

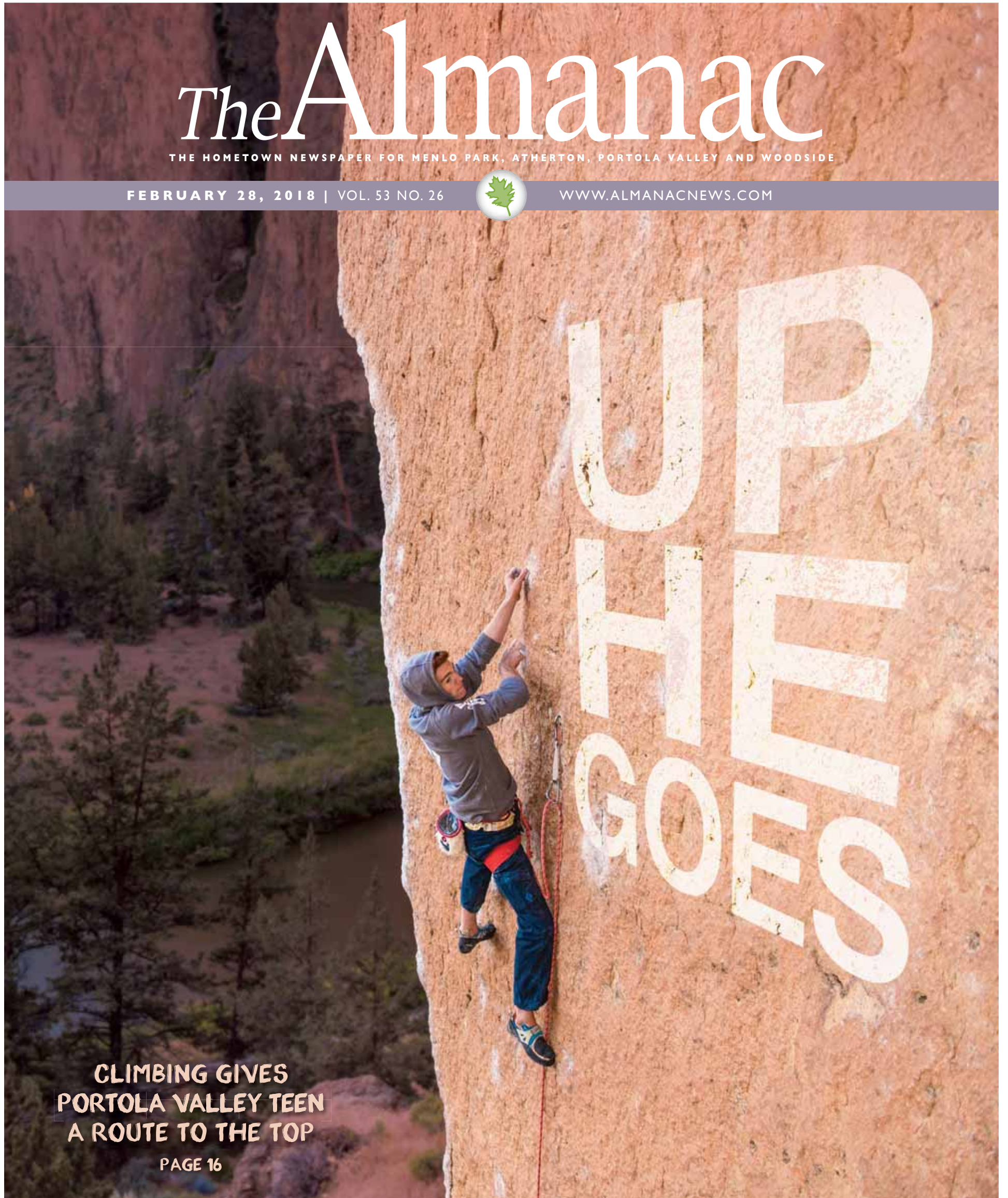
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Locals mourn, decry plans to close the Oasis

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The Oasis, perhaps the oldest eating establishment in Menlo Park, will close permanently March 7 after 60 years of business, according to a Feb. 21 announcement on Facebook by the business' owners, the Tougas family. They claimed they were "unable to negotiate a reasonable lease for our business, nor meet the requested terms of the building's owner."

The joint is considered an institution by many and beloved for its burgers, pizza, beer and slightly sticky wooden tables engraved with what appear to be generations of initials.

Michele LaBarbera, daughter of the Oasis' longtime former owner Bernie Tougas, who helps manage the family business with her husband, said she did not wish to discuss the terms of the negotiations. She noted that the "terms and conditions that were being asked of us were just not workable."

"We're extremely sad over this," she said.

Diana Beltramo Hewitt, a descendant of the Oasis' original founder and current property owner, also declined to comment further on the conditions of the lease, but noted that the Beltramo family does not have development plans for the site and will be looking for a new tenant.

In a Feb. 25 memo sent to the Menlo Park city attorney and city manager, Vice Mayor Ray Mueller has offered to mediate negotiations between the Beltramo and Tougas families, or to help the Beltramo family find new operators for the site.

He said he has spoken with property owners Dan and Margaret Beltramo and understands they don't want to develop the site. The restaurant holds emotional significance to them, he said. Mr. Beltramo's father reportedly built the wooden booths there.

The property owners would like to continue to operate the site as a restaurant, Ms. Beltramo Hewitt confirmed.

Mr. Mueller suggested that the city explore options to address the parking shortage at the



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Burgers, pizza, beer and signature wooden booths characterize the down-to-earth appeal of Menlo Park's Oasis Beer Garden at 341 El Camino Real.

restaurant during peak business hours and recommended that city staff prepare a report for the City Council to discuss the matter.

Another property owned by the Beltramos, the former Beltramo's Wine & Spirits site on

El Camino Real in Menlo Park, was sold and is planned for redevelopment into a three-story residential building by local developer Derek Hunter. The Menlo Park Planning Commission was scheduled to review the development plan on Feb. 26,

after the Almanac went to press.

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Advisory committee selects favored election maps

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

After considering nearly 40 maps and spending hours in intensive meetings held over the past month, Menlo Park's nine-member Advisory Districting Committee voted Feb. 22 in favor of two final maps to recommend to the City Council for approval: one with five districts, the other with six. The committee also voted unanimously to recommend the council move forward with a five-district election plan.

The district maps are intended to divide the city fairly, and the boundaries must be finalized by the November election if the city of Menlo Park is to avoid a threatened lawsuit. The threatened suit alleges that the city violates the California Voting Rights Act because its at-large election system — in which all voters may vote for any council candidate — makes it harder to elect minority candidates.

When considering three

options for a five-member district, seven members of the committee supported map 5-007a, while two supported map 5-007b; a third option, 5-007c, was not supported.

One argument committee members presented in favor of map 5-007b is that it would have boundaries in which three districts would touch El Camino Real, which could yield a council with a greater stake in addressing problems on the city's El Camino Real corridor.

Ultimately, though, the lines in map 5-007a made the districts more compact and visually coherent, committee members said, while also complying with state and federal requirements.

The committee issued a memo indicating how it reached its conclusions. According to the statement, the committee's primary criteria were to comply with the federal and state voting rights laws, respect existing neighborhood boundaries, balance population reasonably fairly,

and make logical visual sense.

Secondary criteria were factors like school attendance areas, compactness, areas with shared neighborhood problems, clear boundaries such as main roads, how district boundaries might affect incumbents, and a district's possible makeup of homeowners versus renters or residents of single-family versus multi-family housing.

Go to is.gd/district468 to access the memo.

Five or six?

The committee was tasked with coming up with recommendations for a five- and a six-district city. But it was clear that after deliberations, members favored a five-district alternative, and ultimately voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council that it go with five districts.

Following through on its commitment, though, the committee gathered six votes in favor of

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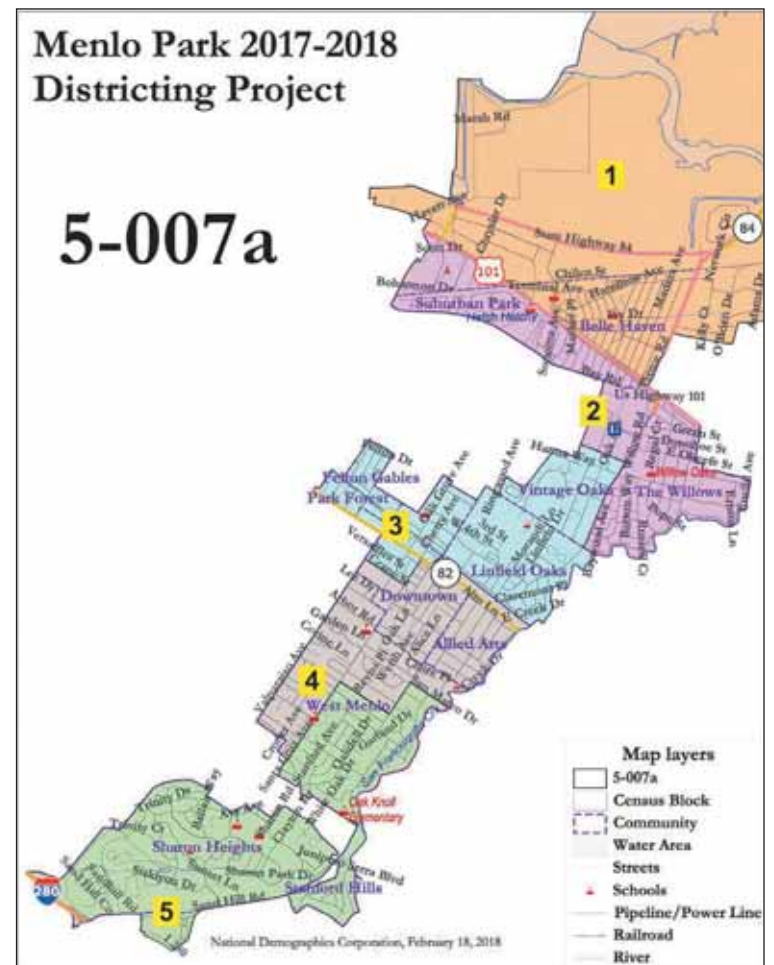


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The five-district map that the nine-member Menlo Park Advisory Districting Committee has selected to recommend for approval by the City Council.

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a six-district map, referred to as map 6-007b.

Belle Haven resident Pam Jones said she objected to a six-district system because it could dilute the voting power of the Belle Haven district being created.

With six districts, the city would also have a separately elected mayor.

"I don't believe it's good for Menlo Park to go that route," said Steve Chessin, president of Californians for Electoral Reform, an election reform nonprofit, and someone who has been following the matter closely.

Committee member Michael Hoff suggested recommending a six-district option with clear problems, or one that would put two council incumbents in the same district, in order to discourage the council from adopting a six-district plan. The council could be inherently biased toward a six-district system if it allows members to keep their seats, pointed out committee member Mike Cohen.

Sequencing

The other major question the committee was tasked with answering is which districts will be subject to an election first.

Ultimately, the committee voted 8-0-1, with committee

member Michael Hoff abstaining, that under the recommended five-district map, the city could have elections for three seats in 2018 for districts 1, 2 and 4.

The District 1 seat is currently vacant, and District 2's seat is currently occupied by Councilwoman Kirsten Keith; two current council members, Rich Cline and Peter Ohtaki, live in District 4.

In 2020, the city would then hold elections for the seats for District 3 — which is currently vacant — and District 5; council members Catherine Carlton and Ray Mueller live in that district.

Under that plan, District 3 would not have representation until 2020, even though there is at least one Menlo Park resident of that district interested in running for the position: Jennifer Wolosin, founder of Parents for Safe Routes. She has already filed a document with the city indicating she plans to start collecting campaign funds, up to \$2,000.

"In the event that the opportunity presented itself, I wanted to be prepared," she told the Almanac. She said she has been meeting with local leaders and others in the community over coffee and telling people she's considering running for council, noting, "I don't think I'll stop doing that even if elections

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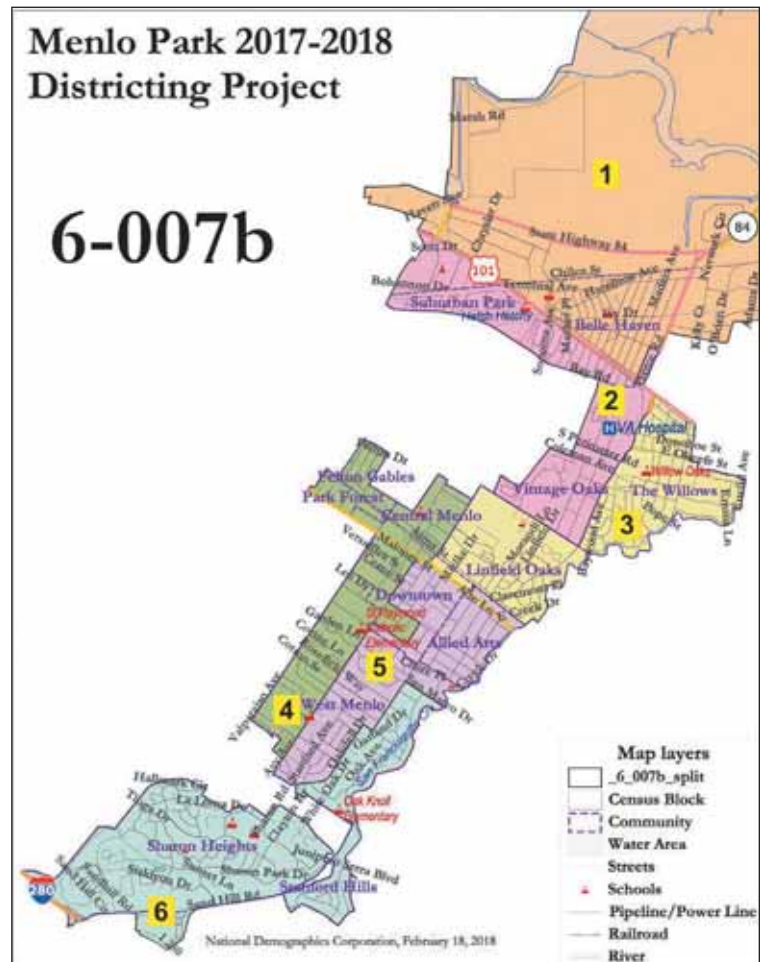


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The six-district map that the Menlo Park Advisory Districting Committee has selected to recommend for approval by the City Council. This comes with the caveat that committee members prefer that the council adopt a five-district map.

\$70 million school bond measure planned for June ballot

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

■ LAS LOMITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Las Lomitas Elementary School District's board unanimously approved putting a \$70 million bond measure on the June 5 ballot at its Feb. 14 meeting.

If more than 55 percent of those voting approve the measure, it would bring the district's bond spending to \$154 million, or \$113,821 per current student.

Three other bond measures totaling \$84 million have been passed since 1999, including a 2013 bond measure for \$60 million.

By comparison, bond spending in the Menlo Park City School District per current student is \$45,794, and in the Woodside Elementary School District is \$75,430 per student. Currently, the Las Lomitas district's per-student bond spending is \$62,084.

If approved, the bond measure would cost property owners approximately \$300 per \$1 million in assessed property value

each year.

Unlike parcel taxes, seniors cannot be exempted from paying for bond measures.

The two-school Las Lomitas district is currently working on major construction projects on both its campuses using the proceeds of the November 2013 bond. District officials say a 2013 master plan identified \$120 million in needs for its schools: kindergarten to third-grade Las Lomitas and fourth- through eighth-grade La Entrada Middle.

Included in the resolution authorizing the bond election is a long list of projects the bond revenue could be used for, including: demolition and construction of new classrooms, technology upgrades, energy-efficiency upgrades, playgrounds and equipment, multipurpose rooms, security and safety systems, school offices, and "furniture, equipment, architectural,



Photo by Michelle Le /The Almanac

As the Las Lomitas Elementary School District finishes up projects paid for by the proceeds from a \$60 million bond approved in 2013, such as this building at La Entrada Middle School, voters will be asked in June to approve a new \$70 million bond for more projects.

engineering, and similar planning costs, program management (and) staff training."

At is.gd/LL_list, see the full wording of the resolution calling for the election and the full project list online.

Information posted on the district's website says the following projects are planned for

phase two of construction at La Entrada:

- Improve school and student safety with redesigned parking lot, pick-up and drop-off areas.

- Recondition sports fields and running path for improved physical education space.

- Modernize existing classrooms and support buildings

for 21st century teaching and learning.

- Install a rooftop solar system campus-wide.

The website shows these projects planned for phase two construction at Las Lomitas:

- Modernize existing classrooms to support student achievement in math, science, arts and technology.

- Improve school safety, security and access.

- Upgrade utility systems and improve infrastructure at the existing campus.

- Replace aging roofing on all buildings not included in phase one.

- Install rooftop solar campus-wide.

One major difference between the district's circumstances in 2013 and now is that in 2013 the district was experiencing increasing student enrollment. Since then, enrollment has steadily fallen from a high of 1,419 students in the 2012-13 school year to 1,360 this school year. ■

Longer dormers, more headroom ahead for some apartments

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

In a move to improve livability in what is likely a limited type of affordable housing in Woodside — an apartment above an existing garage that does not conform with setback rules — the Town Council on Feb. 13 gave its support to change the town's code to allow more headroom under the sloped roofs of such apartments.

At the direction of the council after a study session, town staff is drafting an amendment to the code to allow a dormer to take up to 50 percent of the length of the apartment's roof. The amendment would apply only if the garage already exists and only if its location is at or near a property's edge such that it does not conform to current regulations on property line setbacks.

The matter first came up in a discussion in December when a resident defended a very tight

apartment floor plan that did not include closet space and had limited areas where an adult could stand up without contacting the roof. Due to recent changes to state law intended to increase the supply of affordable housing, such a floor plan could no longer be contested on aesthetic grounds.

Because the apartment sat directly under a sloped roof, adults could walk or stand freely only under the peak of the roof and under two dormers limited to an area of 25 square feet each. Headroom dropped dramatically toward the walls.

Such an apartment was "an embarrassment" and "not a livable unit," architect and Councilman Peter Mason said in December. Councilman and general contractor Dave Tanner said the plan "doesn't work at all."

Extended dormers address the headroom issue and sidestep a controversial idea of raising the maximum roof height and second-story floor height for

accessory dwelling units.

Buildings that appear massive are a touchy issue in Woodside, particularly near property lines. The town has an interest in decreasing the scale of development near property lines, Planning Director Jackie Young noted in a staff report.

In a note of reassurance, Ms. Young said that while the floor plan under discussion would increase the diversity of affordable housing, the likely trend will be toward renting out rooms inside single-family homes.

"I don't anticipate getting (applications for) a lot of these units," Ms. Young said, referring to the above-garage apartments. "I really think it's going to be a one-off." Given the large parcels in Woodside, detached units are more common, she added.

How high the roof?

The Planning Commission, in its own discussion of amending the code for such apartments,

having a voice."

With six districts, the sequencing would be more complicated. In 2018, the city would hold elections for one two-year term and three four-year terms. It would hold an election for a two-year term for District 3, and four-year-term elections for districts 1, 2, and 4, plus a mayor. Then, in 2020, the District 3 seat would be up for re-election along with the

seats in districts 5 and 6 for a four-year term.

The committee's deliberations, according to Ms. Jones, "represented the best part of democracy."

The Menlo Park City Council is tentatively scheduled to review the district maps on March 13, but the matter may be postponed due to expected council absences, according to interim City Clerk Clay Curtin. ■

would not consider increasing the 17-foot maximum for the roof ridge line or allowing a higher second-story floor — the plate height — for an accessory dwelling unit, Ms. Young said.

The council, before agreeing on the substance of a dormer amendment, ventured into that territory.

"I'm profoundly disappointed that we can't make the roof a little higher," Councilwoman Anne Kasten said, adding that she has

concerns about the state eventually sanctioning the town for not doing enough on affordable housing.

Mr. Tanner said he didn't see a problem with a slight increase in overall height to 18 feet or 19 feet. "When we made these rules and regulations, they weren't going to be livable spaces," he said. "We're (discussing this) because we have rules from a long time ago that we're still using." ■

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are pushed back two years."

She added: "I don't see how this whole lack of representation could have been avoided, given this transition period, but it remains to be seen how this will play out. I don't know if those who live in District 3 realize the implication of what's about to happen to them in terms of

Atherton continues review of fire services costs, options

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton will continue to look at its options for pulling out of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District or reducing the share of property taxes the district receives, its City Council decided Wednesday night, Feb. 21.

The council had invited Atherton residents to weigh in on a report from the Matrix Consulting Group showing that in the 2015-16 fiscal year Atherton, with 8 percent of the residents in the fire district, provided \$11.8 million to the district — 31.7 percent of its total property tax revenue.

The study says if the town had its own fire department it would probably cost \$6.8 million a year. Contracting with another fire department would cost an estimated \$7.4 million annually. The council agreed that Matrix

should be asked to consider how to address the points raised in the report, including the process and issues involved in separating from the district, as well as any legislative process that could change the allocation of property tax dollars the district receives.

Council not unanimous

The decision was not unanimous. While a vote was not required to give City Manager George Rodericks direction for the town's next steps with the Matrix report, two council members were not enthusiastic about going on to examine the town's options.

Council member Rick DeGolia said he feels the town has too much else on its plate with construction of a new civic center to begin later this year. "The way I look at it, the council has our hands full," he said. "This is not

the time to take this on."

Later in the meeting, however, Mr. DeGolia said he'd like to know the details of the process involved in separating from the district. "I'd like to see a report on how long it would take, what the cost would be," he said.

Council member Elizabeth Lewis said she thinks the town should further investigate legislative solutions on its own. "I think we need to really look at this very, very hard and talk to our state legislators, our senators, and figure out how we can recalculate, reset our contribution...so the fire district just doesn't have so much excess," she said.

"They have an enormous fiscal surplus," she said. "They get to play with all this money all the time."

"We know we're paying too much," Ms. Lewis said.

Study should continue

But the other three council members agreed the study should be continued.

"I think this is a very long process," said council member Mike Lempres. "I think the time to look at it is now. I would be in favor of learning what our options are, what the process is."

"We are overpaying for fire services," he said, adding that when a public agency's revenues go up "bureaucracies expand." The salaries paid to fire district employees are "out of line," he said.

Mayor Cary Wiest, who is the town's liaison to the fire district and attends most of its board's meetings, said that as property values continue to increase in Atherton the gap between the revenues the district receives from the town and the amount it spends in providing services in the town will continue to grow larger.

"If we think it's bad now, it's only going to get worse," he said.

Mayor Wiest said all the fire districts in the county provide good service, but the Menlo Park district has "more money than most, so they can do more things. They have more toys than most," he said.

Per-capita costs

Mayor Wiest said the cost per capita for fire district residents is much more for Atherton than any other jurisdiction covered by the fire district.

The district covers Menlo Park, Atherton, East Palo Alto and adjacent parts of unincorporated San Mateo County.

His figures show that the per-capita costs for fire service are:

Atherton, with a population of 7,207 = \$ 1,639.06

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San Mateo County with a population of 19,221 = \$302.64

East Palo Alto with a population of 29,684 = \$70.16

Service first rate

All council members agreed

the fire district provides good service.

"Under no circumstances are we saying the service we are receiving from the Menlo Park fire district is not appropriate. It's first rate," said council member Bill Widmer. "What has changed ... is all this growth in these other areas," he said. "There needs to be some sort of adjustment."

Council members also emphasized that looking at what the next steps could be doesn't mean they'll take them. "It doesn't mean that we'll do anything," Mr. Widmer said. "I do think the numbers are too big to ignore."

Council members also said they had never believed that the town would end up with the property tax dollars that now go to the fire district.

"We couldn't take their tax dollars if we wanted to," Mr. DeGolia said. Instead, the tax money that is in excess of what is needed to provide fire service to Atherton would be reallocated by the county to schools and other local entities, he said.

Horrible mistake

Among the few speakers from the public at the meeting was former Atherton mayor Malcolm Dudley. Mr. Dudley argued that the town ought to be willing to pay a premium to get excellent fire service.

"Having the very best emergency services should be our top priority," he said.

Disasters such as the recent North Bay fires "are not limited to city boundaries. We're all in it together," Mr. Dudley said.

Atherton's withdrawal from the fire district would affect the remaining cities in the district, Mr. Dudley said. "I think it would be a horrible mistake to do that," he said.

The fire district's board on Tuesday night, Feb. 20, voted to make no response to the fire district study and no representatives of the district spoke at the meeting. ▀

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2. 331 Greer LLC PCDR2018-0001
331 Greer Road Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Review for approval, conditional approval, or denial of an amendment to a previous Planning Commission Design Review approval of the demolition of a portion of an existing single family residence, and construction of an addition to, and remodel of the residence; demolition of six existing small accessory structures (three sheds, pool shade structure, dog shelter, and carport); construction of three new accessory structures (utility shed, pool pavilion, and garage); and, associated site improvements that include, but is not limited to, significant grading, pool relocation, significant paving/driveway relocation, and new landscaping (PCDR2017-0002). The proposal on this parcel requires approval of a Grading Exception for grading that exceeds 1,500 cubic yards (GRAD2017-0002).

The proposed amendment (PCDR2018-0001) includes a request to replace the originally approved slate roof with a faux slate roof made from plastic/rubber materials. **This item was continued from the February 21, 2018, meeting due to a lack of quorum.**

3. Town of Woodside ZOAM2018-0001
Planner: Alex Byrd, Assistant Planner

Review and Approval/Denial of a Resolution of Intention and Recommendation to the Town Council to Amend Chapter 153 (Zoning) of the Woodside Municipal Code to allow for the conversion between a nonconforming single-family residential structure and an accessory habitable structure without a Change of Use granted by the Planning Commission.

4. Town of Woodside
Study Session: Non-conforming Regulations Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director

Second Study Session to review those sections of Chapter 151, Site Development, and Chapter 153, Zoning, of the Woodside Municipal Code, which address nonconforming lots and structures. This Study Session will concentrate on the R-1 Zoning District.

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

Assault rifle-type weapon found; suspect still at large

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The firearm has been found, but the man who police say shot an assault rifle-type weapon in a Menlo Park backyard on Saturday night, Feb. 24, is still at large.

Suspect Jose Gutierrez, 36, is currently wanted by the Menlo Park Police Department for

allegedly shooting a firearm recklessly, which is a felony. He is associated with a silver Honda Accord, license plate number 5ZCK527. He had not yet been found as of around 11 a.m. on Feb. 26, according to police spokeswoman Nicole Acker.

On the night of Feb. 24, Mr. Gutierrez allegedly fired an assault rifle-type weapon in the



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A map laying out how Facebook's proposed "Willow Village" development might look.

Facebook's 'Willow Village' gets first public review

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The doors are opening for the public to weigh in on Facebook's biggest Menlo Park development yet.

On Monday, Feb. 26, the proposed "Willow Village" development was scheduled to go before Menlo Park's Planning Commission for a study session, and Facebook has scheduled three open houses in March to answer questions from the public about its proposed project.

The company has expansive redevelopment plans for the 59-acre property it owns that runs on the south side of Willow Road about a quarter-mile west of Bayfront Expressway, bounded roughly by Mid Peninsula High School to the west, Willow Road to the north, the Dumbarton rail corridor to the east, and the UPS Center and Pacific Biosciences office (on O'Brien Drive and Adams Court) to the south.

There are currently 20 buildings there; Facebook plans to demolish those and replace them with 3.45 million square feet of office, retail and residential space.

There are nine office buildings proposed — expected to total 1.75 million square feet — along with a 200-room hotel, seven public-access parks or plazas covering eight acres, 1,500 housing units, a visitors' center, a grocery store, pharmacy and other retail spaces.

To meet the city's zoning policies, 15 percent, or 225, of the housing units will be designated for below-market-rate rent. A staff report indicates that the units will range from one to four bedrooms.

In addition, the office buildings would be intentionally isolated from the public-facing areas, with interior courtyards. The proposed heights for the residential, mixed-use buildings are 61 to 72 feet and, for the office buildings, 74 to 112.5 feet. The proposed density and heights are greater than the baseline the city allows, so Facebook will be required to provide benefits to the community at a value of half the fair market value of the additional gross floor area the city will permit it to add.

The company is proposing to phase the development such that only one-third of the total office project and housing are completed at a time.

According to a staff report, the Feb. 26 meeting is intended for planning staff to get input from the Planning Commission on the company's plans to realign some roads; the proposed bike and pedestrian paseo; density; phasing; and the master planning process for the site.

The meeting was held after the Almanac went to press. Go to almanacnews.com for the latest updates.

In addition, Facebook officials will host their own public meetings in the coming weeks to provide information about the proposed development.

Scheduled meetings are:

■ Saturday, March 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Menlo Park Senior Center, 110 Terminal Ave. in Menlo Park.

■ Saturday, March 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the East Palo Alto Senior Center at 560 Bell St. in East Palo Alto.

■ Thursday, March 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center at 700 Alma St. in Menlo Park. ■



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Caltrain issues list of demands as prelude to pole design change

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

In the latest volley in the battle between Atherton and Caltrain over the height of the poles it plans to install as part of its project to electrify its trains, Caltrain has given the town until Feb. 28 to meet a list of demands if it wants shorter poles installed.

A Feb. 6 letter from Caltrain demands that Atherton pay it \$200,000, get written

consent of property owners whose trees will be affected by changed plans, and agree the town won't support or be a part of any lawsuit filed against the electrification project. In return, Caltrain would install 10 35-foot-tall poles with crossbeams spanning only one set of tracks, instead of the five 45-foot-tall poles that cantilever over two sets of tracks it had planned.

The shorter poles would be on both sides of the tracks, while the

taller poles would have all been on one side.

Atherton's City Council members said they aren't willing to go along, however. At a Feb. 21 meeting, council members said they won't sign the legal release, and want proof of the actual cost of changing to shorter poles. A subcommittee made up of Mayor Cary Wiest and council member Rick DeGolia will negotiate with Caltrain, and the council will call a special meeting if it is needed to ratify the agreement.

As they have at two earlier meetings, dozens of residents of Lloyd Park showed up in force at the meeting. They asked the town to pay Caltrain what it wants but said they don't think the town should sign a legal release.

"We are very disappointed that Caltrain chose not to make a compromise," said Sharon Hume, president of the Lloyd Park homeowners' association. A letter signed by 68 neighborhood residents was sent to the town,

urging that Caltrain be paid.

"An eyesore in one part of Atherton will sully the entire town," Ms. Hume said.

The neighbors' letter urges the town to pay Caltrain "in order to save the Lloyd Park neighborhood, approximately 90 homes, as well as other nearby neighborhoods, from a preventable aesthetic environmental blight."

Council members said Caltrain may be retaliating against the town for its opposition to the electrification project.

Council member Elizabeth Lewis said that she has had recent conversations with elected officials on the joint powers board that runs Caltrain. "Some members of the JPB, I believe, are just kind of gloating that they're putting it to us," she said.

"I believe Caltrain has not acted in good faith in dealing with Atherton," Ms. Lewis said. "There's no secret to the fact that Atherton has been a thorn in Caltrain's side for a long time because we've sued several times."

"I'm surprised with the demands and tone of the Caltrain letter," said council member Bill Widmer. "The poles, in fact, will be an eyesore."

"I think \$200,000 is way too high," he said. "The other conditions in that letter were inappropriate."

Town officials said they first learned that Caltrain planned to put the tall two-track poles in place in November, at a meeting at which the town was scheduled to approve an agreement allowing Caltrain to get the permits needed to start working in Atherton.

Caltrain representatives said at that meeting that most of Atherton's new poles will be in the center of the tracks and 30 to 35 feet tall. But in places where there's not room for the center poles, some poles would be up to 45 feet tall.

That was news to town officials who had written in a staff report

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Carol Bird Cutting

May 14, 1930 – February 10, 2018

Carol Bird Cutting, a 60 year resident of Menlo Park, passed away at her home in Orange County, California on February 10th, 2018. Her three daughters were by her side.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Carol graduated from Marlborough School for Girls and went on to graduate from UCLA where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

After graduation, she moved to Palo Alto, where as "Miss Bird" she spent 5 years teaching 5th graders in the Palo Alto School District, which earned her a lifetime California teaching credential. Through a blind date, set up by their mothers, Carol met Lester Cutting, who was working in San Francisco at the time. They were married in June of 1956.

The newlyweds built a home in West Menlo Park and raised their three daughters with the values and qualities they admired most: kindness, generosity, and a positive outlook on life.

Carol participated in a variety of volunteer activities and worked at what she loved. She was a Girl Scout Brownie Leader, Las Lomitas School District PTA President for 2 years and later worked as a substitute teacher at La Entrada School. In Peninsula Volunteers, she helped with the senior housing apartments on Partridge Avenue and the fundraiser shows. As a member of the Menlo Atherton Auxiliary, she especially liked her volunteer hours at the Traditional Shop located at the Allied Arts Guild.

Carol spent years working in retail and joined Saks Fifth Avenue in the designer dress salon where she helped each of her clients find just the right outfit for that special occasion.

Her affiliation with St Bede's Episcopal Church was a constant in her life. There, Carol taught Sunday School, hosted exchange students, arranged flowers for the altar guild, joined the investment club and found lifelong friends and truly meaningful community support.

Carol was pleased to stand by her husband Les as the "First Lady" to his many volunteer endeavors. As a couple, they enjoyed their home and garden, Stanford football game tailgates, and traveled to many U.S. and European destinations. The two spent most Friday nights on their "date night" at a local restaurant, always pleased to be the late diners that turned out the lights on their way out the door.

Carol always kept an optimistic attitude. In her later years she moved to the Capriana Senior community in Orange County, close to her daughter's home.

Carol is survived by her three daughters: Mary Jack, Barbara Sieck and Nancy Phillipi, her seven granddaughters: Lesley, Kathryn, Stephanie, Madeline, Lauren, Nicole, and Caroline, her two great grandchildren: Charlotte and Henry, her sister: Barbara Bird McColl, and other extended family members.

Carol was predeceased by her husband of 51 years Lester Milbank Cutting.

A family service will be held in San Gabriel, California.

The family prefers memorial donations to the charity of your choice.

PAID OBITUARY

OASIS

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Tougas family's announcement on Facebook. Hundreds of comments flooded in and a petition was launched to urge the property owner to reconsider.

On Facebook, some people tagged other people or shared the announcement to spread the news; others expressed sadness at the announcement or shared memories.

"N N N N N N N N N - NOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The last great hole-in-the-wall in Menlo Park / Palo Alto ... RIP," wrote Todd Curtis Fryburger.

"Spent time there growing up starting back in the 70's and my father even spent time there when he was in College at Stanford. I try to get there every time I'm in town visiting. It feels like home to walk in there. So sad to see it go," wrote Gary Lee Chrisman.

"The Oasis was the extension of the Homebrew Computer Club, where after the meeting adjourned staff of competing companies would drink and exchange tips about how to run their businesses. It deserves historic recognition for that reason alone," wrote Lee Felsenstein.

The online petition, titled "Don't let the O Go!" (a reference to the watering hole's nickname) was written by Alison Perris, who shared her remembrances of the spot: "I was born and raised in Menlo Park, CA and ever since I can remember The Oasis has been our hangout. ... As a kid I can remember going to the O with my Dad for pizza

and a (root beer) and feeling so grown up as we sat in the large wooden booths with names of Stanford students past and present carved into the tables and walls. Then when I was older meeting friends over beers after softball games or watching the Giants in the World Series."

As of about 3 p.m. Feb. 26, the petition had gathered 12,571 signatures.

History

According to the Menlo Park Historical Association, the building that houses the Oasis was once the YMCA building at Camp Fremont, when the area was a training camp for World War I. It was originally built in 1917 at Santa Cruz Avenue and Chestnut Street, but was moved to its current location at 241 El Camino Real around 1920.

The historical association reports that Alexander Beltramo, son of Beltramo's Wine & Spirits founder John Beltramo, converted the building into a beer garden in 1933. Ms. Beltramo Hewitt told the Almanac he named it that "because he thought that was fitting after Prohibition."

Mr. Beltramo operated the beer garden for about two years, and in 1946 it was leased to a man named Archie Marshall. In 1958, the business changed hands again, and Bernie Tougas took over tenancy at the site, Ms. Beltramo Hewitt said.

"He and his wife Doris really poured their heart and soul into the place and made it what it is today," she said. "They were great tenants for many years."

According to "Menlo Park: Beyond the Gate," a history book about Menlo Park by historians Michael Svanevik and Shirley Burgett, the building's front office was used as the air raid warden's office during World War II.

Notable incidents referenced in that book include a visit by a young John F. Kennedy, who came by to eat a hamburger. Another time, when flooding from San Francisquito Creek had left the restaurant inundated, customers just took off their shoes and "partied as usual."

The restaurant currently has around 20 to 25 employees, who were alerted about the closure plans on Feb. 20, after the final decision was made the day before, according to an employee who asked to remain anonymous.

Saying goodbye

The Tougas family also made a separate farewell statement, expressing gratitude to loyal clients in Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Stanford.

"We want to express our warmest appreciation to all of the wonderful customers who passed through our doors. Your love is engraved in our many tables and booths. Thank you for sitting down in our beer garden to have a beer with us, cracking open some peanuts, carving up our tables with your first loves, playing some pinball, and filling our restaurant with your children and children's children. We are so grateful to have shared these past 60 years with you!" the letter says. ☐

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Photo by Jake Scharfman

Hanging by his fingertips, Ross Fulkerson is about to pull himself up over the lip of a boulder in Bishop, California, in November 2017.

UP HE GOES

Rock climbing is giving Portola Valley's Ross Fulkerson a route to the top

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Rock climbing, a new category in the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, is a competitive sport in which competitors often talk strategy with each other. It's a team sport in which individuals perform more or less by themselves. And it's a gravity-defying sport that demands balance, strength, agility, mental acuity and judgment, and has practitioners from ages 3 to 83.

One notable practitioner is Portola Valley resident Ross Fulkerson, a 16-year-old a junior at Design Tech High School in Redwood Shores who is a rising star in the climbing community and a potential climber for the United States in Tokyo.

Ross recently took first place for his age group in the 2018 Bouldering Youth National Championship held Feb. 9 in Salt Lake City. He's been climbing competitively since 2011 and finished in the top 10 — including seven first-place finishes — in 14 of 18 contests during the 2016-17 and current U.S. climbing seasons.

Bouldering is what it sounds like: climbing boulders. It's an indoor sport — done on climbing walls fitted with strategically placed gripping points for hands and feet — and it's an outdoor sport done on actual boulders (and at the feet of some vertical rock faces).

Boulderers exploit crevices, ledges

and other natural features of a rock to reach the top, 15 or 20 feet up, without ropes or harnesses. As with vertical rock formations such as El Capitan and Half Dome in Yosemite, popular boulders have had routes established to get to the top. Experienced climbers assign numbers to the routes to indicate the level of difficulty, thereby presenting intriguing climbing challenges.

Bouldering is a low-altitude activity that can offer daunting experiences a climber might find at high altitudes, but without the long climb up and the risk of a long fall down. Some of the most visited bouldering spots in California are in Yosemite and Joshua Tree national parks and in Bishop at the Buttermilk Boulders.

Boulderers do fall, but they don't fall far and the landings are cushioned by thick "crash pads" hauled in by backpack and placed at the foot of the boulder. It's a group activity; climbing companions station themselves around the crash pads to prevent a falling climber's head or shoulders from hitting the ground.

Young Gun

Ross was named a 2018 recipient of the Young Gun award by The North Face outfitting company, according to Bruce Mitchell, vice president of the board of USA Climbing, which governs competitive climbing in the United States.

The award recognizes athletes who

exemplify the sport, including efforts to give back to communities. In recent years, Ross said in an email, he has made himself available as a mentor to new climbers, introduced and taught a climbing class at his high school, and participated in climbs that benefit good causes. "Events of these sorts are a tremendous source of satisfaction," he said.

Asked about sportsmanship and climbing, Mr. Mitchell said that climbers as a group tend to be good sports.

For competitive climbs that allow climbers to preview the routes up a wall, the competitors tend to gather and talk about what's ahead in the contest, he said. Such conversation is innocuous in that talking about a climbing problem and solving it on the wall are two quite different things, Mr. Mitchell said. Without the moves and the judgment, talking won't help, he said.

When asked why humans climb, Mr. Mitchell called the activity "incredibly natural and kind of our nature." To do it well requires core-muscle strength and familiarity with body mechanics, he said.

As for who should and should not climb, Mr. Mitchell recalled watching climbers with amputated limbs and blind climbers ascend a wall. When the climber is blind, the audience is asked for silence so the climber can hear commands from below. "It's pretty amazing," he said, "to see 20,000 people dead silent while these competitors



Photo by Ross Fulkerson

An abandoned World War II bunker along the coast in Half Moon Bay gives Ross Fulkerson a venue to practice a “front lever,” in which he uses the strength of his arms to hold his body suspended horizontally to the ground.

are going up the wall.”

Anyone can climb, he added. “That’s one of the amazing things about climbing ... There are 90-year-olds still out there doing it.” Older adults should clear it with a physician, he said.

An Olympic sport

In the 2020 summer Olympics, rock climbing (on a climbing wall) will join baseball/softball, karate, skateboarding and surfing as new entrants, according to tokyo2020.org. Climbing medals will go to the top three climbers with the best combined scores from three activities:

- **Bouldering:** climbing fixed routes on

a wall that is no more than 5 meters high, with the competitors climbing as many individual routes as possible within the designated time.

- **Lead climbing:** ascending a wall at least 12 meters high using a fixed course and attached to a safety rope.

- **Speed climbing:** racing up a familiar course of grips on a 15-meter wall in less than six seconds (for men) or eight seconds (for women).

A “vertical triathlon” as *Climbing* magazine put it.

Ross said he hasn’t yet decided on whether to undertake the two years of training needed to join the U.S. team. “There’s not

a big downside to trying,” he added.

One complication: the nearest speed wall is in Reno, Nevada. In speed climbing, “you have to be ridiculously accurate,” he said. One misplaced foot will cost you two seconds and you’re out of the race, he said.

Learning to climb

You can learn the basics of climbing rocks in a day at a climbing gym, and then take a couple introductory classes on rope climbing, Ross said. The key to advancing is finding a good coach and a supportive community — not hard to find among rock climbers, he said.

Climbing has evolved from the scene

at Yosemite in decades past, “a dirt-bag sport for people living out of their vans,” Ross said. He said he began climbing when he turned 8 and was told by a coach at a climbing gym that he showed promise. In training, Ross said, he may spend four or five hours every weekday at the gym. “I think it shaped who I am as a person,” he said. “It taught me to work hard and persevere.”

Asked about his workouts, Ross said he didn’t have any for his first four years. These days, his after-climbing workout might include six core-muscle exercises for six minutes each with no rest in between. “Besides being on the wall, most of the training is calisthenics,” he said, noting that he recently began doing pullups with 30 pounds of weight on his legs.

As for being a young man and dealing with urges to take risks that many young men face, and whether rock climbing moderates those urges, Ross said climbing may be a factor, but added, “I don’t think many rock climbers are adrenaline seekers.”

Under experienced guidance, Ross scaled the 2,200-foot face of Half Dome at Yosemite in 14 hours in June 2017, his mother Paige Fulkerson said in an email, adding that though the climb was not a record, it was a big deal for a 16-year-old.

Being on a wall 2,000 feet in the air with nothing but a 9-millimeter rope for safety brings with it a heightened level of adventure, Ross said. “That feeling is really cool,” he said.

“You feel very free, but at the same time you’re so in tune with nature and the rock and your surroundings. Everything is one.” ■

On the cover: Portola Valley resident and noted rock climber Ross Fulkerson climbs at Smith Rock State Park in Oregon in the summer of 2017. Photo by Jake Scharfman

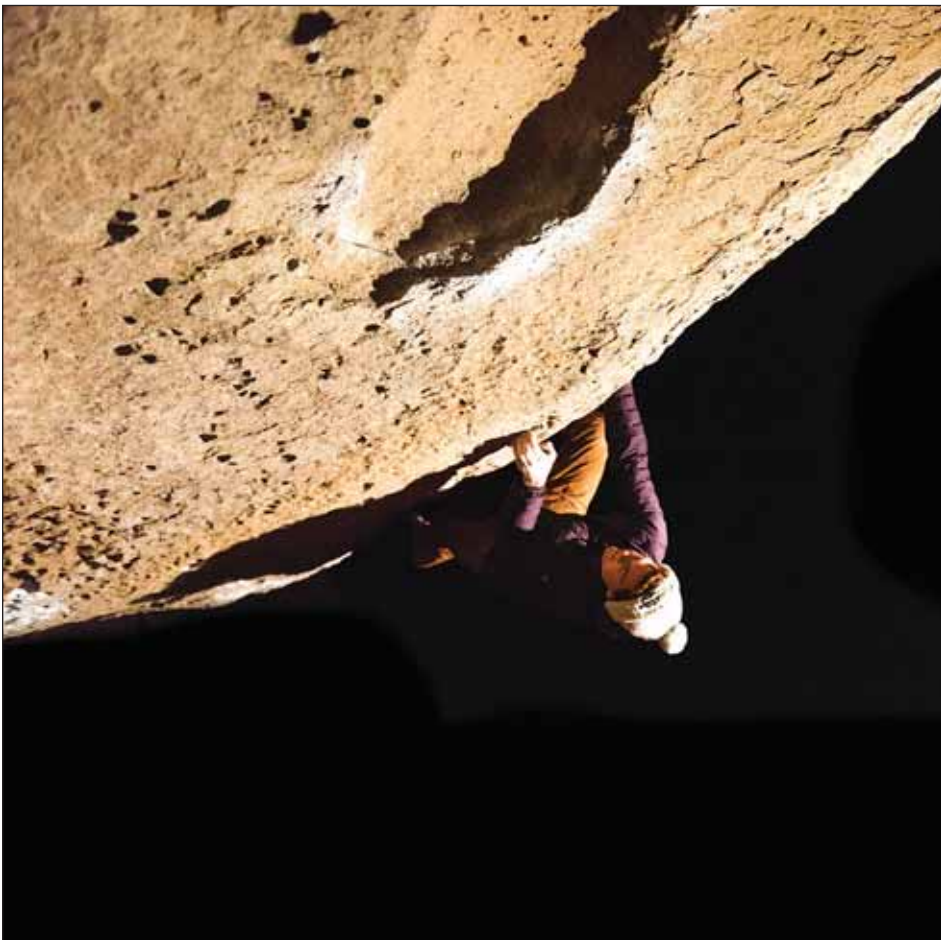


Photo by Jake Scharfman

After a large “swing” and before momentum pulls him off this boulder in Bishop, California, Ross Fulkerson catches a small hold, a “crux move” that allows him to keep going.

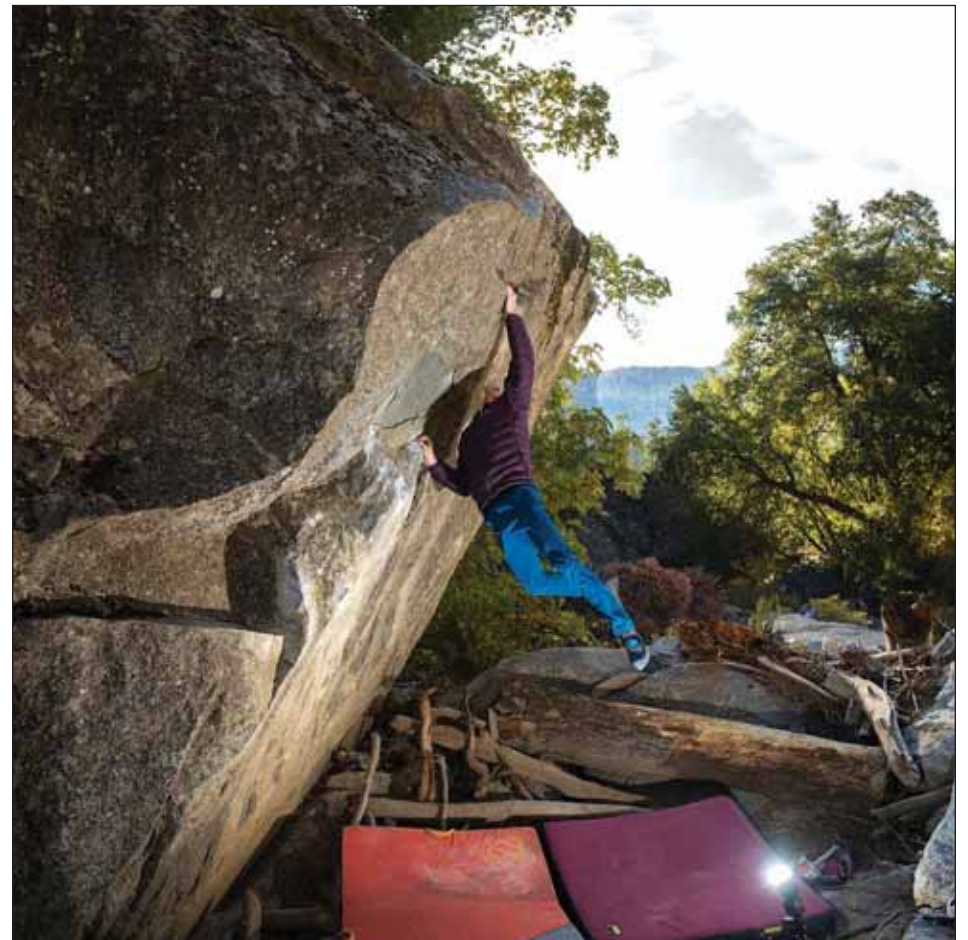


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In executing a crux move, the hardest move of a climb, Ross Fulkerson “holds a swing” across the face of a boulder near the Merced River in Yosemite National Park.

Free video game designed to help youth with health challenges

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton's Sheri Sobrato Brisson wanted to find a way to build on the success of "Digging Deep," an interactive journal she'd co-written and distributed to help young people with serious health challenges address their own emotional health.

As it became apparent the entire printing of 35,000 copies of the "Digging Deep" journal would soon be distributed, Ms. Sobrato Brisson brainstormed with the team she had assembled to work on the journal and the website, blogs and support system that had built up around it.

The best way to help as many sick kids as possible, they decided, was to go to where they spend the most time — their mobile devices.

"Shadow's Edge," a free mobile game designed for those 13 and older with serious medical challenges, was released late last year for Android and Apple devices.

The game, complete with sophisticated graphics, music and voice recognition, brings players into the damaged city of Shadow's Edge, where they help

restore it with graffiti art and writing based on "Digging Deep" journal writing prompts.

While it's meant to be a solo game, the players can choose to share the art and writing they create. "You get enough kids out there willing to share, they can start learning from each other, be inspired by each other," Ms. Sobrato Brisson said.

"What we are trying to show is the commonality," she said. "We want to connect kids ... so they don't feel alone."

"Shadow's Edge' is a tool that puts control back in the hands of young patients — a chance to be proactive in their healing," says Ms. Sobrato Brisson, a longtime Atherton resident with school-age children of her own. "Our goal is to help kids deal with the reality of what is happening to them, so they can heal emotionally as well as physically."

Ms. Sobrato Brisson, who survived brain cancer that was diagnosed when she was 24, worked not only with artists, creative designers and programmers to create the game but also with teens and psychologists, who all provided feedback.

Nicole Gustafson, a 22-year-old graduate student in psychology



Photo by Michelle Le /The Almanac

Sheri Sobrato Brisson, right, shows Nicole Gustafson the latest feature on the Shadow's Edge video game, designed to help young people with health challenges strengthen their emotional health.

she said.

The questions the game players are asked to write about "are really thought-provoking in a healing way" she said. "You get the benefits from the therapy side of it without it being obvious that it's therapy," she said.

Playing the game is "therapeutic

in a self-meditative type of way," she said. "There's no one else telling you what to do."

Plus, she said, it's fun. "I've yet to get bored with it," she said. "The art keeps you enthralled."

Ms. Gustafson's 13-year-old

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Sports car driven along Atherton railroad bed before being struck

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

When a southbound Caltrain locomotive collided with an unoccupied 1950s-era white Austin Healey convertible on the railroad tracks near Fair Oaks Lane in Atherton on the evening of Feb. 10, the collision occurred some distance from the spot where the Fair Oaks Lane crossed the tracks, said

officials who investigated the incident.

Before the train arrived on the scene, the driver — a former Atherton resident in his 70s whom officials will not identify — had been heading east on Fair Oaks when, for unknown reasons, he turned right as he was crossing the railroad tracks and began driving south on the railroad bed, according an account by transit police as told to Caltrain

spokesman Dan Lieberman.

The driver, unable to turn off the tracks and aware of the train coming toward him, left the car on the tracks “a few hundred feet” south of the intersection and alongside the Atherton train station, Mr. Lieberman said.

After the collision, the locomotive, now with the car on fire and entangled under its grill, pushed it for about a quarter-mile before coming to a stop just north of the Watkins Avenue crossing,

officials said at the time.

The accident left the car destroyed and the locomotive with more than \$100,000 in damages, Mr. Lieberman said. There were no reports of injuries.

Firefighters extinguished the blaze and transferred more than 300 Caltrain passengers to another train.

Fire crews then worked to disentangle the car, much of it reduced to twisted metal and

debris, from underneath the locomotive, fire officials said.

Transit police said they have no plans to identify the driver, or to charge him with a crime, Mr. Lieberman said.

People in similar situations have claimed that their GPS devices told them to turn onto the tracks, Mr. Lieberman said, adding, “Regardless of what the GPS is telling you, there’s never a good time to be ... on Caltrain tracks.”

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VIDEO GAME

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cousin has also been beta-testing the game, and also returns to play again day after day.

Rosy Lockhorst was the game's producer, with responsibilities for supervising a 13-person development team. "It's a little bit like producing a movie," she said of her job, which includes everything from budget and deadlines to music.

Developing the game was even more complicated than creating a game simply meant as entertainment, she said. "Everything we do is targeted," she said, "enticing the player in an entertaining way to work through their problems."

Young people "live on their mobile phones," she said. "For kids, I think it's intrinsically more intuitive to find something out by gaming than when they read a book or get a chore done."

Ms. Sobrato Brisson said her team plans to keep improving the game and the activities connected with it, including joint art projects that all players could contribute to.

"We have lots of really fun plans using augmented and virtual reality, but we have to raise some funds," she said. ■



Photos courtesy Shadow's Edge

Shadow's Edge players create graffiti as they play the game, using tools provided as part of the game, with the object of bringing the damaged city they are traveling through back to life.

■ **RESOURCES**

DiggingDeep.org has information about the game and a blog for parents and caregivers.

Shadow's Edge.com also has information about the game and a blog for young people who have — or have survived — serious health conditions.

Search for Shadow's Edge on the Google or Apple app stores for a free download.

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backyard of his home at 1122 Sevier Ave., which witnesses allege was in response to a loud party next door.

Police responded to a call around 11 p.m. Saturday night reporting that the man had been seen shooting the firearm in the backyard. No one was injured, according to police.

When police arrived, they set up a perimeter and tried to contact people inside Gutierrez's home. They did not receive a response, but based on witness accounts of the incident they believed the man might still be in the house with an illegal firearm.

The police obtained a search warrant to remove any illegal firearms, and the San Mateo South County Regional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team arrived on scene.

At around 8:57 a.m. Sunday, the SWAT team entered and searched the residence but did not find the suspect or the rifle. They did "locate significant evidence that a shooting had occurred," and warned that Mr. Gutierrez was "considered armed and dangerous as the rifle used is still outstanding,"

according to a statement issued by the police department shortly before 11 a.m. Sunday.

The scene was then turned over to the city's police detectives, who collected evidence at the home.

Police issued a statement Sunday afternoon saying that detectives had located the weapon allegedly used in the shooting incident.

During the investigation, police sent out public alerts at 6:23 a.m. Sunday asking people to avoid the area, and another at 7:43 a.m. asking the public to shelter in place. Police reported via social media at 11:10 a.m. that the shelter-in-place advisory was lifted.

Belle Haven resident Jaime Maldonado, who lives across the street from the home that was searched on Sevier Avenue, told the Almanac that he didn't expect police to find anybody in the house. He said that, to



Photo courtesy Menlo Park police department.

Suspect Jose Gutierrez, age 36, associated with a silver Honda Accord, with a license plate of 5ZCK527.

his knowledge, nobody has lived in that house for about three months. There had been a family living in the rear studio unit on the property, he said, and recently only a man had been living there. When shown a photograph of the suspect, though, Mr. Maldonado said that the suspect was not the same man who lived on the property.

Police believe that the suspect had been living in the house, Ms. Acker confirmed, noting that the investigation is ongoing and more details are not yet available.

Mr. Maldonado said that about two weeks ago, he heard gunshots coming from somewhere in the neighborhood, but didn't know where; they might have come from the house where police found the evidence of shooting, he said.

He added that the incident doesn't change his positive perception of his neighborhood and that he wasn't afraid: He spent his morning stuck sheltering in place drinking coffee and watching TV.

Anyone with information about this case or the suspect's whereabouts is asked to call the Menlo Park Police Department at 650-330-6300. ■

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Concerts

Stanford Chamber Chorale: Choral Masterworks from the French Tradition The Chorale, directed by Stephen M. Sano, offers a diverse program of choral works from the French tradition, featuring Francis Poulenc's Quatre motets pour un temps de penitence. March 3, 8 p.m. \$10-\$20. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Stanford Wind Symphony: Winter Concert Giancarlo Aquilanti directs the Stanford Wind Symphony's Winter program with guest Martin Fraile conducting selections from Argentina. March 3, 7:30 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

The American Sound The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia's most promising young students play alongside faculty and noted alumni. The program pays tribute to Leonard Bernstein (himself a Curtis alum), in celebration of his centenary, with Bernstein's Clarinet Sonata (with alum, David Shifrin) and songs from West Side Story, and pieces by two of his contemporary influences, Aaron Copland and George Gershwin. March 4, 4-6 p.m. \$15-\$75. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Voices of Music: Leonardo da Vinci Voices of Music presents "Leonardo da Vinci: A Musical Odyssey," which explores the music that Leonardo would have heard in the cities in which he lived. Research for this project includes a variety of musical forms, including frottolo, sung poetry, music from the Medici and Sforza courts, the circle of Isabella d'Este and the Parisian chansons from da Vinci's final years in France. March 2, 8 p.m. \$95-\$110. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waveley St., Palo Alto. voicesofmusic.org/Concerts.html

Music

Majorly Minor Live Music Naomi and her friends in Majorly Minor will showcase Klezmer and Eastern European music. March 3, 7-9 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Talks & Lectures

Art Focus Lecture: Intimacy and the Art of Visual Storytelling Photojournalist and filmmaker Ed Kashi will speak about modern-day visual information and the overabundance of images in society. This lecture will span a range of stories, issues and approaches that represent the frontiers of visual storytelling, from smartphone photography to short documentary films. Feb. 28, 4:15- 6:15 p.m. \$25-\$30. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu/event

Greenhouse Tour Learn the history of the greenhouses and nursery, their historic and present uses, and view the plant collections. March 3, 2-3:30 p.m. \$10. Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside. filoli.org/event

Guest Lecture: Dr. Antonia Darder This lecture is part of the 2017-18 speaker series on race, inequality and

language in education. Darder is a scholar, artist, poet and activist who holds the Leavey Presidential Endowed Chair in Ethics and Moral Leadership in the School of Education at Loyola Marymount University and is also professor emerita of educational policy, organization and leadership at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. March 1, noon. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. ed.stanford.edu/events

Jennifer Nielsen with Evelyn Skye Jennifer Nielsen will discuss her book "The Traitor's Game," an epic fantasy of treachery and intrigue, love and deceit. Feb. 28, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Literary Appreciation 101 The group will explore foundational literary concepts such as narrative stance, structure, pacing, character development and dialogue. March 7, 1-2:30 p.m. \$40. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Michio Kaku Michio Kaku, the co-founder of string field theory and science adviser to CBS This Morning, will explore what awaits in the future for human beings. March 5, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$15-\$50. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Tomi Adeyemi with Sabaa Tahir Tomi Adeyemi will launch her debut West African Young Adult fantasy novel, "Children of Blood and Bone," which conjures a world of dark magic and danger. March 4, 3-5 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Museums & Exhibits

Art Exhibit: 'About Face: Intimacy and Abstraction in Photographic Portraits' This exhibition considers the voyeuristic intimacy of the close-up portrait in 13 photographs by celebrated photographers Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, Barbara Morgan and Edward Weston. Each photograph captures a likeness and the mood set by the subject's personality. Through March 4, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Tuesdays; open Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Hidden in Plain Sight Marissa Schleicher Rhee, project archivist for exhibitions at Hoover Institution Library & Archives will share behind the scenes stories of some of the objects on view in the exhibition. March 3, noon-12:30 p.m. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Health & Wellness

SafeSpace Teen Mindfulness Workshop Series SafeSpace is offering a series of free workshops introducing young people, ages 12-26, to the basic skills of a mindfulness practice. These introductory workshops will help teens deal with everyday stress and anxiety. March 1, 6-7 p.m. Free. SafeSpace Community Engagement Center, 708 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park. Search event-brite.com for more info.

Business

Chamber Business Alliance Meeting The Chamber Business Alliance (CBA) is a group of small business entrepreneurs that meets twice a month to promote business growth. CBA invites local business leaders to visit a meeting and consider joining the group. March 2, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 1100 Merrill St., Menlo Park. business.menloparkchamber.com/events

Religion & Spirituality

An Afternoon of Jewish Humor Join Michael Krasny as he discusses his book, "Let There Be Laughter," on the historic and cultural role of humor in Jewish life from the shtetl and the diaspora to arrival and thriving in America. March 4, 2 p.m. Free. Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

March 6: Meeting on Alameda/Walsh traffic light

Should a traffic signal be installed on Alameda de las Pulgas at Walsh Road near Las Lomitas School?

A public meeting to get opinions on that topic will be held on Tuesday, March 6, at 6 p.m. at Las Lomitas School's Cano Hall, 299 Alameda de las Pulgas in Atherton.

An announcement of the meeting from the town of Atherton says the Las Lomitas Elementary School District wants "to improve the traffic conditions around the entrance to their campus."

The proposal includes moving the Las Lomitas school driveway to align with the signal. ▣

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that the poles would be 25 to 30 feet.

Lloyd Park residents claim, however, that they had warned town officials about the pole heights months earlier.

"Because mistakes were made, and balls were dropped, we ask the town to pay the \$200,000 fee," Lloyd Park

resident and Rail Committee member Nerissa Dexter said.

Mr. DeGolia and Mayor Wiest said they see room to negotiate with Caltrain. "I believe there is an opportunity to come to a solution here," Mr. DeGolia said.

"I think we need a good relationship with Caltrain," he said. "That means working with them. That doesn't mean dictating." ▣

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Real safe routes require action

By Jen Wolosin

With the daunting amount of cut-through traffic pouring through our streets, it's easy to feel helpless about road safety in Menlo Park. Kids are unable to walk and bike to school safely. Our city's current approach to the transportation crisis has been to participate in regional discussions (Dumbarton Corridor, high-speed rail, etc.) and to implement piecemeal fixes (e.g., the recently implemented turn restrictions in the Willows). However, to truly make meaningful progress, we need to address our traffic and safety issues proactively, immediately, and robustly.

Within the past month, a series of projects aimed at improving road conditions

in Menlo Park have come through the City Council. A Safe Routes to School Program and the Transportation Master Plan made it on the City Council's 2018 work plan's top-six list. In addition, the city is looking to create a Transportation

Management Association that would provide incentives to downtown employees to use alternative modes of transportation.

While I am grateful that the City Council is pursuing these items, they are all plans, not action. They do nothing in themselves to actually change the infrastructure in Menlo Park, the layout of the roads or the safety at intersections.

While my focus has been getting kids to school safely, I've grown increasingly concerned about residents of all ages

(from 8 to 80 and beyond). And while we have a long way to go to solve our regional, multi-jurisdictional transportation challenges, making Menlo Park more walkable and bike-able will improve the quality of life and safety for all in our neighborhoods.

Here are 10 of many intersections in our city that pose an immediate safety risk to pedestrians and cyclists:

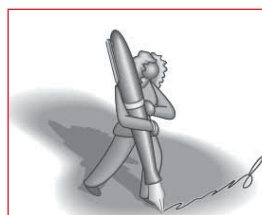
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- Ravenswood at Alma
- Laurel at Encinal
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- Olive Street at Santa Cruz
- Valparaiso at Politzer/Elder
- Santa Cruz at Oakdell

There is almost no action being taken at City Hall on these areas of concern. Most of the intersections mentioned are likely many more years away from improvements. The city even delayed

action on taking advantage of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's recent offer to fund half of a safe crossing at Middlefield and Santa Monica/Linfield. Until we improve these intersections, we are not only subjecting those currently on bike and foot to unnecessary risk, but we are also continuing to clog our neighborhood streets with single-occupancy vehicles just trying to get across town.

The good news is that Menlo Park has the ability to take quick action when certain opportunities present themselves. Look how quickly the city is responding to the live music venue at the Guild and Mr. Arrillaga's library donation. We must apply the same sense of urgency to Safe Routes projects.

I urge the Menlo Park City Council to fast-track Safe Routes infrastructure improvements. Our leaders can start by taking action on widely known hot spots and projects already in the pipeline. With limited resources, our city must prioritize safety above other competing initiatives.



Jen Wolosin is founder and chair of Parents for Safe Routes, a Menlo Park-based advocacy group committed to getting kids to school safely.

GUEST OPINION

If you see something, say something

By Steven D. McCulley

Last week in Parkland, Florida, 17 innocent victims lost their lives in yet another tragic school shooting. Incidents of school shootings in our country have become far too common. In the majority of these shootings, investigations and findings revealed there were many warning signs, social media posts, and direct communication with classmates that the suspect or suspects were planning and plotting a school shooting attack.

The Atherton Department of Police, along with our school administrators and staff, takes all reports of threats and suspicious activity involving our schools very seriously and investigates all reports. On a daily basis, our school resource officer works closely with our schools to keep them safe and to mitigate all hazards and risks.

As a reminder: "If you see something say something" by calling 911, contacting a school staff member, or by telling a parent or other trusted adult. This is one of the best ways we can prevent another school

shooting or other acts of violence.

The officers and professional staff of the Atherton Department of Police stand at the ready to respond to, mitigate, and stop threats and acts of violence at our schools in order to keep students, staff, and parents safe at all times. Our officers are highly trained and possess the latest equipment needed to respond to any hazard in our town, especially when it may involve our schools. We routinely provide "run, hide, fight" training to school staff and students, and we participate in all school active shooter and other safety drills. In April of this year we will be conducting a full-scale active shooter exercise along with the Menlo Park Fire Protection District at Menlo School.

We have nine schools in the town of Atherton and over 8,000 students in town daily during the school week. The safety and

wellbeing of our students and school staff are among our highest priorities. Our average response time to have several officers on

the scene of any emergency in town and at our schools is three minutes. We will also be assisted in short order by our mutual aid partners, which include the Menlo Park fire district, the Menlo Park Police Department, the Red-

wood City Police Department, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, and the California Highway Patrol.

You can assist us in keeping our community safe. If you see or hear something that is suspicious, doesn't seem right, or is threatening, it is critical that you report it. Working together we can keep our very safe community even safer from those who may wish to cause harm and mayhem.

If you have any question or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.



Steven D. McCulley is Atherton's police chief. He wrote this open letter to the town of Atherton and local school students, staff and parents on Feb. 20.

GUEST OPINION

LETTERS

Our readers write

A generous 'Oasis' moment remembered

Editor:

The closing of the Oasis brings up a memory.

It was fall of 1955. I had the responsibility to get a piano to Rudy's Beer Garden on Alpine Road for a Stanford outing.

Turk Murphy's jazz band was coming and Rudy's outside grounds had no piano.

Oasis said we could borrow their mammoth upright. Somehow two of us got the piano onto a truck and out Alpine Road, where the music was enjoyed.

I have no recollection how or when we got it back to them. How generous was Oasis management.

Bill Russ
Cotton Street, Menlo Park

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276492

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Traditions TLC, located at 823 Hillside Blvd., Daly City, CA 94014; Mailing address: PO Box 2582, Menlo Park, CA 94026, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
DOMINIQUE ROSE
823 Hillside Blvd.
Daly City, CA 94014
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2005.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 30, 2018.
(ALM Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018)

ALEX AUTO PAINT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276493

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Alex Auto Paint, located at 2905 Flood Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
ORLANDO RODRIGUEZ
2965 Fair Oaks Ave.
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 30-1-18.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 30, 2018.
(ALM Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018)

LOPEZ CLEANING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276454

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Lopez Cleaning, located at 1991 Manhattan Ave., East Palo Alto CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
EDUARDO LOPEZ
1991 Manhattan Ave
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 26, 2018.
(ALM Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. M-255836

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/has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s).

CHARLENE BARAIRO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
B-HOMEY FOODS
281 Merced Drive
San Bruno, CA 94066

FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON:
05/10/2013
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
CHARLENE BARAIRO
281 Merced Drive
San Bruno, CA 94066
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:
Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County on January 24, 2018.
(ALM Dec. Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018)

JOE'S SMOOTH STROKES PAINTING COMPANY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276220

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Joe's Smooth Strokes Painting Company, 1350 Crane St., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
JOSEPH RAUL ESTRADA
1350 Crane St.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/1/17.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 5, 2018.
(ALM Feb. 14, 21, 28; Mar. 7, 2018)

XFACTOR ADVISORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276501

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
xfactor Advisors, located at 740 Magnolia Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025 USA, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
JOHN ROBERT BOW
740 Magnolia Street
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 31, 2018.
(ALM Feb. 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14, 2018)

TURNER HORN REAL ESTATE
TAMES REAL ESTATE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276637

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Turner Horn Real Estate, 2.) Tames Real Estate, located at 170 Vista Verde Way, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

JAMES HORN
170 Vista Verde Way
Portola Valley, CA 94028
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/1/2018.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on Feb. 12, 2018.
(ALM Feb. 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14, 2018)

OLD LA HONDA GENERAL ENGINEERING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276567

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Old La Honda General Engineering, located at 12680 Williams Ranch Road, Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County; Mailing address: PO Box 464, La Honda, CA 94020.

Registered owner(s):
SCOTT MCREYNOLDS
12680 Williams Ranch Road
Woodside, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 6, 2018.
(ALM Feb. 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14, 2018)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 269623

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/has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s).
KIRSTEN COOPER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
KIRSTEN COOPER, LAC
214 De Anza Blvd.
San Mateo, CA 94402

FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON: June 13, 2016
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
Kirsten Cooper
1119 Colorado Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94303

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:
Individual.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County on February 6, 2018
(ALM Feb. 28; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 2018)

CALIFORNIA DRIVER ACADEMY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276595

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
California Driver Academy, located at 3723 Haven Ave. #111, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
JZI CORP.
3723 Haven Ave. #111
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 6-23-2014.
This statement was filed with the

County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 7, 2018.
(ALM Feb. 28; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 2018)

DALY CITY MARKET
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276490

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Daly City Market, located at 6775 Mission St., Daly City, CA 94015, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
DCM87 INC.
333 87th. St.
Daly City, CA 94015
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/29/06.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 30, 2018.
(ALM Feb. 28; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 2018)

DALY CITY MARKET
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 276491

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Daly City Market, located at 333 87th. St., Daly City, CA 94015, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
DCM87 INC.
333 87th. St.
Daly City, CA 94015
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/29/06.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: 17-CIV-01638
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: GLENDA LEON SAAD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
GLENDA LEON SAAD to GLENDA E. LEON.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: March 9, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC
Date: January 26, 2018
/s/ John L. Grandsaert
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 18CIV00422
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: BRIAN RODERICK FOLEY filed a petition with this court for a decree

changing names as follows:
BRIAN RODERICK FOLEY to BRIAN RODERICK SWITZER FOLEY.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: March 16, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
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Date: January 31, 2018
/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi
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