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Marijuana: Town rejects ban on outdoor cultivation, sale

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

The Town Council of Portola Valley is known for trying to get out in front on progressive matters, including environmentally conscious construction of publicly owned buildings and protection of undocumented immigrants.

On Oct. 25, the council did it again, this time with its stance on commercial cultivation and sale of recreational marijuana. By consensus, the council chose not to adopt an ordinance that would have imposed a 45-day moratorium, extendable to two years, on retail sales and outdoor cultivation of marijuana for personal or commercial use.

The state is expected to publish its regulations on commercial cultivation in January 2018. Local governments have been using moratoriums to give themselves time after the state acts to consider the new regulations and whether more needs to be done locally.

A staff report by former town attorney Leigh Prince, presented by Town Manager Jeremy Dennis, recommended a moratorium.

Mr. Dennis said that, given the council’s decision, he would initiate a conversation with Planning Director Debbie Pedro and the Planning Commission and get back to the council in early January with an update regarding local regulations, assuming the state has published its regulations by then.

Moratoriums are in place in Woodside (expiring in September 2018), and in Menlo Park (expiring in December but with options to extend it). Atherton has no moratorium, but with no commercial zoning, the matter is not a concern, City Manager George Rodericks said.

In Portola Valley, without a moratorium a dispensary could set up shop, but only at the northeast corner of Alpine and Portola roads. This area — known as the Nathorst Triangle — is the only location distant enough from a school to not violate state law.

Town Hall has received an inquiry regarding a dispensary there, Mr. Dennis said. To obtain a permit, existing regulations would require the business owner to participate in an extensive administrative process, including a hearing before the Planning Commission.

It was on the assumption that the existing regulations are sufficient that the council chose not to impose a moratorium.

Not without concerns

The town’s land-use ordinances are tough enough to withstand tests by this new law, Councilwoman Maryann Derwin said. “For peace of mind,” she added, the town could limit the number of retail outlets and require them to use selected credit unions to handle their cash.

Retail marijuana outlets have trouble getting small-business banking services because the products they’re selling are illegal under federal law. These credit union services are expensive, Ms. Derwin said, but they are out there.

As for cultivation, which is water intensive, the town could require smart irrigation systems, she said, adding that indoor cultivation regulations could mandate efficient heating and lighting, the use of fire-safe materials and perhaps scaled-down fire sprinklers.

If the absence of a moratorium makes Portola Valley unique, it may attract marijuana entrepreneurs, Mr. Dennis said, a concern that drew comment from Mayor Craig Hughes and Councilwoman Ann Wengert.

Existing ordinances may be sufficient “assuming everything is normal,” Mr. Hughes said, “but if there’s sort of a rush, which there might be if we’re the only door that’s open, a lot of people might try and squeeze in.”

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Fire district celebrates with ‘Night of Lights’

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District on Friday night capped off a year of celebrating its 100th anniversary by bringing back an old tradition — the “Night of Lights” community celebration that dates back to the 1930s.

Kids wearing firefighters hats, some of them also dressed in princess outfits, mingled with firefighters and district officials. They watched demonstrations including a ladder rescue using the district’s new $1 million multipurpose “quint” — a vehicle that combines a pumper truck with a ladder truck. The ladder extends to 107 feet.

District drones flew over the crowd and projected the images on a giant inflatable outdoor screen. Firefighters rappelled down the outside of their training tower, and firefighters and a medical team showed how they use the jaws of life and other equipment to extricate victims trapped in wrecked cars.

Study: Hillview turf fields unlikely to increase cancer risk

Exposure to the crumb rubber at Menlo Park’s artificial turf fields at Hillview Middle School and Kelly Park is unlikely to increase children’s risk of cancer, according to findings of a study conducted by David Teter, a consultant from Millennium Consulting Services.

Mr. Teter presented these findings at a Menlo Park Parks and Recreation Commission meeting Oct. 26:

- Heavy metals detected in the crumb rubber do not pose an elevated health risk.
- The estimated additional cancer risk from exposure to crumb rubber on the Menlo Park fields is “de minimis” — falling far below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s one-in-a-million risk threshold. They may pose a lower carcinogen risk than exposure to native soils.

The much bigger health risk from turf fields is of athletes getting concussions if pads designed to absorb shock aren’t performing properly. The shock...
Robert Jones fills fire board’s fifth seat

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Jones official on Oct. 25.

The Almanac Staff Writer

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t took three meetings, but

the Menlo Park Fire Protec-
tion District’s board finally

has filled the board position

left vacant when Rex Ianson

had resigned with a little more than

a year left on his term. The board

made the appointment of Robert

Jones official on Oct. 25.

On Oct. 17, in the fifth round

of voting, all of the board’s four

members except Rob Silano

voted for Robert Jones as

their favored candidate. But the

actual nomination and vote on

Mr. Jones was delayed because

earlier in the meeting board

members had decided that

whomever they chose would

not be officially appointed

without passing a background

check.

On Oct. 25, after it was

announced that Mr. Jones had

passed not one, but two, back-
ground checks, board members

unanimously voted for him to

fill the open spot. He was sworn

in and seated immediately after

the vote.

The fire board had first tried

unsuccessfully in September to

appoint a new member to fill the

opening created with the resig-
nation of Mr. Ianson, but after a

two-hour meeting couldn’t get

three members to agree to vote

on an appointee. Mr. Ianson’s

resignation was effective Aug.

31, about 15 months before the

end of his term.

A longtime local resident who

lives in East Palo Alto, Mr. Jones

has an undergraduate degree

in psychology and a graduate

degree in counseling.

He is the executive director

of EPA CAN DO (East Palo

Alto Community Alliance

and Neighborhood Develop-

ment Organization) and a

board member for the fire

district’s CERT (Community

Emergency Response Team)

organization.

District officials said that

Mr. Jones is the first African-

American fire board member

in the district’s 101-year-his-
tory. He is the first from East

Palo Alto since Steve Kennedy

served from 1999 to 2003.

The other applicants were:

Menlo Park residents Scott Bal-
lard, Scott Barnum, Cynthia

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Stephen Nachtsheim. Ms. Bos-

worth dropped out before the

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through.”

Ms. Wengert noted that while

Portola Valley is not afraid to

lead on an issue, it may not be

ready for commercial marijuana.

Scenarios should be imagined,

processes gone through “to make

sure that we aren’t unwittingly

and unknowingly creating a

problem for ourselves,” she said.

Someone with deep pockets

could make an offer, she said.

“We know that there are always

prices for every property, includ-

ing some of our biggest remain-

ing very very valuable properties

in town. ... We’re a rural area. We

have the space. We have the land.”

As to that land, Councilman

John Richards said that some of

it should be available for personal

cultivation, a practice not allowed

in Woodside or Menlo Park. A

ban on outdoor cultivation would

“create outlaws in our town who

are already growing it,” Mr. Rich-

ards said, “and give our police

more things to do that they don’t

need to have on their plate.”

Urgency?

Commercial cultivation of

marijuana would involve zoning

regulations and trigger reviews

by planning commissions, mul-
tiple public readings of ordi-

nances and 30-day comment/visit-

ing periods.

To bypass these traditional

checkpoints, city attorneys have

been using “urgency” ordi-

nances to impose mora-

toriums. Under state law, such

ordinances are 45 days long and

may be extended for two years.

No planning commission

reviews, no second

readings, no waiting periods.

Urgency ordinances also

require a super-majority vote

for approval, and that councils

“find” an immediate threat to

public health, safety or welfare.

“I am supposed to make a find-
ing that not doing this is a threat

to public safety and I cannot make that finding,”

Councilwoman Derwin said.

Recreational marijuana is ille-
gal for anyone under 21, she

said, and some commercial

products have the psychotropic

qualities removed, including

products that address hyperac-

tivity in dogs, muscles aches and

treatment-resistant depression.

As for public safety, dead oak

trees and branches near power

lines are more dangerous, Ms.

Derwin said, adding: “I would

be more inclined to say that

our culture of entitlement, not

allowing our children to fail and

putting extraordinary pressure

on them to succeed to an impos-

sible 1 percent standard is some-

one of a threat to public health.”

Councilman Jeff Aalfs said he

had a hard time finding

the public safety threat. “It

doesn’t feel that way to me,” he

said, adding that he considered

the town’s permitting processes

good enough for now.

Without a moratorium, Town

Manager Dennis said, the coun-

cil sets itself up to react to events

rather than craft regulations

beforehand.

An urgency ordinance will

be appropriate, Mayor Hughes

said, if a real threat to public

safety emerges.

In the event of a deluge of

activity, “we could get a handle

on things and move forward,”

Mr. Richards said.

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pads on the Menlo Park fields

are in good shape, Mr. Teter said.

The study was commissioned

in 1999 to 2003. Mr. Teter

added that turf fields can pose

health risk — for instance, if they

contain dangerous substances

such as asbestos and silica. “You
could do a lot worse than crumb
rubber,” he said.

— Kate Bradshaw
Chan Zuckerberg Initiative creates community fund

By Kate Bradshaw

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, the organization for the philanthropic efforts of pediatrician Priscilla Chan and her husband, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, has launched a new community fund that will provide grants up to $100,000 to nonprofit organizations, schools and municipalities in the vicinity of Facebook’s Menlo Park headquarters.

The funds will go to projects dealing with education, housing, homelessness, immigration, transportation and workforce development in Belle Haven, East Palo Alto, North Fair Oaks and Redwood City, the organization announced Oct. 25.

“We love our community and are so proud to be raising our two daughters here,” Ms. Chan said in a Facebook post. “But listening to the stories from our local leaders and neighbors, there is still a lot of work to do.”

It’s not yet known how much funding the organization will distribute or how frequent grant cycles might be, a Facebook spokesperson said. The organization is hoping to evaluate the program after the first round of grant applications, she said.

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative was announced in December 2015. Ms. Chan and Mr. Zuckerberg said they intended to eventually put 99 percent of their wealth over their lifetime, will fund the initiative, the organization announced in December 2015.

In 2012, Ms. Chan ran for City Council in the Sequoia Union High School District, the organization worked with a national nonprofit called the New Teacher Project and the Ravenswood City School District, the organization supports the Sequoia Aspirations Advocates Program, which, through mentoring, counseling, tutoring and other initiatives, helps students get motivated to succeed in and graduate from high school.

Previous investments related to the housing crisis include a $500,000 gift to the Terner Center at UC Berkeley and $3.1 million to Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, which aids families in the midst of displacement or eviction.

The organization has contributed funds to the Magical Bridge Foundation, LifeMoves, the St. Francis Center and the Fair Oaks Community Center in North Fair Oaks and Project WeHOPE in East Palo Alto.

Previously headquartered in Menlo Park, the Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative is now based in Palo Alto.

Go to is.gd/grant568 for more information on the initiative’s website.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Dec. 1. Office hours will be held the week of Nov. 13 for applicants to talk to initiative staff about the application process.

Fiona Kelliher contributed to this report.

Belle Haven’s Carolyn Clarke dies at 62

By Kate Bradshaw

Carolyn Clarke, a 20-year Belle Haven resident who ran for City Council in 2012, died Oct. 7.

Ms. Clarke was born Oct. 22, 1954, in Belize and moved to the Bay Area in 1979. In 1987, she graduated from San Francisco State University with a bachelor’s degree in accounting. She went on to work as an accountant in the private sector for several years and later started her own tax accounting firm. She retired in 2016.

In 2012, Ms. Clarke ran for City Council. She was a housing commissioner and sought to bring more awareness about problems facing Belle Haven to the council. “I think that the east and west side need to learn more about each other. The community on the east side has changed quite a bit, and the other side might not be aware of that,” she told the Almanac at the time. She was also a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

According to her family, Ms. Clarke loved to spend time with her family and friends, work in the community, attend church, cook, read the bible and listen to praise and worship music.

She is survived by sons Chauncy Smith of Hayward and Jeremy Huddleston of Menlo Park, and two granddaughters.

Go to the Almanac’s Lasting Memories page for more information or to leave a remembrance.

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Chan Zuckerberg Initiative in December 2015.

Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan formed the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative in December 2015.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative/Facebook.

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

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Karen L.

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Comment sought on Stanford’s 17-year growth plan

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Stanford University is developing its growth plan for the next 17 years, and people have until Dec. 4 to weigh in on the environmental impacts.

Stanford is asking Santa Clara County to revise a general use permit to allow the university to add, between the years 2018 and 2035:

- 2.275 million net new square feet of academic and academic-support space.
- 3,150 new housing units or dorm rooms (estimated to be 1,225 million additional square feet).
- 40,000 net new square feet of childcare space.

Stanford also plans to add 3,480 parking spaces plus “associated infrastructure” needed to accommodate the growth.

The growth is expected to add about 7,500 students, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff, and about 1,074 new, temporary and contract workers, according to the draft environmental impact report.

The report assesses how the new development could affect the environment — such as by increasing traffic and noise — and proposes ways to mitigate the impacts.

Menlo Park’s City Council recently held a study session to discuss the impacts with Kirk Girard, Santa Clara County director of planning and development; Catherine Palter, Stanford associate vice president of land use and environmental planning; and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian.

One reason Stanford seeks to expand is because the university is “exploring the idea” of increasing undergraduate enrollment, Ms. Palter said. The undergraduate population of the university has consistently hovered around 7,000, but the university may increase enrollment by 100 students a year to reach 8,700, she said.

Faculty needs for new equipment and multi-disciplinary spaces also drive some of the demand for more space, she said.

Traffic

One of the Menlo Park council’s biggest worries is how such development would affect traffic.

Stanford proposes to stick to the commitment it made in 2001 when its current general use permit was approved: no net new trips to or from the campus. This universit y says it would continue to push alternatives to solo driving, including bike routes, free Caltrain passes and free shuttle buses. It would also charge for parking.

The report estimates that if the “no net new trips” effort doesn’t work, the new development could generate about 750 daily vehicle trips to the campus in the morning peak hour and 780 from the campus in the evening peak hour.

Car trips would be measured twice yearly and compared to a 2001 baseline number. If that number is exceeded, then the university will have to pay a fine that would be for faculty or staff.

“It is unknown where such workers would choose to live; presumably they could live anywhere in the Bay Area and may not travel to the Stanford Campus vicinity,” according to a Stanford summary of the draft report.

Stanford will be required to pay into the Santa Clara County “below market rate” housing fund a total of $20 per square foot of new academic space.

However, those funds may be spent anywhere within a 6-mile radius of the university campus. Mr. Girard said, Mayor Kirsten Keith asked that some of those funds be used in Menlo Park. “We’ve been very active building housing lately,” she said. “We’d like to be able to use some of those funds.”

Other impacts

To deal with other environmental impacts, Stanford would replace oak trees at a two- or three-to-one ratio, limit construction noise, restrict construction hours to comply with local ordinances, monitor and survey bird nests and sites of potential protected species, and develop a lighting plan that would have to be approved at the county level to reduce light pollution.

Mayor Keith asked that Stanford consider requiring new development to be carbon-neutral to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Council members inquired about the university helping with the funding of major infrastructure projects used by Stanford people who live in or commute through Menlo Park.

“I encourage you to look at how to help contribute to projects we need in this region to help everybody,” Menlo Park Mayor Kirsten Keith said. “We’re going to need funding for big-ticket items,” she added, pointing to large infrastructure projects such as making changes along the Dumbarton corridor.

Counteracting council requests for more funding, Supervisor Simitian told the council: “This is not a process in which we get to say, ‘Stick ‘em up.’ It is not a process in which we get to submit a wish list and look for Christmas gifts. This is a process in which an applicant comes forward, makes their application, (and) we consider whether we approve or deny the application. But as you heard from our planning staff, if there are impacts, the expectation is that they will be mitigated.”

How to comment

Comments on the draft environmental impact report can be submitted to David Rader by email at david.rader@pln.sccgov.org or by mail to: County of Santa Clara, Department of Planning and Development, Attention: David Rader, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110.

Commission votes to name park after war hero Karl Clark

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A proposal to rename Market Place Park in Belle Haven after Karl Clark, a longtime Belle Haven resident and World War II hero who died in March at age 100, received unanimous support from the city’s Parks & Recreation Commission on Oct. 25.

A Navy veteran, Mr. Clark was awarded in 2012 a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his actions in saving the USS Aaron Ward, in 1945, by putting out many fires and rescuing shipmates after the ship was struck by kamikaze planes.

“I think it is a perfect place for his life to be remembered and his ideals discussed,” Commissioner Christopher Harris said.

The single-acre park is located on Market Place at Hamilton Avenue, across from the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula facility, in Belle Haven.

The name-change request was spearheaded by the Belle Haven Action group, which collected on a petition 115 signatures of people who live or work in Menlo Park, according to a member of the group, Julie Shanson. The city also received a letter from Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, in favor of renaming the park.

“I was privileged to secure the honors due to Mr. Clark for his heroic service in World War II, honors he was deprived of for decades because of his race,” she wrote to the commission chair in June. “I know Mr. Clark as a devoted public servant, a man committed to his community, making it stronger and our country better.”

The idea to rename the park came from Cecilia Taylor, a Belle Haven resident who ran for the Menlo Park City Council in 2016.

Menlo Park’s usual policy is not to name a public place for someone until at least five years after the person’s death. See KARL CLARK, page 10
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How Woodside Elementary handled lockdown

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Woodside Elementary School went into lockdown mode for a little over an hour and half on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 26, while sheriff’s deputies searched without results for a man with a gun reportedly seen by an 11-year-old near Bear Gulch Creek behind the school.

The lockdown began soon after 2 p.m. and at 3:41 p.m. students began being released to their parents, checking out through the school office. By 4:50 p.m. the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office reported the scene had been cleared with nothing found.

About 20 Sheriff’s Office deputies and officers were involved in the incident, assisted in their search by a small plane.

Salvador Zuno, the public information officer for the Sheriff’s Office, said at about 2 p.m. the school said that an 11-year-old student had reported seeing a man wearing a white jumpsuit with a gun near the creek that borders the school.

“The information we received was very vague, so as a precaution we locked down the school and searched the area,” Detective Zuno said. “We took the information very seriously.”

Deputies searched the areas near Mountain Blossom and Fox Hollow roads, which border the creek. “We’re happy with the outcome that nothing was found,” Detective Zuno said.

Superintendent Beth Polito said only about 70 to 80 people were on campus when the lockdown was put in place because school had let out at noon for parent-teacher conferences. She said 25 to 30 parents and teachers were in the library for conferences, 14 students were in after-school care and other staff and parents were on the campus.

The school put in place the San Mateo County emergency plan that all public schools use, called the Big Five plan. The plan has guidelines for an escalating series of emergencies ranging from a “shelter in place” protocol for things such as the extreme poor air quality during the height of the North Bay fires to a lockdown, when an immediate threat is present.

The Big Five plan also includes an evacuation protocol for situations such as a fire when it is more dangerous to remain on the school grounds than to leave.

Superintendent Polito said the school began the lockdown process as soon as school officials had reported the possible sighting of a gunman. It started with an announcement to the entire campus.

“We do drills regularly,” she said. “You get into the closest closed space you can. You lock the doors. If there’s a significant threat, you barricade.”

When Sheriff’s Office representatives arrived, they took over, she said.

While the school did not set up barricades, “we did move people away from windows, which is another part of the process,” Superintendent Polito said. “We sent out a message to our community to let them know we were in a lockdown and please do not come to campus until we had an all clear.”

As the sheriff’s deputies searched for a gunman, the office staff began calling to see how many children and adults were in each school area. “We started to remove children to the main office,” accompanied by deputies, Ms. Polito said.

“It was a very well-coordinated effort on their part and they worked very well with the office staff to implement the lockdown,” she said.

Sheriff’s deputies blocked the entrances and exits to Woodside Elementary School for more than an hour and a half on Oct. 26 after the school was put into lockdown mode while deputies searched without results for a reported gunman.

A 13-year-old student at Willow Oaks Elementary School in Menlo Park was arrested a little before 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, after police found him off-campus in possession of an unloaded, concealed gun.

Menlo Park police spokeswoman Nicole Aker said the student had fled the Willow Oaks campus, located at 620 Willow Road, after he learned that the principal sought to confront him about smelling like marijuana.

School administrators called the police, who responded by about 1:44 p.m. They located the missing student near the 500 block of O’Brien Drive within about 10 minutes, she said.

According to Ravenswood City School District spokesman Rolando Bonilla, administrators at the K-8 Willow Oaks School were following protocol for what to do when a student is missing.

Police said the student admitted having the unloaded gun at school. The student was booked into the Hillcrest Juvenile Detention Facility and was charged with having a concealed firearm and possessing a firearm at school, police said.

Mr. Bonilla did not disclose whether the student will face disciplinary action at the school, citing privacy concerns.

— Kate Bradshaw

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Women use strong-arm tactics to steal allergy medications

By Sue Dreman

A group of women who allegedly stole thousands of dollars of allergy medications on Sunday night, Oct. 22, from three Walgreens stores — in Menlo Park, Palo Alto, and Mountain View — are being sought by police.

The women, said to be in their 20s, shoved or pushed employees in two of the incidents as they made their escapes. It is not known if the same three women hit all of the stores.

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The employee was not injured.

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Descriptions

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Born March 17, 1936
Resident of Menlo Park, California

BS Degree — Education, Manuel L. Quezon University, Philippines.

Known lovingly as “Diding” to her family and friends, passed away at her home on October 3, 2017 at the age of 81 years. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Alfred Burgess Salcedo; her children Jeremy, Matthew, and Raymond; daughters-in-law, Kristi and Mary Grace; and grandchildren Kimberly, Ethan, Neil, Sofia, Stacie and Austin.

Lucille Lanza Hagstrum

May 26, 1928 - October 10, 2017

Mom, the granddaughter of Italian immigrants from Campania, Italy, was born Lucille Rose Rosalie and raised in Greenwich Village, New York. Her mom, Lizzie, and her dad, Tony, were wonderful, warm, loving parents to mom and her four younger siblings Andy, Frankie, Rosie, and Anne. There was always laughter, the smell of food cooking, and lots of people coming and going in the place where she grew up. Mom would keep things that way in every other place where she resided. She went to school in New York City and worked at Bayer Aspirin as an executive secretary in the late 1940s. In 1953 she married a returning soldier from World War II who was a fellow Italian American. Vince was six years her senior and had also grown up in the Village — just a few doors down from mom. After giving birth to 3 kids in Summit, New Jersey, Vince and Lucille ventured west to Atherton in 1959 to be part of a new startup company, Raychem. The Raychem clan became family and mom and dad were supremely happy in their new California home. Mom even convinced her brother, Frankie, and her sister, Anne, and family to move out west to the Bay Area. We vacationed every year on the beach in Southern California and delighted in doing so. It was dad’s habit, having grown up in New York, when confronted with a balmy January day in his new California home, to turn to mom and say, “Well, Lu, looks like another sh**y day in paradise.” Mom never failed to laugh at that and dad was always rewarded with a big hug and a smooth. She made lots of friends and took up new interests. Notably she travelled every week to San Francisco with her best friend, Dorothy Gravelle, to learn metalsmithing. We all have beautiful boxes and other keepsakes which mom fashioned during those years (thanks, mom!).

Tragedy struck in 1972 when dad was killed in a plane crash while traveling on Raychem business. The Raychem family rallied around mom and we all got through it. Mom was lucky in love and married Paul Hagstrum, a gentle Swede from Minnesota, in 1977. She moved back to Minnesota with Paul and was ecstatic to have a new flock who loved her as much as she loved them. But lightning does exact its toll eventually.

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Arrest in CVS robberies

In a second robbery of prescription drugs in less than a week at the CVS pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real in Menlo Park, a man with a gun in his waistband demanded Alprazolam pills from a pharmacy employee and fled on foot with the drugs before being arrested Saturday, Oct. 28, Menlo Park police said.

In a robbery on Thursday, Oct. 26, the suspect, who police say is the same person they arrested on Saturday, also demanded Alprazolam and also displayed a gun in his waistband. In that incident, police searched for but didn’t find him, but on Saturday, police quickly captured, arrested and booked the suspect, who they say was in possession of a loaded gun and the stolen prescription drugs.

The man, a 50-year-old Menlo Park resident, was booked on suspicion of armed robbery, attempted robbery, possession of a firearm, possession of narcotics and resisting arrest, police said.

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PORTOLA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF VACANCY
AND PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT
California Education Code §5092

A vacancy on the Portola Valley School District Governing Board has occurred because of the resignation of Jennifer Youstra, on September 8, 2017.

Ms. Youstra filed the resignation in the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools office on September 9, 2017.

The Governing Board appointed Jeff Klugman on October 25, 2017 to fill the above named vacancy.

To challenge the appointment and order a special election, proponents must file a petition in the office of the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days from the date of the provisional appointment.

The petition must contain:
- valid signatures of at least 1.5 (.015) percent of the number of registered voters of the district at the time of the last regular election for governing board members held within the Portola Valley School District, or 25 registered voters of the district, whichever is greater;
- or valid signatures of at least 5 percent of registered voters of the district at the time of the last regular election for governing board members in districts with less than 2,000 registered voters.

Governing Board of the Portola Valley School District
Eric Hartwig, Secretary
October 26, 2017

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON UPDATES TO THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY’S GEOLOGIC & GROUND MOVEMENT POTENTIAL MAPS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Geologic and Ground Movement Potential Map Updates. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers (Historic Schoolhouse), 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California.

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. If you challenge a proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a Public Hearing(s) described above, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).

Information pertaining to the proposal may be viewed at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Town Council to be heard at the time and place mentioned above.

Dated: October 27, 2017
Sharon Hanlon, Portola Valley Town Clerk

Survey shows small majority favors $40 million school bond measure

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

A small majority of Portola Valley School District residents who were recently surveyed favor a $40 million bond measure to pay for some of the projects in a facilities master plan the district is developing, consultants told the district’s school board Oct. 25.

There’s less support, however, for a second, $30 million bond measure (for a total of $70 million) that would allow the district to pay for almost all the projects that have been identified so far in its master plan process.

Election consultants hired by the district recommended that the district not put both bond measures on the ballot. Support for a $40 million bond measure on the November 2018 ballot ranged from 50.9 percent to 55.2 percent of the respondents, depending on when in the survey the question was asked.

The $30 million second bond measure received a maximum of 49.4 percent approval from those polled.

To pass, bond measures must receive the support of at least 55 percent of the voters.

Brian Godbe of Godbe Research presented some of the findings to the school board on Oct. 25.

The survey, conducted from Sept. 23 to Oct. 4, reached 254 of the 3,252 people deemed likely to vote in the November 2018 election. Telephone, cell phone, email and texting were used, and the surveys conducted by phone or online. Mr. Godbe said the margin of error is plus or minus 5.9 percent.

The projects receiving the most support from those polled include repairing or replacing leaky roofs and protecting the quality of academic instruction in core areas.

But some projects that have received enthusiasm in the facilities master planning process received the least amount of voter support in the poll. Most unpopular were making outdoor classroom improvements, renovating existing gym and multi-use facilities, and adding a performance space.

Mr. Godbe told the school board that based on the survey results, he recommends the district “continue the process to prepare for a November 2018 single bond measure election.”

The board also heard from Amanda Clifford of Clifford Media, the political campaign consultant hired by the district. She told the board that projects such as gyms, amphitheaters and art programs “don’t resonate” with older voters. In the survey, more than 49 percent of the respondents were 65 or older, with another 33 percent between 50 and 64.

Only 21 percent of those surveyed had children under 18 in their homes.

“This is a listening effort and we’re just getting started,” Ms. Clifford told the board.

That listening will be done by a brand new school board. After the November election, Gulliver La Valle will be the only veteran on the board. Jeff Klugman was appointed on Oct. 25 to fill a vacant seat. Karen Tate, the only incumbent running to fill three seats in November, has said she’ll have to resign if elected because of her health.

That means the task of completing the facilities master plan, and prioritizing $40 million in projects for a bond measure, will fall to the new board.

They do have time, however. The board’s deadline to submit a ballot measure for the November 2018 ballot is Aug. 10, 2018.

Former arborist sues city for wrongful termination

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A former arborist who worked for the city of Menlo Park between November 2015 and February 2017 filed a wrongful termination lawsuit against the city on Oct. 10, alleging he was overworked, forced to work in dangerous conditions, deprived of breaks and denied overtime pay.

Ryan Talavera said he was hired on Feb. 23, 2017, “in retaliation for making numerous complaints of unsafe and dangerous working conditions.”

Between August 2016 and February 2017, he said, he was sent on tree removal and other assignments with insufficient staff. In several cases, Mr. Talavera said, he was assigned alone to operate machinery, load trucks or do other potentially hazardous tasks that typically require additional workers.

The lawsuit also alleges that Mr. Talavera was misclassified as an exempt employee and is owed overtime pay.

Menlo Park City Attorney Bill McClure confirmed that the city had received the complaint and will respond to it.

Caltrain holds local meeting

Caltrain will hold a community meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, to discuss how its electrification project will affect Redwood City and the North Fair Oaks neighborhood.

The meeting will be held in the multi-purpose room at Sequoia High School, 2101 Brewer Ave. in Redwood City.

Work in the area is set to start within the next three months, including tree pruning and removal, utility relocation, and signal and communication equipment inspection.

A similar meeting is planned for Atherton early in 2018.

New signals

Temporary traffic signals at the Willow Road and U.S. 101 interchange were installed on Oct. 26 and 27, according to Angela Obeso, Menlo Park senior transportation engineer.

Permanent signals are expected to be installed sometime late next year, she said. The ongoing project to rebuild the interchange is entering its second of four phases and involves reconfiguring the on-ramps.
School board election has become more complicated

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Members of the Portola Valley School District’s governing board agreed on Oct. 25 that Jeff Klugman was the best candidate to fill an opening on the board created by the resignation of Jennifer Youstra in September.

But by appointing Mr. Klugman, who is also a candidate for one of three board seats on the Nov. 7 ballot, the board members made it certain that they will have to start the appointment process all over again as soon as the election results are in. That’s because state laws say that if Mr. Klugman is elected, he will have to resign his appointed seat and take the elected seat.

The board may even have to appoint two board members after the election. That’s because incumbent Karen Tate announced in early October that because of health problems she is withdrawing from the race and, if elected, would have to resign. That means that if both Ms. Tate and Mr. Klugman are elected, two seats would be vacant.

Superintendent Eric Hartwig said he believes the board could make the appointments by December. The district is working on adopting a facilities master plan, and working with consultants to decide details of a bond measure that could pay for some of the projects in whatever plan is adopted.

The district could choose to hold an election instead of filling the one or two vacant seats by appointment after the November election. However, Superintendent Hartwig said, the earliest an election could be scheduled is April, and the cost could be as much as $142,000.

The elected terms are for three years. The new state law says most elections for local officials must be in even years, which have higher voter turnout.

Police meeting

Atherton’s Police Department is holding a community meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, in the Jennings Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Ave., to discuss topics such as how to prevent package theft and how the crime rate in Atherton compares with county, state and national rates.

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Menlo Park church starts journey to better understand Islam

BY LINDA HUBBARD OF MENLO PARK, A LONGTIME MEMBER OF TRINITY CHURCH IN MENLO PARK

"Christian church exploring Islam? That's the goal of Trinity Church in Menlo Park as the congregation starts a year-long exploration called "Embracing Our Muslim Neighbors," an effort that includes guest speakers, books clubs, and an annual Hearts for Justice conference, devoted to multi-faith understanding.

"The focus on Islam emerged from the congregation's interest in interfaith work," said the Rev. Matthew Dutton-Gillett, rector of the Episcopal church. "In general, religion has become more a marker of difference and used more and more by various forces in society as a way to divide people. "A lot of people at Trinity believe that's not what religion is about. It's about connecting people rather than dividing people. That led us to explore how we as a Christian community can have meaningful relationships with other people of faith, how we can both be committed to our own paths but open to the truths people have on differing paths."

Portola Valley resident Lynn Pieron, a Trinity parishioner since 1990, was part of a seven-member committee that worked to formulate the multiple aspects of the exploration. They began by educating themselves about Islam, which included not only reading but visiting nearby mosques and attending a three-part speaker series on the subject hosted by Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian.

"Personally, I don't know many Muslims. Will that be our next challenge: to figure out how to build relationships with people who are Muslims, eventually joining together in service activities."

Mr. Dutton-Gillett explained that he's never believed that Christianity is the only valid religion. But upon arriving in Menlo Park in 2009, he was surprised that in the broader community, he found himself surrounded by a story that depicts Christianity as a religious tradition that is closed off, portrayed as the one truth in regard to other faith traditions, characterized more by what Christians are against than what they are for. "From my experience as a Christian, it is much more nuanced and sophisticated than that narrative," he said. "Plenty of Christians are open-minded and open-hearted and display an open attitude. "There might be some people who would wonder why a Christian church would devote so much time to exploring another religious tradition. But to me, it's a natural extension of our vision. "My hope is that people can feel they can experience Christianity more openly, more compassionately and with more curiosity. I think Trinity embodies that in all the things we try to do."
Organized in the late 1880s, Trinity Church is the fourth oldest church in Menlo Park. Its earliest members were like a “who’s who” of distinguished men of that era, including Civil War hero Edward Eyre, Leland Stanford, Edward Hopkins, and then to Pine Street in 1947 as a part of Trinity’s larger campus on C.N. Felton and Percy Selby.

In 1886 a “simple redwood building of approximately 27’ by 48’” was erected on Encinal Avenue in Menlo Park, the first church building of what was then called Holy Trinity Church (Episcopal).

It was to have two more locations — transported to a lot on Oak Grove Avenue near Laurel Street in 1897 (the moving cost $1,200!) and then to Pine Street in 1947 as part of Trinity’s larger campus on land the parish had purchased at the corner of Ravenswood Avenue and Laurel Street in 1902.

Today that original church building, now on Crane Street, is home to a Russian Orthodox congregation, the Nativity of the Holy Virgin Church, which started services in 1951 when the church building was still on Pine Street.

The author, Linda Hubbard, grew up attending Trinity Church in Menlo Park and has served on its vestry, the governing body of the church.

Above: Walking through the Muslim Community Association building in Santa Clara are, from left, Islamic scholar Maryam Amir with her son Zachariah, MCA board member Lubna Shaikh, Trinity parishioner Lynn O’Leary, and Tarek Mourad, who will be teaching a four-session “Discover Islam” class in January at Trinity Church in Menlo Park. Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Right: Celebrating at a Unity Rally, held in June in support of the Muslim community, are, from left, Trinity parishioner Jane Philips, the Rev. Matthew Dutton-Gillett, and Trinity parishioner Mel Day. Photo by Robb Most

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More information

Below is more information about Trinity Church in Menlo Park and its year-long venture called “Embracing Our Muslim Neighbors.” There is information about suggested reading; a half-day, multi-faith conference on Sunday, Nov. 5; a speaker series; winter adult classes; and a Trinity Church web page on Interfaith Harmony.

Suggested reading

Conference
Panel discussion and interfaith community resource fair, Sunday, Nov. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m., “Toward Understanding: A Jewish, Christian, Muslim Conversation.” Attendance is free; advance registration is appreciated. Go to is.gd/Heart22 to register.

Speaker series
- Sunday, Nov. 12, at 11:30 a.m.: Talk and children’s program, “Jihad and Pluralism in Islam” by Sumbul Ali-Karamali, JD, LLM (Islamic Law). Sumbul is author of “The Muslim Next Door: the Qur’an, the Media, and that Veil Thing” (Bronze Medal Winner of the 2009 Independent Publisher’s Awards) and “Growing Up Muslim: Understanding the Beliefs and Practices of Islam.” The children’s interfaith program will use the World Peace Village, an interactive exhibit that explains the six faith traditions of Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, Native American, Islam and Jewish.
- Sunday, Nov. 19, at 11:30 a.m.: Talk and children’s program, “Muslim Women Beyond the Stereotypes” by Maha Elgenaidi, executive director, Islamic Networks Group. The children’s program will include an introduction to Islam and Muslims.

Winter adult classes
- Go to is.gd/Harmony22 for more information from the Trinity Church website.

Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Lubna Shaikh, left, board member of the Muslim Community Association in Santa Clara, shows Trinity Church Community Association in Santa Clara, shows Trinity Church parishioner Lynn O’Leary Pieron the newly painted youth room at the association’s center.
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After all these years: St. Raymond class reunites

By Tim Johnston, St. Raymond School class of 1967.

Some didn’t have to leave Menlo Park, but many traveled hundreds and in some cases, thousands, of miles. But they all came to celebrate and reminisce.

On Oct. 6 and 7, a total of 20 members of the 1967 eighth-grade graduating class of St. Raymond School gathered to catch up, play school yard games (horsescotch, four square, etc.), share photos, and simply recall, as best we could, the past 50 years of our lives.

It was our second reunion in five years, and we had created a Facebook group to stay in touch, but many attendees had not physically seen each other since June, 1967 — the Summer of Love (SOL).

And, in the spirit of the SOL, we had come to fondly refer to ourselves as the Merry Pranksters traveling on the Magic Bus.

Simply trying to find all 62 students who had, at one point or another, passed through the class from 1959 to 1967 was no small undertaking. Of course, there were a few people who were just not interested and/or unresponsive; but not many.

And, as the planning progressed and the connectivity grew, the interest, enthusiasm and excitement took off. It became more of a question of when and where than who is going to be there.

Reunions can be tough, especially for high school and college classes. “So, what do you do?” (My irreverent response, “When?”), “Married?” “Kids?” That kind of “social vectoring” that can make people very uncomfortable.

But my experience with this “crew” has not been like that. After all, 50 years have passed since we graduated, and I found we were much more interested in what we had experienced, who we had become, and what we had come to value as human beings.

The weekend was, dare I say, “magical!” First stop on the magic mystery tour, Friday night burgers, deviled eggs, beverages and more at the Dutch Goose; second stop, just down Santa Cruz Ave for a visit to the St. Raymond School Pumpkin Festival (conveniently scheduled for the same weekend); and finally a BBQ on Saturday afternoon.

The laughter, reminiscing, toasts to classmates — present, near, far and no longer with us and — reflecting on all the water that has passed under the bridge, continued well into the evening.

It takes a village to plan, organize and pull something like this together, but many of those who were able to connect with were genuinely intrigued by the idea of a grammar school reunion; some, at the outset, more so than others.

The 40 members of the 1967 graduating class of St. Raymond School, with principal and teacher, Sister Joan Mary.

Simply trying to find all 62 students who had, at one point or another, passed through the class from 1959 to 1967 was no small undertaking.

Postscript: As everyone dispersed on Saturday night, several classmates left to return to the North Bay counties, where the catastrophic wild fires were, unbeknownst to any of us, just beginning. It is a testament to this class and our genuine affection for one another that we have continued to stay in touch with and support them as they have endured an unimaginable nightmare.

Almanac changes policy on reporting names in arrest stories

By Embarcadero Media staff

Concerned about the lasting impact that online search engines have on individuals arrested for crimes, the Almanac and its Embarcadero Media sister papers — the Palo Alto Weekly, the Mountain View Voice and the Pleasanton Weekly — are implementing new policies and guidelines for review of requests to see Embarcadero (sensitive) to remove content.

The new policy states that news stories, except in limited instances, will not name those arrested until they are formally charged by the county’s district attorney.

“We have become increasingly concerned about the unfairness of stories naming people arrested for crimes remaining on the internet forever,” Embarcadero Media CEO Bill Johnson said. “Not only is an arrest not a conviction, but it is only an initial and often overstated allegation against a person. What a person is booked for is often far from what the District Attorney’s Office and in some cases not prosecuted at all,” he said.

This is also an unfair, disproportionate effect on those with unusual names, since an internet search for an unusual name is much more likely to display a story on the arrest high in search results than if the person has a common name,” Mr. Johnson said.

New policy reflects concerns that arrest reports linger for years online.

The policy cites four exceptions in which the name of an arrested person will be reported in a news story:

■ The arrestee is a prominent person in the community, a public safety employee or a school employee.
■ The arrest was for a major violent crime.
■ The arrest was the result of an extended police or FBI investigation.
■ In the judgment of the editor, the crime was widely reported and is of broad public interest or concern.

However, in an online story on an arrest, the Almanac will include a link to a law-enforcement agency’s press release and booking photos when they are available.

The new policy also includes guidelines on reporting about sexual crimes and the circumstances under which an arrestee’s name will be published.

Police departments are the usual agencies that distribute names and booking photos of arrestees to the media; district attorney’s offices occasionally publish the information after someone has been charged with a crime in a high-profile case or after a lengthy investigation, such as when 16 people were arrested and charged for gang-related violent crimes in the Operation Sunny Day case in San Mateo County.

The new policy about arrestees’ names was developed over several months, together with another policy concerning when names in archived online content will be removed or edited.

■ Go to is.gd/Remove22 (case-sensitive) to see Embarcadero guidelines for reviewing requests to remove content.
■ Go to is.gd/Arest22 (case-sensitive) to see guidelines for reporting arrest stories.

Above: Nineteen students from the graduating class of 1967 returned to celebrate their 50th reunion this year. Below: The 40 members of the 1967 graduating class of St. Raymond School, with principal and teacher, Sister Joan Mary.

Palo Alto Players: ‘Peter Pan’ Nov. 3-19. Luce Stern Theatre, 1305 Midfield Road, Palo Alto. paloaltoplayers.org/production-stage now.

Music
Montrose Trio: Shostakovich, Beethoven, and Brahms. Pianist Jon Kimura Parker and former Tokyo String Quartet members, violinist Martin Beaver and cellist Cliff GreenSmith, perform a program of Shostakovich, Beethoven and Brahms that offers a chance to hear the youthful craftsmanship of these composers’ first piano trio. Nov. 12. 6-8 p.m. $20-$32; discounts for people under 30. Center for Performing Arts, 550 Midfield Road, Atherton. Search musicatmenlo.org/calendar for more info.

Fauna Requiem: All Souls Memorial Service This service of worship is centered on remembering those who have died, through prayer and music, featuring the requiem by Gabriel Fauré, Choral of St. Bede’s and Christ Church, with soloists Catherine Saxman and Nick Vollett, will be accompanied by organist Rami Fischer and a chamber orchestra. Nov. 4, 4:30 p.m. Free. donations will be accepted. Christ Church Portola Valley, 815 Portola Road, Portola Valley, copwpr.org.

Author Chuck Klosterman (‘But What If We’re Wrong: Thinking about the Present as if It Were the Past”) and Pitchfork music critic Nick Volkert, will be accompanied by organist Bill Meehan and Kim Jonker for launch of new book “The Crucible” by Arthur Miller. Nov. 1, 7:30-10 p.m. Bing Palace, 327 Lasuen St, Stanford. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

Art
Opening Reception for “Water is Life” Exhibit Environmental Volunteers hosts reception for Jennifer Fraser’s exhibit of photography, featuring water landscapes. Nov. 4, 10-12:30 p.m. Free. EcoCenter, 2560 Embakcadero Road, Palo Alto. art event/water-life-art-exhibit-jennifer-fraser/ Pacific Art League holds opening reception for new photography exhibit. Nov. 3. 5:30 p.m. Free. Pacific Art League, 891 Ramona St, Palo Alto. pacificartleague.org/exhibitions/current/.


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‘Kind of Shy’ This painting is one of the featured artworks in Marsha Heimbecker’s November exhibit, “Kind of Shy,” at the Portola Art Gallery at Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park. The paintings are inspired by the orphaned elephants of Tavon. A reception for the artist will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. Nov. 4.

Music
Heimbecker’s November exhibit, “Kind of Shy,” at the Portola Art Gallery, with soloists Catherine Eastman and Gabriel Faure. Choirs of St. Bede’s and Christ Church, with soloists Catherine Saxman and Nick Vollett, will be accompanied by organist Rami Fischer and a chamber orchestra. Nov. 4, 4:30 p.m. Free. donations will be accepted. Christ Church Portola Valley, 815 Portola Road, Portola Valley, copwpr.org.

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Portola Valley joins ‘sanctuary city’ lawsuits

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Portola Valley is joining as a “friend of the court” two lawsuits that challenge the constitutionality of an executive order by President Donald Trump threatening to withhold federal funds from “sanctuary jurisdictions” — a term not defined in the executive order.

Portola Valley does not take a person’s citizenship status into account in providing services or access to town facilities, and the council said as much in a February resolution affirming the town as “a diverse, supportive, inclusive and protective community.” Town Attorney Cara E. Silver noted in a staff report.

The council was unanimous in voting to join the amicus briefs, though Councilwoman Ann Wengert conditioned her support on the council receiving regular updates from Ms. Silver. “I think there are going to be many more twists that this road takes, and I want to be very conscious of all of the risks and rewards of what we’re doing going forward,” Ms. Wengert said.

The lawsuits were to be argued before the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, a County of Santa Clara v. Trump and City and County of San Francisco v. Trump.

The executive order, signed in January by President Trump, says, in part, that sanctuary jurisdictions “that fail to comply with applicable Federal law (will) not receive Federal funds, except as mandated by law.”

The plaintiffs, Ms. Silver said, argue that the order is unconstitutional because it a) violates the 10th Amendment by attempting to control local decisions over how to spend money on law enforcement, b) is vague on definitions of sanctuary jurisdiction and the affected funding, and c) denies the jurisdictions due process.

The state inserted itself on Oct. 5, when Gov. Jerry Brown signed a similar bill to the federal one, California a sanctuary for undocumented immigrants. State law will “largely prohibit” state and local law enforcement agencies from directing staff “to spend funds to “hold, question or share information about people” when requested by federal immigration agents, Ms. Silver said in her report. The exceptions are undocumented immigrants convicted of any of a list of some 800 violent crimes.

Community fabric

The town receives federal money occasionally for transportation purposes and has requested funds to deal with emergencies, but nothing on a large scale, Town Manager Jeremy Dennis said in February.

The president’s narrative about dangers posed by undocumented immigrants is false, Councilwoman Maryann Derwin said. “There’s a lot of evidence to prove that they contribute greatly to communities,” she said. “Immigrants are the fabric to our community. They care for our children. They steward our properties. They build and maintain our houses. I think we owe them gratitude and safe harbor.”

“My goal has been to serve the people” when requested by federal immigration, she said. “But I don’t feel comfortable with that.”

Ms. Wengert went on to say that if the court would make such a change. “The damage has been done,” she said. “We can’t roll that genie back until there’s a change in the administration.”

Statements like this “are pow- erful in new immigrant commu- nity,” Ms. Derwin said. “They feel like the people are standing with them.” Ms. Wengert said she “completely agreed.”

Joining the amicus brief would show the council as not backing down, Councilman John Rich- ards said. “We should make a statement, stick with our original intent and join,” he said.

Mayor Craig Hughes said he agreed “very, very strongly” with Ms. Derwin. “I think it’s important that we stand with the immigrant community,” he said. And hot-button political issues aside, he said, “The president of the United States is telling us that we have to spend our local funds on enforcing federal immigration law. For that reason alone, I think we should join this amicus brief.”

Community meeting on pot ordinance

San Mateo County officials are holding a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9, in Half Moon Bay to discuss a draft ordinance governing the indoor and outdoor cultivation of recreational marijuana on unincorporated county land.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Ted Adcock Community Center at 535 Kelly Ave. in Half Moon Bay.

The proposed ordinance by the Board of Supervisors would not allow commercial or personal outdoor cultivation on unincorporated county land, but would allow it in greenhouses and nurseries.

The meeting is a chance for the public to learn more about the draft, ask questions of county officials and submit comments for publication.

Go to is.gd/pot52 to see the draft ordinance.

Go to is.gd/potFAQ for a list of frequently asked questions about state Proposition 64, which legalized use of recreational in November 2016.

For more information, contact Anahita Northcote at c_abertelsen@smcgov.org.

Stanford project

The Stanford County Planning Commission decided not to vote on a Stanford development without giving Menlo Park a chance to weigh in.

The city of Menlo Park was not notified of a development proposal by Stanford to build a 155,000-square-foot medical facility office building near Quarry Road and Arboretum Road on an existing parking lot, Menlo Park City Manager Alex McIntyre confirmed.

The project would have underground parking for up to 830 vehicles — an increase of 585 parking spaces over the present lot, Mr. McIntyre said he learned about the proposal Oct. 20 and expressed concern that the project would impact Menlo Park by increasing traffic on Sand Hill Road. The Santa Clara County Planning Commission voted 7-0 on Oct. 26 to delay discussing the Stanford development proposal until Thursday, Nov. 16, according to Mr. Mueller.

Talk on teen anxiety

Anxiety & Depression in Teenagers is the topic of the next talk in the parent education speaker series of the Menlo Park City School District.

The talk will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, in the Hillview Middle School Music Arts Center at 1100 Elder Ave. in Menlo Park.

Dr. Jacob Towery, a Stanford psychiatrist and author of the Anti-Depressant Book: A Practical Guide for Teens and Young Adults to Overcome Depression and Stay Healthy,” is the speaker.

The event is free and open to the public, with free refreshments and free onsite child care for children who are potty-trained and older.

TheaterWorks benefit in Menlo Park

“Theatreworks Around the World,” is the theme of the fundraiser that marks nearly 50 years of TheatreWorks Silicon Valley as one of the largest theater companies in the Bay Area.

The fall gala takes place Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club, 2900 Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park. The evening will include food, wine, a musical revue, and a benefit auction.

Local committee members include Chairman Cindi Sears of Portola Valley, Janey Booker, Julie Kaufman and Doug Klein of Atherton, Town Manager Tom Lewis and Barbara Shapiro of Menlo Park.

Tickets are $385 each. Go to is.gd/works24 or call (650) 463-7112 for more information.

Baubles, Bangles, Bags

The seventh annual “Baubles, Bangles and Bags” will be held Monday, Nov. 6, at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton.

The Peninsula Volunteers silent auction will feature vintage, designer and specialty handbags and baubles, as well as themed gift baskets, mystery boxes and Christmas trees.

Among the bags available for purchase are several from Nancy Gonzalez, Judy Leiber, Gucci, Bottega Veneta and Fendi.

The event includes a silent auction, champagne and specialty cheeses, a seated luncheon and guest speaker Georgie Gleim of the San Mateo Symphony Orchestra.

Linda Drew and Candice Provines are the event co-chairs.

Tickets at $175 each are available by calling Cathy Duhring at (650) 272-5001.

Kiwanis speakers

Speakers at the Menlo Park Kiwanis Club’s weekly luncheon meeting will deal with timely topics such as high school spirituality, breach and emergency preparedness, during November.

The meetings are held from noon to 1:15 p.m. at the Allied Arts Guild at 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park.

Here is November’s lineup:

■ Nov. 7: Kiwanis member Les Koonce and Tim Wright will share their “Impressions of Ireland.”

■ Nov. 14: Shirley Raybal, branch manager of Bank of the West, will talk about “What to Do After the Equifax Security Breach.”

■ Nov. 21: Patricia Emselfe, new lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Division 34, will make her first official visit to the club. (Division 34 has 425 Kiwanis clubs in California, Nevada and Hawaii.)

■ Nov. 28: Emergency preparedness is the topic for Commander Dave Bertini of the Menlo Park Police Department. The will offer a variety of ways to become better prepared. The Kiwanis Club welcomes visitors.

Go to is.gd/Kiwanis22 to arrange to attend a program or get more information.

M-A’s food drive

Menlo-Atherton High School students are once again collaborating with local grocery stores in a drive to collect canned food to go in holiday boxes for several hundred families in need.

Starting Nov. 1, students will stand at the doors of participating grocery stores to collect canned and canned food from shoppers. Students will have lists on hand of items that the nonprofit Second Harvest Food Bank considers most needed.

Local grocery stores participating are Bianchini’s Market in Ladera, Roberts Market in Portola Valley, and the following Menlo Park stores: Draeger’s Market, Trader Joe’s, Portola Market and Safe- way supermarkets on El Camino Real and Sharon Park Drive.

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Why we’re changing our policy on reporting arrests

At age 19, Joe Smith, home from college and enjoying catching up with some old high school friends the night after Thanksgiving at a downtown bar, gets drunk and winds up arrested at 2 a.m. for being drunk in public, disorderly conduct, assault with a deadly weapon (a beer bottle) and resisting arrest. Local media include the young man’s name in an article about the arrest, as has long been the tradition, satisfying readers’ appetite for details of crime stories.

When the case gets submitted by police to the District Attorney’s Office, the DA decides the incident doesn’t warrant prosecution and offers Mr. Smith three months’ probation in exchange for a no-contest plea to disorderly conduct. The young man takes the deal and, after serving his probation successfully, asks the court to expunge the case from its records, as allowed in California and most states.

Since Mr. Smith’s name is so common, his arrest will likely not follow him around the rest of his life, in spite of its being on the internet as an archived story of the local newspaper. He is lucky, only because of his name.

But what if his name were Bonifacio Poedeseoporo? The one short news story on his initial arrest could be the first and possibly only result in a Google search for his name by a future employer, even 10 or 15 years later.

While the above facts and names are made up, the scenario is typical of a growing ethical and moral problem facing news organizations, whose content lives on forever on the internet rather than vanishing into the basement archives of local libraries, as it did not long ago.

When we first began receiving pleas for us to remove content from our archives by those arrested years earlier, we took the hard line that most newspapers have long taken — our story was factually correct and our policy is to not alter the permanent record of the news.

But as these requests multiplied (Embarcadero Media, owner of the Almanac and our three sister papers, now receives two or three each month on average) we began looking at the issue from the perspective of the person arrested and the disproportionality and unfairness of the lifelong effects on someone with an unusual name.

After reviewing countless instances involving the arrests of young people, many of them with unusual names, we began looking at this partially as a discrimination and social-justice issue. In a nation of immigrants with many unusual last names, why should our reporting and editing decisions have disproportionate impacts depending on a person’s ethnicity, or simply the uniqueness of his or her name?

In addition, in many instances police will arrest and book suspects for every conceivable crime that could be charged, despite knowing that the charges ultimately filed by the DA are often much less serious.

In crafting what we think is a thoughtful policy on removing names from archived stories, we discovered that removing a name from our story doesn’t affect the Google search result for that person, nor does it solve the problem of “public shaming” websites that grab our original crime stories and propagate the information for their own financial gain.

So this led us to a re-evaluation of how we approach the initial reporting of arrests, as well as the publication of booking photos provided by the police.

In balancing our First Amendment right to publish information on any arrest, an arrestee’s right to be assumed innocent until proven guilty and the public’s right to know the details of crime taking place in the community, we formulated a new policy, implemented last month, on when we will (and won’t) report the names of those arrested by law enforcement.

Our new policy states that, except in limited instances, news stories will not name those arrested (or include photos) until they are formally charged by the district attorney. The exceptions are the arrest of a prominent person in the community or a public safety or school employee; if the arrest was for a major violent crime or the result of an extended police or FBI investigation; or, if in the judgment of the editor, the crime was widely reported and is of broad public interest or concern.

The policy is intentionally flexible because every situation is different. And we make no promises about later adding to a story the name of a person charged for a crime by the DA after leaving the name out of the original story. Our news judgment of the public interest in publishing the person’s identity will guide that determination.

As only one news source, our change in policy won’t by itself solve the problems described above. And it will probably encourage some readers to look elsewhere for the information we won’t be publishing. But we think the media has a responsibility to regularly look at the consequences of its editorial practices and to modify them as circumstances change, as has certainly happened due to the permanence of information on the internet. ✏️

Why Atherton council unanimously supports Measure F parcel tax renewal

By Rick DeGolia

The Atherton parcel tax was created in 1980 following the loss of tax dollars due to Proposition 13. This was necessary because Atherton is only residential, with no sales or other commerce-based taxes.

The parcel tax generates $1.8 million per year, with 100 percent of the funds going directly to the town. Compare that with our property taxes: Only 8.5 percent of our property taxes go directly to the town.

Of the parcel tax revenue, 20 percent currently pays for two police officers (a school resource officer and a traffic cop) and 80 percent pays for annual road maintenance and drainage work. Atherton voters have supported this tax for 37 years because residents want their own police force and well-maintained roads and drainage systems. The tax requires a two-thirds vote because the funds are limited to these purposes.

The dollar amount of the parcel tax ($750 per year for most households) has not increased for 22 years.

Every four years, the parcel tax has been renewed, although on four occasions it was defeated and it required a second election the following spring, where it passed at times with 80 percent of the vote. It is interesting to note that on every occasion that the parcel tax was before Atherton’s voters, the lead architect of the current No on F campaign has opposed it.

In the past, opposition to the parcel tax focused on financial mismanagement in the town. This year’s challenge to the tax is not because of poor financial management. In fact, our finances have never been better managed or our streets better maintained. Our council is working extremely well together, breaking new ground to protect and improve the quality of life for our residents.

This year, the parcel tax is being challenged because the town’s secured property tax revenue has increased and the town has had four years of surpluses. The claim is that with these surpluses, the parcel tax is no longer needed, which is not true.

What the No on F campaign doesn’t acknowledge is that in June Atherton residents voted to use the town’s surplus to build the new, excellently designed and inexpensive town center. They don’t admit that the surplus funds are fully allocated to building the town center because they oppose the town center project.

There have been three previous attempts in the past 20 years to build a new town center to replace the failing 60-year-old building and seven temporary trailers where our police, admin, building and planning departments work. Those efforts failed due to a lack of funding. For the first time we now have the funds to build a town center. This is the most important capital improvement project in Atherton’s history.

The Atherton City Council unanimously supports Measure F because the council knows that we need a new town center and we need to keep the two officers and the critical road maintenance and drainage work that the parcel tax pays for. Without the parcel tax we will lose the benefits that it pays for.

One other thing that the opposition doesn’t acknowledge is that the council set this parcel tax for only three years, not the normal four years. The reason for this limitation is that in three years, the town center project will be complete, and then surplus funds may be used for our other needs. Three years from now is the time to reconsider the parcel tax. Not now.

Please send emails to your friends and neighbors about this issue. Measure F, like most Atherton ballot measures, will be decided neighbor-to-neighbor. It is important that our residents understand the importance of this measure.
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