Porras, Alessia Presotto, Samantha Ramsey, Samantha Reitmaier, Noemi Rieber, Yalda Saa, Dominic Schillace, Ryan Searcy, Ida Shiri, David Taylor, Julia Triest, Maximilian Rogers, Estrella Urena Cuevas, McKay Verkler, Leslie Wasserman and Swain Yakupitiyage.

There were 392 candidates for graduation. ■



**Clockwise from above:** Four grads celebrate. Switching a cap's tassel signifies graduation has taken place. Woodside High valedictorians Sabina Blankenberg, left, and Natasha Badger.



## The graduates

**A** Aseel Salah Khaleel Abuirbaileh, Guillermo B. Adame Calderon, Nova Joan Adan, Candelaria Aguilar Diaz, Isabel Alcalá, David Owen Allen Rangel, Hannah Rae Alston, Florence Ancas-Holbrook, Alonso Arenas Enriquez, Jonathan A. Arvalo, Jenna M. Arlie, Jason Kofi Asenso, Sydney Munro Ashworth, Julia Marie Claire Askins, Sara Astarita, Alexandra Paige Augulis, Bradley Andrew Augulis

**B** Natasha N. Badger, Mailla Antoinette Bael, Anthony Charles Baldini, Steven Howard Barnes, Brian J. Barajas-Partida, Derik Eligio Barron Gutierrez, Tanin Amelia Barzanian, Isabella Claire Bascara, Hector G. Betancourt, Sabina Blankenberg, Lucinda Catherine Bock, Vincenzo Nicola Bonfiglio, Emily Michelle Borjon, Caprianna Jeanette Yukiko Boyd, Jesus Alberto Boza, Nicole Karen Brault, Dilmer Bravo, Kyle Edward Brda, Ethan Dennis Briggs, Kaelie Rose Brodie, Sophia Rosalinde Brown, Andrew Mason Bruch, Christopher E. Buenrostro, Stefan Allen Buhr, Bertan Brandon Bulutoglu, Kiersten Elizabeth Butterworth, Diyanara Victoria Buttler

**C** Kyla Q. Cagan, Anna Maria A. Calcagno, Irvin Lorenzo Camacho Perez, Jacob E. Campbell, Avelle Meriam Campell, Natalie Campos-Herrera, Juan Carapia Gomez, Samantha Carlos, Taj Josiah Carney, Nayeli Esqueda Carreno, Marina Lynn Carter-Allensworth, Juan Castillo, Jacqueline Castillo Joachin, Alexis Castillo-Nava, Diana Gissell Cauich Chi, Julian N. Cecchetto, Vincent James Centanni, II, William E. Chacon, Lucy L. Chambers, Emily E. Chargin, Hayley P. Chavez Rosel, Marcelous E. Chester-Riley, Michelle Eliana Chetrit, Stephane Jacob Chetrit, Luis Enrique Chisco De La Rosa, Claire Marie Cicchetti, Anika Ber Clark, Madison Alexis Colgate, Armando Comino Garcia, Jasmine Rose Congress, Helen Patricia Constanza, Christian Favian Contreras, Cintia Nicols Contreras Trigueros, Erica Contreras, Jennifer S. Contreras, Kris-

topher Jacob Contreras, Zane Robert Cordero, Sarah Grace Costantini, Sofia Claire Costantini, Jessika Rebecca Cowart, Jordan Ann Crevelt, Jesse Katharine Crowley, Bryant G. Cruz, Alfredo Cruz-Farias, Xavier Jose Cruz Madera, Michelle Cruz-Solorio, Luis Alberto Cuevas

**D** Sean Michael R. Dado, Danielle Kashawn Daniels, Andrew Leonardo De Biasi, Francesca Nicole Del Rosario, Manuel A. Delgado, Diego Estuardo Diaz Mayen, Carlos Aaron Diaz-Torres, Jesse Alexander Dominguez, Liam Morris Dumanske, Olivia Nicole Dumas

**E** Khadijah J. Echols, Annalise R. Eder, Cody J. Elskan, Emily Escalante, Michelle Escoto Ramirez, Jessica Espana Camacho, Darwin Esteban Tobar, Alicia Rose Estrella

**F** Elisa Pierce Fabian, Fallon Lawson Falore, Gina Dominique Fazio, Sebrianne Ferguson, Sione Fetuu, Maxwell Paul Fielder, Natalie Rose Finander, Jacqueline Savannah Fletcher, Steven Duncan Foley, Katherine Dorothy Forrest, Bradley Guillermo Frias

**G** Aqellezra Naunlia Gabriel, Tatum Elise Gabrielson, James Jordan Galinovsky, Thomas Kilpatrick Gammer, Michelle Garcia, Veronica Alexandra Garcia, Dayonna Garofani Echeverria, Thomas W. Giannini, Branden Godinez, Jessica Elizabeth Godinez, Karen I. Gomez-Vargas, Alexys Gonzalez, Martin Gonzalez, Miguel J. Gonzalez, Yoselin Gonzalez, Jessica Magaly Gonzalez Garcia, Santos Alexander Gonzalez Gutierrez, Tim Connell Goode, Kaitlyn Jayne Grech, Grazia Anna Greco, Nicole Margaret Greenberg, Danielle Renee Greene, Tsai K. Greene, Jett Dillion Guertin, David Guevara, Jazlyn Leonor Guevara, Alvin Giovanni Guizar Piedra, Fabian Gutierrez, Gabriela Guzman Prado

**H** Sione Maasi Halaapiapi, Elijah C. Harrington, Kyle V. Harrison, Mohammad Reza Hatami, Estiwer Alexander Henriquez Machado, Alysabeth Hernandez, Uri A. Hernandez Diaz, Cristina Hernandez Magana, Veyra Josselyn Hernandez

Pacheco, Alejandro Herrera-Farias, Kara Anne Herson, Devin L. Hicks, Gregory Andrew Hierro, Jr., Juan Alberto Hilario, Deven R. Hills, Wesley G. Holthaus, Chase Tyler Hovden, Alex Jay Humerickhouse

**I, J, K** Daniel Xavier Ibarra, Riley B. Introcaso Sipperly, Josiah K. Irwin, Luke Hudson Irwin, Callan R. Jacobs, Daisy Jimenez, Oscar Alexis Jimenez, Efstathios V. Kavantzias, Sandy S. Khalil, Reina Khino, Kristy SaFay King, Isaiah Jesse Kirkorian, Tamo Y. Kitaura, Carley R. Knudson, Joshua C. Kohl, Veronique Kulikov

**L** Franklin E. Landaverde Lopez, Emma May Lara, Jacob J. Larkin, Caroline Kaori Laubscher, Emma Law, Pamela Yajaira Ledesma-Ramirez, Taylor Kirby Leier, Sandra Lopez Vazquez, Ta'atia Fa'atuiiese Lesu'i, Robert Dawson Lewman Scott, Mysteri Rose Lockwood, Theresa Lizzeth Lombera, Jeak Enrique Lopez, Paola B. Lopez, Roberto Emmanuel Lopez Zarate, Diana Caterina Lopez Bartolo, Vladimir Lopez Ruiz, Mariela Lopez Valencia, Issabella Nicole Lovazzano, Misael Lubiano Valdes, Josephine Lucatero-Cuevas, Vanessa Elizabeth Luna, Jorge J. Luna Ramos

**M** Alexis Melissa Macy Castro, Briseida Madrigal Salas, Angela Karina Magana Landa, Adilene Sheccid Magana Mendoza, Meleane Taufa Uliuli Supiesi Isdora Makasini, Israel Maldonado, Kimberly Marie Manchia, Louise Nichole B. Manese, Aisea L. Manu, Eric Daniel Manzanero Perez, Jack Robert Martin, Larissa Janeth Martinez, Raveena Majed Massis, Viviana Elizabeth Masullit, Taylor M. Matel, Gabriel S. Maya, Orlando Mayen Castaneda, Francisco J. Maza Robles, Pierre Henry Mazon Villegas, Isabel Irelan McClure, Sophia Louise McDevitt, Evan Thomas McDonough, Iain Douglas McDowall, Cameron Andrew McLeod, Hailey Michelle Mead, Joseph Zentil Mejia, Karla Valeria Mejia Abarca, Jose Luis Melendez Rugerio, Nicole Dayana Mendez, Antonio

Rafael Mendoza, Melissa Mendoza Perez, Leonardo Michel Santana, Blossom Joy P. Milanes, Josuae K. Miller, Barry Miller, Jr., Alyssa Marie Montalvo, Anna Monteleone, Alexa Marie Moreno, Andres Joel Moreno, Lucie Rebecca Morgan, Lauren Marie Mull, Jessica Taylor Munguia, Clarissa Mia Murad, Jaeda Christine Murillo

**N** Hudson G.W. Nash, Luis C. Navarrete, Danielle Lucia Negrete, Kira Brianne Newman, Michael J. Ngo, Katie R. Nibbi, Samantha A. Nodine, Jessie J. Ocegueda, Ava Peyton Ocon, Christopher Oropeza Herrera, Alexis Orozco, Joanna Ortiz Nunez

**P, Q** Kellie Nicole Padrick, Josue Patzan Cuc, Alexander James Peck, Andrea Pedrazas, Maggie A. Peet, Viridiana Pereda Barragan, Adilene Perez, Destiny N. Perez, Lesley Denise Perez, Gillian Lee Person, Sergio Pimentel, Luis Pinto, Helen Elizabeth Poat, Manuel David Porras, Alexa Maria Prado Caballero, Alessia Pia Presotto, Sarah A. Preston, Le Andra Paige Quijano, Jennifer Quintero Moreno

**R** Anthony Peter Ramies, Alexia Monzerat Ramirez, Luis Angel Ramirez Carlos, Juliana Alexis Ramirez-Villegas, Ulises Jesus Ramos-Ramirez, Samantha L. Ramsey, Etienne Yves Rappaport, Justin Reeser, Samantha Reitmaier, Nicholas Joseph Resler, Zahira Revuelta, Cesh Germaine Paredes Reyes, Areonna Ricks Jordan, Noemi Rieber, Alexis Mercedes Robinson, Violina C.M. Rodriguez, Ricardo J. Rodriguez Orozco, Maricela Rodriguez Solis, Sarah Adele Rodriguez Soto, Yendi Rojas-Torres, Nicholas Pasquale Rolle, Gabriela Roman-Hernandez, Cecilia L. Romero Godinez, Alexander Anthony Roque, Christian J. Rosales, Hunter G. Rose, Pjotr Rotteveel, Jermell Trejoir Rowland, Karely Marlene Ruiz, Omar Ruiz, Travis R. Ruso, Nicholas Ryan Russell, Natalie Marie Rutherford

**S** Yalda Alexandra Saa, Tados M. Salama, Janet Salas, Fletcher Salesky, Michelle Salinas Quintanilla, Mitzzy Rubi Salinas Salto, Rogelio U. Sanchez, Veron-

ica L. Sanchez, Paola Litahi Sanchez Rubio, Elsy C. Sandoval, Jasmin Santoyo Duarte, Molly Diane Saxelby, Dominic Raphael Schillace, Ana Cristina Schnabel, Jacquelyn Elyse Schneider, Mina Nicole Sealund, Ryan V. Searcy, Mitsy Serrano-Vargas, Brenden Noel Shah, Jeffrey A. Shaw, Jr., Ida Shiri, Juliana Keli Silk, Jose Luis Silva, Maritza Silva Guerrero, Ethan L. Silverman, Dean Skinner, Brooke A. Skrabo, Megan S. Slone, Clint Matthew Soderer, Christabel J. Soria Mendoza, Yanira Soto, Esmeralda Soto-Sierra, Frank-Joseph I. Steglinski, Amanda Kathleen Steinebel, Travis James Strunk, Jack Tyler Stucky, Keyla Ashley Suarez Alvarez, Alexa Daniela Suchite Morales, Whitney Elsie Claire Suefflohn, Christopher Sumano-Venegas, Taylor Sweeney

**T** Crista M. Tapia-Garcia, Talita Teuaki-Taufa, Charles P. Taussig, David Hugh Taylor, Nicole Ann Taylor, Riley J. Thompson, Brandon Jake Till, Anika Tarrosa Ting, Brittany L. Torres, Jesus R. Torres, Kimberly Vanessa Torres, Nicole Gabrielle Torres, William Torres Benitez, Amanda Marie Torres Maldonado, David Torres Mendoza, Ryan Alexander Toulouse, Caitlin Alexandra Trainer, Hoang Kim Tran, Pascale Lorene Tregon, Julia Triest, Genesis Kitana Puni Tu'ufuli, Lucas Alfredo Turchet, Justeen Katalina Tyler Funes

**U, V** Miriam Maria Ullu Puluc, Maximilian G. Utrecht, Estrella Urena Cuevas, Roberto C. Valencia, Luis Fernando Valle, Glenda Katherine Vargas, Jose M. Vargas, Susana Michelle Vasquez Munoz, Marissa Danielle Velez, Mercy Abigail Veliz Salinas, McKay Leland Verkler, Natalia Villagomez Contreras, Elena Gallegos Villalobos

**W, X, Y, Z** Essience Traliena Mae Walton, Michael C. Ward, Gage H. Warren, Leslie Claire Wasserman, James Hunter Rife Weber, Tristana Wegman, Karen Liang Wong, Tamiera Raynel Wood, Swain Nicholas Yakupitiyage, Evan M. Yedinak, Alexander Mazen Zabaneh, Joshua Ryan Zagar, Cinthya Pamela Zavala Flores, Cesar Alexander Zavala Rubio

# M-A High grads: Good luck and good hunting

Photos by Michelle Le

Nearly 500 students received diplomas at the graduation ceremonies for the Menlo-Atherton High School's Class of 2017, held at the school's football field on June 8.

The student concert band and orchestra, under the direction of Kent Kurrus, played "America the Beautiful" and other tunes, including a symphony of music from cartoons, and concluded with "Pomp and Circumstance."

The Menlo-Atherton Choirs, directed by Patrick Maier, sang the national anthem. Later in the ceremony, the choirs sang "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" by Nickolas Ashford and Valerie Simpson, and "Beautiful Day" by U2.

Senior speakers and their topics: Renato Lopez on "M-A is My Second Home"; Faith Dunn on

"Be(ar) Kind"; Felix Hernandez on "Making Moves Towards Where You Want to Be"; and Kasha Merritt on "The Future Us."

There were 498 candidates for graduation. **A**



**Clockwise from above:** M-A grad James Smith, center, didn't hold back in celebrating. Speaker Felix Hernandez is photographed by M-A Principal Simone Rick-Kennel. M-A grad Kyra Richardson is hugged by her friend Brea Criner.

**About the cover:** M-A senior Mark Yang gets low-fives from friends after receiving his diploma June 8. (Photo by Ana Sofia Amieva-Wang.)

## The graduates

**A** Javier Abarca, Christian James Achacoso, Diaviaun Enex Agee, Carmen Jacqueline Aguilar Fonseca, Aaron Ulices Aguilar-Ortega, Nicholas Joseph Albera, Caroline Elliott Albro, Dorothy C Aldridge, Alessandra Lecet Alonso, Henry Alvarez, Pedro Alvarez Velazquez, Teresa Maria Amor, Eric Joseph Adrea, Nicholas Montgomery Andrew, Laura Vanesa Arceo-Madriz, Roberto Argueta, Olivia Marie Athens, Natasha Sophie Auer, Denise Avalos, Mayrayanet Ayala Caballero

**B** Ilana Jordan Baer, Andrew David Baigorria, Emily Grace Baker, Blanca Edith Barbosa, Paul Galen Bargar, Delaney Haven Barnett, Marilyn Guadalupe Barragan, Jesus Barragan, Juan Jesus Barraza, Eunice Barrera-Cruz, David Barron, Claire Marie Baszucki, Dayanna Junuen Bautista-Contreras, Allison Marie Bayne, Allan Bellin, Chloe Manette Benz, Alec Joseph Berquist, Ryan Edward Bever, Vanessa Birrueta-Hernandez, Mekhi Blackmon, Scott Anthony Bohac, Thomas Clark Bohac, Christopher Thomas Bowden, Helen Boussie, Joshua K Brewer, Alexandra Rose Brieger, Trevor Jeffery Brinton, Connor Brisebois, Emily Karen Brumley, James Bryant Smith

**C** Alexander Cabrera Gonzalez, Jorge Elian Calderon Lozano, Alexander Calvillo, Isaac Jose Calvillo, Christopher Cardenas, Elise Anne Carlomango, Lorenzo Antonio Carlos Garcia, Jesus Angel Carranza-Cruz, Roberto Fernando Carrasco, Adrien Carrou, Monica Elizabeth Carter, Kennedy Alejandro Castillon Jimenez, Adam James Chai, Julia Kau Chang, Jessica Joann Chavez-Navarro, Pedro Luis Chavez-Rojas, Samuel Mueller Chazen, Qianchi Chen, Anders Joshua Chiang, Margaret Donnelly Child, Nicole Cisneros, Ulises Ali Cisneros Arreguin, Max Tyler Colbert, Sofia Isabel Collazo, Alexander Jacob Collyer, Jackson Conrad Confer, Samuel Corona Aguilar, Lauren Elizabeth Cox, John Michael Crevelt, Ryan Crowley, Matthew E Cruz, Carlos Daniel Cruz Gonzalez, Leo Dominic Cucinell, Matthew William Cwirla

**D** Molly Laura Davis, Katelyn Claire de Geus, Julio Cesar De La Torre Castillo, Eric Kevin Delgado Victorio, Cassandra DelRio, Katherine Thayer Denend, Rohan George DePuy, Giovanni DeJesus Deras, Suraj Sharan Dhawan, Steve C Diaz, Estrellita Diaz Rhonda, Luis Jesus Diaz

Vazquez, Jacqueline Angelina DiSanto, Catherine Ann Dolin, Elizabeth Jean Dolin, Sean Mateo Donnellan, Nickolas Wright Dulmage-Bekker, Devon-Philip Blair Dundas IV, Faith Katelyn Dunn, Emery Asha Dutta

**E** Emma Ann Easton, Jenna Corry Eizadi, Hannah Miyake Elisofon, Tyler James Ellingson, Luis Angel Enriquez, Eduardo Escatel, Victor Escatel Sanchez, Kyle Martin Ma Espiritu, Erick Estrada, Joshua Blake Evans

**F** David Victor Latanoa Faletau, Mitchell Anthony Faure, Shane Joseph Fazzino, Caroline Blair Fenyo, Grace Laurel Ferguson, Alana Marie Fernandez, Nour Fezzani, Andrew Douglas Fichou, Carolina Figueroa, Florence Toakase Filiai, Katharine Rose Flanagan, Taelor Jayden Rose Foster, Taylor Krysten Foster, Raymond Geron Fowler JR, Jailah Michelle Francis, Ryu Robert Frank, Jordan Samuel Freed, Jasper Wallace Fu

**G** Grace Louise Gaffney, Allison Grace Galbraith, Alexander Joseph Gallo, Samantha Gamez, Eduardo Arturo Garcia, Esmeralda Shakira Garcia, Melissa Lynn Garcia-Hamilton, Nicol Arlette Garcia Laura, Luis Alberto Garcia Regalado, William George Garrick, Ramona Dysart Gerber, Sara Anne Gerber, Cole Thomas Gillespie, Marco Giuliano, Jun Jacob Gilindo, Paolo Andres Godcharles-Mendez, Esperanza Alejandra Godinez Garcia, Karen Godinez, Audrey Sophia Golland, Issac Gomez, Salvador Gomez Verdusco, Josue Gonzalez, Anabel Gonzalez Gonzalez, Mariela Gonzalez Sequen, Eli George Goodman, Helen Nakache Gordan, Jennifer Grace Gormish, Maya Goyle, John-Paul Gray, Eliza Lynore Grover, Diana Gruber, Matthias S Guegler, Kaitlin Michelle Guenin, Ruben Guerrero, Emanuel Carlos Guerrero Tello, Matthew Roy Gursky, David Gutierrez, Jaime Gutierrez-Esquivel Jr, Mariana Guzman, Xochilt Guzman

**H** Claire Emily Haldeman, Trenton Bradley Hall, Lauryn Elizabeth Hart-Skaife, Simone Rose Hasslen, Brian Reece Hecimovich, Madeline Heller, Maxwell Heller, Jeremias Jared Henriquez, Mayra Hernandez, Joaquin Hernandez Aldana, Felix Hernandez Caceres, Ismael Alejandro Hernandez Luna, Alejandro Hernandez Mendoza, Melissa Herrera Zepeda, Peter Robert Hilton, Jack Christopher Hinshaw, Kirby Luisa Hocking, Siena Hooper, Helena Rose Hoover, Abigail Kathryn Howell, Tracy Lauren Hunt Gonzalez

**I, J, K** Hayato Ikeno, Nicole Arrienne Iliagan, Edward Moore Ives, Alejandro Jacobo Baez, Kevin Kennedy Jaggars, Osvaldo Jaso Silva, Eugene William Ray Jennings, Aiden Langley Jevans, Samantha Marie Jimenez, Aajon Tyrell Johnson, Aaron Trammel Johnson, Chloe Caitlin Johnson, Megan Priscilla Johnson, Patrick McLeod Johnson, Bryan Min Soo Kang, Griffin Hastings Kardos, Hannah Lauren Katz, Henry Joseph Keating, Megan Ade Keleta, Niki Khodai, Selam Berhane Kibrom, Genevieve Rose Killelea, Jordan Storm Kim, Mason Louis Kim, Elizabeth Anne Kirk, Henry Josef Kloiber, Kirby Taylor Knapp, Kenneth Isaac Kron, Anika Meena Kumar

**L** Jean Guian Lacbayan, Michael Joseph Landolfi, Ian Gregor Lange McPherson, Nicole Lao, Micaela Joy D. Lawingco, Ryan Fisher Le, Kristina Maise Lee, Naomi Lee, Emmanuel Jimenez-Leon, Joshua Lepulu, Brett A. Levenson, Matthew Scott Levenson, Giovanni Joseph Lewis, Brian K Li, Kristopher Chienhao Liang, Timothy Alton Lippis, Aidan James Liston, Fiona Alexandra Lokey, Edgar David Lopez, Jefe Lopez, Linda Magdalena Lopez, Julieta Lopez Castaneda, Renato Lopez Rivas, Fernando Lozano, Cindy Luna-Mendoza, Trevor Glenn Lutge

**M** Skylar Mac Millan, Francisco Andres Magana, Valente Magana-Fierro, Ray Laurent Malan, Mariana Maldonado, Daniel Angelo Malkary, Clarissa Monique Maltez, Carlos Mangandi Macario, Henry Charles Marks, Kleiber Macabi Marroquin Sarceno, Paloma Alicia Dominguez Marsh, Maria Aurora Martinez, Giselle Carolina Martinez Collado, Mario Martinez Merlos, Rosalia Martinez Montiel, Christian Martinez-Figueroa, Vuki Ausia Mataele, Jack Dunnegan Mathews, Megan Kathrine Mathews, Terrance Lacey Matthews-Murphy, Daniel Laughlin McCabe, Elizabeth Ann McColloch, Megan Elaine McDonnell, Martha Maria McGee, Lauren Cameron McGinnis, Riley Selwyn McKee, Lauren Nicole McLaughlin, Emma Claire McLeod, Morgonon Blaire McMichael, Hugo Pierre McMillan, Alissa M. McNeerney, Alejandro Mendoza, Alex Mendoza Rebolgar, Angie Priscella Menjivar, Kurt Kasha Merritt, Aliana Ayres Miller, Lexus Rae Milne, Jordan Serrall Lamont Mims, Daniel Duane Missing, Olena Igorivna Mitsul, Kathryn Grace Moffitt, Spencer Quinn Montague-Alamin, Cameron Rebecca Montalvo, Izabella Tatianna Montes, Spencer Phoenix Montoya, Casey Robert Morris, Henry Joseph Morrissey, Adi Teimumu Motuliki, Madeline

Moya Ramirez, Kara Lynn Mullarkey, Sophie Murff, Carolyn Margaret Murphy

**N, O** Connor Eli Nathan, Diana Elizabeth Navarro, Melissa Stefanie Navas, Madison Rae Nelson, Riley F Neubert, Lizbeth Nieblas Bastidas, John Louis Noble, Nicholas Roger Nolasco, Eric Deshawn Norton, Fabian Candelario Nunez Huerta, Kennedy Christopher Ojeda, Casey Emiko Olsen, Joshua Andrew Olson, Daniel Osaose Omoregie, Annais Orozco, Erick Orozco, Erick Ortega Mendoza, Daniel A Ortega Vazquez, Raian Osman, Gabriella Osorio

**P** Gerardo Padilla Chavez, Theodore Ballgame Pagee, Manuel Alejandro Palencia, Simone Pallante, Stavro Papadakis, Davos Manosa Paquin, Annabelle Eyley Paris, Christiana Sunae Park, Jared JuneSuk Park, Laura Cristina Parra, Laurel Elisabeth Patrick, Maggie Harina Paulo, Mia Lusignan Paulsen, Bryan Pena Yerena, Jonathan Ociel Peraza-Vasquez, Maria Isabel Perez Carrillo, Roberto Perez-Hernandez, Nina Larjani, William Taylor Perrone, Andrew Quintin Peschard, Lucy Renee Petersen, Annika Faith Peterson, Devin T Peterson, Julia Laurence Peterson, Kyle J Peterson, Josue Pineda Duarte, Merianne Mitchell Abueva Poblete, Desiree Ovilla Polk, Abigail Ponce, Aarthi Kishin Popat, Yazmeene Denise Pope, Nicolas Rix Prainito, Lucy Joy Prichard, Max Leo Prichard, Clay Paxton Prosser

**R** Cameron James Raff, Emma Laura Medea Rafter, Thomas Rainer, Andrea Nicole Ramirez, Jonathan Alexander Ramirez, Sayan Ramirez, Lukas Joseph Rash, Jelani Kejon Reed, Isabel Helen Regonini, Abigail Leigh Reichow, Marquise Gerard Reid, Noah Alexander Reis, Isidro Revuelta, Aaliyah Zhane Richardson, Kyra Lanae Richardson, Marlene Breanne Riestra, Pedro Rivera Garcia, Emily Erin Roberts, Zoe Amber Roberts, Nikolas M Robles, Enrique Ivan Robles Barragan, Yanci Lisbet Rodas Munguia, Crystal M Rodriguez, Evelia Noemi Rodriguez, Mario Alexander Rodriguez, Erik Saunders Roise, Kyle Bernard Rosa, Shelika Juliesa Ross, Hanako Ruiz-Murillo

**S** Phillip Luke Sagapolutele, Jonathan Sagrero Alvarez, Riu Sakaguchi, Stefan Robert Sakamoto, Jorge Samuel Saldana, Kiana Rizel Sales, Nicole Sabine Salz, Griffin Thomas Sanders, Tyrieke Devon Sanders Gardner, Daniel Humberto Sandoval-Magana, Victoria Shireen Sanie, Jason Adrian Santos, Nicholas Robert Satzger, Camillo Felix Saueressig, Alexander Schoonbrood, Baylee Danielle

Schroeder, Charlotte Claire Schroeder, Andrew Ernesto Scoffone, Nicholas Giovanni Scopazzi-Beatty, Zaira Beirut Sepulveda Ochoa, Jazmin Barajas Serna, Erika Monserrat Servin Aviles, Bryce J Sevy, Micah Toru Shalowitz, Kyra Nicole Sheeper, Marissa Casey Shepard, Nora Elyse Siegler, Ofaloto Ki-Atearua Sili, Alessandra Maria Sivilotti, Priya Vani Smith, Julia Claire Smith-Johnson, Madeline Ann Sonderby, Jasmine Soria-Delgado, Francia Iran Sosa Rodriguez, Tristan Nomikos Spanner, Megan Alexis Sparrow, Kim Spillane, Michael Ivan Stark, Benjamin Carl Strehlow, Magdalena Ilyana Stypulkowski, Patrick Joseph Sullivan, Demetri Oler Sweezy, Eric Michael Szymkowski, Mia Katharine Szymkowski

**T** Lavinia Oliveti Tafuna, Austin Patrick Tai, Olivia Megan Tai, Julien Tai Beauchamp, Marcella Lauren Cayabyab Tapia, Alondra Galatea Tapia Puente, Amanda Claire Taylor, Haley Star Taylor, Trevor Calvin Thiele-Sardina, Jack Thompson, Spencer Threatt, Sarah Ruth Tiemann, Cristina Morgan Tom, Jose Eduardo Torres, Miriam B Torres, Ricardo S Torres, Katia Lizet Torres Sajuan, Maria Guadalupe Toscano Avalos, Gabriel Alexander Trucios, Grace Chamberlain Tully, Toakase Tupou, Donald Tate Kennedy Tussing

**V** Soane Pulukamu Vainikolo, Danielle Jourdan VanDyke, Bianca Vargas, Yulisa Vargas, Luis Fernando Vargas Lozano, Karla Beatriz Vega Miranda, Manuela Simone Velasquez, Sebastian Velazquez Hernandez, Joshua Steven Velazquez Rios, Stephanie Verduco, Marcello Zapata Vial, Monica Elizabeth Victoria Ramirez, Yajaira Villanueva-Maciel, Jacob Clyde Virges, Janai Joanne Vliegen, Ipolito Volavola, Joanna Katharine Vollrath, Christopher Xavier Voreck

**W** Taylor Miekko Waddell, Cooper Robert Waymire, Isabel Grech Wendin, Averi Westbrook, River Lane Weston, Dana Lauren Wilks, Brynn Isabella Zipf Williams, Reed J Williams, Chelsea Joy Wilson, Kai J. Winterling, Christian Thomas Wiseman, Katelyn Frances Wiseman, Jack Hancock Wolf, Terrence Alexander Woo, Harper Emmie Wood, Kelly Elisabeth Woods

**Y, Z** Angie Yang, Mark Yang, Andrew David Yates, Sedona Katherine Yates, Annabel Cherk-Ying Yau, Alexandra Mara Young, Fiona Bryce Young, Hayley Parker Yu, Emmett V.T. Yue, Erik Pablo Zanelli, Kalina Eva Zanelli, Rayner Zarco De Los Santos, Samuel Ori Zarlring, Rio Adriel Zelaya

# Two who opted for a 'gap year'

Hiking the Appalachian Trail; immersing oneself in another culture

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Imagine K-12 education as a series of train journeys. "All aboard for kindergarten," the conductor cries, kicking things off, and the kids troop on board. Another year brings another train, and another set of educational challenges.

At high school graduation, the scene is a grand central station, a plethora of students, parents, tracks and trains, including some that are very selective as to who gets on the trains to college.

Many students have either boarded the college trains or are in the process of doing so, but some are looking for the door. Included in that group of mavericks for 2017 is Peter Hilton of Menlo-Atherton High School. A year earlier, Nathaniel Verbeck of Woodside High was numbered among them.

For his gap year, Nathaniel, who lives in Redwood City, backpacked the length of Appalachian Trail, a 2,180-mile hike between Maine and Georgia. His takeaway: a unique experience in being motivated to complete something over a long term. His college plans are taking him to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Backpacking also seems in the cards for Peter, who lives in Menlo Park. In September, he said, he may be headed abroad, possibly for environment-related volunteer work. Among his goals:

immersing himself in a Spanish speaking culture, including a short-term job, perhaps in food service, to get a sense of earning his daily bread the hard way. Peter has been accepted at Colby College in Maine.

## A social conscience

Outdoor living in the wilderness will not be unfamiliar to Peter Hilton, who has the distinction of having been an Eagle Scout. Living outside in an international setting will be new.

His older brother was the first in the Hilton family to take a gap year, spending three or four months in Cuzco, Peru, where he taught English. "I admire him for having the gumption to do that and invest in himself," Peter said.

He has applied to volunteer programs involved in conservation and environmental service. The opportunities he's looking at include the possibility of getting involved in an initiative in Chile where, he said, private land owners are buying tracts of land and donating them to the government in a bid to establish national parks.

Asked about being self-conscious as an American abroad, Peter sounded a note of humility. "I would never want to assert myself or do anything self-centered (or act to advance) a goal of mine that is self-centered," he said. "My willingness and interest in using Spanish kind

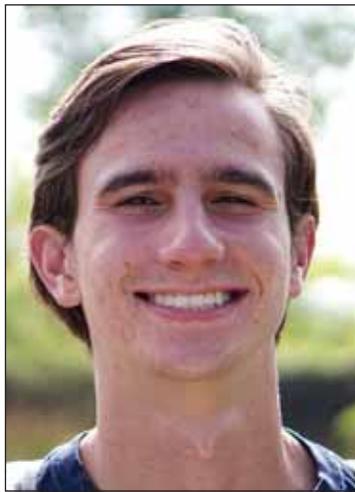


Photo by Eli Goodman

**Peter Hilton** graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School on June 9 and is planning a gap year that could include backpacking, working at a menial job, and immersing himself in a foreign culture before enrolling at Colby College in Maine.

of stems from that respect."

That humility is also embodied in his search for a steady menial job for a month or so, something "that isn't necessarily an internship," he said. "I can really get to know what it's like to get up and go to work every day."

There are plenty of people for whom that is not a choice, he said. "Having that empathy for people who do have these jobs ... is very important. Forgetting about these people, forgetting about people who live like that, is detrimental to my social conscience."



Photo by Mark Verbeck

**Nathaniel Verbeck** points to a map of the Appalachian Trail engraved on a plaque in the Chattahoochee National Forest in Georgia, the southern terminus of the trail.

## No breaks

Nathaniel Verbeck said he spent 126 days on the Appalachian Trail. His pack weighed around 28 pounds for the first 48 days, including 18 pounds of gear, 2 pounds of water and 8 pounds of food. After a two-month respite in Reno, Nevada, to allow a stress fracture in his foot to heal, he returned to the trail with gear weighing just 8 1/2 pounds — he saved up in Reno to buy lighter stuff — and less food.

It is somewhat easier to travel light when you don't carry cooking equipment and your diet consists of granola bars, tortillas, peanut butter and Pop Tarts. "Tons of people do it and they're fine," Nathaniel said. "It just sucks when it's cold out."

Thoughts of giving up came on regularly, he said. "It's like a common passing thought. Giving up is just part of the trail," he said. "It's really just about telling

yourself to just give it one more day. Then something happens that reminds you why you're out there. It reminds me that I want to be out here, that I need to finish this trail, that I want to finish this trail."

Asked what he missed, he said the time to "do whatever I wanted," ironically a reason he chose the hike in the first place. "It's like a full-time job where you get no breaks whatsoever," he said.

"I would say it was very enlightening," he said of the hike. "When you're out in the woods every day, you have nothing to think about but yourself." One insight: "You can kind of wing it if you really put your mind to something. As long as you put your effort into (it) you can achieve some pretty awesome things," he said. "This is a pretty awesome thing, at least for me. It was something I didn't think I could do." ▣

# Karen Peterson, a rock of the Woodside community

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

When Woodside resident and super-volunteer Karen Seiko Peterson attends her Woodside High School Class of 1964 reunion in the fall, there may be dancing, she said. Or there may not be. "The older you get, there are fewer dancing out there," Ms. Peterson told the Almanac.

The group holds reunions yearly, usually at Rossotti's (the Alpine Inn) in Portola Valley. She and her classmates are 71 or nearly so. But with Motown sounds being on the radio in 1964, if the mood is right, doing the Twist at the reunion — swiveling your torso to the music, often while standing in place — may not be all that demanding.

It's a good time to renew friendships, "and then, of course, to be saddened by your fellow classmates that are no longer around," Ms. Peterson said.

For her, being around has been a way of life. She taught social studies for 35 years over her 40-year career at Woodside Elementary School and has never missed a May Day parade, she said. She spent 20 years helping the Woodside High School foundation raise money to keep class sizes small, to support college counseling and to provide tutorials for kids who need them.

"Class size is very important," she said. "We're fortunate to have such public support."

On Woodside High's Shared Decision Making Council, she assisted in trying to figure out whether there was a connection between a student's academic performance and where the student lived and the student's ethnicity.

In April, she was inducted into the Woodside High School Hall of Fame for her many contributions to the school, including through the Athletic Boosters, the PTSA, the Drama Boosters, and the Music Boosters.

She recently participated in the planning of Redwood City's sesquicentennial celebration, and she's active in the San Mateo County Historical Society, where she helps out with the gallery on the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

In 1941, Ms. Peterson's grandfather, a local leader in the ethnic Japanese community, made his living by growing flowers on 17 acres in Redwood City, she said. At noon on Dec. 7, the day that Japanese air forces attacked Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, her grandfather was arrested by FBI agents, she said. "To the best of our knowledge," he was interned in Chicago, then transferred to an internment camp in North Dakota, she said.

Her mother was sent to the Tanforan Assembly Center in San Bruno, then to the Topaz War Relocation Center in Millard County in Utah, where she met her future husband, Ms. Peterson said.

When her grandfather returned in 1945, his 17 acres were intact, Ms. Peterson said. A Chinese family watched over it during the war, she said. Her grandfather then used his land to provide a safe place to stay for formerly interned people.

"I make sure that when there is speaking about Japanese Americans, that story gets told," Ms. Peterson said. "I keep telling the story so that relatives after me will remember."

Her deep associations with Woodside High and Woodside Elementary have had consequences: two awards in her name. Woodside High has the Seiko Award for Community Service, and at Woodside Elementary has the Karen Peterson Community Service Award.

Ms. Peterson was herself an honoree in 2012 when then Woodside mayor Dave Tanner chose her as Woodside's candidate for the Mayors' Diversity Celebration Award in



Photo by Tina Patrick

**Karen Peterson** was wearing Woodside High School orange, as she frequently does, at a recent autumn back-to-school night.

recognition of the diverse cultures in San Mateo County.

She is a member of the Recreation Committee for the town of Woodside and is instrumental in the run-up to the Taste of Woodside celebration of wine and the Day of the Horse, a celebration of the equestrian lifestyle in town, though she does not drink wine and does not ride a horse. "I just like to help," she said. ▣

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# What's ahead for Bedwell Bayfront Park?

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park has begun a process to develop a 25-year “master plan” for the city’s largest park, the 160-acre Bedwell Bayfront Park off Marsh Road.

An open house to collect public comment on what should be in the master plan will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the parking lot nearest the park’s entrance at 1600 Marsh Road.

In February, the City Council approved a \$258,000

contract with Callander Associates Landscape Architecture to develop the master plan, and a \$66,000 contract with CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure Inc. to do a technical evaluation of the plan.

During an earlier open house in April, city staff sought public feedback on a long list of possible changes to park use, some of which could be opposed by residents who prefer that the park continue to be restricted to “passive recreational” use, such as hiking, running, bicycling, dog walking, bird watching, kite flying and photography. (In 2006, voters opposed a measure to build sports fields on up to 17 acres of the park.)

Among the options city staff sought comment on were adding:

- Amenities such as docent-led tours, a nature summer camp, bike repair facilities and ranger services.

- Facilities to enable activities such as orienteering, geocaching, water sports, disk golf, group exercising, and flying model or motor-assisted gliders and drones.

Other ideas were to add an off-leash enclosed dog park, a nature play area, picnic tables, public art, EV charging stations, bike parking, and an outdoor classroom or amphitheater.

Feedback on the first open house has not yet been released.

**Among the key questions: Should more active recreational uses be allowed in the park?**

## Funding problems

One reason efforts are in earnest to complete a park master plan is that funding to operate and maintain the park is expected to run out in about three years.

There are two park funding sources, a landfill fund and a maintenance fund, according to Azalea Mitch, a senior civil engineer with the city.

The landfill fund — the park was created on the site of a former dump — receives revenue from Menlo Park’s solid waste fees and is used for landfill-related



Almanac file photo by Kainaz Amaria

**Bedwell Bayfront Park** is home to a variety of birds, including the snowy egret. In 2006, voters rejected Measure J, which would have allowed sports fields to be built in the park.

expenses. It can’t be used for park maintenance and operations.

The maintenance fund has been dwindling from the time the park was created. Funds had accumulated from the “tipping fees” that dumpers would pay to the city for each ton of waste dumped on the site, according to David Mooney, Menlo Park parks and trees supervisor.

In 2011, the City Council opted to cut ranger services from the park, saving about \$100,000 a year. Currently, the maintenance fund has \$335,000 in it, and the

park costs \$110,000 annually to maintain, Ms. Mitch said.

Current park costs are for mowing, maintenance and janitorial work, according to staff.

Among ways to generate funds that were discussed at the open house include entrance fees, concessions, donations, naming rights, private or corporate events, and a reservation-based picnic area.

Alongside the master planning process for the park, the city is conducting a technical evaluation in the park, Ms. Mitch said.

The city’s current method

for dealing with the methane that is emitted from the landfill beneath the park is to burn it, thereby breaking it down into carbon dioxide. The feasibility study will look at what it would take to convert it into natural gas, which could be used to fuel vehicles that run on compressed natural gas and generate revenue.

“We are hoping that this is feasible so that we can harvest the energy from the landfill gas,” Ms. Mitch said.

Go to [is.gd/park338](http://is.gd/park338) for project updates. ■

## Levee changes, ecosystem restoration project imminent

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

While Menlo Park continues to work on formulating plans for the future of Bedwell Bayfront Park, changes along the Bayfront are expected to start in the near future — as soon as June — due to ongoing efforts to bolster flood protection and restore salt evaporation ponds to their former state as tidal marshes.

### History

Bedwell Bayfront Park hasn’t always been the quiet, grassy escape it now represents to many locals. It was the site of the county dump, but was slowly converted, between 1982 and 1995, into a park.

Infrastructure has been added to burn the methane that is generated by the decomposing refuse beneath it. In addition, Menlo Park’s Bayfront area is home to salt evaporation ponds operated by Cargill Inc.

In 2003, Cargill sold 15,000

acres of its former salt extraction property in the South Bay to state and federal agencies and private foundations for the purpose of wetland restoration.

### Restoration

According to John Bourgeois, executive project manager of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, completing large-scale restoration in the area is difficult because it is a “dense urban estuary.” There are many factors that complicate the conservation process, he said.

The risk of flooding in the area is significant, he said, because a major roadway (Bayfront Expressway) is close to the Bay, and Facebook’s headquarters, a PG&E substation and sewage treatment facilities are nearby.

Furthermore, the salt ponds are home to protected wildlife, which require extra precautions. During the years the area was dominated by Cargill’s salt ponds, the Western snowy plover, an endangered white bird that traditionally

nests on beaches, mistook the crusty salt flats as sand and established nests there. For that reason, simply eliminating all salt ponds is not recommended by ecologists.

**The flooding risk in the area is significant because near the Bay are Bayfront Expressway, Facebook’s massive operations, a PG&E substation and sewage treatment facilities.**

From the vantage point of his agency, Mr. Bourgeois said, the organization has three goals: to restore habitat, provide flood protection, and enable public access and recreation.

To do that, the salt pond restoration agency will take a number of actions in Menlo Park near or at Bedwell

Bayfront Park. It will:

- **Raise levees.** Existing levees that run north-south along and diagonal to Bayfront Expressway, and one levee running between two of the salt ponds will be raised 5 to 6 feet, Mr. Bourgeois said. The levees will be part of the Bay Trail and will be publicly accessible.

- **Create a new park entry.** Right now, according to Mr. Bourgeois, a person trying to cycle from Facebook to the park has to ride all the way to the park’s Marsh Road entrance. The new entrance will be marked with a gate near where Chilco Street and Bayfront Expressway meet, on the Bay-facing side. Access from Facebook and residential areas of eastern Menlo Park could also be improved by a separate project funded by Facebook to build a bike and foot bridge to connect Facebook’s campus to the Bay Trail across Bayfront Expressway. The bridge would end near the new park entrance.

- **Add educational features.** At

a vista point where the different ecosystems of the area are visible, an educational plaque may be installed to explain to visitors the park’s history.

- **Restore a salt pond to a tidal wetland.** One of the salt ponds farther into the Bay will be converted back to a tidal marsh by breaching some levees.

- **Leave a salt pond intact.** The pond that is closest to Bayfront Expressway will be left intact as a habitat for snowy plovers.

- **Manage smaller ponds.** Smaller ponds near the park’s entrance will be managed as a habitat for water birds.

The project is funded by a variety of state and federal grants. The agency plans to seek further project funds from Measure AA, a \$12 per year parcel tax measure passed last November and earmarked for wetland restoration.

Work on the project could start as soon as June, he said. The agency is working with the city of Menlo Park on traffic planning and outreach. ■

## Woodside hosts 'Verdi in the Village'

By Kate Daly  
Special to the Almanac

There will be way more than wine, women and song at "Verdi in the Village" in Woodside the night of Friday, June 16.

For starters men are included, and a full-course Italian dinner will be served in between operatic performances at Woodside Village Church.

The Village Hub is hosting

the evening to honor and revive a tradition started by the late Pauline Picchi, who put on more than 50 opera evenings at the Little Store restaurant in Woodside before she succumbed to cancer a year ago.

Two professional singers who frequently performed there and at an American Cancer Society benefit she organized, will be back for this event: soprano Jenn Mitchell, a Woodside native, and tenor Mete Tasin. Elizabeth

Neff will accompany them on piano.

The festivities will start at 6:30 p.m. with prosecco and antipasto served in the courtyard, and then move into Guild Hall for a seated buffet dinner with wine and a set of songs from Verdi's "Brindisi."

Guests will walk over to the chapel for a second set of songs.

Tickets cost \$85 and must be bought by June 12 online at [thevillagehub.org](http://thevillagehub.org). ■

## Menlo Park rolls out two summer concert series

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Ready the picnic baskets and dancing moves, because Menlo Park's weekly downtown concert series, featuring performances ranging from rock and roll to Cajun music, begins Wednesday, June 14.

There will be eight concerts at Fremont Park and three at Kelly Park. At Fremont Park, located at the corner of Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive, concerts will be held Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on June 14 to Aug. 9, with the exception of July 5. People are encouraged to bring picnic blankets and dinner.

Scheduled performances at Fremont Park are:

■ June 14: The Sun Kings, a Beatles tribute band.

■ June 21: Flashback, a six-piece band performing jazz standards and dance hits from the 50s through 70s.

■ June 28: California Groove, a six-piece party/dance band that performs contemporary music.

■ July 12: Tom Rigney and Flambeau, a band specializing in Cajun, zydeco and blues. The

band was voted best Cajun/Zydeco band of 2004 by the West Coast Blues Hall of Fame.

■ July 19: Freddy Clarke & Wobbly World, a group of musicians performing world fusion music.

■ July 26: Jessica Johnson, a Bay Area vocalist performing jazz.

■ Aug. 2: E-Ticket Band, a seven-piece rock and roll dance band.

■ Aug. 9: Aja Vu, a Steely Dan tribute band.

The concert series then continues at Kelly Park, at 100 Terminal Ave. Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Food trucks are scheduled to be there.

■ Aug. 15: Reyna y su Trio, a latin band.

■ Aug. 22: South Bay Dub All-stars, a 10-piece band with a three-piece horn section playing reggae mixed with funk, soul, hip-hop and pop flavors.

■ Aug. 29: Somos el Son, a salsa orchestra band out of San Francisco.

Later in the summer, the city will host a family-friendly movie series.

Go to [is.gd/events498](http://is.gd/events498) for more information about summer events in Menlo Park. ■

## Rockabilly band kicks off summer concert series

The band Jinx Jones will bring its live rockabilly music from the 1950s to the performance lawn at Portola Valley Town Center on Thursday, June 15, for the first of three free Thursday summer concerts.

The two-hour concert starts at 6 p.m. and overlaps with the weekly farmers' market in the nearby parking lot of the Historic Schoolhouse at 765 Portola Road.

Picnics, including with alcoholic beverages, are OK, as are chairs, children and well-behaved dogs, say organizers. Blankets and warm clothing are recommended. The Town Center includes a playground, restrooms and ample parking.

### ■ PORTOLA VALLEY

Food available for purchase from the farmers' market or food truck is expected to include the following entrees:

■ From the farmers' market, rotisserie chicken and potatoes from Roli Roti, and sweet or savory crepes from Tony's Crepes.

■ From the "The Steamy Burger" food truck, a steamed cheeseburger, a "healthy alternative" to a traditional cheeseburger, with steamed beef or turkey topped with steamed sharp cheddar cheese on a brioché bun.

■ From the "Umu Polynesian

Cuisine" food truck, traditional Polynesian food, including plantains, Spam Musubi and Polusami — a taro salad with a choice of chicken or corned beef.

Beer from Devil's Canyon Brewing will be available at the farmers' market.

The Cultural Arts Committee has scheduled two more Thursday concerts on the lawn: on July 20, the Back Pages play rock-and-roll and Beatles tunes from the 1960s; and on Aug. 17, Will Russ Jr. and "Force of Will" band play "groovy 1970s Motown."

### ■ CALENDAR

See [AlmanacNews.com/calendar](http://AlmanacNews.com/calendar) to see more local calendar listings

#### Fundraisers

**Dragon's Den Casino Club** All are invited to put on evening attire and join the actors of Dragon Theatre. Guests can expect to ante up and test their skills at the tables; there will be acoustic music, live and silent auctions, treats and beverages. Evening attire suggested for ages 21 and up. June 17, 7-11 p.m. \$100. Odd Fellows Hall, 839 Main St., Redwood City. [dragonsdencasino.org](http://dragonsdencasino.org)

#### Talks & Authors

**Laurie R. King**, author of Mary Russell mysteries, discusses new novel, an ominous and intricate story set in an inner-city middle school. June 20, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, no book; \$31, with book. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

**Paul Hawken** discusses his book, "Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming." June 21, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10-\$35. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

**'Surrounded by Stuff':** Understanding the Hidden World of Hoarding." Program features filmed interview of woman whose hoarding caused her such shame she wouldn't let a plumber into her home to fix broken pipes. June 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. [vimeo.com/41177040](http://vimeo.com/41177040)

#### Lessons & Classes

**Botanical Art for Children** Children ages 10 and up are introduced to botanical art, using graphite and colored pencils. June 17, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$50, member; \$60, non-member. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside.

**Class: Photography 201** recommended for those who have interchangeable lens camera or advanced compact and who have either completed Photography 101 class or have basic understanding of core photographic principles. June 17 and July 22, 10 a.m.-noon. \$59. Mike's Camera, Menlo Park, 715 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.

**Programming Java with Minecraft** camp, designed for kids highly motivated by either programming or Minecraft and interested in learning new skills. Typical grade levels: 5 to 8. June 19-23, 1-4 p.m. \$550. Youstra Brothers, 187 Cervantes Road, Portola Valley.

#### Et Alia

**Family Movies in the Park: 'Pete's Dragon'** (PG, 1 hr 43 min, 2016) follows the adventures of an orphaned boy and his best friend, a dragon. Bring blanket, snacks. Light refreshments will be sold. June 17, 8-10 p.m. Free. Huddart Park, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside.

**Film: Noam Chomsky's 'Requiem for the American Dream'** Segments of the film, produced in tandem with the book of the same name, will be screened. Q&A with Chomsky's editor and filmmaker, Kelly Nyks. June 14, 7-9 p.m. \$10, student; \$20, general; \$40, with book. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

**Ride to Alice's Restaurant** A 45-minute horseback ride to Skyline Boulevard and Alice's Restaurant, where there are hitching posts and water for horses. June 18, 10 a.m. Wunderlich Park, 4040 Woodside Road, Woodside. [meetup.com/San-Jose-Equestrian-Trail-Riding-Meetup/events/](http://meetup.com/San-Jose-Equestrian-Trail-Riding-Meetup/events/)

**Teens: Author Sarah Dessen** discusses her 13th novel, "Once and for All," set in the world of wedding planning, where crises are routine and the big day comes nearly once a week. June 15, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

### TOWN OF WOODSIDE 2955 WOODSIDE ROAD WOODSIDE, CA 94062 PLANNING COMMISSION June 21, 2017 6:00 PM

#### PUBLIC HEARING

1. Magalli Yoho  
215 Lindenbrook Road

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Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Presentation and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal to permit an addition onto an existing nonconforming shed (partially located within required side setback) and convert the use from a storage building to a habitable home office, including a full bathroom. The addition and interior conversion was completed without permits. Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 153.300(C), the Planning Commission shall review the change of use of the nonconforming structure to determine if the proposed use change will have any significant adverse impacts.

2. Samuel Maslak  
941 High Road

No File Number (Policy Decision)

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. **This item was continued from the April 19, 2017, May 3, 2017, and May 17, 2017, meeting dates.**

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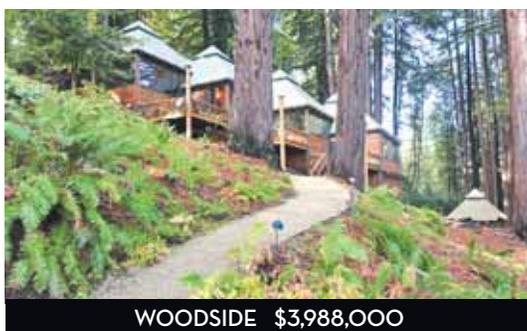
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273516

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  
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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.  
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(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

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This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

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)

SASSY B'S HANDBAGS & ACCESSORIES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273592

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

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Registered owner(s):  
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 16, 2017.

(ALM May 31; June 7, 14, 21, 2017)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273590

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This business is conducted by: Married Couple.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 16, 2017.

(ALM May 31; June 7, 14, 21, 2017)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273780

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1903 E Bayshore Rd., #16

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(ALM June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 273802

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/24/2009.

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(ALM June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 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.: 17CIV02159

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: SO YONG YI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SO YONG YI to KELLY SO YONG YI.

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: June 29, 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: May 22, 2017

/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM May 31; June 7, 14, 21, 2017)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

STANLEY BLUMENFELD  
Case No.: 17PRO00559

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of STANLEY BLUMENFELD.

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

The Petition for Probate requests that: TERRY BLUMENFELD be appointed as personal 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 personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent 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 30, 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 petition, 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 knowledgeable 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.

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(650)322-4244  
(ALM June 7, 14, 21, 2017)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: 17CIV02306

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: EDUARDO PELEGRI LLOPART filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

EDUARDO PELEGRI LLOPART to EDUARDO PELEGRI-LLOPART.

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: July 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: May 26, 2017  
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017)

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