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Shorenstein: ardent fan of Portola Valley

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Real estate magnate Walter Shorenstein, a generous friend of the Democratic Party, an ardent fan of Portola Valley's character, and a not infrequent occupant of his Westridge Drive home, died of natural causes on Thursday, June 24, in San Francisco at the age of 95.

"Walter considered his Portola Valley home his Shangri-la and he spent a lot of time there," Shorenstein family spokesman Tim Gallen told The Almanac.

Former Portola Valley mayor Bill Lane, Mr. Shorenstein's neighbor on Westridge Drive, said he had been invited to Mr. Shorenstein's home about half a dozen times and that he once drove him home from an affair. "He was a wonderful man," Mr. Lane said. "I liked his upbeat, positive attitude. He was very positive about living in Portola Valley."

Mr. Shorenstein had friends in high places. Mr. Gallen, who attended a June 28 memorial service for Mr. Shorenstein at



Walter Shorenstein
Photo by Rod Searcey

San Francisco's Temple Emanuel, said that "all the major Democrats (from the area) were there, and they all had stories to tell about how Walter advised them."

Among the guests, Mr. Gallen said, were Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi; Congressman George Miller, D-Martinez; San Francisco Mayor Gavin

Newsom; former San Francisco mayor Willie Brown; and California Democratic Party Chairman John Burton.

Former president Bill Clinton, who, Mr. Gallen said, had a letter read aloud at the June 28 memorial, once stopped by Mr. Shorenstein's Portola Valley home during his presidency for a fundraising event.

Democratic Party fundraising operatives will miss Mr. Shorenstein. The non-partisan campaign-finance-tracking website OpenSecrets.org shows him contributing \$2,633,402 since 1989, the vast majority of it to candidates with a (D) after their names.

Mr. Shorenstein got a start in the logistics of managing complex operations with his training as a quartermaster in the Army Air Corps during World War II, according to material provided by his family. He advanced steadily and was a major managing supplies at the Pacific Theater embarkation point, now Travis Air Force Base, when the war ended. ■

Dr. Walter Cole, physician, horseman, mess cook

Walter John Cole, who practiced medicine in both Canada and the Bay Area for more than 48 years, died June 17 at his home in Portola Valley. He was 94.

In recognition of his membership and participation in the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County, the organization named him the Outstanding Horseperson-Citizen of 2009. An article in The Almanac described Dr. Cole as a "dermatologist, cow roper, community benefactor and chuck wagon mess cook."

Born in Ottawa, Ontario, he knew early that his calling would be medicine, say family members. He volunteered to serve in the St. John Ambulance Corps at age 16.

He attended Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, graduating with honors from medical school in 1943. He later completed a fellowship at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and began private practice in Toronto.

In 1942 he was married to Margaret Storey Hibbert. In 1948 the



Dr. Walter Cole

couple left Toronto for California.

Dr. Cole was first associated with the Palo Alto Medical Clinic, working closely with many of its founding physicians: Dr. Russell Lee, Dr. Blake Wilbur, and Dr. Esther Clark. He later went into private practice in dermatology in downtown Palo Alto. In the late 1960s, he consolidated his

practice at the Stanford Medical Plaza, where he remained until retiring in 1991.

He and his wife, Peg, who moved to Portola Valley in 1961, shared almost 50 years together until her death in 1992.

When practicing, Dr. Cole began his office hours at 6:15 a.m. and he often made house calls, say family members. He co-chaired the Pigmented Lesion and Cutaneous Melanoma Clinic at Stanford Hospital with Dr. Robert Walton and established a blood bank program for members of the Mounted Patrol. He served for many years on the board of the Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank, was a longtime physician for the Stanford Fire Department.

An avid outdoorsman, his favorite pastimes included wild game hunting, fresh-water and deep-sea fishing, trail riding, and herding and roping cattle. Although forced to curtail activi-

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Planning Commission challenges housing plan on El Camino

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

A proposed housing development at 389 El Camino Real near College Avenue in Menlo Park will undergo further analysis after members of the Planning Commission challenged the plan at a June 28 study session.

Commissioners expressed concerns that the developer, the Matteson Companies, requested 13 waivers on development standards. Matteson plans to build on the site 17 townhouses and nine single-family homes, most three-story structures.

City planning staff said in a report that they believed some waivers were unnecessary.

The commission received 17 letters from residents living

near the site, asking that the developer address issues ranging from overcrowding to parking and whether two-story homes would be more suitable than three-story units.

"Obviously we have a lot to wade through," said Matt Matteson, president of the development company. "We're focusing on the commission's comments; the feedback from the residents isn't really new."

He agreed the commission was right to be concerned that the city attorney, Bill McClure, was not at the study session, given the project's complexities. "The nature of state density bonus laws is key to the project," Mr. Matteson said. "For the Planning Commission to be there without enough information on what that meant, was



Matteson Companies

This rendering from the Matteson Companies shows what the 26-home development might look like at 389 El Camino Real near College Avenue in Menlo Park.

disappointing. There was a way for them to be better prepared, either through staff reports or by the city attorney attending."

Planning for the project began four years ago, he said. The slow crawl toward construction will continue with further staff

analysis and another presentation to the Planning Commission. "But we can't say when that will be," he said. ■

Pension reform group seeks funds for legal defense

By Renee Batti

Almanac News Editor

The grassroots group that sponsored the Menlo Park pension reform initiative is trying to raise at least \$35,000 in private donations to defend the initiative after two public employee unions mounted a legal challenge to keep it off the November ballot.

The lawsuit was filed June 23, naming the city of Menlo Park, which put the initiative on the November ballot after the citizens' group gathered the needed signatures; and resident Ned Moritz, treasurer of the initiative's sponsor, Citizens for Fair and Responsible Pension Reform.

In a message sent out to an e-mail list on June 28, Citizens for Fair and Responsible Pension Reform wrote that, given the City Council's "tepid response" when it met in closed session June 25 about how to deal with the lawsuit, the group must assume "that if a vigorous defense (of the initiative) is to be made, we must mount it."

The council made no decision on how to address the complaints in the lawsuit, but asked the city attorney for more analysis, which it will review in July.

The group, co-chaired by residents Henry Riggs and Roy

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Kelly Park sports complex forges ahead

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

The final design and construction contract for the long-awaited Kelly Park sports complex were unanimously approved by the Menlo Park City Council on June 22. The complex will boast the city's first adult-sized regulation soccer field.

Planned to fit into an 8.3-acre triangular wedge of land next to the Onetta Harris Community Center in the city's Belle Haven neighborhood, the new complex includes a synthetic turf field encircled by a rubber track, two tennis courts, a basketball court, parking lot, lights, and restrooms.

Mayor Rich Cline said groundbreaking should start July 20. The idea of renovating Kelly Park

first surfaced about seven years ago. "Field use has always been a problem," he said. "I feel like I've been talking about this forever."

He said the new design emerged through community input. The Belle Haven Homeowners Association suggested adding the track, according to the mayor.

The original park, built in 2001 for about \$1 million, has an undersized basketball court and soccer field that, along with poor drainage and short fencing bordering the baseball diamond and U.S. 101, led to underuse.

Matt Oscamou, the city's senior civil engineer, said the city is in the process of signing contracts. The city awarded the \$2.8 million construction contract to the Oakland-based firm O.C. Jones & Sons Inc. The city estimates the total cost of the complex at \$3.4

million, less than the \$4.4 million earmarked for the project.

If construction starts on time, the project should be completed by spring.

Scheduling practices and games during the wait will be tricky. Hillview, Oak Knoll, and Kelly Park will all be closed for renovation for the next 18 to 24 months, leaving local sports leagues short on space, according to Jeanine Morgan, spokesperson for the MP Strikers Soccer Club.

"There is light at the end of the tunnel once these fields have been renovated," she said. "We are trying to work closely with private organizations and local high schools to find space for our teams that will be displaced. We hope that everyone in the community will cooperate during this time." ■

Downtown block party draws line around free speech

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Sometimes you get a refund you don't want. Nancy Couperus, Menlo Park commercial property owner and founding member of the Menlo Park Downtown Alliance found herself in that awkward position after the Chamber of Commerce's block party on June 23.

Chamber President Fran Dehn

stopped by the Alliance's table as the party wound down, according to Ms. Couperus, and handed back \$100 in an envelope, saying that since the association was considered a political group, it did not qualify to participate.

"I went home and scratched my head," said Ms. Couperus. "We thought it was a great opportunity to get information out to the public."

The Alliance consists of 118

business and property owners who signed a petition opposing the city's development plan for downtown Menlo Park.

The chamber's website states, "Anyone with a Menlo Park business license is eligible to participate, as are nonprofit organizations who service the Menlo Park area."

The Bohannon Development Company championed its Gateway project at last year's block

party, while the city of Menlo Park promoted its vision of downtown at this year's.

The move ruffled feathers among the association's members, many of whom also belong to the chamber, and who wondered why representatives of the Bohannon Gateway Project and the city's plan are not restricted to the free speech zone. Ms. Dehn said that Bohannon does business in downtown Menlo Park, and the city partners with the chamber to put on the

event.

Mark Flegel, owner of Flegels furniture on Santa Cruz Avenue, said: "The Chamber of Commerce is supposed to represent business interests. It was a block party, in the public domain. Anyone can put a table up and say whatever they want to say about anything. The chamber has no bearing and no legal basis to restrict that."

The free speech zone is not a

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Foundation gives schools grant of \$2.35 million

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This amount, raised within the community, will be used to fully fund 17 teachers and programs at the four district schools, according to foundation spokeswoman Valerie Ambwani.

The grant will supplement a budget of about \$30 million in the 2010-11 school year.

Ms. Ambwani said programs funded by the foundation grant include:

■ Full-time, fully credentialed librarians, hands-on-science aides, and elementary music and art teachers and programs.

■ Professional and career development, and support for the mathematics program and the technology curriculum

coordinator.

■ Jeanie Ritchie Innovative Grants for teachers, and support for the early launch of the new Hillview Academy program.

"We truly want to thank everyone in the community (who) supported the foundation and enabled us to achieve this record grant," Scott Lohmann, co-president of the MPAEF, said in a prepared statement.

"This foundation is for everyone in the district, and together we have to continue to work toward building a quality education for our children while we manage through the ongoing state reductions," he said.

The district includes Laurel, Encinal, and Oak Knoll elementary schools, and Hillview Middle School.

Go to mpaef.org for more information about the foundation.

Smog tech sentenced to probation

A Menlo Park smog technician charged with selling false smog test results for \$150 was sentenced June 30 to three years' probation.

Thanh Dang, 33, of San Jose pleaded no contest May 10 to one charge of felony perjury. As part of the plea bargain, the prosecution dropped 14 of the

15 perjury counts in exchange for a maximum possible sentence of four years in prison.

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Report: Rail ridership data flawed

By Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto Weekly

California high-speed rail ridership studies are flawed and are “unreliable for policy analysis,” according to an independent review released June 30 by the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

The report was commissioned by the California Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and has been eagerly anticipated by state legislators, local officials and critics of the controversial project, many of whom argued that the California High-Speed Rail Authority is basing its plans on faulty ridership models.

Its findings largely confirm the allegations voiced by critics.

Under the current plans, the rail system would initially connect

from San Francisco to Los Angeles and would later be expanded to Sacramento and San Diego. The rail authority had chosen the Pacheco Pass and the Peninsula as its preferred route for the new line despite arguments from a coalition of environmentalists and several Peninsula cities that the Altamont Pass in the East Bay would be a better alternative.

The new report identifies a series of technical errors and states that Cambridge Systematics, the company that performed the study for the rail authority, changed key parameter values “because the resulting estimates did not accord with the modelers’ a priori expectations.”

The report stated that the methodology used by Cambridge for adjusting its model parameters “has been shown to be incorrect for the type of model they employed.”

The Cambridge analysis also used a model that did not allow travelers to choose between high-speed rail stations, according to the report. This model, coupled with other dubious assumptions, “unrealistically favors alignments that avoid dividing services onto branch routes, such as Pacheco,” the report states.

“Correcting this deficiency would almost certainly reduce, although probably not eliminate, the ridership difference between the Pacheco and Altamont alignments found in the CS study,” the report states.

The rail authority released a letter defending the ridership projections. It stated that it believes the ridership model “has been, and continues to be a sound tool for use in high-speed rail planning and environmental analysis.”

Go to is.gd/dd45V (case-sensitive) to see the report. ■

Fire chief: Cafe Silan was behind on maintenance

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

Human nature was a culprit in the June 16 fire in Cafe Silan on Santa Cruz Avenue that put the 11-year-old restaurant out of business, hurried the permanent closure of the Book Rack next door, and closed Posh Bagel for at least six months, according to Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

“Arrogance, ignorance and complacency,” Chief Schapelhouman told The Almanac. “A lot of the reason that we (firefighters) have our jobs is because of that. ... This stuff happens because of human nature. These are not bad people.”

The cause of the fire is still unknown, but the suspect is an improperly installed flue. Investigators are checking to see if a building permit had been issued and who had done the work, Chief Schapelhouman said.

Maintenance of Cafe Silan’s fire-suppression systems “was an

issue,” the chief said. Management had been notified three times since September 2009 that the fire extinguisher was one year overdue and that the device over the oven that smothers fires with a blanket of fire-suppressing powder was two years overdue, the chief said.

“It’s not unusual to see people deferring maintenance. It costs money,” he said. “Mom-and-Pop-Shop-America is challenged by a lot of different things.”

Cafe Silan’s insurance had expired, but the building was insured, owner Nancy Couperus told The Almanac. The Book Rack had been on track to close within the year, and it may be six months or more before Posh Bagel is back in business, she said.

Installing fire sprinklers in the attic when Cafe Silan moved in had been “a huge expense,” Ms. Couperus recalled, “but boy, I’ll tell you, we are quite grateful we did it.”

Retailers often dread seeing firefighters visit to inspect and

“pre-target” a potential fire by considering how to fight it, the chief said.

Firefighters are occasionally asked why a fire extinguisher needs to be maintained, he said. “You may need to use it,” is the answer. “You have a cooking facility and if you’re cooking, you could have a fire.”

Boxes may be blocking an exit corridor, and may go back to where they were when firefighters leave, the chief said. Thus the importance of education. “We know that if we come in heavy handed, it’s not going to work,” he said.

Will inspection schedules ramp up? Is there a list of suspects? “I’m worried about every place,” the chief said. “Every business that goes out of business isn’t paying revenue into the system. We’re not immune from that. Inspectors cannot keep up with the workload they have. It’s a difficult situation and we’re seeing more of it. People are just trying to get by.” ■

in Canada and the early days of the Mounted Patrol and Shack Riders, say family members.

In later years, he served as a board member for the Ronald and Ann Williams Charitable Foundation. Among fund projects he championed were scholarships for the UCSF School of Nursing, research grants for the Stanford Hand Clinic, and the ongoing support of the Aging Adult Services Department of Stanford

Hospital.

He is survived by his sons, John Cole of Tucson, Arizona, and Timothy Cole of San Francisco; sister Connie Savile of Ottawa, Ontario; three grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

According to his wishes, there will be no service. Memorials in his name may be made to Aging Adult Services at Stanford Hospital, Pathways Home Health & Hospice, or a favorite charity. ■

DR. COLE

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ties in recent years, he continued to enjoy spending time with his hunting, fishing and riding partners.

Dr. Cole had a passion for preparing good food, often specializing in large-scale barbecues and crab feeds for the many groups he associated with. He loved to share his stories of the “old days”

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



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El Camino office complex slated for completion in six weeks

By Sandy Brundage
Almanac Staff Writer

A new two-story, 9,852-square-foot medical and dental office complex at the former site of the ACORN restaurant should be finished in six weeks, according to Phil Giurlani, one of the project's managers.

That news could come as a relief to residents living near the site at 1906 El Camino Real and Watkins Avenue, as well as Mr. Giurlani himself. "No one wants this done more than me," he said.

Construction languished since winter, he said, due to heavy rainfall. "The high water table made the ground sloppy," he explained.

City manager Glen Rojas said the city was not aware of the specific reasons for the work stoppage. "We have been in contact with the contractor and developer in an effort to keep the project moving," he said, agreeing that the complex should be finished during the next five to six weeks.

Residents wrote numerous

e-mails to the Menlo Park City Council, demanding action be taken to correct what they view as a dangerous situation — the cyclone fence surrounding the site forces pedestrians to travel in the roadway.

Don Barnby wrote several of those emails, and was unsatisfied with the city's response. "I'm appalled that the city's focus is on covering their tail," he said. "Covering their tail doesn't matter if someone gets killed. Everyone is just ducking and weaving and giving reasons."

He said the contractors have been equally unforthcoming. "Their sense of urgency is zero, as far as I can see."

A sign eventually went up, according to Mr. Barnby, that directed pedestrians to cross to the other side of El Camino Real — which also lacks a sidewalk.

Mr. Giurlani said city code requires the fence. "We met with the contractor to see if there was a way of moving the fence back further, and there really wasn't. The pedestrian ramp is already exposed

because people keep pushing [the fence] back to get by." Adding a temporary sidewalk along El Camino is also impractical, he said, because of ongoing construction.

The project's financial status seems troubled. The San Mateo County Tax Collector's Office shows the property in default, with \$12,361 owed in taxes since April. Mr. Giurlani stated that was not accurate. However, a representative at the county office said the database's payment information is current. Steve Lehn, chief financial officer of the Private Bank of the Peninsula, which is funding the construction, declined to comment.

The complex is also searching for tenants. "If you know anybody that needs a building, let me know," Mr. Giurlani said. "When we went into this, we had the buildings all sold. We don't have anybody right now, between the delays and the bad economy. But there is a lot of interest. Once the building's done and people can walk through, we'll ramp up the marketing." ■



Photo by Eric Lawson

A man who declined to identify himself runs past the construction project on El Camino Real near Watkins Avenue on July 1. The fencing forces pedestrians into the street.

PENSION

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Thiele Sardina, is committed to "upholding the rights" of the residents who signed the petition to put the initiative on the ballot, and "demonstrate that we cannot be intimidated by this spurious union attempt to silence us," the e-mail said.

The initiative would increase the retirement age for new, non-police employees from 55 to 60 years of age, and would also decrease the pension payments those employees receive.

The lawsuit was filed by the Service Employees International Union Local 521 (SEIU) and American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Local 829 (AFSCME), asserting that the initiative put illegal practices into place in setting public employee compensation. State law gives that authority to the City Council, the lawsuit maintains.

Menlo Park resident Katy Rose is also a plaintiff in the suit.

The Citizens for Fair and Responsible Pension Reform e-mail said: "An initial review of the lawsuit by legal counsel leaves us with a positive feeling. It would appear that the lawsuit has

been drafted with serious flaws and based on weak premises.

Last week, Mr. Riggs and others from the group urged the City Council, before its closed session, to be involved in the defense of the initiative.

Mr. Riggs told The Almanac that the group would offer to supply legal support that would coordinate with the city attorney, but that the city should be willing to provide a "vigorous defense" of the measure.

City Attorney Bill McClure said that the plaintiffs had to name the city as a defendant in the lawsuit because the measure will be voted on in a city election. But, he added, the council had only two options under state law when presented with the validated petition: adopt the initiative as law or put it on the ballot. Sending it to the ballot didn't make the city an advocate, he noted.

"The city could take a position that we will abide by the decision of the court ... saying, since it wasn't our choice (to introduce the measure), we will not expend the time creating legal arguments, and spending tens of thousands of dollars" defending the pension-initiative group's position, Mr. McClure told The Almanac. ■

Menlo-Atherton Little League gives sportsmanship awards

Players and coaches who showed a "great sense of sportsmanship throughout the season" were honored June 12 with the Menlo-Atherton Little League's Sportsmanship Awards, Sportsmanship Committee member Carla Posthauer said.

One player from each team and one or two coaches from each division were recognized at the league's annual Player Appreciation Day, held at Burgess Park. Honors were awarded to players and coaches from the A, AA, AAA, Majors, Challenger and Juniors divisions.

Award-winning coaches and players are:

■ **A Division.** Coach: Jeff Phil-

lips. Players: Andrew Morris, Conor Newby, Christian Van Stralen, Rowen Barnes, James Ballard, Will Garlinghouse, Joshua Goldberg.

■ **AA Division.** Coach: Dan Burke. Players: Matthew Huo, Christopher Oyster, Alex Mummery, Heath Hooper, Jake Albrow, Sam Forese, Joe Posthauer, Alexi Stavropolous.

■ **AAA Division.** Coach: John Crevelt. Players: Jackson Benning, Trey Ross, Rob Wilds, Gavin Lombardi, Max Comolli, Andre-Kyle Abad, James Beckwith, Michael Landolfi.

■ **Majors Division.** Coach: Dan

Aguiar. Players: Max Chapman, Kyle Bryan, Lane Leschly, Jack Posthauer, Zach Novak, Connor Mead.

■ **Challenger Division.** Coaches: Bob Crowe, Doug Kaufman. Player: Chloe West.

■ **Juniors Division.** Coaches: Lindsay Bowen, Brad Bowen. Player: Austin Wensko.

Ms. Posthauer said the Menlo-Atherton Little League was one of four youth sports organizations across the nation to be recognized by the Positive Coaching Alliance for its efforts in promoting sportsmanship among coaches, parents and players. ■

BLOCK PARTY

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new feature at the block party. "There was nothing different in the way we implemented the policy this year over previous years," Ms. Dehn said. "I'm sorry this has become an issue; it was never intended to become an issue."

What went awry was the timing. The Menlo Park Downtown Alliance submitted its registration form while Ms. Dehn was

out of town, she said, and got overlooked. "I should have seen it, I should have flagged it, and I should have contacted Nancy ahead of time. A block party captain happened to put her in that space and I chose to not move the table because I was trying to be sensitive," she said, referring to the June 16 fire that affected one of Ms. Couperus's commercial properties.

Posting the registration form on the chamber's website contributed to the miscommunication. The form does not specify

any criteria or mention the free speech zone. "Usually we send applications to everyone who participated in previous years, so they would have already known which zone they would be in," said Ms. Dehn.

Menlo Park businesses and 501c(3) nonprofits can participate outside the free speech zone, but apart from that, the exact criteria for deciding who goes where remains unclear. Groups funneled into the free speech area don't pay a registration fee. ■

Big local races as filing period opens

By Renee Batti
Almanac News Editor



Local voters, especially in Menlo Park and Atherton, will have some key governing body seats to fill and issues to face when they cast their ballots in November.

The period for candidates to file papers to run for office is from Monday, July 12, to Friday, Aug. 6. If an incumbent in any race doesn't file to run for re-election, the filing period for that race is extended one week.

The Atherton and Menlo Park city councils will both have three open seats to be filled. In Menlo Park, the four-year terms of Rich Cline, John Boyle and Heyward Robinson are expiring.

In Atherton, the four-year terms of Charles Marsala, Jerry Carlson and Jim Dobbie are ending. Mr. Marsala has already announced he will not seek another term.

Three seats will be vacant on both the Las Lomas School District board and the Menlo Park City School District

board.

Four-year terms for Jeff Child, Deborah Fitz, and Laura Rich of the Menlo Park board end in December. On the Las Lomas board, four-year terms for Leslie Airola-Murveit, Jay Siegel and Jamie Schein are expiring.

There will be a run-off election for the District 3 seat on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors between Don Horsley and April Vargas, who were the two top vote-getters in the June primary.

New candidates may file in the race for three open seats on the Sequoia Healthcare District board. The terms of Jack Hickey, Don Horsley and Art Faro end this year.

Ballot measures

Menlo Park residents will vote on two hot-button issues in November.

The city is letting voters decide whether to grant devel-

oper David Bohannon general plan revisions that would allow him to proceed with his plan to build three eight-story office buildings, a 230-room hotel, and a sports club, totaling nearly one million square feet of development in eastern Menlo Park. The majority of council members support the project.

An initiative that would increase the retirement age for new, non-safety city employees from 55 to 60, and decrease their pension payments, is set to go on the ballot, although two employee unions are seeking a court ruling to keep it off.

Later this month, the Board of Supervisors is expected to decide whether to ask voters to approve a five-year, quarter-cent sales tax hike in the county.

Want to run?

Residents interested in running for public office can obtain information about the process by calling the county Elections Office at 312-5222. Or go to shapethefuture.org. ■

Changing elections: Charter panel makes recommendations

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Of California's 57 counties, 44 look to state law to define the number of county officials and their duties. The other 14, including San Mateo County, have charters to define these matters for themselves.

Recently, a group of 16 San Mateo County citizens, along with invited speakers and members of the public, met 13 times over several months to consider four questions and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The questions were:

■ Should the five county supervisors, each of whom represents a district, be elected by everyone in the county, as they are now, or only by residents of the district? A majority concluded to retain at-large elections, but to have the voters in the entire county weigh in on the question in the Nov. 2 election.

■ What are the rules governing the replacement of an

elected official who resigns, and do those rules need an overhaul? The group made three recommendations, including when an appointed official's time in office counts toward term limits.

■ Should the treasurer-tax collector and the auditor-controller be appointed rather than elected, as is the case now? They should be appointed by the county manager, the group said.

■ Should the Board of Supervisors review, on an eight-year interval, whether there is a continuing need for each of the 49 county boards and commissions? The group recommended such periodic reviews.

Go to is.gd/dbxTI (case sensitive) to read the committee's report.

The Board of Supervisors is set to meet Tuesday, July 13, to debate the recommendations and vote on whether to take steps that would implement them.

Woodside Mayor Dave Burow,

who participated in the committee on behalf of the San Mateo County Council of Cities, called it "a very good experience" and commended the divergent views expressed, including from the public.

District 3 Supervisor Rich Gordon, who represents Atherton, Menlo Park, Portola Valley and Woodside, said in an interview that he supports the periodic review of committees and commissions, supports the idea of the county manager appointing the treasurer and the controller, and supports the revisions concerning the replacement of elected officials who resign.

As to whether the supervisor elections should be at-large of by-district, Mr. Gordon said he has not made up his mind but supports the committee's recommendation that it be put to a vote of the people.

"It's time for the county to have a discussion on a much broader scale than just the Board of Supervisors," he said. ■

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■ Kimberley and John Cashin, a son, June 9, Sequoia Hospital.

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■ Katie and Locke Anderson, a son, June 10, Sequoia Hospital.

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Cargill plan: Councilwoman responds to ethics complaint

By Sandy Brundage
Almanac Staff Writer

Redwood City council member Rosanne Foust sounds confident that a state ethics commission will rule in her favor when considering a complaint filed recently by Menlo Park council member Andy Cohen over her ties to a lobbyist organization that endorsed the Cargill Saltworks project.

"I do not believe that I have violated the rules, and trust that the [Fair Political Practices Commission] will reach the same conclusion," she said. "I am quite disappointed that he failed to inform me before he filed the complaint."

The controversy hinges on Ms. Foust's employment as chief executive officer of the San Mateo County Economic Development Association while also serving on the Redwood City council, which will eventually vote on whether to approve the project that SAMCEDA has already endorsed.

However, she does not sit on the SAMCEDA board, which she has said was solely responsible for the endorsement.

That cuts too fine a line for Mr. Cohen. "I live right on the railroad track, so when high-speed rail comes up I am required to recuse myself and I am not allowed to act like a councilmember to influence [a] public decision," he said, adding that he is "painfully aware" that he cannot speak about the issue

when representing Menlo Park. Mr. Cohen pointed to a 1981 "best advice letter" from the FPPC which stated, "There is an inherent appearance of conflict as well as an actual conflict when an official is being paid to promote or represent certain positions, on the one hand, and on the other, she is being called on to determine public policies and positions in the same area."

Ms. Foust has avoided other conflicts of interest. While mayor of Redwood City in 2008, she along with council members Jeff Ira and Jim Harnett recused themselves from a council vote on the Preserve of Redwood Shores project, as all three resided in that neighborhood.

"I hope the object of Mr. Cohen's complaint is not sheer disruption of the process in order to force me to recuse myself," she said. "As a fellow council member, he should both be more aware and sensitive to the often difficult positions under which councils do the public's business."

The current conflict of interest couldn't be clearer to some local environmental advocates. "If she's not doing everything in her job at SAMCEDA to get this project approved by the City Council, then SAMCEDA shouldn't pay her," said David Lewis, executive director of Save The Bay, an organization that opposes the Cargill plan. "She

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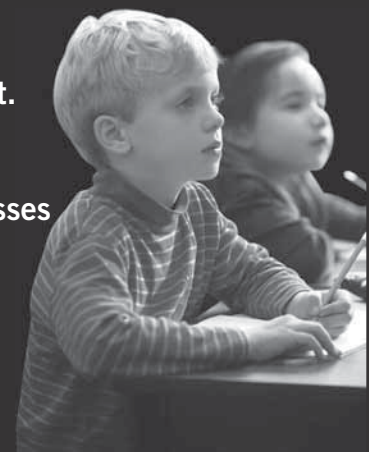
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News about local college graduates

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■ Mary Wilder, daughter of Abigail and Henry Wilder of Woodside, received a bachelor of arts degree in Hispanic studies and psychology from Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, on May 23.

■ Calvin Johnson, son of Leigh and Roy Johnson of Portola Valley, received a bachelor of arts degree in biology from

Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, on May 23.

■ Vincent D. Andrighetto of Woodside recently received a bachelor's of arts degree in English from Boston University.

■ William D. Brubaker of Menlo Park recently received a master's degree in medical science from Boston University.

■ John Nick Gaetano, the son of John Gaetano of Menlo Park, received a medical degree May 26 at the New York Medical College's 151st commencement in Valhalla, New York. He will serve his residency in internal medicine at the University of Chicago Hospital. In 2003, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder.



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is the voice of SAMCEDA.”

Ms. Foust told The Almanac she is following the city attorney's advice and will continue to do so. However, Stanly Yamamoto left as Redwood City's attorney in January, and his replacement, Pamela Thompson, starts Aug. 4. It remains to be seen whether the incoming city attorney will agree that there is no conflict of interest.

Roman Porter, executive director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, said the commission should decide by July 12 whether to investigate Mr. Cohen's complaint. ▀

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Public hearing on cell phone tower

The Portola Valley Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, July 7, on a proposal from T-Mobile West Corp. to install a cell phone tower near the corner of Golden Oak Drive and Peak Lane in the Westridge neighborhood.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Historic Schoolhouse at 765 Portola Road.

Residents have complained about the aesthetics of the tower, whether installed as a 50-foot bare pole or as a 50-foot fake tree, and the effects it might have on their property values.

Go to is.gd/dd2H1 (case-sensitive) and click on the "Agenda" link for more.


■ MENLO WATCH

Chamber mixer

The Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce will host a mixer for members and their guests on July 14 at the BBC restaurant at El Camino Real and Santa Cruz Avenue. The party starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m.

SamTrans 'fun camp'

The county's transportation agency will stage a "fun camp" at Menlo Park's Onetta Harris Community Center, 100 Terminal Ave., on July 7 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Radio station 106 KME will be on hand to spin tunes and hand out prizes, including one \$25 Clipper Transit card.

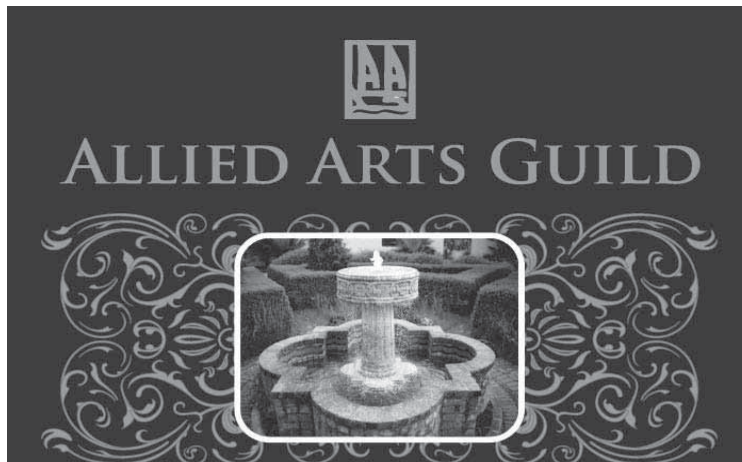


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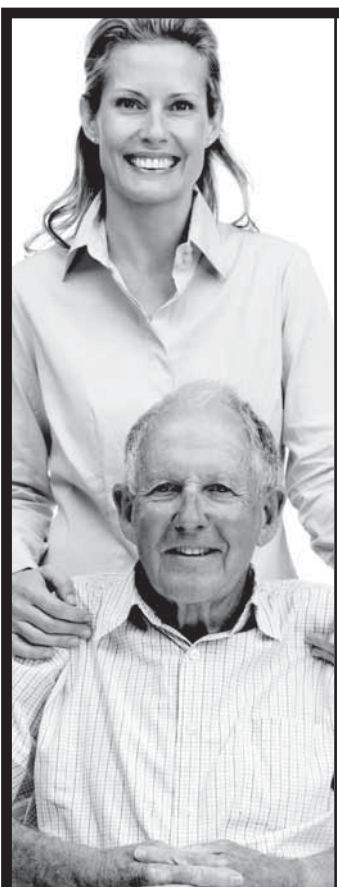
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Math, science teacher Bill Dolyniuk retires after 29 years at Woodside School

By Kate Daly
Special to The Almanac

After teaching children for three decades, Bill Dolyniuk philosophizes about the school cycle: "One of the big appeals to education is there's always a start, an end, and a new start."

Now that he is retiring, he is looking forward, rather than back, at all the possibilities a new beginning will bring.

Woodside School's graduation on June 11 marked his last as a teacher there for 29 years.

A groundswell of current and former students reached out to him by posting tributes on the wall of his Facebook page, and writing letters. "Mr. D" — as students affectionately call him — figures he has taught a total of about 1,800 children. And thanks to the Internet, he's in touch with many of them.

Mr. Dolyniuk started out as a custodian at an elementary school in Hayward, where he met a teacher, Norine, and "swept her off her feet," he jokes. She inspired him to become a teacher, too.

With a bachelor's degree in physical geography from U.C. Berkeley, he went on to earn a teaching credential, and then worked at schools in Hayward, San Leandro, Oakland and Healdsburg, before he and Norine got married.

During his honeymoon, he received a call from then-superintendent of the Woodside School District, the late George Sellman, asking him to come for an interview. That was the only job Mr. Dolyniuk had applied for, and when he drove in from his home in the East Bay, his first impression was "the place looked abandoned. The school was pretty pathetic then with paint peeling everywhere." Now, he says, "It's really a beautiful

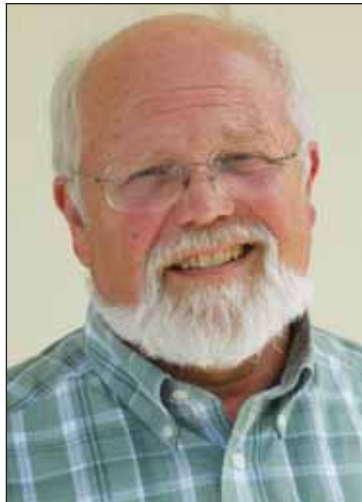


Photo by Kate Daly

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campus."

As for today's students versus his earlier students, he says "they're better prepared and study harder. What kids know now is vastly superior because they have more resources via the media."

Over the years, he has primarily taught life and physical sciences and algebra to middle schoolers. He also coached basketball, football and cross-country; has led 24 trips to Yosemite and 22 trips to Washington, D.C.; and taken 18 groups of students to the state science fair.

Mr. Dolyniuk is particularly proud of former student Bryce Cronkite-Ratcliff for winning the first prize in the fair, but says he is also honored that former student Renee Georgakas just stopped by to get advice as she embarks on a new career as a science teacher.

Mr. Dolyniuk has served as past president, vice president and treasurer of the California Teachers' Association. He has also worked as a photographer, a role that included taking individual pictures of all the eighth-graders.

"Every year the highlight is watching the eighth-graders graduate," he notes. "We have such a special ceremony, and listening to them talk about their experiences here and expectations for high school is very special to me."

Three days after his last Woodside graduation, he planned to continue on at the Exploratorium's New Teacher Institute in San Francisco as a coach and mentor to other science teachers.

Other than that, Mr. Dolyniuk plans to celebrate this fall by taking a cruise with his wife from Athens to Barcelona, then head to the Galapagos next year. They also intend to spend more time at their second home in Arnold, and play "lots of golf." ■

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Good natured and witty until the end she and Bill always said, "laughter is the best medicine and key to a long and healthy life."

In Lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Betsy's name to the charity of your choice.

Grandma to Dina, Max and Evan Connor and Bill and Holly Smolik, passed away peacefully on June 24th 2010 at age 90.

Born to William and June Ferguson, Betsy grew up in So. California. There she met Bill and they enjoyed many days together at Santa Monica beach. They married in 1942 and traveled around the country during Bill's Air Corp Cadet training for

PAID OBITUARY

Law firm ends contract with Atherton

The law firm that employs Atherton City Attorney Wynne Furth has sent the town a 60-day notice that it is canceling its contract to provide legal services to Atherton.

McDonough Holland & Allen, which is based in Sacramento and has an office in Oakland, announced in mid-June that it is winding down its operations.

A July 2 press release issued by the town said: "It is anticipated that (Ms. Furth) and

her team will affiliate with another law firm in the weeks ahead, and the town will evaluate options in light of these changes. In the meantime, Ms. Furth is committed to continuing to provide legal services to the town."

Ms. Furth was hired in February 2009 to replace Marc Hynes. She previously served as the acting city attorney for Palo Alto and as the city attorney of Claremont.

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Defending the pension initiative

A union-backed lawsuit is attempting to kick Menlo Park's pension reform initiative off the ballot, but we hope the judge who hears the case gives residents a chance to vote the measure up or down in November.

After that, the court can decide if the action filed against the city and an initiative-group organizer has merit, then decide whether to throw out the election results if the measure passes.

The unions, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), claim the measure violates key sections of the California Constitution and other state law by allowing voters — not the City Council — to determine employee pension benefits.

The initiative would increase the retirement age for new, non-safety employees from 55 to 60, and would also decrease the pension payments those employees receive. If the initiative is approved, as expected, it would represent a significant rollback in benefits for incoming Menlo Park workers.

So it is no surprise that the two unions, which represent the majority of Menlo Park's non-police employees, see the initiative as a significant threat, and are willing to mount a strong legal action to overturn it. At a press conference announcing the lawsuit, union members claimed the initiative was illegal and misguided, adding that the organizers are using the poor economy to take fair compensation away from the city's employees.

Now the Citizens for Fair and Responsible Pension Reform, the leaders of the initiative effort, are asking city officials to

mount a vigorous defense of the initiative, although so far neither the council nor City Attorney Bill McClure seem eager to join the fight. At a closed-session meeting June 25 called to discuss the matter, the council took no action, although it did ask Mr. McClure for more legal analysis about the litigation.

Mr. McClure said that the plaintiffs (the unions) in the lawsuit had to name the city as a defendant because the measure will be voted on in a city election. But, he said, the council had only two options under state law when presented with a validated petition: adopt the initiative as law or put it on the ballot. Sending it to the ballot did not make the city an advocate of the initiative, he said.

Mr. McClure offered one possible scenario for the City Council: "The city could take a position that we will abide by the decision of the court ... saying, since it wasn't our choice (to introduce the measure), we will not expend the time creating legal arguments, and spending tens of thousands of dollars" defending the pension-initiative group's position.

We agree. In this case, it is the responsibility of those who filed the petitions to see the case through the legal process, rather than burden the city with the legal costs. Some donations already have been made to a legal defense fund, and we urge other supporters to help out. At this point, there is no telling whether the case will be difficult to square with state law, or how long it will take to wind its way through the court system. But one thing is certain: The courts should not acquiesce to the union's effort to take the initiative off the November ballot. Menlo Park voters should be able to make their views known on this issue.

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

LETTERS

Our readers write

Cohen: Redwood City council member has conflict

Editor:

The Fair Political Practices Act provides that no public official shall in any way use her official position to influence a governmental decision in which she has a financial interest.

In a letter to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), I have asked them to investigate Redwood City Council member Rosanne Foust's conflict of interest relating to the Cargill salt pond development. My letter points to their advice, cited in the California Attorney General's guide to public ethics, that:

"The executive director of an organization, who as part of his or her duties advocates pro-growth positions endorsed by his or her organization, was disqualified from participating in any decision to enter his or her capacity as a member of the Board that would advance or inhibit the accomplishment of the organization's goals."

This advice pertains to council member Foust as it did to Commissioner Linda Best in the FPPC's 1981 advice letter. The FPPC letter

Our Regional Heritage

Eleanor Twohig, Miss San Francisco, was the first person to cross the new Dumbarton Bridge when it opened in 1927. The bridge lasted until 1984, when it was replaced by a new span.



Menlo Park Historical Association

states a common sense principle: The state conflict of interest law "prevents you from accomplishing as an official, what you've been paid to do as an advocate."

Even if there were merely an appearance of impropriety, council member Foust should be required to recuse herself from any vote or discussion of the Saltworks project. Indeed she publicly hedges, as in a letter to the editor in which she seeks to assert to Redwood City residents that (as executive

director) she "did not participate in discussions or make recommendations" to the SAMCEDA board when it endorsed Cargill's development. Council member Foust goes on to say she has been "extremely careful and will continue to exercise appropriate caution." (Letter, Daily News, May 10, 2010). It seems she has all but conceded the conflict exists. The time for recusal is now.

I do not raise this issue as an attack on council member Foust

nor do I doubt her sincerity or her integrity. There is a larger point here, about following state law and ensuring that the public interest is protected. Speaking as a city council member, it isn't a close call. If I were the executive director of an organization, I would recuse myself from council consideration of a project my organization supported.

Andy Cohen
Menlo Park
City Council member

Suit was a distraction for rail authority

By Quentin L. Kopp

Aristotle wrote that the law is reason free from passion.¹ No doubt there was great passion behind a lawsuit brought against the agencies working to build the nation's first high-speed rail system in California. But as a Superior Court judge ruled this week in dismissing the case, it was supported by precious little reason — much less the law.

The case was an unnecessary distraction from the important work being done throughout the Peninsula to inform and engage local officials and the public in the process of examining the alternatives being considered for the project. That's unfortunate, because gathering community opinion and suggestions is vital to building the best system we can.

Three opponents of the high-speed train had other ideas. They attempted to use a longstanding agreement between Union Pacific railroad and Caltrain officials on the Peninsula to head off the project. To do so, however, required misreading the agreement, misreading the facts, and misreading the law.

It's not entirely surprising that project opponents would misinterpret the Trackage Rights Agreement between Union Pacific and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board. After all, they were never parties to it in the first place. And, that encapsulates the hubris of their lawyers who knew their allegedly pro bono effort was a sham.

It's as if, after your next-door neighbor and you negotiate a pact about how you'll share in the use and upkeep of a fence between your properties, a third neighbor from down the street raises an objection. It's not his fence, or his property, or even his agreement. And from a legal perspective, his complaints are irrelevant.

In an attempt to ignore this rather large legal elephant in the room, opponents claimed that the

expenditure of public funds on the project would be a waste, because Union Pacific would not agree to share the right-of-way through the Peninsula with high-speed trains.

Here, the facts got in the way. Union Pacific has not refused to work with Caltrain or the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

Are there issues to be resolved as all sides work together to complete the project? Yes. But to suggest that cooperation cannot or will not occur is fanciful, contradicted by the both Union Pacific's public statements and the terms of the Trackage Rights Agreement itself, which dictates good-faith negotiations.

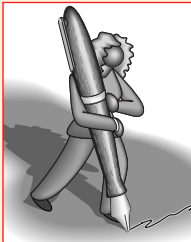
As a legal matter, this dispute is over. That's a welcome development for most Californians, who support high-speed rail as a way to create thousands of good-paying jobs, reduce air pollution, and provide us with a cheaper, faster and more convenient way to travel.

It's certainly good news for taxpayers, who will be spared the expense a protracted legal battle would have taken in even more time and money, for the California High-Speed Rail Authority and Caltrain, its regional partner in the project, as well as the court itself.

And while dismissal of this suit won't quiet the temper of those who oppose the project, for personal — not civic — reasons, this week's ruling will encourage them to join the discussion about how, and in what manner, to make high-speed rail work for the good of all, before heading to court again for another waste of taxpayer money to defeat another frivolous lawsuit.

That would mark a welcome and well-reasoned change in strategy.

A former State Senator and Superior Court Judge, Quentin L. Kopp serves on the board of the California High-Speed Rail Authority.



GUEST OPINION

Renegotiate labor contracts for garbage service

By Heyward Robinson

Garbage rates for Menlo Park have increased dramatically in recent years, rising 18 percent in 2009 and 28 percent in 2010.

Other jurisdictions within the South Bay Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) have experienced similar increases. Skyrocketing labor rates are behind much of the increase. Amazingly, while most of the country experienced significant reductions in income after September 2008, the Teamsters negotiated contracts stipulating 27 percent salary and 47 percent pension increases for their members. These five-year agreements will continue to put upward pressure on garbage rates until 2014.

The primary reason these rates have been allowed to increase so dramatically is that the ratepayer has not been represented at the

bargaining table. Instead, whatever labor costs the contractor and the union agree to are passed directly on to the ratepayer. Until now, these pass-throughs have been unchallenged by the waste management authority, its auditor, the cities and other jurisdictions responsible for setting local garbage rates, or the public. That needs to change.

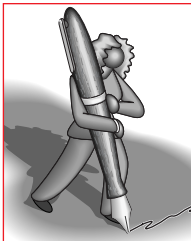
On Jan. 1, 2011, Recology will replace Allied Waste as the garbage contractor. In addition to the wage and pension increases, the contracts contain provisions for increasing unpaid leave and liberalizing the substance abuse policy that only take effect when Recology inherits the contracts. Recology did not participate in the negotiation of the contracts, but nevertheless has agreed to honor them. They did so in the interest of labor peace,¹ but at the expense of higher costs to the ratepayer.

The inappropriate and disproportionate wage and pen-

sion increases, coupled with the new provisions, provide ample reason to request renegotiation of the labor contracts when Recology takes over. Any new negotiations must include elected officials and/or others who can represent the interests of the ratepayers.

Labor leaders have repeatedly stated that they want to partner with cities and counties as we wrestle with the realities of the new economy.¹ Agreeing to renegotiate these contracts will demonstrate that they are serious about this pledge.

**Heyward Robinson
Menlo Park
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GUEST OPINION

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Candidates must be residents and registered voters of the City of Menlo Park. All nomination papers must be obtained from and returned to Margaret S. Roberts, City Clerk, City Hall, the Administration Building, 2nd floor, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, California.

The nomination period opens on Monday, July 12, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. and ends on Friday, August 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. If any incumbent does not file nomination papers by the August 6, 2010 deadline or does not qualify, then this period shall be extended for five more calendar days, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, for all other candidates (but not incumbents) to file nomination papers with the City Clerk.

The City has a modified work schedule. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on alternating Fridays. City Hall will be closed on Fridays, July 16 and 30.

Anyone considering running for office, must file a Candidate Intention Statement and must form a campaign committee prior to raising or spending any monies.

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