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The board agenda memo regarding this hearing will be posted online on June 2, 2017 at www.valleywater.org.
City approves ‘Safe City’ ordinance

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

For what was at least the third time, a group of adults and kids sat in on the Menlo Park Council meeting, many of them supporters of two ordinances and a resolution laying out policies on how people who have immigrated illegally to the U.S. should be treated in Menlo Park.

When the council on May 23 voted 3-1, with Councilman Peter Ohtaki opposed and Councilwoman Catherine卡尔顿 absent, to give preliminary approval to a “Safe City” ordinance setting limits on police cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), applause erupted from most of the attendees.

The “Safe City” ordinance essentially codifies current police practice with regard to cooperating with ICE and creates a punishment for violating the law. It also prohibits offices from participating in immigration sweeps conducted by ICE.

Under the ordinance, which is scheduled to return to the council for final approval on June 20, Menlo Park police will not comply with ICE requests to hold someone beyond the time that person would otherwise be held. However, exceptions could be made for persons already convicted of a felony that is serious, violent or punishable by a year in state prison, or who have been convicted of a crime that is listed in the California Government Code 7282.5, such as a felony DUI.

The California Trust Act in 2014 established that local law enforcement agencies should not cooperate with ICE to honor civil detainee requests, or requests ICE makes of law enforcement agencies to hold onto someone up to 48 hours beyond their release date.

But the Trust Act includes a set of exceptions that permit police to honor such ICE requests, and exceptions included in the Menlo Park ordinance align for the most part with those in the Trust Act. Menlo Park, however, will not cooperate with ICE on the grounds of probable-cause suspicion, which is an exception included in the Trust Act.

The council also gave preliminary approval to an ordinance prohibiting the use of city resources to gather “sensitive information” about people (such as their race, ethnicity, religion or country of origin) for a national registry. The ordinance, originally proposed by Councilman Ray Mueller and adopted on a 4-0 vote, relates to concerns that President Trump might order the creation a Muslim registry, which he discussed on the campaign trail.

The council also passed on a 4-0 vote a resolution proposed by Councilman Ohtaki that calls on Congress to adopt comprehensive immigration reform.

Such reform, the resolution says, should lay out ways for people to earn legal residency, offer a clear path to citizenship, address the question of future immigration for families and workers, improve immigration enforcement and the border patrol in a way that “is consistent with our nation’s values,” and find a way to fund the costs such changes might create for city governments.

‘Safe City’ ordinance

“Safe City” — rather than “Sanctuary City” or “City of Refuge” — is the name the council chose to call the ordinance governing police cooperation with ICE.

According to Cmdr. Dave Bertini, the police department already has a policy that it does not ask people about their immigration status unless it relates to certain crimes — for example, if someone is the victim of a hate crime because of his or her perceived undocument status.

Council members discussed what exceptions should be made for police cooperation with federal immigration officials, and agreed that only those convicted, not just suspected, of serious felonies would be eligible for an exception. Police could still exercise discretion on whether to cooperate with ICE.

The ordinance may actually have little effect in Menlo Park because the police typically hold people for only a few hours before they are booked at the San Mateo County Jail.

The San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office, which administers the county jail, does not comply with civil detainee requests from ICE, but it does give federal immigration officials information about when detainees will be released from jail because that is considered a public record.

The police department may still work with federal immigration officials on some task forces unrelated to immigration enforcement, Cmdr. Bertini said.

Council member Rich Cline, Kirsten Keith and Ray Mueller supported the ordinance, but it was opposed by Peter Ohtaki. He read a statement from Councilwoman Carlson saying she opposes it, but she was absent and did not vote.

Councilman Ohtaki noted that the ordinance does not really change police practice, and expressed concern that more than just the expected $70,000 in federal funds the city currently receives from the Department of Justice and Homeland Security could be at risk.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, is run through the Department of Homeland Security, he said.

Woodside slows speed limit on Manzanita

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A lower speed limit is coming to Manzanita Way, a two-lane byway that connects Sand Hill Road to Mountain Home Road in Woodside. The road is currently posted at 25 mph, but public works staff, after conducting a traffic survey and consulting with local residents, concluded that the road’s curves, narrow aspect and dense foliage combine to warrant a 20 mph limit.

The Town Council, with Councilman Peter Mason absent, voted unanimously on May 9 to introduce an ordinance to lower the speed limit by 5 mph. (The second vote, needed to actually adopt the ordinance, also passed unanimously on May 23.)

In addition to the new speed limits, the town added 15 mph signs ahead of three curves on Manzanita, according to a staff report. A yield sign and accompanying pavement stencil are going in at the intersection with Wind Ing Way, and the equestrian trail will be improved so as to encourage pedestrians to use it rather than the road, the report said.

The council discussion diverged for a bit to address what may be a significant underlying cause: drivers using less congested alternatives to the more traveled routes.

Navigation applications such as Google Maps and Waze could be an issue, council members said, to the extent that they are directing drivers to these alternate routes.

Praise amid tragedy

This photo of a memorial service in Menlo Park for Bishop Teman L. Bostic Sr. was part of a photo spread by Almanac staff photographer Michelle Le that won first place recently in the online photo story/essay category in the statewide California News Publishers Association contest. Bishop Bostic was stabbed to death on Feb. 12, 2016, and his son was charged with murder.

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June 6 deadline to vote in Atherton election

The deadline to vote in an advisory election about how to fund a new Atherton civic center is Tuesday, June 6.

The ballot question is: “Should the Town of Atherton supplement private donations with available non-dedicated General Funds to meet the funding shortfall, where one exists, for construction of the new Town Center?”

The question is on the ballot because a 2012 ballot measure, approved by more than 70 percent of voters, said the design and construction of a new town center should primarily be paid for with donations. Exceptions were included for the library, which has its own library-only tax funds, and for money set aside for new building and planning offices.

So far, the town has not been able to raise enough money. At the same time, town officials estimate a robust economy means they have, or expect to have, enough money to pay the remaining estimated costs to build a new town center based on a design the council approved in February. The town has also considered short-term borrowing. Before they can do that, however, they need to get approval to overturn the 2012 funding restrictions.

Voted ballots that are mailed back must be postmarked by June 6 and received by June 9. Voted ballots may also be dropped off at the Atherton town offices, 91 Ashfield Road, during business hours, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m., or at the county’s Voting Center at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo, on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Election Day, June 6, the Voting Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ballots may be dropped off at the town offices until 8 p.m. that day. No other polling places will be open on Election Day.

Voters may also vote in person at the Voting Center.

The “Track and Confirm” tool on shapethefuture.org can verify when ballot materials were mailed and when the Registration & Elections Division received voted ballots.

Preliminary election results should be available on the Almanac website shortly after 8 p.m. on June 6.

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Fifth-grader qualifies for international competition

After winning second place in a statewide competition, Nikhil Chand, a fifth-grader at Woodland School in Portola Valley, has qualified to compete at the Future Problem Solvers International competition in scenario writing. Nikhil’s entry, “The Enterprise Incident,” tells the story of a NASA captain who produces a 3D-printed piece of equipment to save the first mission to Neptune minutes before a meltdown.

Mackenzie Yaryura, Woodland’s Future Problem Solvers coach and a Stanford graduate student, said Nikhil is “an incredibly smart student” as well as a great thinker and talented writer.

“Qualifying for internationals is an amazing accomplishment for students who have been competing for years, and Nikhil pulled it off the very first year he entered scenario writing,” she said.
The 2017 Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation scholarship winners are, top row, from left: Danielle Van Dyke, Jonathan Guillen, Ulises Cisneros, Aaron Aguilar-Ortega, Isaac Olvera, Matthew O'Brien, Karina Cabrera and Josee Pineda Duarte; and bottom row, from left: Joceline Morales, Laura Arceo-Madriz, Julia Basnase, Zaira Ochoa, Cynthia Perez, Blanca Betancourt-Santoyo, Diego Arceo-Peregrino and Erika Servin Aviles.

Rotary Club of Menlo Park awards $125K in scholarships

More than 100 students from four local high schools received scholarships and academic achievement awards during the Rotary Club of Menlo Park's scholastic achievement awards ceremony at the Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center on May 22.

Scholarships worth $125,000 were awarded to 19 local high school students, including five who received Alice Kleeman Community College Awards, named after the longtime guidance counselor at M-A.

Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation President Tom Gibbons said the scholarship funds are derived from contributions by club members, investments from former members and donors, and club fundraising events such as the annual Tour de Menlo bicycle ride held in August.

In addition to the Alice Kleeman awards, other scholarships in varying amounts were given to 14 students who were selected by the Rotary Club's scholarship committee, whose members interviewed student applicants. The scholastic achievement awards went to students from Eastside College Prep, Menlo-Atherton, Sacred Heart Prep and Menlo School.

The evening began with a rousing concert by the Menlo-Atherton Jazz Band. Jim Plunkett, former Stanford and NFL star quarterback and two-time Super Bowl winner, gave a talk titled "Don't Be Denied."

The scholastic achievement awards were presented by principals of each school. Following are the names of the scholarships, the recipient's name and high school, and college where the recipient plans to attend:

- Crittenden Family Scholarship: Diego Arceo-Peregrino, Eastside Prep, USC.
- Doris and Orm Rector Scholarship: Julia Basnase, Sacred Heart, Barnard.
- The Drue Kataoka Arts Scholarship winners are Alfonso Siam and Cynthia Perez.
- Karina Cabrera, Sacred Heart, St. Mary's.
- Joceline Morales, Eastside, U.C. Davis.
- Maggie O'Keefe, Sacred Heart, University of San Diego.
- Alice Kleeman Community College Awards (given to M-A students only) went to: Aaron Aguilar-Ortega, Kassandra Del Rio, Josue Pineda Duarte, Erika Servin Aviles and Danielle Van Dyke.

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Man indicted for website cyberattack

By Sue Dremann
Palo Alto Weekly

A San Francisco man accused of a cyberattack on AlmanacNews.com and other websites owned by Embarcadero Media appeared in federal court in San Jose on May 24.

Ross Colby, 34, appeared with his attorney, Vicki Young, before U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh in San Jose for a status conference. At the request of the defendant, the case was continued to Aug. 16 to allow Mr. Colby's attorney to review discovery documents.

Mr. Colby was charged by a federal grand jury in a sealed five-count indictment on April 6 after an 18-month investigation by the FBI's Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property unit in San Jose. The indictment was unsealed on April 11.

The indictment alleges that Mr. Colby gained access to the corporate Google email account of an Embarcadero Media employee in July 2015 and used information to cancel four domain names and change the company's email exchange records to redirect email. He is charged with one felony for intentional damage to a protected computer, another felony for attempted damage to a protected computer and three misdemeanors for obtaining information from a protected computer. The two felonies carry maximum sentences of 10 years in prison and $250,000 in fines.

He entered a not guilty plea and was released on $50,000 bail during his April arraignment.

Neither Mr. Colby nor his attorney would comment on why he targeted Embarcadero Media for a cyberattack. He is not known to have any affiliations or previous contacts with the media organization or its divisions, which include the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac, Mountain View Voice and Pleasanton Weekly.
Eight Menlo-Atherton High School seniors received scholarships at the Kiwanis Club’s annual scholarship luncheon on May 23, at Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. The scholarship awards totaled $55,000, up from $41,000 last year. More than $1 million has been awarded to local students during the lifetime of the Menlo Park club’s scholarship program.

Candidates for the awards are interviewed about their academic achievements, commitments to service and plans for college, according to John Martin, chair of the club’s scholarship committee.

“It was obvious ... from their broad range of interests that this year’s scholarship winners are exceptional and very motivated,” he said.

The recipients are:
- Laura Arceo-Madriz, who was awarded the William D. Martin Memorial Scholarship. She will attend the University of California at Merced to study medicine. Activities at M-A included Key Club, CloseUp, GSA, and College Track. She served as a math tutor and summer intern in library summer camps. She traveled to the Dominican Republic as part of a trip to help with human rights, politics, culture and society and to work on humanitarian projects.
- Ulises Cisneros received the Los Cuttting Memorial Scholarship. He plans to study marketing and journalism at the University of San Francisco. He was editor of the high school online newspaper and a member of the Soccer Club. He was assistant soccer coach in St. Anthony’s soccer league, and he became a referee for competitive youth soccer leagues.
- Eric (Kevin) Delgado will attend the College of San Mateo. At M-A, he was member of the Inter Camboio Club and participated in the school’s Can Food Drive and the California Coastal Clean Up. As a member of the school’s swim and water polo teams. All scholarship winners have the benefit of the support of a Kiwanis mentor.
- Carolyn Murphy received the Damen Wedding Memorial Scholarship. She will use it at the University of Colorado, Boulder, to study advertising and the media. At M-A, she was editor of the 2017 yearbook. She was part of the school’s Leadership Program and participated in community services programs including the canned food drive, National Park Service programs, and a peer support group. She was a member of Club Volleyball during her freshman and sophomore years.
- Zaira Sepulveda won the Anna May Duncan Memorial Scholarship. She will attend UC Merced to study environmental sciences. At M-A she participated in the Student Conservation Association, the canned food drive, and programs at Peninsula Volunteers’ Rosener House Adult Day Care, East Palo Alto Second Harvest, Stanford Warrior’s Health Clinic.
- Bryan Williams will head for Gonzaga University to study education. Her ultimate goal is to teach middle and high school students. While at M-A, she spent three years on the junior varsity swimming and water polo teams. While part of the Global Leaders Journey program, she worked for Habitat for Humanity, delivering food to shelters and spending two weeks in Guatemala to help in a hospital. She was a member of GSA, completing bronze and silver awards.
- Reed Williams, Brynn’s twin brother, will attend Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, to study environment studies. At M-A, he was part of the mountain biking team, serving as team captain for three years. He was a swim instructor and participated in the school’s canned food drive. He was an Eagle Scout, and worked during the holidays at the Kiwanis Christmas tree lot.

The Menlo Park Kiwanis Club gave more than $100,000 last year to local community service efforts, including scholarships for M-A graduates, and its members did volunteer work for St. Anthony’s Padua Dining Room, Tour de Cure of Diabetes, Special Games for physically challenged youth, Rebuilding Together and Menlo Park’s Kite Day. The club’s annual Christmas tree lot is the major source of funding for these philanthropic activities. Visitors are welcome to the club’s weekly luncheon meetings, held on Tuesdays, from noon to 1:15 p.m. at Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. To reserve a spot, call (650) 580-4441 or go to menloparkkiwanisclub.org.

**Kiwanis Club awards $55,000 in scholarships**

**POST hosts 40th anniversary bike ride along the coast**

By Kate Daly

Special to the Almanac

In recognition of its 40th anniversary, the Peninsula Open Space Trust is naming its upcoming 40-mile bike ride “40 for 40.” The land trust works with landowners and raises money to supplement public funds for land conservation. To date, its efforts have resulted in the protection of more than 75,500 acres of open space, farms and parklands in the area, the trust says.

On June 17 cyclists are invited to ride either the full 40-mile route, or a 17-mile loop along the San Mateo County coast, and finish with a farm-to-table lunch.

The rides will start and end at Root Down Farm on Cloverdale Road in Pescadero, where POST recently rebuilt an old barn using locally sourced reddwood.

Cyclists doing the full ride will meet there at 8 a.m. and make a stop at Potrero Nuevo Farm on Tunitas Creek Road and at Pigeon Point Lighthouse. The group doing the shorter loop will meet at Root Down Farm at 10 a.m. and stop at the lighthouse, too.

Go to is.gd/ride44 to register. Cyclists must be 18 or older. The event online, which is required. The cost is $100.

**LET’S DISCUSS:** Read the latest local news headlines and talk about the issues on Town Square at AlmanacNews.com
FedEx driver pleads not guilty to burglary

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The Hayward man working on contract as a FedEx driver and charged in three recent home burglaries — two in Atherton and one in Menlo Park — pleaded not guilty on May 24, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

Kevin Eugene Baker, 57, is charged with three counts of residential burglary, prosecutors said. One count includes the possibility of additional consequences in that the house being burglarized was occupied at the time of the burglary, prosecutors said.

Mr. Baker is a convicted felon with "a history of committing various theft related offenses," according to Menlo Park police.

He remains in custody in the county jail on bail of $800,000, prosecutors said. He did not waive his right to a speedy preliminary hearing, prosecutors said.

Investigators said they believe Mr. Baker committed the burglaries while performing his job as a FedEx contract employee. All three burglaries occurred in May.

Mr. Baker was arrested at the FedEx facility in Newark as the result of a joint investigation by the Atherton and Menlo Park police departments and FedEx security, Menlo Park police spokeswoman Nicole Acker said.

The first Atherton burglary occurred on May 3 on Orchard Hills Avenue at approximately 1:30 p.m., police said. The thief allegedly entered an upstairs bedroom and stole a laptop computer and charger for a total loss estimated at $1,529. The house was unlocked and unoccupied at the time, police said.

The second Atherton burglary occurred May 5 in the 200 block of Park Lane at approximately 1:20 p.m. In this case, the thief stole a wallet belonging to the resident. A passerby later found the wallet along Camino Al Lago in West Menlo Park with $40 missing.

The house was unlocked but occupied, police said. "Nothing was seen or heard at the time of the burglary," police said.

The Menlo Park burglary occurred May 17 in the 1100 block of Trinity Drive at approximately 7 p.m., according to police. The house was unlocked and the items stolen were two tablet computers and their covers, an estimated value of $2,100, police said.

"The stolen tablet computers were "traced" to Hayward, prosecutors said.

Video surveillance was a factor in the investigation. The home in Menlo Park and the Atherton home on Orchard Hills Avenue have video surveillance cameras, according to the Atherton police.

Video from the Menlo Park home shows Mr. Baker in the act of burglary, prosecutors said. Video from the Orchard Hills home shows a FedEx driver making a delivery, police said.

The Park Lane home in Atherton did not have a camera, but a neighbor's video included images of a FedEx truck, police said.

Asked to comment on the case, FedEx replied with a statement: "FedEx Ground contracts for, and will take the appropriate steps to address this matter. Businesses providing service on behalf of FedEx Ground contractually agree to comply with all applicable employment laws related to their drivers. All individuals providing services on behalf of FedEx Ground undergo background checks that include a review of driving record and criminal history. We can confirm that this driver is no longer providing service on behalf of FedEx Ground.

PAL awards $5K in scholarships

Atherton's Police Activities League (PAL) has awarded $5,000 scholarships to Lauren Chan of Menlo School and Luis Diaz-Vazquez and Natasha Auer of Menlo-Atherton High School.

The league is a nonprofit that partners with the community, youth, and the police to support scholarships, recreational activities and outreach programs. The PAL works in partnership with the Atherton Police Department each year to identify local students who attend one of the three high schools in Atherton and are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

To date, the PAL has given out $130,000 in scholarships over the last 16 years, funded with donations from Atherton residents.
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Bill was born on October 11th 1932 in San Diego, California to Joseph and Dorothy Weseloh and raised in Escondido. He was the second of four children; his brothers Joe, Dick and Dave have all preceded him in death. Blessed with a large extended family living in southern California, Bill had the good fortune of being able to visit them many times and develop fond memories of the family ranch in Ramona, California.

One of the defining characteristics of Bill was his love of Dixieland music, especially a good trombone solo. This love started young with him, back in 4th grade, when he picked up his first trombone. Bill often attributed his love of Dixieland music to his first band leader (director) Evan N. Williams and his love of music never faded throughout the years.

A story that encapsulates Bill’s love of trombone comes right before he headed off to Santa Clara University. One weekend, his parents were leaving town for a couple days. Prior to leaving, they turned to Bill and said “you are NOT to buy a new trombone” and then they headed out. Minutes after they left, Bill hopped into his car and was on his way to San Diego to buy himself that new trombone to play in the University of Santa Clara Band and the Red Hat Band.

A Santa Clara University Class of ’54 graduate, it was there that he met a group of special friends that he remained close to through all these years. Bill met the love of his life and future wife, Jeanne Kernan at a Santa Clara/Notre Dame dance. There he was playing his trombone in the band: The Santa Clara band. Bill and Jeanne were married in 1955 in The Church of the Nativity and enjoyed almost 62 years of marriage together. He loved to brag about Jeanne’s floral, gardening and decorating talents.

In his professional life, Bill was in the Army for two years (195th Army Band); and then worked for A.C. Nielsen Company (TV ratings) before starting a 52-year career in Real Estate. First working for Joe Beh, and then for Spinnelli and Company, he eventually started Weseloh & Young Real Estate in 1977 and never closed those doors.

Weseloh & Young doubled as his downtown social life, as a meeting place for co-workers, friends and family to stop by for visits and to get lunch at his regular local spots. You could often find him perusing the classifieds, searching for cars. When he found a good deal, he’d ask around to see if he could find any takers. He had a weakness for classic cars, and early in his life owned 19 Chevys in a row! Bill and Jeanne have deep connections to Menlo Park. They bought their family home in Menlo Park in 1964 and have not moved since! Deeply religious and forever faithful they have been members of St. Raymond’s Church for 50+ years. He spent years on the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce and the Menlo Park Historical Society. The most recent project that he worked on was focused on the rebuilding of the original “Menlo Gate.”

The Weseloh home-away-from-home is the “beach house” in Aptsos. Bill loved spending time there with his family and friends and delighted in having many gatherings and celebrations there. He also enjoyed the families annual summer trips to Tahoe. A native Californian, he had never been to Tahoe until 1980. After that visit, he and Jeanne never missed a year, and always looked forward to spending time with the groups at Tahoe Cedars and in the Kings Beach area.

Always up for a game of dominoes, you were lucky if you got to be Bill’s partner, because you were bound to win! The one thing that you had to know when playing a game of dominoes was that it would inevitably be interrupted so Bill could make a batch of his famous Mai Tais, to serve the crowd. We gathered around Bill on his final evening and toasted him with a mighty fine batch of Mai Tais, just the way he made them. The Mai Tai tradition is sure to continue at future family gatherings.

Bill was so proud of his family and took every opportunity to enthusiastically tell of their most recent exploits or events in their lives. He lives on in his five children, their spouses, and twelve grandchildren: Chris (Joni), their sons Zach, Sam, and CJ; Patty (Steve) Mayer, their children Dylan, Kenzie and Nicola; Tom (Jamy), their daughters Rachael and Rebecca; Mary (Steve) Whittfield, their children Molly and Luke; and Michael (Jaye), and their sons Alex and Drew. Extremely generous and ever so ethical, Bill, “the man, the myth and the legend”, will always be cherished, loved and greatly missed. Here’s to you, Bill, good people are scarce! Services, were held on May 8th, at St Raymond Church, 1100 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.

Donations in memory of Bill may be made to The St. Francis Center, 151 Buckingham Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063 or to a cancer organization of your choice.

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Donna Kelly McCarthy passed away in her sleep May 11, 2017, after a 15-year battle with Alzheimer’s disease. She was born in Chicago, IL, where she graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, Sheridan Road. She went on to study music at Barry College in Miami, FL. She met her husband, Drury McCarthy, on the RMS Queen Mary when both were traveling on a pilgrimage to Europe. They quickly fell in love and were married in 1953. They then moved to California, where he was an architect with the contracting firm of John E. McCarthy and Sons. Together they built the Red Cottage Motel in Menlo Park in 1958, and she was its proprietor until it was sold in 1995. Many remember enjoying her boundless energy, her infectious laugh, and her generous, uplifting spirit when they encountered her at the motel, which she referred to as “your personal guest house.”

She was always a devout, active member of the Catholic Church and the Legion of Mary. She is survived by her son, Drury “Mike” McCarthy of Florida, her daughter, Marion McCarthy Feehan (Patrick) of Menlo Park, and five grandchildren, Shannon (Andy), Siobhan, Haley, Serena, and Michael. A memorial Mass and celebration of her life is planned for July 1, 2017 at 11:00 am at St. Raymond Church, Menlo Park.

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Thomas Francis Kearns IV was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 25, 1951 to Mary Durkin Kearns Pierol of Brooklyn, NY and Thomas Francis Kearns III of Salt Lake City, Utah. Thomas’ father was Vice-President of the Kearns Corporation, owner of the Salt Lake Tribune.

Tom grew up in Palo Alto and Atherton, was a product of private Catholic schools there and graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School. He was an owner of the Kearns-Tribune Corporation/Salt Lake Tribune and owned several entrepreneurial ventures throughout his life in California, Utah and Nevada. He was a resident of Reno, Nevada for 20 years. Married to Karen Shaw in 1999 and later divorced. Tom enjoyed traveling, family history, the outdoors and his faithful dogs.

Tommy is survived by his brother, Michael J. Kearns (Miriam) of Salt Lake City, Utah, and sisters Mary Kearns Coffron of Menlo Park, California, Kathryn Kearns Gould (Chris) of Atherton, California, Patricia Kearns Kehrer of Dillon, Montana, Carol Kearns of Spokane, Washington, Terry Greenwood Nestel of Los Angeles, California, Judy Greenwood Gregory (Gary) of Eugene, Oregon, and Colleen McCann (Byron) of Seattle, Washington.

Tom is survived by his aunt, Genevieve Kearns Campbell, Sandpoint, Idaho and step-mother Jackie Kearns, Salt Lake City, Utah. Several cousins in Salt Lake City, Utah, California and Switzerland as well as nieces and nephews in California, Montana, New York City and Oregon also survive him. Tom, 65, passed away due to pulmonary failure on a road trip to Las Vegas May 20, 2016.

Memorial service will be held at 1pm June 1, 2017 at Cathedral of the Madeleine with burial following at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Utah. A Rosary Vigil will take place at 6pm on May 31, 2017 at Neil O’Donnell Mortuary, Salt Lake City, Utah.
New library group will talk about movies at Guild Theatre

The Menlo Park Library is starting a discussion group to talk about the latest movie playing at the Guild Theatre in Menlo Park. The first session will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6.

Menlo Park Library Commissioner Lynne Bramlett will lead the group. She said she surveyed the community to see what activities would be of most interest to adults. According to her polling, she said, a film discussion group ranked as the most-desired option.

The idea is that participants will see the movie the weekend before the film discussion, which will be held the first Tuesday of each month. She emphasized that the group will be open to adults of all ages and levels of cinephilia. “Everybody’s welcome,” she said. “It’s not aimed at the serious film buff. Hopefully it’ll build more community in Menlo Park.”

Ms. Bramlett said she wanted the discussion group to work with the Guild Theatre because of a recent petition, circulated primarily by Menlo Park resident Judy Adams, to preserve the theater.

“I am a historic preservationist,” Ms. Bramlett said, “I think it’s important to preserve important buildings in a community, so I certainly do hope it will increase people going to the Guild. It’s a very nice asset, I think, to our town.”

In addition, where applicable, she said, she plans to pair the films under discussion with relevant book recommendations, which will be sold at a discount at Kepler’s. The program’s costs for flyers and snacks are covered by the Friends of the Menlo Park Library.

Taube named history maker

Woodside resident Tad Taube has been named the 2017 San Mateo County History Maker by the county historical association.

Mr. Taube is the founder and chair of Taube Philanthropies, which supports charitable programs and initiatives worldwide.

An event honoring Mr. Taube as a county history maker is set for Sept. 13 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Burlingame, beginning with a cocktail reception, then dinner, a live auction and a film.

Write to development@historysmc.org or call 650-299-0104 to make reservations.

In March, Mr. Taube received the Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award for Lifetime Achievement by the nonprofit San Francisco-based Jewish Family and Children’s Services in recognition of philanthropic activities over 40 years.

Mr. Taube is participating in the history-maker dinner and supporting the historical association “because of its work in preserving the Peninsula’s past, and providing hands-on learning experiences for nearly 20,000 school children every year,” the association said in announcing the honor.

Others local to the Almanac who share in this distinction include the Lane family, medical device inventor and Portola Valley resident Dr. Thomas Fogarty, and former Ravenswood City School District teacher, Mary Ann Noonan.

Stephen Andrew Blanchette April 23 1965 – May 7, 2017

Steve was born in Arizona and grew up in Portola Valley, California, later moving to Indiana and the Seattle area. A graduate of Gunn High School and Fresno City College, Steve led an adventurous life, running his own construction company, working as a commercial fisherman in Alaska, and hiking in the Sierras at every opportunity. He is survived by his parents, Val (Mountain View), Gene (Palo Alto), sister Paddy (South Bend, Indiana) and brothers Greg (Mountain View), Mike (Palo Alto), Dan (Boulder Creek), Robert (Aptos) and Alex (Sahuarita, Arizona), sisters-in-law Hana, Lisa, Lenka, and Tammy, brother-in-law Don Wheeler, niece Sarah, and nephews John, Paul, Timmy, Tommy, and Dominic. We loved him more than words can say, and we will miss him forever. A celebration of Steve’s life will be held in Palo Alto on June 10. Please write to stevecollection1@gmail.com for details.

C. Patrick Melvin

Pat Melvin, a resident of Buckeye, Arizona, and Sonoma, California, passed away Friday, May 5, in Phoenix. Pat was born May 29, 1936, in San Francisco, California, and was graduated from Menlo Atherton High School in Menlo Park, California, and the University of San Francisco. He had a long career with Litton Industries in San Carlos, California, and Tempe. He was a member of the American Contract Bridge League, a fan of the Arizona Coyotes, Oakland A’s and San Francisco 49ers, Kansas City Chiefs, and an inveterate dog walker. He is survived by his wife, Janice Cole Melvin; one son, Pat Melvin (Nellie), and three daughters, Angela Peters (Michael), Teresa Williams (Ben), and Karen Melvin; four grandchildren, Megan Peters, Colleen Garcia (Andrew), Janelle Melvin, and Ryan Melvin; brother John/Jake Melvin (Miami); 27 nieces and nephews, 25 great-nieces and great nephews, 2 great-grand children and his best four-legged friend Roxie.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Pets Lifeline, petlifeline.org, or the American Heart Association. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date for information celebration2pm@gmail.com

Mary Ann Noonan May 25, 1936 – February 11, 2017

Mary Ann Noonan passed away Saturday February 11, 2017. Born May 25, 1936, in Sioux City, Iowa to Burke and Ursula (Teefey) Noonan, she last surviving of five siblings: Mike, Pat, Jake and Polly. Colorful, creative, artistic, kind, loving and original, Mary had the magical ability to become an integral part of the lives of so many: best friend, trusted confidant, adopted Auntie Mame, charismatic teacher, world explorer, comedic adventurer, political activist, role model, Stanford women’s basketball fan, Notre Dame football fan, avid gardener, chef, dog lover. Mary awoke each day happy to be alive.

Fresh from college, Mary came West to begin her teaching career in California. She was a charismatic person who loved people, especially children. Mary could teach children who were supposed to be unteachable and would giggle that incredible laugh upon seeing the sheer joy of someone discovering they can read. Children were drawn to Mary because they felt that she sincerely enjoyed their company, and she did. She was a wonderful teacher whose warmth was felt by everyone who met her, worked with her, and loved her. It was not unusual for Mary to be stopped by a former student who – with a hug and a smile – would thank her for the impact she made.

After retiring from teaching in 1982, Mary and Patricia Stoll (fellow Ravenswood City School District teacher), founded Rush Hour Catering. Initially located at the Keystone Nightclub in Palo Alto, Patty and Mary prepared meals for such musicians as Billy Idol and Neil Young while continuing to build their takeout service. The business grew to a full service catering company with a strong reputation for providing fresh delicious cuisine to an impressive roster of clients.

From a successful career at Rush Hour, Mary’s great sense of mission became raising money for the teachers in East Palo Alto. Mary served on the board of the East Palo Alto Kids Foundation (EPAK). As a former Ravenswood teacher, she understood their needs and challenges. With passion and conviction, Mary often singlehandedly raised more money than all other fundraisers together.

Interfaced throughout her life was a love of dogs, of which Mary had many. A neighborhood regular, her dogs took her on walks – or Mary would welcome visitors in her front yard.

Proud to be a Noonan, Mary adored her large extended family above all else. Mary had the continuing love and support of her nieces and nephews and their children. If you walked into Mary’s home you would see pictures upon pictures of her beautiful family, enough to fill an entire wall of shelves. As Mary’s health declined, she returned to her Midwest roots and the bosom of her large Irish family. Her absence from the lives of her California family was deeply felt, but she was never forgotten.

Memorials can be made to the East Palo Alto Kids Foundation, P.O. Box 50542, Palo Alto, CA 94303, http://www.epak.org.
High school district cements new election system

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Come November 2018, there will be big changes in the way voters elect board members in the Sequoia Union High School District. The changes, made under threat of a lawsuit, are designed to bring more diversity to the board.

In April, the board voted 5-0 to establish which board members will be up for election in 2018 and which in 2020. The decision follows a board decision in December to approve a map that divides the district into five voting areas.

Previously, voters in the district could vote to fill all five seats on the board. This at-large system tended to favor candidates with the resources to campaign district-wide for the seat.

The new system separates and concentrates voters into voting areas, increasing the likelihood that voters in an area that is heavily Hispanic, for example, will elect a Hispanic candidate to the board.

The new system meets the requirements of the state’s Voting Rights Act and reduces the likelihood of lawsuits over claims of discrimination, as was threatened against the district by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The shift was complex in that district officials had to figure out how sitting board members duly elected through the at-large system could run for re-election with the new system of five voting areas. Complicating things further: a state law requiring most public agencies that hold elections in odd-numbered years to shift to even-numbered years, when voter turnout is higher.

These steps have been taken:

- The demographer created maps that did not assign voting areas by where existing board members reside. Two current members reside in one voting area, setting up a competition if both run for re-election.
- The board approved the shift to even-numbered-year elections and extended the terms of each board member by one year, which is permitted under state law to enable the change to even-year elections.
- The five voting areas were designed to avoid perceptions that a board member from a particular area would be seen as representing a particular high school.
- In drawing the proposed voting areas, the demographers said they would consider factors such as race, income level and the sense of community that develops in neighborhoods around schools and parks. Race must be a criteria, but it cannot be the only criteria, they said.

Areas A through E

The approved map divides the 19-square-mile school district into voting areas A through E. Each area has approximately equal population and was laid out using traditional redistricting principles.

Elections for areas A and D will be held in November 2018. Belmont-Redwood Shores and most of Redwood City are in Area A, while Area D includes parts of Atherton and Menlo Park. (Board member Alan Sarver resides in Area A and board member Chris Thomsen resides in Area D.)

Elections for areas B, C and E will be held in 2020. Board members Allen Weiner and Georgia Jack live in Area C, an area that includes Woodside, Portola Valley, nearby unincorporated communities such as Ladera and Vista Verde, and West Menlo Park, as well as parts of the Las Lomitas Elementary School District.

Carrie DuBois lives in Area B, which includes Belmont and Redwood Shores.

No one on the current board lives in Area E, where many of the Sequoia district’s Hispanic residents live. Area E includes the city of East Palo Alto, the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park and much of the unincorporated community of North Fair Oaks.

The threat of a lawsuit reflected complaints from Hispanic residents that they are not represented on the board despite making up 30 percent of the district’s population, according to census data. Of the five current board members, all are white and none lives in a Hispanic community.

The process is not quite complete. The changes must be approved by the County Committee on School District Organization in a public hearing, and the state Board of Education must consider giving the board a waiver to avoid subjecting the changes to a referendum by the voters.

“Since the passage of the California Voting Rights Act, the State Board of Education has approved at least 135 such waivers and denied none,” Superintendent Jim Lianides said in a staff report.

Menlo Park district announces administrator changes

Hillview Middle School associate principal Mary Martin is returning to the San Jose school district that she left to come to Menlo Park two years ago, Assistant Superintendent Erik Burmeister has announced.

Mr. Burmeister said the change will allow Ms. Martin to spend less time commuting and more time with her family.

If approved by the board at its June 6 meeting, Joan von der Linden, who has been assistant principal at Encinal Elementary School, will move to Hillview, while Jennifer Kollmann, whose position as director of curriculum and instruction was eliminated in district budget cuts, will become associate principal at Encinal.

Ms. von der Linden has decades of experience at Encinal, where she has been a community builder and teacher mentor, Mr. Burmeister said.

Ms. Kollmann has decades of experience in school administration, a commitment to closing the achievement gap for all students, bilingual Spanish/English skills, and knowledge of the district, he said.
Obituaries are based on information from the families.

William Weseloh
William (Bill) E. Weseloh, a longtime Menlo Park resident, had warm feelings for the trombone, Dixieland jazz and Chevrolets. He spent years on the city’s chamber of commerce and its historical society. He was 84 when he died May 1. Services have been held.

Mr. Weseloh grew up in Escondido in Southern California, one of four boys in his family. In the fourth grade, he discovered his interest in the trombone. “He hadn’t put it down since,” said his son Michael Weseloh said.

A family story has it that Mr. Weseloh was about to leave home in Escondido to attend Santa Clara University. His parents, on their way out the door for a weekend getaway, admonished him not to be buying any new trombones. Undaunted, Mr. Weseloh drove to San Diego and bought himself a new trombone.

He performed in bands at San- ta Clara University with his wife, Jeanne, and at dance there. They married in 1955 at the Church of the Nativity in Menlo Park and lived in the city for about 63 years.

They were members of St. Raymond Catholic Church for more than 50 years. Mr. Weseloh took pleasure in bragging about his wife’s gardening, floral and deco- rative skills.

As a soldier in the U.S. Army, Mr. Weseloh played with the 179th Army band.

Mr. Weseloh began his working career with A.C. Nielsen, the ratings company. He moved on to real estate where he spent 52 years, first for Joe Beh of Atherton, then for Raymond Spinelli in Menlo Park, and in 1997 and afterward for himself at Weseloh and Young Real Estate on Menlo Avenue, a firm that also served his social life as a place to rub shoulders with coworkers, friends and family.

He had a weakness for classic cars, his son said, and a fondness for Chevrolets. He owned 19 in a row, thereafter preferring Cadillac, his son said.

The family owned a beach house in Aptos and took annual summer trips to Tahoe. Mr. Weseloh liked to play dominos and make his guests’ Mai Tais, the cocktail with which his family toasted him on his last night.

To go go@glkarniel.com to sign in or join a Facebook group to have access to community comments on Mr. Weseloh’s passing.

Mr. Weseloh is survived by his wife Jeanne of Menlo Park; daughters Patty Mayer of San Mateo, and Mary Whittfield of Chico, California; sons Chris of Menlo Park, Tom of McKinleyville, California, and Michael of Sunnyvale; and 12 grandchildren.

The family prefers donations to the St. Francis Center at 151 Buckingham Ave. in Redwood City or to a cancer organization of your choice.

Gene Giannotti
Gene Carmen Giannotti, who lived in Menlo Park for 64 years, died April 15 at age 85. Born in San Francisco, he moved around a lot as a kid and attended eight grammar schools, his family says.

At age 13, he gained the rare bragging right of being able to say he got his pilot’s license before his driver’s license.

At Serra High School in San Mateo, where he gradu- ated in 1948, he scored the first varsity football points in the school’s history, his family says.

In 1952, he graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Santa Clara University, and the summer after graduation, married Joy Baerwald. They were mar- ried for 64 years.

After college, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a first lieutenant. His family lived briefly in Okla- homa and Washington during his training. Their first son was born while he was deployed, and Mr. Giannotti didn’t get to meet him until he returned from duty nine months later, according to his daughter, Mia Giannotti Bard.

When he returned, he worked in the field of management information systems — a precursor to IT — for almost 40 years before he retired from Measurex in 1994. He and Joy had two other children, living first in Menlo Park’s Suburban Park neighborhood before mov- ing to West Menlo Park.

According to Ms. Giannotti Bard and Mr. Giannotti, an adopter of the “running craze” and ran several miles a day for decades before transition- ing into walks during the past decade. He was an avid sports fan, she said, and “never missed his kids’ track meets, baseball games or football practice.”

He also played tennis weekly well into retirement with neighbors and enjoyed playing golf.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Joanne Klei and survived by his wife, Joy; his sisters Judy Gibson and Ginger Jue; his children Tony Gian- notti, Chris Giannotti and Mia Giannotti Bard; daughter-in-law Connie LeBaron; son-in-law Jack Park; and his grandchild- ren Vincent and Sashia Gian- notti and Cody and Connor Bard.

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Tall meadows of browning grasses, shady creekside red-wood groves and lush greenery characterize a few of the hidden lands of the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, a Stanford-owned, 1,200-acre nature trove that doubles as a living laboratory where scientists have worked for more than a century to make groundbreaking discoveries.

The Almanac recently got an exclusive tour of Jasper Ridge with the preserve’s executive director, Anthony Barnosky. The preserve serves three main purposes, he said: research, education and stewardship.

RESEARCH

Research conducted at Jasper Ridge has resulted in a number of groundbreaking scientific studies, Mr. Barnosky said. The large space largely isolated from humans has enabled researchers to study complex interactions between organisms within the bounds of a real ecosystem. According to the preserve’s faculty director, Elizabeth Hadly, the preserve’s rich archaeological history and other special features have been conserved while continuing to be used as a “living laboratory.”

Staff scientist Nona Chiariello emphasized that the preserve is home to diversity in species and in the types of research being done, including archaeology, bioengineering and geophysics.

One of the most famous studies to come out of Jasper Ridge is a paper by Peter Raven and Paul Ehrlich in 1964 which established the concept of coevolution, which presents the argument that certain plants and animals evolve in tandem with each other.

In addition, a decades-long project called the Global Change Experiment going on at Jasper Ridge has revealed some groundbreaking findings about how ecosystems might react to growing carbon dioxide levels in the environment, generated from burning fossil fuels.

Chris Field, lead researcher for the study, said in an interview that the study helped to make the case that an increase in carbon dioxide in the air will not lead to more plant growth — there had been previous speculation that rising carbon dioxide levels would increase plant growth and thereby negate the greenhouse gas’s global warming effect.
“It really helped refocus the attention of the world political community in dealing with CO2 emissions,” he said.

Stanford accepts study proposals from qualified scientists, including those not affiliated with the university, Ms. Chiariello said.

EDUCATION

As part of Stanford University, Jasper Ridge also has a strong educational focus, and courses there tend to emphasize hands-on learning.

In one course, students learn about field research by helping Stanford professor Tadashi Fukami study the interactions of microorganisms that are transferred between different pollinators and the sticky monkey flower.

In another class, special because a select number of non-Stanford affiliates are allowed, students learn from professors about the biology and natural history of the preserve.

In a lesson on bugs presented on a recent Thursday, students presented skits in costumes dressed as the insects found at the preserve. Colored cellophane strips were wings and plastic cups became compound eyes.

Afterward, they spent a sunny afternoon, pants tucked tight into their socks to keep ticks out, running through the tall meadows swooping up bugs into their nets and quantifying them agreed: there were a lot of ticks.

Students in the class ranged from ages 18 to 70, said course professor Cindy Wilber. Enrolled community members are expected to be docents once they complete the class. Vivian Neou, a Menlo Park resident who volunteers at the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, said she’d found the class highly informative.

STEWARDSHIP

Jasper Ridge has some rare features that its caretakers say merit its protection, even outside of scientific purposes. It is, Mr. Barnosky said, the last remaining 1,200 acres in Silicon Valley enclosed within the lower slopes of the eastern Santa Cruz Mountains.

The preserve is also home to a number of protected species, including the red-legged frog and steelhead trout, and contains serpentine grasslands, which means that it is known to have a rare rock called called serpentinite containing heavy metals that are toxic to all but the best-adapted native plants. It also has archaeological significance as a former site of the Ohlone people.

A brief history of Jasper Ridge

Looking at the wild meadows that characterize much of the terrain of Jasper Ridge, it’s hard to imagine that it hasn’t always been that way.

But, in fact, the area has been home to major human activity. San Francisco Creek, which winds through the preserve, was previously home to the Ohlone people. One rock beside the creek carries the marks of past civilizations: it has a bowl shape carved into it, a sign it had been used to grind acorns by Native Americans, according to Anthony Barnosky, the preserve’s executive director.

In 1854, the area became the location of the logging town of Searsville, which lasted until the town was inundated when the Searsville Dam was built in 1892. The resulting Searsville reservoir was intended to be a water source for San Francisco, but because of conflicts between research and recreation.

In 2000, locals such as Bill and Jean Lane of Portola Valley, Anthony Sun and William Gomez of Atherton, Efj and Patty Martin of Woodside, and John Working of Palo Alto helped raise funds for a new $5 million biological research center at the site.

Stanford student David Tattoni inspects a tiny coleoptera beetle during a class on the ecology and natural history of Jasper Ridge.

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Stanford biology professor Rodolfo Dirzo examines an insect during a session on the ecology and natural history of Jasper Ridge.

Searsville Lake at Jasper Ridge is expected to fill with sediment in the coming decades if nothing changes.

A Valley oak tree at Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve.
Standing on top of a hill with the dam visible, Rodolfo Dirzo, left, and a student examine insects during an ecology and natural history class. The dam provides a habitat for insects, which are important for pollination and ecosystem health. Dirzo's research focuses on the conservation of pollinators and the ecosystem services they provide. The dam also serves as a barrier to the movement of species, which can have both positive and negative effects on biodiversity.

The dam poses a challenge for conservation efforts, as it alters the natural flow of water and affects downstream ecosystems. The Stanford Research Reserve is working to mitigate the negative impacts of the dam by implementing strategies such as restoration of lost habitats, monitoring of water quality, and education of the public about the importance of preserving these ecosystems.
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Students at La Entrada Middle School in Menlo Park have been learning the answers to these questions in an after-school course called “Energy, the Environment and Chocolate.”

In the class, students explore renewable and non-renewable energy sources and their impacts on the planet. They consider the effects of common household items on air, land, water and the atmosphere, as those items are made, transported, used and disposed of. The topics vary from week to week, but one thing remains constant: In every class, chocolate is involved.

Chocolate activities are intended to engage the students, but some of them feel that eating chocolate helps them learn better, too. “The chocolate gives us energy and helps with focusing, mostly on the hard topics,” says fourth-grader Manasvi.

“Before this class I was not fully aware of the seriousness that our world faces due to climate change,” says Darrow, a sixth-grader in the class.

His mother, Risha Henry, reports: “The class has made a huge impact on him. He talks about what he has learned all the time and is quite passionate about it. He is our greenest kid now.”

For more information about the course, email Janelle London at jlondon@stanfordalumni.org.
Protecting our community in the era of Trump

Earlier this month the Almanac published a long article about local people digging in to try to counter some of the emerging and anticipated pernicious consequences of Trump-era politics. These citizen efforts range from participating in marches and rallies, to get-out-the-vote drives. California cities and counties have been getting involved as well, resisting recent Washington actions that threaten sanctuary cities and create an environment of fear among immigrants and the Muslim community.

Last week the Menlo Park City Council gave preliminary approval to two ordinances and passed a resolution that can accurately be trumpeted as "Resist Trump" measures. The Safe City ordinance, if given final approval next month, would codify the current police practice of limiting cooperation with federal immigration officials, identifying the small number of circumstances under which police detainees without documents authorizing them to stay in the U.S. can be held at the request of the federal agents.

The second ordinance, which also needs final council approval, would ban the use of city resources to provide federal agents with information about Menlo Park residents — information such as religion, race, ethnicity, or country of origin. This ordinance is in direct response to statements then-candidate Trump made last year indicating he might support a nationwide Muslim registry — an odious suggestion in a free society founded on ideals that include freedom of religion.

A resolution also approved that night calls on Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform that, among other things, would include provisions allowing immigrants already here to earn legal residency and offer a clear path to citizenship.

The two ordinances might be seen as merely symbolic — public statements that make clear a community's support of neighbors, co-workers and friends who are here without documents and who, in reaction to the threats emanating from Washington, might hesitate to report crime, send their kids to school or to the doctor, and continue participating in activities a healthy community offers. After all, the Safe City law would only codify current practice, and despite Republican rhetoric, there is no Muslim registry, or any other based on religion or ethnicity.

But given the erratic behavior of the country's highest-placed official, those symbolic gestures may well evolve into pragmatic strategies in the coming months. It's impossible to predict what new edict will issue from a White House in chaos, with a reckless president who wills judges whose legal rulings counter his ill-thought-out executive orders.

The council's actions last week have been loudly praised by some in the community, and hotly challenged as illegal by others. But these measures are legal and within local governments' legitimate power to enact. We are in full support of the Menlo Park City Council's decision to go down this path, which may in the future prove necessary to prevent families from being torn apart and individuals from being ghettoized and unduly scrutinized on the basis of their religion.

By Kathy McKeithen

A fundamental question facing Atherton voters as they decide on Measure A is, "Does Atherton actually have enough money, private and public, to build the civic center?" While there has been some supposition that it does, the fact of the matter is that the answer is more likely "probably not." Why? At the Feb. 1 council meeting, estimates to build the administrative/police/building and planning part of the complex were placed at $24.4 million. At an April 5 study session, this amount rose to $25.8 million, with a questionable "total costs" of approximately $34.6 million (using only a 10 percent contingency rather than the previous 20 percent figure) and the public was told there was probably enough public and private funding to build the civic center without borrowing. How? In part, it is the result of some "masaging of numbers" which takes a 2016-17 educational rebate called "ERAF" and places it into the general fund as well as the anticipation of "excess" future real property tax dollars. But there is so much more to this financing issue that needs to be considered.

Measure A involves not only a great deal of fancy financial footwork, which constantly keeps one guessing, but also: a promise of no new taxes (yet a very clear reliance on a renewed parcel tax in 2018); the potential use of a mechanism to raise funds called certificates of participation (which does not require any voter input); as well as proposed multiple alternative revenue sources which the council has decided to put off discussing until after the bid/cost came in at $29 million — an increase of more than 25 percent. This is because there are simply not enough local welders, electricians and glass subcontractors, and their bids can come in at 20 to 40 percent over estimates.

Another example: Atherton recently sent to bid a road project at a Middlefield Road intersection projected to cost $330,000. The only two bids received were $570,000 and $700,000. A civic center advisory vote hands the council a blank check no matter what the bids (expected next fall) look like.

Second, the civic center project not only contains numerous "add-ons" not shown in the projected costs (even those shown on April 5), including rather fundamental aspects of the project like solar and much of the landscaping, but also fails to include the cost of maintaining a considerably larger and more costly to maintain "green" building.

Finally, at least two sitting council members have privately noted that the cost of the civic center is likely to impact future capital improvement projects, particularly if the current parcel tax is not renewed. With the town poised to use or divert every spare dollar it can find to spend on this project in order to sell Measure A, what will happen to the town's other $72 million drainage, road, pension, health care, bike and pedestrian safe route needs (this figure the result of the town's own studies)? While the capital improvement budget looks relatively good this year (thanks in part to the $8.85 million attributable to the library) future years' capital improvements look very sketchy and uncertain.

Think about it. If done properly, a carefully drafted measure asking for a reversal of Measure L should first be formulated and the clear spending of public funds sought. A professional firm should consider all the costs associated with what was to have been a privately funded project and lay them out for the taxpayers to consider before voting.

Possible design alternatives such as a non-privately funded project should be considered. An assessment of why, despite best efforts, private funding efforts have resulted in a mere $7 million of funds raised when Portola Valley raised 85 percent of the cost of its center and came in 7 percent under budget should be evaluated with a thought given to perhaps looking to alternative efforts. The full impact of the unlimited amount of money to be spent should be carefully considered.

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