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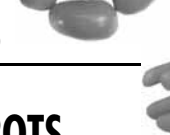
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"The recipients are almost always surprised, and the outcome is frequently speechlessness and misty eyes," says Dave Kocharhook, a member of the group.

Details are online at [ThePeninsulaires.org](http://ThePeninsulaires.org) or by calling 618-8600.

## Furry valentines

Seniors looking for the kind of companionship that doesn't leave the cap off the toothpaste or monopolize dinner conversations, take heart — the Peninsula Humane Society wants to hook you up with a homeless animal.

Anyone age 55 and up who can pass the scrutiny of the shelter staff (hint: if they ask you, "Pets or meat," don't say meat) can take home little Felix or Sparky for free.

PHS will waive the adoption fees through Feb. 28, although they will ask for proof of senior-ness. "Consider it a compliment," suggests PHS spokesman Scott Delucchi.

Shelter officials say seniors make great pet owners, since they usually have plenty of time to lavish on a pet and are less likely to give up an animal in order to, say, relocate to Austin for a big job promotion.

The furry little freeloaders are featured online at [www.PHS-SPCA.org](http://www.PHS-SPCA.org) and on the shelter's daily recorded message at 340-7022.

## What's your name, baby?

That trend-setter Jane Austen is slipping a bit. Emma was only the sixth most popular name for baby girls in San Mateo County in 2007, according to county Assessor Warren Slocum. Sophia, hands down, is the most popular baby name. For boys, Daniel took the top spot.

# District OKs new school boundaries

■ Spanish immersion program will be at Encinal School.

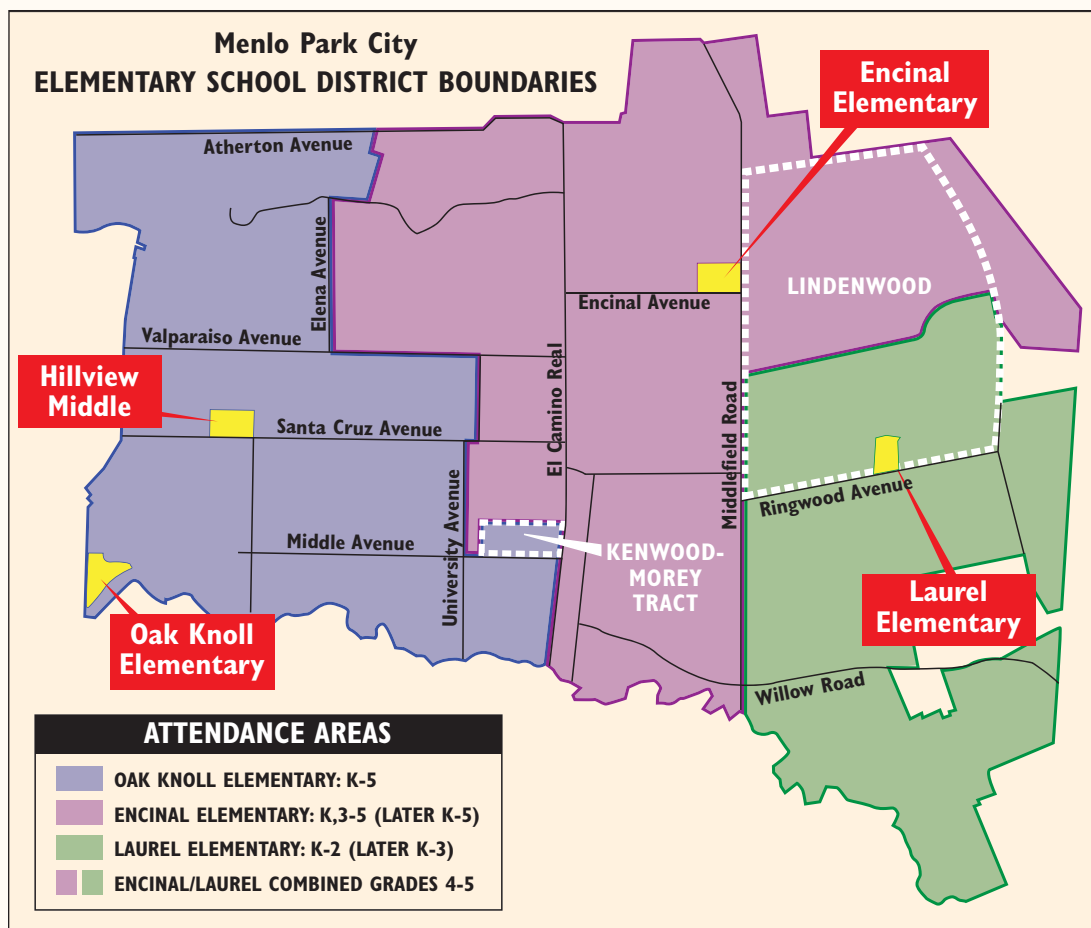
By **Andrea Gemmet**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Residents of Atherton's Lindenwood neighborhood were sorely disappointed Jan. 15 after the Menlo Park City School District board voted to divide the area between Laurel and Encinal schools as part of a district-wide redrawing of elementary school boundaries.

A projected increase in enrollment is triggering changes not only in the boundaries for all three schools, but also in the composition of the district's two elementary schools east of El Camino Real. In the next few years, Encinal will add primary grades until it becomes a kindergarten through fifth grade school, and the grades K-2 Laurel school will add a third grade.

The boundary changes essentially carve out a new attendance boundary for Encinal school from areas that currently are in the Oak Knoll or Laurel districts. Currently, all Laurel students graduate out of the school after second grade and attend Encinal for grades 3-5.

About 60 people packed the school board's meeting room on Tuesday, Jan. 15, with a majority of people there to lobby for a plan to keep all Lindenwood children within the same attendance boundary. After debating a complicated compromise plan offered by board member Terry Thygesen, the board voted



**Big changes** are in store for elementary school students in the Menlo Park City School District. New boundary lines divide Atherton's Lindenwood neighborhood. Also, many incoming kindergarteners from the current Laurel and Oak Knoll attendance areas will now head to Encinal school. All district students will still attend Hillview Middle School for grades 6-8.

3-2, with Ms. Thygesen and Jeff Child opposed, to create a fence-line boundary through Lindenwood based on proximity to Laurel and Encinal schools.

Ms. Thygesen proposed sending all of Lindenwood to Laurel school, and if too many children enrolled, soliciting voluntary transfers to Encinal from Lin-

denwood residents. If Laurel were still oversubscribed, Lindenwood residents would be first in line for involuntary transfers to Encinal.

Superintendent Ken Ranella was unenthusiastic about the idea, and board members Bruce Ives and Deborah Fitz said it would be better for the overall

composition of the school community if Lindenwood residents attended both schools in the primary grades.

"I think we have to go with where we see the numbers work," said board member Laura Rich,

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# It takes a village to spend school bond-measure funds

By **David Boyce**  
Almanac Staff Writer

If voters approve Measure J on Feb. 5, thereby giving the high school district some \$165 million to further improve its campuses and construct a new one, a community group will be checking to see that the spending fits within a list of intended projects.

That group will be a committee of volunteers who live in the Sequoia Union High School District and who will likely meet about five times a year to represent the taxpaying public. The oversight is a tradeoff that school

districts can make in exchange for lowering the legal threshold for voter approval — from a two-thirds majority to 55 percent — for passage of a bond measure.

The major priorities for Measure J include \$25 million to \$30 million to build a stand-alone career technical education center and renovate existing technology-oriented classrooms on the campuses; a 10-year, \$10 million fund to regularly upgrade the district's technology assets; a new 400-student high school in East Palo Alto at a cost of \$14 million to \$17 million; and energy efficiency



improvements throughout the district, district officials say.

Some of the funding might also go to complete construction of the new performing arts center at Menlo-Atherton High School, originally estimated in 2005 at \$17 million and recently revised to \$32.5 million.

Past oversight committees have tracked the construction of a new theater at Woodside High and a new gym at M-A, both of which

used funds from an \$88 million bond measure passed in 2001. Among the committee members then: a certified public accountant, an attorney, an engineer, a facilities manager, a restaurant owner, a management consultant and a general contractor.

Another committee was formed in 2005 to track spending for a \$70 million bond measure passed in 2004. Some of the members of the first committee stayed on.

The district will be seeking more volunteers if Measure J passes.

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# Filing period opens for Portola Valley school board election

■ Ballots in all-mail election must be cast by May 6.

By Marjorie Mader

Almanac Staff Writer

Candidates who want to run in the Portola Valley School District's special election can file now through Friday, Feb. 8, to fill the vacancy on the district's five-member governing board.

All registered voters in the district are eligible to run for the board seat.

This is a vote-by-mail election — the first "all mail" election held in the school district. There will be no voting at the polls. Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters in the district in

early April. The deadline to submit them to the county elections office is 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 6.

School board trustees voted unanimously last month to call a special election after it deadlocked 2-2 on making an appointment to fill the remaining term of board member Donna Carano, who resigned Oct 17. The term ends in early December 2009. The person elected would join the board in late May after the votes are certified.

The four school board trustees could not muster the necessary three votes to appoint either applicant for the vacancy: Brad

Turner, who came in third in an election for two board seats in November; and Karen Jordan, a former board member who decided against running for a four-year second term but applied for the two-year appointment.

Ms. Jordan explained that she didn't run for the four-year term, but did apply for the two-year term, because she believes board members should have children in the district, and her children will graduate in June 2009.

In a letter to the Portola Valley school community, the board said this about its failure to appoint a board member:

"While we had two excellent candidates who could serve the board very ably, during the

course of our deliberations it became clear that members of the community and of the board held strong opinions and that they were applying different criteria in assessing the strengths of the two candidates.

"We on the board all agree that in most decisions facing us, we would willingly make a difficult and potentially unpopular decision, if we were convinced it was the right decision. In this particular case, however, we had a difference of opinion about who would be the better appointee, and we had feedback from the community expressing strong and differing views.

"Given such differences of opinion and lack of agreement, we

believe it's best for the community to participate in the selection."

The estimated cost of the election, to be run by the county, is \$10,000.

Prospective candidates may make an appointment or obtain information by calling Lupe Sanchez, candidate filing officer, at 321-5293. Voters may call the San Mateo County Registration-Elections Division at 312-5222 or go to [www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org) for more information

Superintendent Anne Campbell and the four board members — Ray Villareal, Don Collat, and recently elected trustees Judy Mendelsohn and Steve Humphreys — said they are willing to talk with prospective candidates. ■

## Housing fund helps recruit teachers, staff

By Marjorie Mader

Almanac Staff Writer

When a new teacher considers taking a job in the Portola Valley School District, a big incentive is the availability of zero-interest loans for rent-related expenses and help with down payments.

Launched by Portola Valley's Bill and Jean Lane six years ago, this unique housing assistance program has helped almost 40 percent of the district's staff — 35 employees.

Twelve have obtained rent-related loans and 23 have received loans for down payments — a total of \$272,200 in loans to teachers and

staff through 2007. Funds now available for loans are \$12,537.

"There have been no defaults to date," said Tim Hanretty, the district's assistant superintendent. "All loan payments are made in a timely manner through monthly payroll deductions."

The Bill and Jean Lane Housing Assistance Fund is doing exactly what its founders intended when they started the program with an initial gift of \$100,000, and a later contribution of \$100,000.

"We all know that the real and lasting quality of our school district in the lives of our children rests with the quality of the teachers," said Mr. Lane. "Jean and I have long believed that a top-

flight public education system goes hand-in-glove with the priorities that were the leading forces that were heavily supported by voters to incorporate the town in 1964."

Superintendent Anne Campbell said the program has contributed significantly to teacher and staff recruitment and retention.

Many new teachers have used assistance for security deposits and first- and last-month rent; others have received funds for a down payment on a home.

Employees are able to access up to \$10,000 for rent-related expenses, including moving expenses, and \$20,000 for down payments. The loans are repaid by employees over 24 to 48 months.

For more information, call Superintendent Campbell or Assistant Superintendent Hanretty at the district office, 851-1777.

## New commissioner may be chosen

The vacancy on the Portola Valley Planning Commission may be filled Thursday after the Town Council interviews the candidates and votes on an appointment.

The council meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, in the Historic Schoolhouse at 765 Portola Road.

The six candidates, in order of their interview appearance, are residents Ron Walter, Denise Gilbert, Clay Baker, Karin Wick, Stefan Unnasch and Craig Buchsbaum.

On Monday, Jan. 28, the Architectural & Site Control Commission meets at 8 p.m. to review the remodeling and improvements planned for the Roberts market near the corner of Portola and Alpine roads. While it will not be a public hearing, audience comments, either written or verbal, are invited.

## Lennie Roberts is named 'Conservationist of the Year'

Longtime environmental activist Lennie Roberts of Ladera was honored by the John Muir Association as its 30th annual Conservationist of the Year at a dinner Sunday at the Campbell Theater in Martinez, where John Muir's home is now a National Historic Site.

Ms. Roberts was honored for almost 30 years as legislative advocate for the Committee for Green Foothills for San Mateo County, where she has pressed the Board of Supervisors, local cities, and other government agencies to preserve the county's hills, mountains, forests, farms and coast.

Corinna Marshall, acting executive director of the Committee for Green Foothills, wrote that Ms. Roberts' efforts have "led to the development of sound, proactive land use policies, won countless battles to preserve precious coastal resources, led several historic countywide initiatives despite fierce opposition, and taught



Lennie Roberts was honored for almost 30 years as legislative advocate for the Committee for Green Foothills for San Mateo County

countless citizens to be effective advocates for their local environments."

Ms. Roberts was honored along with Bank of America, the Greeninfo Network of San Francisco, and the Environmental Studies Academy.

## Salt ponds: workshop on Cargill plans

The public is invited to help plan the future development of the 1,433 acres of salt ponds between Bayfront Park and Seaport Boulevard in Redwood City at a second community planning workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, 651 El Camino Real in Redwood City.

The workshop is part of a two-year outreach process to involve the Redwood City community

in planning future uses for the expanse of former salt ponds owned by Cargill Salt.

DMB Associates is seeking support from Redwood City residents for a mixture of uses ranging from housing and commercial development to parks, recreation and habitat restoration for almost two square miles of Bayfront.

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# Remembering Marilyn Franklin

A celebration of Menlo Park educator's life will be held at Oak Knoll School

By Marjorie Mader

Almanac Staff Writer

OBITUARY

Marilyn Jensen Franklin, who devoted her entire 40-year career in education to the Menlo Park City School District, will be remembered at a celebration of her life on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Oak Knoll School.

The tribute to Ms. Franklin will start at 2 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Oak Knoll School, 1895 Oak Knoll Lane in Menlo Park, where she served as principal from 1986 to her retirement in 2002. The family requested that the celebration be held at the school.

After a short bout with ovarian cancer, Ms. Franklin died Jan. 14 at her home in Sacramento with her family at her side. She was 68.

Word of her death traveled quickly throughout the district last week via e-mails, phone trees, and a message to district families and staff from Superintendent Ken Ranella.

"We have lost a special friend," said Marianne Walters, who called it an "end of an era." She knew Ms. Franklin as a parent, teacher, colleague, and as assistant principal at Oak Knoll School working alongside her for six years from 1996 to 2002.

Ms. Franklin started her career in the Menlo Park district as a student teacher at Hillview School in 1961. After graduating from Stanford University and earning a master's degree in education there in 1962, she was hired by the district to teach fifth grade at Hillview.

She coordinated fourth- and fifth-grade programs and served as a counselor for special education students.

"Marilyn was a successful and admirable educator," said Martha Symonds, a former district superintendent who tapped Ms. Franklin to take her former position as the district's curriculum director when the district office was located at Hillview School.

"She was a mentor to me even though she was younger than I was," said Nick Colasanti, a teacher and later vice principal at Hillview. "Marilyn knew children well from A-Z and also knew how to work with parents. She was a true friend."

In the fall of 1985, Superintendent Symonds appointed Ms. Franklin interim principal at Oak Knoll after the unexpected death of Principal Ennio Cioli.

"Marilyn came to Oak Knoll at a very challenging time,"



**Marilyn Franklin** "knew children well from A-Z and also knew how to work with parents," says Nick Colasanti, a teacher and later vice principal at Hillview.

said Ms. Symonds. The district was going through a transition after the annexation of the Willows area. The vast majority of children from the Willows area went to Oak Knoll, she said.

"Marilyn was a successful principal from day one," said Ms. Symonds. "There was no question she was very well qualified. Teachers respected her knowledge of child development and curriculum."

*'She was incredibly knowledgeable about children's different temperaments and was an enormous help to parents as they sought to better understand their child.'*

JAN MACKENZIE,  
SPEECH THERAPIST AT OAK KNOLL

Over the next year, it became clear the parents really admired and respected Ms. Franklin, said Ms. Symonds. She knew the name of every child in the school.

The school board approved Ms. Symonds' recommendation that Ms. Franklin be appointed as Oak Knoll's permanent principal in 1986.

"Marilyn saw the 'whole child,'" said Jan Mackenzie, speech therapist at Oak Knoll who worked with Ms. Franklin during her entire time at the elementary school. "She was incredibly knowledgeable about

children's different temperaments and was an enormous help to parents as they sought to better understand their child."

Judy Rogers Bianchi, district superintendent from 1989 to 1992, said Ms. Franklin was a "unique individual," adding: "She prided herself on being a nonconformist. She always was a dedicated teacher and administrator who cared about the kids."

In an interview before she retired in June 2002, Ms. Franklin said: "I never intended to stay so long at Oak Knoll, but I kept meeting new kindergartners." She had planned to return to work in curriculum for the district as soon as she got Oak Knoll on an even keel.

"Seeing the fresh faces of the kindergartners was always what brought her back," said her son Chaz Franklin. "This was the education she treasured most — helping shape the young into efficient and proficient learners."

Ms. Franklin moved to the Sacramento area after her retirement to be closer to her two children, Chaz Franklin and Barbara Reyes, and four grandsons, Charlie and Louis Franklin and Robert Contreras Reyes and Mark Reyes.

She also is survived by her brothers, Bill Jensen, Chuck Jensen and John Jensen, and a sister, Karen Orr.

In her spare time, Ms. Franklin would read, garden, help raise her grandchildren, solve puzzles and be an advocate for less fortunate students in the school district she lived near.

Ms. Franklin will continue to touch the lives of children and adults through the children's book she and her son co-authored and that will soon be published. Proceeds from the book, entitled "Oh Look! Not Again! Your Shoe is Untied," will go to a scholarship fund to be established in her honor, said her son. Details will be announced at the service in her honor.

Friends of Ms. Franklin may share comments, memories and stories on the blog: <http://marilynfranklin.blog.com/>.

For more information, call Barbara Snow at Oak Knoll School, 854-4433, ext. 4000. ■

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by Monica Corman



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areas, TV watching and home gyms, as well as much needed storage. This additional space adds real value to the structure.

Some towns try to restrict the size of basements but these proposals are usually met with objections from many in the community who feel restrictions are unnecessary. As long as the basement is well constructed to ensure that it will stay dry and be structurally sound, there should be no public danger from a building standpoint. If you are building a new home and can afford to include a basement, you should seriously consider doing so.

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## Former MP recreation leader faces 20-plus years in prison

More than 20 years in state prison are ahead for Tyrone Darnell Williams, a former recreation leader for the city of Menlo Park who pleaded "no contest" to charges of sexually molesting his young female cousins when he shared a Menlo Park house with them and their grandmother in the 1990s.

In a plea bargain that guaranteed no more than 26 years in prison, Mr. Williams, 29, did not contest 10 counts of lewd behavior, including substantial sexual conduct, with a child under the age of 14, said Chief Deputy District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

The plea bargain avoided the possibility of a life sentence if the case had gone to trial, Mr. Wagstaffe said. Mr. Williams will have to serve at least 85



Tyrone Darnell Williams

San Mateo County Superior Court. Mr. Williams remains in custody on a bail of \$1 million.

Mr. Williams once worked at the Onetta Harris Community Center in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park, but none of the crimes he was accused of occurred in the context of his work at the community center, said Deputy District Attorney Melissa McKowan.

percent (about 22 years) of his sentence before he is eligible for parole, Mr. Wagstaffe said.

The sentencing hearing before Judge Clifford Cretan is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. on Feb. 6 in

## It's official: Atherton inks contract with city manager Jerry Gruber

■ Perks include a rent-free home in Holbrook-Palmer Park.

By Andrea Gemmet

Almanac Staff Writer

So, what does it take to lure a new city manager to come work for the town of Atherton?

In the case of Jerry Gruber, who's been on the job since Monday, Jan. 14, the Atherton City Council offered a \$145,000 annual salary, a \$400 monthly car allowance and up to \$20,000 in relocation expenses.

The council voted unanimously to approve the contract with Mr. Gruber at the end of its Jan. 16 meeting, sometime around midnight, said City Attorney Marc Hynes. The contract was dated retroactively, as Mr. Gruber had already been on the job

for three days.

Mr. Gruber is the former general manager of the Department of Water and Power for the city of Big Bear Lake in San Bernardino County. He is married with two grown daughters, and has a master's degree in public administration. His wife Melanie, a school teacher, plans to move to Atherton in July to join him, Mr. Gruber said.

In addition to the salary, plus medical and pension benefits, Mr. Gruber's contract includes a requirement that he live in the town-owned home at Holbrook-Palmer Park. Besides providing the house rent-free, the town is also providing a \$200,000 remodeling allowance for mutually agreeable renovations to the house.



Jerry Gruber

A clause in the contract states that, if the council changes his job description so that he no longer has to live in the town-owned home, Mr. Gruber can

borrow \$400,000 from the town for the purchase of a home within a one-hour drive of Atherton.

The contract also specifies that Mr. Gruber "will devote his full time to his duties and agrees that he will not, so long as he is employed by the town, take any employment that will interfere or be inconsistent with the performance of his duties as city manager." ■

### MEASURE J

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There are signs of burn-out among some of the original committee members, says Sequoia district Superintendent Pat Gemma.

If Measure J passes, the Sequoia district's agents would sell the bonds in stages and the proceeds would be banked. Ed LaVigne, the district's chief financial officer, would then present proposals for spending the money to the citizens' oversight committee.

What can and cannot be done with the money is governed by the project list included in the ballot language. The list's language is occasionally ambiguous to allow flexibility in coping with unforeseen factors such as rising construction or material costs, Mr. LaVigne said.

According to the "prevailing legal view," the district is not obligated to complete or even begin everything on the list, but it cannot spend bond money on anything that is not on the list, he said.

The 58-item list for Measure J includes many specific proposals. Menlo-Atherton High School's items, for example, include a project to "renovate/reconstruct and upgrade Pride Hall." At Woodside High, the district would like to "renovate and repair parking lots."

There are also general items open to interpretation, such as: "Furnishing and equipping of classrooms and other facilities, including school-site maintenance equipment, copy machines and school office equipment. Ö"

Judgment calls on such items would be up to the oversight committee. The committees for earlier bonds usually found Mr. LaVigne's proposals in keeping with the lists, he said in an e-mail.

It did reject a proposal to spend \$3,500 on a postal meter. "I thought (it) fit a general 'school equipment' descriptor and the committee felt it was a stretch," he says. "They asked me to move it out and I did."

For more information on the citizens' oversight committee, go to the Sequoia district Web site at [www.seq.org](http://www.seq.org), click on the "Site Map" link, then page down to "Business with the District." ■

### BOUNDARIES

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the swing vote in favor of the divided Lindenwood plan.

Lindenwood residents, wearing "Keep Lindenwood Together!" stickers, were visibly -- and audibly -- upset by the decision. A "Recall Laura Rich" sticker appeared on the district office door after the meeting.

The board also voted to house

the district's new Spanish immersion program at Encinal school, to grandfather current students and their concurrently enrolled siblings at Oak Knoll, and to allow residents in Menlo Park's Kenwood-Morey tract to remain at Oak Knoll.

Board members also disappointed a handful of North Fair Oaks residents, who had heard rumors that the Menlo Park school district was suffer-

ing from a lack of students and was looking to expand into their neighborhood, which is served by the Redwood City school district. In fact, the Menlo Park district is expecting a surge in enrollment, and is only changing elementary school attendance boundaries for residents within the district.

Kindergarten enrollment opens on Feb. 1. For information, go to [www.mpcsd.org](http://www.mpcsd.org) and click on "Schools." ■



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### 'Big damn hole'

That's how one resident of Los Trancos Woods described the construction work going on last week on Los Trancos Road at its intersection with Ramona Road. Workers are installing sewer lines to replace failing septic systems in the former summer home community.

## Unpleasant taste to tap water reported, but no answers yet

The Almanac has received several reports of unpleasant changes to the smell and taste of local tap water over the last few days, including posts to TheAlmanacOnline.com.

Residents reported water that tastes metallic, has an odor of chlorine, and is "harder" than usual — indicated by it being more difficult to get soap to make suds.

A dispatcher from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, which oversees water supplies to the Peninsula, told the Almanac on Monday, Jan. 21, that he has seen no reports of activities or incidents that would

result in changes to the odor or taste of Peninsula water.

Local tap water has been cloudy recently — the result of air bubbles in water drawn from local reservoirs — and is likely to remain cloudy into February while maintenance is done on the Hetch-Hetchy distribution system, according to the SFPUC Web site.

The offices of the SFPUC and the California Water Service Co. were closed for the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday.

For more information, call the SFPUC during normal business hours at 415-554-3289.

## Residents upset by historic artifacts law

By Andrea Gemmet  
Almanac Staff Writer

### ATHERTON

The fate of Randy and Lisa Lamb's urns is still up in the air, as is the law that is preventing the Atherton couple from moving historic containers out of the Lindenwood neighborhood to their new home on Park Lane.

Atherton residents packed the council chambers on Jan. 16 to give the City Council an earful about the town's historic artifact preservation ordinance, and ended up being enlisted to come up with a compromise to soften the regulations while protecting historic objects.

Atherton, unlike many other communities, doesn't have rules in place to protect historic buildings. However, the council in 2006 enacted preservation rules for historic artifacts — specifically, the

urns, streetlights, statues and other remnants of the former Flood estate that dot the Lindenwood subdivision.

Under the ordinance, property owners need the town's permission to remove, demolish or alter historic artifacts, permission that the Lambs sought, and were denied, when they sold their home. They sued the town, and in July, a San Mateo County Superior Court judge ruled that the town needed to revise the ordinance and reconsider the Lambs' request.

Mr. Lamb said more than 220 people responded to an online petition he and his wife posted on a new Web site about the issue.

"I think 220 responses is a good indicator that this is a bad ordi-

nance," Mr. Lamb told the council.

Many people at the meeting said they support the preservation of the town's history, but not at the expense of a property owner's rights. After some residents chastised the council for ignoring the wishes of their constituents, a majority of council members enlisted the residents to come to a March meeting with an outside facilitator to draft a compromise ordinance to replace the existing law.

The council also asked town staff to investigate putting the issue to an advisory vote in June, when a special election will be held to fill an open seat on the council.

In the meantime, the ordinance will remain on the books.

"What you want is very clear

See URNS, page 21

## Town charged too little, not too much, for building fees

By Andrea Gemmet  
Almanac Staff Writer

It sounded too good to be true, and as it turns out, it was.

In September, Atherton's city attorney said that some residents were likely due money back, the result of accidental overcharges on building permit fees.

A mix-up in the fee tables for construction projects valued at \$1 million or more led town officials to believe that some property owners had paid too much in plan check and permit fees.

Now, City Attorney Marc Hynes said that, yes, there was a mix-up in the permit fee tables, but it resulted in some projects' being undercharged, not overcharged.

At the City Council's Jan. 16 meeting, Mr. Hynes said the town is owed a little over \$28,000 from under-collected fees charged from October 2006 to October 2007. It

has to do with a fine distinction between the fee tables for the California Building Code and the Uniform Building Code. It turns out the wrong fee table was used during the tenure of interim building official Mike Cully. Mr. Cully suspected that the town was overcharging on projects worth \$1 million or more, but it turns out that the opposite was true.

"The end result is that there wasn't the problem that Mr. Cully perceived," Mr. Hynes told the City Council.

Councilman Charles Marsala spent several months hot on the trail of suspected overcharges once he learned of the issue from Mr. Cully. After pressing then-finance director John Johns for an answer about overcharges, Mr. Marsala filed numerous state Public Records Act requests to try to document it.

"Had I not brought to the atten-

tion of the council the error in the permit fees over \$1 million, then we would have continued to undercharge — thus the town would be losing money," Mr. Marsala said after the Jan. 16 meeting.

Because the town is in the midst of transitioning to a new permit-tracking software system in the building department, more information will be available in March, Mr. Hynes said. Still left to be decided is whether the town will send builders a bill for the remainder of the permit fees.

Not surprisingly, Atherton builders were not wildly enthusiastic about the prospect of having to pay the town more money.

"I'd propose that you just bury this thing," Jeff Wise, a resident and builder, told the council, saying that the building department's time would be better spent processing a recent surge in applications for building projects. ▀

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#### CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Meets fourth Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m.; appointed for two-year term. The Committee advises and assists the Town Council, Planning Commission, and staff on conservation, open space, noise, public services and facilities as pertaining to the elements of the Town's General Plan.

#### LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Meets fourth Wednesday of each month; 5:30 p.m.; appointed for two-year term. The Committee advises the Planning Director on applications for commercial stable permits, dog kennel permits, and exception requests to the private stable regulations.

#### OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Meets fourth Thursday of each month, 5:00 p.m.; appointed for two-year term. The Committee advises and assists the Town Council, Planning Commission and staff in implementing the policies and goals of the Open Space and Conservation elements of the General Plan, specifically with respect to acquisition and maintenance of conservation easements and open space preservation.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meets on call of Chair; appointed for two-year term. The Committee advises the Town Council and staff on issues of community public safety, including police and fire services provided within the Town.

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Meets first Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.; appointed for three-year term. The Committee guides the activities of the community recreation programs.

#### TRAILS COMMITTEE

Meets second Thursday of each month, 3:00 p.m.; appointed for two-year term. The Committee reviews land divisions, subdivisions and conditional use permits for locations for equestrian, pedestrian and bicycle trails and makes recommendations to the staff and to the Planning Commission.

#### WOODSIDE HISTORY COMMITTEE

Meets first Thursday of each month, 9:30 a.m.; appointed for two-year term. The Committee advises the Town Council and staff regarding actions, policies and plans relating to historic preservation. Committees are volunteer positions and serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Council.

Interested residents may request information and applications Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, or telephone (650) 851-6790, or through the Town's web site at [www.woodsidetown.org](http://www.woodsidetown.org). Deadline for applications is Friday, January 25, 2008, 5:00 P.M.

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## Seeking public benefits from private developments

■ Councilman seeks better system to measure development impacts.

By **Rory Brown**

Almanac Staff Writer

If Menlo Park is going to keep accommodating developers through changes or exceptions to the city's zoning restrictions, City Councilman Richard Cline wants the city to make sure it's getting all the public benefits it can in return.

At the prompting of Mr. Cline, City Council members agreed on Jan. 15 to take on the issue of "public benefit" when it comes to development projects that have major impacts on the city.

The council agreed to hold a study session on the issue later this year.

Mr. Cline said he wants the city to come up with a system that weighs the negative impacts of a development project on the city — such as from traffic, parking and construction — and requires developers to compensate the city in one way or another for those impacts.

"I'm not sure what that benefit is," he said in an interview. "It could be funds that could be put toward city services, it could be playing fields. That will be up to residents to decide."

In a memo to the council, Mr. Cline said: "As it stands now, each project that triggers a public benefit debate has to wade through (uncharted) waters because Men-

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lo Park lacks a consistent mechanism or methodology from which to negotiate. It is a case-by-case basis which is often proved ineffective."

Mr. Cline and others have pointed to the past council's approval of the Derry condo-commercial project as an example of not getting enough public benefit.

In early 2006, a former council approved the 135-condo project, allowing the developer to build a project much higher, and with drastically more units per acre than the current zoning allowed. Supporters argued the project would revive the downtown area, but opponents said the city should have gotten more out of the deal for granting exceptions to the city's zoning rules.

Opponents launched a successful signature drive against the project, and have since negotiated a slightly smaller project that is still under city review.

Mr. Cline said without a system that ensures and measures public benefit from a major project, conflicts similar to that which surrounded the Derry project will keep happening.

"We have to get a system in place that lets residents weigh in early in the planning process, and lets staff know whether or not the city is getting enough out of a deal," Mr. Cline told the Almanac several weeks before sending his memo to the council. ■

## MP council has big agenda Jan. 29

The Menlo Park City Council will not meet Tuesday, Jan. 22, but will deal with a number of important matters the following Tuesday.

At 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29, the council will hold a special joint meeting with the El Camino Real downtown visioning committee at the Menlo Park Library.

Then, at 7 p.m. at the Menlo Park City Council chambers, the council will hold a joint study session with the Atherton Town Council to discuss grade separations — building underpasses or overpasses where train tracks cross roads to separate the rail grade from the road grade.

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That session will be followed by a study session on municipal water, also at the council chambers.

### Drop-off waste

Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley residents can drop off hazardous waste, including batteries, motor oil and paint thinners at a Menlo Park location on Feb. 9. To make an appointment, and to learn the exact location, go to [SMHealth.org/hhw](http://SMHealth.org/hhw), or call 363-4718.

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## New citizen panels up and running

■ They'll focus on city finances and El Camino's future.

By Rory Brown

Almanac Staff Writer

In the spirit of getting more input on important city decisions, the Menlo Park City Council has appointed people to a pair of new committees that will advise the council on two hot-button issues: revamping properties along El Camino Real, and improving transparency of the city's finances.

### El Camino

On Jan. 15, council members finished up the appointments to the El Camino Real/Downtown Visioning Process Oversight and Outreach Committee—a group of city commissioners, business owners and residents that will advise the council in efforts to revamp the city's main thoroughfare.

In coming months, the committee is scheduled to take walking tours of El Camino Real, hold public workshops, and help city staff craft a plan for properties along the "King's Highway."

The council appointed nine people to the 18-person committee: 1300 El Camino Real

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developer Jeff Warmoth; Tom Hilligoss, Todd Temple and Elizabeth Weiss to represent neighbors who live within 1,000 feet of El Camino Real and downtown; plus Planning Commissioner Vince Bressler, Kepler's owner Clark Kepler, and residents Ben Eiref, Katie Ferrick and Michael Gullard as at-large members.

The other nine representatives include Stanford spokesman Steve Elliot, two downtown business owners appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, and six city commissioners appointed by their peers.

For a full list of the committee members, and a list of scheduled meetings and events, go to MenloPark.org, and under "Items of Interest" click on "El Camino Real Visioning."

### Finance committee

Menlo Park residents Jeff Child, Honor Huntington and Stu Soffer have been appointed to Menlo Park's new Finance/Audit Committee, an advisory board formed to help improve the public understanding of, and access to, city

financial information.

The council appointed the three residents at its Jan. 8 meeting. Ms. Huntington, a retired CFO, and Mr. Child, a Menlo Park City School District board member, were appointed unanimously. Mr. Soffer, a former planning commissioner, was appointed with support from four council members—all but Councilman John Boyle.

The council created the committee after many residents said they were confused by, or misled about, the city's fiscal status before voting in favor of a utility tax measure in 2006. The city had warned residents of structural deficits before the election, but financial reports released after the vote showed a budget surplus for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

The new committee is expected to review the city's annual audits and help the public understand the city's fiscal status. Ten people applied to be on the committee.

The council appointed Ms. Huntington to a three-year term, and Mr. Child and Mr. Soffer to two-year terms.

Councilmen Boyle and Richard Cline will also be on the committee. ■

## MP man arrested in reported burglary-in-progress

George Meier, 54, of Menlo Park was arrested Jan. 16 after Atherton police were called out to a reported burglary-in-progress near the police headquarters.

Police were called at about 6:40 a.m. when a resident saw a figure in the rear yard of a home on Ashfield Road, less than a block away from the police station. The resident

reported seeing the suspect taking a bicycle and riding it toward the driveway, according to police.

Officers arrived on the scene in time to catch the suspect before he had left the property, police reported.

Mr. Meier was booked on charges of grand theft and attempted burglary, according to police.

## SLAC faces budget cuts, layoffs

Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) staff learned in a recent "all-hands" meeting that its budget is being cut by Congress and the center will have to reduce its workforce by 15 percent, or the equivalent of 225 full-time positions.

Located on 430 acres of Stanford land in the foothills south of Sand Hill Road, SLAC is jointly operated by Stanford University and the federal Department of Energy.


Many of the budget cuts are coming in the particle physics program. Those being laid off will be informed in early February, according to an announcement from the university. Funding for the high-energy physics program was cut 20 percent, from an anti-

pated \$120 million to \$95 million.

SLAC's newest and highest priority project, the Linac Coherent Light Source, remains fully funded. But the center's major high-energy physics experiment, known as the B-factory, will shut down in March, seven months earlier than anticipated.

Budget cuts will also reduce the number of experiments to be conducted at the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory from 1,300 in fiscal year 2007 to 1,000 in fiscal year 2008. The facility produces beams of X-rays used by some 2,000 scientists to study a broad range of materials.

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## Supporting the Transition into Older Adulthood

**“She was able to provide objective feedback about our aunt’s care and condition”**

When Leila Colmen became unable to care for herself, her family grappled with the best course of action. Living more than 3,000 miles away, it would be difficult for family members to assist Leila with her transition into supported living. Dr. Rita Ghatak, Director of the Aging Adult Services (AAS) program at Stanford Hospital & Clinics, was there to meet with Leila and her doctors, reporting back to the family on phone and email to reassure them that Leila was in good hands. “Rita was our surrogate, trusted advocate and friend. She was able to provide objective feedback about our aunt’s care and condition,” explained a grateful niece. “It set my mind at rest knowing that Rita was following up and helping us deal with a very sensitive situation.”

In the health care setting, older adults often require assistance with health evaluations, physician referrals and managing multiple

**“It set my mind at rest knowing that Rita was following up and helping us deal with a very sensitive situation”**

prescriptions. After discharge, they need preventive health and safety advice, along with linkages to services enabling them to live safely at home. Despite these needs, few hospitals have a clinical geriatric department to assist older adults. Stanford Hospital’s AAS program offers older adults in Palo Alto the range of support that they, and their loved ones, need to take on the challenges that come with growing older.

### A Continuum of Care for Older Adults



As medical breakthroughs help people to live longer, the systems that provide support to older adults are increasing in number and sophistication. But while new approaches to dealing with some of the unique needs of older age are being considered, creating a holistic approach that both prevents and treats illness and injury remains the ultimate goal.

“Modern medicine has come a long way, and older adults are certainly reaping the benefits,” says Dr. Ghatak, a clinical psychologist specializing in gerontology.

“But medicine is only one part of the picture. As people get older, we need to look at a whole host of solutions that can keep them healthier and happier for their entire lives.”

Stanford Hospital & Clinics recognized that older adults were often coming to the emergency room to receive care for injuries or illnesses that may have been avoided if simple measures, such as a review of medications, were in place. Established in 2004 and housed in the Guest Services department, the AAS program was created to meet the needs of patients 65 years and older. A team of skilled professionals assist out-patient older adults and work with them and their families to develop appropriate transition plans. The AAS program also works across medical disciplines, connecting patients with medical services that ensure older patients are not just living longer, but also living well.

### Picking You Up When You Fall



Barbara Gordon (right) talks with Diane Finch about an exercise video

Farewell to Falls, a program of the Trauma Center at Stanford Hospital, is working with older adults to help reduce falls. More than 1 million older adults in California fall each year, with 200,000 of those falls resulting in injury. And nearly 188 Californians, age 55 and over, are hospitalized every day from slips, trips and falls. Research shows that exercising regularly, reviewing medications and making modifications to the home can prevent falls and help older adults maintain independence. But that

relatively simple message doesn’t always reach older adults. Stigma, the fear of a loss of independence and denial can all play a role. The Farewell to Falls program tries to overcome all of these issues.

“I didn’t think there was anything wrong with me,” recalls Diane Finch, a 75-year-old Menlo Park resident. “I slipped on a piece of ice in the kitchen, and was a mess for a while. I thought it was the stroke, but that wasn’t it, the stroke was in my face. It had nothing to do with my loss of mobility.”

Diane agreed to try out the Farewell to Falls program after having a second fall at her home. An occupational therapist at Stanford Hospital went to Diane’s home to perform an assessment. “She sat there with me for an hour. She showed me exercises, showed me what I didn’t do right. I couldn’t stand on one foot; I was stunned,” says Diane.

### Lending a Hand

The program focuses on those aspects of falls that can be prevented. Each participant receives two home assessments. An occupational therapist travels to the home and lets the participant know about potential problems, like the need for a grab bar for getting in and out of the shower, that can reduce the

## Did You Know...

Older adults who have fallen previously or who stumble frequently are two to three times more likely to fall within the next year. If you are 65 or older, there are steps you can take to maintain independence and avoid hospital stays.

**46%** of Stanford's emergency room visits are by older adults

**60%** of the nation's older adults live alone or with a non-helping spouse

**70%** of the nation's disabled elderly need home-care assistance

## Programs that Can Help

If you or a loved one needs an extra hand, Stanford Hospital & Clinics can help! The following programs are available to keep older adults living well and independently.

**Aging Adult Services**—program providing care and support to older adults and families by offering consultations, assistance with appointments and assessments, physician referrals, home visits, advocacy and coordination of services.

**Contact: 650-723-1303**

**Partners in Caring**—connects homebound adults with trained volunteers who provide transportation, shopping help, home visits and referral assistance.

**Contact: 650-725-4137**

**Strong for Life**—muscle strengthening exercise program for the older adult with or without physical limitations.

**Contact: 650-725-4137**

**Lifeline**—in-home emergency response system for older adults to summon immediate help enhancing safety, confidence and independence.

**Contact: 650-723-6906**

**Vial of Life**—medical information storage kit for use in the home.

**Contact: 650-498-6312**

**Advance Health Care Directive**—one-hour consultation with an expert to help formulate and outline your desired wishes for future medical care, surrogate decision makers, and life sustaining or prolonging treatment.

**Contact: 650-498-3333**

**Checking In**—program funded by the Reed-Siegel Charitable Foundation to “check-in” with older adults through routine phone checks and to help connect to local support networks.

**Contact: 650-725-9212**

**Educational Workshops and Resources**—program offering workshops on aging and information to patients and families about community resources.

**Contact: 650-723-1303**

**Caregiver Support Program**—program developed to provide support and education for caregivers. Learn more about taking care of yourself as a caregiver.

**Contact: 650-725-4137**

**Farewell to Falls**—program of the Trauma Service at Stanford Hospital working with older adults to help reduce falls.

**Contact: 650-724-9369**

## Tips to Avoid Tripping or Slipping

- Check your home for hazards
- Throw rugs should be removed or adhered to the floor with double-sided tape or special carpet pads
- Remove electrical cords and other hazards
- Pick up animal toys and clutter off the floor
- Don't lean on towel bars or furniture for support
- Consider installing grab bars in the bathtub and by the toilet
- Use handrails on all stairs
- Wear non-skid shoes or slippers
- Keep floors dry
- Install non-skid surfaces in the shower or tub
- Check your patio and yard for uneven pavement and other hazards



Ellen Corman (right) counsels Diane Finch about throw rugs, which can be a major cause of tripping.

chance of falling. A video is given to each participant to help them improve strength and balance. The Stanford representative also creates a list of all of the medications the patient is taking and has it reviewed by a pharmacist to ensure that all of the prescriptions are appropriate. If there is a problem, it is flagged so that the patient can speak with his or her primary physician.

“I have allergies, and I was taking a medication that impairs my physical gait. Nobody had picked

up on that, including my doctor,” says Diane. “It was a life saver.”

In addition to the home visits, older adults in the program also receive periodic phone calls from volunteers to check-in with how they're doing. “The phone call, just reminding them helps out,” explains Barbara Gordon, an 83-year-old volunteer who checked in on Diane for a year after her fall. “It helps them be more conscientious. They think ‘hey, I'd better be more careful.’”

“It still comes down to teaching people to be their own advocate,” agrees Ellen Corman, the Farewell to Falls program director. “We're telling them, look, your falls are preventable. We're here to help you.”

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# School pride



**A bucolic campus emerges from a whirlwind construction project at Woodside Elementary**

Woodside Elementary School's spacious, sunlit administration building doesn't just look new, it smells new. The books and potted plants on the shelves are arranged just so, the gleaming stainless steel appliances in the teachers' lunchroom are smudge-free, and there's a faint whiff of fresh paint in the air.

Classrooms were done in time for the start of school last fall, but the administrators had to wait to move into their new digs over the winter break. After spending a year and a half in a cramped 40-by-60-foot trailer, they are clearly relishing the elbowroom their new building provides.

The campus of the kindergarten through eighth-grade school has just emerged from a whirlwind renovation funded by a \$12 million bond measure. Less than two years after the bond measure passed, everything's done — the new classrooms for the first, second and fifth grades; the community meeting rooms; the music building; the restrooms; and the covered walkways.

"It's absolutely unbelievable," says Superintendent Dan Vinson, adding that conventional wisdom holds that it takes a minimum of three years from bond passage to construction completion.

Rather than spread out the 22,000-square-foot construction project into three phases over five years, school officials opted to get everything done at once. In retrospect, it was the right decision, but it made for some interesting times during the school year, says Mr. Vinson.

"Last year was a challenge. We had construction fences all over the place," he says. "One of the biggest problems was access, because the fenced-off areas were constantly changing. We had to keep finding new ways to get around and new fire drill procedures."

In fact, the final push to get classrooms ready had something of a barn-raising atmosphere, as parent volunteers, staff, teachers and spouses pitched in the day before school started in August.

It certainly isn't the first spate of construction on the Woodside school campus. In the past 15 years there have been several construction projects, beginning with the middle school classrooms, which burned down in a fire in 1993. But despite work to modernize classrooms and build the Sellman Auditorium and the community gym, the school hasn't been able to fully rid itself of portable buildings until now.

The 17 portable classroom trailers are finally gone, shipped off to East Palo Alto schools, says school board member Ellen Ablow. The portables took up valuable playground space.



**Above, from top:** Second grader Christopher Brugger stands ready to set a drumbeat for his classmates to follow on their xylophones and glockenspiels in the new music room; and a new path leads from the historic library building, left, and new classrooms to the new administration building.

Cover Story By **Andrea Gemmet**  
Photography By **Veronica Weber**



**Above:** kindergarteners race past classrooms with new covered walkways. **Below, from left:** Music teacher Kara D'Ambrosio guides a chorus of second graders in the new choral music room; second-graders stretch for books at the school library, which served as architectural inspiration for the campus; and a seventh-grade language arts class works on essays with new laptops provided to all middle school students.



"It really makes a difference in the back of the campus," she says.

District officials are gearing up to show off the newly completed campus to the community at large with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house on Sunday, Jan. 27.

"Only 20 percent of voting households (in the district) have kids in school, so a lot of people feel that they can't wander onto the campus and have a look around," explains Ms. Ablow.

Besides having a chance to see where the \$12 million in bond money went, the public will be treated to tours; serenaded by the school's jazz band, orchestra and choral groups; and have an opportunity to just wander freely around the campus.

Behind the split-rail fence along Woodside Road, the school now has the kind of seamlessly unified look one normally associates with a new subdivision, albeit with a good deal of old-fashioned rural charm.

Architect Carter Warr of Portola Valley used the original 1887 two-room school-house building — it now serves as the school library — as architectural inspiration, Mr. Vinson says. The end result is something that doesn't look at all like the typical, post-war

cookie-cutter classrooms found throughout California. Instead, it fits in nicely with the quaint style of the Woodside Village Church across the street.

Woodside Elementary's new buildings evoke the past with the crown molding, the large double-hung wood windows, the clapboard siding and extended roofs that create covered walkways. Wood cabinetry, sliding white boards that hide storage shelves, and copious natural light add to the charm and functionality of the buildings.

Peeking in classrooms, you won't see regimented rows of desks. Instead, there are kids gathered at table-like groupings of four pushed-together desks.

The new student services building, which houses the offices of the district's reading specialist, speech therapist and school psychologist, does have some modern touches, including two-way mirrors for observation.

In the music wing, a big drum and a collection of glockenspiels stand ready for elementary school students' music les-

son, held in the choral music room. The instrumental music room, outfitted with a drum kit, is on the other side of the building, separated by a small office and rows of storage lockers.

The school's courtyards have been refurbished, with paving stones and swatches of grass replacing the asphalt. They serve as extensions of the classroom, with their rows of round tables equipped with umbrellas for sunny weather.

The playing fields are newly refurbished, too, with one of artificial turf and one of natural grass, in deference to a community outcry against an overabundance of synthetic grass. The field upgrades were partly funded by the Woodside school foundation, which kicked in \$400,000 of the nearly \$1 million cost. The rest of the construction fell within the \$12 million budget, Mr. Vinson says.

The new "wildcat room," located near the front of the school, hosts the gatherings of a number of local organizations.

"We truly are a community school. It's in use seven days a week," Mr. Vinson says. "We've got a facility the entire community can be proud of." ▀

### A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

at Woodside Elementary School is set for 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. The public is welcome to wander around the campus, take a tour, listen to student musical performances and view a student art show. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for 2 p.m.

The school is located at 3195 Woodside Road in Woodside. To RSVP, call 851-1571, ext. 294, or send an e-mail to [cstienstra@woodside.k12.ca.us](mailto:cstienstra@woodside.k12.ca.us).





**CITY OF MENLO PARK  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**ENGINEERING DIVISION**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

**FOR**

**NEW SIDEWALKS PROJECT CENTRAL MENLO PARK  
PROJECT NO. 20-073**

1. **BID OPENING.** The bidder shall complete and submit the blue copy of the Proposal to the City Council form that is inserted in the Contract Documents. No other copy of the Proposal Section will be accepted. Sealed bids, containing said blue copies of the completed Proposal Section, and subject to the conditions named herein and in the specifications for **"NEW SIDEWALKS PROJECT CENTRAL MENLO PARK"**, addressed to the City of Menlo Park will be received at the office of the Engineering Division up to **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 5, 2008**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

2. **WORK DESCRIPTION.** The work to be done consists of clearing existing vegetation (including vines, shrubs, etc) and other debris to make room for new work; earthwork, including excavation and grading; installing new concrete sidewalk, driveways, curb and gutter, handicap ramps and catch basin modification. Other work includes thermoplastic pavement markings, asphalt concrete paving, and landscape irrigation; all as shown on the plans and described in the specifications with the title indicated in paragraph 1 above, and on file in the Office of the Senior Civil Engineer. Reference to said Plans and Specifications is hereby made for further particulars.

3. **WORKING DAYS.** The work under this Contract is to be completed in **forty (40)** working days.

4. **CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE.** A Class **"A" or "C8"** Contractor's License is required for this work. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed according to Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professional Code.

5. **BID DEPOSIT.** A Bid Deposit equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid shall be placed in the sealed Proposal. The Bid Deposit shall be in one of the following forms: cash, cashier's check or certified check payable to the City, or bidder's bond in favor of the City executed by an authorized surety company.

6. **PERFORMANCE BONDS.** Performance guaranty bonds as set forth in Section 2-3 of the Special Provisions will be required from the successful bidder.

7. **CITY'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS.** The right is reserved, as the interest of the City may require, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality or minor irregularity in the bids.

8. **GENERAL PREVAILING WAGE RATES.** The Council has ascertained the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done. A tabulation of the various classifications of workpersons to be employed and the prevailing rate of wages applicable thereto is on file in the Office of the Senior Civil Engineer.

9. **OBTAINING THE PROJECT PLANS AND CONTRACT BOOK.** The Project Plans and the Contract Documents may be purchased at the Engineering Division upon payment of \$40.00 for each set. Project Plans and the Contract Book will be mailed to prospective bidders upon payment of \$40.00 plus \$10.00 for postage and handling.

10. **OBTAINING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SPECIFICATIONS.** The State of California Department of Transportation Standard Specifications and Standard Plans may be purchased at the State of California Department of Transportation Publication Distribution Unit, 1900 Royal Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95819; Telephone: (916) 445-3520; Fax: (916) 324-8997.

11. **WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS.** Any bid may be withdrawn at any time prior to the time fixed in the public notice for the opening of bids only by written request for the withdrawal of the bid filed with the Senior Civil Engineer. The request shall be executed by the bidder or his/her duly authorized representative. The withdrawal of a bid does not prejudice the right of the bidder to file a new bid. Whether or not bids are opened exactly at the time fixed in the public notice for opening bids, a bid will not be received after that time nor may any bid be withdrawn after the time fixed in the public notice for opening of bids.

12. **RELIEF OF BIDDERS.** As stated in Public Contract Code Sections 5100 to 5108, inclusive (State Contract Act) concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirement therein, that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his/her bid, the bidder shall give the Senior Civil Engineer written notice within five (5) days after the opening of the bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice in detail how the mistake occurred.

13. **DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS.** More than one Proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or combination thereof under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested in more than one Proposal for the work contemplated may cause the rejection of all proposals in which such individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested. If there is reason for believing that collusion exists among the bidders, any or all proposals may be rejected. Proposals in which the prices obviously are unbalanced may be rejected.

14. **PREVIOUS DISQUALIFICATION, REMOVAL OR OTHER PREVENTION OF BIDDING.** A bid may be rejected on the basis of a bidder, any officer of such bidder, or any employee of such bidder who has a proprietary interest in such bidder, having been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or completing a federal, state, or local project because of a violation of law or a safety regulation.

15. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR VERIFYING CONTRACT ADDENDA.** All bidders shall verify if any addenda for this project have been issued by the City of Menlo Park. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that all requirements of Contract addenda are included in the bidder's Proposal.

16. **ESCROW FOR SECURITY DEPOSIT IN OF RETENTION.** Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, for monies earned by the Contractor and withheld by the City to ensure the performance of the Contract, the Contractor, may, at its option, choose to substitute securities meeting the requirements of said Public Contract Code Section 22300.

17. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.** Each prime and subcontract bidder will be required to comply with the City of Menlo Park Affirmative Action Program as set forth in Council Resolution No. 2340. Guidelines and report forms are provided with the Contract Documents and shall be considered part of any Contract made pursuant thereto. The prime contractor and each subcontractor shall complete the City of Menlo Park Compliance Report and submit it with the bid proposal or within 48 hours of the bid opening if you are the lowest or second lowest bidder.

18. **MINORITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.** Prime contractors and subcontractors must submit their Minority Employment Program (MEP) to the Senior Civil Engineer with their bids or within 48 hours of the bid opening.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

KELLY M. SHERRY, City Clerk

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# Voter registration deadline; forum on state propositions

■ ELECTION 2008

Tuesday, Jan. 22, is the deadline to register in the Feb. 5 presidential primary.

Besides the presidential contests, there are seven state propositions on the ballot, as well as some local measures, including a \$165 million bond measure for local public high schools.

The state propositions range from funding community colleges and changing rules on term limits for legislators, to four measures on Indian gaming compacts.

A discussion of these propositions, led by the League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County, will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Redwood City Public Library, 1044 Middlefield Road in Redwood City. The forum is free and open to the public. For more information, call 780-7026 or go to [www.rcpl.info](http://www.rcpl.info).

## Voter registration

If you're not registered and you want to vote, you'd better hurry. Voter registration cards must be postmarked on or before Jan. 22. Cards can be obtained from San Mateo County elections offices or any public library, city hall, post office or DMV office. The elections office at 555 County Center in Redwood City (at the corner of Bradford Street and Hamilton Avenue) will be open until 8 p.m. Jan. 22 to accept last-minute registration forms.

## Vote by mail

Voting has already started for those who choose to vote by mail. Or you can cast a vote (paper or electronic, your choice) prior to Feb. 5 at a voting center at 555 County Center (corner of Bradford Street and Hamilton Avenue) in Redwood City. The center is open week-

days during normal business hours and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on two Saturdays: Jan. 26 and Feb. 2.

If you want to vote by mail and are not registered as a permanent "vote by mail" voter, fill out the form on the back of the sample ballot and voter information pamphlet that registered voters receive from the county.

## Voter guides

There's lots of information available on the Feb. 5 primary, including online — [smartvoter.org](http://smartvoter.org) and [shapethefuture.org](http://shapethefuture.org) — and in print.

Election story: It takes a village to spend school bond-measure funds. **Page 5**

In addition to the voter information pamphlets that registered voters receive from the county and state, there is a nonpartisan Easy Voter Guide, a collaboration of the League of Women Voters of California, the California State Library and others.

The guide is meant to make sense of the often daunting voting process and to encourage civic engagement. It has information on political parties, candidates, propositions, voting and voter registration.

The print version is available at such locations as the Menlo Park Library at 800 Alma St.; Menlo Park city hall at 701 Laurel St.; the Portola Valley town hall at 765 Portola Road; and at the League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County at 713 Santa Cruz Ave. in Menlo Park.

It's also available online at [easyvoter.org](http://easyvoter.org).

The guide is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean. Japanese and Tagalog versions are expected before the Feb. 5 election.



## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LITTLE PEOPLE'S PARK IN PORTOLA VALLEY

Little People's Park at the Town Center in Portola Valley will be closed temporarily beginning Monday, February 11th to allow for modifications to playground equipment within the park. It is anticipated the park will reopen on Saturday, February 23, 2008, unless inclement weather forces delay of completion of the work.

Please check the Town's website at [www.portolavalley.net](http://www.portolavalley.net) for up to date information concerning this closure.

The Town regrets any inconvenience to our citizens, particularly our very special "little people."

For more information, please feel free to contact Janet McDougall at (650) 851-1700, ext. 18.

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# Community

NEWS OF LOCAL PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

## Remembering Lowell Duggan

By John Straubel

Special to the Almanac

Silicon Valley is blessed with a cadre of successful business people who choose to give back some of their wealth to the community that nurtured their growth. But few take the time in their frenetic lives to devote time and energy to civic causes like the late Lowell Duggan, a 43-year resident of Woodside.

In a December celebration of Duggan's life at the San Mateo County Mounted Patrol Grounds in Woodside, it was evident that community work was his real source of joy, adventure and friendship.

Lowell Duggan died Oct. 31 at age 88 after a long, proud struggle with Alzheimer's. Sending him on his way at the Patrol Grounds ceremony was a crowd that included his Mounted Patrol cohorts and members of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Air Squadron. Duggan had been a captain of the colorful patrol, and a commander of the squadron, logging more than 7,000 hours in support of county law enforcement. Former Sheriff Don Horsley was one of many celebrants at the happy, poignant event who took the podium to recount stories of daring, mirth and sentiment that cowboys and pilots relish.

None of the speakers used the word love, but as events concluded with a Squadron flyover and the traditional empty-saddles farewell using a daughter's horse, and as hundreds of silver balloons were released to the open sky by friends and family, love was very much in evidence.

How does a man such as Lowell Duggan find time to volunteer



Photo courtesy of Ray Paquette and Duggan family  
**Lowell Duggan** made the time for what was important to him, says his daughter, Susan Duggan.

as if it were his consuming interest, while managing hundreds of millions annually in real estate mortgages at Duggan Investment Co., serving as national education chairman for the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, buying and selling companies

### PERSONAL TRIBUTE

**About the author:** John Straubel of Menlo Park is a corporate communications specialist, a longtime business associate of Lowell Duggan's daughter, Susan, and a friend of the family. A partner in the educational nonprofit Both Sides Now, he is a director of, and handles communications for, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula.

such as Security Savings and Loan of San Jose, acting as agent for the government's Agency for International Development ... even serving as chairman of the Commonwealth Club of California?

His daughter Susan Duggan may have an answer. A globe-circling CEO of the Silicon Valley World Internet Center, Susan believes that in the days of her dad's ascendance to business success, things were simpler. "Lowell Duggan," she says, "was never heard saying he'd love to do this or that if only he had the time. He made the time for what was important to him."

For her dad, that meant it had to be fun, too. Riding horses and flying airplanes with your comrades, searching for lost kids, flying aerial surveillance in narcotic interdiction, picking up the trail of missing hikers. That's the kind of adventure he needed to round out a life. No less important was storytelling around campfires, hoisting a few (or more) to the good life, to making it through one or more wars, and to just being with each other.

At the Patrol Grounds celebration, a microphone was passed around for stories about the comradeship of doing good works with friends. Some said it was a lost art.

Raising a family for Lowell Duggan meant imparting to his kids a balance of hands-on appreciation of nature, the arts, and the world's diversity. Susan and her sister Shellie find perspective as world travelers and as skilled horsewomen. Brother Charles — a successful theater impresario — has been raising his two young sons in Italy and Mexico.

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## Inspirations

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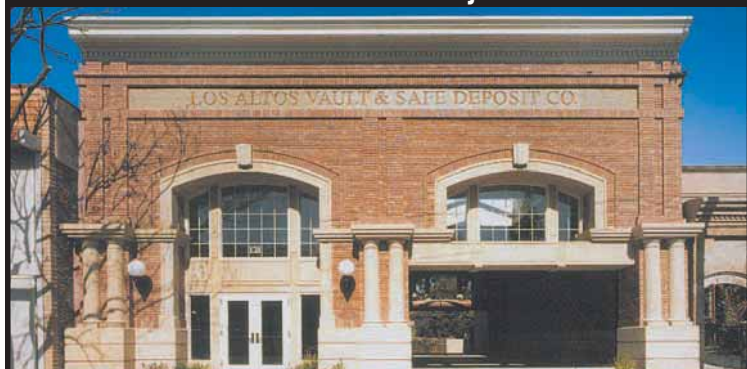
10:15 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with hymns, choir, & organ

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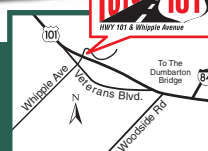
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# Lowell Duggan: man of the community

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Janet, Lowell Duggan's wife of 60 years, died in 2003, and testimonials of friends at the December ceremony characterized a lovebird relationship. The two danced their way into the hearts of the Woodside community with colorful, homemade costumes brightening up each occasion.

Janet patiently supported her husband when he was gone on family holidays to search for kids

lost in Huddart Park; gone on weekends to train Eagle Scouts for rescues off the cliffs of San Mateo County; or up in the skies out of the San Carlos Airport.

His propensity for rescues began early. As a young Air Corps pilot in the World War II Southeast Asia theater, he earned a Bronze Star for flying behind enemy lines to retrieve the famed "Merrill's Marauders," a volunteer deep-penetration group that had been harassing Japanese troops in Burma.

His love for horses began on a ranch in Oregon owned by his aunt and uncle. He liked riding with no saddle or bridle, just a loose hackamore. Years later he bought an Appaloosa named "Coho Azul" and trained him for cutting, eventually winning first place at the 1965 Cow Palace Grand National.

In 1966 they took 11th place in the Cutting Horse Nationals. He rode Coho on the county trails and in the Mounted

Patrol until his faithful buddy died at 23. Thanks to his master's inclination to adventure, Coho had seen plenty of action.

In 1995, the Mounted Patrol delighted Duggan by awarding him the "Outstanding Horseperson-Citizen Award" in appreciation "of his Professional Achievements and Numerous Contributions to the County."

As a commander of the volunteer San Mateo County Air Squadron search-and-rescue missions, he patrolled the area for lost citizens, and sometimes the assignment was surveillance and interdiction of the narcotics trade. One major search operation in the mid-1980s had planes departing every 20 minutes from San Carlos Airport tracking down a serial arsonist who persisted in setting fires along Interstate 280. They caught him on Duggan's watch.

During his year as its captain, Duggan led an effort to fully equip the Mounted Patrol as a certified Red Cross disaster relief center so it could provide safe haven for county citizens

in a major earthquake or other disaster. His plan remains in force, and the Patrol is recognized as the leading such facility in the Bay Area.

Later in his work for the Sheriff's Office, he served on the finance and long-range planning committees and was designated by the sheriff as search and rescue coordinator on Mounted Patrol callouts. His leadership in such volunteer services was recognized by Sheriff Don Horsley in 1995 with a special commendation inscribed, "In Recognition of 30 years of Outstanding Service to the Citizens of San Mateo County."

Duggan's long-time volunteering continued in his late years. His health curtailed the more physical services but he wasn't above coordinating the Care Bear program with the Mounted Patrol and the Sheriff's Office, bringing teddy bears to needy kids.

Sheriff Horsley recalls: "When asked for help, his first words were always, 'What do you need?'" Lowell was invaluable in our ability to deal with emergencies where help from volunteers such as the Air Squadron, Mounted Patrol and Explorer Scouts often made the difference in saving lives."

Bill Wraith of Portola Valley, a long-time Duggan buddy and fellow Mounted Patrol captain, speaks of him as being "bigger than life." But it was a life uncluttered by today's standards, with time to enjoy the affection for teamwork that so often characterizes service to community.

Wraith said Lowell Duggan inspired others with an ego that embraced being an executive strategist, an adventure-loving pilot and horseman, and a leader who got up at 4:30 a.m. to pick up the first batch of hot donuts for Fourth of July volunteers at the Mounted Patrol Rodeo.

Wraith concluded his remarks at the celebration-of-life event for his buddy: "I thank his kids Susan, Shellie and Charles for sharing this man with us all these years." ■

**'When asked for help, his first words were always: What do you need?'**

SHERIFF DON HORSLEY

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## Atherton woman chairs foundation board

Patricia Bresee of Atherton is the new board chairman of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

An attorney and former Superior Court commissioner in San Mateo County, Ms. Bresee is the board's former vice chairman.

She succeeds Gregory Avis, founding managing partner of Summit Partners and the first board chairman of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, a Mountain View-based nonprofit that opened for business Jan. 1, 2007, the result of a merger of the former Peninsula Community Foundation and Community Foundation Silicon Valley.



Patricia Bresee has devoted most of her professional life to children's issues.

Thomas J. Friel and Ivonne

Monte de Oca have also been appointed to the board.

Ms. Bresee has devoted most of her professional life to children's issues. As a private attorney, she has represented children in juvenile courts. As a Superior Court commissioner in San Mateo County, she served on the San Mateo County Juvenile Court bench for 15 years.

In 1994, she was named Juvenile Court Judge of the Year by the California Judges Association. In 1998, the national Court-Appointed Special Advocates named her Judge of the Year. She has also been named to the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

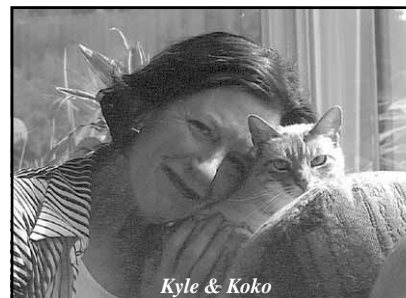


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### PEOPLE

## Agents achive top ranking

Menlo Park real estate agents Hanna Shacham and Keri Nicholas were among the top 200 agents nationwide in 2006, according to "Real Estate Top 200," a national sales ranking sponsored by The Wall Street Journal and REAL Trends magazine.

Ms. Shacham, who ranked 23rd nationally, began her practice after a long career as a civil engineer. She became an associate vice president at Cornish & Carey (now Coldwell Banker) in 1994.

In the first half of 2007, she ranked No. 1 in sales for Coldwell Banker in both Santa Clara and San Mateo countries. She has exceeded \$110 million in sales this year, Coldwell Banker said.

Ms. Nicholas, a real estate agent since 1991, ranked 49th nationally. Ranked in the top 1 percent in sales nationwide for Coldwell Banker for seven years. She has sold more than \$800 million in real estate, the company said.



Hanna Shacham, left, and Keri Nicholas

### Woodward named Menlo College trustee

Andrew Woodward, who attended Menlo College and whose family has a long relationship with the school, is a new member of the college's board of trustees.

A managing partner of KCW Properties LLC, a real investment firm with offices in Eugene, Oregon, and Lafayette, California, he has been involved in Menlo College alumni activities and is treasurer of the Woodward Family Foundation.

## Teens learn how to start a charity

The Menlo Park nonprofit, My New Red Shoes, is offering training sessions for teenagers who are interested in someday starting their own charities.

High school students are invited to participate in the Junior Board, a service-learning program run by My New Red Shoes, an organization that provides new clothing and shoes to children from low-income families.

The Junior Board plans to meet

from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Menlo-Atherton High School.

Junior Board members create a community service project to benefit local homeless children, and organizes a 5K walk/run event to be held April 27 at Shoreline at Mountain View to raise funds for its project.

Students interested in the Junior Board can apply at [www.mynewredshoes.org](http://www.mynewredshoes.org).

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## Allegro, others make moves in Woodside shopping center

### ■ BUSINESS

With the New Year, there's lots of action at Cañada Corners shopping center, corner of Woodside and Cañada roads in Woodside.

Allegro Framing and Art is having its grand opening after moving into space formerly occupied by Woodside Tennis. Allegro, which also has a store at Ladera Country Shopper in Portola Valley, specializes in custom picture framing and displays original art by local artists. It also carries art supplies and holds art classes, according to owner Irina Gorelik.

Woodside Tennis, which has been in business for 30 years at the same location, has moved into space formerly occupied by Woodside Village Pharmacy.

Woodside Tennis owners Hope and Bill Schneider, who have owned the business for more than six years, are leasing about two-thirds of the former pharmacy site. With more room (1,100 square feet), the Schneiders are able to expand their stock and add new clothing lines, including yoga, running and workout wear.

The remaining 500 feet of pharmacy space is now the office of general contractor Dave Tanner, who did the remodeling of the tennis shop. A Woodside resident, Mr. Tanner is a member of the Woodside Town Council.

### ■ WEDDING

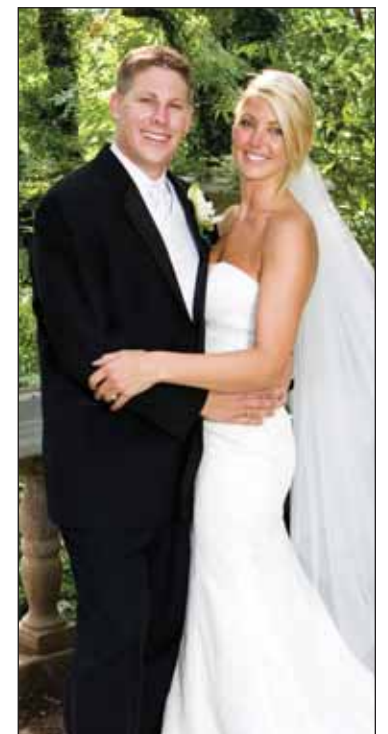
#### Ingols-Price

Lindsay Ingols and Lucas Price were married Aug. 4 at the Austin University Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas. A reception followed at Laguna La Gloria Museum.

The bride is the daughter of Kathy Ingols of Mountain View and Robert Ingols of Tahoe. She grew up in Ladera and graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in business from the School of Natural Sciences at the University of Texas.

The bridegroom is the son of Ann and Mark Price of Oatmeal, Texas. He is a graduate of the University of Texas with a bachelor's degree in marketing and management.

After a honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple is living in Houston, Texas.



Lucas Price and Lindsay Ingols



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## Talk: foreign policy 'Beyond Bush'

"Beyond Bush: Foreign Policy and the Next American President" will be the topic of talk by Kenneth Schultz, associate professor of political science at Stanford, on Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Los Altos Public Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

Dr. Schultz will examine the effects of foreign policy on the 2008 election, and the key choices that will face the next president in a program sponsored by the World

Affairs Council of Northern California, Peninsula Chapter.

Professor Schultz taught at Princeton University and then UCLA before coming to Stanford. He is director of the Stanford Program on International Relations, and author of "Democracy and Coercive Diplomacy" (2001).

The program is free and will be preceded by refreshments at 7 p.m. For information call the World Affairs Council at 415-293-4600; or go to [itsyourworld.org](http://itsyourworld.org).



### ■ BRITHS

#### Menlo Park

■ Alison and John Van Dyke, a son, January 3, at Sequoia Hospital.

## Residents upset by historic artifacts law

### URNS

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tonight — you don't want this ordinance," said Councilwoman Kathy McKeithen, who defended the council's actions. If residents had turned out to voice their opinions when the council originally created the ordinance, things could have turned out differently, she said.

"You can't come here a year and a half later and point fingers at us," she said. "Take part in this process, if you care. Put your time and your thought where your mouth is."

Atherton has spent an estimated \$130,000 to \$155,000 in legal fees related to the Lambs' lawsuit so far.

"Doesn't that make everybody ashamed of themselves?" asked Atherton resident Jillian Manus Salzman. "What is wrong with all of you? You are creating a mess of this town."

On the other side of the issue, a contingent of Lindenwood residents came to the meeting to express support for preserving the artifacts in their neighborhood.

"Everyone who's ever run for

City Council has run on a platform of preserving the unique and rural character of our town," said former mayor Malcolm Dudley. "To move these artifacts takes them out of their context. It's like moving the Golden Gate Bridge or the Eiffel Tower to Arizona."

However, he proposed the town work out a compromise with the Lambs that would allow them to move the urns on the condition that they would be returned to Lindenwood if the Lambs ever move out of Atherton.

Councilman Charles Marsala, who is opposed to the ordinance, said the town should pursue voluntary preservation efforts, and create a fund to purchase artifacts from private property owners.

"An ordinance like this leads to lawsuits, and people in this town have very deep pockets," said Mr. Marsala. "I'm in favor of an advisory vote, and in the meantime, we should rescind this ordinance."

The council voted 3-1, with Mr. Marsala opposed, to keep the ordinance as is while a replacement ordinance is created. ■

## Woodside may expand bike panel's scope

The Woodside Town Council is scheduled to consider modifying the charter for the town's bicycle committee to include matters relevant to pedestrians, such as their use of roadways and paths. The meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 22, begins at 7:30 p.m. in Independence Hall at 2955 Woodside Road.

The council will also interview candidates for new terms on the

Planning Commission. The candidates include Jennifer Gonzales and incumbent Sara Jorgensen for the District 1 seat, and incumbent Diane Elder for the District 7 seat.

The meeting is also scheduled to include a public hearing on an appeal by Roger and Jodi Lawler of a Planning Commission certification of an environmental impact report, adoption of miti-

gation monitoring program, and approval of lot line adjustments and conditional use permit concerning 92.2 acres of land along Lawler Ranch Road.

Among the matters addressed in the appeal: construction of a private roadway, two bridges and a detention basin, drainage improvements and grading in excess of 1,500 cubic yards.

### ■ 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

##### Grand theft reports:

- Computer taken from coffee room, 1000 block of El Camino Real, Jan. 11.
- Numerous items taken from backpack during lunch, 500 block of Middlefield Ave., Jan. 15.
- Bicycle taken from rear yard; George Meier, 54, of Menlo Park found and arrested for grand theft, first block of Ashfield Road, Jan. 16.

**Assault report:** Victim bitten and scratched by girlfriend who threw laptop, first block of Irving Ave., Jan. 11.

**Misc. reports:** Single shot heard, first block of Tallwood Court, Jan. 12.

**Fraud report:** Unauthorized use of credit card for online purchase worth \$25,000, first block of Nora Way, Jan. 14.

#### MENLO PARK

##### Burglary reports:

- Garage door lock damaged, 1100 block of Willow Road, Jan. 14.
- Office window broken; cash stolen, 1100 block of Crane St., Jan. 15.
- Forced entry into vehicle; amplifiers stolen, 1300 block of Willow Road, Jan. 16.
- Forced entry into residence; unknown amount of items taken, 900 block of Timothy Lane, Jan. 16.
- Portable DVD player stolen from business, El Camino Real, Jan. 17.

**Stolen vehicle report:** Red trail bike stolen, 300 block of Grayson Court, Jan. 15.

##### Fraud reports:

- Identity theft, 1200 block of Sevier Ave., Jan. 14.
- Fraudulent use of credit card, 500 block of Pierce Road, Jan. 16.

##### Accident reports:

- Driver ran vehicle into building; fled scene; later arrested, 1100 block of Alpine Ave., Jan. 13.
- Vehicle vs. bicycle; injured person taken to emergency room, Sand Hill Road at Leland Ave., Jan. 16.

**Grand theft reports:** Watch stolen, 500 block of Willow Road, Jan. 11.

##### Battery reports:

- Victim punched, 1100 block of Willow

Road, Jan. 15.

■ Juvenile assaulted, 300 block of Santa Monica Ave., Jan. 16.

#### WOODSIDE

**Burglary report:** Vehicle window broken; iPod and purse stolen, Lawler Ranch and Sand Hill roads, Jan. 9.

**Accident report:** Reckless car chase, Woodside Road, Jan. 14.

**Theft report:** Concrete and stained glass bench removed from front porch, 400 block of W. Maple Way, Jan. 13.

#### PORTOLA VALLEY

##### Burglary reports:

■ Vehicle window broken; damage estimated at \$9,100, Windy Hill parking lot on Portola Road, Jan. 13.

■ Vehicle window broken; cash and credit cards stolen, Windy Hill parking lot, Jan. 13.

■ Vehicle window broken; purse stolen, Alpine Road at Willowbrook Drive, Jan. 14.

**Incident report:** Dog fight resulted in one dying and one being euthanized, Canyon Dr. and Echo Lane, Jan. 15.

*Editor's note: In the Jan. 16 issue of The Almanac, there was a Police Calls item about a vehicle window being smashed Jan. 5 after an argument in the 100 block of Stadler Road in Woodside. A resident called the Almanac and said that it was her vehicle that was damaged and that no argument occurred.*

## Former UC Berkeley chancellor dies in Portola Valley

Albert Bowker, who was chancellor at the University of California, Berkeley, in the 1970s, died Sunday at The Sequoias retirement community in Portola Valley. He was 88 and had suffered from pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Bowker was chancellor at

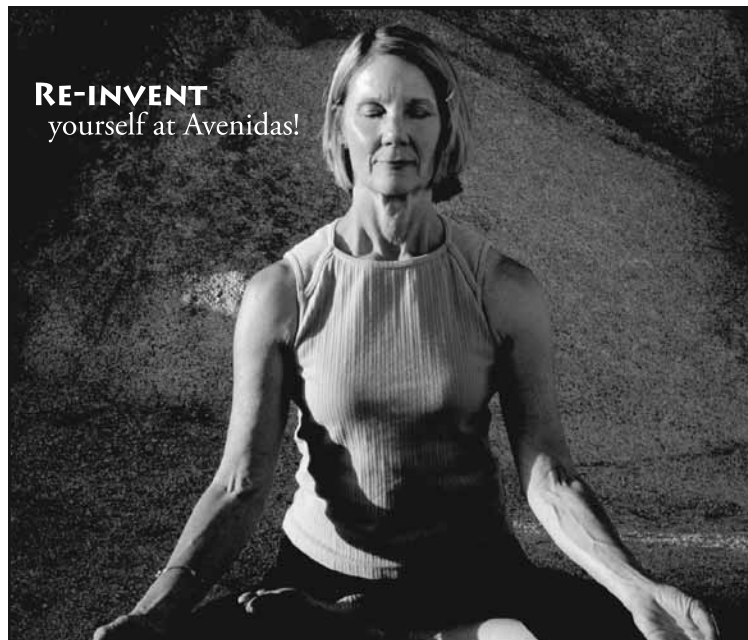
UC Berkeley from 1971 to 1980. He was also chancellor of the City University of New York from 1963 to 1971.

"For 28 years after stepping down as chancellor he remained an integral part of the Cal community, offering advice for the chancellors who

came after him," UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert J. Birgenau said.

Born in Winchendon, Massachusetts, he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from MIT in 1941 and a Ph.D. in statistics from Columbia University in 1949.

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## STEPHEN CHARLES FOWLER 1944-2008



Stephen Charles Fowler, age 63, died peacefully on January 5, 2008, surrounded by family. Born in Philadelphia on D-Day, June 6, 1944, Steve attended Northeast Catholic High School in Philadelphia, and the US Naval Academy

before moving to the Bay Area in 1975. Steve is survived by his wife, Kathryn Wright of Menlo Park, CA; son Steve Fowler of Hollywood, CA; daughter Kris Cirby, son-in-law Steve Cirby, and granddaughter Caroline Cirby of Novato, CA; stepson Erik Wright of Menlo Park, CA, and grandsons Jim Wright of Menlo Park, CA and Dane Wright of Calgary, Canada; brother Joseph Fowler of Philadelphia, PA; sister Patricia Fowler of Philadelphia, PA and nephew, Christopher Fowler of Philadelphia, PA.

Steve also leaves behind cherished friends, Harry and Annie Dougherty of Philadelphia, PA, Gary Black of Los Gatos, CA, Jack Reilly of Philadelphia, PA, and the Horstmeyer family of Palo Alto. Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Elizabeth and Joseph Fowler.

Steve will be missed by the people whose lives he touched every day in immeasurable ways. Those who knew Steve will fondly remember his gentle spirit, his keen intellect, his sense of humor, and his profound love for his family.

A memorial celebration of Steve's life will be held on February 11 from 4pm-6pm. Contributions in Steve Fowler's name may be made to the Family & Children's Law Center, 30 North San Pedro Rd., Suite 245, San Rafael, CA 94903, or St. Anne's School, 2343 E Tucker St, Philadelphia, PA. The family may be contacted by calling (650) 322-1007.

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# Endorsements

## Sequoia high school district bonds, Measure J

In making a case for voters to approve its fourth major bond measure since 1996 at the Feb. 5 election, the Sequoia Union High School District makes some good points:

■ All four of its major high schools, Menlo-Atherton, Woodside, Sequoia (Redwood City) and Carlmont (Belmont/San Carlos) have won awards recently, with three being designated California Distinguished Schools and Sequoia honored for high achievement among poverty-level students. Sequoia and M-A are ranked in

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The opinion of The Almanac

the top 1,000 schools in the nation based on the percentage of seniors who take advanced-placement (AP) tests.

■ Superintendent Pat Gemma also is proud of the district's recently minted "vision," arrived at after many focus groups and discussions at all school levels. The core values identified include student success, accountability and personal responsibility, respect, honesty and integrity, and teamwork. It boils down to a vision statement: "All students are engaged and prepared to excel in a global society."

■ And Mr. Gemma says the district has done a good job overseeing the projects financed by earlier bond packages in 1996 (\$45 million); 2001 (\$88 million); and 2004 (\$70 million). If Measure J is approved and the bonds are sold, \$368 million will have been invested in the district during the 1996-2008 period, although the cost to tax-payers will remain below \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of their property. The new bond will add \$9.73 per \$100,000 on top of the current \$19 cost. And according to Mr. Gemma, the district will not be going out for more bonds for at least another 10 years, barring a disaster.

Although much of the bond money would be spent throughout the district, local projects of interest include completion of the M-A performing arts center, whose cost has ballooned from \$17 million to \$32.5 million. There could also be funds for a 400-student high school in East Palo Alto; a big chunk, \$25 million to \$30 million, could be used to establish a stand-alone vocational and technical campus, and there could be \$10 million to pay for ongoing technology improvements on each campus for the next decade.

The bonds also could fund an initiative in alternative energy on all campuses, from using solar panels to heat swimming pools to adopting a range of energy-saving technologies.

The district has used its prior bond monies wisely and we see no reason to think this proposal will be any different. It is impera-

tive that all our schools, and especially our high schools, keep up with the rapid advances in technology, both for college-bound students and those who may be more interested in a career that does not require a college degree. And it is just as important to develop and build state-of-the-art facilities that will keep students and their families engaged in the educational process.

Finally, the cost of construction is rising rapidly, to over \$600 a square foot for schools built today, compared to \$200 a foot in 1996. Waiting to make clearly identified improvements is not an option. We urge a yes vote on Measure J, to continue the progress of the Sequoia Union High School District.

## No on Proposition 92, community college funding

This well-meaning, but complicated ballot measure attempts to shore up funding for community colleges and lower tuition to \$15 per unit from \$20.

But to do so, it would add yet another constitutional amendment that will tie the hands of the governor and Legislature at budget time. Such special-interest mandates already hogtie legislators and make it even more difficult when budget cuts are needed. We urge a no vote on Proposition 92.

## Vote no on Proposition 93 to change term limits

This measure is another example of tinkering with the rules in an effort to allow legislators to serve their entire term limit of 12 years in one house or the other, rather than a maximum of three two-year terms in the Assembly, and two four-year terms in the Senate.

The measure would reduce the overall time one legislator could serve from 14 to 12 years, but relax the requirement that the time be spent in both houses. Several current members of the legislature, including Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, would be able to serve an additional term. The initiative's main supporters, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez and Senate President Don Perata, would both benefit from the measure.

Although granting legislators the ability to serve their entire 12 years in one house could eliminate the tendency of Assembly members to begin running for a Senate seat as soon as they are elected, there are no guarantees that this measure would improve legislative performance. And there is a whiff of special interest in this proposition due to its real benefit to the legislative leaders. The state has much more important business on its plate than fiddling with term limits.



## Our Regional Heritage

The Audiffreds of Woodside often traveled to La Honda by stagecoach or automobile around the turn of the 20th century. The scene above, photographed in 1912, is from a postcard from the family's collection.

Jacque Audiffred Collection

## LETTERS

**New traffic light timing at Alameda/Avy a problem***Editor:*

A couple of years ago, San Mateo County agreed with some residents of the unincorporated area of Menlo Park to reduce the Alameda de las Pulgas from four through-lanes to two, and to restrict traffic flow at the Avy Avenue intersection.

Their goals were to make it safer for kids going to school and to improve the streetscape appearance by adding more trees. All of us nearby residents were assured that this could be done without increasing traffic congestion. The city of Menlo Park was not involved.

Perhaps the appearance will eventually be improved if missing trees are replaced and all the trees mature. Another disappointment has been the sidewalk bulbout at the Chevron Station, which has been "painted" black by motorists running over the curb when trying to negotiate the restricted turn south. There are too many close calls at this corner and the bulbout needs to be removed.

However, the big problem now is the new traffic light timing approved by Supervisor Rich Gordon, whose district includes this neighborhood. It is not clear who wants these changes. Mr. Gordon says he is "seeking the greatest good for the greatest number of people." Which people?

An Almanac article Dec. 7 said that the Cloud Avenue homeowners association is against the light timing change and that it had no effect on reducing cut-through traffic on Cloud. This same article says the timing changes have clogged up traffic so badly on Avy that school kids and pedestrians are crossing against the lights and that drivers are becoming scofflaws. Both the La Entrada PTA and school officials object to the new timing.

As far as I can tell, only the county seems to think that improving the traffic flow on the Alameda will relieve cut-through traffic on parallel Cloud and Alschul avenues. The strategy isn't working and a heavy price is being paid by Menlo Park drivers on Avy trying to cross the Alameda.

Recently, I tried to go east on Avy across the Alameda during morning commute times and it took two light changes to make it. North/south traffic on the Alameda had 1-1/2 minutes for each light change, and east/west on Avy had a half-minute. Therefore, it took me 3-1/2 minutes to cross, whereas before it was more like a half-minute.

**Concern over church use of council chambers****By Martin Engel and Judith Engel-Orasanu**

*The following letter was addressed to the members of the Menlo Park City Council:*

**S**orting our mail after being away for a few weeks, we found a slick, four-color postcard addressed to "Resident" entitled "Prayer and the Environment."

It announces a lecture by Ron Ballard, a "practitioner and teacher of Christian Science healing," who is from the First Church of Christ Scientist in Menlo Park. The free lecture is Jan. 24 and it is being given in the Menlo Park City Council Chambers.

This lecture is presented by the Menlo Park Church of Christ, Scientist. The Web site and telephone number on the card

all connect to the Christian Science church or reading room in Menlo Park. In short, this is a religious presentation by a religious organization. And according to the title, it is about prayer.

Based on his titles and profession, we can expect that Mr. Ballard will not speak about the environment in a secular way. To the contrary, it is reasonable to anticipate a strong Christian Science (which opposes secular science) and spiritual/religious thrust to his presentation. He asks us to "enjoy the landscape of hope," whatever that means. The text on the card makes a great deal of the Christian Science basis of this presentation, including an introduction by a Christian Science Monitor reporter. On the card, nothing

specific is said about the environment.

We find this arrangement totally unacceptable. While we bear no antipathy toward "Christian Science," we are firm believers in the First Amendment "establishment" clause, which mandates separation of church and state. We do not want our city hall facilities made available for religious purposes of any kind, despite the overlay of environmentalism.

We do not object to Mr. Ballard's presentation, whatever the subject. However, we do object, strongly, to the use of a public, tax-based, civic venue for apparently religious purposes. It creates the appearance of city



council and administration endorsement. Environmentalism is based on science, not "Christian Science," which is a Christian teaching and a church.

We wish to state this in the strongest terms: We do not believe that it is legal or appropriate to provide

a venue in a public civic facility for a "Prayer and the Environment" presentation by any religious group, seemingly under the auspices of the Menlo Park city government. We are asking this lecture permit in the council chambers (or any other Menlo Park facility) be withdrawn.

**Martin and Judith Engel-Orasanu live on Stone Pine Lane in Menlo Park.**

Another problem with this intersection is the confusing signs on the pavement. Eastern through-traffic on Avy is told to stay in the right lane, whereas cars heading west have no instruction at all.

I can live with most of the streetscape changes that have been done, except for the light timing changes. These should be reversed immediately. I haven't heard of anyone who wants them and they are uniformly disliked by pedestrians, school kids, and motorists. As a second thought, please take another look at some of the other problem areas mentioned above.

**Reginald W. Rice  
Tioga Drive, Menlo Park**

**Can Menlo Park mayor be fair on transit?***Editor:*

Menlo Park Mayor Andrew Cohen has announced that his term will be dedicated to transit and transportation.

Included in these broad topics are such complex issues as electrification of Caltrain, Dumbarton rail, high-speed rail, grade separations, mixed-use higher-density transit-oriented development, impacts of eliminated transit service from VTA (Santa Clara County transit) and reduced service from Caltrain, increasing transit ridership to maintain and increase services, and reducing greenhouse gases from transit and transportation.

There's a connection between transit-oriented development and increasing ridership on transit. A recent study showed that about 48 percent of residents living in transit-oriented housing take

transit, they own fewer cars and so need fewer parking spaces. As gas prices soar, businesses find that being near transit is a plus for hiring employees and attracting customers.

Electrifying Caltrain will reduce pollution from diesel trains and require less time and energy to start and stop, thereby accommodating more trains and stops.

As for high-speed rail, Dumbarton rail and grade separations, each presents challenges and opportunities, as does our City Council's commitment to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

As Mr. Cohen has already spoken out against most of these initiatives, it is difficult to see how he will provide enlightened leadership to address these 21st-century issues with 21st-century answers. I hope he rises to the challenge; there's a lot riding on it.

**Elizabeth Lasensky  
Fremont Street, Menlo Park**

**The Kings and oppression in food animals***Editor:*

Today, Jan. 15, marks the birthday of Martin Luther King.

Democratic presidential candidates are using the occasion to debate his role in this country's landmark civil rights legislation. I find it more interesting to ponder whether his ideals extended beyond African-Americans to all victims of oppression and injustice, including animals.

Dr. King's wife Coretta and son Dexter became vegans, rejecting all products of animal suffering, including meat, dairy, eggs, leather, and fur. Their opposition to violence extended to the vio-

lence perpetrated against billions of innocent, sentient animals in America's factory farms and slaughterhouses. Their passion for justice extended to the most oppressed living beings on the planet — animals bred, abused, and killed for food.

In his letter from Birmingham jail, Martin Luther King cautioned that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." This message truly resonated with Coretta and Dexter Scott King. I hope that it will do likewise with Dr. King's many other admirers.

**Miles Barne  
Sharon Park Drive, Menlo Park**

**Urge Cal Water to conserve resources***Editor:*

I would like to urge the customers of California Water Service Co. to tell the company to get proactive about water conservation.

To serve the rising population in California, there are plans afoot to divert even more water from the Tuolumne River, where already spawning fish species are just barely holding on. With the effects of climate change and a reduced snow pack, this could be disastrous.

The Bay Area lags behind areas like Seattle and Los Angeles in water conservation. Cal Water is one of the local agencies that need to get moving on this.

Include a note when you pay your water bill. Remind Cal Water that the Tuolumne and the Sacramento Delta need more water flow, not less, and that there is a lot they can and must do to promote water efficiency and

conservation.

**Gail Sredanovic  
Ashton Avenue, Menlo Park**

**Mobilize against PV's proposed basement***Editor:*

Recently the town of Portola Valley attempted to pass a new ordinance to restrict basement sizes. At the most recent Town Council meeting the vote was postponed due to a large turnout of residents in opposition.

This is a critical issue for all residents of Portola Valley because of the potential impact on property values. For residents in surrounding areas, this issue could easily set a precedent. If you care about this issue, you should be aware that the proposed ordinance is not dead yet, just in limbo.

If you want this proposed ordinance stopped, you must make your voice heard. You can be heard by attending the next Town Council meeting Jan. 24. If you cannot attend, please visit the town's Web site ([www.portovalley.net](http://www.portovalley.net)) and e-mail the Town Council your concerns. They will listen. It is not too late to sign the petition (<http://www.petitiononline.com/basepv/petition.html>) and join the PV Forum (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PVForum>).

I am currently compiling a summary of the events that led to the current status of this issue. If you wish to further educate yourself, please e-mail me for a copy ([rolklings@gmail.com](mailto:rolklings@gmail.com)). Please help bring a permanent end to this ill-founded action. Thank you.

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