

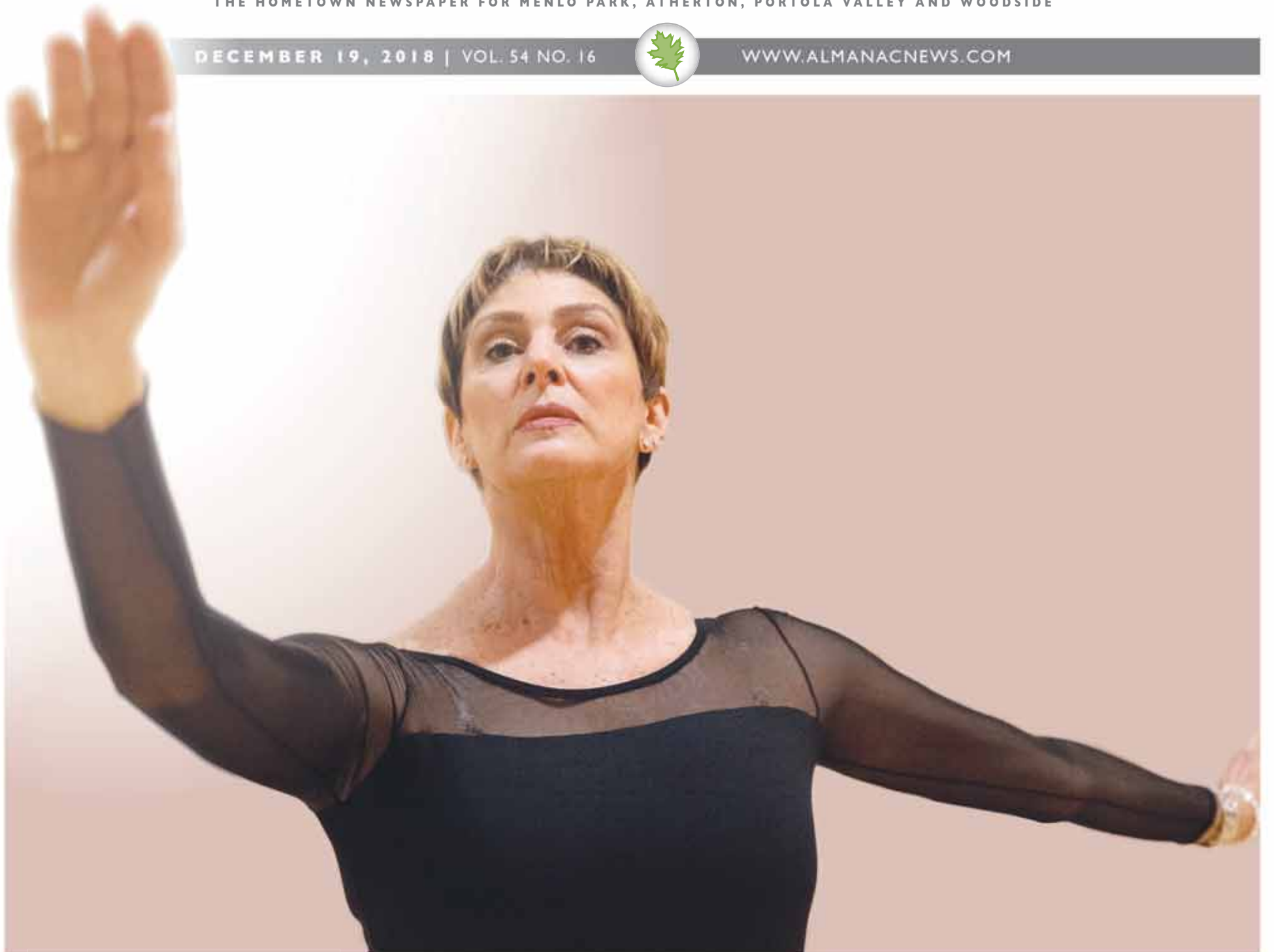
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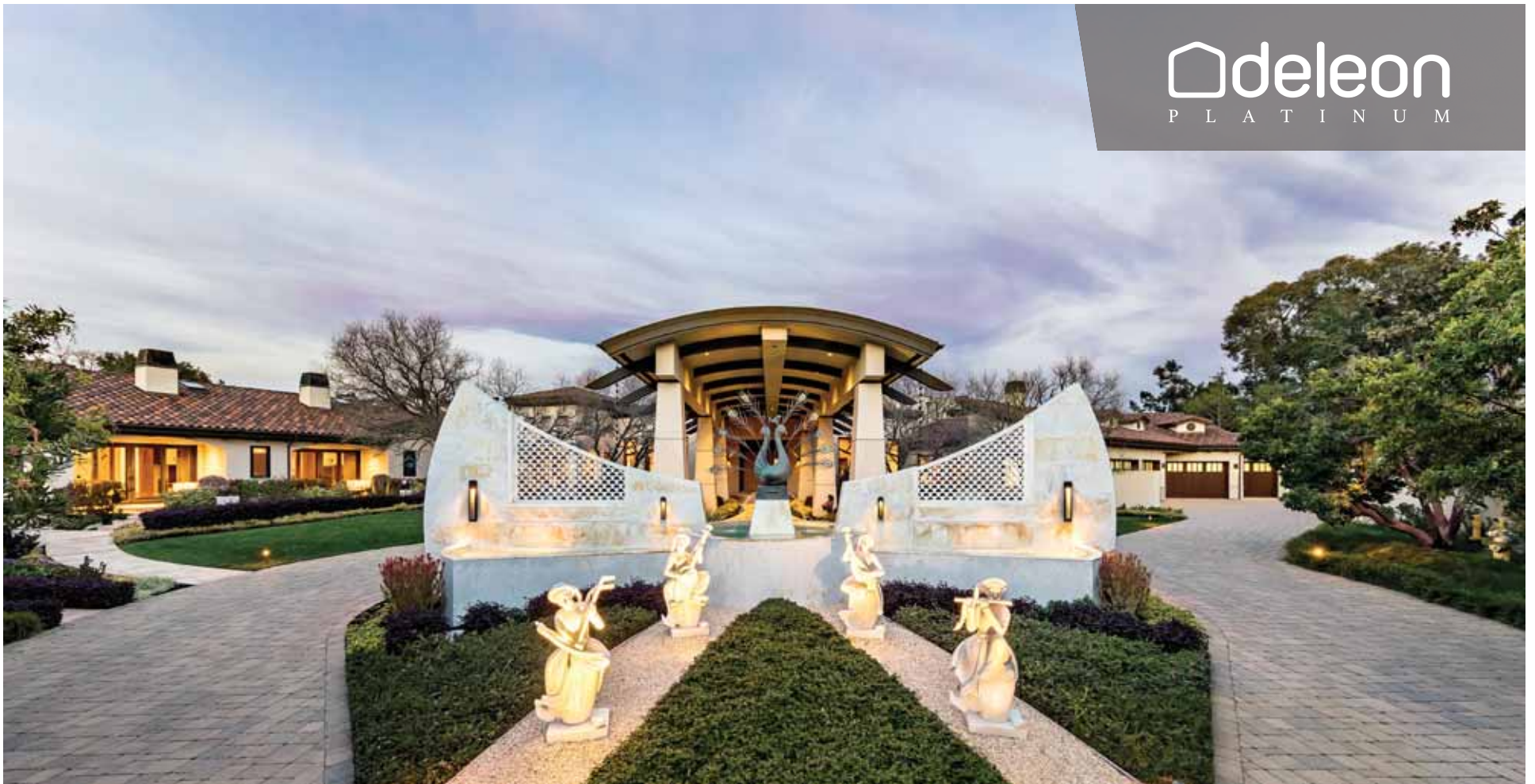
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## Taking action to reduce fire risk

Fire Marshal Denise Enea of the Woodside Fire Protection District stands in a shaded firebreak along Los Trancos Road in Portola Valley. In 2017, crews removed underbrush that could help flames climb the trees and endanger people using the road to evacuate. Enea recently spoke to the Woodside Town Council and The Almanac about wildfire dangers and what the town and local residents can do to minimize risk. See story on Page 18.

## A new council takes the dais

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

### ■ MENLO PARK

At a rare standing-room-only meeting in the Menlo Park City Council Chambers on Dec. 11, the powers of the council office were transferred warmly from one set of council members to the next.

Outgoing members Rich Cline, Peter Ohtaki and Kirsten Keith were recognized for their contributions, and there were several rounds of hearty applause for new members Cecilia Taylor, Betsy Nash and Drew Combs.

The new council took care of some business, unanimously approving a nomination by Catherine Carlton to install vice mayor Ray Mueller as the city's new mayor for 2019, and a nomination by Drew Combs to install Taylor as the new vice mayor.

In his remarks as newly elected mayor, Mueller borrowed from an address he gave in 2014: "Menlo Park is many things to many people, depending on who you ask. At the end of the day we are all just neighbors, striving to renew and preserve a place we cherish and are proud of — to raise our children in, and in

which to grow old with those we love. Do we always agree on what that means and how it should be accomplished? No.

"But in Menlo Park there is a tradition that we cherish: Our neighbors care enough to be part of the conversation. I'm really looking forward to drawing upon the wisdom of councils immediately and further past."

Taylor's remarks were more succinct. "I'm speechless."

The new council also chose delegates for some of the city's subcommittees. Nash and Mueller will serve on the city manager recruitment subcommittee; Nash and Taylor will serve on the Stanford general use permit subcommittee; and Combs and Mueller will serve on the Caltrain local policymakers' subcommittee.

The rest of the committee, subcommittee and commission assignments were rescheduled for discussion at the council's special meeting on Dec. 18.

### Welcomes

After the three new council members took the oath of office, each gave brief remarks stating

their commitment to their new roles.

"While I sit in this chair, (I will) do my best to prioritize community needs," Taylor said. "I look forward to what we can do as a council together."

"I am humbled by the faith that fellow residents put in me," Combs said. "I promise I will approach this position with all the seriousness, integrity and sincerity I have in my being."

"I want to thank Peter, Kirsten and Rich for the example they've set," Nash said. "I'm excited to work going forward in the community."

### Goodbyes

#### Rich Cline

Rich Cline was first elected in 2006 and then re-elected in 2010 and 2014. He served as mayor in 2010, 2011 and 2016, according to a proclamation read by Ohtaki.

Cline saw Menlo Park through land use plans for the Menlo Gateway project and the city's rezoning in its El Camino Real/downtown specific plan and the ConnectMenlo general plan update.

Ohtaki praised Cline for being

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## Former Atherton arborist stabbed to death in her Menlo Park home

Suspect in custody on first-degree murder charges

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Those who knew Kathy Hughes Anderson are reeling in shock following the news that the former Atherton town arborist and 62-year-old Menlo Park resident was found stabbed to death in her Valparaiso Avenue home on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Police arrested 36-year-old Francis Wolke at Hughes Anderson's home the day her body was found and booked him into San Mateo County jail on first-degree murder charges, the Menlo Park Police Department reported. He had an outstanding arrest warrant from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office for prowling and possession of narcotics stemming from a 2014 case, according to a police department press statement.

Wolke, a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, lived in San Francisco as recently as 2014, police said.

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Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said that Wolke appeared in court on Friday, Dec. 14, and was assigned a court-appointed lawyer.

The case was continued to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20. No plea has been entered, and Wolke's bail was set at \$10 million, Wagstaffe said.

"We believe we have the right person," he continued. "The real question is: ...Why was he in the house? Why did he kill her?"

There are still many unanswered questions about the killing and the circumstances leading to Wolke's arrest.

### What happened

Police received a 911 call at 5:34 p.m. Dec. 12 from someone who reported that a woman was dead in the house.

Daniel Baggett, an ex-tenant, was the person who called police, Baggett confirmed with The Almanac. He told The

See **HUGHES ANDERSON**, page 11



Photo courtesy town of Atherton

**Kathleen "Kathy" Hughes Anderson** was town arborist in Atherton for more than 22 years, from November 1989 until she retired in November 2011. She was found dead on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at her home on Valparaiso Avenue in Menlo Park, and a man has been arrested on suspicion of her murder. This photo of her was taken at Holbrook-Palmer Park around 2002 or 2003.

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**It's now Mayor Bill Widmer**

Atherton council appoints three-term colleague to top spot, and Rick DeGolia as vice mayor

By **Angela Swartz**  
 Almanac Staff Writer

**A**therton council members chose Bill Widmer to be the town's new mayor for 2019 and Rick DeGolia to serve as vice mayor at a Dec. 6 meeting.

Widmer joined the City Council in 2010 and was previously elected mayor by his colleagues in late 2011. He has also served as vice mayor twice.

"Over the past years, we have been blessed to have a collaborative and responsive council and have had great mayors leading our meetings and maintaining a productive environment as we addressed many important decisions," Widmer said at the Dec. 6 council meeting. "I am looking forward to continuing in their manner as I serve my second term in this role."

Widmer said his priorities for the coming year include awarding contracts for construction of the long-awaited new civic center and library projects; the bids from an earlier round of proposals in June came in 40 percent higher than expected. The town plans to seek new bids for the civic center project in January or early February.

Any unforeseen challenges with the project will need to be addressed as a high priority, "and I know we will address them with a balanced, long-range view while maintaining fiscal responsibility and the best needs of the community," he said at the meeting.

Another priority is for the town to find a spot for a storm-water-capture facility to filter trash and pollutants from runoff water on its way to the Bay and provide some flooding protection to the town. Town officials have considered Menlo College's Cartan Field as a possible location for the facility.

Widmer said he wants the town to improve its relationship with the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. There have been some "testy discussions" since the council started asking questions about the cost of the fire district's services to Atherton, he said.



**Bill Widmer** was elected to the Atherton City Council in 2010.

A town-commissioned study found that the fire district spends less than half its Atherton-generated property tax revenue providing fire services in the town. A follow-up report from Matrix Consulting outlined options the town could consider, including separating from the district and finding a new way to provide fire services to the town.

Widmer said he would also like to continue regional discussions on "substantially" increased traffic and its impact on road safety with Atherton's neighboring cities — discussions former mayor Mike Lempres initiated. It's the council's job to make sure Atherton's roads are safe for its residents and the people who travel through town, Widmer said.

"Development of large, dense housing and the increasingly rapid expansion of business footprints in our region will, in the next few years, bring a substantial load to our roadway infrastructure and lead to further frustration of our residents and our regional neighbors," he said.

Cary Wiest, who served as mayor this year, nominated Widmer and DeGolia. The votes for both were unanimous.

The council officially canceled its November election in August because the three incumbents were the only candidates to file for the three open seats. Council members voted unanimously to appoint DeGolia, Lempres and Widmer to new four-year terms that started this month. ■

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# City seeks feedback on Ravenswood, Caltrain track separation plan

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

The city of Menlo Park is seeking feedback on a draft report that addresses the complex question of what to do about the intersections of Caltrain tracks with city roads and the work that has been done so far to evaluate the city's options.

Staff also wants feedback on its draft report outlining what should be studied next; the draft is based on City Council instructions to conduct a financial assessment of a trench or tunnel, and to assess potential designs, as well as noise, tree and visual impacts, of fully elevating the rail line.

Go to [is.gd/rail478](http://is.gd/rail478) to access the report; submit comments in writing to [transportation@menlopark.org](mailto:transportation@menlopark.org) or send them by mail to Menlo Park City Hall, Attn: Transportation Division, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025. The deadline is Jan. 3, according to project manager Angela Obeso.

Once the final version of the report is approved and a "preferred option" chosen, the city can pursue more funding for the environmental review and

design phase of a grade-separation project, which could last three to five years, according to the staff report.

The council in May hesitantly voted in favor of pursuing just one rail crossing at which to separate the tracks from the road at Ravenswood Avenue. The vote was 3-1-1, with Ray Mueller opposed and Catherine Carlton abstaining.

All three council members who voted for this option are no longer on the City Council, and Mueller, who is now the mayor, said he wants the new council to re-evaluate the topic, including the possibility of fully separating all of the city's rail crossings.

The approved proposal would leave the Caltrain line where it is and excavate an underpass for Ravenswood to cross beneath the rail line. The Ravenswood Avenue-only separation plan

was generally considered to be the most financially feasible, but comes with drawbacks. One is that the project could preclude the city from elevating the rail line should it decide to pursue other rail line separations in the future.

Two other alternatives were studied, and consultants evaluated whether a "hybrid" approach was possible, in one option by raising the rails and lowering the roads at Ravenswood and Oak Grove avenues, and in the other by doing the same, but including Glenwood Avenue too.

The council ruled against those options largely for cost-related reasons and because they would result in years of major construction impacts. The hybrid option that would end at Oak Grove Avenue carried the added problem of



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**A rendering** of what an underpass beneath the Caltrain line at Ravenswood Avenue might look like, looking east from El Camino Real.

requiring a substantial berm to be built to support the elevated rail line, which some people argued would divide the city.

Any option will be enormously expensive. To build an underpass for Ravenswood Avenue to

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**B**orn and raised in Redwood City, Joselin has been a Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula student for nine years. Joselin's mother has always worked hard to give her children a decent life.

Like her mother, Joselin works hard and juggles responsibilities to achieve her dreams. While in high school Joselin also translated for her mother's housecleaning clients, helped her mother with her housecleaning work, and worked 25 hours weekly at In-N-Out Burger to help support her family — all while earning a 3.8 GPA.

Joselin, who is one of BGCP's 2018 Youths of the Year, used to think that success was defined by having a house like the ones her mother cleans. In high school she would dream of one day owning a home for her family bigger than the one-bedroom apartment shared by her family of three. She knew that achieving that success could happen only with a college education, but had no idea how to begin working toward it.

That's when Joselin joined BGCP's Future Grads program, where she met Jimmy Hernandez, one of BGCP's five College Success directors. Jimmy worked with Joselin every day



Photo courtesy Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula

**Joselin delivers her speech** at Youth of the Year last January before an audience of 500 and judges who included Kevin Durant, Sundar Pichai, Esther Wojcicki, and Rich Kleiman.

after school, reminding her of application deadlines, demystifying the financial aid process for her and her mother, and reassuring her when she doubted herself.

She also met Cathy Friedman Duane, a "Super Mom" volunteer College Success coach who had helped her own children get to college, and wanted to use her skills to help Joselin do the same. They met for an hour or more every week to navigate the college application process.

Joselin took advantage of every opportunity at BGCP. She went on college tours, joined the club's leadership group, and for two summers participated in the BGCP apprenticeship program at Google and YouTube.

Joselin is now a first-generation freshman at UC-Riverside, working toward a degree in political science. She wants to be a lawyer so she can help give people like her mother a voice.

"I'm going to accomplish my dreams and create a pathway for others in my community to do the same."

Joselin, inspired by the caring BGCP mentors, staff, and volunteers she calls family, now has a different definition of success than owning a big home: "Success is doing what you love and giving back to your community."

Future Grads is currently serving 300 high school and college students. Like Joselin, all students receive weekly college application and ACT/SAT coaching, college tours, family workshops, financial aid application support, and ongoing tutoring. Students in college have monthly check-ins with their BGCP College Success advisers, who support them through graduation. Like Joselin, nearly all students in the

See **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**, page 20

## Program's beneficiary eager to give back

By the staff  
of Ecumenical Hunger Program

**W**hen Patrisha brought a donation of a Christmas turkey to the Ecumenical Hunger Program in December, it was a continuation of a story that goes back to the early days of the organization.

There were five Cherry daughters — Yolanda, Sarah, Patrisha, Leona, and Willie Mae — and life was hard for the family. Their first contact with EHP came when their mother, unable to feed the girls, called Nevada Butler, who immediately supplied food for them.

### HOLIDAY FUND

Donations to The Almanac's Holiday Fund benefit the Ecumenical Hunger Program and nine other local nonprofits. To donate, see the coupon on the next page, or go to [siliconvalleycf.org/almanac-holiday-fund](http://siliconvalleycf.org/almanac-holiday-fund).

A few years later, with the parents divorcing, their mother had a stroke, and the girls still at home were left to fend for themselves. EHP supported them with food, got the electricity reconnected, and made referrals that resulted in their being rehoused.

Patrisha says EHP was vital to her at that time. "I never

knew EHP to say no to any real need," she says. "If there is ever anything I can do for EHP, I will definitely do it. I would take any opportunity to give back what they have given not just to my family, but to the entire community."

Patrisha is now the mother of two boys: Patrick is 19 and a freshman at Butte Community College in Oregon. He intends to become a nurse. Antonio is 13 and attends Eastside College Preparatory School in East Palo Alto. He volunteers with

See **ECUMENICAL HUNGER**, page 19

## Jeanne Martell Campbell

September 12, 1922 – December 10, 2018

Jeanne Martell Campbell, our beloved mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on the morning of December 10, 2018. She was 96.

Jeanne was born at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco on September 12, 1922. The only child of Anne Loretto O'Neil and John Martell, she was a second-generation San Franciscan, a distinction that made her very proud. She attended Francis Scott Key School for grammar school, and then went to Presentation High School, where she was active in theater and drama and had the lead in many school plays. She studied piano for six years,



and she often played piano and sang for her daughters when they were children. Her rendition of "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" was particularly memorable.

Precocious and sharp, Jeanne graduated from Presentation at age 16 and moved on to Cal, Berkeley. It was there that she made many lifelong friends, some of whom visited her in her final months. Jeanne was a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, and she often described her fun-filled years at Cal as a highlight of her life. In 1943, she graduated with a degree in public speaking and drama. Jeanne then spent an additional semester at Cal earning a California teaching credential.

It was also at Cal that Jeanne met the love of her life and soul mate, our dad and grandfather, Bob Campbell. They were married in 1943, two months before Bob was deployed to fight in the Pacific Theater during World War II. While Bob was away, Jeanne taught first grade at Paul Revere School in San Francisco while living at home with her mother. She was twenty-one years old at the time.

After the war and Bob's return, Jeanne retired from teaching to start a family. She and Bob had two daughters, Diane and Susan. Her family moved to Atherton, a place referred to by Jeanne's mother as "the country." There Jeanne devoted her time to volunteering in many capacities. She was a room mother, a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, the chair of every school fundraising event, and a chaperone for all field trips. When her daughters joined the Ladera Oaks swim team, Jeanne and Bob helped to run the swim meets. Jeanne became the official team cheerleader, even stirring up the spirit by leading cheers from atop the tables at Rosati's Beer Garden. During these years, Jeanne was also active in the Peninsula Children's Theater Association, eventually becoming its president. Her daughters recall the pride they felt as children when she played the lead role in numerous productions. Her most memorable role, as Jack in Jack and the Bean Stalk, necessitated climbing up and down a swinging green bean stalk.

Jeanne was also a founding member of a monthly bridge club that flourished for over forty-five years. She was a talented bridge player and enjoyed playing the game for all of her long life. An avid golfer, she and Bob were charter members of Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club, and they also were active participants in the Sequoia Hospital Foundation, often chairing its annual fundraising golf tournament.

Jeanne's dedication to Bob and her daughters spilled over exponentially to her three adored granddaughters, Jeannie, Edie, and Mackenzie. Known to them as "Mama,"

she never missed her granddaughters' swim meets, and she was there for every one of their basketball, soccer, and water polo games. Throughout the years, she happily and proudly watched all three of her granddaughters graduate from college and go on to lead productive and meaningful lives. Diane recalls that nearly every conversation she had with her mother over the past few years included words of praise and pride for Jeannie, Edie, and Mackenzie. This past August, Jeanne was particularly delighted to be the guest of honor at Jeannie's wedding to her longtime fiancé, Tim.

As members of "The Greatest Generation," Jeanne and Bob lived their life together by espousing the virtues of honesty, generosity, loyalty, education, and "family first." Their 67 years of marriage, which ended when Bob passed away in 2011, was a true partnership and romance. Not one to display sadness, Jeanne pressed on after Bob's death with her characteristic steeliness and grace, though her family knew that she missed him tremendously, just as they did. Jeanne recently remarked to Diane, in an unusual admission, "Your father made my life worthy."

Jeanne leaves behind many loyal, lifelong friends, notably Doris Sedgwick, Rita Vogel, Dottie Golden, and Marilee Beatty. She is survived by her five "girls," Diane Campbell, Susan Campbell, Jeannie Campbell-Urban, Edie Campbell-Urban, and Mackenzie Campbell, and by her new grandson-in-law, Tim Stone. We will miss her terribly, but our hearts are enduringly grateful for the richness and love that she brought into our lives.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial mass on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 11 a.m. at St. Denis Church (2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park) with a reception to follow elsewhere. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room, 3500 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, or to a charity of your choice.

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## Woodside council names Daniel Yost as new mayor

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

The Woodside Town Council chose council members Daniel Yost and Ned Fluet to serve as the new mayor and mayor pro tem, respectively, at its Dec. 11 meeting.

Fluet, who won the election for the District 7 seat in November, was elected mayor pro tem by a unanimous vote after a nomination from Yost.

Yost, still in his first term, was elected to the council in 2015.

The mayor pro tem is typically next in line to be mayor, so Fluet is likely to become mayor after only a year on the council.

In addition to presiding over council meetings, the mayor also helps to set council meeting agendas in coordination with the town manager.

The seven-member Woodside council is in the unusual position of having four new members along with its three veterans: Yost; Chris Shaw, who was mayor in 2018; and Tom Livermore, who was mayor in 2017.

Yost nominated Fluet in part because he chaired a Town



**Daniel Yost** was elected to the Town Council in 2015.

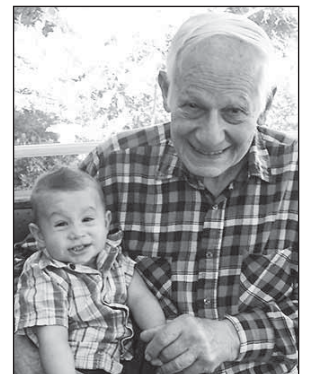
Council advisory committee — the Environment: Open Space, Conservation & Sustainability Committee — and because he faced opposition in his bid for election, whereas newly elected councilmen Dick Brown, Brian Dombkowski and Sean Scott ran unopposed.

Yost explained his choice: "While I don't begrudge anyone (who) ran unopposed — because I had that favorable position in time — I can tell from watching (Fluet), and (former) mayor Shaw before him, that it takes an extra effort to run a campaign and that should be acknowledged." ▣

## William Albert Alfano Jr.

June 14, 1931 – December 1, 2018

On Saturday, December 1st, 2018 William Albert Alfano Jr. passed from this life, he was 87 years old. He was born on June 14th, 1931 in Paterson, New Jersey. He was the only child of William and Jeanette Alfano. He graduated from Barringer High School in 1948. He attended The University of New Mexico where he met his future wife, the former Marilouise Mayer who preceded him in death in 2007. They would be married for almost 55 years and raise four children.



After graduating from the University of New Mexico in January, 1953 he served as a Navel officer for three years. After leaving the Navy he attended graduate school at California State University at San Diego, where he received a Masters of Science degree in Physics. After working as an Engineer for several companies he joined Granger Associates in Palo Alto in 1960. He would rise at Granger to become Vice President and head of the antenna division in 1968. He left Granger in 1970 and joined ITT Jennings, where he would become manager of Export Marketing; he retired from Jennings in 1996.

His four children survive him, William A. Alfano III, Richard C. Alfano, Helen Vickers, and Mary Hull. Ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive him. A fifth child Edward Stanley Alfano preceded both him and his wife in death in 1966.

He was laid to rest at Skylawn Cemetery in San Mateo on December 10th. The Family requests that Donations be made in William's name to the Alzheimer's association at [act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org).

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**HUGHES ANDERSON**

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Almanac that he was headed home from work Wednesday evening when he had a feeling that he should go check on Hughes Anderson. He, his daughter and Hughes Anderson had lived together for nearly eight years before he moved out about seven or eight months ago, he said.

His boss dropped him off at the house, he said, and he quickly noticed several things amiss: the waste bins were still out, all the lights were off, and the bedroom window was closed. Normally, he said, Hughes Anderson brought in the waste bins as soon as they were emptied, and some lights were always on. The bedroom window, he said, had “never been closed the entire time I’ve known her.”

He called Hughes Anderson, received no response, then sent a text. He walked around the house, then noticed that the back screen and back door were open. “That’s when I started to panic,” he said.

He entered the house and saw a glove on the kitchen floor. He started yelling her name and ran to the bottom of the stairs.

That’s when he saw a man leave the guest room. “He looked very disheveled, like he was on something,” Baggett said. “I could see blood on his pants.”

He called 911 and started yelling at the man, “What are you doing here? Where’s Kathy?”

The man, Baggett said, wouldn’t say anything, just kept shaking his head. Baggett said the man later said that he was sick and needed help, and that he confessed to killing Hughes Anderson.

When the man tried to descend the stairs, Baggett said he made a calculated decision: to rush to the kitchen, grab a knife and keep the man from leaving. He made it back to the bottom of the stairs in time to keep the man from leaving the staircase.

Baggett said he told the man he would kill him if he came farther down the stairs, and the man sat down at the top of the stairs. He said he got frustrated with the 911 operator, hung up, yelled some more at the man, then called 911 again. After what felt like an hour, but was probably only about five minutes, Baggett said, he heard the sirens and the police arrived.

“Once it became clear she was gone ... I wasn’t going to let him leave,” Baggett said. “I wouldn’t call it bravery — I was just reacting to the situation. ... He killed someone I loved.”

When officers arrived, they found Hughes Anderson, who was “unresponsive.” She was pronounced dead by Menlo Park

Fire Protection District medics, police said.

Police said their investigation found that Hughes Anderson was “murdered by stabbing with an instrument other than a knife,” according to the press release. Wagstaffe did not reveal what the weapon was, but said that the sharp object was “used as a stabbing instrument to her head.”

Police are still investigating whether there was a connection between Wolke and Hughes Anderson.

Wagstaffe said on Dec. 14 that no prior contact or relationship between the suspect and the victim had been identified, but added, “that doesn’t mean we won’t find that.”

Police detectives, along with officials from the county crime lab and the DA’s Office, took part in the Dec. 12 investigation at the home. Valparaiso Avenue between University Drive and Johnson Street was shut down during the investigation.

According to police department crime statistics, there hadn’t been a homicide in the city since 2012. That year, there were two.

Baggett said he still doesn’t know why the man picked Hughes Anderson to kill. He said that he and Hughes Anderson had a contentious, “love-hate” relationship, but remained friends, even after he moved out. They would meet for meals several times a week and he often helped out around the house.

“It’s a hard relationship to explain, but we were really close,” he said. “I considered her family, and my daughter did too.”

He also told The Almanac that Hughes Anderson told him a few weeks ago that she had seen a “skinny white guy” staring at the house, and that it had really creeped her out.

**Kathy Hughes Anderson**

Hughes Anderson was well-known and well-liked in Atherton, and had connections there for many years, say those who knew her.

She worked for Atherton as town arborist for more than 22 years, from November 1989 until she retired in November 2011.

“The few people that were here (working for the town of Atherton) when she was are still in a state of shock,” said Atherton Deputy City Manager Theresa DellaSanta in an interview. “She was just extremely well-liked by residents here in town.”

According to a press statement from DellaSanta, Hughes Anderson played an instrumental role in developing the town’s heritage tree ordinance, helped to designate “Arbor Day” in town, chose trees to be planted around town, assisted the town in achieving its status as a “Tree City” each

year, and supported the town’s environmental programs.

“Kathy was very passionate about her work as an arboriculturist and had a profound understanding of tree conservation and removal and landscape development and renovation,” DellaSanta said in the statement.

“Kathy was tremendously respected by Atherton residents. ... It was the little things that Kathy performed around Town that residents remember and grew to love about her. Kathy was a beacon of positivity for all who came into contact with her, and her impact on trees in Atherton will carry on for many generations,” the statement said.

Hughes Anderson’s husband, Bill (Andy) Anderson, died in 2007 at age 64 due to complications from leukemia, according to an obituary posted on The Almanac’s Lasting Memories page. He was a former owner of Dahl Plumbing and Heating, and had worked for SRI and PG&E.

Before she died, Hughes Anderson had been working to create a fund to plant new trees on national forest lands that had been scorched by fire, according to Atherton City Councilwoman Elizabeth Lewis.

Valerie Gardner, a member of Atherton’s Environmental Programs Committee and a long-time friend, set up the fund as a memorial in Hughes Anderson’s honor.

Go to [is.gd/trees735](http://is.gd/trees735) to access the link to the memorial fundraiser.

“It’s the weirdest thing that something like this would happen to someone like her,” Gardner said. “She just seemed to always be giving.”

Gardner added that Hughes Anderson had a strong sense of artistry when it came to arranging flowers and greenery.

“I went to her for almost every corsage or boutonniere my kids needed for their special events,” she said. When she would ask for one boutonniere, Hughes Anderson would have prepared six to choose from, using flowers from her own garden, and offered the rest for Gardner’s child to give away.

“There was a very bottomless amount of love in her,” Gardner said.

“Kathy will be missed by all whose lives and trees she touched,” Atherton Mayor Bill Widmer said in the town’s statement. On behalf of the City Council and staff, our deepest condolences go out to Kathy’s family and friends.”

In an interview, Widmer said that Hughes Anderson had evaluated trees on his property and worked for the town during his first couple of years on the City Council.

“She was always so very



Photo courtesy San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office.

**Francis Wolke, 36,** was arrested Dec. 12 and charged with first-degree murder.

knowledgeable about all different types of plants, specifically trees. She was very caring,” he said.

“Many, many people knew her,” he added.

He said she understood the value of having trees as a community presence, wanted to ensure that people took good care of them, and had a keen sense for which types of trees would thrive in town.

“She was a joy to have in the city,” he said. “It’s a terrible situation that we’re facing today.”

Menlo Park Mayor Ray Mueller said: “Like every Menlo Park resident, I’m horrified this crime occurred in Menlo Park. I trust in the competence of the (Menlo Park Police Department) to investigate it.”

Lewis, the Atherton councilwoman, recalled that Hughes Anderson was “an unbelievably kind, loving person about the environment and about trees” who stayed in contact with many residents in town as a tree consultant and adviser. “We cannot put our heads around what happened. It’s very surreal,” she told The Almanac.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call the Menlo Park Police Department at 650-330-6300 or the anonymous tip line at 650-330-6395. ▣

— Julia Brown contributed to this report.

**Robert Falconer**

August 30, 1926 - November 6, 2018

We honor the life of Robert Falconer, who passed away November 6, 2018 at the Sequoias Retirement Home in Portola Valley, CA. Bob was born August 30, 1926 in Whittier, CA and grew up in nearby Fullerton. He joined the Navy immediately upon graduation from Fullerton High School and served through the duration of World War II. He was called back to service for the Korean Conflict, during which he was an instructor at the Naval Electronics Training School on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. Bob entered Stanford University in 1947, where he met Judy Anderson at a Freshman “Jolly-Up” (a get acquainted social event). Bob and Judy both graduated from Stanford in 1951, and married that June. Bob pursued a career in electrical engineering at a series of firms in Silicon Valley that grew out of his naval service. Bob and Judy moved to Portola Valley in 1956, where they raised three children, Steve, Lorry and Rob, and lived in a series of houses before moving to the Sequoias in 2003. With Judy’s support on the home front, Bob reentered Stanford for graduate study, earning an EE degree as his career progressed. Bob’s engagement with Stanford continued throughout his life, especially through enthusiastic fund raising for Stanford’s engineering and athletics programs.



Bob Falconer was an unflagging optimist, and a dedicated and ever-supportive husband and father. Bob and Judy’s family has grown beyond their children to include their spouses, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Bob and Judy were founding members of Christ Church, Portola Valley, and driving forces through the subsequent growth of the parish and its Episcopalian community. Bob was an avid singer, especially in barbershop quartets, the Peninsulaires barbershop chorus, and the Christ Church choir. He was well-known for his impish sense of humor, behind which lay an unwavering belief in Judy, his partner of 67 years, his family, his church and his country. Bob’s buoyant spirit will be missed dearly. A private memorial service will be held at Christ Church, Portola Valley, CA. Donations may be made to Christ Church, 815 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028 (Ph# 650-851-0224) Attn: Donation on behalf of Bob Falconer.

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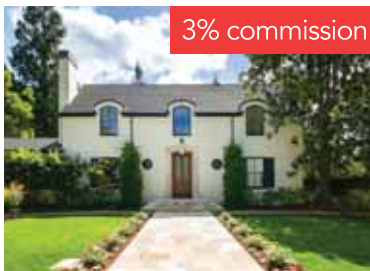
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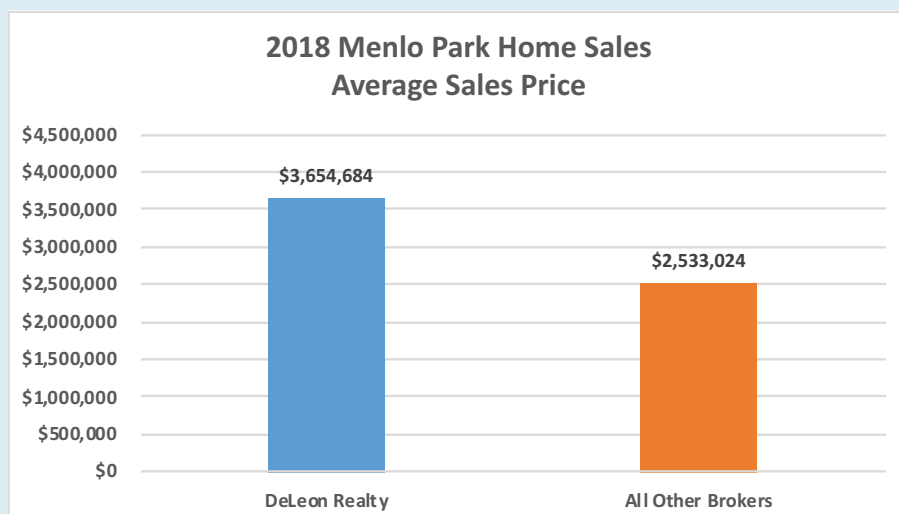


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**Christmas Eve Services**  
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Monday, December 24  
Free and open to the public.

**Christmas Family Service, 4:00 pm**

Doors open at 3:00 pm and will close when church reaches capacity. Christian interdenominational service. Children's sermon by the Rev. Dr. Libby Boatwright. The service also includes a Carol-sing and musical offerings by University Organist, Dr. Robert Huw Morgan. **Please bring new, unwrapped gifts of toys or clothing, which will be distributed to children in need.** Due to the popularity of this service, we ask that attendees arrive early and together with their group. Saving seats will not be allowed.

**Christmas Festival Communion, 8:00 pm**

Doors open at 7:00 pm and will close when church reaches capacity. Christian interdenominational service. Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Joanne Sanders, Associate Dean for Religious Life. An elegant Christmas Eve service glowing with candlelight and beautiful holiday music from The Choral Project, a community choir based in San Jose, and University Organist Dr. Robert Huw Morgan! Due to the popularity of this service, we ask that attendees arrive early and together with their group. Saving seats will not be allowed.

Both services will be broadcast live on KZSU 90.1 FM and online at kzsulive.stanford.edu.

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***Christmas Eve at Bethany***

**5:00 p.m. Family Christmas**  
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Woodside CA 94062


  
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650-851-1587



Photo by Magali Gauthier/The Almanac

**Stephanie Herman**, who for years was a principal ballerina dancing for George Balanchine, demonstrates a ballet step at a performance space in Los Altos.

**On the cover:** Stephanie Herman, a resident of North Fair Oaks who danced internationally with legendary partners, teaches Pilates locally from the perspective of a former principal ballerina. (Photo by Magali Gauthier/The Almanac)

If you're reading this, you have something in common with everybody else: a physical body. Those of us fortunate enough or conscientious enough to also be healthy and fit can also move our bodies and, ideally, not fall down. And so in a way, we dance through life, whether awkwardly or otherwise.

Numbered among the otherwise — the elite of the otherwise, let it be said — is North Fair Oaks resident and former principal ballerina Stephanie Herman. Now in her second career — as a fitness and Pilates instructor — Herman spent 15 years dancing in the professional ballet world, mostly in Switzerland.

She danced for Ballet Zurich Opernhaus and the Ballet du Grand Theatre de Geneve, and with some notable partners, including Rudolf Nureyev and Mikhail Baryshnikov. Her mentor was principal dancer Suzanne Ferrell of the New York City Ballet, and she danced for George Balanchine, the late choreographer and artistic director of the New York City company who also choreographed for the Swiss dance companies.

Herman, 68, is the creator of “Ballerina: A One-Woman Play,” a 45-minute autobiographical documentary available on YouTube. She relates a tale through spoken word, music and dance, of a ballerina who found a prominent place in the world of ballet

## Dreams come true

Stephanie Herman danced her dream into being, and now continues her artistic pursuits

By **Dave Boyce**  
Almanac Staff Writer

despite her height and despite potentially career-ending injuries that she overcame by thinking outside the physical-therapy box.

Her documentary recently won a platinum award from Royal Wolf, “an online monthly awards platform ... dedicated to honoring projects from all over the world.” Angelica’s at 863 Main St. in Redwood City will screen Herman’s film in a dinner-theater event at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Today Herman owns and manages Pilates Ballet. At locations in Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Los Altos, she assesses the fitness of her clients and teaches them, individually and in groups, the principles of movement and muscle strength so as to improve flexibility, balance and coordination.

“As a ballerina, I’ve learned to operate and control every single muscle in my body,” she says, adding that she can help a client hone in on a muscle and learn to turn it on at will. “Find it, feel it, own it and move it,” she says. She teaches ballet one night a week.

Go to [pilatesballet.com](http://pilatesballet.com) for more information.

### Dedication to dance

Ballet was integral to Herman’s early life. She regularly attended New York City Ballet performances and became a devotee. “I fell in love with Balanchine choreography and I fell in love with the ballerinas who brought it to life,” she recalls.

She put herself on the career path to becoming a ballerina after winning an audition and being accepted to New York City’s School of American Ballet, co-founded by Balanchine. She then attended and graduated from the High School of the Performing Arts, also in New York City.

Ballet students on this trajectory often joined Balanchine’s company, the New York City Ballet, but Herman had to look farther afield. Balanchine had his quota of tall dancers, she says. Herman is 5 feet 9 inches tall when flat on her feet and 6 feet 1 inch on her toes. “I am very feminine, but I am a tall feminine,” she says.

At the time, Balanchine was also adding speed to his choreography and so he was looking for shorter dancers, Herman explains.

So she auditioned at companies in Pennsylvania and New York, including the American Ballet Theatre and the Joffrey Ballet. The responses were slight variations on a theme: You’re too tall for our company’s male dancers.

After two years of this, she was recruited by and had a choice among dance company directors from Canada, Australia and Switzerland. She chose Switzerland to accompany a friend.

Herman was to spend 10 years in Europe, under the artistic direction of several choreographers, including Balanchine, and the direction of Patricia Neary, a former principal dancer for New York City Ballet. While in Switzerland, Herman danced with Nureyev and with Baryshnikov “on some of the world’s most prominent stages,” she says. “Ballet was my life,” she declares. “It was fabulous.”

In Geneva, Herman and Baryshnikov were principal dancers in a couple of ballets together, she says, including Balanchine’s “Jewels.”

She danced roles performed by one of Balanchine’s muses, Suzanne Ferrell. “She was what I

dreamed of becoming,” Herman says. “I just loved the way she danced. When I grew up, I got most of her roles so it was like a dream come true. She inspired me.”

“Suzanne Ferrell had a lot of adagio roles. I loved the way she danced them,” Herman says, referring to dances that involve slow movements. “One of the things that made me famous is that I was known as an adagio dancer.”

When Nureyev visited Geneva, he brought with him the ballet “Manfred,” which he had choreographed. Nureyev picked Herman to play the role of the mother, but it was a role without much dancing, so Nureyev choreographed it again for her, Herman says. “He gave me all of these amazing turns and difficult technical steps,” she adds.

Nureyev also gave her some tailoring assistance. Her costume included a 6-foot train and a skirt with six layers of cloth. She complained to him about the costume’s weight. Nureyev, scissors in hand, lifted up her top skirt and cut out all the layers underneath. The designer “was going crazy,” Herman says, but Nureyev had only this to say: “She needs to dance.”

“He was very sweet,” Herman recalls.

Her time in Europe was interrupted by an injury to ligaments

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**Left:** Ballerina Stephanie Herman dances with Floris Alexander in the ballet “Agon” by Igor Stravinsky, with choreography by George Balanchine. **Center:** George Balanchine fine-tunes Herman’s position in his ballet “Bugaku.” **Right:** Herman performs an arabesque in the ballet “Serenade” by George Balanchine. Photos courtesy of Stephanie Herman

## STEPHANIE HERMAN

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in her knee, and she returned to New York, where she wore an ankle-to-thigh cast for eight weeks. With Pilates therapy, she emerged stronger, and returned to Switzerland for two years, again with Balanchine as artistic director, she says, adding that she returned to New York when her roles were no longer challenging.

Back in New York and dancing as a guest performer — she was no longer in a company — she injured her back while filling in for a dancer in a role for which she was not physically prepared.

She again recovered and focused on teaching. She says she founded “Muscle Ballet,” a workout program that was written about in Harper’s Bazaar magazine.

But it was a struggle being on her own, she recalls. Unlike actors, who are taught to advocate for themselves in finding work, ballerinas are taught how to perform and how to act, but not how to handle the business of being a performer.

“As a ballerina, you are always a little insecure in some ways,” she says. “You’re always a pleaser. ... You don’t really talk back. If there’s something that really bothers you, you ask to meet

with the director. ... Sometimes you don’t want to communicate because you don’t want to step on someone’s toes. ... I became more savvy as I got older.”

### ‘Love’ while dancing

Though she dances in her documentary, Herman says she no longer does much of it. “At my age, I like to be a role model,” she explains.

Ballet done well looks effortless. It’s not, of course. In her documentary, Herman quotes Balanchine. “Ballet should never feel comfortable,” he said. “Comfortable is lazy. If you’re comfortable when you dance,

you’re not pushing yourself hard enough. One hundred percent is not enough. You have to give 200 percent.”

As if that weren’t enough, ballet also calls on dancers to show emotions. Such scenes at times require dancers to act and at other times to rely on personal chemistry, Herman says. “Chemistry can be seen even though nothing is sexual. If there’s chemistry, you feel it.”

Was there chemistry when she danced with Nureyev and Baryshnikov? “Yeah, I had chemistry with both of them,” she says.

She and Nureyev “had a lot of

soul in our dancing,” she notes, “and we both were not afraid to give 250 percent of ourselves on stage. I felt like with Nureyev, it was totally real and in the moment. ... Our souls were connected in the moment.”

Recalling a comment by Meryl Streep on actors sharing emotions, Herman says that being generous with your emotions on stage allows your counterparts to be generous with theirs. “If you’re being honest about what your character is supposed to be, and you’re being very generous and honest with your love, it’s easy for the other person to be generous,” she says. ■



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**NEW COUNCIL**

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a “steady keel” on the council and for his sense of humor, sense of leadership and commitment to the council. Keith noted that Cline brought a “wealth of knowledge” to his position and is an “all-around great guy.”

Carlton expressed appreciation for his listening skills and ability to “cut straight to the chase.” Mueller said, “I’m so proud of the commitment you’ve made to the community in the last 12 years.”

Cline told meeting attendees: “You run the city. It’s yours. We work for you. ... If you don’t push this council, we won’t be as good as we can be.”

He mentioned the concept of the “Menlo 100” — the 100 people or so whose civic activity shapes what the council does.

“They’re active ... (and) make it clear they are part of this community,” he said. They can make the job as a council member harder, but they also keep the council from making decisions that don’t make sense or don’t “emulate the values of the community,” he said.

He concluded: “I’m not going anywhere — I’m just taking a different seat.”

*Kirsten Keith*

Keith was first elected to the council in 2010 and was re-elected in 2014. She served as mayor in 2012 and 2017.

She has represented the city on a wide range of regional and statewide groups. She helped the city acquire renewable energy for its facilities, encouraged the police department to pursue mindfulness training, supported bike infrastructure improvements and supported affordable housing in the city.

Keith’s remarks highlighted the work of two groups she’s represented the city as a member of over the years: the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA).

She said that when she was elected, the city was struggling to weather the recession. Now, it’s in the middle of a “crazy amazing economy in Silicon Valley” and “traffic is a major issue,” she said.

Several council members



Photo courtesy city of Menlo Park

**Incoming council members** Betsy Nash (left), Cecilia Taylor and Drew Combs take the oath of office.

recognized her for her tirelessness and willingness to represent the city widely. “You do so much — I’ve always been amazed and impressed by that,” Cline said.

“When I was first elected, you were very kind to me,” Carlton said. “You took me aside and made me feel welcome.”

Mueller complimented her as a “strong advocate” whose “regional work is remarkable.” Ohtaki complimented Keith’s passion, commitment and ability to “keep things moving forward.”

*Peter Ohtaki*

Ohtaki, like Keith, was elected first in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. He served as mayor in 2013 and 2018.

His accomplishments include working to support fiscal responsibility in the city and addressing its unfunded pension liability. He also worked on attracting new businesses to Menlo Park, completing the city’s first housing element in 20 years in 2013, and supporting emergency preparedness.

Cline complimented Ohtaki’s ability to have a “higher-level intelligence on the numbers,” and said he is “a really nice guy.” Carlton said she appreciated his intelligence and “unflappable” sense of balance on the dais.

Keith said, “You served our city really, really well,” praising his calm and professional demeanor and knowledge of finance. Mueller said Ohtaki

sat down with his competitors during the race and shared some of his knowledge about the city with them.

Ohtaki said in his departing remarks that he was “proud of the tone of collaboration we set.” He shared advice to the incoming members, urging them to look for out-of-the-box solutions, to support and thank staff for their hard work, to not spend all the incoming surpluses “in one place,” and to keep a sense of humor.

“I remain confident that the city (and the) new City Council will find balance to maintain a great residential quality of life while the great Silicon Valley engine grows around us,” he said. ▣

## Elementary school hit in latest string of Atherton burglaries

**By Angela Swartz**

*Almanac Staff Writer*

Someone stole \$14,000 worth of electronics from Encinal Elementary School in Atherton during the first weekend of December, one of the latest in a series of burglaries police are now calling a crime wave. Extra police patrols in both marked and unmarked cars are ongoing because of the large number of recent burglaries, according to the Atherton Police Department.

At Encinal School, the thief smashed a window to get inside, and took six laptops and eight iPads from a classroom

sometime between Dec. 1 and 3, according to police and the Menlo Park City School District. There are no security cameras at the school, police said.

The iPads and a computer with specialized software were replaced, school district spokeswoman Parke Treadway said in a Dec. 11 email. “The district is insured for the loss, and teaching was able to continue uninterrupted,” she said.

“Our safety and security protocols have been reviewed,” she said. “Fortunately the crime happened on a weekend and no one was hurt.”

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# Fire marshal advises on preventing wildfire destruction

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Denise Enea, the fire marshal for the Woodside Fire Protection District, spoke on Dec. 11 to the Woodside Town Council at its invitation about wildfire safety in the context of the devastating Northern California wildfires in 2017 and 2018.

Enea told The Almanac afterward that she was using notes from a January 2014 talk she gave the Woodside and Portola Valley councils when they met jointly to discuss wildfire safety. "We've come a long way," she told the Woodside council last week. "Residents in the towns and in the county are much more willing to wrap their arms around fuel reduction. They understand forest management and they really want to do it urgently. And we all understand why."

In addition to forest management, she said, the key local issues continue to be protecting homes by using fireproof construction materials, and cutting down or trimming trees that overhang power lines. Enea has a list of 88 hazardous trees in the fire district, most of them eucalyptus.

Homes should not have pine needles and debris on the roof, she advised. Trees should be trimmed if they need it. Analyses after the wildfires in Santa Rosa and Butte County show neighborhoods "where a lot of the vegetation is still there and the houses are all burnt to the ground individually," Enea said.

The concept of fuel management includes houses. Wooden houses constitute "thousands of times more fuel than a tree or a group of bushes," Enea said. Nobody wants to hear it, she said, but sometimes she has to tell people, "Your house is really built to burn."

noncombustible siding such as stone, stucco or fiber-cement; and by requiring that low wooden decks be enclosed underneath to keep embers out.

"If people aren't making good choices, that's when (Town Hall) has to enact ordinances and codes that protect the neighborhood," she said. "It just takes one house to start a wildland fire."

In the joint meeting in 2014, Enea asked the councils for a ban on roofs made of wood shakes. The councils, after hearing from manufacturers of fire-resistant shakes who also attended the meeting, opted to wait for more data, including data on how the shakes stood up to long-term weathering.

Council members were not yet aware of the devastating impact large-scale fires can have, Enea noted in her recent remarks, and so the councils opted to allow residents a "choice" in roof composition. "I would like to reopen that," Enea told the Woodside council.

In the interview, she noted that practicing evacuation is also a priority. "If you don't practice an evacuation drill, we can't do that for you," she said. "People have to take that responsibility on."

The fire district holds a community fire drill every spring that lately has been including evacuation practices for individual neighborhoods.

The district has been clearing vegetation along evacuation routes, she said, and removing brush to create so-called shaded firebreaks — a park-like area that retains significant trees but without dense underbrush to prevent flames from reaching the canopy.

## Forest management

The Teague Hill Open Space Preserve, owned by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and located in Woodside between Wunderlich and



Photo by Magali Gauthier/The Almanac

**The absence** of shrubbery functions as a significant firebreak in this intentional landscaping in unincorporated Vista Verde. Creating "defensible space" around houses in the Woodside Fire Protection District is a perennial concern for Fire Marshal Denise Enea.

Huddart county parks, "is in dire, desperate need of forest management," Enea told the Woodside council.

The open space district owns a significant amount of forested land in the fire district, and much of it is in need of management, she said. "I do not feel (the district) is doing enough," she told the council. "They are very, very significant large landowners" and some of their forested land abuts neighborhoods in Woodside and Portola Valley, she noted. "I'm reaching out to them. I have to be honest. It's difficult."

In response to Enea's criticism, district spokeswoman Leigh Ann Gessner said in an email to The Almanac that MROSD "works proactively year-round to prevent and prepare for wildfires." The district coordinates with

local fire agencies and fire-safe councils, maintains fire roads and firebreaks, and uses cattle to reduce fuel loads, Gessner said.

MROSD has a defensible-space program targeting neighboring property owners, trains annually with fire departments, and has ranger trucks fitted with water-pumping equipment, Gessner said, adding that the district recently coordinated with the Woodside fire district in clearing vegetation along the Windy Hill Open Space Preserve in Portola Valley.

The need for forest management in the Teague Hill preserve is a consequence of "heavy logging and more than a century of fire suppression," she said. Among the steps she said are being taken:

■ The district in 2019 will

launch a forest-management pilot project in the district's preserves "with the goal of creating healthier, more fire-resistant and resilient forests."

■ The district will conduct prescribed burns. The program must comply with state environmental laws and "is expected to take three years to develop with many opportunities for public input along the way," Gessner said.

Enea recommended that town and county officials engage with the open space district to create a fire management plan.

Gessner said the open space district's governing board recently added an objective to its strategic plan: "Work with fire agencies and surrounding communities to strengthen the prevention of, preparation for and response to wildland fires." ■

## Recommended actions

In an interview, Enea said the town councils could take action by prohibiting wood-shake roofs; by requiring ember-proof vents in attics, soffits, roofs and foundations; by requiring

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There were four other burglaries in the last week that may all be related, Atherton police Sgt. Anthony Kockler said in a Dec. 11 email.

"Unfortunately, none have been solved," Kockler said. "We are trying our best to determine the person or persons responsible for them."

There was also a string of residential burglaries around Thanksgiving. In one incident, someone stole roughly \$225,000 worth of jewelry.

## Incidents in the last week

Someone cut a chain lock to

break into a house construction site on Adam Way on the night of Dec. 4, taking construction equipment and home speakers.

Another burglary happened at a home on Melanie Lane sometime between the evening of Dec. 5 and the morning of Dec. 6. Someone took patio furniture and smashed a window to get into the house, taking \$20,290 worth of items, according to police.

Between Dec. 2 and Dec. 7, someone entered a house on James Avenue through a broken glass door on the second story and stole \$700.

Someone broke into a home on Barry Lane on Dec. 9 through a glass pane window

on the second floor and "ransacked the master bedroom," according to police. Police aren't sure how much the items taken are worth.

Between Dec. 6 and Dec. 13, someone broke into a home on the 200 block of Greenoaks Drive, according to police. The burglar smashed an exterior glass door into a master bedroom to get into the house. Multiple rooms of the home were ransacked, but it is unknown if anything was taken.

## Safety tips

Police have released a list of safety tips to prevent burglaries during the holidays:

■ Leave interior and exterior

lights on when you are away at night, and leave exterior lights on when you are home in the evening.

■ Make sure your alarm system is functioning properly and that it's activated while you're away.

■ Consider installing security cameras.

■ If you will be away, notify your neighbors so they can keep an eye on your home, and stop your mail and newspaper delivery.

■ Ask the Atherton Police Department to do checks on your home while you're on vacation.

■ Don't post about vacation plans on social media. ■

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# M-A student wins honors for insulin pump app

By Angela Swartz  
Almanac Staff Writer

Anna Quinlan, a senior at Menlo-Atherton High School, won the 2018 18th Congressional District's App Challenge for an insulin pump app she created, Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, announced on Dec. 3.



Courtesy of the office of Rep. Anna Eshoo

**Anna Quinlan won the Congressional App Challenge in the 18th Congressional District, represented by Anna Eshoo.**

Anna's "A Smarter Insulin Pump" application runs on a small computer, called a Raspberry Pi, and helps diabetics maintain normal blood glucose (or sugar) levels. Although similar products are on the market, her app connects to a pump and is lower in cost (\$40 versus \$6,000 to \$10,000 for alternatives), Anna said. Users can control the pump using their phones.

Anna's pump automatically dispenses insulin in response to blood sugar changes, as opposed to current pumps on the market, which require diabetics to manually change pump settings multiple times a day. The app sends a text message when a user's blood glucose levels require intervention and tells the user the amount of carbohydrates he or she needs to eat to get levels back to normal, she said. The app also allows users to record what they eat.

"I know a lot of people who live with diabetes (including friends and family)," said Anna, 17, who began working on the app in the summer of 2017. "I wanted to create something that can ease the daily burden."

Diabetics spend a lot of time testing blood, planning meals, injecting insulin and more, Anna said. She developed the app after hearing complaints from a diabetic friend whose insulin pump didn't alert her about low glucose levels.

"This app is practical and will help so many manage their diabetes," Eshoo said in a press release. "Bravo to Anna Quinlan and every participant who demonstrated great knowhow, tech

savvy and enormous potential."

Anna has shown a passion for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) at M-A and beyond. She started M-A's annual student-run science fair and serves as president of the science fair board. She spent last summer working at Jackson Laboratory in Maine, where she studied how Type 1 diabetes develops in mice.

"I'm super-excited for the future of diabetes care," she said. "There are a lot of things coming to market in the next couple of years."

High school students nationwide participated in the Congressional App Challenge, with winners chosen in each congressional district. The House of Representatives began the contest in 2013. The challenge is designed to promote innovation and engagement in STEM education fields.

An independent panel of expert judges chose Anna's app as the winning submission from Eshoo's district. Organizers awarded Anna \$250 in Amazon Web Services credits. She will travel to Washington, D.C., to present her work to the House of Representatives, and her app will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol and on House.gov.

Anna is still developing her insulin pump, so it is not on the market yet. ■

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his mother, including on the Stanford Community Day, when they have pulled weeds in the garden at EHP.

Over the years, after graduating from Woodside High School, Patrisha worked hard, sometimes had two jobs, and is now employed at Stanford in the field of environmental health and safety. But she never lost her teenage dream of working in

medicine. Soon, she will enroll in community college with a view to entering a physician's assistant program.

The five sisters remain close. Their mother lives in Albuquerque, with Willie Mae.

Patrisha says: "EHP gave me not just material support, but strength and courage. I realized you just have to reach out and ask for help, and it will be there. That's why it's such a pleasure for me to be able to give something back."

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 279626  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Kuata's Performing Arts, located at 1919 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
KUATA VAINIKOLO  
1290 Garden St.  
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 7/30/2018.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 28, 2018.  
(ALM Dec. 19, 26, 2018; Jan. 2, 9, 2019)

## 997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 18CIV06257  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: BALBANEDA PACHECO DE ORTEGA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
BALBANEDA PACHECO DE ORTEGA to NINA ORTEGA.  
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: January 11, 2019, 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: November 28, 2018  
/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2018; Jan. 2, 2019)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. CA-GCE-17017935 NOTE: PURSUANT TO 2923.3(C) THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. [PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.] YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/7/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.lpsasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case, CA-GCE-17017935. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. On January 8, 2019, at 01:00 PM, AT THE MARSHALL ST ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE, 400 COUNTY CENTER, IN THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by MARK MIDGAL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE MARK MAGDAL 2000 REVOCABLE TRUST, as Trustors, recorded on 11/16/2007, as Instrument No. 2007-163323, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Property is being sold "as is - where is." TAX PARCEL NO. 079-124-020 All that certain real property situated in the County of San Mateo, State of California, described as follows: LOT 39, BLOCK 1, AS DELINEATED UPON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "TRACT NO. 718 ALPINE HILLS UNIT 3, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, BEING A PORTION OF RANCHO EL CORTE MADERA"; IN THE CITY OF PORTOLA VALLEY, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON MAY 24TH, 1955, IN BOOK 42 OF MAPS, AT PAGES 27, 28, AND 29. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 445 GOLDEN OAKS DR., PORTOLA VALLEY, CA 94028. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$6,578,488.28. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SALE INFORMATION LINE: 714-730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com Dated: 12/10/2018 PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC; AS TRUSTEE BY Lilian Solano, Trustee Sale Officer A-4678743 12/19/2018, 12/26/2018, 01/02/2019

# Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

## Submitting items for the Calendar

Go to [AlmanacNews.com](http://AlmanacNews.com) and see the Community Calendar module at the top right side of the page. Click on "Add your event." If the event is of interest to a large number of people, also e-mail a press release to [Editor@AlmanacNews.com](mailto:Editor@AlmanacNews.com).

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

### Theater

**'Into the Woods'** Los Altos Stage Company presents "Into the Woods," a musical that combines the stories of several fairytale characters to show what happened after their "happily ever after" storybook tales ended. Through Dec. 23, times vary. \$20-\$41. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. [losaltosstage.org/into-the-woods](http://losaltosstage.org/into-the-woods)

**TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'The Santaland Diaries'** TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents the holiday-themed "The Santaland Diaries," returning to the 180-seat Lohman Theatre. Written by David Sedaris, directed by Jeffrey Lo and starring Max Tachis, this show will have a limited three-week run in Los Altos Hills. Through Dec. 23, times vary. \$45, discounts available for students and subscribers. Lohman Theatre, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org)

**TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Tuck Everlasting'** TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents "Tuck Everlasting." The play tells the story of a young girl who meets a family who has found immortality and must decide between returning to her life or choosing

immortality as well. Through Dec. 30, times vary. \$40-\$100. Lucie Stern Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org)

**Peninsula Ballet Theatre's 'The Nutcracker'** Peninsula Ballet Theatre's 25 professional dancers will be joined by Clara, Fritz and friends to present "The Nutcracker" in celebration of the holidays. Through Dec. 29, times vary. \$30-\$78. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City.

**Puppet Show at Portola Valley Library** Under the artistic direction of Art Grueneberger, the Puppet Art Theater Co. presents "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." This annual event is family-friendly. Dec. 20, 4-5 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

### Music

**Open Mic at Cafe Zoe** Cafe Zoe hosts an open mic for participants to showcase their skills and network with other musicians. Third Friday of every month, 6:30-9 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. Search [facebook.com/events](http://facebook.com/events) for more info.

### Festivals & Fairs

**Holidays at Filoli** Filoli Gardens celebrates the holidays with "A Celebration of Light and

Color." Among holiday decorations throughout the garden, there will be three artisan market weekends and holiday-themed entertainment. A holiday wine bar will be available and a coffee bar will be open on weekends. Through Dec. 23, times vary. \$10-\$35. Filoli Gardens, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. [filoli.org](http://filoli.org)

**Village Hub Holiday Party and Gift Faire** Village Hub Holiday Party and Gift Faire will feature gifts, cards, jewelry, art, a kids fun zone, Santa Claus and bouncy house. There will be lunch sold and a bake sale. Dec. 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. The Village Hub @ Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road, Woodside. [thevillagehub.org/holiday-party-and-gift-faire](http://thevillagehub.org/holiday-party-and-gift-faire)

### Museums & Exhibits

**Alphabete: The World Through the Eyes of Frederic Bruly Bouabre** The Cantor Arts Center will display Frederic Bruly Bouabre's artwork. The exhibit will show Bouabre's original pictographic alphabet and brightly colored postcard-size illustrations. Through Feb. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions](http://museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions)

**'Blackboard'** "Blackboard" brings together works that imitate, resemble or feature a

blackboard, to consider the relationship between art and education. The "blackboards" on view interrogate schooling, authority, literacy, form and color. Through Jan. 27. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions](http://museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions)

**'Images in Black & White'** "Images in Black & White" is a photography exhibit by Tom and Marj Green featuring new work from the Balkans and Rome. Tom and Marj Green are fine art black & white photographers. They capture urban, industrial and rural scenes. Through Dec. 19, Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Kriewall-Haehl Gallery, Woodside Priory, 302 Portola Road, Portola Valley. [tomandmarj.com](http://tomandmarj.com)

**Kahlil Joseph: 'BLKNWS'** Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, is presenting his work "BLKNWS," a two-channel video projection that blurs the lines between art, journalism, entrepreneurship and cultural critique. Through June 16, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions](http://museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions)

**'Painting Nature in the American Gilded Age'** The Cantor Arts Center's exhibition will consider how nature was depicted by American artists from the 1880s to 1910, an era of unprecedented industrialization and urban development. Through landscapes, portraits and still lifes, the exhibition will delve into the importance of nature for artists and the public. Through Aug. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions](http://museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions)

**Public Tour: Contact Warhol: Photography Without End** The exhibition brings to life Warhol's many interactions with the social and celebrity elite of his time with portraits of stars such as Michael Jackson, Liza Minnelli

and Dolly Parton; younger sensations in the art world such as Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat; and political stars, including Nancy Reagan, Maria Shriver and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Select days through Jan. 6, 2:30 p.m. Free. 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Search [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu) for more info.

**'Vintage Toys: It's Child's Play!'** The museum is exhibiting a variety of antique toys that belonged to children in the past. This exhibition covers the origins of playtime, toy factories, toy trains, builder toys and more, and aims to evoke childhood memories over the decades. Through Feb. 17, times vary. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. [moah.org](http://moah.org)

**Anderson Collection Public Tour** The collection hosts docent-led public tours five times a week. Ongoing until December 30; Wednesdays 12:30 p.m., Saturdays 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. and Sundays 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Free. Anderson Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Search [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu) for more info.

**Portola Art Gallery Presents 'Artistic Journeys'** The Portola Art Gallery presents "Artistic Journeys," a joint exhibition by Inna Chermeykina and Jan Prisco. The exhibition of oil and pastel paintings includes colorful still life and landscape scenes from the artists' collections. Through Jan. 31, Mondays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

### Dance

**'It's a Wonderful Nutcracker'** Menlowe Ballet presents "It's a Wonderful Nutcracker." Set in the 1940s this ballet combines "The Nutcracker" and "It's a Wonderful Life" into one show. Dec. 21-23, times vary. \$29-\$62. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. [menloweballet.org](http://menloweballet.org)

## Stanford | Continuing Studies WINTER 2019



### The Ethics of Technological Disruption: A Conversation with Silicon Valley Leaders and Beyond

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**6 sessions, January 16 – March 13, 2019**  
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## Village Hub in Woodside hosts a shopping party

By Kate Daly  
Special to the Almanac

Attention last-minute shoppers. The Village Hub has you covered with unique gifts at its third annual holiday party and gift fair on Friday, Dec. 21, at Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road in Woodside. There will be live entertainment to add to the festive spirit of the event.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 15 local vendors will sell their wares, as well as some younger artisans who have been knitting, sewing and creating other handmade items such as Lego jewelry and slime.

Woodsiders Louise Stroe will be showcasing her Peace a Porter jewelry designs; Barbara Wood will be selling her photographs;

and painter Vicki Coe Mitchell will display her work on bags, trays, books and cards.

Portola Valley residents will also exhibit and sell their work: Shazia Jang paints and decoupages trays and trivets at Kalash Art Studio, and Ellen Tafeen recycles vintage jewelry at Eco Chic.

Wiyanna Oakley, who developed Celtic Rose Candle Company to complement her hair-style business in Menlo Park, will also showcase and sell her work.

The Kids Fun Zone will feature crafts, ornament making, cookie decorating, photos with Santa and a "bouncy house."

Free champagne will be served from 11 a.m. to noon.

Go to [thevillagehub.org](http://thevillagehub.org) to preview the vendors and get details on the day's schedule. 📍

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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