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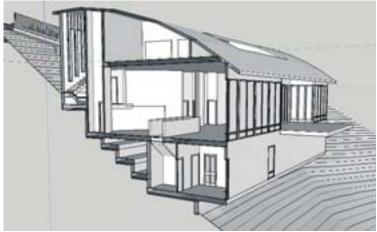
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# Planning Commission Approves Creative Home on Hillside

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By Sophie Braccini



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hillside with a 52 percent slope at 1800 Donald Dr. in Moraga. Despite opposition from some of the neighvelopment permits to the house pro- bors, the commission determined that posed by architect James Wright on a the three-level, two-story futuristic

building would be concealed in the existing vegetation and anchored in bedrock.

"I am concerned that this development could create a precedent," said commission chair Frank Comprelli. The undeveloped lot on which the home is proposed was created in the '60s; planning director Shawna Brekke-Read confirmed that such a lot would be considered non-conforming today and would not be approved, mostly because of the slope. Developments are not permitted in Moraga on slopes that are more than 20 percent, unless a hillside development permit is granted; the commission found Wright's design elegant and safe enough to approve the special permit. ... continued on page A11



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sion decided on April 15 to

grant conditional use and hillside de-

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#### Olsen Honored

Dick Olsen was recently named Moraga's Citizen of the Year for 2013. Olsen is a multi-talented gentleman who has served in many volunteer capacities for the town, starting in the '70s as a founding member of Citizens Incorporating Moraga and serving on the town's first Design Review Board. He was a Moraga Fire District Commissioner for 12 years; most recently he was the chair of the Revenue Enhancement Committee. He will be honored May 3 with a dinner at the Soda Center on the Saint Mary's College campus. The program starts at 6 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$45 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by sending a check to Kiwanis of Moraga Valley, 8 Thune Ave., Moraga, CA 94556. S. Braccini

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