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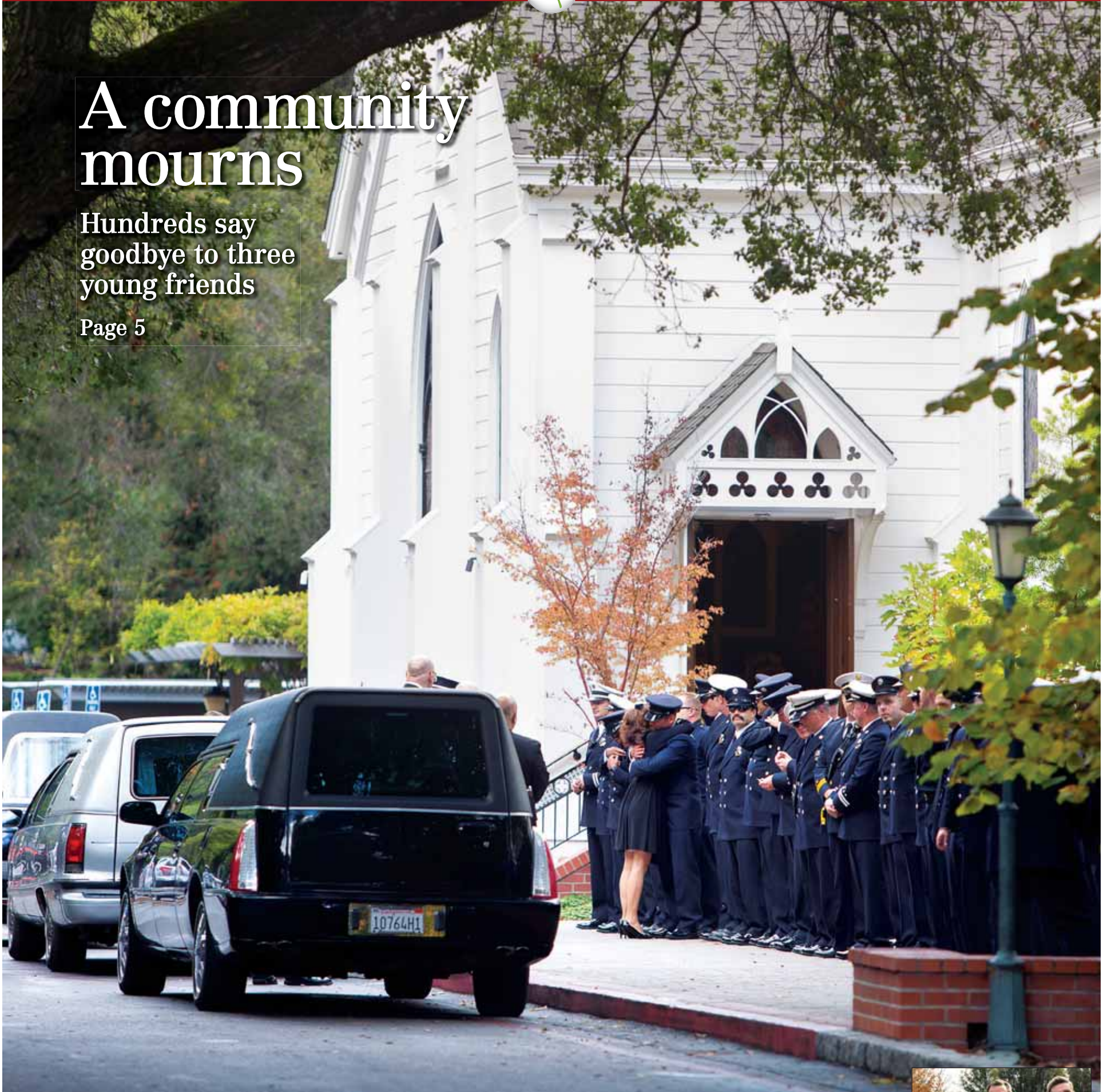


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Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the Planning Commission meeting, and all interested persons are invited to appear before the Planning Commission to be heard at the time and place herein above mentioned. The Planning Commission will consider all written and oral communications pertaining to the two lot subdivision, and Initial Study/Negative Declaration. The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study that are available for public review at Town Hall, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028.

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MENLO PARK | A THERTON | WOODSIDE | PORTOLA VALLEY

Hundreds say goodbye to three young friends

■ Overflow crowd at Nativity Church spills into tents set up near the church.

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A section of guard rail may go up along the western edge of Skyline Boulevard south of the intersection with Bear Gulch Road thanks to the families and friends of the three young men who died over Halloween night after the car they were riding in plunged down a 50-foot embankment.

The young men — Menlo Park resident Andrew Gonzales, 19, and Redwood City residents Ricardo Torres, 19, and Matthew Cruz, 18 — were laid to rest Thursday afternoon (Nov. 9) after a funeral at Nativity Church in Menlo Park attended by hundreds of people, including firefighters with the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Torres were Fire Explorers with the Menlo Park district and had been considering careers in firefighting. Mr. Cruz had spent three years with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Activities League

How to help

Go to is.gd/guard22 to contribute to a G0-Fund-Me campaign to install a guardrail on the stretch of Skyline Boulevard where the car plunged down a 50-foot embankment.

and its teen leadership council and mentoring program, helping children in the North Fair Oaks community, fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said.

Mr. Torres was the son of Rudy Torres, one of the Menlo Park fire district's master mechanics.

'The entire Fire District family came out today to show our support to these families.'

CHIEF HAROLD SCHAPELHOUMAN

"Both Ricky and Andrew had the drive and level of commitment needed to become firefighters," said Fire Engineer Eric Mijangos,

who manages the Fire District's Explorer Program. "The untimely loss of these two young and talented individuals has shaken the other explorers."

The guard rail was the idea of Gary Cruz, Matthew's father, to memorialize the young men in lieu of donations or flowers,

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Photo by Peter Mootz | Menlo Park Fire Protection District

Hundreds attended services for Andrew Gonzales, 19, Ricardo Torres, 19, and Matthew Cruz, 18, on Nov. 9 at Nativity Church in Menlo Park. **About the cover:** Family, friends and firefighters gather outside Nativity Church before the services. (Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac.)



Photo by Michelle Le | The Almanac

An honor guard of firefighters from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District participated in the services for the three young friends, two of whom were Fire Explorers with the fire district.

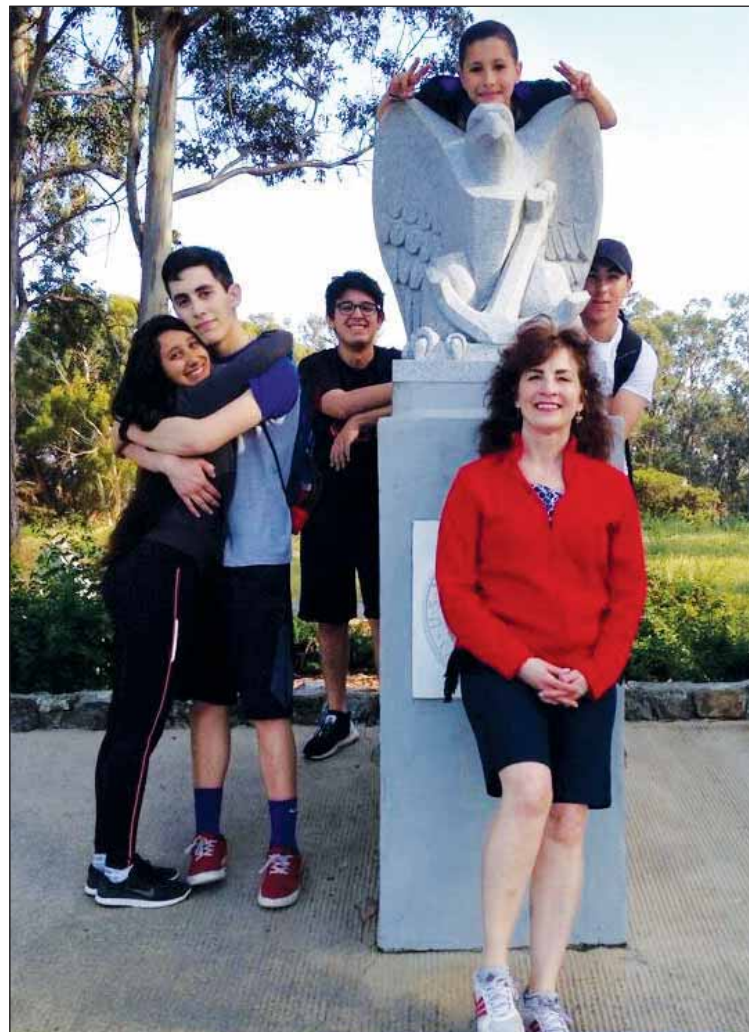


Photo by Rudy Torres

The young friends gather with family at the Coyote Point Merchant Marine Memorial in San Mateo. Ricardo Torres, left, hugs his girlfriend Casandra; Matthew Cruz is next to him; and Andrew Gonzales is at right. In front is Ricardo's mother, Barbi Torres. On top is Timmy Torres, Ricardo's younger brother.

Wildfire fears: Fire officials call local meetings

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Many residents of Portola Valley, Woodside and nearby unincorporated communities in the Woodside Fire Protection District live in what wildfire experts call a wildland-urban interface.

Such communities were among those devastated by recent catastrophic wildfires in Northern California, including in North Bay counties in mid-October when smoke drifted over the Peninsula for a few days.

To offer lessons in the aftermath of those fires and the Skeggs Fire in the hills above Woodside in mid-September, Woodside fire officials will hold three 90-minute community meetings on three consecutive evenings Nov. 14-16.

Participating will be Chief Dan Ghiorso, Deputy Chief Rob Lindner, Fire Marshal Denise Enea and Selena Brown, the public education coordinator for the Citizens Emergency Response Preparedness Program.

The meetings are set for:
■ 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the main fire station at 3111 Woodside Road in Woodside's town center.

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, in the Community Hall at Portola Valley Town Center at 765 Portola Road in Portola Valley.

■ 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Emerald Hills fire station at 4091 Jefferson Ave. in Woodside.

Go to is.gd/talkingfire23 for more information.

A key lesson from recent fires is the need to pay attention when daily high-fire-danger and red-flag notices are issued by Woodside district officials, Chief Ghiorso said in an interview. People in the North Bay were caught by surprise, he said.

Red-flag notices, particularly on windy days, "are very significant," the chief said. "You have to take those warnings seriously. You have to keep your ears and eyes open. It's not acceptable to turn off your phone or keep it in a place where you can't hear it (at night)."

The wind was not a factor in the Sept. 11 Skeggs fire, which



Photo by Marin County Fire Department

Firefighters worked to set up fire breaks as they fought the Skeggs Fire near El Corte de Madera Creek Preserve near Woodside in mid-September. The wind was light, a big factor in containing this 50-acre fire over the four days that it burned, local firefighters said.

is thought to have been caused by lightning and which, over four days, burned 50 acres of woodland above Woodside.

That fire first came to the fire district's attention from a helicopter pilot, the chief said.

Firefighters had to wait until the next day to enter the forest and begin fighting the fire. The absence of wind was a significant factor in its containment, he said.

One possible topic for discussion at the community

meetings: warning sirens, and the difficult logistics of installing them so they can be effective in the fire district, with its wooded hills. "I don't think people here are going to want that," the chief said. ▀

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Chief Schapelhouman said. Mr. Cruz "knows this is just one small strip of roadway but he believes every bit helps and it will give him comfort if it could save a life in the future," the chief said in a statement.

An honor guard of Menlo

Park firefighters and two deputies from the Sheriff's Office were there in their dress blues, ceremonial fire axes or rifles in hand, to honor the young men. The crowd overflowed into tents set up near the church, the chief said.

"The entire Fire District family came out today to show our support to these families," Chief

Schapelhouman said.

Parked fire trucks lined the side of Marcussen Drive, ready to respond should an emergency occur during the funeral, but fire crews from neighboring communities — Redwood City, Woodside, South San Francisco, Central County and San Mateo County Fire — were also standing by to cover for Menlo Park

firefighters during the services, the chief said.

After the funeral, the mourners rode to Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo in two buses, provided by Facebook. "That was a strategic move to help ease traffic congestion impacts by shortening the anticipated 100-vehicle procession and allowing people to relax and be together on the buses," the chief said.

Donations to a private Go-Fund-Me campaign raised some \$60,000 for family expenses, and a public fund has been started to raise money for a guard rail at the spot on Skyline Boulevard where the accident occurred, the chief said.

Go to is.gd/guard22 to see the Go-Fund-Me page.

Mr. Gonzales, Mr. Torres, and Mr. Cruz died sometime overnight on Oct. 31 after the car they were riding in hit a tree and careened down an embankment along Skyline Boulevard in Sky Londa, near Woodside.

All three young men were former students at Menlo-Atherton High School. Principal Simone Kennel gave M-A students who had parental consent permission to be excused from sixth-period classes to attend the funeral.

A viewing and vigil for the three men drew about 800 people on Wednesday evening, Nov. 8, Chief Schapelhouman said. ▀

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Menlo Park City Hall staff shift

Community Services Director Cherise Brandell has taken on a temporary position as "organizational development manager" between now and when she plans to retire in June.

The position was developed in response to the city staff's "high vacancy rate, and input from staff who are feeling disconnected from one another and the overall city goals," Ms. Brandell said.

"I think we have 35 vacant positions right now," she said.

She will run the city's employment survey and develop an organizational strategic plan.

The last one was completed in 2008, she said.

During her eight-year tenure as community services director, Ms. Brandell said, the number of participants in the city's recreational, educational and cultural programs almost doubled.

Cost-recovery rates have increased by adding popular programs and more effectively using facilities, she said.

Set to transition to the role of community services director, she said, is Derek Schweigart, the former assistant director and now interim community services director.

City's controversial plan to hire lobbyist is put on ice for now

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Whether Menlo Park will hire a lobbyist to represent the city in Washington, D.C., and whether the City Council will agree to hire a lobbying firm that's sparked a widespread local outcry, remains to be seen.

Menlo Park Mayor Kirsten Keith announced during the council's Nov. 7 meeting that the scheduled discussion of a staff proposal to hire a lobbyist would be postponed.

"I want to say thank you to everybody for all your emails on this item," she said. "Great questions were raised."

She suggested a study session

on the topic could be held and that the topic may be revisited during the council's 2018 goal-setting process in January.

She later said the matter was postponed to enable a more robust community conversation about whether to hire a lobbyist and what options there are to get funding for major projects.

"One of the goals set for this year," she told the Almanac, "was to hire a lobbyist to help Menlo Park be in a better position to advocate for large-scale infrastructure projects that are



Mayor
Kirsten Keith

very expensive. We know how frustrated everyone is sitting in traffic and Menlo Park will need state and federal money to pay for large projects that will address traffic."

The council was slated to vote Nov. 7 on staff recommendations to pay \$8,000 a month, or \$96,000 a year, to hire Mercury LLC, a lobbying firm that some critics say is too close to President Trump.

The council had asked the staff to look into hiring a lobbyist because the city is likely to need federal funds to pursue big infrastructure projects, such as making changes to the Dumbarton rail corridor and

See **LOBBYIST**, page 10

Menlo losing police chief

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park Police Chief Bob Jonsen will leave Menlo Park early next year to head the police department for the city's larger neighbor, Palo Alto.

The job comes with a pay bump — to \$260,000 — and a \$3,000 per month stipend for 18 months to live nearby, according to a city of Palo Alto press release. In



City of Menlo Park
Chief Bob Jonsen

Menlo Park, his pay was at the upper end of the police chief salary bracket, which maxes out at \$197,000.

He will start work in Palo Alto on Jan. 9.

"Bob was a tremendous asset here for the past five years," Menlo Park City Manager Alex McIntyre said. "I think Palo Alto is going to come out ahead with a tremendous new police chief I think the whole community is going to be really proud of."

Chief Jonsen helped to create Menlo Park's citizen's advisory committee, saw the department transition to using body cameras and encouraged private sector funding from Facebook for a youth truancy officer and an improved police substation in the Belle Haven neighborhood.

He won the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce's 2016 "Golden Acorn" award for public service.

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



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Dear Monica: My husband and I are ready to cash out of the home we have owned for many years and move to a less expensive one either in the county in which we live, or to another county. We want to keep our property taxes the same as they are now. What are the rules on this? Frances G.

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Out of the 58 total counties in California, only these 11 allow Prop 90 transfers. All counties allow Prop. 60 transfers, that is, transfers within the same county. On the State of California's website, and on each county website, there is an explanation of the guidelines for these transfers.

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New traffic signal snarls Willows in gridlock

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

For Ana Uribe-Ruiz, a resident of Menlo Park's Willows neighborhood, the last few days have been colored with a hellish sense of entrapment. Her neighborhood, already prone to swarms of cut-through commuters during peak hours, she says, has become completely gridlocked between the hours of 3:30 and 7 p.m.

She attributes the worsened gridlock to the Nov. 6 installation of temporary traffic signals that were installed at the Willow Road and U.S. 101 interchange, which is currently being rebuilt by Caltrans. Permanent traffic signals at the interchange are planned for installation as part of the final project.

Over the week, she's had to miss classes because she couldn't leave her neighborhood. Her driveway has been blocked completely by cars trying to get onto Willow Road, and when she did leave her driveway, it took her 25 minutes to travel one block, she said.

In desperation, she contacted the City Council with a request for some action to improve the situation.

Councilman Ray Mueller on Nov. 9 also asked that the matter be put on the council's agenda for its Nov. 14 meeting. A little after 2 p.m. on Nov. 10, the matter was added to the agenda as an urgency item, meaning there is as yet no staff

report on the topic.

The council may consider short-term measures such as: installing "No through traffic" signs; asking the police department to increase enforcement, block off streets or divert traffic; or even increasing capacity on Willow Road, where possible, during specific commute periods, such as 4 to 7 p.m., Mr. Mueller said.

Ms. Uribe-Ruiz said that the matter can't wait until the end of the month. "I can't get out of my house," she said. "In the meantime, what do I do?"

Plus, she noted, Thanksgiving is coming and more people will be traveling in the area.

Brian Gilmer, also a resident of the neighborhood, called the worsened traffic conditions "untenable."

In the middle of drafting his email to the City Council describing the worsened traffic conditions, he says his car, which was parked on the street, was hit — for the second time in two days — by a driver trying to squeeze past other cars in an effort to get onto Willow Road.

"This has never before happened to me and just indicates how drivers are in a rush and are driving dangerously," he wrote.

Mr. Gilmer grew up in the house his family now lives in, so he has spent decades in the neighborhood. He told the Almanac that the daily level of congestion he's seen in the past week is akin to what he has traditionally observed only once every six or seven months,

'I can't get out of my house.'

RESIDENT ANA URIBE-RUIZ



Photo by Ana Uribe-Ruiz.

Traffic on streets in the Willows neighborhood is keeping residents from leaving their driveways, says resident Ana Uribe-Ruiz, who took this photo between 4 and 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 9.

when a really bad traffic accident happens.

He issued a challenge to the City Council: try to drive the roughly 3 miles between City Hall and the terminus of Willow Road at Bayfront Expressway, at 5 p.m., in under an hour.

"When you find that a near impossible challenge, I invite you to walk through the Willows neighborhood and observe the congestion on the residential streets and the impact it's having on our families. If a fire truck or other emergency vehicle was needed it would take a very long time to get through," he wrote.

Public safety

Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman agreed that the new signals

have worsened traffic considerably. "It's taking something that was already a bad situation and making it exponentially worse," he said.

Just Thursday evening (Nov. 9), he said, a fire truck on an emergency run was trying to turn from Middlefield Road onto Willow Road and the truck got stuck for so long the sirens were turned off temporarily because there was no point to them without any traffic movement.

"It's not like we're going to say we told you so," he said. "We all knew it was going to be bad."

The project to rebuild the

interchange, he said, comes with some impacts that are "predictable, but not necessarily preventable."

First responders, he said, have to take increasingly drastic measures to get to accidents, fires and medical emergencies quickly, including driving the wrong way on some roads. "That's a slippery slope," he said. "It's not conducive for our personnel, in terms of safety."

He added: "If we don't do it, there's no other way to get around."

A spokesman from Caltrans has not yet responded to requests for comment. ▣

Menlo council to reconsider Stanford project

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

It turns out the standard double-vote process the Menlo Park City Council uses to approve projects isn't ironclad.

After approving a proposal by Stanford to build a 40,000-square-foot office building at 2131 Sand Hill Road, the council voted 4-0 at its Nov. 7 meeting, with Rich Cline absent, to reconsider that vote.

The request to reconsider came from Councilwoman Catherine Carlton, who said the council didn't have all the information it needed when it approved the project on Oct. 17 on a 3-2 vote with Ray Mueller and Kirsten Keith opposed.

The missing information, Ms. Carlton said, has to do with another proposal by Stanford

to build an office building for medical school faculty near Quarry and Arboretum roads and nearer Menlo Park than originally planned.

That project in combination with the Sand Hill Road development raises concerns about worsening traffic on that road.

The Quarry Road development was brought to the city's attention by Councilman Ray Mueller only days before it was scheduled for action by the Santa Clara County Planning Commission.

At Menlo Park's request, the commission agreed to postpone the matter until its Nov. 16 meeting, giving the city time to weigh in.

The numbers for the Quarry Road project — 155,000 square feet of office space and 585 new parking spaces — were already approved in the university's

2000 general use permit, Barbara Schussman, a lawyer representing Stanford, said.

However, Stanford's proposal to construct the building near Quarry and Arboretum roads involves moving some of the allowed office square footage closer to Menlo Park than originally planned.

Why is it legal for the council to reconsider a project it has already approved? According to Menlo Park City Attorney Bill McClure, the council can reconsider if the request comes within 30 days of the original approval and there's significant new information to be considered.

The council was scheduled to discuss the matter on Tuesday, Nov. 14, after the Almanac went to press.

Go to AlmanacNews.com for updates. ▣

Meeting set on Stanford expansion

Stanford University's growth plans over the next 17 years is the subject of a community meeting to be held in Menlo Park on Wednesday, Nov. 15. The purpose is to get public comment on the draft of an environmental impact report about Stanford's plans.

The meeting, hosted by the Santa Clara County Planning Department, starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Menlo Park council chambers at 701 Laurel St. in the Civic Center.

The university proposes to add, between the years 2018 and 2035:

- 2.275 million net new square feet of academic and academic-support space.

- 3,150 housing units or dorm rooms (estimated to be 1.225 million additional square feet).

- 40,000 net new square feet

of childcare space.

The growth would add 3,480 parking spaces plus "associated infrastructure," and is expected to result in about 7,500 new students, postdoctoral students, faculty and staff, and about 1,074 new, temporary and contract workers, according to the draft environmental impact report.

The deadline to submit comments is Dec. 4.

Comments may be submitted to David Rader by email at david.rader@pln.sccgov.org or by mail to: County of Santa Clara, Department of Planning and Development, Attention: David Rader, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding St., San Jose, CA 95110.

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Facebook's new plans win council's approval

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Facebook's plans to construct its next office building and a multi-level garage along Bayfront Expressway and Constitution Drive in Menlo Park won the approval of the City Council on a 4-0 vote Nov. 7.

Councilwoman Catherine Carlton said she recused herself because she is consulting for a company that works with Facebook.

A year ago, the council approved the 450,000-square-foot office building, but Facebook has submitted new plans to locate the building closer to Bayfront Expressway.

The new designs show a four-story, 97-foot-high building with a skylight and a maintenance platform, and an adjacent eight-story parking garage (seven stories above ground, one below) with more than 3,500 parking spaces.

Facebook is currently constructing the first of the buildings approved in that development package, Building 21. The company reworked the design for Building 22 so Facebook can start building it before the lease is up with the current tenants at 305 Constitution Drive, TE Connectivity. That lease may continue until 2020, said Facebook spokesperson Fergus O'Shea.

The new plans for Building 22 consolidated parking from lots and the first floor of

the building into the parking garage, added more floors to Building 22 and moved the site closer to Bayfront Expressway than in original drawings, clearing more area for open space.

After TE Connectivity leaves, the site will be converted to an open space and a charging area for electric shuttles and trams. Of about 15 acres of space, about three acres will be accessible to the public. The rest will be for employees only.

The proposal and one round of revisions were reviewed by the city's Planning Commission in May and October. One of the commission's main concerns was the design of the garage.

Since the October Planning Commission hearing, the project architect, Craig Webb of Gehry Partners, and the Facebook development team presented a new version of the garage in response to the commission's feedback. Councilman Rich Cline spoke favorably of the final garage design.

"What you've proposed feels more consistent with the landscape," he told representatives of Facebook's development and real estate team. "I'm supportive of this and where you've gone with it."

Mayor Kirsten Keith expressed support for the office building, which she said "looks like a great environment to work in."

Another condition of



Gehry Partners/Facebook

A rendering of the multi-story garage that Facebook plans to build along Bayfront Expressway near Chilco Street and Constitution Drive. The garage will have seven stories above ground and one below.

Facebook's proposed changes included a provision in the company's development agreement to pay \$11.25 million over five years for "public safety." The plan is for the city to use this money to fund a new police unit in the city's "Bayfront" or M-2 area, roughly bounded by San Francisco Bay, University Avenue, U.S. 101 and Marsh Road.

There's one still unresolved request: Councilman Ray Mueller asked that Facebook consider designating the three acres of planned public-access area to be open space. Doing so, Mr. Mueller said, makes the land harder to develop or reclaim for other land use purposes.

Facebook land-use lawyer Tim Tosta responded: "I can't think through what the ramifications of that might be. ... Can I get back to you on that one?"

Peter Ohtaki raised concerns about the possibility of added traffic on Chilco Street.

Project architect Craig Webb, in response to Ms. Keith's request, said that if nearby residents think the new building creates views that are too imposing, the project developers could work with the residents on screening options, such as planting more trees.

Recusal

Councilwoman Carlton told the Almanac that she has recused herself from council decisions on Facebook matters for a full year.

She said she received a small payment from a startup company for advisory services, unrelated to any city matter or Facebook. "Subsequently, without my knowledge I was advised that the company recently entered into an arrangement with Facebook, the details of which I do not know," she said. ■

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building grade separations at rail crossings.

In a previous interview, city staffer and analyst Peter Ibrahim said that among the reasons to hire a federal lobbyist is that it will be easier for the city to know about and obtain grant funding. Lobbyists also can help the city keep up with laws that are in the works and advocate for legislation that could affect the city, he said.

Since the topic appeared on the council's agenda, the council inbox received more than 60 emails opposed to the proposal to hire Mercury LLC and two emails in favor.

Many of those opposed said they did not support the man named as the lead for the project, Bryan Lanza, who was the director of communications during President Trump's transition into office and of Citizens United, a conservative nonprofit best known for its role in the 2010 Supreme Court decision that found unlimited campaign spending by special interests to be permissible.

Another man who was named in the Mercury proposal as a lead in working with Menlo Park is Vin Weber, a former Republican congressman from Minnesota and well-known lobbyist who is under scrutiny in a federal investigation of ties between President Trump's campaign and Russia, according to the Associated Press.

Some critics asked why the council is planning to hire a lobbyist at all. Adina Levin, a member of the city's Complete Streets Commission, told the council in an email that the proposal was putting the cart before the horse.

"Menlo Park has major transportation needs, and there is a recent study considering options for the Dumbarton Corridor," she wrote. "However, Menlo Park isn't the lead agency for any of the transit or highway projects proposed for the Dumbarton corridor. All of the projects cross multiple jurisdictions."

"Before we lobby the federal government, we should create a high-level shared picture of what we want in partnership with other jurisdictions that share the corridor." ■

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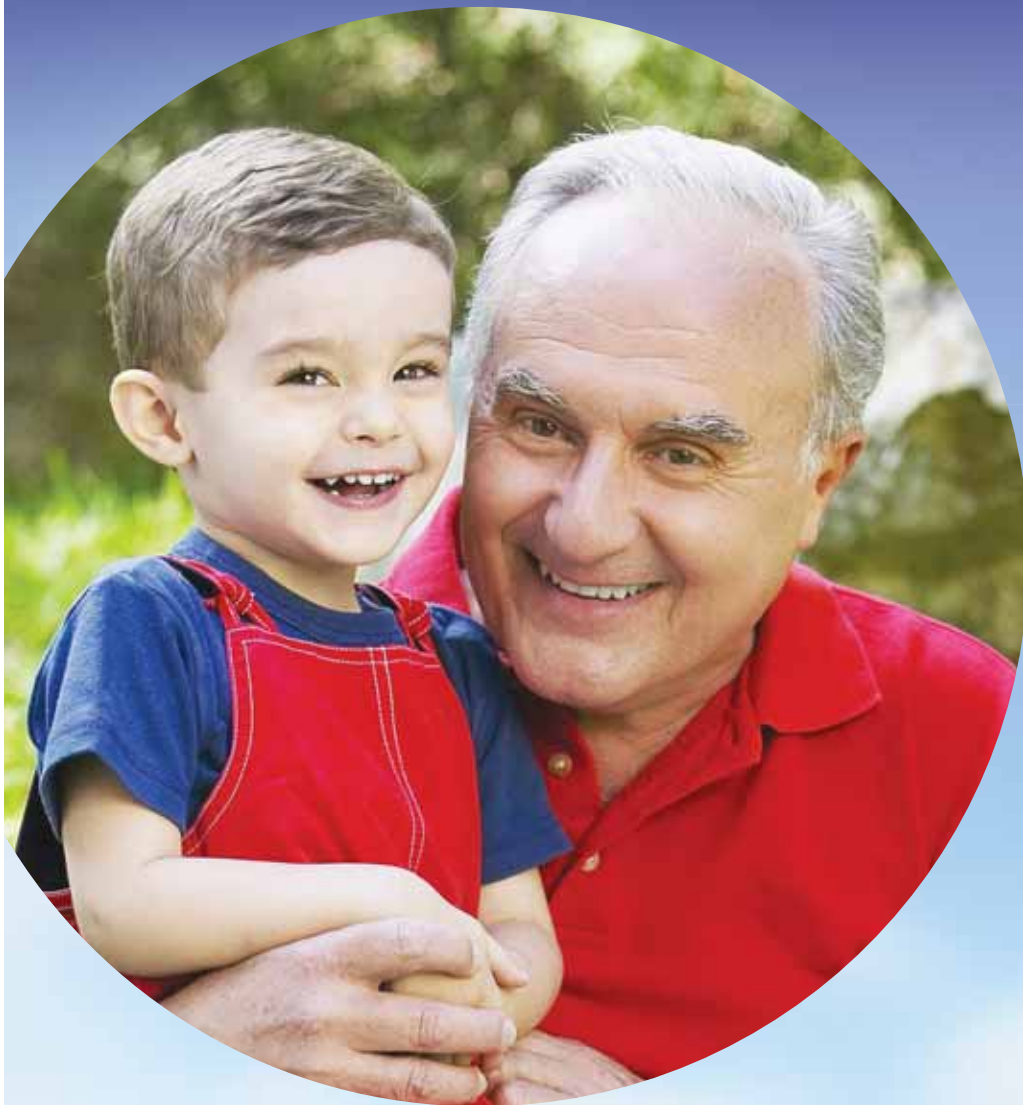
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While a slight majority favored renewing Atherton's parcel tax in the Nov. 7 election, a two-thirds majority was needed.

Atherton: What's next after parcel tax defeat?

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

After voters on Nov. 7 rejected the renewal of a parcel tax that brought \$1.86 million a year to Atherton for its police, roads and drainage projects, town officials say they will have to take a close look at those aspects of the town's budget and decide how to proceed.

The tax, which has been in place since 1978, cost the average Atherton home owner about \$750 a year. The town was trying to renew the existing tax, which expires in June 2018, for three more years, through June 2021.

The measure required approval by two-thirds of voters, but only 50.26 percent supported it, according to the count as of Nov. 9, with 785 voting yes and 777, no.

Town officials say the defeat of the parcel tax should not directly affect the design or building of a new civic center. "The voters approved the spending of public funds on the civic center just a short while ago," Atherton Mayor Mike Lempres said. "I don't think there's any question that will be proceeding."

In June more than 60 percent of voters said they would allow the town to spend its non-earmarked general funds on a civic center.

City Manager George Rodericks said the civic center plans are expected to go out for bid in April, with a contractor chosen in May and construction beginning in June.

The parcel tax money was restricted, and could not be spent on the civic center, Mayor Lempres said.

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Councilwoman Elizabeth Lewis said the town will have to cut costs and programs in areas the parcel tax did pay for, including two police officers — a school resource officer and an extra traffic officer.

The tax also paid for roads and drainage projects, some of which may have to be delayed, postponed or cut, Ms. Lewis said.

"One thing is certain, the civic center is going to be built," she said.

By Nov. 9, the number of ballots counted — 1,564 — is slightly less than 33 percent of registered voters, and lower by 365 ballots than in the June election on civic center funding. That difference will shrink as the county finishes counting late-arriving, mail-in ballots.

Mr. Rodericks' city manager's report for the Nov. 15 City Council meeting includes information about the election outcome and the town's options. The council will be able to discuss the report, but not to take any action.

He said a staff report on the town's options will be on the agenda for the council's Dec. 6 study session.

Among the options to raise revenues:

- Putting a parcel tax measure back on the ballot, in June 2018.

- Increasing the town's business license tax, an idea under discussion since 2004. Such an increase would have to be approved by voters.

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Report: Tax loss 'significantly' impacts capital projects

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

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Los ing the funding Atherton received from its annual parcel tax will have a "significant impact" on the town's ability to complete capital projects over the next three to four years, City Manager George Rodericks says in a report prepared for the Nov. 15 City Council meeting.

Mr. Rodericks' report lays out some of the town's options after voters on Nov. 7 rejected the renewal of the town's \$1.8 million annual parcel tax, which ends next June.

The report says 80 percent of this year's parcel tax revenues went to capital improvements and the rest to a school resource officer and a traffic officer.

The civic center is the "most important capital project" on the town's horizon, the report says. Except for a council-mandated reserve fund of 35 percent of its operating budget, all current and projected surplus funds through the 2020-21 fiscal year are dedicated to the civic center, the report says.

The town's general fund "may be able to absorb the \$372,000 loss for police services (but) it cannot absorb the loss of \$1,488,000 per year for capital projects without jeopardizing the integrity and success of the Civic Center," the report says.

A possible solution would be to put off parts of the project. The council designated a new council chamber and landscaping as

possible "deduct alternatives" — items in the approved plans that could be postponed if bids are higher than anticipated. Those items could reduce the cost by \$1.2 million.

Even if the bids aren't high and the two items are removed from the project, it will make up for less than a year of the parcel tax, the report says.

Report: The town cannot absorb the loss of \$1.4 million a year for capital projects without 'jeopardizing the integrity and success of the Civic Center.'

Mr. Rodericks' report says that once the civic center is completed, the town should have approximately \$2 million a year to spend on capital improvement projects. However, he says, that would mean paying for capital improvements with money the town had been using to pay down long-term liabilities for things such as pensions and workers compensation.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the town's council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

Also on the agenda:

■ With the planned retirement

of Steven Tyler, the town's public works superintendent, the council is being asked to approve ending the agreement with Interwest Consulting Group to supply a town engineer. A combination public works director/city engineer would be hired. The staff report by Deputy City Manager Theresa Della Santa also suggests changing the city arborist job into park manager/city arborist and changing an associate engineer to a senior engineer/maintenance manager. After factoring in the savings from ending the contract and the differences in salaries and benefits, the changes would save the town nearly \$90,000 a year.

■ Denial of a claim made against the town over an early August incident in which a branch on a tree at Menlo College fell and injured several people attending a company party. The incident did not happen on town property, the report recommending denial of the claim says.

■ A decision on whether to allow a donation that would transform one of the Holbrook-Palmer Park tennis courts to a clay court. Clay tennis courts have higher maintenance costs and use a lot of water, but the report says the town could charge more for using the courts to make up for the costs.

More information about effect of the loss of the parcel tax on the town's budget will be presented to the council at its Dec. 6 study meeting. ■

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■ Charging property owners for infrastructure projects, such as drainage or street lighting, by forming an assessment district encompassing those who benefit from the project.

"We need to be very thoughtful about what's next," Mayor Lempres said. "This will create an opportunity to rethink some things, evaluate our options and see where we are."

"One of the outcomes of this could be some tough choices have to be made," he said. "I do want people to make sure they stay involved in this conversation. I hope we do a good job in communicating what the options are."

Howard "Sandy" Crittenden, one of those who opposed the parcel tax, said he thinks the council will put the tax back on the ballot next year. "I'm anticipating that," he said, and added that the committee formed to

fight the current parcel tax measure was structured so it can also oppose a future measure.

But some council members say that's unlikely to happen.

Councilman Rick DeGolia said he thinks the results of the election show "a very substantial number of voters clearly stated that they don't want to continue with the parcel tax."

"I think that we should learn how to live with that," he said.

He said one way the town can make up the \$5.5 million in parcel tax revenues that it won't get over the next three years is "through (a) well managed fundraising campaign" to pay more of the civic center costs, an option he said he prefers to trying again to pass the tax.

"Every dollar that is donated to the town will free up an equal amount of dollars for other capital improvement projects and services that would have been supported by the parcel tax," he said. "I believe that this would be the better course to follow."

Property tax revenues will also continue to increase as properties are sold, he noted. ■

Man pleads not guilty of pharmacy robberies

The man accused of armed robberies of the CVS pharmacy on El Camino Real on Oct. 26 and 28, and an attempted robbery of the Walgreens pharmacy on Santa Cruz Avenue on Oct. 25 appeared in court Oct. 31 and pleaded not guilty to robbery, attempted robbery and use of a firearm in commission of a felony.

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Barbara was born on February 10, 1945 to Richard and JoAnn McIntosh. She was raised in Redwood City, California, and spent her entire life in the area. She graduated from Sequoia High School and received a degree as a pharmacy technician. She worked in



local community pharmacies in the area and met the love of her life, Gary Martin. They married in 1971 and were happily married for 46 years.

Throughout their married life they both worked in pharmacies within the Bay Area until they decided to purchase Woodside Village Pharmacy in 1992. They worked to build a very prosperous business together until they decided to retire in 2008 when they sold the business to Safeway.

In retirement, they did what they enjoyed the most, entertaining at their house during the holidays and traveling around the area and visiting family.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband Gary Martin; sister Mary Jean Heitgier (husband Frank) from South Lake Tahoe, California; brother James McIntosh (wife Lilia) from Redwood City, California; Aunt Pat Andersen and Uncle Jim Andersen from Redwood City; cousins KC Andersen from San Carlos, Jane Johnson from Fairfield, California, and Kurt Andersen from Long Barn, California; brother-in-law Terry Martin (wife Sandee) from Tualatin, Oregon; nephew Aaron Martin (wife Rachel) and their kids Alexa and James Martin from Beaverton, Oregon; niece Becky Martin from Tualatin, Oregon; cousins Larry Frediani (wife Linda) from Santa Rosa, California; their son Lance Frediani and his kids Lacey Pebbles and Liza Frediani, Cindy Frediani; close friends Tania Kand from Switzerland and Tom and Cass Rosenberg from South Lake Tahoe, California.

Barbara loved to entertain over the holidays so it was decided to have a celebration of life which will be held just after Thanksgiving on November 25, 2017 from 12pm-4pm. Please contact the family for the location.

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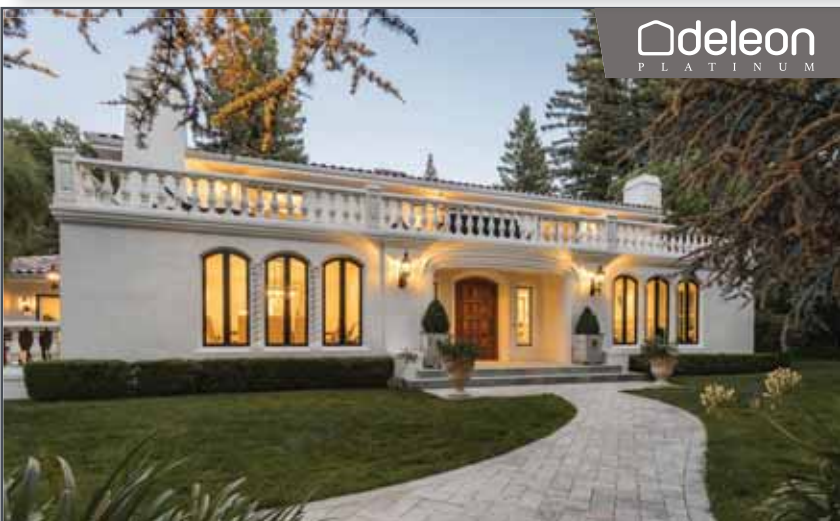
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How local women made impact in Virginia elections

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Fifteen Portola Valley women, all Democrats, could have expressed their concerns over the November 2016 election of Donald Trump with contributions from their wallets. They could have emailed their congressional representatives. Instead, they formed the group Local Majority and got deeply involved in politics on behalf of Democrats running for state office in Virginia.

Since the inauguration of Mr. Trump, these women

have been spending 20 to 40 hours a week, at home, preparing position papers, opposition research and sorting through this material for talking points for Democratic candidates running for November 2017 election to Virginia's Republican-led lower house, the House of Delegates.

"We want to change the political climate that the Trump presidency has ushered into our world — it's anti-woman, children, immigrants, poor people and anyone that is not a straight white wealthy male," Local Majority founder JoAnn Loulan said.

The political composition of too many state legislatures does not reflect the composition of the state's voting public, Ms. Loulan said. Virginia's two senators and its governor are Democrats, but because of gerrymandering, she said, the House of Delegates and the delegation to the House of Representatives have had Republican majorities.

The group's 10-month effort targeted 15 legislative districts where a Republican incumbent was running and where, in some cases, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote in 2016. In 13 of

those districts, the incumbent was unseated, according to unofficial results published by The Washington Post. The other two districts and one other are in a recount.

"This was a fabulous day for Democrats and what this will portend for the 2018 elections," Ms. Loulan said.

The group focused on Virginia as one of two states holding

'This was a fabulous day for Democrats and what this will portend for the 2018 elections.'

JOANN LOULAN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

legislative elections in 2017, the other being deep-blue New Jersey. Local Majority's focus now shifts to states deemed by analysis as good bets for legislative inroads by Democrats in the 2018 elections, Ms. Loulan said.

Of the 50 states, Republicans control state legislatures in 32, according to November 2017 records of the National Conference of State Legislatures. For 2018, Local Majority members will be preparing templates for volunteers in those states to help them do what was done in Virginia, Ms. Loulan said.

Target Virginia

At first, Local Majority chose five state legislative districts in Virginia where Hillary Clinton won the popular vote in 2016, but that were represented in the House of Delegates by a Republican — a situation attributed to gerrymandering.

The list subsequently grew to 15 districts with a chance of a Democrat winning. Local Majority researched and wrote on issues such as expansion of Medicaid, rural broadband, wage inequity, the racial wealth gap, the opioid crisis and the value of science. A typical candidate's reaction: "I just can't believe that you care so much about my race," Ms. Loulan recalled.

Fifty-four Virginia Democrats



Photo courtesy of JoAnn Loulan

Feeling good on Nov. 4 ahead of the November 2017 Virginia elections are, from left, Sydney Crawford (JoAnn Loulan's mother) of New York City, JoAnn Loulan of Portola Valley, now-governor-elect Ralph Northam, Ching Wu and Joan Piaget of Portola Valley and Nick Lobao of Pacifica.

running against incumbent Republicans showed up at a July meeting that Local Majority attended. They all wanted research, Ms. Loulan said. All 54 got help, but opposition research was limited to the chosen 15, she said.

The work was daunting. Four backgrounders on Medicaid expansion, for example, put two university professors to work for a month looking into the topic and concluding that every Virginia resident is out \$1,100 annually to cover emergency room visits by the uninsured. "It took forever for them to find all this," Ms. Loulan said.

Research was done by request. "Whatever the candidate asked for, we gave them," she said. Local Majority prepared 23 position papers. They would have written about reproductive rights, she said, but no one asked, and just one candidate mentioned sensible gun laws.

Student loans came up. State governments in Connecticut and Delaware will buy a loan and allow the student to repay it at low interest rates, but a bill to do likewise in Virginia was killed in committee, Ms. Loulan said. Which legislator

did that and acting at whose behest were key questions, not easily answered but important to a candidate's talking points, she said.

A former newspaper reporter on the Local Majority team put a 200-word limit on talking points, brevity that helped candidates in interviews and debates, Ms. Loulan said. A Democratic candidate who won his district by nine points told Ms. Loulan that he'd memorized his, having read them "over and over."

She recalled another candidate who referred to the talking points as "my saving grace."

Campaign workers used them in door-to-door encounters. Their instructions were to discuss what Democrats stood for, but they were prepared should the conversation turn politically confrontational, Ms. Loulan said.

Asked whether Californians were seen as carpetbaggers, she said they were welcomed. Many of the people they talked to were not native Virginians, she said. "We never had any trouble," she said. "We said we were there from California and they said, 'Oh my god, you came from

California?' People were just completely blown away that we were from California."

'4,000 texts'

In the week before the election, Portola Valley resident Laura Cornish of Local Majority sent some 4,000 prepared get-out-the-vote texts to people on voter rolls. The response rate was better than with phone banks, she said.

Ms. Cornish helped develop opposition research on a Republican candidate who'd cultured a moderate image, "to make himself look more acceptable," Ms. Cornish said. "He made us nervous because he wasn't as scary as these super right-wing people, (but) this was going to be culture race no matter what."

Her candidate won, having had access to material that campaigns normally pay "a lot of money for" and that was given to them for free, she said, adding: "We're thrilled."

Would she do it again? "In a hot second," she said. "We'll celebrate a little bit and get back to work, a lot of work. We're really proud of what we did, (but) we're just a piece of it." ■

New court program targets repeat drunken drivers

San Mateo County Superior Court has created a Multiple DUI Court to deal with repeat drunken driving offenders.

Intoxicated drivers with a prior DUI conviction are four times more likely to become involved in a fatal collision, said

Judge John Grandsaert, one of the program's architects. "A second DUI conviction clearly demonstrates a serious problem with alcohol," he said.

Under the new program, second- and third-time DUI offenders will be closely supervised by

probation officers and required to have a vehicle ignition interlock, regular alcohol testing, and frequent reviews by a judge.

Other jurisdictions with such programs have improved traffic safety and reduced costs, said Sean Noland, the court's new

collaborative courts coordinator.

The new program involves the San Mateo County Superior Court, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, and Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

Other county specialized

courts are: Veterans Treatment Court, Drug Court, Pathways Mental Health Court, The Bridges Program, Military Diversion Court, and Restitution Court.

For more information contact Mr. Noland at snoland@sanmateocourt.org. ■

Joy of flowers

Former White House chief floral designer shares her experiences and tips

By **Kate Daly**
Special to the Almanac

The Rose Garden never had enough roses to make even a single bouquet,” quipped Laura Dowling, White House chief floral designer for six years during the Obama administration.

During two recent appearances to help raise funds for the Menlo Park nonprofit, Random Acts of Flowers Silicon Valley, she shared insights, stories and tips she gained from her experience working at the White House, sometimes for 18 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Random Acts nonprofit reports that it has delivered in the last few years more than 25,000 bouquets of recycled flowers donated by florists, grocery stores and individuals to local hospitals and retirement homes.

“We try to bring hope, joy and healing,” said board member Dan Francis of Woodside before introducing Ms. Dowling at the organization’s annual fundraiser at Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club in Menlo Park.

Ms. Dowling talked about taking a mid-life leap of faith when in 2009 she applied to work at the White House. Before that she was a legislative assistant, worked at a think tank in Washington, D.C., and had an established

career in policy and strategic communications at the Nature Conservancy.

A trip to Paris with her husband ignited her passion for flowers and the French aesthetic, and she returned to the City of Love to study floral design.

She was running a small floral design business on the side out of her kitchen in Alexandria, Virginia, when she heard about the opening at the White House. After eight months of interviews and a final trial process, she landed in the basement flower shop with a staff of three.

Ms. Dowling was responsible for floral designs and decorations every day in the private and public parts of the White House and at Camp David, and particularly during holidays and special occasions such as state dinners, when the job also included selecting linens, china, silverware and candles.

She said she oversaw such details as keeping fresh gardenias floating in bowls in the President’s bedroom, and overseeing the hundreds of volunteers who arrived during Thanksgiving to decorate the White House with “miles of garlands and 55 trees” for Christmas.

In the book she just published, “A White House Christmas,” she describes the First Lady entertaining volunteers



Photos by Federica Armstrong | The Almanac

Former White House Chief Floral Designer Laura Dowling shared tips at a fundraising event in Woodside.

when a 500-pound garland broke loose from its position above the Lincoln portrait, scattering glass bulbs and ornaments everywhere. Remarkably, no one was hurt, but one volunteer wondered aloud if someone had died, would there be another ghost to haunt the White House?

Ms. Dowling spoke fondly of her collaboration with Silicon Valley technology advisers and Presidential Innovation Fellows who came in after hours to help fashion robotic versions of the Obamas’ dogs, Bo and Sunny. The dogs were a running theme in holiday decorations, and one year when the wiring wore out “smoke was coming out of Bo’s back end,” she laughed.

Ms. Dowling also wrote the book, “Floral Diplomacy,” and she spoke about how hard she tried to make guests feel welcome at the White House. At a state dinner for the president of Mexico, for example, she did research, learning that Monarch butterflies originated in his hometown. They became part of the decor along with prickly pear cactuses and Mayan-striped tablecloths.

She learned Angela Merkel was a scientist who likes the color yellow and bakes plum cakes. Ms. Dowling made sure the arrangements at the German state dinner reflected all those interests.

Expert techniques

The night before the Random Acts of Flowers’ fundraiser, a smaller group assembled at the Emily Joubert shop in Woodside to watch Ms. Dowling work her magic on two floral arrangements.

She arrived too late that day

to do her own shopping at the San Francisco flower market, but called it one of the best in the world when she thanked Judy Sieber of Woodside, owner of Emily Joubert, for going there at 4:30 a.m. and bringing back a wide selection of purple, pink and coral colored “natural bounty of the season.”

“I like to work in a monochromatic style and build in tones of color ... and improvise,” Ms. Dowling said.

“I’m inspired by the French garden style,” she noted, plucking fresh flowers from buckets filled with French and Spanish lavender, hellebores, hydrangeas, peonies, roses, mums, sweet peas, snapdragons, dahlias and calicarpa.

She started with two good-sized clear glass containers filled with water to 2 inches below the rim. She covered one vase with privet berries, overlapping them stem up and then stem down, and then holding them in place with a rubber band she later camouflaged with ivy.

She treated the second vase the same way except used nandina foliage, “which gives

a very texture integrated look to the whole bouquet,” she explained.

To give the arrangements “internal structure,” she placed stems in a circular motion, “adding on the diagonal to create volume and impact.”

To highlight the blossoms she sometimes trimmed off some foliage and then cut the stems to different lengths to achieve varying heights — “creating some movement.”

One of her signature touches is to “put a butterfly in the arrangement that floats above,” not a real butterfly, but wispy “dancing branches” to make it fun and lively.

The next week she planned to take a Christmas class with a master florist in Germany, and then return to her business, Interieurs et Fleurs, in Alexandria, Virginia, to work on a wreath that’s 8 feet in circumference for a local children’s hospital. She already has a fanciful concept of “sweet dreams of Christmas,” incorporating the traditions of “The Nutcracker,” the night before Christmas, ballerinas, candy, tulle and gifts. ■



Laura Dowling just published a book on her Christmas experiences.



The florist used “an autumnal plum palette” for this centerpiece.

Longtime Woodside resident Arjay Miller dies at 101

By Amy Adams, Stanford News Service

Arjay Miller, a longtime Woodside resident, former dean of Stanford's Graduate School of Business, and president of Ford Motor Co., died Nov. 3 at his home. He was 101.

As the school's fourth dean, Mr. Miller quadrupled the endowment, increased the number of endowed chairs, hired new faculty leaders and significantly increased the numbers of minorities and women who attended the school.

During his 10 years as dean from 1969 to 1979, he championed the idea of a "balanced excellence" that included academics, research and teaching as well as a foundation in business skills to benefit the public good. "He was genuinely interested in providing students with rich experiences and involvement in the public sector," said James VanHorne, an emeritus professor of banking and finance and close friend of Mr. Miller's.

Mr. Miller was born in Shelby, Nebraska, on March 4, 1916. He grew up on his family's farm and attended UCLA, where he graduated with highest honors in 1937.

While there he met his wife, Frances, to whom he was married for 70 years. Mr. Miller then enrolled as a doctoral student in economics at the University of California, Berkeley, although his studies were interrupted when he left to serve as an Army Air Forces officer in World War II.

After the war, he was one of 10 young officers dubbed the Whiz Kids hired by Ford Motor Co. to help turn the company around. He rose to become president of Ford from 1963 to 1968. He was then recruited to become dean of Stanford's Graduate School of Business.

While at Ford and living in Detroit, Mr. Miller experienced the social unrest of the time and felt that business could play a role in the solution. One condition for joining Stanford was the creation of the Public Management Program (the first such program in the country), which created courses and opportunities focused on government and public policy.

The center was a critical part of Mr. Miller's belief that business schools should train leaders who are well versed in policy and in social issues, and firmly grounded in ethics.

"More than 40 years later, our community continues to build on Arjay's original vision," said Jonathan Levin, the current dean of the school.

The Public Management Program evolved over the years, integrating government, non-profit and public management with corporate social responsibility, social enterprises, and philanthropy. In 1999 the program was integrated into the Center for Social Innovation, the hub for students, alumni, and field practitioners to develop innovative solutions to social problems.



Photo by Saul Bromberger

Arjay Miller participated in Stanford graduation ceremonies and was on hand in June 2017 to shake the hand of graduates designated Arjay Miller Scholars, who represented the top 10 percent of the class.

"Arjay Miller lived a life of incredible impact," said Bernadette Clavier, director of the Center for Social Innovation. "He inspired many generations of Stanford GSB students to think bigger than themselves and to take a big-picture, societal-level perspective of the world."

Mr. Miller, who thought the business and public sectors should work together to achieve social good, encouraged MBA graduates to take civil service positions.

"He had the vision of an economy where business and government work together as opposed to against each other," said Neil Malhotra, faculty director at the Center for Social Innovation. "He knew that this could only happen if business people took interest in public matters and if government had insights into how business works."

Mr. Miller's interest in encouraging students to tackle issues of public good continued into his retirement. In 2014 Miller endowed the Frances and Arjay

Miller Fellowship in Social Innovation to recognize two students each year who have made outstanding contributions to the social innovation community.

During his tenure as dean, he greatly expanded the school's fundraising efforts and amplified the endowment, efforts that helped recruit top faculty members to build the school's reputation.

Mr. Miller led efforts to expand the role of minorities and women in business, hiring the first female faculty member. He oversaw an increase in minority students from nine to 76. The enrollment of women increased from 10 to 146.

Despite his administrative workload, he liked to spend time with young MBA students, sometimes showing up at casual spaghetti dinners at student houses. Even after his retirement, he came to campus for social events, lunches with former colleagues and opportunities to meet young people.

He was remembered as a storyteller who liked to talk about his childhood working on the family farm or the shock of transitioning from the relatively pampered business world to academia.

"He was a warm individual," Mr. VanHorne said. "He was just constantly poking fun and a genuine human being."

Mr. Miller is survived by his son, Ken, and daughter, Ann, three granddaughters, and six great-grandchildren. In keeping with his wishes, there is no public memorial service planned. ■



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Local funeral director last of a "dying breed"

John O'Connor, owner of Menlo Park Funerals, is the last of his kind. He is the third generation of his family to be a funeral director and has been a licensed director and embalmer for 50 years. He uses no secretary or answering service. You call at 3 a.m. and in short order he will be at your home to personally care for your family. Since 1966, John has been flying himself to scatter ashes over the mountains, or done so from his boat since 1975. When asked to scatter a D-Day veteran off of Omaha Beach, mission accomplished. He was interviewed on Ted Koppel's Night Line and also on Channel 7. See video at www.MenloParkFunerals.com.

Traditional funerals and cremations are the norm but home funerals are still occasionally held in Atherton. John helped his grandfather with many home funerals in the 1950s. And by limiting the staff and the size of the facility the costs are kept lower than other services. When asked how long he will keep going, John said he realizes he's in the "Check Out Line" but hopes it isn't the Express Line!

Doctor shares secret for teen mental health: sleep

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

With limited time and a lot to talk about, Dr. Jacob Towery told an audience of several hundred at Hillview Middle School on Nov. 8 about one of his favorite strategies for boosting the mental health of teens, and their parents — getting more sleep.

Dr. Towery is an adolescent psychiatrist with a private practice in Palo Alto. A former teacher and a parent, he attended Duke University as an undergraduate and medical school at the University of Virginia. He did a residency and fellowship at Stanford University, where he is on the adjunct faculty at the School of Medicine.

He has written a book for young people called “The Anti-Depressant Book: A Practical Guide for Teens and Young Adults to Overcome Depression and Stay Healthy.”

Connecting with adolescents may be made easier by the fact that Dr. Towery currently has a mohawk haircut, and counts snowboarding and scuba diving as things he loves to do.

The topic of his talk, part of the Menlo Park City School District’s parent education speaker series, was “Anxiety and Depression in Teenagers.” Dr. Towery urged parents to be role models for children.

“Model the life that you would like your children to lead,” he said. “If you would like your children to work 60 hours a week and almost never take vacations, do that.”

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DR. JACOB TOWERY

“If you think living a good and balanced life is healthy, do that,” he said.

Sleep is important. Getting eight hours a night, he said, means “you will be more well-rested, you will be a better parent.”

For children, he said, sleep can fight anxiety and depression.

His sleep strategy starts with figuring out what time a child (or adult) needs to get up to “eat breakfast, take a shower and maybe have 15 minutes for meditation (which he highly recommends) ... and then count back nine hours.” The result, he said, “is the time devices disappear from your child’s room, every single night.”

Once phones, laptops, tablets and the power cords for television sets and desktop computers

are gone, he said, “they can draw, they can meditate” or “do an old-fashioned thing like read a book.”

“They will get enough sleep because they’re bored,” he said.

Dr. Towery warned that children will probably resist the changes. “They are going to argue with you,” he said. “Do not negotiate or barter with your child,” he said. “Don’t give in.”

If there just doesn’t seem to be enough time in the day to get the necessary sleep and take part in all the activities the child or family believes are necessary, it may be time to re-evaluate the extracurriculars, he said.

“There’s not an option to have them do everything and also get enough sleep.”

For those who still can’t fall asleep, Dr. Towery recommended meditating at night and regular physical exercise. A visit to a sleep lab or sleep specialist might also be needed, he said.

Hitting a rare somber note, Dr. Towery warned that “this is life and death here for some of you.”

“I’d much rather have your child be alive and not get into Harvard than kill themselves,” he said.

A parent asked Dr. Towery why anxiety has become so common. “Anxiety is part of being a human and being a primate,” he said. “It can save your life ... if something is truly a threat to your survival, it can keep you alive.”

“The problem is that we



Photo by Parke Treadway/MPCSD

Parents line up for Dr. Jacob Towery to sign his book after he spoke at Hillview Middle School about anxiety and depression in teens.

over-read situations and our teens think getting a ‘C’ on a chemistry test means homelessness, life is over,” he said.

“Our brains have a negativity bias, where we’re on the lookout for things that can kill us,” he said. “Most of us in this room have enough water, we’re not going to die of thirst,” he said. “No saber-toothed tigers in Menlo Park.”

The book is available at Kepler’s and in Kindle editions.

Dr. Towery recommended the app “Headspace” to learn how to meditate and the website “FeelingGoodInstitute.com” in Mountain View for “phenomenal therapists.”

His website is JacobToweryMD.com.

At mpcsdspeakerseries.com/ videos, see a video of the talk. ■



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The Planning Commission adheres to the ethos and guiding principles of Portola Valley to maintain and preserve the Town’s rural character. The Commission is responsible for addressing policy matters related to general land use and development. The Commission also provides recommendations to the Town Council on legislative actions such as amendments to the Zoning Code and the General Plan.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest to the Town Council by 5 pm on Friday, December 1, 2017. Letters can be emailed to Towncenter@portolavalley.net or mailed via US Postal Service to: Town Council 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028. The Town Council will conduct interviews at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 13, 2017.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Debbie Pedro, Planning Director, at dpedro@portolavalley.net or call (650) 851-1700 Ext. 218.

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Klugman, Bechtel, Maffia elected to school board

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Jeff Klugman, Karyn Bechtel and Mike Maffia were elected Nov. 7 to fill three open seats on the Portola Valley School District's governing board.

With all precincts reporting, Mr. Klugman received 667 votes; Ms. Bechtel, 662; and Mr. Maffia, 519, according to the count on Nov. 9.

Karen Tate, the only incumbent, had withdrawn from the race due to health problems, but her name was still on the ballot. She received 337 votes.

Only 894 ballots had been counted by the end of the day on Nov. 9, the Thursday after the election. That is only a little less than 18 percent of the district's 5,020 registered voters. Mail-in ballots received at the last minute and any provisional ballots remain to be counted, but the turnout was expected to be light since Ms. Tate's withdrawal made it a non-contested election.

The school board will still have

to appoint a member or schedule another election. That's because in October, Mr. Klugman was appointed to serve the remaining two years of board member Jennifer Youstra's term. She resigned in September.

State law says Mr. Klugman, who was elected Nov. 7, must resign from the appointed seat to take the elected seat.

Superintendent Eric Hartwig has said he thinks the board could either make the appointment or vote in December to hold a special election next year. The earliest month to schedule a special election would be April 2018.

The election leaves only one veteran board member, Gulliver La Valle, who has been in office not quite two years, just as the board faces several major decisions with long-term implications.

The board is in the process of finalizing a master plan for upgrading the district's facilities and working on details of a possible bond measure to pay for some of the master plan projects. ■

Menlo Drama stages 'Heathers'

A pop rock musical about high school angst set in 1989, "Heathers The Musical: High School Edition," opens at Menlo School on Thursday, Nov. 16, and runs through Sunday, Nov. 19.

Performances from Thursday through Saturday are at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m. in Florence Moore Auditorium at Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave. in Atherton. The production is rated PG-13.

Go to store.menloschool.org to buy advance tickets at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Some tickets may be available at the door one hour before each performance.

Audiences will love "Heathers" because "it is smart, funny, entertaining and high energy through and through," says cast member Jordan Gold, who plays Heather Chandler. "But equally important," Ms. Gold says, "the show deals with and validates the serious and often marginalizing issues high schoolers experience everywhere."

Cast member Emma Dressel, who plays Veronica Sawyer, adds: "Everyone can identify with something in this show:



Photo by Bella Scola

Starring in the Menlo School production of "Heathers" are, from left, Clara Guthrie, Jordan Gold, Emma McGaraghan, Emma Dressel and Braedon Young.

feelings of insecurity, sacrificing some part of yourself to fit in, or one of the many other messages the show touches, ultimately illuminating the importance of accepting yourself and others."

Steven Minning, director of creative arts and upper school drama, says "the show skillfully ricochets between the sublime and the ridiculous, fun and darkness, while ultimately dealing with important themes in a meaningful way, which will resonate with our students

and community."

The production of "Heathers" will benefit SafeSpace, a new nonprofit with offices in Menlo Park that provides early confidential access to youth mental health care, mental health advocacy and ongoing community education.

The 2017-18 Menlo Drama season will also include Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," and an all-school production of the musical "Oliver."

Go to menloschool.org/arts/drama for more information. ■

Portola Valley school board to decide how to fill vacancy

How to fill a vacancy on the Portola Valley School District's governing board will be on the agenda when the board meets on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

The vacancy exists because just-elected board member Jeff Klugman was appointed to fill the remainder of Jennifer Youstra's term after she resigned in

September. State law says he must resign the appointed position and take the elected position.

The recommendation from Superintendent Eric Hartwig is to make a provisional appointment rather than set a special election, which would not occur until April.

The open session of the meeting starts at 6 p.m. in the Annex Building at Corte Madera School, 4575 Alpine Road.


Also on the agenda is a report from Superintendent Hartwig advising the board to wait until next August to decide if it wants to put a bond measure on the


November 2018 ballot to pay for projects in a facilities master plan.

At is.gd/pvsd_docs find the board agenda and documents on the district's website.

The meeting will be the last for three of its five board members: Caitha Ambler, Timothy McAdam and Karen Tate. ■

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Theater

The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler Dragon Theatre presents The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler. \$27-\$35, students and seniors get a discount. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net/box-office/2017season/furtheradventures.html

Menlo School Drama: 'Heathers The Musical: High School Edition' The Menlo School will present a musical based off the 1988 cult classic movie. The show explores the underbelly of the American high school experience. Nov. 16-18, 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$10. Menlo School Florence Moore Auditorium, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. menloschool.org/arts/drama.php

Palo Alto Players: 'Peter Pan' Palo Alto Players presents the classic musical "Peter Pan," featuring pirates, adventures and songs such as "I Won't Grow Up" and "I Gotta Crow." Nov. 3-19, times vary. \$25-\$55. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org/on-stage-now

Singin' in the Rain Broadway by the Bay presents the songs and dances of "Singin' in the Rain," set in the days just after the success of the first talkies. Nov. 3-19, times vary. \$44-\$66. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St.,

Redwood City. foxrwc.showare.com/event-performances.asp?evt=144

TheatreWorks: 'Around the World in 80 Days' TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents "Around the World in 80 Days," a story set in the 1870s centered around adventurer Phileas Fogg and his valet. Nov. 29-Dec. 31, times vary. Discounts for educators, seniors and patrons 35 and under. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org/201718-season/201718-season/around-the-world-in-80-days/

Theatrical Presentation at History Museum Fuse Theatre Ensemble will present several unique theater pieces at the San Mateo County History Museum inspired by exhibits within the History Museum. The program is being organized in conjunction with Redwood City's Holiday Art Show. Nov. 18, 1-2 p.m. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. historysmc.org/events/docket-fuse-theatre

Music

Redwood Symphony - Dvorak, Corigliano, Bartok Redwood Symphony presents selections of Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances" conducted by Kristin Link as well as the Bay Area premiere of "Mr. Tambourine Man," with soprano Diane Squire. The program will end with Bartok's "Miraculous Mandarin." Canada College Main Theatre, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Woodside. redwoodsymphony.org/concerts/2017-18/concert3_2017.html

Collage Vocal Ensemble With its characteristic mix of musical styles, Collage, under the direction of Rafael Ornes, will present a program of pieces that will include works by Whitacre, Taylor, Ellington and more. All donations benefit LifeMoves. Nov. 19, 4-6 p.m. \$15, suggested donation. St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. stbedesmenlopark.org/arts-series/

Talks & Lectures

Andy Weir: Artemis Launch Party Andy Weir, author of "The Martian," is back with a new novel. Nov. 20, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10-\$40; student, general and premier tickets available. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

Annual Membership Meeting The Menlo Park Historical Association's meeting will feature keynote speaker Carmen Blair on the topic "Prohibition in San Mateo County." Nov. 19, 2-4 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park.

Modern Day Spies: Daniel Golden with Angie Coiro Award-winning journalist Angie Coiro sits down with Daniel Golden for an hour to expose what spies today really look like and what secrets countries like the United States, China, Iran and more are desperate to keep secret. Nov. 29, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

Tone-deaf lobbyist proposal sidelined

The timing was unfortunate for a small cadre of city staff. But for an alarmed segment of the Menlo Park community, it couldn't have been more perfect: On the same day, Nov. 2, that the staff released a report recommending the hiring of Mercury Public Affairs, for \$96,000 annually, to lobby Washington and maybe Sacramento on behalf of the city, the Associated Press reported that a top leader of the Mercury team, former GOP Congressman Vin Weber, has come under scrutiny in a federal investigation of ties between Russia and the Trump presidential campaign.

That revelation may have been a key factor in derailing the staff proposal, which was to be discussed and possibly acted on at the council's Nov. 7 meeting. But another controversial aspect of the proposed contract with Mercury is that the city's direct contact at the lobbying firm was to be Bryan Lanza, whose claim to fame is that, before being hired by Mercury, he was communications director for the Trump transition and of the conservative advocacy — some would say propaganda — group, Citizens United.

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The proposed contract appears to have flown under the radar of public notice until the staff report was released along with the Nov. 7 council meeting agenda. It was on its way to a possible council approval when it was met by a public uproar soon after the report was released. The council was bombarded with more than 60 emails from residents urging it to reject the proposal, raising questions about Mercury partners' ethics and business practices, and seeking an explanation as to why Menlo Park needs a Washington lobbyist at all.

Mayor Kirsten Keith quickly tabled even a discussion of the recommendation early in the meeting, and said a study session on the topic might be scheduled later. Although many were relieved by the de facto rejection of the proposed lobbyist contract — at least for now — many questions about the process and the choice of Mercury Public Affairs as a city advocate in Washington are in need of answers. Removing the item from the agenda before at least some of those questions could be addressed did not serve the public well.

Those questions include: Given the highly partisan

and politically divisive work that Bryan Lanza has been engaged in for many years (just take a look at his Twitter feed if you want to get the flavor of the man), couldn't the city staff members who chose this firm and Mr. Lanza have predicted the community outrage that would follow such a proposal? How can we interpret such a tone-deaf recommendation?

Another key question: Does the city really need a lobbyist in Washington or Sacramento — and if so, has there been an effort to partner with other cities, given the regional nature of the transportation, housing and other issues the lobbyist would be likely to focus on? If other cities have been approached about that possibility and declined to join an advocacy effort, why? Is Menlo Park alone in thinking that a lobbyist would produce results?

The community needs to be part of the discussion on how to balance the need for the city to effectively secure federal and state grants for costly but critical projects with the need to spend limited local funds on equally critical projects such as Safe Routes to School, a Belle Haven library and affordable housing. Let's have that discussion. ▀

Polarized voting in Menlo Park has not been proven

By John Kadwany

The City Council, facing a potential lawsuit represented by attorney Kevin Sherkman, is scrambling to create a plan for city voting districts, with Belle Haven the focal neighborhood. Each district would elect its own council member, in contrast to our current "at-large" or city-wide voting. If adopted by early January, that remedy avoids a suit based on Mr. Sherkman's claim that city elections show violation of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). California cities contesting and losing such suits have incurred costs and required repayment of legal fees running to millions. Not a threat to ignore.

However, neither the council nor Mr. Sherkman and his client currently knows if there is racially polarized voting, due to a white "voting bloc." Until electoral data is submitted to statistical analysis, this question will go unanswered.

This problem could be fixed by CVRA reform that would require cities facing lawsuits to publish voting data relevant to polarization. Publicizing such data, along with a statistical analysis, would demystify and destigmatize CVRA disputes at once. And probably stop many lawsuits not grounded in voting data.

Such a voting polarization study could analyze all Menlo Park elections, not just City Council races. The analysis would contrast proportions of whites voting for "white candidates" and minority groups voting for their preferred candidates. If minority preferences tend to lose out over



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time, being "diluted" by white votes, that counts toward polarization.

Compiling precinct-level voting results is neither complicated nor expensive. The information comes from public data, and there are standard statistical methods for estimating voting proportions and turnout by precinct. When lawyers go to court (which our city wants to avoid) they use the same core statistics — numbers we could and should have today.

The legal battle comes after, with opposing accounts of what these statistical patterns of voting outcomes mean, including whether results are "by chance" or are explained by other factors. The judge would then decide on the combined basis of data and competing voting narratives. As it stands now neither council members nor residents are going to see proportions of minority/majority preferences, nor hear empirically grounded interpretations.

We can't do a voting polarization study now because, I've been told, it could harm us in future litigation. Such data could be "discoverable" as evidence, even if used

only in closed session for the council's benefit. A citizen-sponsored voting study, if made public, could similarly endanger the city.

Moreover, cities up to now have all lost in court. The CVRA is less stringent compared with its federal version, and, as a leading demographer told me, racial polarization is always found.

This is perverse. Our city stands accused of polarized voting that is now not being analyzed or understood, nor can we find out if polarized voting really exists for fear of making matters worse.

As for available city data, Mr. Sherkman's letter suggests that the 2016 council race loss by Cecilia Taylor (for whom I voted) was due to a white voting bloc. His claim is misleading. CVRA violations should show a correlation across multiple elections, in time, with minority preferences diluted by the white voting bloc. One election does not a voting bloc make.

Other candidates over four decades include eight African-American candidates, with two (Billy Ray White, Nicholas Jellins) winning seats with high vote totals and re-elected for second terms. African-Americans are 5 percent of the city's population, so sparse data again means evaluating relevant statistical hypotheses, including factors such as running against incumbents, or that most council seat winners serve on city commissions.

Most relevant today are Latinos/Hispanics, the city's largest minority group: 18 percent of the city, 68 percent of Belle

Haven. Mr. Sherkman notes that over three decades, no Belle Haven Latino/Hispanic has run for council; the Oct. 4 council staff report asserts Bernie Nevin, elected to council in 1994, may have been Hispanic. Assessing the absence of Latino/Hispanic candidates means looking at a broad set of elections, or socioeconomic factors affecting turnout or voting access. But again, voting data is needed.

What about our expected change to districts? Menlo Park is a "general law" city, disallowing districting and voting options available to charter cities. A 2018 city vote to change us to charter status would open up more flexible options for 2020. If so, we'd have two years of districts, then a change. The CVRA ignores such awkward and costly consequences. The law should be changed to allow more flexibility for general law cities facing forced district change in the future.

Finally, the draconian timelines under CVRA need to be moderated or relaxed. With the city's districting plan due in early January, residents won't have time over the holidays to follow this major city change, much less participate in the districting process. The CVRA, which is supposed to be a positive force for electoral change, ends up being an expensive disruption.

Tell your state representatives to fix the CVRA: Require public voter polarization data, offer better voting options and allow reasonable timelines for implementing them.

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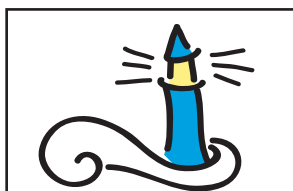
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HEE SOO KANG

5 Fairview Ave.

Daly City, CA 94015

This business is conducted by: Married
Couple.

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
October 3, 2017.

(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

GREEN GARDENS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275395

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

Green Gardens, located at 325 Rosilie St.,
San Mateo, CA 94403-4907, San Mateo
County.

Registered owner(s):

RAMIREZ-GREEN GARDENS, INC.

325 Rosilie St.

San Mateo, CA 94403-4907

This business is conducted by: A
Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 06/27/2002.

This statement was filed with the County
Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on
October 23, 2017.

(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

EL GRULLENSE GRILL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275358

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

El Grullense Grill, located at 2525 El
Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063,
San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

TEG- CKD, INC.

513 Hurlingame Ave.

Redwood City, CA 94063

#4062628

This business is conducted by: A
Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 2014.

This statement was filed with the County
Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on
October 19, 2017.

(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

TACOS EL GRULLENSE #1
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 275360

The following person (persons) is (are)

doing business as:

Tacos El Grullense #1, located at 1243
Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, CA
94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

TEG- CKD, INC.

513 Hurlingame Ave.

Redwood City, CA 94063

This business is conducted by: A
Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on January 6,
2009.

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on October 19, 2017.

(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

RAMEN SARYO HACHI
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275231

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

Ramen Saryo Hachi, located at 1861 El
Camino Real, Burlingame, CA 94010, San
Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

KYOFUJI CORPORATION

1861 El Camino Real

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 October 5, 2017.

(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

LOWKEY LIFESTYLE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 275376

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

Lowkey Lifestyle, located at 1596
Hawes Court, Redwood City, CA 94061,
San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

ISAJAH LABELLE

1596 Hawes Court

Redwood City, CA 94061

DINO ANDRIGHETTO

2670 Ohio Ave.

Redwood City, CA 94061

This business is conducted by: A
General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 10/20/17.

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on October 20, 2017.

(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

BAY AREA COMPUTER REPAIRS CO.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 275468

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

Bay Area Computer Repairs Co., located
at 824 El Camino Real #1, San Bruno, CA

94066, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

RANILESH R. PRASAD

824 El Camino Real #1

San Bruno, CA 94066

This business is conducted by: An
Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 10/30/2017.

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on October 30, 2017.

(ALM Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

R+M DEVELOPMENT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275305

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

R+M Development located at 58 North
Gate Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo
County.

Registered owner(s):

DENIS MORRISSEY

58 North Gate

Atherton, CA 94027

This business is conducted by: An
Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 01/01/1995.

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on October 13, 2017.

(ALM Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

EXCELPRO HANDYMAN
EXCELPRO ENTERPRISES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275547

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

1.) ExcelPro Handyman, 2.) ExcelPro
Enterprises located at 1021 S. El Camino
Real, San Mateo, CA 94402, San Mateo
County.

Registered owner(s):

EDGAR NELMIDA

816 Peninsula Ave. Apt. A

Burlingame, CA 94010

This business is conducted by: An
Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on November 03,
2017.

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on 11/03/2017.

(ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

RG CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 275343

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

RG California Construction, located at
730 Barron Ave., Spc. 42, Redwood City,
CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

RIGOBERTO APARICIO

730 Barron Ave. Spc., 42

Redwood City, CA 94063

This business is conducted by: An
Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 10/18/2017.

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on October 18, 2017.

(ALM Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

File No. 275473
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
CVS/Pharmacy #16746, 133 Serramonte
Ctr., Daly City, CA 94015, County of San
Mateo
Mailing address if different: One CVS
Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895
Registered Owner(s): Garfield Beach
CVS, L.L.C., One CVS Drive, Woonsocket,
RI 02895, CA
This business is conducted by: a limited
liability company.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name or names listed above on:
12/15/2016.
I declare that all information in this
statement is true and correct. (A regis-
trant who declares as true information
which he or she knows to be false is
guilty of a crime.)
Signature of Registrant: Melanie K. Luker
Print name of person signing. If corpora-
tion, also print corporate title of officer:
Melanie K. Luker, Secretary
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk of SAN MATEO COUNTY on
October 30, 2017.
Notice - In accordance with subdivision
(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name
Statement generally expires at the end
of five years from the date on which
it was filed in the Office of the County
Clerk. Except, as provided in subdivision
(b) of Section 17920, where it expires
40 days after any change in the facts
set forth in the statement pursuant to
Section 17913 other than a change in
the residence address of a registered
owner. A New Fictitious Business Name
Statement must be filed before the
expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of
itself authorize the use in this state of
a Fictitious Business Name in violation
of the rights of another under Federal,
State, or Common Law (See Section
14411 et seq., Business and Professions
Code).
Original
MARK CHURCH, COUNTY CLERK
SAN MATEO COUNTY
BY: GLENN S. CHANGTIN
Deputy Clerk
CN943073 10675585 SO
Nov 15,22,29, Dec 6, 2017

BT PROPERTIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275485
The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
BT Properties, located at 800 W. El
Camino Real, Ste., 180, Mountain View,
CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
Registered owner(s):
BAY AREA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC.
800 W. El Camino Real, Ste. 180
Mountain View, CA 94040
a California Corporation
This business is conducted by: A
Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on September
1, 2016.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on October 30, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE
OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. M-270893
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 aban-
doned the use of the fictitious business
name(s).
MARY ANN KANYAL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
1.) BT PROPERTIES - Management &
Investment Services, 2.) BT PROPERTIES
800 W. El Camino Real, Suite 180
Mountain View, CA 94040
FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON:
September 22, 2016
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
BAY AREA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
INC.
800 W. El Camino Real, Suite 180
Mountain View, CA 94040
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:
Corporation.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo
County on October 30, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

ROBINSON & COMPANY, REALTORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275564
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Robinson & Company, Realtors, located
at 3603 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Menlo
Park, CA, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ROBINSON FINANCIAL CORP.
3603 Alameda De Las Pulgas
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California
This business is conducted by: A
Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 7/1/1980.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on November 6, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

LEHUA GREENMAN



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186 Acre Exceptional Ranch Estate w/ 3 parcels
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Erika Demma & Paula Russ 650.851.2666
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618 Manzanita Way
Exception Home, equestrian facilities + pool &
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Erika Demma 650.851.2666
CalBRE #01230766



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157 Watkins Ave
Beautifully remodeled 1-level home w/ resort-like
backyard. Nearly 1 acre on a private lot

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CalBRE #01215831



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661 Kings Mountain Road
Stunning home, 1.5+ acres. The perfect
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Julie Ray 650.324.4456
CalBRE #01881349



Woodside Heights | 5/5 | \$4,595,000
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Erika Demma 650.851.2666
CalBRE #01230766



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Hugh Cornish 650.324.4456
CalBRE #00912143



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Another amazing new home built by Sargent
Construction! Classic Modern Farm House.

Doug Gonzalez 650.324.4456
CalBRE #00895924



Portola Valley | 5/3.5 | \$3,495,000
900 Wayside Rd
Stunning views across SF Bay from Mt. Diablo to
Black Mountain! www.900wayside.com

Jean & Chris Isaacson 650.851.2666
CalBRE #00542342



Redwood City | 4/4 | \$3,395,000
761 Bain Place
Brand New Construction! No details spared in
this unique home. Grand open floorplan and tons
of nat. sunlight.

Sam Anagnostou 650.851.2666
CalBRE #00798217



Los Altos | 4/4.5 | \$3,198,000
1557 Plateau Ave
Elegant Mediterranean home offering spectacular
views. Excellent Los Altos Schools!

Camille Eder 650.324.4456
CalBRE #01394600



Emerald Hills/Cordilleras Heights | 4/3.5 | \$3,195,000
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One-of-a-Kind Custom Built Villa Truly has it ALL.
Enjoy Luxury Living & Unobstructed Views

Sam Anagnostou 650.851.2666
CalBRE #00798217



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incredible sun filled home perfect for family and
entertaining.

Sam Anagnostou 650.851.2666
CalBRE #00798217



Menlo Park | 2/2 | \$2,198,000
2191 Monterey Ave
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Hossein Jalali 650.324.4456
CalBRE #01215831



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CalBRE #00895924



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Elaine White 650.324.4456
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