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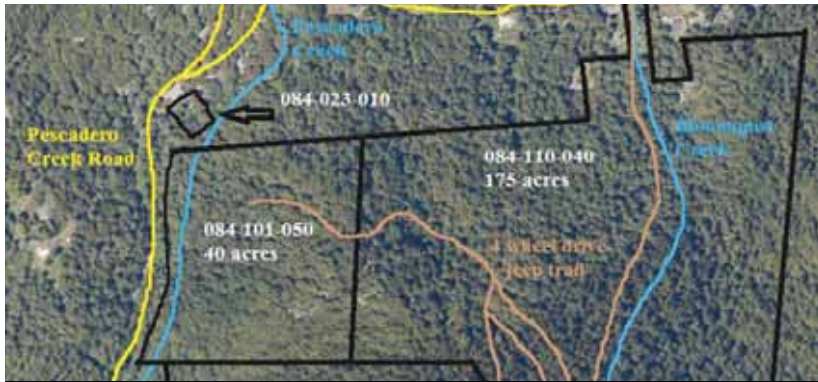
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## Grade-separation issue divides commissions

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

Presented with two options for how Menlo Park should separate Ravenswood Avenue (and possibly other roads) from the Caltrain tracks, two of Menlo Park's commissions came to different conclusions.

The Planning Commission voted 4-2 on Sept. 11 in favor of a plan to route Ravenswood Avenue beneath the Caltrain tracks.

Two days later, the Complete Streets Commission voted 6-3 in favor of the other option, which would elevate the Caltrain tracks over a large stretch of the city and route Ravenswood, Oak Grove and Glenwood avenues beneath the tracks.

The commissions were asked to recommend to the City Council one of these two options:

■ Option 1: Tunnel Ravenswood Avenue about 22 feet beneath the Caltrain tracks.

■ Option 2: Raise the Caltrain tracks and lower the roads in a "hybrid" crossing that would allow passage of vehicular traffic beneath the rails at Ravenswood, Oak Grove and Glenwood avenues. This would require creating an above-ground berm that the train would travel on. At its maximum, the berm would be 10 feet high at Ravenswood and Oak Grove avenues, and the height would drop to about 5

### INFORMATION

**Next steps:** On Tuesday, Oct. 10, the Menlo Park City Council plans to decide its "preferred alternative" for separating roads from rails at Caltrain crossings. After a decision is made, the city plans to move ahead with engineering and seeking funds for the projects, which may cost as much as \$390 million. The council meets at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 701 Laurel St. in the Menlo Park Civic Center.

feet at Glenwood Avenue.

The matter is due to come before the Menlo Park City Council on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Preliminary cost estimates for Option 1 are \$160 million to \$200 million; for Option 2, the estimates are \$310 million to 390 million.

Both options would offer bicycle and pedestrian routes that would also be separated from the train tracks.

These "grade separations" — reconfiguring a crossing so a road goes over or under rail tracks — are intended to improve safety and traffic flow (since vehicles don't have to stop for trains).

### Planning Commission

Opposition to the concept of the berm along the tracks was the main reason the Menlo Park Planning Commission did not support Option 2 at its Sept. 11 meeting.



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**A rendering** of what Ravenswood Avenue might look like with the proposed triple grade separation projects at Ravenswood, Oak Grove and Glenwood avenues.

The commission voted 4-2, with commissioners Henry Riggs and Drew Combs opposed and Katherine Strehl absent in favor of Option 1.

Commissioners asked the city staff to more clearly explain the problems with grade-separation alternatives examined in previous studies, such as a building a viaduct (raising the tracks) or trenching or tunneling the tracks below ground.

Mr. Combs, the commission chair, opposed both options, saying he was in the "skeptical category on whether (grade separation) is something imminently needed." With regard to Option 2, he said he wasn't

convinced the benefits outweigh the costs to the city — both fiscal and psychic, referring to concern that a raised berm would divide the city.

Commissioner Riggs said he wanted more serious consideration given to raising the rail line on a viaduct and a deeper look at "what would benefit Menlo Park, not fit in between what Caltrain engineers prefer and where Atherton would like us to fall." While a trench/tunnel alternative for the tracks would be enormously expensive, there are few other downsides, he said. "We are compromising for the sake of money," he said.

Commissioner Larry

Kahle voted with the majority for Option 1. He said he was worried about the visual "blight" a wall or berm would create.

In a public comment, former councilman Steve Schmidt said he wanted Encinal Avenue to be separated from the tracks along with the others proposed in Option 2.

City staff later explained that Encinal Avenue is too close to Atherton to lower an elevated rail track to ground level within Menlo Park boundaries.

Options to build a raised viaduct or a tunnel for the tracks

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## Mayor is target of school superintendent's critical letter

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

The superintendent of the Ravenswood City School District sent a strongly worded letter Sept. 12 to Menlo Park Mayor Kirsten Keith, telling her in no unclear terms that any attempt to "secede Belle Haven from the Ravenswood City School District" will be "met with resistance at every step."

Mayor Keith has not made any attempt to withdraw Menlo Park schools from the Ravenswood City School District — and wouldn't have the power to do so anyway, since the matter falls under the school districts' jurisdiction.

Ms. Keith scheduled a community meeting Sept. 18 to discuss potential options to improve educational quality

**Superintendent refers to attempts to 'secede Belle Haven' from the Ravenswood school district.**

in the city of Menlo Park. The meeting was held after the Almanac went to press.

Go to [AlmanacNews.com](http://AlmanacNews.com) for updates.

Ms. Keith says she has not done any of the things alleged in Superintendent Gloria Hernandez-Goff's letter.

In an interview, Ms. Keith noted that, for years, residents have come to City Council meetings and asked during the public comment period for something to be done to



Photo by Veronica Weber | 2013 file photo

**Gloria Hernandez-Goff**, superintendent of the Ravenswood City School District.

increase educational equality across the city. The council can't respond to public comments on matters not on the agenda, Ms. Keith noted, and said she hoped Monday's community

meeting would help start an "open dialogue."

"I don't know what people are going to say. I know what they've said at council meetings and that's it," she said. "Dr. Hernandez and I and the rest of the council all care about quality of education for our students."

Two elementary schools in Menlo Park are in the Ravenswood City School District: Belle Haven and Willow Oaks. According to standardized state test results, a higher proportion of students in the Ravenswood district do not meet state learning standards in comparison with students in other districts where Menlo Park children attend school: Las Lomas and Menlo Park City.

Ms. Hernandez-Goff, the Ravenswood district's

superintendent, says in her letter that any attempt to remove Menlo Park schools from the Ravenswood district amounts to a "power grab" with the "sole purpose of increasing Menlo Park property values." Ms. Keith has not advocated removing the schools from the district, she emphasized in an interview.

"We are a blue-collar community working each and everyday to provide our students with a strong education that will allow them the opportunity to one day achieve their dreams," Ms. Hernandez-Goff says in the letter. "What the test scores you irresponsibly throw around to make your point do not capture is that, unlike students in Menlo Park, half of our students are

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## Board member resigns more than two years before term ends

By Kate Bradshaw  
and Renee Batti  
Almanac Staff

Jennifer Youstra, who was elected to the Portola Valley School District Board of Trustees in November 2015, resigned from her post Sept. 8, effective immediately. Her term, which was her first, was to expire in December 2019.

District Superintendent Eric Hartwig, who announced Ms. Youstra's resignation in a Sept. 11 emailed statement, told the Almanac he is recommending that the vacant seat be filled by board appointment. The board will vote on the recommendation at its Sept. 27 meeting; the item is on the consent calendar, he said. If the board approves the recommended process, the appointment would be made at its Oct. 25 meeting, Mr. Hartwig said.

Mr. Hartwig said the board has two options for filling the vacancy: call for a special election, or appoint a new member within 60 days of Ms. Youstra's resignation.

He said he's recommending the appointment option because a special election would be costly, and it "could be confusing to the electorate given the regularly scheduled election" on Nov. 7.

Ms. Youstra has had a child attending Portola Valley district schools for 11 years, but her last child left the district in June, according to Mr. Hartwig. He said that in resigning, Ms. Youstra noted that she wanted to create an opportunity for a parent with children in the district to occupy her seat on the board.

Ms. Youstra could not be reached for comment for this story. Her two-sentence resignation letter gave no reason for her decision to resign her post.

If the appointment process is approved, Ms. Youstra's seat will be filled just before the November election of three board members to three-year terms. Karen Tate, Caitha Ambler and Tim McAdam will wind up their terms this year.

Four candidates are vying for those three seats: incumbent

Karen Tate; Karyn Bechtel, a community volunteer from Woodside; Jeff Klugman, a retired software executive; and Michael Maffia, an investor and developer.

Because of the timing of the proposed board appointment and the upcoming election, Mr. Hartwig said, there's a possibility that the three non-incumbent candidates who have already filed to run for a seat in November could apply to be appointed to Ms. Youstra's vacated seat.

If one of those candidates were appointed to the board in October, and then won a contested seat in November, the candidate would give up the appointive seat to fill the elective three-year term and someone else would be appointed to fill the now-vacant seat, he explained. The appointive term will expire in December 2019.

In order to comply with a new state law that requires elections for most board and council seats to take place in even years, the three board positions filled in November will be three-year terms. Eventually, all five board

## Joan Baez to be honored for environmental work

Folksinger and activist Joan Baez of Woodside will be honored at Nature's Inspiration, an annual celebration and fundraiser hosted by the environmental group Committee for Green Foothills at Coyote Ranch from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24.

Coyote Ranch is located in Coyote Valley, a 7,000-acre greenbelt between San Jose and Morgan Hill.

Ms. Baez is being honored for her work to advocate for policies to protect the environment.

Lennie Roberts of Ladera, legislative advocate of the Committee for Green Foothills, will be among the



Joan Baez

speakers, which will include former U.S. congressman Pete McCloskey and Ms. Baez.

Tickets are \$175 each. For more information, call (650) 968-7243.

positions will return to four-year terms.

If the board approves the appointment process on Sept. 27, the district will post announcements detailing how to apply for the seat in the

Almanac, on its website, and in school and district newsletters, Mr. Hartwig said. Applicants for the seat will be interviewed by the board at a public meeting. ▣

Reporter Barbara Wood contributed to this story.

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were ruled out because they are far more expensive than the alternatives being proposed, and the road elevations would still likely need to be changed. Those options would require coordination with Atherton and Palo Alto, something neither neighboring city is interested in doing now, the Menlo Park city staff said.

A number of emails commenting on the two options submitted to the council and commission appeared to be operating under the false assumption that the proposed grade separations in Option 1 would reduce access to Oak Grove and Glenwood avenues. Those crossings would remain unchanged.

According to a staff report, in previous community meetings,

about 85 percent of about 55 attendees favored Option 2.

### Streets Commission

The Menlo Park Complete Streets Commission supported Option 2 with a 6-3 vote.

Commission Chair Bianca Walser gave a couple of reasons why she supported Option 2: Option 1 would block access to the civic center at Alma Street,

and would prevent the tracks from being raised in the future if there were a need to separate Oak Grove Avenue from the rails, too.

Without being able to raise the tracks, there would be more impacts to Oak Grove Avenue, to the roads that connect to it, and thereby to local business owners, than if Option 2 were implemented. It would take about a year longer and about

twice as much money to build Option 2, she said.

"I am really pleased the City Council is taking this on," she added. "It's long overdue and is something that is going to be a huge improvement for the (traffic) circulation of the city."

Go to [is.gd/crossing564](http://is.gd/crossing564) to access videos depicting 3-dimensional renderings of the two options on the city website. ▣

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Steve was born in Menlo Park, raised in Atherton, and is a Woodside resident.

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homeless because they cannot afford to live in the Silicon Valley.”

Ms. Hernandez-Goff says the secession of schools within Menlo Park city boundaries from the Ravenswood district would cause the “complete economic destruction of our community ... where the only winners will be those who already have, at the expense of those who do not have affluence or power.”

She also says the move would “create an environment that segregates our district based on race and socio economic status” and “segregate our community.”

Her letter includes a defense of the progress of her district. Noting the significant economic obstacles students in the district face, she wrote, “our district has implemented major reforms that are beginning the process

of completely transforming the educational experience of students in our district. ... The days of the Ravenswood City School District being at the bottom are over. We are determined to persist and succeed despite any detractors.”

Ravenswood City School District spokesperson Rolando Bonilla said the school district takes seriously any threat to remove schools from the Ravenswood City School District.

Other places where there have been attempts to withdraw schools from a school district start with similar “community conversations,” Mr. Bonilla's colleague, Shin Green, consultant at Eastshore Consulting, told the Almanac.

Mr. Green said there's a long history of land being deannexed from the Ravenswood City School District when those areas increase in value, which has had fiscally damaging effects on the district. ▣



Image courtesy Stanford University.

**A rendering** of one of the office buildings proposed at Stanford University's "Middle Plaza" mixed-use complex at 500 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

## Stanford's 'Middle Plaza' heading toward final council review

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

A proposal by Stanford University to build 215 apartments, 142,840 square feet of offices and 10,000 square feet of retail space on 8.4 acres along El Camino Real in Menlo Park is nearing the moment when it could attain comprehensive approval from the Menlo Park City Council.

The council is scheduled to consider a packet of ordinances and resolutions at a public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 26, that, if approved, would allow the university to move forward with the proposed development.

The council meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 701 Laurel St. in the Civic Center.

### Still negotiating

One matter still being negotiated is a development

agreement between the university and the city.

A council subcommittee, made up of Peter Ohtaki and Ray Mueller, appointed to negotiate with the university, has asked Stanford to contribute to a foundation that supports the Menlo Park City School District because of the financial impact Stanford's complex may have on the school district.

The problem is that Stanford plans to rent the 215 apartments to university faculty and staff, which means the university won't pay property taxes on the apartments. But children living in the apartments may go to the district's schools, which depend on property taxes for their operation.

Stanford officials announced Sept. 15 that the university proposes to increase its contribution to the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation by \$500,000, to a total of \$1.5 million over 15 years.

City staff reported that a \$1.5 million contribution had been requested by the council subcommittee.

However, Councilman Ray Mueller, a member of the subcommittee, said the announcement does not signal the end of negotiations. The subcommittee, he told the Almanac, is "still deep in negotiations at this time."

"The subcommittee is working diligently to address the concerns raised by the Menlo Park City School District, and our City's residents, to make certain the financial impact of this project is sustainable," Mr. Mueller said. He said he was surprised Stanford officials had told the Almanac of its planned \$1.5 million education foundation contribution.

Stanford officials have pointed out that the development will generate taxes on its for-profit office buildings, which the university plans to lease to commercial tenants. ■

## Talk on art inspired by religious faith

Self-taught artists inspired by religious faith, such as the Rev. Howard Finster and R.A. Miller, will be the topic of a talk by art collector Steven Pattie on Thursday, Sept. 28, in Menlo Park.

The program, hosted by a

Menlo Park art group called Bay Area Creatives, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Menlo Church at 950 Santa Cruz Ave.

Mr. Pattie will present his video documentary about Howard Finster, "I Can Feel

Another Planet in My Soul." There will be a display of a dozen works from his collection of American art.

Bay Area Creatives was founded in 2005 and formerly known as Arts of the Covenant. The public is invited. Admission is free.

## Skylonda water supply returning to normal

A recent heat wave and its effect on the growth of algae, as well as leaks discovered in two residential drinking water lines, interrupted supplies of drinking water for customers of the Skylonda Mutual Water Company and led to a requirement that some customers boil their water before using it.

The "operation problems," which customers were notified of on Sept. 7, are believed to have been "rectified," and the holding tanks are being refilled, water company board member Larry Freeman said on Sept. 16.

Go to [is.gd/sky26](http://is.gd/sky26) online for more information.

### Supes want to ban 'distracted walking'

San Mateo County supervisors are calling on state lawmakers to ban cellphone use in crosswalks.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed with this proposal in a resolution it adopted Sept. 12.

"The state rightly banned texting and driving and now it's time to protect pedestrians," said Supervisor David J. Canepa, who introduced the resolution.

He expressed confidence that the state Legislature will pursue a law banning the use of electronic devices in crosswalks, noting that a similar law recently was passed in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"I'm confident lives will be

### BRIEFS

saved with this effort," he said.

The California Office of Traffic Safety last year proclaimed September "California Pedestrian Safety Month" in response to the increasing numbers of pedestrians killed and injured on the state's roadways.

In 2016, a total of 892 pedestrians were killed on California roadways. The pedestrian deaths were 24 percent of all roadway deaths in the state, up from 17 percent 10 years ago.

### Fall gala for Mission Hospice

Diamonds & Denim, the annual fall gala of the Mission Hospice Auxiliary, will take place Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Proceeds from the event will support San Mateo County's first hospice house.

The evening, hosted by Jan Yanehiro and led by co-chairmen Yolanda Crosby and Martha Melton, will include dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions, as well as music by Matt Applin and the Midnight Band. Guests are encouraged to wear their favorite jeans and "best bling."

Tickets (advance only) are \$150 per person (\$60 tax deductible).

Visit [missionhospice.org/fall-gala](http://missionhospice.org/fall-gala) for more information and to respond online by Wednesday, Sept. 27.

## REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

### Should I Buy Flood and Earthquake Insurance?



**Dear Monica: As I watch the news of recent hurricanes and the aftermath in the southeast U.S., I am shocked to hear that few residents who were flooded had flood insurance. In California we have floods and earthquakes. Do you recommend homeowners get flood and EQ insurance here?**

**Barbara T.**

Dear Barbara: Many homeowners do not buy earthquake insurance because it is expensive, has a high (10%) deductible and they are not required to have it. Flood insurance is required if you have a federally-backed mortgage. But many people who live in

flood zones don't know they do (because the maps have been recently revised) and many don't have mortgages.

In California one's home is often the largest asset owned. The prudent thing to do to protect it is to carry insurance that would cover events that are likely to happen. Earthquakes happen in California and are expected in the future. Floods too are expected to happen more frequently in the future as seas rise and storms are stronger. Assess your own situation and budget and decide whether you could afford to be uninsured if an event occurs. If the answer is no, you should buy the insurance.

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# Firefighters contain wildfire near Woodside

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

The Skeggs fire, reported to be 100 percent contained as of 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, burned about 50 acres of underbrush and leaf litter in the hills west of Woodside and east of Skyline Boulevard over several days.

The fire, which Cal Fire suspects was started by a lightning strike on the evening of Monday, Sept. 11, brought together Peninsula and state firefighters and “hand crews” of inmates from around Northern California to work around the clock for four days. A few trees were “torched,” Battalion Chief Jonathan Cox of the Cal Fire told the Almanac, but mostly it was underbrush that burned.

At one point, 230 firefighters, 18 fire engines and eight hand crews were on the scene. One firefighter suffered a minor injury when struck by a falling branch, Mr. Cox said.

Each hand crew included a fire captain and 15 to 17 inmates — men and women who had earned a transfer to one of 29 state conservation camps jointly managed by Cal Fire and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The Skeggs fire did no damage to structures and was never a threat to any, Mr. Cox said.

The location was “extremely remote,” he said. Fire Chief Dan Ghiorso noted early on that firefighters first on the scene had a walk of about a mile long into the forest before they could begin their work, and then using hand tools only. A hose line of some 12,000 feet would come later.

The territory is wild, but there

were no reported encounters between firefighters and wild animals, Mr. Cox said.

A helicopter spent about a day above the fire and its perimeter, dropping water and fire retardant to contain the spread of the flames, Mr. Cox said. Though substantial retardant fell on the tree crowns, which weren’t burning, its presence helped in making ignition less likely, he said.

When night fell, firefighters used the higher humidity and lower temperatures to “really do some good mop up,” Mr. Cox said, and keep watch for burning material, such as rolling logs, making it across the bare soil of a fire break.

Firefighters and their equipment will remain on the scene to monitor the area for several days, officials said.

Over the four days, Kings Mountain Road had been closed as well as Wunderlich and Huddart county parks in Woodside. Kings Mountain Road reopened Friday, as did Wunderlich Park with the exception of the Skyline Trail near Skeggs Point, Chief Ghiorso said. Huddart Park reopened over the weekend, officials said.

Two smaller fires were reported on the evening of Sept. 11 in the vicinity of Saddleback Drive and Portola Road in Portola Valley and near West Maple Way in Woodside east of Interstate 280.

Local agencies cooperating with Cal Fire included the Woodside Fire Protection District, the Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Company, the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office and Parks Department, the Mid-Peninsula Open Space District and the California Water Service Company. ▣



Photo by Marin County Fire Department

Leaf litter and underbrush were the primary fuels in the Skeggs vegetation fire near El Corte de Madera Creek Preserve in the wooded hills west of Woodside.

**Cal Fire suspects the fire was started by a lightning strike.**

## Woodside extends moratorium on marijuana sale, cultivation

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

If a Woodside market were to carry marijuana-infused muffins someday, provided they are on a shelf unreachable by children, Town Councilman Daniel Yost said that it would be OK with him.

Mr. Yost aired his view during a Sept. 12 discussion by the Woodside Town Council on issues surrounding marijuana cultivation and sale within town boundaries.

On a 6-0 vote, with Councilwoman Deborah Gordon absent, the council extended to Sept. 30,

2018, a moratorium that bans marijuana-related commercial activities and outdoor cultivation in town.

Indoor cultivation of up to six plants has been legal since November 2016, when California voters approved Proposition 64.

The council issued its moratorium to keep its options open to regulate outdoor cultivation, commercial cultivation and sales, medical marijuana and dispensaries.

With the state expected to begin issuing commercial licenses in January, a bill in the Legislature aims to coordinate licensing for adult and medical

**The council plans to re-examine the issue when it has more information.**

use, Town Attorney Jean Savaree told the council. “There’s a lot of uncertainty and confusion out there as to what the state may do,” she said.

The council has chosen to wait and see — until Ms. Savaree returns with more information in a few months.

Resident Dick Brown, who spoke at the meeting, said the

town should look at what’s happening in Colorado and other states where marijuana is legal. Is the accident rate up? Is teen use up? How does it compare to alcohol?

Are outcomes there “what we are looking for and willing to accept?” he asked. “I’d like to hear more about that and how it might impact this town before we implement, or say we’re not going to implement, any kind of regulation.”

Councilman Peter Mason suggested having experts from the county Environmental Health Department come to a study session. “We should educate

ourselves on some of these issues,” he said, “in terms of what really goes on and what might be the effects of not doing this or doing that.”

A key question for Woodside, Town Manager Kevin Bryant said, may be the odors associated with outdoor cultivation. It’s “a pretty big issue,” he said, with no ready answers as to how far from a property line the plants should be.

“Some cities are ready to dive in and make money off it,” he added, “and others are wary of what the future holds. Most of us are kind of in the middle of that.” ▣

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# Responding to disaster: how locals are preparing

By **Kate Daly**  
Special to the Almanac

Seeing the damage and death caused by hurricanes Harvey and Irma and the earthquake in Mexico raises a question: What's happening with a local effort to equip residents to take care of themselves following a disaster?

The 20-year-old Citizens Emergency Response Preparedness Program serves the areas of Woodside, Portola Valley, Emerald Hills, Ladera, Los Trancos, Vista Verde and Skyline.

Known as CERPP, the program is experiencing "growing pains," said Chief Dan Ghiorso of the Woodside Fire Protection District.

The 32-square mile fire district was divided into 25 divisions with the idea that each neighborhood would have a division leader and block captains to help assess and coordinate assistance for victims in the wake of a large-scale disaster should emergency personnel not be readily available.

Worst case scenarios leave people potentially isolated for weeks, so the model is based on people being prepared with enough supplies to be self-sufficient, and then if the need arises, getting extra help from their neighbors.

Chief Ghiorso said at least 20 of the 25 divisions have leadership, and about half of the 20 are running drills to educate and train residents, but that a handful of divisions are not active and still need leaders.

Vicki Coe is "a very active"

leader, he said. She serves on Woodside's Emergency Preparedness Committee, whose goal is to get all CERPP divisions operational.

Dr. Coe, an anesthesiologist, said she is thrilled to have recruited Mark Dahlen to co-lead Division 21 (an area spanning Tripp, Partition, Patrol and Greer roads and their offshoots) because he is an Eagle Scout with search and rescue and ham radio experience.

She relied on him "to put together a list of what we need for an incident command center" at the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County grounds, her division's designated gathering site.

One of CERPP's nine containers of supplies is located there. After hearing that CERPP containers at Skyline and Woodside High School had been broken into, Dr. Coe said she was pleased to find everything intact in the Mounted Patrol container last year.

The inventory found 80 portions of water dating back to 2006, 400 blankets, 88 cots and a chainsaw, but with no gas for it.

The leaders refreshed the water supply, and have asked the town to provide a tent. Dr. Coe is putting together a basic first-aid kit.

When the Division 21 co-leaders hosted a practice exercise at a home on Greer Road in August, they showed a dozen or so people how to use the divisions' CERPP radios and when.

The leaders divided the group into teams and had them take



Photo by Vicki Coe

**Mark Dahlen**, a leader of an emergency response preparedness program, briefs volunteers in Woodside during an earthquake drill.

turns reading about different post-earthquake scenarios such as injured and/or trapped victims, fires, downed trees and leaking gas lines. Then they discussed what kind of help might be needed.

Words like "triage" and "perfusion" kept coming up, with the doctors, a veterinarian, an architect and an engineer in the group adding insights to what the division leaders already knew from taking a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) course.

One of the first things Dr. Coe did to get her division going is to put CERPP information sheets in every neighbor's mailbox, asking residents to list everyone who lives on their properties, and other pertinent facts about expertise, medical needs, pet details, and resources, such as tractors and pool pumps. She got about a 60 percent response, and is hoping there will be a way soon to update the form online.

The website, CERPP.org, has information for all divisions.

The fire district's Selena Brown acts as CERPP coordinator.

"Some divisions are more active than others," acknowledged Jeremy Dennis, Portola Valley's town manager who is on the CERPP's board of directors. "Portola Valley Ranch, for example, is exceptionally well organized."

Donnie Middleman lives in Portola Valley Ranch, chairs the homeowners' association's Emergency Preparedness Committee, and leads CERPP Division 4, which she said is "right on the San Andreas Fault."

"The Ranch is a very unusual place; we have a very high volunteer rate ... and a relatively high number (about 12 out of 200 households) with CERT training," she said.

"CERT training leaves you with the feeling you can do anything," she added. "Just last weekend we had a friend collapse and we knew just what to do."

Division 4 is divided into seven geographic areas run by team leaders who manage their own

gathering points and supplies. They check the batteries on an annual basis, and urge everyone to participate in an earthquake drill every other year when they set up a command center by the pool.

Water is one of the most important concerns in a disaster, Ms. Middleman said. Something as simple as a portable water purifier, such as Lifestraw, could prove to be essential, she noted.

Fire Chief Ghiorso, who said the district has invested in special water-purification systems for its three fire stations, recalled the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. "It wasn't the earthquake, it was the contaminated water after the quake" that claimed so many lives, he said.

In addition to CERPP, another local resource is smcready.org, which posts suggestions on what everyone should have on hand in case of an emergency: at least three days of water (one gallon per person per day is recommended), non-perishable food, clothes, shoes, blankets, a flashlight, a battery or hand crank radio, a manual can opener, fire extinguisher, first-aid kit, and if applicable, animal food and water — all stored in a weather and critter-proof container in an accessible place.

Dr. Coe said that place could be close to a garage door or spread out in more than one location. She keeps her own supplies in a sturdy plastic container on wheels in an auxiliary building in her yard.

After spending so much time and energy on getting the area prepared for emergencies, Dr. Coe said: "Hopefully it won't ever be useful, but if nothing else, it makes neighbors meet neighbors." ▣

**Fire chief:  
Of 25 citizens'  
response  
divisions, only  
about 10 are  
running drills to  
train residents.**

## Preparedness classes start Monday

The next Community Emergency Response Training course being offered by the Woodside Fire Protection District and the Citizens Emergency Response Preparedness Program starts on Monday, Sept. 25.

The seven sessions are taught by firefighters and designed to teach local residents how to help themselves, their family, friends, neighbors and community in a disaster.

Six classes will be held at the fire station at 4091 Jefferson Ave. in Emerald Hills from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on September 25 and 26, and on October 2, 3, 9 and 10. A final session is set for Saturday, Oct. 21,

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to do hands-on drills at the fire station at 3111 Woodside Road in Woodside.

Missed classes can be made up when the training is offered again next spring.

The subject matter ranges from disaster prep and organization to fire safety, controlling utilities, medical operations, search and rescue, radio use, disaster psychology and terrorism.

To register send an email to [dnannini@woodsidefire.org](mailto:dnannini@woodsidefire.org) or call (650) 851-1594. The registration form and \$25 fee are being handled at the administrative office, 808 Portola Road in Portola Valley.

## Menlo Park Fire Protection District buys warehouse

California Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 3, sponsored by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, will be getting a new permanent warehouse facility in East Palo Alto.

According to Fire Chief

Harold Schapelhouman, the district purchased a 28,000-square-foot warehouse for its special operations needs and the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, which has responded to major disasters including the World

Trade Center in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001.

The district has been renting its current warehouse space for more than 12 years. Two years ago, Facebook purchased the property.

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## John Henry Kemp III

April 23, 1944 – January 22, 2017

John Kemp, also known as Sunshine, was born John Henry Kemp III on April 23, 1944, to Jack and Mildred Kemp II in San Francisco, CA.

John is survived by his wife Joanne and their two daughters, Shelly and Susie, two grandchildren, his sister, Andrea Kemp (M-A Class of 1965), her son Adam and two daughters Carrie and Jennifer, and his sister-in-law Cleo Elkinton and her two sons, Ryan and Tyler Meade.



John attended grammar schools in San Carlos before moving to Atherton and attending Menlo-Atherton High School, graduating in 1962.

He then graduated from Oregon State University with a major in business and a minor in golf. At Menlo-Atherton, John was very active and he played varsity baseball, golf and football.

John met Joanne Elkinton at Oregon State and they were married in 1967. They first lived in Menlo Park a few years, where they had their two girls, Susie and Shelly.

They then moved to Ladera for 14 years while John worked for his Dad's trucking company and then for Burger King in their Distron Warehouse and Trucking Co. as Region VP.

They then moved to the Hinsdale, IL, where John worked in the food distribution business for Martin Brower as Sr. VP of Distribution.

In 1998, John and Joanne moved back to California and lived in Portola Ranch. They finally moved back to Carmel, Indiana, in 2005 to be near their kids and grandkids.

John loved being a father to his 2 daughters, Shelly and Susie (Jim) and he enjoyed being a grandfather to Jack and Jessica.

After his family, John loved golf. John played on the Oregon State golf team and played throughout his life. Following a stroke at age 50, he became one of the best one arm golfers in the country.

John passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 22, 2017, after a nine-month battle with brain cancer.

A private service was held in Carmel, IN, and a public Celebration of Life was held at Menlo Country Club, where John and Joanne were members and John was the Menlo Country Club Scratch Golf Champion a number of times.

If you wish to donate in his name, please do so to St. Vincent Hospice ([give.stvincent.org](http://give.stvincent.org)) or The First Tee ([thefirsttee.org](http://thefirsttee.org)).

PAID OBITUARY

# Council backs temporary ban on marijuana businesses

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Although two-thirds of Menlo Park voters supported a state measure last year to legalize recreational marijuana in California, pot shops, farms, or manufacturing or distribution centers likely won't be opening in the city anytime soon.

The Menlo Park City Council expressed unanimous support at its Sept. 12 meeting for a 45-day moratorium on all commercial marijuana activity in the city. The moratorium, once approved, could then be extended up to two years, City Attorney Bill McClure said.

The moratorium will buy time for the city to see what happens across the state when licenses become available for recreational marijuana businesses. Council members said they want more data before making a decision about regulating production and sales.

A moratorium ordinance wasn't part of the council's agenda packet, so the council will actually vote on it at a future meeting.

The Menlo Park council decided that instead of adopting an "urgency" ordinance, which would start the moratorium immediately, it would pass a standard ordinance, which would start the moratorium after a second reading of the ordinance, usually about a month later. That would allow the moratorium to be extended up to two years, instead of just one.

Without any city action, state law would prevail and, starting Jan. 1, a "pop up" marijuana dispensary would be permitted in town, so long as it's not within 600 feet of a school and complies with other regulations, according to Mark Muenzer, assistant community development director.



The 45-day moratorium would have an exception for businesses that deliver medical cannabis products in Menlo Park.

The council decided to table a more in-depth discussion about marijuana policies, despite numerous staff questions about what the city should do about businesses tied to cultivating, manufacturing or distributing cannabis.

City staff had recommended the council consider allowing marijuana-related businesses in the light industrial area of eastern Menlo Park that wasn't rezoned with the recent "ConnectMenlo" general plan update.

According to a staff report, there are so far about 15 jurisdictions in the Bay Area planning to allow marijuana-related businesses in some capacity. Most of the jurisdictions have set limits on how many business licenses to allow and in which zoning areas such businesses would be permitted to set up shop.

Among those jurisdictions are San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, Emeryville and Berkeley. Other California jurisdictions such as Palo Alto, Burlingame, San Mateo and unincorporated San Mateo County have banned outdoor cultivation.

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### Public comments

In public comments, East Palo Alto resident Andrew Boone recommended the city consider allowing dispensaries. Since neighboring cities aren't allowing them, marijuana sales could provide a valuable revenue source, were the city to establish a local sales tax on cannabis products, he argued.

A resident of Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood and former planning commissioner, Matt Henry, said he opposes the idea of allowing sales in eastern Menlo Park. He pointed out there's a new high school being built in that area that wasn't marked on a map in the staff report that would likely put the zone recommended by staff off limits.

"The end game of all drug dealers — legal or illegal — is for you to buy their product, so they can make some money," Mr. Henry told the council. "Whether (it's) crack, pot, opioids, heroin or the latest feel-good drug, it's really all the same. If you think otherwise, you're living in dreamland."

"I'm not saying we can keep drugs out of Menlo Park or Belle Haven — because we can't," he said. "What I'm saying is don't open the door and invite them in just so you can put more pennies in your city's piggy bank." ■

The "Adult Use of Marijuana Act," which California voters passed in 2016, made it legal for people 21 and older to smoke or ingest marijuana products; to possess 28.5 grams or 1 ounce of marijuana or 8 grams of concentrated marijuana; to process, plant cultivate, harvest, dry or process up to six living plants; and for those 18 and older, to obtain medical marijuana.

## Taube to fund new center for Stanford's Jewish community

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Woodside resident, philanthropist and Stanford University graduate Tad Taube recently pledged \$1.3 million toward the construction of a new center for Jewish students and faculty at Stanford.

The center will be called the Taube Chabad House and will be located near the Stanford campus, according to Rabbi Dov Greenberg, executive director

of Chabad at Stanford, the Jewish religious organization for students, faculty and alumni. A location has not yet been identified.

The Rohr Chabad House at Stanford, located at 1289 College Ave. in Palo Alto, will continue to operate, and once the new center is built, a decision will be made on how to divide programs between the two locations.

Mr. Taube is the founder and chair of Taube Philanthropies,

which supports charitable programs and initiatives, primarily in the Bay Area, Israel and his native Poland.

This year he is being honored as a "county history maker" by the San Mateo County Historical Association, and as a distinguished humanitarian by the San Francisco-based Jewish Family and Children's Services.

The pledge to fund the center for Stanford's Jewish community drew praise from Rabbi Greenberg. "Tad Taube has made a career of sowing seeds that will grow, flower and bring joy, learning and enlightenment to people for generations to come." ■

## Trash pickup cost to rise; 'Zero Waste Plan' OK'd

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

### ■ MENLO PARK

Menlo Park residents and businesses face increases in trash pickup costs over the next three years, some as steep as 60 percent.

The Menlo Park City Council unanimously approved the rate changes Sept. 12.

The rate formula is complicated and varies based on a number of factors. Here are examples of rate increases for single-family homes:

■ For a 20-gallon garbage container, the rate will rise 63 percent over three years, from the current \$13.99 a month to \$16.97 in 2018; \$19.90 in 2019; and \$22.81 in 2020.

■ For a 32-gallon garbage container, the rate will rise 33 percent over three years, from the current \$23.40 to \$26.03 in 2018; \$28.60 in 2019; and \$31.14 in 2020.

### Why the hikes?

The city hasn't updated its rates since 2012, and most single-family households pay substantially less than other cities in the South Bay Waste Management Association. Menlo Park currently charges \$13.99 a month for 20-gallon and \$23.40 a month for 32-gallon garbage containers, 42 percent and 31 percent less per month than the average in other cities, respectively.

The city contracts with

Recology and in the past, has given customers a cut rate for recycling and compost bins as an incentive to dispose of their waste in a more environmentally safe way (the bundled waste pickup service includes recycling and compost bins).

So many people have switched to composting and recycling and have downsized their trash containers, officials from Recology say, the agency is no longer recovering the costs it incurs to pick up the compost and recycling bins.

As a result, the agency has experienced shortfalls in the last couple of years. The city had to pay Recology \$360,000 in 2016 to cover accrued shortfalls in 2013 and 2014, and a shortfall of \$475,000 is expected through 2017.

### Zero Waste Plan

The City Council also unanimously approved a Zero Waste Plan for the city. The goal of the plan is for the city to reduce the amount of landfilled material generated to 3.1 pounds per person to day, and to keep at least 73 percent of collected waste out of landfills.

In 2015, Menlo Park generated 5 pounds of landfilled material per person per day.

The plan is broken into short-, medium-, and long-term goals.

In the short term, between

## Ground broken for Greenheart complex

At a groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 12, Menlo Park city officials and Greenheart Land Co. principals helped launch the building of a 420,000-square-foot office, apartment and retail complex in downtown Menlo Park.

Greenheart Land Co. plans to build on the 6.4-acre site at 1300 El Camino Real and Oak Grove Avenue a total of 183 apartments, up to about 200,000 square feet of offices, and 29,000 square feet for restaurants, shops or "community-serving" businesses, such as exercise studios or salons.

About 10,000 square feet may be converted into either office or retail space, depending on the market, Greenheart principals Bob Burke and Steve Pierce say.

There will be a total of 991 parking spaces in a two-story underground parking garage and on a small surface parking lot.

The project is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy sometime in 2019, according to Bob Burke, principal at Greenheart.



Photo contributed by Kirsten Keith

Menlo Park council members, from left, Peter Ohtaki, Kirsten Keith, Catherine Carlton and Rich Cline shovel dirt with Greenheart Land Co. principals Steve Pierce and Bob Burke.

Among city officials participating in the groundbreaking were council members Peter Ohtaki, Kirsten Keith,

Catherine Carlton and Rich Cline.

— By Kate Bradshaw

2018 and 2020, the city plans to implement a mandatory recycling and composting program and to offer recycling and compost collecting across the city. Currently, composting is not offered at multi-family or commercial buildings.

In the medium-term, between

2021 and 2025, some steps include expanding the range of recyclables that can be picked up curbside, banning some materials for products and packaging, and doing community outreach and education.

In the long term, between 2026 and 2027, the city could

require that a certain percent of waste be recycled.

If the plan is realized, greenhouse gas emissions in Menlo Park could be reduced by about 13,000 metric tons each year, or the equivalent annual energy consumption of 867 households, according to city staff. ■

## Clinic in Menlo Park focuses on reproductive medicine

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

A 17,200-square-foot fertility clinic with two physicians and 18 employees has opened at 1060 Marsh Road in Menlo Park.

Called "CCRM San Francisco," the clinic is an extension of the Colorado Center for Reproductive Medicine, based in Lone Tree, Colorado.

According to CCRM spokesperson Katie Kern, the founders were encouraged to start the Menlo Park operation when the original clinic in Colorado began to see many patients from the Bay Area — about one a day, she says.

Founded by Dr. William Schoolcraft in 1987, CCRM has other clinics in Atlanta, Boston, Colorado, Houston,

Minneapolis, New York, Orange County, and Toronto. The Menlo Park clinic opened at the end of June.

Co-founded by reproductive endocrinologists Dr. Sunny Jun and Dr. Salli Tazuke, the clinic offers egg freezing, fertility assessment tests, chromosome screening for embryos, in vitro fertilization with single embryos (which reduces the risk of having multiple children at once), and fertility preservation for cancer patients.

Some Silicon Valley companies, such as Facebook in Menlo Park, offer employees services to preserve fertility, Ms. Kern says. "Millennials on average are delaying starting family into their mid-30's," when fertility may decline, she says.

Go to [ccrmivf.com](http://ccrmivf.com) to see the clinic's website. ■

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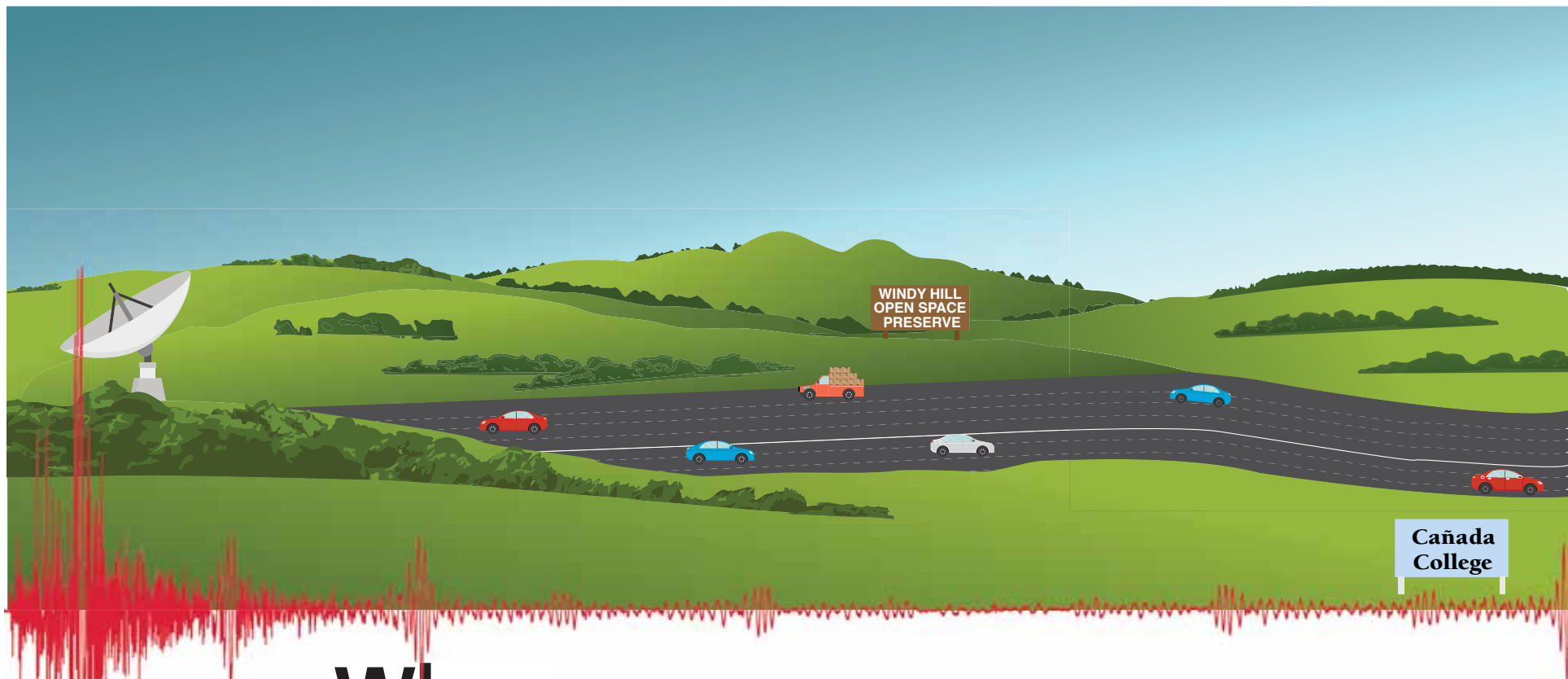
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# When disaster strikes

Artificial intelligence could lead local first responders to areas most in need after a quake

By Dave Boyce

**F**or Woodside Town Manager Kevin Bryant, it was a revealing moment even though it was just a simulation.

A colored map of the Woodside Fire Protection District, in a demonstration of software that assesses damage done by earthquakes, showed Canada Community College colored red. It was one of two red spots on the map after a major quake along the Hayward fault in the East Bay.

The other area shown in red — meaning buildings potentially partially or totally collapsed, leaning or sliding off the foundation — was the corner of Woodside and Whiskey Hill roads, the location of Town Hall and the town's emergency operations center.

Most of the rest of the fire district was colored yellow, meaning moderate to extensive damage to structures such as chimneys, plaster and false ceilings, according to Digambar Ganjre of One Concern, a Palo Alto-based startup that makes these maps.

One Concern is in the business of creating damage assessment maps to direct first responders to the areas most likely in need of help after an earthquake. The software generates maps based on artificial intelligence and an algorithmic analysis of information such as building construction data, environmental and seismic data, records of past events, live sensors and typical daytime and evening populations.

Woodside, Portola Valley and the fire district are in their first year of a three-year, \$50,000 license agreement with the company.

One Concern makes available to its customers a color-coded damage-assessment map within 15 minutes of a quake, and provides simulations as well, Mr. Ganjre said. Among the company's



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**Dan Ghorso**, fire chief of the Woodside Fire Protection District, considers a map — on his laptop and on the screen on the opposite wall — simulating the impact on the fire district of an earthquake along the Hayward fault in the East Bay.

clients: the city and county of San Francisco and the city of Los Angeles, he said, adding that they have a memorandum of understanding with the California Office of Emergency Services.

The company's goal is to serve the entire state, and "hopefully, the United States," Mr. Ganjre said. The company's slogan: "Every life matters, every second counts."

## Rethinking plans

For Mr. Bryant, the simulation of a 7.0 quake on the Hayward fault "forced us to think about" Canada College which, conditions permitting, would be a staging area and shelter. Running simulations is a kind of "sensitivity analysis ... to find areas with issues" that may or may not

line up with what town and fire district officials suspect or already know, he said.

In stressful situations, humans "have a tendency to just revert to what we know and what we think we know and react accordingly," he said. "This is a tool that would cause us to stop and question that. That's one of the things it does."

Fire Chief Dan Ghorso of the Woodside fire district said that if a real-time map were to show Canada College colored red after a quake, "whoever is available is going to be out there."

While these analyses are not the last word in damage assessment, they are tools for the first responders' toolbox, the chief said. In concert with district volunteers in the Citizens Emergency Response

Preparedness Program, "we're in real good shape," he said. "I'm very happy with this (software). I can't look at 32 square miles of district. I think this is the real deal."

Asked about relying on a computer to direct first responders rather than, say, using on-the-ground familiarity, Chief Ghorso said the company claims its predictions have an accuracy of 85 percent, and reiterated that the software is just one of the district's many tools.

Asked about that 85 percent claim, Mr. Ganjre, the company's "director of customer success," said the number is backed up by two principal advisers to the company: Gregory Deierlein, a civil and environmental engineering professor at Stanford University, and Roger Borchardt, an emeritus research seismologist at the United States Geological Survey.

Traditional forecasts of quake damage assessment have an accuracy of 15 percent to 20 percent, Mr. Ganjre said. One Concern's accuracy is "exponentially better than that," he said. "We help (first responders) prioritize and really focus on where it's going to matter in saving more lives."

The company draws from sources that include public, private and paid-for data, Mr. Ganjre said. "It's part of our secret sauce," he said, "bringing all of these things together to deliver value to our clients."

## 'A modest investment'

Mr. Bryant said he was "confident" that information from One Concern will be valuable. "It's intelligent software," he said. "As it gets new information, it's able to incorporate that and provide more accurate information. If a (census) block came up with 70 percent damaged

came up with 70 percent damaged buildings, we're going to take that information seriously. ... It's absolutely worth some investigation."

Portola Valley Town Manager Jeremy Dennis was not available for comment, but at a recent Town Council meeting that included a demo of the software, he called One Concern software "a modest investment" in return for quality data. The two towns and the fire district "get together on a regular basis and run simulations and see what we find," he said.

The town's deputy building inspector, Keith Weiner, noted during the demo that the software can be updated to include information such as locations of emergency shelters.

Like most online maps, the display can shift between map and satellite views, giving first responders a view of a site under normal circumstances. One Concern "gives a hyper-realistic representation of what could happen," Mr. Weiner told the council. "I find this to be an amazing tool," he added. "The realism that we're getting out of it just makes it that much more valuable."

**Wildfires and floods**


Both the simulations and real-time analysis involve the use of big data, but the data processing is done by web service computers in the cloud. The two towns and the fire district already have satellite phones in case phone service is cut off, and the towns are reportedly looking into satellite web service as well. The maps as viewed remotely in real time

would not make high demands on bandwidth, Mr. Ganjre said, since they are simply images based on data compiled elsewhere.

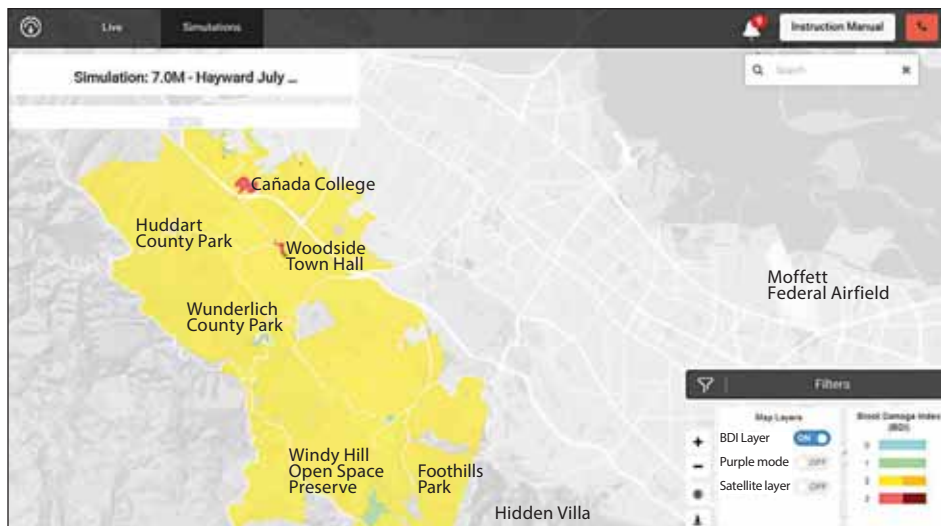
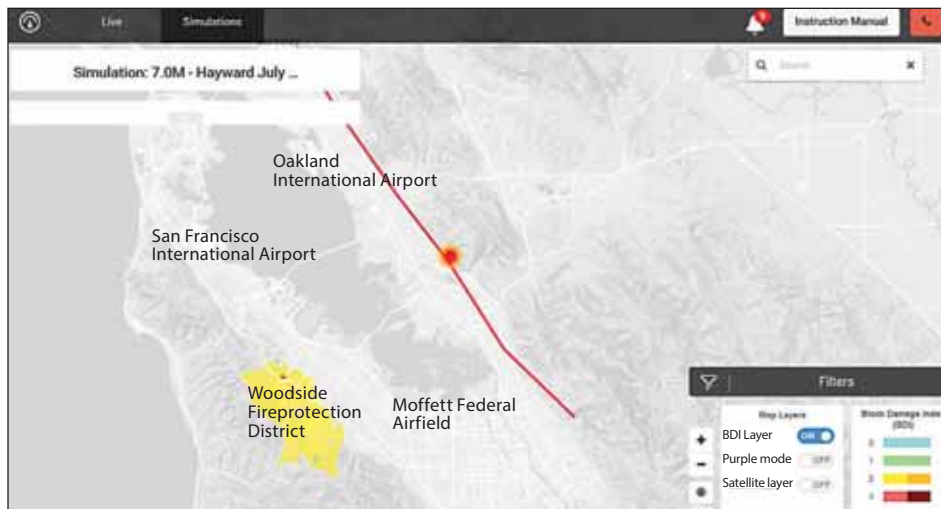
Chief Ghiorso said he has asked the company to look into providing similar predictive services for wildfires and floods. Mr. Ganjre would not comment on these topics.

The company came about through the efforts of Stanford engineering student Ahmad Wani, who was marooned for a week with his family in 2014 during a flood in Kashmir, India. "He spent seven days wondering whether he would live or die before they were rescued," the company's website says.

That experience led to a mission to create a "next-generation disaster response platform," which involved "figuring out how to apply data science and machine learning to aid (in) disaster response." His co-founders were Nicole Hu and Timothy Frank.

Notable people advising the company, Mr. Ganjre said, include David Petraeus, former general and CIA director, and two former Obama administration officials: John Roos, U.S. ambassador to Japan during the Fukushima earthquake and tsunami, and Richard Serino, former deputy administrator in the Federal Emergency Management Agency. 

**About the cover:** The yellow area shows the Woodside Fire Protection District. The yellow color indicates moderate to extensive damage from a simulated 7.0 East Bay earthquake; the two red spots in the yellow area — Cañada College and Woodside Town Hall — indicate potential for collapsed buildings.



**Simulation maps** of the major impacts (in red) on the Woodside Fire Protection District (in yellow) of a 7.0 magnitude earthquake centered in the East Bay, using artificial intelligence to estimate damage to buildings and inhabitants.

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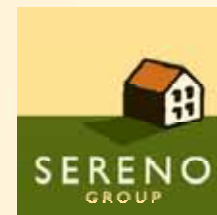
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# Chamber names winners of Golden Acorn Awards

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

A teenager who works to get underserved kids engaged in sports programs. A veteran firefighter who has been involved in major disaster relief efforts. A city staff member who has been instrumental in developing land-use plans that will shape the future of the city.

They are among the six winners of the 2017 Golden Acorn Awards, recently announced by the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, which gives the awards to people and organizations for community service and professional excellence.

The awards will be presented at a gala reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Stanford Park Hotel in Menlo Park. Celebrated Stanford women's basketball coach and Menlo Park resident Tara VanDerveer will give the keynote address.

This year's winners, according to chamber president Fran Dehn, are:

■ **The Rotary Club of Menlo Park**, which gives hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarships to local high school students, conducts the annual Tour de Menlo bike ride that raises money for scholarships and local nonprofits, and makes grants to organizations that support youth education and health.

■ **Rebuilding Together Peninsula**, which mobilizes thousands of volunteers to help low-income homeowners with home repairs, renovations and energy-efficient upgrades.

■ **Juanita Croft**, a founding member and leader of the Belle Haven Community Development Fund, which oversees a mini-grant program, funded by the city, that supports neighborhood beautification and community building projects.

■ **Shay Patel**, a teenager who

founded Alley-Oop Kids, which works with schools and non-profit organizations to provide underserved kids opportunities to play and develop in sports. He has raised \$6,000 for a basketball program at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula and solicited contributions of tickets to sporting events for foster kids in the county. This summer, he ran a free basketball camp for 60 kids in the Ravenswood City School District.

■ **Rex Ianson**, who has devoted 48 years of service to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District as a firefighter and member of the district Board of Directors. He was a founding member of the district's National Urban Search and Rescue Task Force in 1990 and still trains other firefighters and rescue teams. He was deployed on many rescue and recovery missions, including the Oklahoma City bombing, the 9/11 World Trade Center collapse and Hurricane Katrina.

■ **Arlinda Heineck**, director of community development for the city of Menlo Park, was instrumental in the development of such strategic land-use plans as the El Camino Real/downtown specific plan, an update of the city's housing element in the general plan, and most recently, an update to the city's general plan.

## Reception

Registration for the Sept. 28 reception starts at 4:30 p.m. The keynote address is at 5:15 p.m., followed by the awards program.

Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased from the Chamber of Commerce.

Go to [is.gd/acorn752](http://is.gd/acorn752) to register for the event.

The chamber event is also sponsored by Hunter Properties and the city of Menlo Park. The Stanford Park Hotel is at 100 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. ■



## Car fire closes road

A car fire erupted on Oak Grove Avenue near Marcussen Drive around 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, causing a PG&E pole to burst into flame and police and fire personnel to close the road temporarily. The fire started in the motor compartment of the vehicle and was out in 10 to 15 minutes, according to Chief Harold Schapelhouman of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. The fire broke out when a driver attempted to start the parked vehicle. The driver got out safely and no one was hurt.

# Council: no violation of ethics code

By **Dave Boyce**  
Almanac Staff Writer

## ■ WOODSIDE

The Woodside Town Council, with three of the seven members not participating, agreed at its Sept. 12 meeting to "disapprove" of a remark posted online by Councilman Chris Shaw in reference to an earlier online comment by Woodside resident Nancy Reyerer about the role of mice and their predators in the spread of Lyme disease.

In a 4-0 vote on a resolution, the council concluded that Mr. Shaw did not violate the town's ethics code, as alleged by resident Thomas Johnson and as determined by Mayor Tom Livermore in a report to the council.

In an online remark on Nextdoor Woodside, Mr. Shaw, who defeated Ms. Reyerer in a write-in campaign in 2015 for a seat on the council, wrote: "Last week, she wanted to kill your cats. Now she is pissed because there are too many mice ...," according to a report

to the council by Mayor Tom Livermore.

Asked earlier by the Almanac for a comment on his posting, Mr. Shaw replied via email: "I posted on (Nextdoor Woodside) after 36 hours of traveling. The post was unwise and unhelpful. I removed the post the following morning upon reflection and certainly regret posting it at all."

Mayor Livermore explained his conclusion that Mr. Shaw violated Section 13 of the ethics code, which outlines duties of town officials, including a duty to "support the maintenance of a positive and constructive work place environment for Town employees and for citizens and business dealing with the town."

"I did not look at this as a personal charge or attack," Mr. Livermore told the council. "Was it an inappropriate comment? I think so. I think Mr. Shaw has admitted freely that it was inappropriate, and

apologized for doing so. And I also think that ... he genuinely means that. He knew right away it was a mistake as is evidenced by the fact that 12 hours later he removed the post."

Not participating in the Sept. 12 deliberations were Councilwoman Deborah Gordon, who was absent; Councilman Shaw, who took a seat in the audience; and Councilman Peter Mason, who recused himself. Mr. Mason, an architect, was at the center of a 2016 complaint by Ms. Reyerer that led to an investigation and allegations that she had violated the ethics code.

Mr. Livermore, when asked via email why he voted to conclude that Mr. Shaw did not violate the ethics code when his report said that he had, replied: "After hearing all the testimony and the discussion amongst the Town Council members, plus when we decided we could add the whereas about disapproving the comment to the resolution, I decided to vote in favor of no violation." ■

## ■ POLICE CALLS

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

### WEST MENLO PARK

Someone smashed a window of a vehicle parked on Oakley Avenue and stole a wallet containing cash and a debit card. Estimated loss: \$140. Sept. 9.

### MENLO PARK

#### Residential burglaries:

■ Two bicycles were stolen from an

unlocked garage on Coleman Place. Estimated loss: \$8,500. Sept. 13.

■ Thieves entered a home in the 100 block of O'Connor Street via an unlocked sliding glass door and ransacked the house, stealing a travel bag and jewelry. Estimated loss: \$3,000. Sept. 7.

■ After prying open a sliding glass door and ransacking a house in the 400 block of O'Connor Street, thieves stole two computers and a watch. Estimated loss: \$2,600. Sept. 7.

■ Someone damaged a window of a house on Deanna Drive after trying unsuccessfully to force it open. Sept. 11.

■ Someone ransacked a house in the 1400 block of Woodland Avenue after breaking in through a door. It's not known whether anything was stolen. Sept. 11.

#### Commercial burglaries:

■ A burglar, seen by a surveillance camera with a mask on his face, entered the Blue Garden Cafe at the Allied Arts Guild on Arbor Road by means unknown and stole food out of the refrigerator. One light bulb is also missing. Estimated loss: \$1,500. Sept. 1.

■ A locked bicycle and a scooter were stolen from a secure underground parking garage on Merrill Street. Estimated loss: \$6740. Sept. 4.

■ Someone smashed a window and ransacked several drawers at DSSD Inc., a digital data storage developer on Bohannon Drive. It's not clear whether anything was stolen. Sept. 10.

#### Auto burglaries:

■ Someone pried open a window on a camper shell on a pickup truck parked on

Coleman Avenue, cut through a screen and stole tools. Estimated loss: \$1,675. Sept. 8.

■ A humidifier and backpack were stolen from a vehicle parked in the 600 block of Sharon Park Drive found with a smashed window. Estimated loss: \$105. Sept. 7.

■ A backpack containing a hat and a debit card were stolen from a vehicle parked in the 400 block of Sharon Park Drive found with a smashed window. Estimated loss: \$100. Sept. 14.

■ A wallet was stolen from a vehicle parked in the 600 block of Sharon Park Drive with a window smashed. Estimated loss: \$51. Sept. 6.

■ Someone entered a vehicle parked on Coleman Avenue by means unknown and stole a GPS device, a USB drive and a cellphone charger cable. Estimated loss:

\$25. Sept. 9.

#### Thefts:

■ An unlocked bicycle was stolen from in front of McDonald's restaurant in the 1300 block of Willow Road. Estimated loss: \$2,500. Sept. 8.

■ Someone stole a locked bicycle from an apartment bike rack on Coleman Avenue. Estimated loss: \$1,300. Sept. 6.

■ A locked electric bicycle was stolen from a parking lot on Hamilton Court. Estimated loss: \$1,200. Sept. 1.

■ Someone cut a cable lock into a storage shed on University Drive and stole a bicycle from inside the shed. Estimated loss: \$1,200. Sept. 8.



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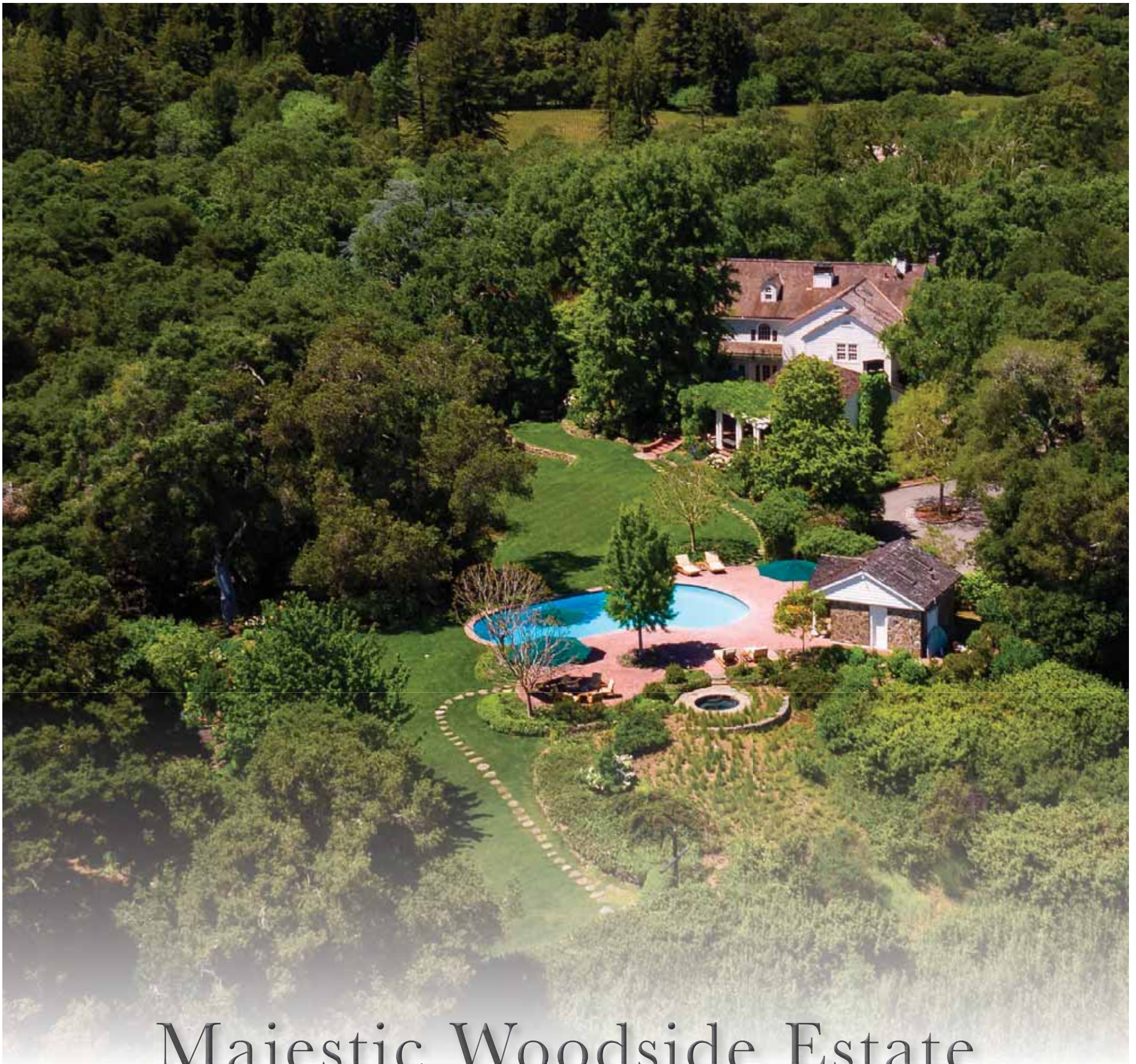
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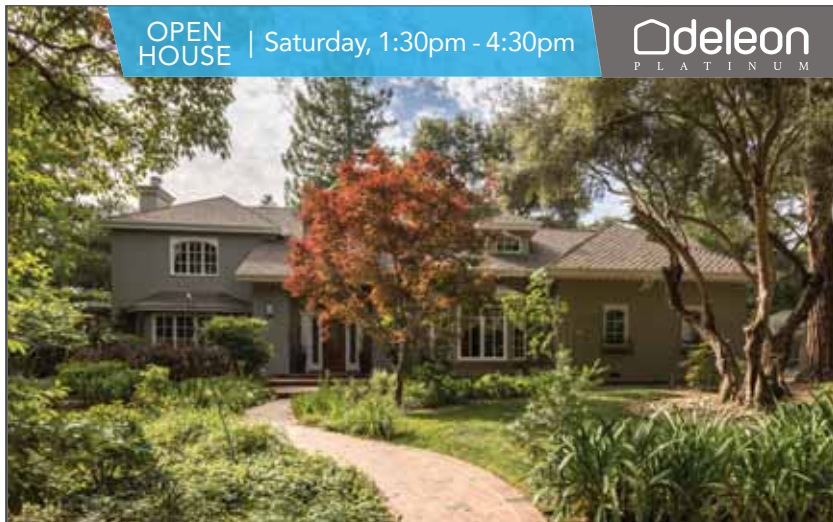
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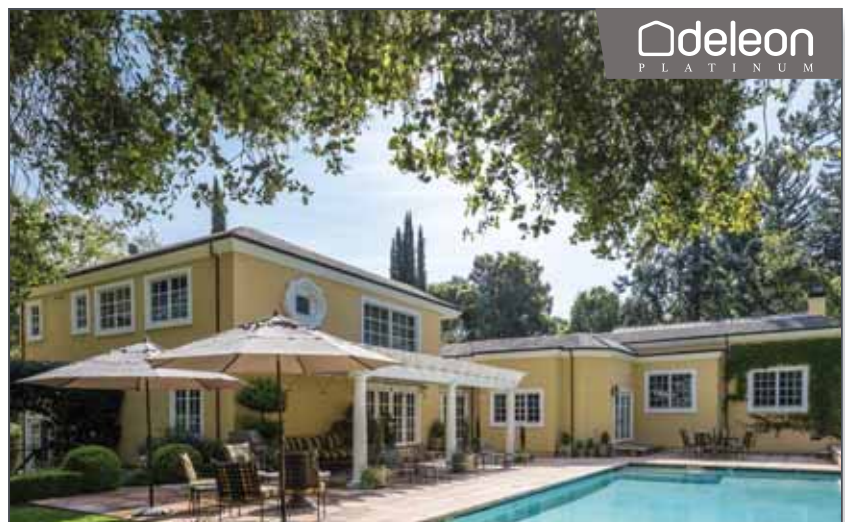


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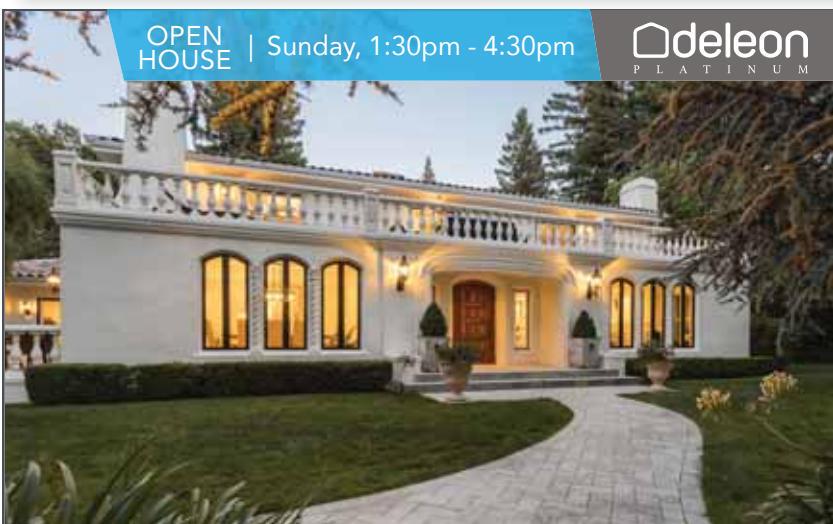
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## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

CARLA DIEZ-CANSECO HUMAN  
RESOURCES CONSULTING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 274742

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Carla Diez-Canseco Human Resources Consulting, located at 2199 Cedar Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

CARLA DIEZ-CANSECO  
2199 Cedar Avenue  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/01/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 23, 2017.  
(ALM Aug. 30; Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2017)

HEALTHCARE COLLECTION CONSULTANTS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 274849

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

Healthcare Collection Consultants, located at 1860 El Camino Real Ste. 321, Burlingame, CA 94010, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
AL & AL ENTERPRISES CORP.  
1860 El Camino Real #321  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
California  
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 31, 2017.  
(ALM Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
File No. 255847

The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s).

FRANCA ASCHENBRENNER  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):  
FIORI DI MIELE

16 Loma Road  
Redwood City, CA 94062

FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON:  
05/13/2013

REGISTRANT'S NAME(S)/ENTITY(IES):  
FRANCA ASCHENBRENNER

16 Loma Road  
Redwood City, CA 94062

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:  
Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County on August 29, 2017.  
(ALM Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017)

HECTOR TREE SERVICE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 274834

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

Hector Tree Service, located at 15 Arrowhead Ln., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ C.  
15 Arrowhead Ln.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/17.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 30, 2017.  
(ALM Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 2017)

## 997 All Other Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

In the Matter of the  
KINTNER FAMILY TRUST dated  
February 27, 1979, as restated and  
amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the duly appointed and qualified Trustee of the KINTNER FAMILY TRUST created by a Trust Agreement dated February 27, 1979, as restated and amended. SALLY J. KINTNER, the Grantor of that Trust, died on May 21, 2017. A creditor having a claim against SALLY J. KINTNER, her estate or the trust estate must file a claim with the undersigned at the address given below within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated: August 10, 2017.

/s/  
Gordon R. Muir,  
Attorney for Comerica  
Bank & Trust, Trustee  
Hawkins, Folsom & Muir  
679 Sierra Rose Drive,  
Suite A  
P.O. Box 750  
Reno, Nevada 89504

(ALM Sept. 13, 20, 27, 2017)

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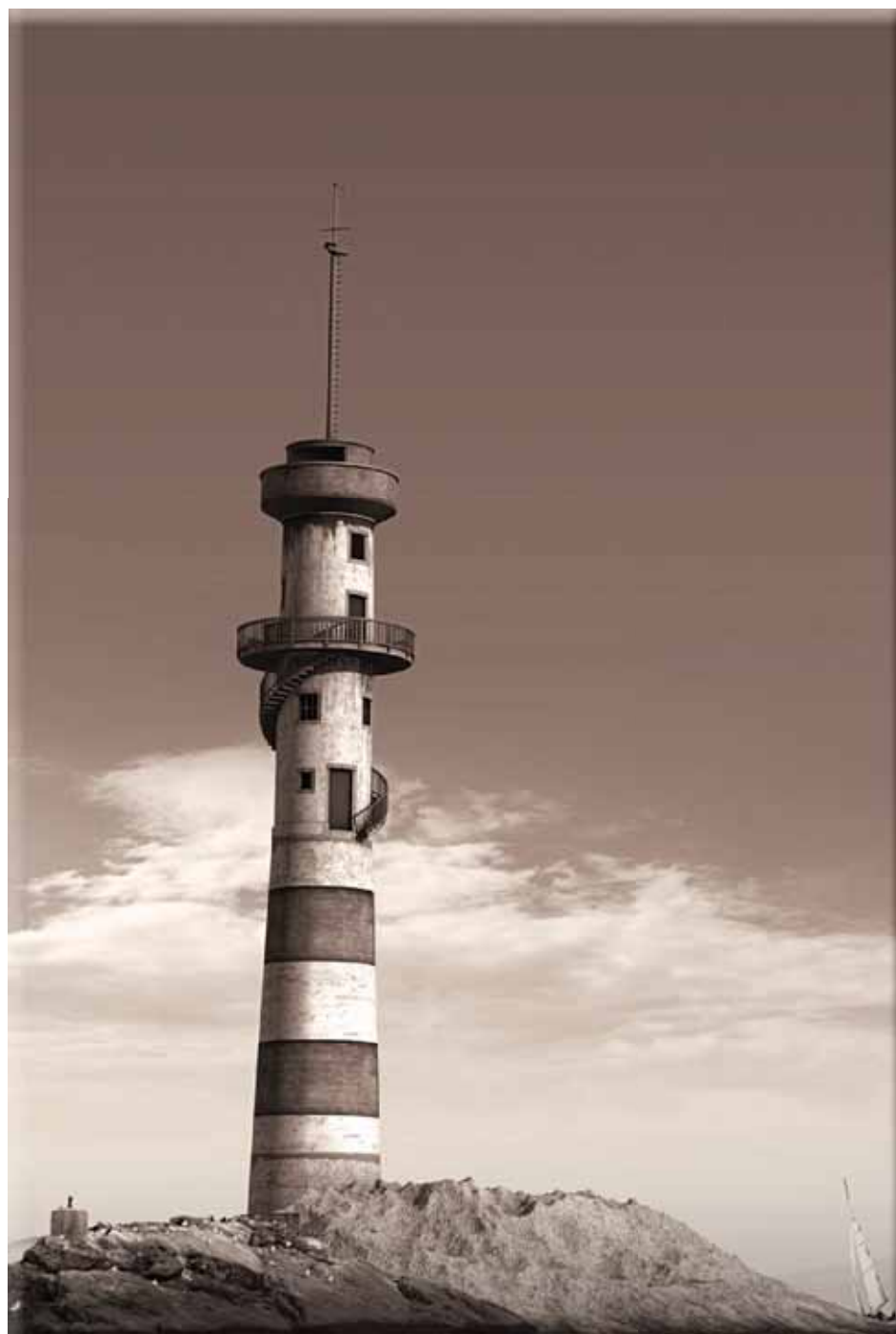
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