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Are well-intentioned parents accidentally creating little monsters by listening to common parenting advice? That's the diagnosis of local parenting psychologist Annye Rothenberg, who is publishing a series of books to help parents — and their preschoolers — treat each other with respect. Cover illustration by Marion Eldridge, from Dr. Rothenberg's book "Mommy and Daddy Are Always Supposed to Say Yes ... Aren't They?" Story begins on **Page 14**.

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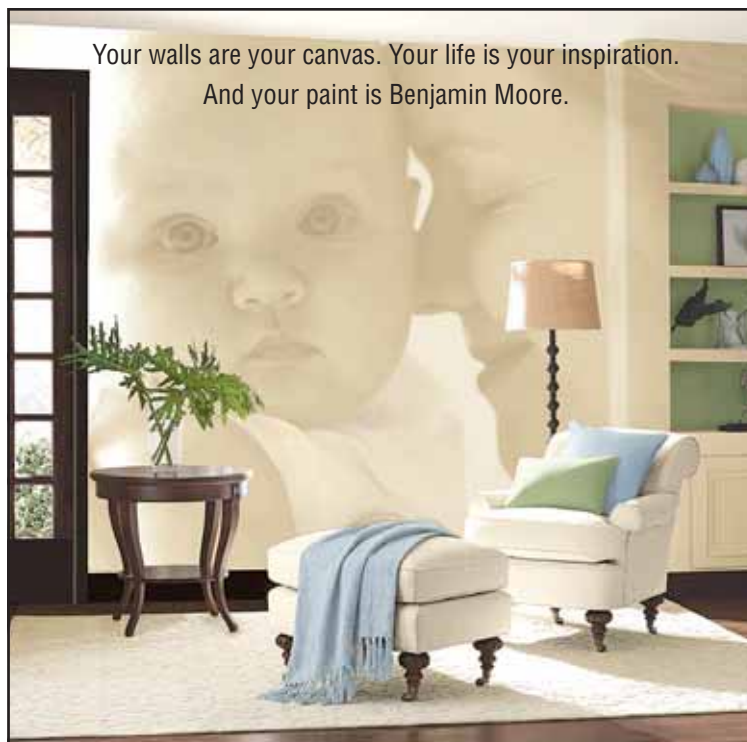
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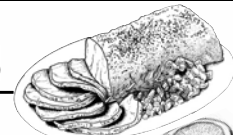
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Halloween hoopla

Pity the poor folks trying to run errands in downtown Menlo Park on Saturday morning who were overrun with tiny costumed children instead. The annual Halloween parade drew mobs of pirates, wizards, super heroes, princesses, mermaids, zoo animals, and at least one tin-foil covered Swiss guard.

The kids paraded from Burgess Park to Fremont Park, then trick-or-treated at downtown businesses on the way back to the Recreation Center for a carnival. Swarms of spangled and painted candy-seekers mobbed the doorways of banks, boutiques and thrift shops, ebbing and flowing around the legs of unsuspecting adults trying to deposit a check or pick up their dry cleaning.

Back at the Rec Center, a more orderly chaos reigned, as kids slopped glitter paint onto pumpkins, watched a magic show and wended their way through a mildly spooky glow-in-the-dark haunted house.

For trick-or-treaters on Halloween night, the Atherton Police Department is once again handing out free glow necklaces — ask an officer or stop by the station at 91 Ashfield Road.

Oh, baby!

You're never too young to check out the Woodside Library. A list of activities for November includes musical story time each Wednesday at 10 a.m. for babies age 0 to 24 months. "Older kids," toddlers ages 18 to 36 months, have their own story hour on Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

The library is also sponsoring "mom, dad, and baby yoga" for tots five to 18 months (with no age limit for the parents). The free yoga class takes place at 9 a.m. Friday mornings, Nov. 2 and 9.

Woodside Elementary School students are crossing the street to the library to meet children's book author Jon Agee at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. Other children who aren't busy in their own classrooms are also welcome to attend.

Local News

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Menlo council recall effort still anonymous

■ Mayor, two councilmen targeted; intentions, credibility of Web site questioned.

By **Rory Brown**
Almanac Staff Writer

Whoever is behind the supposed effort to oust Menlo Park City Council members Kelly Fergusson, Richard Cline and Heyward Robinson is remaining anonymous, raising questions whether a recall effort advertised on a new Web site is legitimate.

A link to the Web site RecallFergie.com was posted on the Almanac's Web site last week,

and as of Monday afternoon, the site still calls for volunteers to help yank the three council members from office.

The recall effort was sparked by the three council members' vote in favor of a controversial proposal to use taxpayer dollars to buy the Park Theatre in a plan that will benefit a private business, according to information on the Web site.

Council members said the supposed recall effort is likely just an effort to stir up controversy.

"This is just trying to do damage to someone that has the best intentions for Menlo Park," Councilman Andy Cohen said of the Web site.

"I'm puzzled why my detractor wouldn't just call me — that would be a more direct, effective, and productive route," Mayor Fergusson said.

Councilman Robinson said the anonymous Web site is a "distraction" for the council, and Councilman Cline had no comment.

Murmurs of a recall effort started several weeks ago, after the council voted 3-2 to move forward with a proposal by Menlo Park resident Andy Duncan for the city to buy the Park Theatre from Howard Crittenden of Atherton for \$2.2 million.

Under the proposal submitted by Mr.

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The Almanac/Veronica Weber

New homes are being built at this site on Linfield Drive in Menlo Park — a property that was previously home to an office building.

Menlo commits to more housing, but not everyone's on board

■ State law requires city plan for the construction of 993 new homes in the next seven years.

By **Rory Brown**
Almanac Staff Writer

According to a loosely enforced state law, Menlo Park has to adjust zoning for, if not approve, the construction of 993 new homes within city limits over the next seven years.

But in a city where a lot of neighbors regularly oppose the increased traffic, construction noise, and influx of students associated with new housing developments, building houses is no easy feat.

Menlo Park City Council

members sided with state law on Oct. 23, voting 3-2 with councilmen Cline and Cohen opposed, to endorse a resolution that pledges the city will do its part to build its fair share of apartments and/or single-family homes.

The decision means Menlo Park is officially on board with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, a state program that requires cities to build enough homes to maintain a sufficient housing-to-jobs ratio.

"This doesn't mean we're going to go build 993 homes by 2014, but it does mean that morally, if not legally, we have an obligation

to figure out what available land we have, and what can be zoned for housing," said Councilman John Boyle.

Mayor Kelly Fergusson and Councilman Heyward Robinson noted that 993 homes is a lofty goal, but both said the city must follow the law and create a plan to determine what type of housing the city needs.

A weak law?

Under state law, cities are required to adjust zoning for a specific number of homes — a process referred to as a city's housing element.

But the law is loosely enforced

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Tearful relatives testify in murder sentencing

By **Andrea Gemmet**
Almanac Staff Writer

Boxes of tissues were in big demand in Judge Craig Parsons' courtroom on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the gut-wrenching pre-sentencing hearing of confessed murderer Joseph Morrow.

Mr. Morrow, 59, pleaded no contest to second-degree murder on Sept. 11 in the killing of his wife Donna Morrow, 37, during an argument at their Menlo Park home on Dec. 19, 1991.

Twenty-one people testified at the all-day hearing, including Ms. Morrow's family from Missouri and Mr. Morrow's three grown daughters, who tearfully testified that they had forgiven their father for killing their mother and want to see him paroled.

"Us kids have gone through hell for the past 16 years," said Carrie Morrow, adding that her brother, Joe Jr., wasn't present because he's in jail.

"My dad made a mistake and he's sorry. The best day of my life will be when he gets out (of prison)," she said. "I haven't had my mom in my life since I was 6, and I need my dad."

Mr. Morrow fled the country sometime in 1993, although he kept in contact with his children. He was arrested in the Philippines and extradited to the United States in January 2003.

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Birch tree (*Betula* sp.)

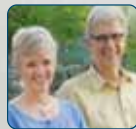
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Arthur Kornberg, Nobel Laureate and Portola Valley resident, dies

He unraveled the process underlying the assembly of DNA

By David Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

With the death of Portola Valley resident and Nobel Laureate Arthur Kornberg on Friday, Oct. 26, the community of life scientists lost a key contributor to our fundamental understanding of DNA.

Dr. Kornberg, a longtime Stanford University professor in the school of medicine who won a Nobel Prize in physiology/medicine, was 89.

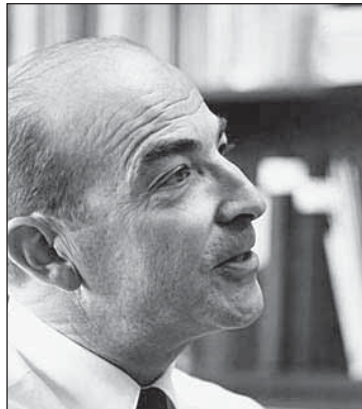
The 1959 Nobel Prize recognized Dr. Kornberg's unraveling of the process responsible for the extremely precise arrangements of DNA building blocks from among many, many possible combinations, according to a presentation speech archived at the Web site nobelprize.org.

"Dr. Kornberg was one of the most distinguished and remarkable scientists in American medicine," said Dr. Philip Pizzo, the dean of Stanford's school of medicine, in a statement. "His towering contributions have continued virtually up until the time of his death."

Dr. Kornberg's legacy includes his three sons: Roger, a Stanford professor in structural biology, an Atherton resident and winner of the 2006 Nobel Prize in chemistry; Thomas, a professor of biochemistry and biophysics at the University of California, San Francisco; and Kenneth, a Portola Valley resident and principal at Kornberg Associates Architects, a laboratory design firm with offices in Menlo Park, San Diego and Tokyo.

For love of enzymes

Arthur Kornberg grew up in Brooklyn, where his parents owned a hardware store, according to an online profile at the National Institutes of Health. At 15, he entered



1967 photo by Edgar W.D. Holcomb and courtesy of Stanford University

Dr. Arthur Kornberg

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the City College of New York, graduated in 1937 and earned a medical degree from the University of Rochester in 1941.

After an internship, he served as a ship's doctor in the U.S. Coast Guard, the profile said. A paper he'd written on jaundice caught the attention of the National Institutes of Health, and he took a research position in an NIH nutrition lab in Bethesda, Maryland.

While at NIH, Dr. Kornberg married biochemist Sylvie Ruth Levy, whom he'd met in college. She worked in his labs full time for much of their marriage, and their children used to visit them after school, the profile said.

During a sabbatical, he studied the science of enzymes with New York University professor of medicine Severo Ochoa, the man with whom he would later share the Nobel Prize.

At NIH, Dr. Kornberg organized and directed the enzyme section within the Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases. At Wash-

ington University in St. Louis, he headed the microbiology department, where his earlier efforts at identifying and purifying enzymes led to his synthesis of DNA in a test tube and the Nobel Prize, the profile said.

He arrived at Stanford in 1959, where he organized and chaired the department of biochemistry and, in 1969, became a professor.

Dr. Kornberg once described his career as "a love affair" with enzymes. "It has been my conviction," he said in a 1997 NIH interview, "that you have to know the actors in order to understand the plot. And the actors are the enzymes. They are the mini-chemists, the devices by which a biological phenomenon takes place."

He was a founder of and adviser to DNAX Research Institute of Molecular and Cellular Biology in Palo Alto, and adviser to Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc., Maxygen, and XOMA Corp.

He is the author of the 1989 memoir, "For the Love of Enzymes: The Odyssey of a Biochemist," "The Golden Helix: Inside Biotech Ventures," published in 1995, and "Germ Stories," a children's book to be published in November.

Dr. Kornberg is survived by his wife, Carolyn Frey Dixon Kornberg, his three sons and eight grandchildren. His first wife, Sylvie Ruth Levy Kornberg, died in 1986, and his second wife, Charlene Walsh Levering Kornberg, died in 1995.

Burial arrangements are private. Stanford University is planning a celebration of his life and legacy, with details to be released as they become available.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a charity of the donor's choice or to the Dr. Arthur Kornberg Memorial Fund at the Stanford School of Medicine. Send contributions to Stanford University Office of Medical Development, 2700 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025. ■

Police chase, arrest suspect after shots fired into Menlo Park home

A San Jose man was arrested on charges of firing six shots into an occupied house in the Belle Haven neighborhood in the early morning hours of Oct. 27, said Menlo Park police.

Six people were inside the house at the time of the shooting; no one was injured, said police spokeswoman Nicole Acker.

Sgt. Ron Prickett pursued a red SUV with its lights blacked

out that was racing away from the 1300 block of Madera Street, where the shooting occurred, Ms. Acker said. The vehicle headed over the Dumbarton Bridge to Jarvis and Haley streets in Newark. The suspect, identified as Arnoldo Anguiano, 28, bailed out and was found hiding in a yard by officers from the Fremont Police Department. A 9

mm handgun was found in his SUV, Ms. Acker said.

Mr. Anguiano was arrested on charges of attempted murder, shooting into an inhabited dwelling, evading police and possession of a firearm. The incident is still under investigation, but police believe the shooting was in retaliation for an altercation at a nightclub.

Witnesses or anyone with information are asked to contact Menlo Park police at 330-6300 or call the anonymous tip hotline at 330-6395.

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Residential Solar Power Expanding

Q: I would like to install a solar heating system in my home but the installation costs are high. Would I be able to get my money back if I sold the property? Would solar power enhance the value of my home?

A: Use of solar power as a primary source of heating and cooling in residential property is in its infancy. New homes that use solar energy are rare but the numbers are growing. Owners of existing homes who want to retrofit them with solar power face high installation costs and design problems. It is unattractive to have solar panels linked to the electric panel using a Rube Goldberg-like piping system. The cost can also be very high and the energy savings are

often not realized for many years.

More communities are talking about ways to lessen the burden for residents who install solar systems in their homes. Berkeley is the first city in the country to have a plan to finance solar panels for residents and to allow them to pay back the assessment over a 20 year period. They will vote on the plan next month and if it is enacted, other communities will likely follow suit. This will no doubt make residential solar systems become much more common and desirable in the residential market. In your case, while you should not expect to get back your expenses right away, I do think solar power will enhance the value of your home.

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Image of small-town staffing is fading in Portola Valley

■ Demands of modern life may force new hiring in Town Hall.

By David Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

The ideal of a vibrant community spirit is very much alive in Portola Valley, with some 120 residents currently signed up for 16 commissions and committees. Many of these citizens meet regularly to talk about site planning and home design, emergency preparedness and the burying of utilities, street traffic and hiking trails.

But a cherished companion ideal — an intentionally small town staff aided by volunteers willing to take on tasks normally done by staff — has been fading and may be further diluted by expectations of new residents, demands on new facilities and the increasing complexity of life as we know it.

Town Administrator Angela Howard cited several problem areas in discussing staffing with the Town Council on Oct. 24, later elaborating to the Almanac on some of her points.

■ At Town Hall, receptionist duties fall to whoever has an office near the front counter or happens to be walking by. It is a situation in which it is “impossible to work without interruption,” one staff member said.

■ Maintaining the 36 miles of trails in town is one duty for the recreation facilities coordinator, but he spends most of his time maintaining and scheduling playing fields that are now more heavily used for longer seasons after their recent upgrading.

■ The town’s two technology

consultants, one in Foster City and the other in Santa Cruz, are available only for fixing problems — stalled computers, non-functioning e-mail, incompatible software — but no one is looking at key issues such as routine maintenance and the viability of the system as a whole.

The council is weighing a proposal by Ms. Howard to add a receptionist to the 13-person staff. The town may also hire someone to coordinate efforts to locally address global warming. That decision could come after trying the position out with a consultant for a year or so.

A receptionist, a sustainability coordinator, and 20 hours of help monthly from a technology consultant could relieve the stress, Ms. Howard said.

Workdays for the three-person planning staff are becoming more complicated with larger projects, new ordinances and a growing list of green-building concerns.

Currently, there are about 400 open building permits in a town of 1,600 households, Ms. Howard said. Staff visits to residences to elaborate on the nuances of a fence placement or a setback are “a Nordstrom level of customer service” not found in many communities, she said.

“We’ve always done that and I think that that’s the kind of service that we are expected to give,” she said. “It’s a discussion that the council needs to have

— about the expectations of the community and whether the staff is meeting them.”

“Five years from now, this conversation may need to be had again,” she added. “It is a floating target,” she told the Almanac. “It’s a changing world. You sometimes have to re-evaluate the staff you have.”

The council didn’t raise substantial objections to Ms. Howard’s case, though Councilman Steve Toben said he would have preferred a more quantitative analysis.

Small town roots

Back in 1964 with a town staff of four, when storms blocked Portola Valley trails with fallen branches or poison oak invaded a right-of-way, the prevailing do-it-yourself ethic meant a Trails Committee member would haul out a chain saw or herbicide to fix the problem.

Mayor Ted Driscoll, now in his 14th year on the council, recalled a meeting at which such voluntary efforts were formally discouraged.

“What had happened was that (the volunteers) had aged to the point where they were a danger to themselves as well as to others,” he told the council. “It was a difficult thing to do because a lot of people really wanted to be out there.”

The world has changed. For one thing, liability concerns have redefined committees’ roles to advisory, Councilman Ed Davis said. And, he added, the characters and talents of the old generation may not be reflected in the new one, including the willingness to get one’s hands dirty.

“People have very busy lives,” Ms. Howard remarked. ■



Angela Howard

Menlo council recall effort

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Duncan, the city would lease the theater to Mr. Duncan’s development entity for 55 years, and he would restore the exterior of the theater and renovate the interior into a dance studio.

The Menlo Park Academy of Dance, co-owned by Mr. Duncan’s mother, Sylvia Duncan, would move into the building.

Supporters of the plan have argued that the restoration of the deteriorating theater, and the potential for the city to buy out Mr. Duncan and convert

the building into a community theater — possibly as soon as 10 years — provide enough incentive to move forward with the deal.

The decision sparked an outburst of criticism, but Councilman John Boyle, who opposed moving forward with Mr. Duncan’s proposal, said the council’s decision “in no way warrants talks about a recall.”

The three council members to support pursuing Mr. Duncan’s proposal said they stand by their respective decisions.

Still anonymous

After posting a request for the

names of the people behind the alleged recall effort using the contact form on RecallFergie.com, Almanac staff received an anonymous e-mail from someone claiming to head the effort.

The person said he/she is a Menlo Park resident, has business interests in Menlo Park, and will file papers with the city to start the recall process only if there is sufficient support.

Recalling a council member is no easy task: Recall proponents would have 120 days after pulling papers to collect signatures from 20 percent of the city’s registered voters — about 3,700 people. ■

Menlo commits to more housing

MENLO HOUSING

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by the state, and Menlo Park has ignored recent requests by the state to update its housing element.

“I don’t think our city is ready to commit to what [the state] is demanding, and I’m not satisfied the law has the teeth sufficient to compel us to do it,” Councilman Cohen said after the meeting.

Councilman Cline said adjusting zoning for 993 more homes would put a lot of pressure on the council to approve housing projects — something residents don’t necessarily want to see more of in Menlo Park.

He said too many housing developments have been “shoehorned” into the Linfield Oaks neighborhood — a phenomenon he doesn’t want to see occur in other parts of town.

“I don’t think Menlo Park can hit that number, and I don’t want it being hung over our heads on a regular basis,” he said. “By making this promise to add housing, we become a prisoner to this number.”

Although the state has yet to punish cities that fail to create and uphold housing elements, housing advocacy groups have taken it upon themselves to take

legal action against cities without enough homes — and they’ve won.

So why hasn’t Menlo Park gotten in any trouble over the years? “Because they haven’t been sued yet,” said Paul Peninger, co-policy director of the Nonprofit Housing Association of Northern California.

He said recent lawsuits have been filed against the cities of Benicia, Corte Madera and Gilroy by housing advocacy groups, such as the Western Center on Law and Poverty.

Advocacy groups often claim the city isn’t providing adequate affordable housing — a claim that is hard to deny without a certified housing element, Mr. Peninger said. “You have a housing element adopted by the state, or you don’t. It’s a pretty straightforward issue. If you don’t have a housing element, you can get sued.”

Aside from the legal requirements, Mr. Peninger said, planning for more homes is necessary to accommodate a growing population.

“In Menlo Park’s case, you have a city that has housing needs to plan for, as it is part of a region that’s growing,” he said. “The city hasn’t been shy about creating new jobs, so it needs to build more homes.” ■

City asks: How much housing belongs on El Camino Real?

By Rory Brown

Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park is supposed to plan for more homes, and City Council members say they’ll soon be asking residents how much housing — if any — belongs on properties along El Camino Real.

Environmental groups and housing advocates say the city should build high-density, multi-story homes along El Camino Real, putting residents close to downtown shops and the Caltrain tracks.

Critics say the city’s roads, schools and infrastructure can’t support the added impacts of hundreds of residents moving to the city’s downtown.

At the Oct. 24 kick-off meeting for the city’s El Camino Real visioning process, keynote speaker and urban planning consultant Michael Dyett said the city needs to tackle the housing debate early on in order to create a successful plan to revamp El Camino.

“You have to address the tough issues early,” Mr. Dyett said, noting that the height, density, and associated traffic of new homes have been hot-button issues in

Menlo Park for many years.

Past efforts to revamp El Camino have put off tough issues like the housing debate for later in the planning process, often presenting the matters as policy questions for council members. This time around, council members say public input will shape the housing discussion early on in the process.

“We need to hear from the residents what type of housing they think would be in tune with the community,” said Mayor Kelly Fergusson. “That includes talking about senior housing, affordable housing, apartments and condos.”

Councilman Heyward Robinson said Menlo Park’s talks about housing and transit should coincide with each other — something he said hasn’t happened at the state level.

“We’ve been asked by the state to increase our housing levels, and we’re being asked by other regional groups to work that into our El Camino Real planning,” he said. “But at the same time, \$1 billion was pulled from last year’s state transit programs. ... If we’re going to talk about housing, we have to provide transit to go with it.” ■

Woodside waives fine for moving trees out of town

■ Missing oaks leave gap in landscape, but not in wallet.

By Andrea Gemmet
Almanac Staff Writer

The first person to run afoul of Woodside's tree ordinance is none other than Donald G. Fisher, founder and chairman of Gap, Inc.

Mr. Fisher appealed to the Town Council for relief from a \$22,500 fine incurred for a moving three large oak trees from his property on Mountain Home Road. Destroying or removing significant trees requires a permit from the town, but Mr. Fisher said he didn't kill the trees, he merely hired a company to dig them up and truck them to his property in Atherton, where he replanted them.

There was a gap in the landscaping in Atherton that only a trio of really nice, large oaks could fill, he said, and he couldn't find any for sale.

But lest anyone fear that the fortunes of an influential Bay Area billionaire suddenly tumbled,

Mr. Fisher is not fighting the fine because he can't afford it. He told the council at its Oct. 23 meeting that he was appealing the fine because he didn't think he'd done anything wrong. A tree company charged him \$36,000 to move the trees, and said it would be no problem, Mr. Fisher said.

"They told me (Larry) Ellison had done this with tons of trees on his property," Mr. Fisher said.

Woodside's tree preservation ordinance went into effect at the beginning of the year. It limits the circumstances under which property owners can remove trees and imposes fines on anyone who flouts the law. "Complete extraction" is one of several methods of killing a tree listed under the definition of "tree destruction" in the ordinance.

"In my six years in Woodside, I've never seen this before," said Planning Director Hope Sullivan, adding that when a large tree is moved, it's usually to another location on the same piece of property and that it's part of a larger building project that receives prior approval from the town. Mr. Ellison's project predated the tree

ordinance, she said.

Council members, faced with an unanticipated situation, struggled to find a way to let Mr. Fisher off the hook for what seemed an honest misunderstanding, but at the same time, they didn't want to undercut the new tree ordinance. Most of the council agreed that the point of the ordinance was not just to keep trees alive, but also to keep them in the town of Woodside.

Councilman Pete Sinclair's option of employing "the wisdom of Solomon" and cutting Mr. Fisher's fine in half didn't muster enough support to pass.

Councilman Ron Romines argued that Mr. Fisher committed an inadvertent violation. "This is a violation of the letter of the ordinance, but not the spirit," he said.

Mr. Romines' idea of suspending the fine, which would be reinstated if Mr. Fisher removes any more trees or violates the ordinance again, passed on a 6-1 vote, with Mr. Sinclair opposed.

"It sounds like Scooter Libby," Mr. Sinclair said about the suspended fine. "You're guilty, but you're not going to jail." ■

Menlo council hears appeal of Olive Street house approval

■ Six-bedroom house would cast shadow over adjacent homes and damage trees, say neighbors.

By Rory Brown
Almanac Staff Writer

In what Menlo Park neighbors say is a key opportunity for City Council members to protect residents' quality of life, the council will decide whether a two-story, six-bedroom house is built as designed in a West Menlo Park neighborhood.

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, the council is scheduled to consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to approve the construction of the house on a substandard lot at 578 Olive St., near Oakdell Drive.

The meeting will start at 7

p.m. in the council chambers at the Civic Center, between Laurel and Alma streets.

Neighbors say the house would be out of character with the neighborhood, and it would block sunlight and create privacy issues for surrounding homes. Critics also say the construction of the proposed 1,939-square-foot basement would damage the roots of surrounding redwood trees, some of which are on adjacent properties.

City staff and the developer, Mandana Janishnejad, say the project would not be detrimental to neighbors — the design

of the home would not create sunlight or privacy issues, and the surrounding redwood trees would not be harmed.

Four neighbors jointly filed the appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of the project, and 23 neighbors representing 14 nearby homes have signed a petition against the construction of the house.

In August, the Planning Commission voted 3-1, with Vincent Bressler opposed, and three commissioners absent, to approve a use permit to build the new home.

The project requires a use permit because the proposed site is a substandard lot — it is only 70 feet wide. Major remodel and rebuilding projects proposed for sites less than 80 feet wide require a use permit and a statement from the Planning Commission that the project would not be detrimental to the surrounding neighborhood. ■

Book fair at Corte Madera

Books of all types and for all ages will be on sale at the Corte Madera School book fair in Portola Valley Monday through Friday, Nov. 5-9, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the room 605.

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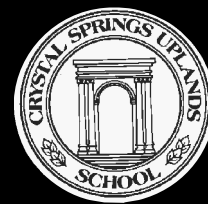
low Glen. There also will be educational reference books for English, Spanish and math, and an extensive collection of books for adults — cookbooks, current fiction and gift books.

Proceeds from the fair provide the lion's share of annual book budget for the school library, according to Mary Livingston,

book fair chair.

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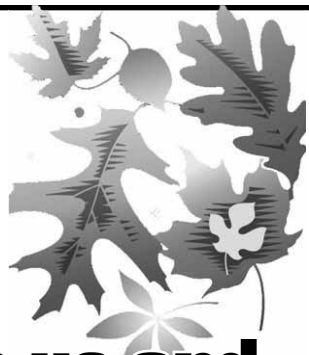
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Hospital rebuild plan near approval; groundbreaking in mid-November

By Marion Softky
Almanac Staff Writer

A sweeping agreement that will allow rebuilding Sequoia Hospital to meet state earthquake standards, and will turn over its governance to Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) appears on the brink of approval by the board of the Sequoia Healthcare District.

The board postponed a meeting scheduled for Oct. 30 to take action on financing the \$240 million rebuilding project, and giving up responsibility for governing the 57-year-old hospital, which has been operated by the private, nonprofit CHW since 1996.

According to the district Web site, the meeting will be rescheduled in early November. Groundbreaking for the rebuilding project is planned for mid-November.

Since early September, the district board has been fine-tuning the elaborate agreement hammered out among the district, CHW, and the hospital.

The proposed agreement calls for a three-way split of the cost of rebuilding and expanding the hospital. The public health-care district, CHW, and Sequoia Health Services (the legal entity that owns the hospital), would each put up \$75 million. The other \$15 million would come from private funds to be raised by the Sequoia Hospital Foundation.

Under the agreement, the district would give up its five seats on the 10-seat governing board of Sequoia

Health Services (SHS). The district will continue to be run as a community hospital by CHW.

CHW will appoint the new board, which may expand, said Bill Graham, vice president of physicians and business for the hospital. CHW also plans to appoint two members from the district, he said.

"The hospital will not change much. It will still have a community board," said Stephani Scott, CEO of the health-care district.

District board chair Kathleen Kane expects the agreement to be easily approved. "There's very little dissension on the board," she told the Almanac.

Concerns

Nevertheless, there are lingering concerns in the community about losing control over what was a public hospital supported by the taxpayers for almost 50 years.

"The public needs assurance that CHW will continue to operate the hospital in partnership with the constituents of the district for the foreseeable future," said Dr. Michael Griffin of Menlo Park, a pediatric cardiologist who practices at the hospital.

Dr. Griffin would like more time for the public to review the implications of the agreement; two public forums and several board meetings have been poorly attended, he noted.

Dr. Griffin said his biggest concern is that the hospital can be sold to a third party without

district approval. "The board will have no oversight over the mission and management of the hospital," he said. "It needs to be a community hospital, not a private hospital."

Not to worry, said district director Malcolm MacNaughton, one of two board members who negotiated the agreement. "The agreement says the hospital will stay as a community hospital."

The hospital cannot be sold without concurrence from the district board for seven and a half years after construction is complete, by 2013, Mr. Graham said. That's about 2020.

District board member Don Horsley also hopes to amend the draft agreement to retain district approval over sale of the hospital. "We should be able to approve or disapprove third-party transfers for the full 40 years," he said.

Dr. Griffin also worried about maintaining the support of the community of physicians during a time of rapid changes in health care. "With no assurance our interests will be represented, we could damage the fragile physician ecosystem," he said.

Mr. Graham said the vast majority of physicians at the hospital support rebuilding the hospital and the new governing arrangement. "It will remain a community hospital," he said.

Mr. Horsley is also asking for a better strategy to recruit and

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PV school board to appoint member to replace Carano

The Portola Valley School District board will make a provisional appointment to fill the remaining two-year term of Trustee Donna Carano, who resigned effective Oct. 17.

The vote to make an appointment instead of call for an election came after discussion at the board's special meeting Oct. 25.

Trustee Karen Jordan recused herself from voting because she has an interest in applying for the vacancy and serving two

more years on the board.

Applications for the appointment are available at the district office, Corte Madera School, 4575 Alpine Road in Portola Valley and on the district Website: www.pvsd.net. Registered voters may apply; completed applications are due Monday, Nov. 19, at the district office or via e-mail to acampbell@pvsd.net.

Interviews of qualified applicants are tentatively scheduled for the week of Dec. 3.

Special meeting on Laurel, Encinal plans

Plans for expanding Laurel and Encinal schools in Atherton will be presented for possible board action at a special Thursday, Nov. 1, meeting of the Menlo Park City School District board.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the board room in the district office, 181 Encinal Ave. in Atherton.

Trustees approved the conceptual site plans for the two schools April 4 after several public meetings.

The district also is completing its environmental review and traffic study at Encinal School and will publish its draft initial study later in the year for public review and comment.

For more information, check www.mpcsd (click on facilities) or contact Ahmad Sheikholeslami at ahmad@mpcsd.org with questions or comments.

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retain physicians in a highly competitive area, where the Palo Alto Medical Foundation is planning a new hospital in San Carlos. "I want some benchmarks we can hold CHW to," he said. "If we get them, I'll be happy with the agreement."

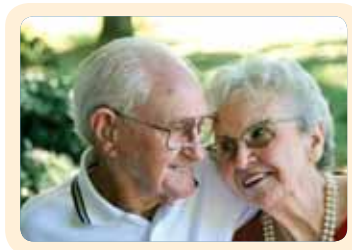
"I don't blame anyone for being nervous," Mr. MacNaughton said. "There are going to be changes."

He promised the agreement would "provide a community hospital that can dispense care that people can afford."

Mr. Horsley concluded, "I want to make sure Sequoia continues as an acute-care community hospital as long as it has been in existence — another 57 years."

For information, call the Sequoia Healthcare District at 482-6115 or Sequoia Hospital at 369-5811; or visit sequoiahospital.org or sequoiahealthcaredistrict.com. ■

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Joe Morrow sentencing

JOE MORROW

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In September of that year, using information from Mr. Morrow's handyman, police located Donna Morrow's skeletal remains, wrapped in plastic, rolled into a carpet and buried nearly 10 feet deep. The cause of death couldn't be determined.

"It's hard to understand (why) we keep in contact with him and still love him, but unless you've been in our position, it's not for you to judge," said Mr. Morrow's oldest daughter, Lisa.

Although Mr. Morrow's sentence of 25 years to life in prison was mostly a forgone conclusion, thanks to the plea deal he struck with prosecutors, testimony from the hearing will be considered when Mr. Morrow becomes eligible for parole in 2024, said prosecutor Steve Wagstaffe, the chief deputy district attorney for San Mateo County.

It also gave Ms. Morrow's loved ones a chance to confront Mr. Morrow and remember the woman who they said was so dedicated to her four children that she delayed leaving an abusive marriage so they could have a happy Christmas.

When Donna's family in Missouri placed their tradition call to her on Christmas day in 1991, Mr. Morrow told them his wife had walked out on him and the kids a few days earlier, and he didn't know where she'd gone. None of Ms. Morrow's relatives believed him, family members said.

"We all knew that Donna would not leave her children. We all knew that something terrible had happened," said her sister Linda Hayes.

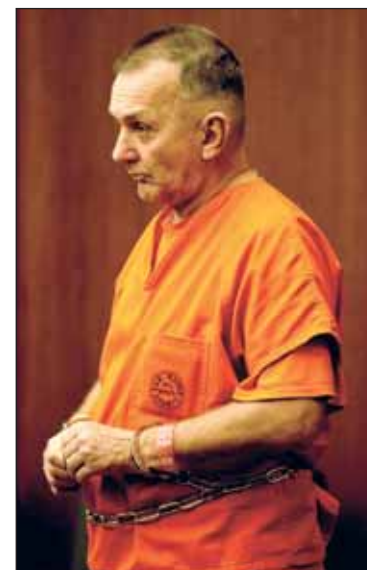
Her brother Steve Barrett broke down as he recalled a childhood promise to his little sister during a thunderstorm. "I told her not to be scared because I'd never let anything hurt her," he said. "My grandmother always called me Donna's guardian angel and knight in shining armor."

He said he blamed himself for not convincing Donna to leave her husband sooner. "If I'd followed my gut instinct and called her, maybe she'd be with us today."

Mr. Morrow's ex-wife Sandy Lawson testified about her 2-1/2 year marriage, saying an abusive Mr. Morrow tried to strangle her and threatened to have her killed if she attempted to get any money from him in a divorce settlement.

Family and friends testified to Ms. Morrow's unswerving devotion to her children and to the abuse she'd suffered at the hands of her husband.

Mr. Morrow's prison sentence includes a 15-year sentence for



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Joe Morrow pleaded guilty to wife's murder.

killing Donna and an additional 10 years for seven counts of domestic violence against her.

Mr. Morrow's younger sister Dorothy Morrow said she's been terrified of her brother all her life. She said Mr. Morrow was physically abused by their father and sexually abused by their mother, and that her brother exploited their 11-year age difference to physically and sexually abuse her throughout her childhood.

"He's a master manipulator with a genius IQ and he cannot be trusted," she said. "I love him and have forgiven him for the things he's done to me, but he is so damaged that I'll only feel safe if he remains incarcerated for life."

At the end of the hearing, Mr. Morrow denied his sister's allegations of abuse before reading a statement of apology.

"I'm very, very sorry for my unacceptable behavior and I apologize to everyone," said Mr. Morrow, turning to face his wife's family. "While I do not deserve it, I ask for forgiveness. I offer no excuse. I have nothing bad to say about my wife. She was a very nice lady."

Joan Lucas, Mr. Morrow's older sister, testified that her brother should be paroled when he's eligible, for the sake of his children. "He loves them, he loves them with all his heart and they love him. They need hope. They need their father," she said.

Mr. Wagstaffe said Mr. Morrow had his freedom for nearly 12 years after killing his wife, when he fled the country rather than serve prison time on a felony grand theft conviction related to his office supply business. During that time, Mr. Morrow toured Europe and Asia, and then settled in the Philippines, where he lived under an assumed name, Mr. Wagstaffe said.

"He should finish his days in prison so there are no more Sandy Lawsons and no more Donna Morrrows," Mr. Wagstaffe said. ■

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Portola Valley council gives nod to electric vehicle for maintenance staff

By David Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

It's white with green trim, carries 1,450 pounds, has a top speed of 25 mph, and is likely to cost a penny a mile to ferry maintenance staff and their gear between the Portola Valley Town Center and the hardware store or playing fields on Alpine Road.

The Town Council voted unanimously on Oct. 24 to spend \$16,300 to buy a GEM eLXD electric cart from Hartzheim Dodge in San Jose. The cart should arrive in about four weeks.

The decision reflects a \$13,000 commitment by the council in the 2007-08 budget to buy an electric utility cart. The shortfall of \$3,300 is likely to be drawn from contingency funds for the new \$20 million complex at Town Center.

The budget includes another \$30,000 meant for a hybrid vehicle, primarily for the building inspector's trips around town.

The town's maintenance staff tested the electric cart, "looked it over very carefully," and came back satisfied, Assistant Town Administrator Janet McDougall said.

"We're in the 21st century (now),"

Mayor Ted Driscoll remarked after the council voted.

Hartzheim Dodge was the closest GEM dealer in the area, and the town is paying \$1,000 over dealer invoice, Ms. McDougall said. The price includes a warranty and two years of on-site vehicle service.

Among the options on the model the town is buying: hard doors rather than canvas ones, heater/defogger, a stake bed, and

a grab-handle package.

The manufacturer, Global Electric Motorcars based in Fargo, North Dakota, is a Chrysler affiliate founded in 1998, according to the company Web site.

With safety belts, headlights, windshield wipers and safety glass, the cart meets National Highway Traffic Safety Administration neighborhood-electric-vehicle standards for low-speed travel on public roads, the Web site says.

Traffic build-ups behind the cart won't be a problem, Ms. McDougall said. Staff will be instructed to pull over and let

the faster vehicles pass.

The vehicle has "plenty of power" and handles well even with a load of 800 pounds, Hartzheim Dodge salesman Steve Orsua said.

Solar power

A single charge on the plug-in vehicle is good for 30 to 40 miles. The cart plugs into a standard electrical outlet and can recharge overnight, Mr. Orsua said.

Recharges probably won't draw much from the grid. A solar panel system of up to 70 kilowatts is going in at the new Town Center complex. ■

LINC: The real first personal computer goes on display

A working LINC (Laboratory Instrument Computer) — first developed in 1962 at Lincoln Labs at MIT — will be on display at the Vintage Computer Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 3 and 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Computer History Museum, 1401 North Shoreline Blvd. in Mountain View.

Many regard the LINC as the world's first personal computer.

Retired computer scientist Severo Ornstein of Skyline will moderate a panel on the early history and importance of the LINC on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 1:30 p.m.

Several of the original LINC team, including principal designer Wes Clark, will talk about "The LINC: A Paradigm Shift."

They will discuss how a small group of enthusiasts developed the LINC as a "programmable computer for real-time, on-line biomedical research," Mr. Ornstein wrote.

At one time, more than 20 LINC were in use in biomedical laboratories around the country. Built with transistors, the LINC was about the size of a coffin. It could be stuffed in a station wagon, Mr. Ornstein said.

For information, check the Digibarn Computer Museum at digibarn.com; or the Vintage Computer Festival at vintage.org.

Or look up Mr. Ornstein's book, "Computing in the Middle Ages: A View from the Trenches 1955-1983."



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It's OK to say no

Parenting psychologist says conventional advice is creating out-of-control kids

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here is such a thing as an overly empowered preschooler, says Dr. Annye Rothenberg.

Anyone with a young child has probably heard the advice: Build your child's self-esteem by giving her lots of choices. Dr. Rothenberg, a parenting psychologist based in Emerald Hills, says every day she sees the unhappy results of bad parenting advice and overly lenient child-rearing practices.

Eight-year-olds who hit their parents and throw tantrums. Defiant 3-year-olds who've gotten expelled from preschool. Parents, teachers and pediatricians who are at their wits end trying to deal with disrespectful, self-centered and angry children.

"People are raising their children to think that they are equal to adults," Dr. Rothenberg says. "A whole lot of things go their way, and when things don't go their way, (children) don't know how to deal with that frustration."

The result is well-meaning parents who don't know what they're doing wrong. Dr. Rothenberg, a former longtime Portola Valley resident who is an adjunct assistant professor of pediatrics at the Stanford University School of Medicine, says she's worked with

2,000 families in the past 15 years, as well as preschool teachers, doctors and teachers who need help dealing with out-of-control children.

Karen of Menlo Park said she read parenting books and followed the conventional wisdom when raising her son, and came to Dr. Rothenberg when she ended up with a strong-willed and defiant 5-year-old who was asked to repeat kindergarten.

"We felt that we had a very curious, active child who we didn't want to squelch," Karen says. "It was great when he was 2 or 3, but it's different when you have a 5-year-old who didn't listen or respect us when we drew boundaries."

It's a common story, and one Dr. Rothenberg says she's heard from parents and educators across the country. There's a lot of parenting advice out there, but there isn't enough practical, age-appropriate information that actually helps parents achieve their goal of raising a happy, confident, respectful and empathetic child.

"I saw this phenomenon so much, I thought somebody really ought to explain how we got here," she says.

A book for parents, kids

The result is her new book, called "Mommy and Daddy Are Always Supposed to Say Yes ... Aren't They?" Designed for both parents and children, it begins as a picture book aimed at preschoolers and ends with a 12-page parenting guide with practical suggestions for incorporating the book's lessons.

Karen says her son really liked the book, which put things into simple terms for him.

"It came out that (we), and maybe parents in general, are a little too lenient these days," she says. "We read it to our son and I think it did help.

He'd say, 'Yeah, I know you can't always say yes.'"

Parents who are loath to say no are increasingly common, says Dr. Rothenberg. Working parents want to keep their time with their children as pleasant as possible, and many full-time moms feel they need to do a lot for their kids in

order to justify the decision to stay at home, she says.

"A lot of parents feel that if they are very giving and nurturing to the child, the child will become that way," Dr. Rothenberg says. "I find that if a parent goes too far, not mentioning the parent's needs or feelings, you can end up with children who are more self-centered, because there wasn't a minimum amount of self-ishness by the parents."

Too many choices

Part of the problem is parents who give children too many choices, she says. "Sometimes, children are just too mentally exhausted to decide which pair of pants," she says.

Taken to the extreme, children may start to believe that their opinion is equal to that of their parents.

"Don't let them decide which restaurant to go to, unless they are paying. You decide, because you're the one who knows better — but you can certainly let the child decide between this item and that item on the menu," Dr. Rothenberg says.

The key is for parents to ask themselves: Does this decision affect my life, or just my child's? Children shouldn't be given control over their parents' lives, Dr. Rothenberg says.

Establishing roles

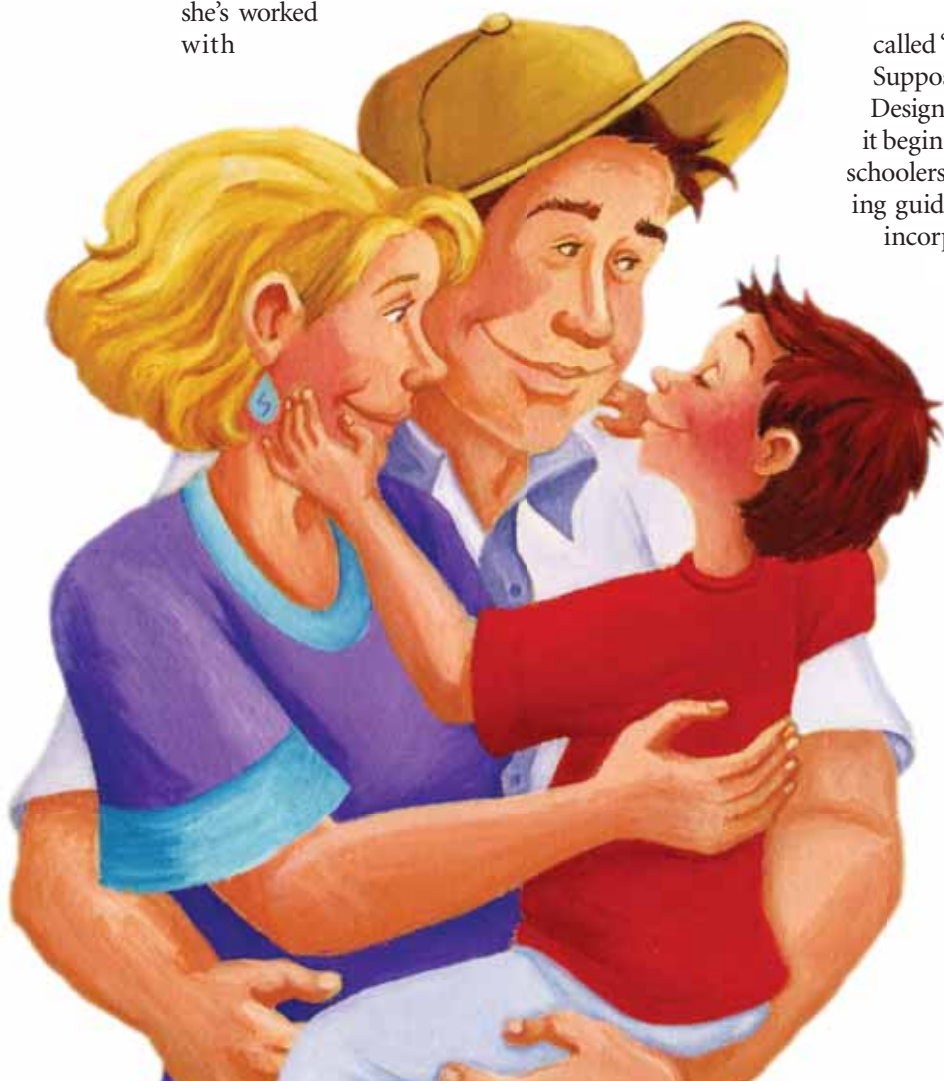
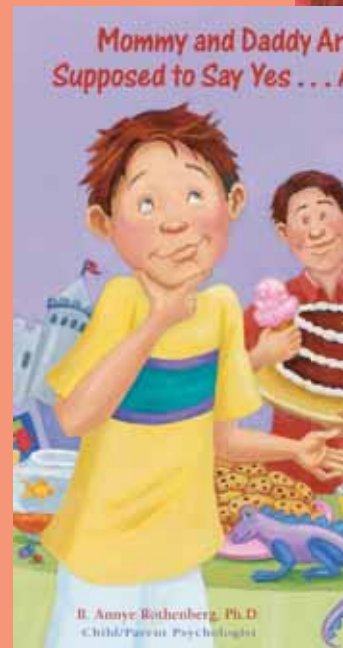
Dr. Rothenberg's philosophy, coupled with concrete exercises, helped Linda of Menlo Park, who says she needed help with her 5-year-old daughter Justine's rude, domineering behavior and "general brattiness."

"It's really amazing; what Annye said was so practical. It took emotion out of the situation," Linda says. "On a basic level, you establish yourself as the parent."

Techniques such as listening exercises for her daughter have really helped, she says. If Justine isn't listening, she has to spend several minutes following her mother's instructions in a tedious task, like counting out pumpkin seeds, she says. Once Justine has demonstrated she can listen and follow instructions, she can stop.

"It was very difficult at first. It rocked her world, and she didn't think we'd stick to it," Linda says. "But we are very consistent, and I haven't seen half the stuff we've seen with her."

NOTE: Pseudonyms have been used for the parents and children named in the story at the request of the families.





Emerald Hills psychologist Dr. Annye Rothenberg is on a mission to help parents get useful parenting advice. Her new book, with illustrations by Marion Eldridge, is aimed at preschoolers and their parents.

Linda says she realizes that changing her daughter's behavior is not only important for their family, but also for Justine's future relationships.

"If some of the stuff doesn't get fixed, Annye says, we would have a child who would only be in relationships to get what she could out of them. In her world, she's front and center," Linda says.

She also discovered that she and her husband needed to practice parenting as a team.

"It's important for parents to get on the same page, because my husband and I weren't," she says. "It was good cop/bad cop, and I was the bad cop because I was home with the kids all day, and he could be the white knight."

Team effort

Helping both parents agree on a child-rearing philosophy wasn't much of a factor when Dr. Rothenberg began her practice.

"Thirty years ago, when I started my practice, moms took the lead and dads were not expected to do much," she says. "Now, it's a rare day when I don't

have both parents in my office, and both of them have a great deal to say, and it's accurate. It used to be that it never made sense to listen to the father, because he didn't know what he was talking about."

A common problem is when parents try to compensate for their spouses — if mom is strict, dad is overly lenient to make up for it, for instance. Dr. Rothenberg says parents need to trust that each of them are trying to do what's best for the child.

"I find a lot of couples develop an increasing respect for the message behind the other parent's approach. Then they can let go and can support the other parent without undermining," she says.

Dr. Rothenberg has written three textbooks, but now her focus is on writing the next four follow-up books to "Mommy and Daddy Are Always Supposed to Say Yes ... Aren't They?" for Perfecting Parenting Press. The next one is called "Why Do I Have To?" and it teaches parents how to use respectful, age-appropriate direction with preschoolers.

Successful parenting practices have to be tailored to a child's developmental stage, and the child's

particular temperament, Dr. Rothenberg says. While defiant, tantrum-prone children might get the most attention, poor parenting can also cause problems on the opposite end of the spectrum — children who are shy and withdrawn outside the home, because they're so used to being the center of the universe with their parents.

Donna of Ladera says she needed help with her shy, introverted son Henry, who was about to start kindergarten.

"I'm much more of an extrovert," she says. "I really needed help learning how to parent him more effectively."

On the recommendation of her son's preschool, Donna and her husband met with Dr. Rothenberg, who then observed Henry at preschool and at home.

"My husband and I met with her again. She had incredible insights in observing him in those two situations. She gave us a bunch of books and a lot of guidance, which I found extremely valuable," Ms. Brooks says. "He's my first kid, so I'm learning as a parent." ■

"Mommy and Daddy Are Always Supposed to Say Yes ... Aren't They?" is the first in a planned series of five books for preschoolers and their parents by Dr. Annye Rothenberg of Emerald Hills. Its retail price is \$9.95. It's available at Kepler's in Menlo Park, Linden Tree in Los Altos and Storybook Lane in San Carlos. It's also available online at Amazon.com or through the publisher, at www.PerfectingParentingPress.com.



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Vikings move ahead in Pop Warner playoffs

Two squads of Menlo-Atherton Vikings Pop Warner competitors moved into the second round of Peninsula Conference football playoffs on Oct. 28, while three other Vikings teams are hanging up their uniforms for the 2007 season.

Here are the details of the Oct. 28 action:

Mitey Mites: Lavell Gates ran the opening kickoff back 65 yards for a Vikings touchdown, and Menlo-Atherton took the annual Mitey Mite Superbowl 12-6 over the Monterey Peninsula Jets at the Salinas Sports Complex. Gates scored again after Tre-Sean Bishop stripped the ball and recovered on the Jets' 4-yard line. The Vikings held Monterey to a single score in the second half. Quarterback William Ritchey, running back Michael Fekete, defensive end Jack Posthauer and lineman Kailen Kershner all had big games in M-A's season finale.

Junior Pee Wees: A heart-breaking 18-12 playoff defeat in triple overtime ended the Vikings' season, as TriCities pulled out a marathon win. David Teu ran 60 yards for the Viking score in regulation, and Isiah Nash scored the overtime touchdown for M-A. A fumble near the TriCities goal line doomed Vikings' overtime chances. Adam Greenlow, Tony Gabb and Matt Odell led the Vikings defense, while offensive linemen Odell, Amal Duriseti, Charlie Roth and Robert Wang

buffeted the TriCities defense.

Pee Wees: They required a quarter to hit their stride, but the Vikings offense caught fire to roll over the West Bay Rams 40-12 at Half Moon Bay High. Talaiasi Teu, Landon Baty (on a 12-yard pass from Khalil "Lil" James), and a James 40-yard interception return led to a 20-12 halftime advantage for the Vikings. James passed to Baty and Colton Wise-carver prior to a 4-yard touchdown gallop, and Campbell Roellig sprinted 48 yards to paydirt on a double reverse. James capped the scoring with a 27-yard run, and Teu added a pair of two-point conversion kicks as the Vikings moved deeper into the Peninsula Conference playoffs.

Junior Midgets: Down 21-0, the Vikings fought back with a second-half flurry before falling in Brentwood to Delta Bay by a 27-12 score. Keenan Gates took a 20-yard pass from Patrick Bruni and ran 40 yards for the M-A touchdowns. Markus Franklin sparked as a pass receiver, Dante Davenport and Sean Barrett contributed powerful two-way performances, and Eleno Figueroa ended the season with his best game in the offensive line.

Midgets: Wideout Edward Norton grabbed a touchdown pass from Josiah Paye and running back Joe Vea reeled in another as the Vikings rolled to a 16-6 playoff victory in Palo Alto over

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African Library Project: Books to sail soon

Portola Valley nonprofit stocks
new school libraries in Africa

By David Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The African Library Project, the Portola Valley nonprofit that collects books to populate the shelves of new school libraries in Africa, used to ship its precious cargo one library at a time in U.S. Postal Service mailbags. No more.

With the Postal Service's decision last spring to discontinue the mailbag option, the Library Project is taking a page from the playbook of other international shippers and sending the books in a standard maritime cargo container. That's 25 libraries at a time, says Library Project founder and Portola Valley resident Chris Bradshaw.

The first container is set to leave New Orleans for Botswana in December, including books collected with the assistance of Kepler's Books in Menlo Park.

A 25-library container to Lesotho is planned for February, Ms. Bradshaw says. "It's been a big transition for us," she tells the Almanac. By June, she says she hopes to have raised the total number of African Library Project libraries to 110 in Botswana and 60 in Lesotho.

The book contributions come from 20 U.S. states, she said. For the library in Botswana's Kebonyekgotla Primary School, Kepler's provided a book drop near the cash register in which

customers could place new or used children's books chosen from the Library Project's list.

When buying a book for the program at Kepler's, if a customer mentioned the African Library Project, Kepler's also contributed a percentage of the sale toward shipping costs.

Also helping with the Kebonyekgotla library were Xilinx Inc. and Technology Credit Union, both based in San Jose; PayCycle, based in Palo Alto and Schaumburg, Illinois; and the prominent New York City law firm Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw.

Now in its third year, the nonprofit Library Project is sponsored by the One World Children's Fund, based in Greenbrae. Tax-exempt 5013C status is a couple of months away, Ms. Bradshaw says.

Asked if the Library Project was now her full-time occupation, Ms. Bradshaw replies cheerfully, and with a hint of exhaustion: "It's my full-time volunteer occupation, very full time."

Anyone wanting to volunteer time — particularly with "interior infrastructure" matters such as board membership, public relations, fundraising and volunteer coordination — can contact Ms. Bradshaw at info@africanlibraryproject.org.

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Shelly Rich, left, Stephanie Lee, right, and fellow M-A seniors are guided by choreographer Jane Kellam, center, while rehearsing the dance finale to the high school's upcoming fashion show.

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M-A goes green for fashion show

Changes are ahead for Menlo-Atherton High School's annual fashion show on Saturday, Nov. 10, which will feature 220 seniors as models and benefit the school's PTA and activities for students.

The show will open in a new venue — the school's new gym — because the new performing arts center is under construction on the former site, the old J Building. There will be three performances:

a noon luncheon, at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

This year's event is going green with an emphasis on reducing the environmental impact of the show's production. At the noon performance, lunch will be served using compostable containers and utensils. Programs will be printed on recycled paper and will have fewer pages.

"Some of our underwriters agreed to have their names and logos projected on the walls rather than printed on paper, ultimately destined for landfills," said Nancy Sterling, co-chair of the fashion show. "These changes will significantly reduce our waste this year."

M-A's new principal, Matthew Zito, and a number of parents will join the seniors on the runway, modeling fashions from 22 area stores.

More than just a fashion show, this event is a celebration of M-A's diverse and multifaceted community, said Ms. Sterling.

The show's theme, "My World," is inspired by Web sites such as My Space and Face Book. Each segment of the show will highlight different aspects of student life and music.

Stores including Mercer, North Face, Skateworks, Selix, Calla and Tommy Bahama will be represented on the runway.

The largest fundraiser for the school's PTA, the show requires scores of volunteers to produce. The effort is led this year by parent volunteers Kathy Dunn, Becky Galvez and Nancy Sterling. Kim Selby is the choreographer for the models, and Jane Kellam and Maryanne Fernandez are the dance choreographers.

New Menlo Park restaurant Jeffrey's Hamburgers is donating entrees of grilled chicken salad with organic lettuces for the luncheon. Baked goods may be purchased at each show and DVDs of the performance may be ordered.

Tickets are: \$50 each for the noon lunch and show, \$500 for a table for 10; \$15 for adults and \$10 for stu-

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County supervisors commit to climate stabilization goals

■ Target has emissions dropping steadily after 2010.

By David Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

No one can now accuse San Mateo County of being uncool.

The five supervisors have unanimously agreed to join the U.S. Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration, a group of 21 counties (so far) sponsored by the Sierra Club and committed to addressing global warming.

The Oct. 16 declaration commits San Mateo County to the state's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050. To reach that goal, the supervisors agreed to an aggressive target of capping emissions in 2010 and reducing them by 10 percent every five years thereafter.

The declaration, said Supervisor Rich Gordon in a memo, includes requirements that the county either is already doing or planning to do, including measuring current emissions in order to track them going forward, assessing the impact of emission cuts, joining regional actions, and advocating on the issue to the federal government.

"This pledge by our board demonstrates San Mateo County's commitment to our environment

and our future," Mr. Gordon said. "We will work closely with our cities, other counties, the state and federal governments and businesses to combat one of the most pressing issues of our time. ... Local governments and individuals are leading the nation's efforts to combat global warming."

County government-spon-

sored actions already under way include the careful dismantling of the old juvenile hall so as to harvest "as much material as possible," and the replacement of older vehicles with hybrid and low-emission cars and trucks, Mr. Gordon said.

Leading the staff effort will be RecycleWorks, the county's program for promoting sustain-

ability at home, at work, at school and in the garden, according to the Web site at recycleworks.org.

The site includes descriptions of several existing public, residential and commercial "green buildings" in the county, including a temperature-stabilized classroom made from straw bales, the Gap Corp. headquarters in San Bruno, and the new crime lab.

The sustainability built into the new Portola Valley Town Hall, library and community hall, scheduled for completion in late 2008, may bring the town the

highest ranking award for green construction.

"We can protect our environment and continue to grow our economy through energy efficiency and technological innovation," said Supervisor Jerry Hill. "Our county is a leader in developing green solutions."

Mr. Gordon and Mr. Hill serve on the board's Environmental Quality Committee. Mr. Hill also sits on the California Air Resources Board, the agency charged with fleshing out the state's recent greenhouse gas reduction legislation. ■

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For more information, call Nancy Sterling at 321-3121.

■ INFORMATION

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The six churches of Portola Valley and Woodside are forming Solo

Living to provide support for widows and widowers, to explore what it means to live as a single person again, and to learn how to move on after the death of a spouse, says Mary Fleishman, pastor associate at Christ Church.

Topics that would be addressed include the emotions and experiences of grief, social transitions and adjustments, and practical and financial problems

that arise from living alone.

The participating churches are Christ Church, Ladera Community Church, Our Lady of the Wayside, Valley Presbyterian, Woodside Priory, and Woodside Village Church.

The idea for Solo Living came up in the series of monthly meetings the six churches have held, says Ms. Fleishman. Although of different denominations, the churches have much in common because of their remote location and the similar lifestyles of their members, she says. Probably their best known ecumenical

effort is the Thanksgiving service held each November.

The first information session on Solo Living was held Oct. 9 at Christ Church, with Barbara Varenhorst from Valley Presbyterian Church as facilitator, assisted by Barbara Tagg from Woodside Village Church. Solo Living organizers intend to form support groups of eight to 10 members each. Small group size

makes it easier to speak out, says Ms. Fleishman.

Those interested in learning more about Living Solo are invited to contact any of the sponsoring churches: Christ Church, 851-0224; Ladera Community Church, 854-5481; Our Lady of the Wayside, 851-5085; Valley Presbyterian, 851-8282; Woodside Priory, 851-6161; and Woodside Village Church, 851-1587.

Local artists create a new gallery in Redwood City

Local artists now have a new place to showcase their work, Art on Broadway in Redwood City, and they've organized their first exhibit, which will run through November.

Six artists — including Jeanne Schapp of Woodside — who rent studios at the Redwood City Art Center at 2625 Broadway have turned a large space into a gallery that is open to the public.

The first scheduled group art show features their work plus that of six guest artists, including Woodside photographer Jim Milton.

The grand opening artists' reception will be held Friday, Nov. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The initial exhibit will cover a range of media from oils and pastels to jewelry and sculpture, and can

be seen Tuesdays through Fridays, noon to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays by appointment.

Ms. Schapp is one of the founding gallery partners. She has rented a studio at the Redwood City Art Center for three years, and says she likes being able to work alongside other artists, yet focus on her own oils, mixed media and collages.

From July through October of this year, Redwood City sponsored Art Walk on Friday nights, and the art center stayed open for those events. Ms. Schapp says she hopes Art on Broadway will attract the same kind of foot traffic that event did, and continue to give different artists a chance to display their work.

For more information, go to www.redwoodcityartcenter.org.

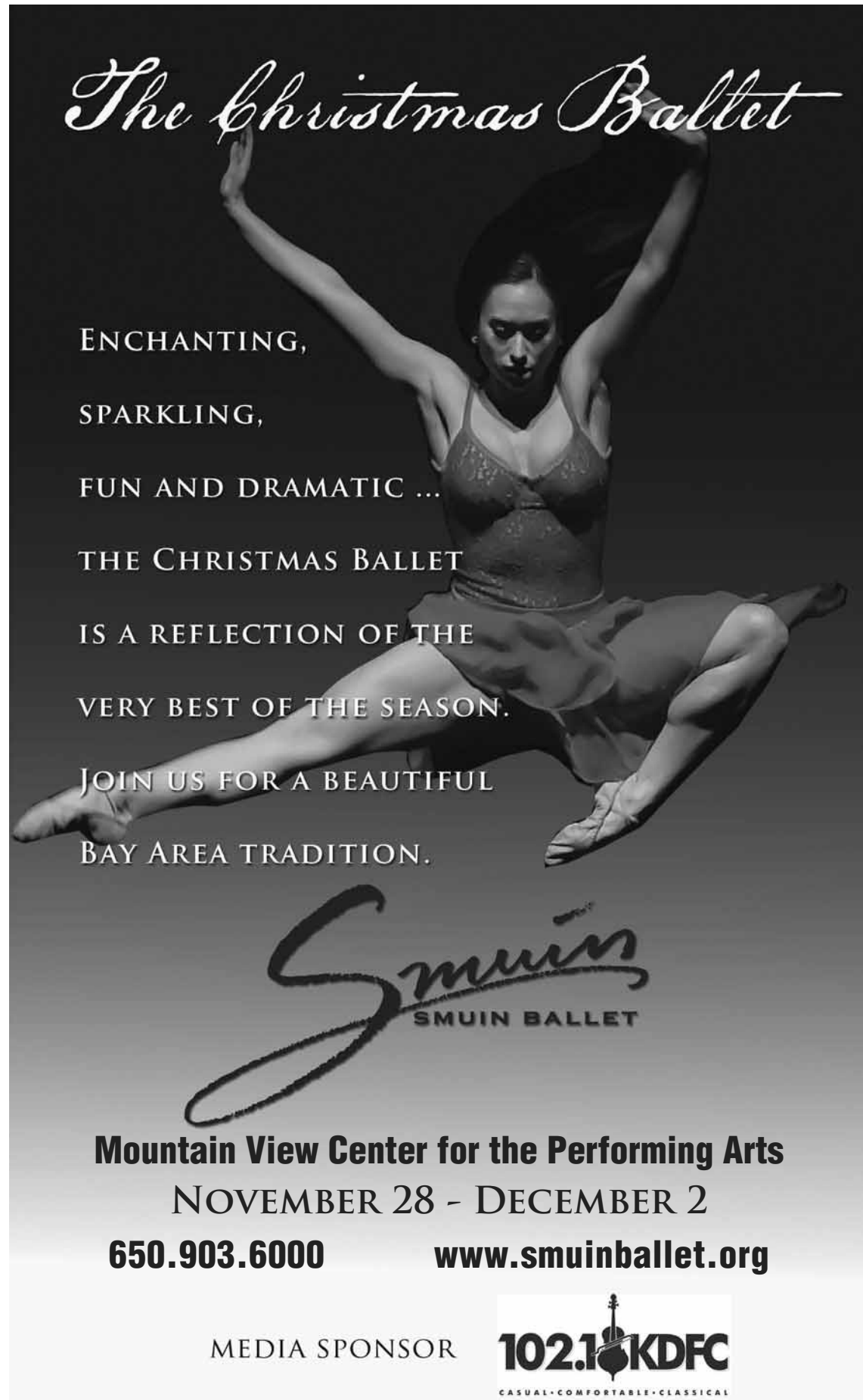
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the West Bay Rams of San Bruno. David Mapa kicked two-point conversions after each touchdown to provide M-A a comfortable margin. The Vikings applied

constant defensive pressure to frustrate the Rams' attack and propel the locals into the second round of Peninsula Conference playoff competition.

—Report by Jim Gallagher, Vikings Boosters



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Susan Ayers Walker of Atherton will discuss and demonstrate simple and easy changes needed to make living in your own home safer and easier as you get older in a program on "Aging in Place Using Low Cost Technology," set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Menlo Park Library. Ms. Ayers Walker is co-founder

and managing director of the SmartSilvers Alliance, a non-profit company that "fosters technology for active aging." She matches high-tech companies with venture capitalists for product research and development.

She also helps educate consumers about what's available for them or their aging family members. Those things include prescription bottles with a speaker and voice box that tells the user what's inside and when to take the medication; "bionic" gloves to help people with arthritic hands continue to do things such as gardening and everyday tasks; home health monitoring systems; and programs to improve mental agility.

The library is at 800 Alma St. Free van service to attend the program is available for Menlo Park seniors and people with disabilities. For more information or to schedule transportation, call 330-2512.

Holiday boutique at Little House

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Little House is located at 800 Middle Ave. in Menlo Park. For more information, call Kersti Lannus at 326-2025, ext. 231.

Women in politics

Menlo College will hold a "Women and Politics" discussion at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Russell Center, located on the school's campus, 1000 El Camino Real in Atherton.

The speakers include San Francisco Chronicle political reporter Carla Marinucci, South San Francisco City Council member Karyl Matsumoto and San Mateo County Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson. Dr. Marla Lowenthal, professor of mass communications at Menlo College, will be moderator for the panel.

The free event is open to the public. For more information, call Robert Miller, Menlo College communications director, at 543-3740, or go to menlo.edu.



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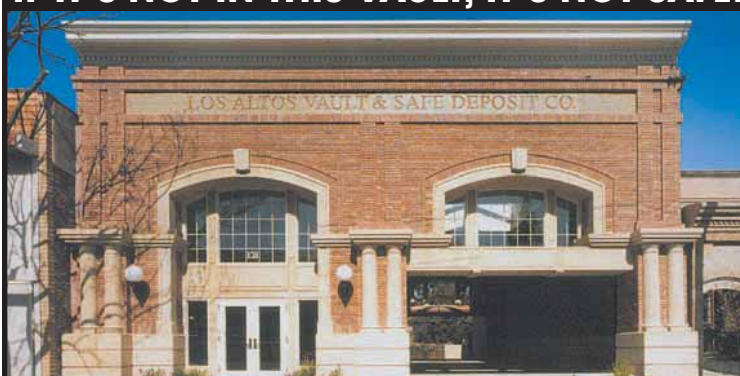
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Book of rare etchings auctioned Nov. 3 at Woodside book sale

Woodside Library is auctioning off a rare collection of old American etchings, estimated to be worth hundreds of dollars.

Friends of the Woodside Library member Susan Flint says an anonymous patron donated the large format book from 1884, and she had it appraised by Bonhams & Butterfields.

The etchings depict landscapes, people and animals. One notable work is by artist Joseph Pennell.

The book will sell at a silent auction during the Friends' semi-annual book sale on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ms. Flint says an even more valuable, two-volume collection will be auctioned off as well. "The Triumphs of Modern Art: Containing the Most Notable Paintings of Today, Selected from the Modern Masterpieces of the Whole World of Art," by Henri Sylvestre is more than 100 years old.

Other books on sale include classic children's books from the 1920s, several sets of Harvard Classics, local history books,



From a book of etchings to be auctioned off in Woodside.

and the usual boxes filled with best sellers, mysteries, cookbooks, how-to, travel, foreign language, and reference books.

Most hardbacks, DVDs, CDs, videos, and audiotapes will be priced at \$1, with paperbacks going for 25 cents.

All proceeds go to support

the Friends' programs, which feature performers and speakers for all ages, and to fund new book acquisitions.

Ms. Flint says the book sales usually bring in at least \$2,000 twice a year.

The library is located at 3140 Woodside Road in Woodside.



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITION OF CHAPTER 18.59 [CREEK SETBACKS] TO TITLE 18 [ZONING] OF THE PORTOLA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE

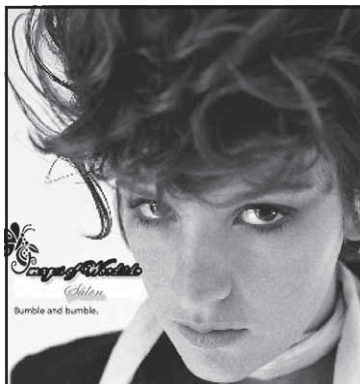
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on proposed addition of Chapter 18.59 [Creek Setbacks] to Title 18 [Zoning] of the Portola Valley Municipal Code on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 8:00 p.m., Council Chambers (Historic Schoolhouse), 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California. The zoning ordinance addition is in accordance with the General Plan and the recommendations of the Town Creekside Corridor Committee study. It is the Town's desire to adopt an ordinance that protects creek banks and preserves the environmental quality of the Town's creeks, while taking into account the interests of creekside property owners.

The following creeks are subject to the proposed creek setback provisions proposed in the ordinance: Los Trancos Creek, Corte Madera Creek and Sausal Creek.

The Town Council will consider all evidence, written and oral communications pertaining to the proposed amendment. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Town Council to be heard at the time and place herein above mentioned. Copies of the proposed ordinance addition are available for review at Portola Valley Town Hall, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California.

Portola Valley Town Hall is open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Dated: October 23, 2007
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Nicolette Weicker

Athlete and community volunteer

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco for Nicolette Bouwer Weicker. Ms. Weicker died of brain cancer Oct. 3 at her home in Napa. She was 64.

A talented athlete, Ms. Weicker and her husband, Theodore, lived in Portola Valley for 19 years. She was an active fundraiser for Menlo School and Peninsula Oral School for the Deaf in Redwood City, a volunteer and flower arranger at Filoli, and a long-distance runner competing in many marathons.



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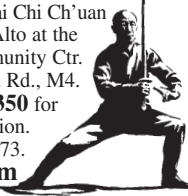
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OBITUARIES

Ms. Weicker was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. While in high school, she was elected class captain for three years and prefect of her house in her final years. She was captain of the swim team, as well as an accomplished ballerina. After high school, she came to the United States as an exchange student through American Field Service. She worked briefly for South African Airways.

In 1963 she met Theodore Weicker III while he was working in South Africa for IBM World Trade. They were married in Johannesburg in 1965.

While living in Portola Valley, Ms. Weicker was active in many volunteer organizations. She was also a talented floral designer, arranging the flowers for friends' weddings and taking part in the "Bouquets to Art" displays at the Legion of Honor in San Francisco.

As a runner, Ms. Weicker completed nine marathons and four "ultra marathons" that took her around the world, from the Boston Marathon to Greece and South Africa, where she competed in the Comrades, the oldest "ultra marathon" in the world. (An ultra-marathon is any footrace that is longer than the traditional 26-mile marathon.) She received much media attention on her participation in the 54-plus-mile race, according to family members.

After moving from Portola Valley, the Weickers lived in South Africa for five years before moving to Napa. In the past 10 years they traveled to 25 countries. Their destinations included the Otter Trail in South Africa, the Milford Track in New Zealand, Mt. Whitney in California and Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Ms. Weicker is survived by her husband of 42 years, Theodore of Napa; children Nicola Maree Weicker White of Woodside, Theodore Weicker IV of Copenhagen, Denmark, and Craig Ian Weicker of Eugene, Oregon; sisters Letitia Hughes and Marlene Strachan; brother Nicolaas Andre Bouwer; and three grandchildren.

Following the memorial service, a celebration of Ms. Weicker's life will be held in the Crown Room of the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

Donations may be made to the Bruce Kaye Brain Tumor Foundation, PO Box 462, Roseville, CA 95661; brucekayefoundation.org.

Dr. Robert Cathcart III

Pioneer in high-dose vitamin C therapy

Dr. Robert F. Cathcart, an

orthopedic surgeon who later specialized in allergy, environmental and orthomolecular medicine, died Oct. 17 at Stanford Medical Center. The Portola Valley resident was 75.

"Orthomolecular" was a term coined by Nobel laureate Linus Pauling for nutrition and preventative medicine. In the early 1970s, looking for a treatment for his chronic hay fever and stuffy nose, Dr. Cathcart discovered the merits of vitamin C after reading Mr. Pauling's "Vitamin C and the Common Cold." He was fascinated with the idea that with the onset of a viral illness, the body can process increased amounts of vitamin C without causing unpleasant side effects. His research led him to coin the phrase "bowel tolerance theory of vitamin C," a concept that the more potent the viral disease, the higher the dosage of vitamin C that can be used for treatment. He wrote many medical papers describing treatment with vitamin C.

Dr. Cathcart was also well-known for designing a prosthesis to replace the top of the femur bone, located in the upper leg. The "Cathcart Prosthesis" has been implanted in over 100,000 hips.

Dr. Cathcart was born in San Antonio, Texas, and moved to Hillsborough as a child. After graduating from Stanford University, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1955 and was stationed in Germany. He received his medical degree from the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco in 1961.

He did his surgical internship and residence at Stanford Hospital and was an instructor of orthopedic surgery at Stanford from 1966 to 1967.

From 1970 to 1979 he was the only doctor in Incline Village on Lake Tahoe's north shore. In 1980 he relocated to San Mateo, and in 1985 moved his practice to Los Altos.

In 2002 Dr. Cathcart was awarded the Linus Pauling Award by the Society for Orthomolecular Health-Medicine, one of many professional honors he received during his lifetime, say family members. He was a long-time member of the Stanford Alumni Association and the Los Altos Rotary Club. He retired earlier this year.

He is survived by his partner of 27 years, Alice Schenk; children Lisa Cathcart, Holly Cathcart, and Rob Cathcart; stepchildren Suzanne Schenk and Debra Schenk; and brother Allen Cathcart.

Private burial was held at Alta Mesa Cemetery in Los Altos, and a celebration of his life is planned for next month. Anyone wishing to be notified can send an e-mail to alice@sdocc.

com. Contributions in his name can be made to Pets in Need in Redwood City.

Perry McGilvray

Former Castilleja School alumnae secretary

Perry Bradford McGilvray, who served as alumnae secretary at Castilleja School in Palo Alto for nearly 20 years, died Oct. 17. Ms. McGilvray, a resident of The Sequoias since 1993, was 90.

Ms. McGilvray was born in San Francisco. She spent her

first two years of high school at Castilleja, commuting by train from the family home in San Mateo. When the family moved to Westwood, she attended Beverly Hills High School, where she met her future husband, Scott McGilvray. She attended UCLA for two years, then transferred to Stanford University. The McGilvrays were married in Carmel in 1941.

The family lived in Santa Monica, and in 1962 moved to Geneva, Switzerland, for two years. Mr. McGilvray died in 1971 and the next year Ms.

McGilvray moved to Menlo Park to be closer to her two children.

For nearly 20 years, Ms. McGilvray worked as alumnae secretary at her alma mater, Castilleja. The school was her second family and her friendships with students and staff meant the world to her, say family members. She was an early volunteer at Gamble Garden and was active in the Palo Alto Garden club.

Ms. McGilvray shared many travel adventures, including a trip to Brazil, with her brother, Clark Bradford of Modesto, and his wife, Marian. Other travels

included Japan, England and Paris on Stanford University sponsored trips. She was a tutor for Project Read and said she learned as much from her students as they did from her, say family members.

She is survived by her two children, Scott McGilvray of Santa Cruz and Anne Kasten of Woodside; two grandsons; and two great-granddaughters.

Private services are being planned. Donations in Ms. McGilvray's honor may be made to Castilleja or Elizabeth Gamble Gardens in Palo Alto.

BIRTHS

Emerald Hills

■ Anuradha and Puliln Sanghvi, a daughter, Oct. 7, at Sequoia Hospital.

Menlo Park

■ Nancy and Scott Evars, a daughter, October 15, at Sequoia Hospital.

Portola Valley

■ Jordana and Benjamin Weiss, a daughter, Oct. 8, at Sequoia Hospital.

Woodside

■ Kathleen Shea and Joseph Lopez, a son, Oct. 11, at Sequoia Hospital.

POLICE CALLS

This information is from the Atherton and Menlo Park police departments and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

ATHERTON

Burglary reports:

■ Camera bag stolen, Holbrook-Palmer Park on Watkins Ave., Oct. 14.

■ Jewelry stolen during open house, first block of Mulberry Lane, Oct. 15.

■ Vehicle burglarized, first block of Ashfield Road, Oct. 23.

■ Navigation system stolen from vehicle, first block of Maple Ave., Oct. 24.

Grand theft reports:

■ Money stolen from residence, first block of Nora Way, Oct. 15.

■ Computer worth \$5,000 ordered using bogus account information, Menlo College at 1000 El Camino Real, Oct. 17.

Fraud reports:

■ Charges of \$800 in resident's name via false cell phone account, Menlo College at 1000 El Camino Real, Oct. 22.

■ Computer bought online under false pretenses, first block of Rebecca Lane, Oct. 25.

MENLO PARK

Burglary reports:

■ Stereo and coin purse stolen from vehicle, 200 block of Santa Margarita Ave., Oct. 14.

■ Ham radio and global position system stolen from vehicle, 400 block of Claire Place, Oct. 14.

■ Stereo equipment stolen after forced entry into vehicle, 1000 block of El Camino Real, Oct. 18.

■ TV, jewelry and computers stolen from residence, 100 block of Hedge Road, Oct. 25.

■ **Indecent exposure report:** Man in dark green two-door car, 800 Willow Road, Oct. 13.

Assault with deadly weapon report:

Teen suspects used knives in attempt to harm another teen walking in area, 400 block of O'Connor St., Oct. 18.

Grand theft report:

Construction tools stolen, 500 block of E Camino Real, Oct. 15.

Child referral service report:

400 block of Ivy Ave., Oct. 18.

Fraud reports:

■ Forged checks, 1200 block of Willow Road and 1500 block of El Camino Real and 1200 block of University Drive and 700 block of Santa Cruz Ave. and 700 block of Harvard Ave., Oct. 18 - 23.

■ Identity theft, 2100 block of Santa Cruz Ave. and at police station, Oct. 22 and 23.

■ Cell phone account opened under false pretenses, 1900 block of Euclid Ave., Oct. 19.

■ Unauthorized use of ATM card, 1000 block of El Camino Real, Oct. 22.

WOODSIDE

■ **Burglary report:** Cell phone and car stereo stolen while victim was at work, Skywood Trading Post in 17000 block of Skyline Boulevard, Oct. 10.

■ **Stolen vehicle report:** Off-road motorcycle stolen from driveway, 100 block of Romero Road, Oct. 13.

LADERA

Vandalism reports:

■ Vehicle windows smashed, 200 block of Gabarda Way and 100 block of Lerida Court, Oct. 13.

PERRY BRADFORD MCGILVRAY

Perry Bradford McGilvray died Wednesday October 17 in Portola Valley, one month after turning 90. Her last days were quiet and she was peaceful at the end. The staff at the Sequoias gave her gentle loving care, for which her family is grateful.

She was born in San Francisco in 1917, attended the Hillsborough Grammar School in Hillsborough, and spent her first two years of high school at Castilleja in Palo Alto, commuting by train from the family home in San Mateo. In her 16th year her family moved to Westwood California, and she met the love of her life, Scott McGilvray, in a puppetry class at Beverly Hills High School. She attended UCLA for two years and then transferred to Stanford University. Scott returned to Stanford a year later and their courtship resumed, punctuated by gifts of violets. They married in Carmel in 1941 and moved to the Los Angeles area, ultimately buying an old home with a large garden in Santa Monica. In 1962 they moved to Geneva Switzerland for two years where they lived in a stone house in a garden with an enormous Cedar of Lebanon and wasps that would fly in from under the eaves in the summer. They returned to Santa Monica in 1964. Scott died in 1971 and a year later she moved to northern California to be closer to her two children.

Perry had a marvelous second life when she returned to Menlo Park. She worked as alumnae secretary at Castilleja for nearly 20 years, where her office became a haven of support and encouragement for countless students and staff members. Castilleja was her second family and her friendships with students and staff meant the world to her. She was one of the earliest

volunteers at the Gamble Garden and loved seeing it brought back to life. She bought a house in Menlo Park with a Thomas Church garden, which she reinvigorated with the guidance of her son, and was active in the Palo Alto Garden club- earning her membership with a paper she wrote on her garden.

She was very close to her brother, Clark Bradford of Modesto and his wife Marian, and the three shared many travel adventures, including a trip to Brazil. She had a great curiosity and thirst for knowledge, which she fed through her friendships from college days and other travels with Stanford to Japan, England and Paris. She was always up for an adventure, and had a wide range of friends who shared her interests in books, French, art, and music. She was a tutor for Project Read and said she learned as much from her students as they did from her. She moved to the Sequoias in 1993 and loved her years there. Her health started to decline in 1998.

She is survived by her two children, son Scott and his wife Leslie McGilvray of Santa Cruz, and daughter Anne and her husband Fritz Kasten of Woodside; her two grandsons, Daniel and his wife Alison McGilvray of Los Angeles and Christopher McGilvray of Santa Cruz; and her two great granddaughters, Holly and Chloe McGilvray of Los Angeles. All the family had shared Perry's 90th birthday with her over this recent Labor Day weekend.

Private services are being planned. Donations in her honor to Castilleja or the Gamble Garden in Palo Alto.

PAID OBITUARY

CHARLES LELAND BURRILL, MD

1/11/18-10/20/07



Dr. Leland "Bus-Doc" Charles Burrill was born in Fairfield, Maine. 'Bus' was the only child of Lila Fogg and Charles Burrill - his 1/2 sister was Christine Burrill-Dunlap. He graduated from Lawrence High School '35, Colby College '39 and Tuft's Medical School. He was proceeded in

death by his wife and high school sweetheart, Martha Theresa Grant. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary prior to her passing in 2004. Leland was licensed as a General Practitioner and Surgeon, on staff at Sequoia and Stanford Hospitals. The U.S. Public Health Service assigned his family to the SF Bay Area. He settled in Menlo Park, where he practiced for over 40 years.

Leland and Martha had twin sons Richard and Robert, and two daughters Michelle and Susan. Doc loved his wife, his children, his grandchildren and ALL sports!

The family sends their everlasting appreciation to caregivers Aileen, Ali, Henrietta, Lila, Ingrid, Mary, and Ron. The family thanks all of his many friends for their love and their shared appreciation for this wonderful man. We Love You Dad! - Richard Burrill, Janice Newton, Robert Burrill, Lynne Rogers, Michelle Burrill, Frank Harbin,

Sue Brodbeck, Calvin Brodbeck, Leland Charles Burrill II, Guy Barbaro, Allison Brodbeck-Landaverde, Andrew Brodbeck, Angel Landaverde. A celebration of Leland's life will be held at Spanglers Mortuary, Menlo Park on Thursday November 1 at 4 PM.

Friends are welcome to send donations c/o Lee 'Doc' Burrill to the Lawrence High School, c/o Athletic Director, 9th School St., Fairfield, ME 04937. or your choice of charity. Arrangements under the direction of the Menlo Park Chapel of Spangler Mortuaries, 650 Live Oak Ave. Menlo Park.

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City should drop theater bid

The Menlo Park City Council's well-intentioned but misguided effort to purchase the Park Theatre has now become a very political hot potato, hot enough to provoke talk of a recall drive for Mayor Kelly Fergusson and the two council members who support her effort to purchase the property, Heyward Robinson and Richard Cline.

It is far too early to tell if the recall attempt will stick, but it clearly adds to the recent negative spin that has targeted the mayor and her colleagues on the theater issue. Most opponents question why the city should purchase the theater, which was built in the 1940s, and then lease it to a private party for up to 55 years.

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The opinion of The Almanac

The mayor sees a far different perspective, based on the offer under study now: For a relatively

low \$2.2 million outlay, she says the city could enter into an agreement with Andy Duncan to restore the theater for a dance studio, which could revert back to the city in 55 years, or much sooner, if the city were to exercise an opt-out clause that would come up every 10 years. Mr. Duncan would contribute \$800,000 up front to cover rent for the first 25 years, and has promised to spend up to \$2 million to restore the building and qualify it for the National Registry of Historical Landmarks.

In the end, Mayor Fergusson says, the city will wind up with a restored theater at a key location downtown. And while the dance

studio is not a public use, she notes that it is an arts venue.

To add complexity to the issue, local real estate broker Tom Hilligoss came forward several weeks ago, saying he was interested in purchasing the theater on his own, without city help, restore it and immediately begin operating it as a public arts venue, perhaps showing movies and promoting live entertainment. But after a brief discussion with Mr. Hilligoss, theater owner Howard Crittenden told the city he prefers to proceed with Mr. Duncan's offer, which is where the matter now stands.

At an upcoming meeting, the City Council could hear a report on the status of the city's proposal to purchase the theater and lease it to Mr. Duncan. This is a deal the council should unanimously turn down, while they entertain other offers, either from Mr. Hilligoss or other interested parties.

The proposal from Andy Duncan is hardly the win-win for the city that Mayor Fergusson describes. For starters, Mr. Duncan would control the building for up to 55 years for his private business, although the city could buy out his interest sooner, after 10 or 20 years. Unless changes are made in the deal, the city could be shut out of the building for the entire 55-year-term of the lease. The city can do much better by soliciting and assessing other offers.

The city's goal in these discussions should be to see the Park Theatre survive as a venue for films and live performance, not to own it. If those criteria are met, and the building is reasonably restored by a private party, the city will have accomplished its mission.

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Theater deal a solution or questionable action?

Editor:

While I greatly appreciate any effort by the city to take one of the run down buildings along El Camino and bring it back to a viable business, it is important to ask if the city is now funding private endeavors without having established any guidelines for doing so?

This "investment" is wrong for all the right reasons, including budget process, El Camino corridor visioning, and the aforementioned use of public funds for private enterprise issues. And the list goes on: There is questionable public benefit; the city recently gave Menlo Atherton High School more than \$2 million for a theater; another offer (from Tom Hilligoss) is in the wings; and there is a desperate need to fund improvements in city infrastructure, including the Burgess Recreation Center.

City leaders need to make sound decisions on behalf of all their citizens. One way to do it is to create an approval process and funding guidelines. The criteria should include budgeting, project viability, due diligence, clear public benefit, projected sales tax revenues, implementation time-lines, synergy with the city's goals, and so on.

Other questions need to be answered as well. Is this "investment" giving the city the most bang for the buck? I'm not sure — what are the projected sales tax revenues to be gained? Are there more pressing issues, such as green initia-



Jac Audiffred's Woodside Collection

Our Regional Heritage

A small Standard Oil gasoline station occupied the triangle-shaped lot near Roberts grocery store in 1953, along Highway 84.

tives, that need to be addressed first? Does this fall in line with a yet-to-be-established vision for the El Camino corridor?

I love to see innovative solutions. I'm just not sure that until all questions are answered we need to ad-hoc fund private projects with public funds. Perhaps funds can be set aside by the city to promote new and innovative solutions to the El Camino corridor by way of low-cost loans to business owners to create sales tax revenue and revitalization.

Elizabeth Houck
Middle Avenue, Menlo Park

Don't miss opportunity to restore, save the Park theater

Editor:

Menlo Park has the first reasonable opportu-

nity to save the Park Theater.

This opportunity must not be taken lightly nor fall victim to the town's highly charged internecine politics that may use the theater as a political football in the lead-up to the next council elections.

I firmly believe that the vast majority of Menlo Park residents continue to support the preservation of the theater and do not want its elected officials to squander any reasonable plan to save it. If elected officials cannot agree to save their most endangered historic building (two expert evaluations find it to be a "significant historic resource" that likely qualifies for the national and state historic registers), how will they agree on anything?

For the first time in five years there is a con-

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Should the city buy the Park Theatre?

Mayor sees it as a good deal for the city

By Kelly Fergusson

Menlo Park can turn blight into a magnificent community public theater at little, if any, cost to taxpayers. The challenge is that state law renders just about any Park Theater redevelopment proposal financially infeasible. Today, it's a vacant, rotting, boarded-up eyesore. No traditional developer is interested because nothing "pencils out."

Under this law — the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) — historic buildings cannot be torn down unless strict "findings" are made. Otherwise cities and developers face lawsuits.

Experts specializing in CEQA and historic buildings researched the Park Theater. It unequivocally meets historic criteria. No standard commercial use, it seems, can generate the rent needed to finance the specialized and expensive restoration dictated by CEQA.

One and a half years ago, I asked for ideas for restoring the Park, and for future public use. A tremendous positive outpouring resulted, but alas, no financially feasible proposals. I met and spoke with numerous developers to try to spark interest, but left only with a deeper understanding of the property's financial quandary.

Andy Duncan's proposed public-private partnership solves this dilemma, and ultimately gives Menlo Park a marvelous public theater, with Art-Deco neon sign and intricately painted vaulted ceiling, for film, music, drama, dance — but it requires shifting a modest amount of taxpayer dollars now invested in treasury bonds into land instead.

Here's how it might work: The city buys the property from Duncan at a fair price, gaining control of real estate key to El Camino Real revitalization. It temporarily

leases the building back to Duncan. Rent to be generated by dance classes enables Duncan to obtain bank financing to restore the theater — private funds restoring a public facility.

Starting in year 10 (or even earlier), the city would have a graduated series of lease buy-out options to transition the theater to public use. (Accelerated buy-out could occur via charitable contributions; a new operations lease; or El Camino Real redevelopment generating public benefit monies.)

The proposal works financially **only** because of the unique fit of the dance "use" with the theater building, and the ability of that "use" to generate rent.

The city's investment could be as little as \$1 million "net present value." There's little or no cost to taxpayers because land is a safe investment that worst-case could be sold. The \$1 million is just 3 percent of city reserves, **not** operations money needed for police and library services.

I supported the city's investment of \$2.6 million for the Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Theater that Menlo Park will use 55 days per year. I support Measure T bond funds renovating Burgess Recreation Center. These projects benefit the cultural, recreational, and economic health of our community, now and in the future.

This proposed public-private partnership is fiscally sound, practical, and benefits the community. Let's act now to restore the Park Theater.

Kelly Fergusson is mayor of Menlo Park.



Kelly Fergusson

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Menlo Park Mayor Kelly Fergusson and City Councilman John Boyle offer conflicting points of view on the Park Theater.

John Boyle: Buyout not a good use of tax dollars

By John Boyle

I would love to see the old Park Theater marquee lit up again. I really would. I just don't think our tax dollars should pay for it.

Tax dollars should not pay for a private building. The proposal calls for the city to buy the theater for \$2.2 million then grant a 55-year lease to a private business. The theater would be converted into a private dance studio. Only paying customers would have use of the building. Proponents argue that it can be converted back some day, but they provide no detail on costs or plans.

Tax dollars should not subsidize a private business. We should seek out better proposals. The proposed deal doesn't pay the city enough rent, especially considering the inherent business risk. In addition to the upfront expense, we'll be landlords for a 60-year-old building with all the obligations that go with such ownership. The loss of investment income to our general fund is conservatively estimated at over \$70,000 a year. Add to that the opportunity cost of lost property and sales tax revenues that could come from alternative development of this property.

Most importantly, it's not clear that the theater couldn't be preserved without using city funds. There is at least one other party who continues to be interested in exploring ways to preserve the Park Theater without city funding. If we are going to spend city resources on this, shouldn't we more formally put it out to bid via an RFP (request for proposals) or similar process?



John Boyle

No free lunch. Higher priorities. Note that none of these expenditures is in our current budget. We will have to tap into our reserves. By doing so, we'll reduce our safety net, and the lost annual investment revenue will put pressure on us to reduce other city expenditures and/or to raise taxes. If we're going to spend down our reserves like this, I believe there are many higher priorities including: police force expansion, road improvements, sports fields, and our own public dance hall and other facilities at the Burgess Gymnasium and Recreation Center.

Bad precedent. Preservation of historic buildings is a noble cause, but it's a slippery slope when using city funds. Menlo Park has many buildings much older and more significant than the 60-year-old Park Theater, which is young by historical standards. The Park Theater is **not** on any official historic listing, nor is it assured that it ever will be. Our own Menlo Park Historical Association says that the Park should **not** be considered a historical building. A city can encourage preservation

through variances and exemptions, but we should draw the line at using city funds, especially for a private building like this.

There's still time. The city hasn't formally signed a contract. At this point, we've only agreed to pursue negotiations. Let's insist on a deal that eliminates the need for city funding or, at a minimum, opens up the bidding to ensure we get an appropriate public use and return on our tax dollars.

John Boyle is a member of the Menlo Park City Council.

Ohtaki a good choice for Menlo fire board

Editor:

Thank you for portraying Peter Ohtaki in a positive light in last week's editorial. He is an exceptional candidate for Menlo Park Fire Protection District board, and his vision for expanding our disaster preparation and relief capabilities is compelling, especially when we are witnessing the horror of fire storms that are

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obliterating many communities in Southern California.

Presently in his role as disaster relief director for an important non-profit, Peter is bringing together resources from the California Office of Emergency Services and the private sector to address the tough challenges

Now that someone has stepped forward there is a call for more "shopping around." Good luck with that. Recently one other developer expressed interest that ended in a mere two weeks. If the council does not follow through on vetting the current proposal for economic soundness and security, the bird-in-hand is likely to take flight, the city may end up with nothing, and the theater may be

being faced by the brave communities in Southern California.

Should we be fortunate enough to have Peter join our own fire protection district, we can expect to see this same level of commitment translate into future-proofing our community from natural disasters and guaranteeing that we have the resources to meet our ongoing needs in this area for decades to come.

Peter's ability to combine strategic level thinking with hands-

lost to public use forever.

Alternatively, if Menlo Park acts soon, it may own a beautiful 700-seat downtown community theater without paying for the \$2 million restoration that would set the tone and character for any new vision for El Camino Real to the enormous benefit of residents and businesses alike.

*Winter Dellenbach
Palo Alto*

on experience is what sets him apart, and he certainly has my vote. I hope he has yours as well.

*Michael Schwab
Valparaiso Avenue, Menlo Park*

Her vote is going to Judy Mendelsohn

Editor:

I am surprised and disappointed that the Almanac did not endorse Judy Mendelsohn for the Portola Valley School District board. I am voting for Judy for the following reasons:

■ Judy is the only candidate to participate in the recent development of the high level strategic plan for the district.

■ She is the only candidate to sit on either of the two school site councils, the parent/teacher team tasked with developing, monitoring, and evaluating the single plan for student achievement. Judy was a member for six years, including

two as the council chair.

■ Judy is the only candidate to both embrace new teaching methodologies like investigative learning, and who understands how to effectively integrate them into the classroom. She is the only candidate with a masters degree in education and experience teaching.

■ Judy is the only candidate dedicated enough to have thousands of hours in volunteer time at the schools.

■ She is the only candidate to care enough about each and every student to help start a before school breakfast program for children of all socioeconomic backgrounds who arrive at school hungry.

The Almanac missed the boat in its endorsements. I sincerely hope voters recognize her many talents and dedication and vote for Judy Mendelsohn.

*Beth Rabuczewski
Alpine Road, Portola Valley*

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crete proposal by a private party to lease and fully restore the interior and exterior of the theater that gives the city the option within a few years to own and use it as its downtown community theater. Over the years, much effort was expended in attempting to attract a buyer for the Theater who would save it.

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