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The District Board of West Bay Sanitary District finds and determines as follows:

A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District’s “Zone Master Annexation Resolution” (“ZOMAR”), which was adopted by the District Board August 12, 1996. The provisions of ZOMAR are incorporated by reference into this Resolution of Intention.

B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property (the “Parcel”) to the District’s On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone (the “Zone”). The Parcel is described in Exhibit “A” attached to this Resolution of Intention and the description contained in the Exhibits is incorporated by reference. The name and address of the applicants and the number, type, volume and location of on-site wastewater disposal systems which are proposed to operate on the parcels to be annexed are described in Exhibit “B” attached to this Resolution of Intention and the information contained in the Exhibit are incorporated by reference.

C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board that the Parcel constitutes “real property” for the purposes of Section 2(b) of ZOMAR in that:

| X | All of the conditions described in Subsections i., ii., iii., iv. and v. of ZOMAR Section 2(b) are satisfied; or |
|   | Other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone. If applicable, those conditions are also set forth in Exhibit “B” and are incorporated by reference. |

D. All of the conditions and requirements of ZOMAR Sections 2(a), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) have been fully satisfied.

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

IT IS RESOLVED by the District Board as follows:

1. It is the intention of the District Board to annex the Parcel to the Zone pursuant to the provisions of ZOMAR and applicable provisions of law.

2. In conjunction with a meeting of the District Board to be duly and regularly called and conducted, the Board will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering all matters pertaining to this Resolution of Intention.

The time, date and place of the Public Hearing are:

Date: August 23, 2017
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: West Bay Sanitary District Offices
500 Laurel Street
Menlo Park, CA 94025

At the Public Hearing, all interested persons will be heard.

3. This Resolution of Intention shall be published and copies shall be delivered to the persons and entities as specified in ZOMAR Section 2(e)(i). A true copy of this Resolution of Intention shall promptly be filed for record in the office of the County Recorder of the County of San Mateo.

4. A true copy of this Resolution of Intention shall be promptly filed for record in the office of the District’s On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone (the “Zone”). The Parcel is described in Exhibit “A” attached to this Resolution of Intention and the description contained in other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone.

5. The District Manager shall cause the matters set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of this Resolution of Intention to be completed as directed.
Facebook aims to expand affordable housing

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Two nonprofits with track records of raising funds for affordable housing have joined Facebook’s effort to finance affordable housing in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto.

According to Elliot Schrage, Facebook vice president of corporate communications and public policy, the plan is to begin investing in affordable housing projects this fall, with the aims of distributing the funds full proceeds in five to eight years.

Last December Facebook announced it would put $18.5 million into an affordable housing fund, with the hope that the initial amount would be a catalyst in generating further funding.

Ms. Bennett said the initial investment is a “jump in the bucket compared to what’s needed. A commitment to quadrupling that amount is something she believes the fund manager can do.

The goal is to increase funding to $75 million. The announcement comes after a laborious and thoughtful process to select the right organizations to manage the fund, Ms. Bennett said.

The two organizations selected to manage the fund were chosen from about eight applicants, she said, noting, “It was important for the fund manager to know about the needs of East Palo Alto and have a connection to our community.”

Local Initiatives Support Corp. provides loans, equity and grants to local organizations such as nonprofit developers, small businesses and service providers to fund projects that help low-income or underserved people. Its Bay Area chapter invests in projects that support economic development, affordable housing, financial stability, health and leadership.

Housing Trust Silicon Valley works primarily in Santa Clara County to fund housing affordability programs.

The organizations will be required to report to an advisory committee made up of two members each from Facebook and Envision, Transform, Build — East Palo Alto and a member each from the cities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, she said.

Guidelines have been drafted for how fund management organizations would distribute funds, but Ms. Bennett noted, “it’s going to be up to them to be smart about how the money is spent so they are able to leverage the fund.”

In addition the $18.5 million, Facebook has given $500,000 to Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto to help Belle Haven and East Palo Alto residents deals with displacement by eviction or abuse by landlords, and $250,000 to Rebuilding Together Peninsula, a nonprofit that has rehabilitated homes in disrepair in Belle Haven, East Palo Alto and elsewhere.

Facebook will also dedicate $500,000 to finance political activity to support affordable housing policies, Ms. Bennett said.

Improve traffic flow: Early results of Dumbarton corridor study released

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

For those locked in traffic as they cross the Bay over the Dumbarton Bridge, the time will take to improve traffic flow by making major changes to the vehicle bridge and the nearby abandoned rail bridge may seem like an eternity.

More details coming before public meetings on Aug. 15, 16.

But an early presentation on a Facebook-sponsored $1 million study of the Dumbarton transportation corridor suggests these changes may be expedited.

According to the presentation, given Aug. 1 to the governing board of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), it could be feasible to:

Increase the frequency and number of destinations of transbay buses by 2025.

Convert a traffic lane on the bridge to either an express lane or a shifting lane that matches commute direction by 2025.

Rebuild the abandoned rail bridge and activate a rail shuttle across the Bay to connect Redwood City to Union City by 2030.

These timelines, of course, assume such projects can be funded in time. Estimated costs amount to more than $1.8 billion by 2025, plus another $295 million to expand the rail service from Newark to Union City in the East Bay.

The timelines also assume that the many jurisdictions and agencies that would be involved in the project are on board. That includes Caltrain, Union Pacific, the Alameda County Transportation Commission, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Caltrans, the State Transportation Board, and the cities the routes would pass through.

By 2020

One change being considered to reduce traffic along the Dumbarton corridor is construction of a bicycle and pedestrian path along the Dumbarton rail-of-way.

However, SamTrans principal planner Melissa Reggiardo said that project is not currently being recommended because the right-of-way is not wide enough to accommodate that and other potential uses of the corridor.

Another change that could be implemented by 2020 is expansion of bus service across the Dumbarton Bridge. The board could add 17 shuttles, Ms. Reggiardo said, and offer routes that go north to Menlo Park and Redwood City, and south to Mountain View and Sunnyvale.

Do it could increase the number of transbay transit riders by 34 percent. Currently, only about 1,000 people ride the Dumbarton Express (the transbay bus) daily, and not all of them are crossing the Bay, SamTrans spokesman Dan Lieberman said.

The study recommends that changes be made to improve traffic flow on the roads that approach the bridge on both sides.

2025 to 2030

The study also recommends that the board look further into rebuilding the abandoned rail bridge into a two-track rail line that would run from Redwood City to Newark by 2025, and then to Union City by 2030.

The transit agency researched the option of using the rail bridge exclusively for buses, but did not recommend this approach if the vehicle bridge would have express lanes added that buses could use.

An overpass for public buses and private shuttles that would connect directly to U.S. 101 was recommended for further research.

The study estimates that with the proposed changes, about 5,600 people would take the train, 12,700 would take the bus, and 5,000 would take private shuttles across the Bay each day.

Public meetings

The draft of the study is expected to be released prior to public meetings set for Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Union City Library at 34007 Alvarado-Niles Road; and Wednesday, Aug. 16, from...
Fire training captain works 40 hours, but gets paid for 56

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

With six new firefighters hired by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District this year, and the addition of four to six more planned early next year, the district has approved a special pay package for one of its firefighters to take on a training captain assignment.

District officials — saying that attracting an internal candidate for the 40-hour-a-week job could prove difficult since district firefighters are compensated for working 56-hour weeks and can receive substantial overtime pay — agreed to an unusual pay package: continue to pay the training captain at a 56-hour-a-week rate for working 40 hours a week.

The agreement with the firefighters’ union that the fire board approved in July gives the training captain an additional 10 percent pay bump for taking on extra responsibility. A similar temporary agreement has been in place for the past year, without the 10 percent pay increase.

The training captain earns overtime for hours worked beyond 40 a week and continues to accrue paid time off as if he were working 56 hours a week.

For the past year the position has been filled by Captain Tom Ellis, who will continue in the position. The agreement says the holder of the position — which includes writing lesson plans, developing tests, and giving training — must compete against other applicants every two years.

The arrangement means the training captain receives a raise for working 16 fewer hours a week than he did before taking on the job. Captain Ellis will receive $278,527 in salary and benefits before overtime (which he can work on his days off) and payouts for unused vacation and sick leave.

For the past year under a provision of promotions, often lower their compensation because they lose opportunities to work as much overtime. But Mr. Bernstein said that was one of his problems with the position. “I think we have a problem when overtime becomes an entitlement,” he said.

District officials say the position has existed for the past year under a provision in the current union contract that allows limited “interim assignments.” The agreement says the training captain will be a non-exempt employee (eligible for overtime) who will “work a 40 hour per week schedule” but will “continue to be paid as a 56-hour employees (sic).” The agreement will expire if not made part of a new union contract after the current agreement expires June 30, 2018. 

The board of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District voted to give a 3 percent base raise to most of its non-union employees, even as board members said they have no idea how much in total compensation those employees would receive. See Page 11.

After the July 18 meeting, Chief Harold Schapelhouman said moving “from a 56-hour to a 40-hour schedule isn’t a windfall for the employee.” Instead he said, it is “more work (and) additional responsibility with less practical opportunity to work additional hours” of overtime. “Only someone who aspires to organizational improvement and a higher degree of involvement and personal fulfillment will even apply,” he said.

Most of the district’s 40-hour-a-week employees work Monday through Thursday, the district offices are closed on Fridays. Those who work 56-hour weeks work two 24-hour days on, followed by four days off.

Board president Peter Carpenter said the district needs ways to motivate employees to move from a firefighters’ schedule to four 10-hour days a week. “It totally transforms their commute,” he said. “It’s two very different lifestyles.” Deputy Fire Chief Don Long said firefighters who move to 40-hour jobs, usually because of promotions, often lower their compensation because they lose opportunities to work as much overtime.

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The Almanac
Atherton’s Holbrook-Palmer Park could see an influx of heavy equipment, as it did a few years ago when a Little League baseball field was built, if Atherton goes ahead with plans to put a water-capture facility underground at the park.

Atherton may move flood-control facility to Holbrook-Palmer

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton’s City Council voted Aug. 1 to drop plans to install an underground drainage facility at Las Lomitas School and instead to explore putting the equipment — meant to filter runoff heading to the San Francisco Bay and help control flooding — underground at Holbrook-Palmer Park.

The town was unable to come to an agreement with the Las Lomitas Elementary School District, although district officials said they had spent two years trying to find a way to make the project work.

The town had planned to take advantage of a district construction project to put the drainage basin under school property.

$13.6 million grant

Atherton has been offered a $13.6 million Caltrans-administered grant that would pay the total costs of designing and installing a facility that, in addition to providing flood prevention, would filter contaminants from water before releasing it to flow to the Bay.

But town officials have worried that the town won’t be able to afford to pay the annual maintenance costs of the facility.

Because it won’t be clear what type of equipment — including expensive-to-maintain pumps — will be needed until the design is about half complete, the town can’t yet know what the maintenance costs might be.

The City Council wants the ability to back out of the project if the maintenance costs — estimated to be about $100,000 a year, but possibly twice that much — are too high.

An agreement with Caltrans allows the town to back out at no cost before construction begins. But the possibility of abandoning the project was a no-go with the school district.

The school district’s director of bond projects, Eric Holm, said starting on the project requires the district to spend money to modify its own construction project, rerouting conduits, water lines and other things in the area where the water facility would go.

Mr. Holm estimates the district has already spent about $10,000, including staff time, on the project.

Atherton OKs tax measure language

Atherton council members on Aug. 1 approved the language of a ballot argument in favor of renewing the town’s parcel tax for three more years, a measure that will be on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Details of the tax, which the town has had since 1978, will remain the same except for the term (three years instead of four). The tax is $750 a year for the average homeowner. To pass, at least two-thirds of those voting must approve it.

Changing the term will put the measure on the ballot during the next presidential election, but will also allow the council to re-evaluate the need for the parcel tax once it is known how much town money will go into a new civic center.

City manager’s contract

The Atherton City Council approved an amendment to City Manager George Roderick’s contract on Aug. 1.

Instead of giving a raise to Mr. Roderick, who has worked for Atherton for five years, the town will contribute $481 per month to a deferred compensation plan.

Mr. Rodericks receives a salary of $209,725 per year, a $400 per month auto allowance, a $3,000 per year technology benefit allowance, a $481 per month contribution to a deferred compensation plan, and the possibility of an annual $15,000 performance bonus.

His total annual pay, excluding benefits and bonus, is $214,525. With benefits, the annual cost to the town is estimated to be $255,612, excluding the bonus.

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By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

A 2-acre dog park, a non-motorized boat launch, a playground, an amphitheater, outdoor fitness facilities, and wheelchair-accessible trails are among ideas for changes being considered for Bedwell Bayfront Park in Menlo Park.

The city recently launched a process to update the park’s master plan, which lays out goals for the park over the next 25 years. The 160-acre park located at the bayside terminus of Marsh Road was once the site of a dump; it was converted into a park in the 1980s. The park’s operational funding source is set to run out in about three years, city staff say. Operational funds come from a dwindling pool of money that built up when the park was a dump, where people paid to get rid of their waste.

The pool of funds has been shrinking since the park was created. To stretch the existing funds farther, the park’s ranger said, city staff are considering — including adopting parking fees, staff say.

Park plan concepts

Concept plan A has an emphasis on accessibility, according to documents produced by consultant Callander Associates Landscape Architecture. There are plans for a 2-acre dog park, a fitness course, a small nature play area and amphitheater, and a non-motorized boat launch. Trails would add up to 5 miles: 4 miles of asphalt and a 1-mile “treated” trail, designed to not degrade in poor weather. This plan would provide a space where hand- and radio-controlled gliders and model airplanes could be flown.

Concept plan B has an emphasis on education, with plans for geocaching and orienteering features, a large amphitheater and “destination” nature play area. There would be about 4.4 miles of trails, with 3.8 miles paved with asphalt and 0.6 of a mile of “treated” trails. Go to is.gd/park684 to see the park plans.

Both plans would involve paving portions of the Bay Trail with asphalt, planting trees to screen the sewage facility onsite, renovating the Great Spirit Path (a guided reflection path at the park), making at least one big “summit” hill accessible for wheelchairs and restoring habitats.

Preliminary cost estimates for both concept plans indicates a range of $10 to $15 million. The final park plan will have to address the risk of sea level rise and how it might impact the park, said Derek Schweigart, Menlo Park’s assistant community services director.

The concept plans are an early step in a process that is still very much in the community feedback phase, he said.

“We could say no” to the ideas proposed, he said. Both plans are designed to reflect different concepts of “passive” recreation, he noted, but added: “You can ask 10 different people and get 10 different answers on what they think is “passive recreation.”

In 2007, voters overwhelmingly passed an advisory measure restricting the park’s use to “passive recreation.” In 2016, the City Council voted to ban people from flying drones, hand-powered gliders and model airplanes in the park, but left the ban open for reconsideration when the park’s master plan is updated.

No contest plea in fraud case

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

A 60-year-old Menlo Park woman who owned and operated Cindy’s Flowers and Gifts in Menlo Park has pleaded no contest to two felonies: insurance fraud and unemployment insurance fraud on the condition that she not serve time in state prison.

The woman, Cynthia Smith, is expected to be sentenced to 90 days in county jail.

Ms. Smith’s shop was searched in August 2016, the City Council voted to ban people from flying drones, hand-powered gliders and model airplanes in the park, but left the ban open for reconsideration when the park’s master plan is updated.

The case has been continued to Oct. 19 for the imposition of Ms. Smith’s sentence and the report for how much restitution she will have to pay.

She remains out of custody on a $20,000 bail bond.
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Penelope Nicole Zouzounis (Née Dracopoulos)  
June 16, 1922 – July 31, 2017

Born on June 16, 1922 in San Francisco, CA to Greek immigrant parents – Nick and Olga Dracopoulos. Penelope graduated from Girls High School, and was the first born into a family of six children. Penny’s father encouraged education, and he took her to get a library card at the age of 8. She was an avid reader well into her nineties.

Her father owned the “High Life” restaurant in the Fillmore District; but suddenly his investments in the stock market was wiped out by the Great Depression. This took a toll on Nick, and at one of Penny’s little brother’s first birthday party celebrations, he had a heart attack and died. The family moved into federal housing as they struggled and during that time they bonded together. The oldest son Demitries decided to quit school to provide for the family, and Penelope went to work for the War Department. They moved to the Portola District where Penny resided the rest of her life.

At a Greek Orthodox Easter Picnic in Santa Cruz, Penelope met Theodore Zouzounis, and the magic was born. Shortly thereafter Ted was sent overseas to serve in the U.S. Army, and during their time apart they exchanged several hundred letters to each other. The mail man would walk up the stairs to hand Penny her mail from Ted, and in return he received a letter for Ted with the scent of perfume.

Upon Theodore’s return, Ted and Penny were married and inseparable for fifty years; finding a photo without the two of them together was rare.

Ted and Penny opened Ted’s Market in the Soma District on July 15, 1967 as the summer of love was engulfing San Francisco. They worked side by side for the next thirty years, opening every day until Ted’s passing in 1997. Penelope visited the store often as she loved the employees, customers, and the memories of her time with Ted.

Penelope walked the Golden Gate Bridge on its opening in 1937, and again with her family on its 50th anniversary in 1987. In 2012, Penelope received a certificate of Honor from Mayor Ed Lee for being a cherished member of the community for her service in the War Department, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the establishment of Ted’s Market. Always elegant and well read, Penelope was impeccable in dress and inscrutable in attitude.

Penelope is survived by her children Theodore (Jan) Zouzounis, Karen (Ted) Nasser, David (Lorene) Zouzounis of Woodside; and her grandchildren Theo and Nicole Nasser and Miriam and Athena Zouzounis. She is also survived by her sisters Mary Rutherford, Georgia Nelson, and her brother Peter Dracopoulos; and cherished Godson Peter Rutherford, and many nieces and nephews in the Bay Area, and Greece.

Penny is united now with her beloved husband Theodore. The family was blessed to have Tatiana Ignatchuk in our lives for making Penny’s last years full of love, compassion, and joy; and Tessa Mangahas for her care and devotion. Also special thanks to all past and present employees and wonderful customers who always showed respect to Penny, engaging in conversation with her, considering her the Boss, which she was.

A Funeral Mass was held on August 5 at Holy Trinity Church Donations can be made in Penelope’s name to Holy Trinity Church or a Family in need.

Four file for school board seats

Four candidates have filed to run in the November election for three open seats on the Portola Valley School District’s governing board, with the filing period remaining open until at least Aug. 11.

To comply with a new state law that requires elections for most board and council seats to take place in even years, the three board positions will be three-year terms.

One incumbent, Karen Tate, has filed as have Karyn Bechtel, a community volunteer; Jeff Klugman, a retired software executive; and Michael Maffia, an investor and developer.

The candidate filing period closes at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. However, if incumbents Caitha Ambler or Timothy McAdam do not file by then, the filing period will be extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16.

Boy, 5, saved after near-drowning at Burgess Pool

A 5-year-old boy nearly drowned on Aug. 3 in about 3 feet of water at Burgess Pool in Menlo Park, according to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

Firefighters said they arrived at the city-owned pool in Burgess Park about two minutes after an 11:46 a.m. call for medical aid, and the boy had already been pulled from the pool.

The pool’s operator, Menlo Swim and Sport, contacted the boy’s father, who arrived on the scene shortly thereafter, firefighters said.

Firefighters attended to the boy at the poolside and he was reportedly conscious and breathing on his own by the time he arrived at the intensive care unit at Stanford Hospital, firefighters said.

Life guards on duty said the boy had likely been “in distress” for only a few seconds, which “underlines how quickly a situation can turn bad in the water,” Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said in a press release.

“Engine 2 and Engine 3’s rapid response time helped tremendously in getting this little boy breathing again,” Fire district public information officer Michael Ralston added.

While not a common occurrence, drowning can happen in just a few inches of water, firefighters noted.

Peter Joseph Halsted

March 18, 1969 – July 28, 2017

Peter Halsted died at home July 28 in Portola Valley. He was a sportsman, outdoorsman, salt of the earth, and favorite of found dogs. Peter graduated from Portola Valley schools, Menlo-Atherton High School in 1987 and Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo, and worked as a manager of software products for several Silicon Valley and global firms.

He was an active member and past president of the Allied Arts Men’s Guild benefitting Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital. A passionate sports fan, Peter loved the Giants, 49ers, and the Stanford football teams, and took his children to Giant’s games as infants.

Peter was a beloved friend to many and his oldest friends were the dearest. His children, James and Charlotte, were the loves of his life. He was immensely proud of them and their youthful accomplishments. They loved him dearly and will miss him every day.

The family was blessed by his children, James and Charlotte. Also surviving are his father, Sam Halsted, his mother, Mercedes V. Halsted, and his five brothers, Matt (Gayle) of Los Angeles, Ben of Cupertino, Tim (Hortensia) of Palo Alto, Erik of West Sacramento, Sam (Alma) of Portola Valley, and five nieces and two nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Our Lady of the Wayside, 930 Portola Road, in Portola Valley on August 23 at 11:00, followed immediately by a reception at the Town Center. For more information please email ben@envirest.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital.

Boy, 5, saved after near-drowning at Burgess Pool.

Reminder: Students must be vaccinated

Under state law, students must be up-to-date on required vaccines or they won’t be permitted to attend school or child care, unless they have a valid exemption, according to San Mateo County health officials.

Most of the vaccine requirements apply to children entering daycare or preschool, kindergarten or seventh grade.

“Making vaccinations part of your preparation to return back to school is an important step for the new school year,” Dr. Scott Morrow, San Mateo County health officer, said. He warned that last-minute appointments could be booked up.

County health officials say the immunizations to protect children and families from vaccine-preventable diseases are considered one of the greatest achievements in public health and medical science.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also recommends an annual flu vaccination for everyone 6 months of age or older.

Children without health insurance, with Medi-Cal, or of American Indian or Alaskan Native descent may be eligible for vaccines at low or no cost through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

Go to is.gd/girleak (the program’s website) for information and lists of doctors and clinics that participate in the program.

Shot4sforschool.org, a website of the California Department of Public Health, has more information on school and child care vaccination requirements.

Has several benefits, including an easing of the timetable required by the school’s construction project. Putting the water facility in the park could capture runoff from more of the town, including El Camino Real, and possibly make it possible to use the filtered water to irrigate the park, they said.

Councilman Cary Wiest apologized for the delay in the process with the school district had proceed ed. “It’s just not the way to create good government,” he said.

Councilwoman Elizabeth Lewis said she was “very grateful” to the district for being willing to try to put the water facility on its site.
Fire board approves raises, but questions pay totals

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

The board of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District voted unanimously at its July meeting to give a 3 percent base raise to most of its non-union employees, even as board members said they were unsure how much in total compensation those employees would receive.

The 3 percent base raise will go to the district’s chief officers and other non-union employees. Those employees will also be eligible for merit raises unless they are at the top of their salary range, but the staff report did not mention how much those raises might be.

“This is not a salary increase of 3 percent,” said board member Chuck Bernstein, noting that he doesn’t know how much the total increase will be. “I thought we didn’t have COLAs (cost of living adjustments). I thought we didn’t have automatic increases,” he said, adding that he also is “not clear” how the district determines raises.

Because the board isn’t consulted on, or even told the amount budgeted for, merit raises “it seems like we really don’t have any say in how much compensation is going up,” he said.

“I think Director Bernstein raises an important issue,” said board President Peter Carpenter, who pointed out that the staff report did not say what the district budgets for pay raises and the amount is not obvious in the district’s budget.

Kathleen Jackson, the district’s administrative services manager, told the board that raises for the employees in question total about 5 percent.

“We need more clarity on this,” Mr. Carpenter said. “There’s still a gap between what’s written in the staff report and what we and the public understand.”

Board members asked for more information at a future meeting.

Other pay

Another issue obscurring district compensation totals is what employees are paid beyond wages. A document released by the district in April shows that in 2016, almost every district employee received “other pay,” in amounts ranging from a low of $1,643 for an employee who appears to have been hired near the end of the year, to a high of $108,408.

Much of that “other pay” comes from the district’s annual leave policy, which caps the amount of annual leave that can be accrued and automatically “cashes out” any additional hours each January.

In the 2016-17 fiscal year, Chief Harold Schapelhouman says the district paid 71 of its 126 employees a total of $588,202 as annual leave cash-outs.

How much annual leave, which includes vacation and sick days, is accrued each year differs by job classification. The lowest amount given to new employees is nearly six weeks a year, 228 hours. Annual leave tops out at more than two months a year, or 372 hours, for those at battalion chief level or higher with 19 years or more on the job.

Most 40-hour-a-week employees are cashed out after accruing more than 500 hours of annual leave, but members of the firefighters’ union who work 40 hours a week get cash for their accumulated annual leave hours once they have 320 hours saved.

Firefighters who work 56-hour weeks get cash once they have accrued more than 720 hours.

“I think there’s too much vacation here,” board member Bernstein said at the July 18 meeting, adding that it is not possible for employees to take all their leave.

“Compensation ought to be compensation and vacation ought to be vacation,” he said. “To me this is compensation, not vacation.

Eclipse watch party set for library

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A watch party for what’s being called the “Great American Eclipse” will be held at the Menlo Park Library on Monday, Aug. 21.

The event will start at 9 a.m., before the library opens. Viewing will be outside, near the library’s entry plaza. The library will provide safety glasses and snacks.

During the eclipse of the sun (a partial eclipse here), library staff will advise viewers to avoid looking directly at the sun. People should use safety glasses that have special solar filters, and avoid looking at the sun through unfilled optical devices, even while wearing safety glasses. Lasting damage may result otherwise.

Go to is.gd/sun357 for more information.

According to eclipse2017.org, the partial eclipse is expected to begin around 9:01 a.m. and reach maximum coverage at 10:15 a.m. in San Francisco.

More online: The governing board of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District plans to fill the seat to be vacated by longtime board member Rex Larson by appointment. (Go to: is.gd/lanson22)

Michael Downes Peterson

September 2, 1964 – July 22, 2017

Michael Downes Peterson died in Philadelphia on July 22, 2017. The cause was brain cancer.

Mike was born in San Rafael, California to Donald Warren Peterson and Nancy Joan Simons Peterson. He spent a happy childhood in Atherton and in 1982 graduated as co- valedictorian from Menlo-Atherton High School, before attending Princeton University. While at Princeton, he won the Halbert White Prize for outstanding performance in Economics and played on both the junior varsity and varsity tennis teams. Following graduation, Mike won a Keasbey Scholarship for study at Trinity College, Cambridge in England, where he earned an MA in Mathematics. Mike then went on to gain a PhD in Management Science at MIT’s Sloan School and worked for a few years as an Assistant Professor at Indiana University. He subsequently joined McKinsey and Company as a consultant before moving on to a successful and rewarding twenty-year career in New York at Pzena Investment Management.

Mike was known by his family and friends alike for his kind heart, warm manner, quirky sense of humor, quick wit, and deep commitment to his loved ones and to his various passions. He relished music of all kinds, reading, tennis, cycling, and skiing. He engaged intensively in philanthropy, focusing on organizations dedicated to poverty relief and development. But most importantly, he was a joyful and energetic father to his sons, Colin (23), Matthew (20) and Timothy (17), and a beloved husband to his wife, Sarah, who will miss his extraordinary energy and optimism. In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by his parents Donald and Nancy Peterson of Portola Valley, his sister Karen Peterson-Iyer and her husband Mohan S. Iyer of Menlo Park, and a large and loving cadre of cherished nieces and nephews, including Alex and Chris Iyer, both of Menlo Park.

In addition to the Philadelphia memorial service, a West Coast memorial service will be held Saturday, October 7, at 1:00 p.m. at Holbrook-Palmer Park in Atherton. Donations in Mike’s honor may be made at abc2.org to support brain cancer research, or to any nonprofit supporting development work in poverty-stricken communities.
Living in a big city is a noisy proposition, not least in the dark of the early morning when the ambient silence would be deep were it not for a species of vehicle that frequents the otherwise deserted scene.

Garbage trucks crawl the streets, their brakes squealing like tortured rodents, their engines roaring — first to power the hydraulics that lift the bins, and then to hurl 10 or 15 yards down the street, slam to a screeching stop and begin the nerve-shattering cycle again, and again and again ... and again.

Someone has to do this job, but does it have to be done so noisily?

Finding a niche

Ian Wright’s technology is poised to disrupt a corner of the trucking industry

No, says Woodside resident Ian Wright, a Tesla Inc. co-founder and the founder and chief executive of Wrightspeed Inc.

A startup based in Alameda, Wrightspeed has 40 employees who are pioneering the design and manufacture of "range-extended" power trains for garbage trucks, buses and delivery trucks, vehicles that do a lot of starting and stopping, and/or go up and down a lot of hills.

For these sorts of vehicles, Wrightspeed claims its power train system offers fuel savings of up to 67 percent, greenhouse gas emission reductions of up to 63 percent, and annual maintenance savings of as much as $25,000.

Range-extended vehicles are not hybrids; they are electric. On-board batteries provide power to individual electric motors that drive each wheel. Where there was once an engine, a refitted vehicle will usually have batteries, Mr. Wright says.

Like all electric vehicles, the system is self-recharging in a process called regenerative braking. As the vehicle slows to a stop, the electric motors turn in the opposite direction and act as small generators feeding power back to the batteries.

But such recharging is not sufficient for all-day operation. Range-extended vehicles have a deeper recharge available from a conventionally fueled on-board source of electric power. Wrightspeed uses a physically small but high-performance turbine-and-generator combination.

The technology is not new, and diesel engines can be more efficient than turbines, Mr.
Wright says. Wrightspeed’s system is ideal, he says, in that it is small, light in weight, low-emission and always operating at peak efficiency, unlike a diesel. The critical component in making it all work according to specifications is systems engineering, he says.

Low emissions are a plus, but not the real target, he says. “We’re selling cost of operation,” he says. “It’s got to make economic sense, otherwise no one will do it. The fact that it’s very quiet and very low on emissions are added benefits, but that on its own is not enough.”

Refitting a garbage truck with a Wrightspeed system runs about $200,000, and about $150,000 for a bus, depending on the configuration, Mr. Wright says.

“It’s astonishing how quiet that garbage truck is,” he says, taking a moment to marvel at the system that he imagined and that was recently demonstrated in Santa Rosa. “Wow. I’m standing right next to this and having a quiet conversation,” he recalls.

He was referring to a refitted 2007 garbage truck, owned by North Bay recyclers The Ratto Group and sitting on the Wrightspeed factory floor looking uncommonly sleek in dark gray paint emblazoned with Wrightspeed’s winged logo.

“It makes no noise,” Lou Ratto, chief operating officer of The Ratto Group, tells the Almanac. “All you really hear is the squeaking of the moving parts on the truck itself. When the turbine fires, there’s a hum like a jet engine, but much, much quieter.”

Braking is much reduced, he says. Take your foot off the gas and it kind of brakes itself, he says. For residential garbage collection, “it’s the perfect fit,” he says. “All we do is stop and go all day long, thousands of times.”

Because conventional garbage truck power trains wear out before the rest of truck, this technology also makes it unnecessary to scrap the trucks before their time, “a huge benefit,” Mr. Ratto says.

The Ratto Group is in contract with Wrightspeed to refit 16 trucks initially, Mr. Ratto says. “Ian is well ahead of his time, and when we get these things rolling, it’s going to be like wild fire because the cost saving is very beneficial.”

Wrightspeed is almost seven years old, with $60 million in orders and $600 million in the pipeline, Mr. Wright says. “It’s all people calling us,” he says. “We’re getting lots of inquiries every week.” Interest is split down the middle, with about half the business going to garbage trucks and the other half to municipal buses.

Wrightspeed designed the power train “from scratch,” Mr. Wright says. The first customer was FedEx, which had two trucks refitted about three and a half years ago. The system was redesigned for heavier duty and has been in testing, he says.

Cities have expressed interest, including New York City, Phoenix and Anchorage — the latter two being particularly interesting as test sites given their climatic extremes, Mr. Wright says. Abroad, the country of Jordan is interested in garbage trucks and Wrightspeed has a $35 million contract with New Zealand Bus for the cities of Auckland and Wellington, he says.

The 24-hour shuttle buses to parking lots at the San Francisco International Airport are a local bus system that could benefit from this technology, Mr. Wright says. School buses would not be candidates because the intervals between starts and stops are too long.

A pivotal drag race

Mr. Wright, 61, is a native of New Zealand, where he grew up on a 600-acre farm with 2,000 sheep and 600 head of cattle. He knew by the age of 10 that his future did not lay in farming, though he liked the farm machinery. “I was always fascinated by mechanical and electrical things,” he says. “Still am.”

He lives in unincorporated Woodside along Skyline Boulevard with his wife Anne, who has a doctorate in microbiology, and two children, ages 15 and 17.

He studied engineering in Auckland University of Technology and left with nearly enough credits to get a degree, he says. He then found work helping to build and design a radio station studio. In Australia, he worked at Network Engineering Technology, which sent him to the United States in 1993.

He joined Tesla Inc. as a co-founder in 2003, the company’s third employee and its vice-president of engineering. He left after about a year. “I wanted to do something a bit different,” he says.

He was driving his own electric car about nine months later, a racer home-built on the frame of a street-legal high-performance Ariel Atom. The X1, as he named it, gets the equivalent of 170 mpg, makes no noise aside from a slight gear whine. In November 2005, the X1 beat a 400-horsepower Ferrari and a 600-horsepower Porsche in quarter-mile races at a drag strip in Sonoma County.

No time for vacations

The Wrightspeed factory is inside a World War II-era aircraft hanger at the decommissioned naval air station at Alameda. With its huge interior, natural light, military-grade construction and a location at an abandoned airfield, it has both privacy and space.

“We’re really lucky to have it,” he says. “Ironically, we’ve taken it back to where it was when it was built (in 1945),” which meant getting rid of the asbestos and some 15 layers of paint. The copper wiring had been stripped out and there were no supplies of electric power or natural gas.

Mr. Wright’s family was on Cape Cod at the time of this interview. “I haven’t seen them in a couple of weeks,” he says. “I haven’t got time to go on vacation.”

Startups are intense, he says. “They’re very intense until you get further down the road. You just do what you have to do.”

Aircraft hanger, built in 1945 at the former naval air station at Alameda, is the home of Wrightspeed Inc. Windows in the hanger doors illuminate the factory floor with natural light.

The X1 as used in a demo for officials in Sonoma County. Each wheel is equipped with traction control for operations on icy roads.
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Go to 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.

Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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Community Events

11th Annual Downtown Block Party
This year, the city celebrates “Menlo on the Move” with focus on electric transportation. This event is family-friendly and includes music, food and fun. Aug. 16, 5:30-8 p.m. Free. Downtown Menlo Park, Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.

A Visit with Juana Briones

Menlo Outdoor Movie Series: “The Lego Batman Movie” (PG, 2 hours and 9 min).
Grab a chair, blanket and snacks to enjoy a community movie night with friends and family. Aug. 11, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Free. Downtown Menlo Park Plaza, Curtis Street at Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Theater

AirSwimming by Charlotte Jones (Amumble Boy. Dragon 2007) takes place in England in the 1920s. It is the somewhat true story of two women who were locked up in a hospital for the “criminally insane” because they had children out of wedlock. Aug. 4-27, times vary. $45 general admission; $27 seniors. Redwood City, 2120 Broadway, dragnproductions.net

Next to Normal!
One of Broadway’s hits in recent years, “Next to Normal” nabbed three Tonys and a Pulitzer for its look at a seemingly normal family struggling with the effects of bipolar disorder. Aug. 11-27, times vary. $45-$65, Fox Theatre, 2255 Broadway St., Redwood City. Search goldstar.com for more info.

Talks & Lectures

Jessa Taylor Kepler’s Books celebrates the launch of “A Map for Wrecked Girls” by local author Jessica Taylor, a twisting tale of loyalty, betrayal and love, in which two sisters must survive the world, if they can first survive each other. Aug. 10, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler’s Books, 1010 B Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

Family

Bay Area Wild Docents from Wildlife Associates will introduce some living, breathing local wildlife and talk about their characteristics and habitats. Animals may include a gray fox, a great horned owl, an opossum and a red-tailed hawk. For elementary-school-age children and their parents or caregivers. Aug. 15, 1-2 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Family Day Sunday is a family-focused day of art talks, hands-on art making, and family adventures for visitors of all ages. No registration required, and families can tailor their museum experience based on their schedule and the activities that interest them the most. Aug. 13, 11 a.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 320 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Museums & Exhibits

Nick Cave Interdisciplinary artist Nick Cave challenges conventions on what it means to be a visual artist, a performer, a crafter and an educator. Cave is well known for his Soundsuits, full-body sized sculptures, often worn as costumes. On view in the Anderson Collection until Aug. 14. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Along the Nakasendo!
The Portola Art Gallery presents exhibition of watercolor paintings by Nora Nazarro of San Mateo, highlighting scenes from her hiking and sketching trip to Japan last October. Reception for artist Aug. 12, 2-5 p.m. Aug. 1-31, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Lessons & Classes

Climate Change: What You Can Do to Live a Low-Carbon Life
This class is comprised of two sessions, designed to turn good environmental intentions into action. Aug. 16, 9:30 p.m. $100. Stanford University, LKa Shing Learning Ctr., Frm 306, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Fusion Fitness
This outdoor Boot Camp for active Baby Boomers will feature moving and grooving to the music of that generation. Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. $95-$125. Valley Presbyterian Church, 845 Portola Road, Portola Valley. chazzfit.com/index.php?futl-spring-2014

Photography 201
This class for those who have an interchangeable lens camera or an advanced compact and who’ve either completed the Photography 101 class or consid- er themselves to have a basic understanding of core photographic principles. Aug. 12, 10 a.m.-noon. $59. Mike’s Camera, 715 Santa Clara Ave., Menlo Park. Search menloparkchamber.com/index.php for more info.

Health & Wellness

Acupuncture According to traditional Chinese medical theory, acupuncture points are located on meridians through which vital energy runs. Acupuncture involves the insertion of very thin needles through the patient’s skin at specific points of the body. Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-noon. $30, 45 min. Little House, The Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park, penvol.org/Health

Al-Anon Meetings for Parents
Parents concerned about their child’s drinking can learn that they are not alone in the problems they face, and that they have choices that lead to greater peace of mind, whether their child continues to drink or not. Wednesdays, June 28-Aug. 30, 7-8:30 p.m. Trinity Church, 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. alanomidpeninsula.org

Alateen meeting
Alateens are young people ages 12-20 years whose lives have been affected by someone else’s drinking. This weekly program shows people how to care for themselves, whether the alcoholic continues to drink or not. Participants share stories of experience, strength and hope. Wednesdays, June 28-Aug. 30, 7-8:15 p.m. Trinity Church, Trinity Room, 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. alanomidpeninsula.org

Lifetime Fitness
This class is designed to strengthen, stretch and tone specific muscle groups of the body, helping build strong bones and accelerate metabolism with hand weights. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. $55. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. penvol.org/Health

Mat Pilates
Geared toward improving mental and physical wellbeing by increasing flexibility and improving muscles, this class is structured around the body’s primary movements, and it engages muscles and helps to improve the core. Mondays, ongoing, 5:30-7 p.m. $20 per class, members; $24 per class, nonmembers. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park, penvol.org/Health

Outdoor Recreation

Bicycle Sunday
Bicycle Sunday will take riders down a stretch of Canada Road closed near the Foliio entrance and state Highway 92. Attendees asked to bring their own water. Groups travel in a single file. Sundays, July 2-Oct. 15, 9 a.m. Free. Canada Road, between the Foliio entrance and Highway 92, Redwood City, redwoodcity.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/

Business

Chamber Business Alliance is a group of small business entrepreneurs looking to promote business growth. This is done through building relationships and develop- ing greater understanding of fellow mem- bers’ businesses, which in turn enables members to provide viable business refer- rals to one another. First and third Thursdays, July 7-Dec. 15, 8-9:30 a.m. Free. Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 1100 Moffit St., Menlo Park, business/menloparkchamber.com/events/

Et Alia

Morning Tea at the Library
The library invites readers to drop in for a cup of tea, a tasty treat as they read one of its many magazines and gaze out at the beautiful garden. Fridays, ongoing, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Eric Tyler Band
plays a blend of rock, reggae and cover tunes. Aug. 11, 8-10 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. freewheelbrewing.com

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Major Caltrain fare increases approved

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Prepare to spend a lot more to ride Caltrain.

Starting Oct. 1, adult fare will increase 25 cents per zone each way, and monthly train and parking passes will rise substantially.

Caltrain’s monthly parking pass prices will rise nearly $30, to $82.50 from $55.

Monthly train pass prices will rise between $1 and $83 for adults. For seniors, youth, the disabled or Medicare cardholders, monthly train pass prices will rise between $5.50 and $23.

The price range depends on the number of train zones the pass holder plans to travel through.

After one zone, the price will increase 25 cents for each zone traveled, each way. For a one way, two-zone ticket the price will increase 4.3 percent to $6. For a one-way, six-zone ticket, it’s a 9 percent increase to $15.

A two-zone monthly pass will increase 18.6 percent to $163.50 and a six-zone monthly pass will increase 23.9 percent to $435.50.

Caltrain’s discounted eight-ride pass program will be discontinued.

Caltrain plans to ask companies for more money for its Go Pass program, in which all employees at a company are given unlimited Caltrain passes for the year if the company pays a base amount.

Starting Jan. 1, 2018, the base amount will increase 50 percent to $23,940, up from $15,960. The per-employee cost will increase to $237.50, up from $190, on Jan. 1, 2018; and again to $285 on Jan. 1, 2019.

The agency plans to pilot a program to give discounted tickets on weekends and evenings in January 2018. Caltrain last raised its prices in 2016, when train zone fare went up 50 cents.

On the agency’s website, Caltrain says that it expects a $20.7 million shortfall in next year’s operational budget. Operations and management costs have increased because of increased ridership and an aging diesel system, according to Caltrain spokesperson Tasha Bartholomew.

Partner agencies, such as the city and county of San Francisco, the San Mateo County Transit District and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, help but do not cover the remaining costs after fares are collected. Currently, Caltrain’s fares cover about two-thirds of the agency’s overall costs, according to Ms. Bartholomew.

Go to is.gd/fare487 to see the new fare chart.

■ POLICE CALLS
MENLO PARK

Commercial burglaries:
- An audible burglar alarm brought police to Beverages and More liquor store at 700 E Camino Real, where they found a broken window on the sliding front door. Police do not know how a thief entered the business and took “various infant products” from Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real allegedly fled the scene in a black Chrysler 200 sedan after pushing a store employee out of the way as they were leaving the store. The employee was not injured. Police are looking for two African American women, one with light skin and in her 30s, about 5 feet 7 inches, heavyset with freckles and wearing a red sweatshirt. Her accomplice is 18 to 20 years old and about 5 feet 1 inch with black curly hair. No estimate on losses: Aug. 1.
- Two women suspected of stealing “various infant products” from Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real allegedly fled the scene in a black Chrysler 200 sedan after pushing a store employee out of their way as they were leaving the store. The employee was not injured. Police are looking for two African American women, one with light skin and in her 30s, about 5 feet 7 inches, heavyset with freckles and wearing a red sweatshirt. Her accomplice is 18 to 20 years old and about 5 feet 1 inch with black curly hair. No estimate on losses: Aug. 1.
- Auto burglaries:
- In response to a motion-detector alarm, police searched the interior and exterior of the offices of WaterGuru Inc. on Jefferson Drive. The search turned up one smashed window on the building’s south side and one laptop computer, located outside in a bike locker and similar to laptops inside the building. No estimate on losses: July 29.
- Police found a window smashed at the offices of Bootup World in the first block of Willow Road. It’s not known if anything was taken: July 30.
- Residential burglary: A resident of Emma Lane reported an unsuccessful attempt to get into the house, but also a stolen security camera that had been found on a bike locker and similar to laptops inside the offices of WaterGuru Inc. on Jefferson Drive. The search turned up one smashed window on the building’s south side and one laptop computer, located outside in a bike locker and similar to laptops inside the building. No estimate on losses: July 29.
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- Residential burglary: A resident of Emma Lane reported an unsuccessful attempt to get into the house, but also a stolen security camera that had been mounted on the house’s rear wall. Estimated loss: $169: Aug. 1.
- Auto burglaries:
- There were no signs of forced entry into a vehicle parked in the 200 block of El Camino Real from which three backpacks and a suitcase had been stolen. Inside the bag were toiletries and clothing, two laptop computers, sunglasses, head-phones, credit cards and $100 in cash. Estimated loss: $5,300: Aug. 6.
- Police do not know how a thief entered a reportedly locked vehicle parked on Plasma Avenue and stole an air compressor. Estimated loss: $300: Aug. 3.
- Robbery: Two women suspected of stealing “various infant products” from Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real allegedly fled the scene in a black Chrysler 200 sedan after pushing a store employee out of their way as they were leaving the store. The employee was not injured. Police are looking for two African American women, one with light skin and in her 30s, about 5 feet 7 inches, heavyset with freckles and wearing a red sweatshirt. Her accomplice is 18 to 20 years old and about 5 feet 1 inch with black curly hair. No estimate on losses: Aug. 1.

Help find Suki

This lost cockapoo named Suki was last seen July 19 running down Todo El Mundo in Woodside. The adopted dog had been severely abused and is terrified of humans, says its owner, Karen Merwin of Woodside. She asks residents to use a flashlight to look for the black dog under a deck or in a barn, shed or garage. “Calling her name may make her run,” she says. If you find the dog, leave her where she is, limit escape routes if possible and call Ms. Merwin at (650) 376-8965.

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6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the East Palo Alto library and city hall at 2415 University Ave.

People can comment on the study’s recommendations for 30 days after the report is released by speaking at one of the meetings, or by submitting comments by phone at (650) 508-6283; by email to reggiardom@samtrans.com; or by mail to: Melissa Reggiardo, San Mateo County Transit District, P.O. Box 3006, 1250 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070.
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