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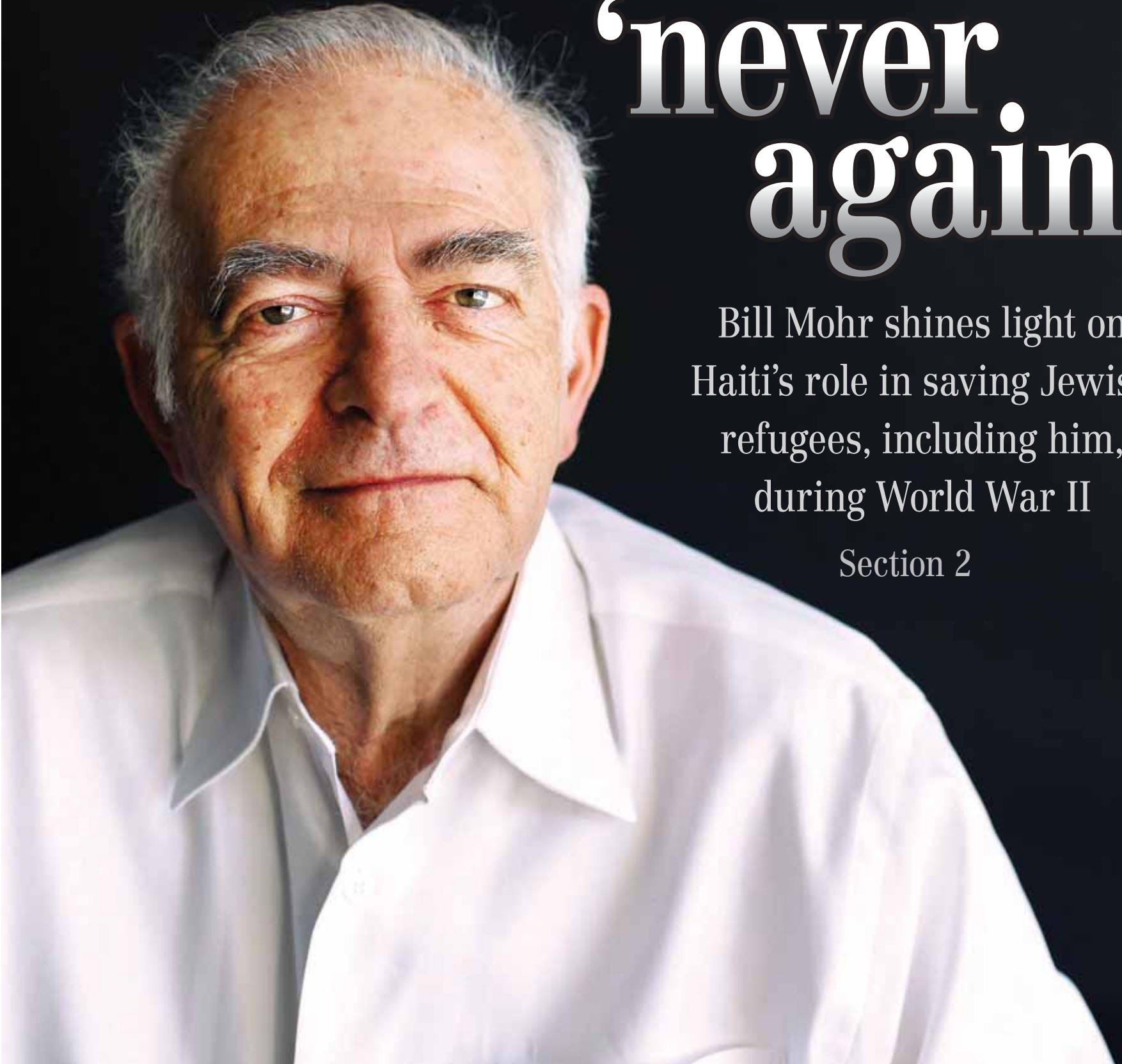
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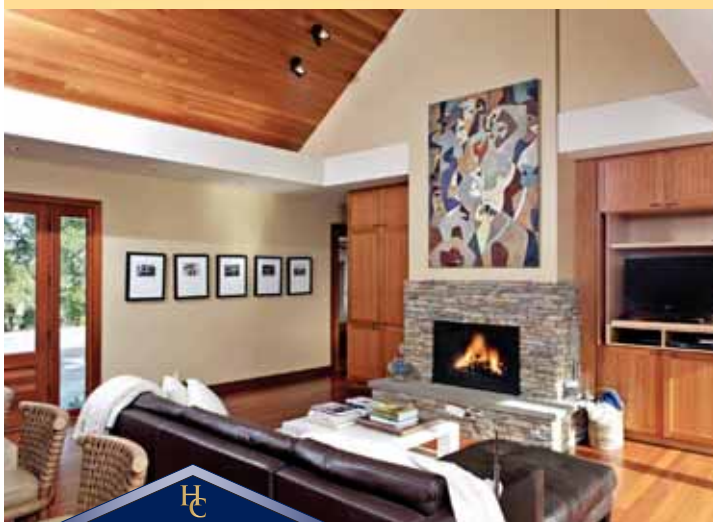
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Naomi Lee, 12, has been playing golf since she was 4.

Golfer, 12, aces two of nine holes

By Jane Knoerle
Almanac Lifestyles Editor

It's been quite a month for Naomi Lee of Menlo Park. Named player of the year in the Bay Area by U.S. Kids Golf on Feb. 26, the 12-year-old just six days later shot two holes in one in the same round of nine holes at the Peter Hay Golf Course at Pebble Beach.

This makes three aces for Naomi, who shot her first hole-in-one at age 10.

Her dad, Doug Lee, quotes Golf Digest on the odds of a golfer making two holes-in-one in one round: 1 in 67 million.

During the March 3 round, Naomi scored aces on holes 3 and 6, using a 9-iron on hole 3 (82 yards) and a gap wedge on hole 6 (64 yards).

"The first one was to an elevated green and I could only see the pin. I thought I hit it over the green," says Naomi. "But the group in front of us clapped and said you got a hole-in-one — it

spun back into the hole." "I pured the second shot. It bounced twice and into the hole." ("Pure" is a shot struck perfectly on the center of gravity of the club, her father says.)

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Naomi was playing Pebble Beach with her brother, Jackson, 9, also a competitive golfer.

Playing golf (with plastic clubs) since she was 4, Naomi competed in her first tournament at age 7.

A top golfer in her age bracket, she will take part in the Teen World Championship for U.S. Kids at Pinehurst in North Carolina in July.

She was taught by her father, Doug Lee, who has

a 4 handicap and competed in junior golf tournaments himself.

Naomi practices at Stanford Golf Course, Mariner's Point Golf Center in Foster City, and the Olympic Club in San Francisco, where her father is a member. She competes in 9, 18, 36 and 54 hole tournaments all over Northern California, playing full-length courses from the women's tees.

Golf isn't Naomi's only interest. She is a classical pianist and straight-A student at La Entrada Middle School, reports her proud dad. She is also on a swim team and likes to run track and text her friends.

Does this seventh-grader want to be a professional golfer some day? "That'd be pretty cool, but I really want to be a surgeon because I love science and to use my hands," she says.

"I like golf because it's fun and hard. And I get to visit beautiful places and play in the sun," she says. ■

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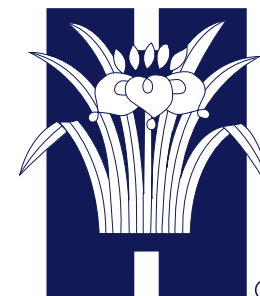


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Coroner staff and police investigate the scene of a Caltrain collision in Menlo Park on March 9 that killed Eric Salvatierra, 39.

PayPal exec killed by train on Menlo Park tracks

By Gennady Sheyner
and Sandy Brundage

Embarcadero Media

The man struck by a train in Menlo Park on Friday was Eric Salvatierra, a 39-year-old Palo Alto resident, according to the San Mateo County Coroner's Office.

A married father of three young daughters, Mr. Salvatierra worked at PayPal as vice president for customer advocacy and operational excellence. He had also served as vice president and CFO at Skype, which like PayPal is owned by eBay. His 14 years at the three companies included working as eBay's first vice president for site management and fraud prevention, according to eBay CEO John Donahoe.

He volunteered on the board of directors for Peninsula Bridge, a nonprofit dedicated to creating academic opportunities for students from low-income communities,

and with other nonprofits.

Mr. Salvatierra lived in Palo Alto with his wife, Meredith Ackley, whom he met as a camp counselor in college. The couple had three children, aged 3, 8 and 10, according to an email sent by Mr. Donahoe to eBay employees.

The email praised Mr. Salvatierra, one of the company's longest-serving employees. Mr. Donahoe said his "tireless and passionate commitment to every task and his loyalty to the company were a hallmark of Eric's tenure at eBay."

He wrote that Mr. Salvatierra's many gifts included an "ability to bring out the best in all of us and compel his colleagues to be better employees and better people."

Saying that Mr. Salvatierra was a unique and special colleague who was loved and admired by all, Mr. Donahoe wrote: "For all of us who had the privilege of knowing and working with Eric, we will remem-

Eric Salvatierra, 39, was the father of three young daughters.



ber and miss his wit, intelligence, and joy of life both professionally and personally. Our deepest sympathies and thoughts are with Meredith and the girls. Our hearts go out to them for the sudden loss of such a beloved, valued and respected husband, father, friend and colleague."

The Friday collision occurred at about 9:30 a.m. on the tracks near Ravenswood Avenue, according to Caltrain. People at the scene commented that Mr. Salvatierra had been seen with a silver road bike and helmet. Describing the scene,

an agency representative said that the speed of the train at the time of collision was irrelevant because of its massive weight.

In his email, the eBay CEO wrote that Mr. Salvatierra had suffered a "debilitating mental illness" that prompted him to take a leave of absence last year.

It also noted that in recent months the couple found support through the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a national nonprofit that provides education on mental-health issues, and that the family is now receiving grief counseling from KARA, a Palo Alto-based organization.

Funeral services have not yet been announced; the widow has asked that support go to both KARA and the National Alliance on Mental Illness, as two organizations that work to abolish the stigma of mental illness. Mr. Donahoe said the company would make contribu-

tions to the organizations in Mr. Salvatierra's memory.

The San Mateo County coroner will make the final determination of the cause of death, and investigators continue to piece together what happened. This was the fourth death on the railroad's right-of-way this year, according to Caltrain. Last year there were 16 fatalities.

"No matter what the circumstances, it is always regrettable when a life is lost," said Caltrain spokeswoman Tasha Bartholomew in an email. "Caltrain reminds everyone to be safe around train tracks. Caltrain also would like to thank our passengers for their patience as we deal with these sad incidents."

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Interim manager has her hands full

By **Renee Batti**
Almanac News Editor

ATHERTON

Theresa DellaSanta has been demonstrating her skills as a juggler over the past seven weeks, keeping many balls in the air as she oversees the town of Atherton's general business as interim city manager while keeping an eye on the town's city clerk duties.

The permanent deputy city clerk, Ms. DellaSanta moved quickly to broaden her on-the-job focus when the City Council in late January appointed her to her new position after John Danielson, who served as interim manager for one year, unexpectedly left the post.

Ms. DellaSanta, 30, had no city management experience before her appointment, and has just completed

work for her bachelor's degree in public administration — her diploma is expected in July — from Phoenix University, which offers online courses.

But her prior three years of experience in Town Hall as Atherton's only city clerk (although she's "deputy" city clerk, the town has no full-fledged clerk) has familiarized her with day-to-day operations of the town as well as with the other key players in Atherton's governance, including council members.

Key duties she's been focusing on include helping with the search for a permanent city manager, which the town has been without since the October 2010 resignation of Jerry Gruber. The council authorized hiring a recruitment firm, and proposals from a number of firms came in by the March 8 deadline.

Ms. DellaSanta and a subcommittee of the council — Mayor Bill Widmer and Councilwoman Kathy McKeithen — were scheduled to review the proposals and

set criteria for evaluating them late last week.

The town has already received a number of resumes from city manager applicants, Ms. DellaSanta said. Although a council-approved timeline for the process includes naming the new manager by mid-May, it's likely the person won't be in place until early June or later, she said.

The town has interim managers in other key positions — a situation Mr. Widmer, when he became mayor in December, said he wants addressed sooner rather than later. At this point, the finance department has an interim manager whose contract

expires in May; the police chief is an interim appointment, and his contract is up in July; and the public works director is temporary, with a contract that expires in July.

Ms. DellaSanta said that, as interim city manager, she could move ahead and recruit permanent staff in those positions, "but I would like to respect the person who comes on board" as the permanent manager, allowing that person to make his or her own choices for key positions, she added.

As for Interim Finance Director Debra Auker's May 9 stop date, will Ms. DellaSanta extend the contract until the permanent manager is hired, or hire a permanent finance director? That's up to the council, Ms. DellaSanta said. "If the council wants me to move ahead, I have no problem with that."

While she is focusing on other tasks, Ms. DellaSanta has arranged for staff working for the town's

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Fire may displace family for a year

■ Second blaze in wall initially undetected by thermal cameras.

By **Sandy Brundage**

Almanac Staff Writer

The fire that ravaged a Willow Road home on March 6 may leave a Menlo Park family homeless for up to 12 months, according to the fire district.

Chief Harold Schapelhouman said the working theory is that the blaze started outside, then spread through a roof vent into the attic before destroying a bedroom and bathroom.

Although firefighters thought the one-alarm incident was over and left by 3 p.m., flames were burning inside a wall between two bathrooms. They returned to the scene about 46 minutes later after a salvage crew spotted smoke.

The chief said that thermal cameras had surprisingly not detected the second fire earlier, and thought that structural changes made inside the wall as a result of a recent remodel of the home may have somehow blocked the heat signature. Two firefighters remained at the home overnight to check hourly for other outbreaks.

He estimated total damages at \$310,000 — and counting. “I suspect the numbers will get bigger rather than smaller,” Chief Schapelhouman said.

No one was injured, but the family of four, along with two visiting grandparents, now faces the difficult task of finding long-term shelter and replacing necessities lost in the fire.

Neighbors reported hearing a



Almanac photo by Sandy Brundage

The fire occurred on Willow Road between Middlefield Road and Alma Street.

“boom” shortly before 11 a.m. and seeing flames leap from a front corner of the home. Firefighters arrived on the scene about two minutes after the 911 call. They found themselves facing a fire that could potentially devastate the house next door, the chief said, which was roofed with “highly flammable” wood shingles. He encourages homeowners to look at other options

for roof materials.

The house will be tagged as uninhabitable by the building department and PG&E will pull its meter to ensure that no one attempts to live in the home until it's repaired, according to the chief.

District investigators and insurance representatives should meet to compare findings within the next few days, he said. ■

Blue Garden Cafe opens at Allied Arts

By **Jane Knoerle**

Almanac Lifestyles Editor

It's a little early for the agapanthus, asters, salvia and hydrangeas to bloom in the Blue Garden at Allied Arts, but the Blue Garden Cafe is now open in the historic Menlo Park complex.

Blue Garden Cafe replaces Primavera Cafe, which closed the first of the year.

The new cafe is operated by JW Catering of Cupertino. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and is now serving lunch on the enclosed terrace overlooking the garden. Beverages and pastries will be available in the morning and afternoon.

No luncheon reservations

are required.

When the weather warms, there will be service in the Blue Garden itself, with bistro tables surrounding a splashing fountain.

The opening menu includes a selection of salads and sandwiches, including a chicken salad sandwich and a hamburger. Grilled fish of the day and hot pasta dishes are also featured.

Dessert choices include berries with sweetened yogurt and flourless chocolate cake with berry compote.

Having lunch at Allied Arts is a tradition that dates back to the 1930s, shortly after the European-style crafts guild was constructed in 1929. For many years, the restaurant was

operated by volunteer members of the Palo Alto Auxiliary to Children's Hospital.

Generations of local residents fondly remember Christmas teas, “Bunny lunches,” bridal showers, and birthday parties that have taken place there.

The Blue Garden Cafe is part of JW Catering, which will also provide the meals for weddings, conferences and other special events that take place at Allied Arts Guild.

Allied Arts is located at 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park. It is owned and operated by the Allied Arts Auxiliary, formerly the Woodside-Atherton Auxiliary to the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. For more information, call 322-2405. ■

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Keep the Tub?

Dear Monica:

We are considering remodeling the two bathrooms in our 60+ year old house. One bathroom has a shower and the other a tub but without the tile surround to include a shower. We haven't used the tub since our daughter was a toddler. I am considering taking out the tub and putting in a second shower as tubs are so slippery when one is standing. However, I am concerned as to how that might affect the price and/or ease of selling our house many years down the road. Would we be wiser to keep the tub, which is in excellent condition, and just include plumbing and til-

ing for a shower?

Anne W.

Dear Anne:

I usually advise that one should serve one's own needs and preferences first. However, it would be advisable to have at least one tub in a house because there are many times a shower is not a functional way to bathe. You may have guests and grandchildren who need a tub and not a shower. Most children take baths until they are 8-10. And you would be surprised how many adults like to take baths. You can upgrade the area around the tub with new tile and plumbing. But if I were you, I would keep the tub.

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Istanbul's growth inspired career of new commissioner

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

Aydan Kutay brings an unusual background to the Woodside Planning Commission, where she is the newest member. She grew up in Istanbul, and has a degree in urban planning from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara.

Urban planning was attractive as an undergraduate major, she says, because of major changes going on in her native country in the 1970s. Mechanized agriculture had driven rural migrants into squatter camps in and around the major Turkish cities, resulting in chaotic living conditions.

Ms. Kutay remembers how the city of her birth reacted to the squatters and the pressures of modernity: "with concrete blocks of high rises, international hotel chains, offices (and) condominium developments," she says in an email

With no municipal codes and no general plan, Istanbul became a victim of uncontrolled development, she said.

Woodside

The Woodside Town Council appointed her to the Planning Commission in a unanimous vote Feb. 28. The commission advises the council on zoning issues and approves conditional use permits and variances.

Ms. Kutay lives on Hardwick Road in the Woodside Hills neighborhood with her two dogs, a German shepherd and a mixed breed; her two children are in graduate school and college, respectively,

WOODSIDE

she said in an interview.

After she came to the United States in 1982, she obtained a master's degree in public policy and a doctorate in economics and public policy analysis, both from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

As an economist and professor of economics and public policy, she has had teaching positions at Carnegie Mellon, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Southern California, according to the application she submitted for the commission seat. She came to California in 1992.

Ms. Kutay, 49, told the council that she taught as an adjunct professor at Stanford University, and that she is currently a consulting analyst with the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco.

A long-distance runner, she said she has run three half-marathons in San Francisco and plans to run the full city marathon in July.

Among the civic-minded activities on her application are concerns for animals, the homeless and promotion of the fine arts.

In an email, she said she founded the ACE Project, a San Francisco-based nonprofit with a goal of "collecting and disseminating research information on integrating new technologies to the economic system" to promote economic growth not based on consumption, to educate the public about climate change, and to create electronic global communities with the goal



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Aydan Kutay brings a degree in urban planning and a career in public policy analysis to her new position on the Planning Commission in Woodside.

of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Her reasons for serving on the Planning Commission? "To be able to do civic service for Woodside and have a role in the future development of the town," she wrote. "I find it very exciting and fulfilling to be able to interact with the residents of the town and with community leaders."

Protecting Woodside's rural character will be a priority, she told the council. That character prompted her to move to Woodside after six years in Menlo Park, where she had been a board member for a planned unit development, she wrote.

Her house is a work of sustainability in progress. While it now has lawns in front and back, she said she plans to dig up the grass and plant native drought-tolerant

plants.

She also intends to apply for recognition of her property as a Backyard Habitat, a town initiative that recognizes properties welcoming to native animals and plants. "I want to set an example for the neighborhood," she said.

Her own take

Asked if she had ever built a house from scratch, Ms. Kutay said she had not but that remodeling her 4,000-square-foot home did require a site development permit, indicating a major undertaking with Town Hall.

The outlook was grim, she said her neighbors told her. "Woodside is a very hard town to remodel and build in and I would have a lot of trouble trying to build what I want," Ms. Kutay said she was told. "Actually it

was a very positive and learning process that I went through," she said. "A lot of people don't see it that way. They see it as interference."

Regulation is a dirty word in some circles. Asked about what makes a good regulation, Ms. Kutay replied: "Regulations are there so that we protect our environment, we don't destroy our environment, we don't build these eyesores on properties. In the short term, it may look like a pain in the neck, but in the long term, regulations are good. Public rights are just as important as private rights, she said.

Ms. Kutay said she feels fortunate to be joining the Planning Commission at the same time that the town updated its general plan to include sustainable development as a priority. ■

Green initiatives: Will Menlo Park join plastic bag ban?

The Menlo Park City Council hits the books for a study session on Tuesday, March 13, with a focus on green initiatives.

Topics include whether to set a community-wide greenhouse gas reduction target, and whether to join San Mateo County in an environmental impact report meant to evaluate a proposed ordinance prohibiting single-use plastic bags by retailers and charging a fee for using paper bags.

The Town Council in Woodside voted 5-2 in February to support the countywide initiative.

Finally, a potential ban on styrofoam takeout containers is also up for debate.

After the study session con-

cludes, regular business on the council's agenda encompasses further efforts to restructure in the wake of the state's dissolution of the redevelopment agency, continuing examination of next year's budget, and comments on East Palo Alto's planned 835-unit Ravenswood/Four Corners housing development.

Menlo Park staff found the project's draft environmental impact report deficient in several areas such as traffic impact and using outdated data.

The study session begins at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at the Civic Center at 701 Laurel St., followed by the regular meeting at 7 p.m.

BRIEFS

Dogs die from eating poisonous mushroom

All dog owners know that if a dog realizes something can fit inside its mouth, it's only a matter of seconds before the item goes down the gullet. If that item is a mushroom, the results can be tragic. According to Menlo Park residents, five local dogs have already died this year from eating poisonous fungi.

A local dog trainer, Donna-Jacobi, reminds owners that mushrooms have an expansive underground system that dogs can dig up. "We haven't had much rain, but if you've got lots of oak

trees, the compost that's made from falling leaves is a perfect place for these things to get growing," she wrote in an email after a client's miniature pinscher died. She recommends checking yards and other outdoor areas daily.

Go to tinyurl.com/6t8vmp9 for examples and photos of poisonous vegetation. You can also pick up a portable photo card of the plants at Holbrook-Palmer Park in Atherton on Monday nights from March 19 through May 7 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., or at the Pet Place (777 Santa Cruz Ave.) and Bow Wow Meow (654 Santa Cruz Ave.) in Menlo Park.

Chamber awards

At its annual breakfast meet-

ing on March 2, the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce took a few moments to recognize two members with awards, much to the surprise of the recipients.

Oscar Baile, a chocolatier with a master's degree in civil engineering, accepted the award for Landru Chocolates. Although the company is based in Newark, it participates in Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce events such as block parties. Mr. Baile said the store is thinking about opening a Los Angeles location.

The second award went to Charles Chapman, the dining coordinator of Left Bank. Chamber representatives thanked him for always including the organization when planning the restaurant's annual budget, and participating in Chamber activities throughout the year.

Menlo Park looks at robotic garages

■ Transportation Commission considers how to fit more cars in less space.

By Sandy Brundage
Almanac Staff Writer

Flying cars are still a day-dream, but garages that can park your earthbound car for you are not, and one company wants to bring that futuristic vision to Menlo Park.

The Transportation Commission on Wednesday, March 14, will listen to a presentation by Unitronics, a company that specializes in automated parking.

Instead of relying on humans to park their cars, an automated garage uses computers to move the cars into slots via lifts, conveyors, and moving pallets. By placing the vehicles almost bumper to bumper, and eliminating the need for ramps or driving lanes, the system can pack in almost three times as many cars as a traditional garage.

Frank DeFoe, regional vice president for Unitronics, said the company received a \$2.6 million contract last year to build and maintain a 200-space system for the city of West Hollywood on a 150-foot by 80-foot lot. He estimated the cost of an automated stall at around \$25,000, compared to about \$40,000 for a conventional parking space.

For a 400-space garage in Menlo Park, the ongoing costs of operating the system are lower than for a traditional garage because of minimal ventilation and lighting needs, and reduced insurance, according to Mr. DeFoe.

Robots aren't perfect, but he described Unitronics systems as 99.6 percent error free on average. In 2008 the company took over an automated garage in Hoboken, New Jersey, after the city had a contract dispute with the previous operator, whose glitches dropped cars and, at one time, trapped vehicles inside the garage for 26 hours. Mr. DeFoe said that Unitronics overhauled the soft-



Image courtesy of Unitronics

A rendering of a 200-space automated garage under construction by Unitronics in West Hollywood.

ware and mechanics after it took over.

Transportation commissioner Ray Mueller said he's looking forward to the presentation. "New automated parking structure technology is touted as an innovative way to preserve, protect, and reclaim open space for community gathering areas and parks in urban environments," he said in an email. "Obviously, it can also be used to support an increase in density in areas where the parking supply, and space for a traditional garage, is otherwise limited."

He added that whether such a system suits Menlo Park depends on many factors. "Determining whether automated parking structure technology is right for Menlo Park should include community feedback as to proposed garage locations, and a careful examination of other factors, including garage installation fees, minimum parking supply implementation, maintenance costs, driver parking fees, parking wait time, vehicle delivery time, and aesthetics."

Parking, as demonstrated by the public hearings on the downtown/El Camino Real specific plan, remains a hot button issue for the city: Does Menlo Park need parking garages? If so, where and who will foot the bill? Some think the automated system is worth considering.

Nancy Couperus of the Menlo Park Downtown Alliance, an association of downtown business and property owners, said that while the group has taken no formal position, its members want to learn more since an automated garage may fit more vehicles into a smaller space than traditional structures, and could be less expensive, depending on ongoing maintenance costs.

"If in the future it's necessary to build a parking structure in the downtown area, we think that an automated structure ought to be considered," she said.

The Transportation Commission meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the Civic Center at 701 Laurel St. ■

Drill to test emergency distribution of medicine

How long would it take county agencies and volunteers to distribute medicine after a large-scale emergency? On Thursday, March 15, San Mateo County will run a drill from 9 a.m. to noon to find out.

The "Silver Dragon VI" emergency exercise will test how long

it takes teams to distribute earthquake safety brochures to 15,000 homes to simulate how quickly medicine could be delivered after an emergency.

The drill also evaluates how fast the county can receive and distribute supplies from the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention stockpile, which aims to deliver medications to any state within 12 hours if needed after an event severe enough to deplete local provisions.

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Stanford Hospital Health Notes

A community health education series from Stanford Hospital & Clinics

After Disease Claims Lungs, A New Life Begins With Care Center's Expert Help

Eight years after Jennifer Julian began to feel a bit short of breath, she sat in an exam room at Stanford Hospital & Clinics and listened to her doctor tell her that her right lung was failing and her left soon to follow. At just 48 years old, she would need a transplant to live to see her next birthday. "My head was spinning," Julian said.

For years, Julian had known that her lungs were stiffening, altered by a reaction to something in the environment from a condition called chronic hypersensitivity pneumonitis. Medications and close monitoring had kept her going, even allowed her to scuba dive, ski, golf and visit one of her favorite places, a family-owned cabin in Montana at 7,000 feet.

Bit by bit, however, as the lining of her lungs scarred and prevented oxygen from passing through, each breath Julian drew grew shallower and she developed a cough that wouldn't go away. The summer before she found herself in that exam room, she'd gone to that cabin in Montana and the altitude was too much. "I had a really, really tough time. It was horrible and I thought, 'I'm never going to see this place again.'"

Then came that conversation with her doctor and the beginning of a journey toward a new life with new lungs. Julian's vibrance and enthusiasm makes her a glowing example of reclaimed health supported by expert medical care at the Stanford Center for Advanced Lung Disease.

Once damaged, no repair

The recently established center is one of a small handful of treatment locations in the US to offer special experience and knowledge in diseases and disorders that can impede

that most basic of body functions. With each breath in and each breath out, oxygen and carbon dioxide pass through the delicate filtering system of the lungs. "The lung is the only organ in our body that's exposed to the environment 24 hours a day. The rest of the organs in the body, except the skin, are protected in some way. It's a physiologically very complex organ," said Glenn Rosen, MD, director of the Center's Interstitial Lung Disease program, who became Julian's doctor.

"All of these diseases are interconnected. With the center, we can share resources. We have a critical mass of doctors, nurses, dietitians and social workers who can closely follow our patients."

— David Weill, MD, director, Stanford Center for Advanced Lung Disease

The lining of the lung, the interstitial space, is particularly remarkable, Rosen said. "It needs to be very thin so that air can pass quickly from the air sacs into the blood. Disease's like Ms. Julian's inflame and scar the space so you can't get enough oxygen in or carbon dioxide out. Once that scar tissue appears, it can't be dissolved."

Unfortunately, science has not yet learned how to heal the lung from those most common lung diseases like emphysema, cystic fibrosis and hypersensitivity pneumonitis. There are more than 100 chronic lung disorders in the interstitial lung disease group. "We are looking at finding ways to repair the lung with stem cells," Rosen said. "We're at the early stages of that and we're learning more about the specific cells in the lung that are at risk."

Bringing all Stanford's lung specialists together in one working group was a means to enhance collaboration for care that is best when multidisciplinary, said David Weill, MD, director of Stanford's lung transplant program and now also director of the new center. "All of these diseases are interconnected. With the center, we can share resources. We have a critical mass of doctors, nurses, dietitians and social workers who can closely follow our patients."

For many lung diseases, the only cure is new lungs. "You want to delay that as long as you can," Rosen said. "You don't want to do it too early because it's a big operation and lungs can be rejected. But we don't want to wait too long, until the patient is too weak. There's a balance. We're constantly assessing. We have a caring, empathetic team that works to create a comprehensive, individualized treatment plan. We also work closely with referring physicians—that's critical because we're not the primary care doctors for a lot of our patients."

Covering all the angles

Watching each patient carefully, with different points of view, is essential. "Everybody plays a role—it is very much a team approach," said Susan Jacobs, who along with another nurse coordinator, Virginia Adi, coordinates evaluations for about 30 new patients each month and follows over 300. "People are searching for information," Jacobs said, "to confirm a diagnosis or to find out their diagnosis. They always want to know how serious it is, how quickly it's going to progress and what their treatment options are."

More than anything else, Jacobs said, the Stanford team wants their patients "to



Norbert von der Groeben

"When I was first told that I needed to get a double lung transplant, I didn't know that that existed," said Jennifer Julian. "As I went through the process of trying to understand more, I didn't know if I was going to live or not. You face the reality of death."

come away from the clinic, whether they've received positive or negative news, feeling like a multidisciplinary group of experts has given their case a thorough review and addressed all possible treatment options."

"The last thing I said to the team was, 'I have the utmost confidence in you guys,' and I'll see you on the flip side."

— Jennifer Julian, patient, Stanford Hospital & Clinics

With Julian, as she does with other patients, Jacobs is very honest. "I always tell them I can't really know what it's like in their position, but I've done this a long time



Norbert von der Groeben

As Julian's disease progressed, an oxygen tank became her constant companion. With each passing month, she could do less and needed more oxygen. Since her transplant, Julian has few restrictions on what she can do. She flies, and golfs, bikes, scuba dives and hikes.



Not until two days after her double lung transplant, as she walked with the help of a therapist, sipping air with shallow breaths when Julian felt something different. "It was one of the deepest breaths I'd taken in two years and it was incredible," she says. "It was a lesson, something she'd wanted to do since childhood."

The Lung: From Illness to Transplant

- Interstitial lung diseases can be unpredictable. Their symptoms can vary from mild to severe.
- Symptoms can include shortness of breath, fatigue and weakness, dry cough, labored breathing, chest discomfort, fatigue and weakness.
- What causes such illnesses remains under study. Environment, however, can play a major role. Family history, radiation and some medications can also contribute.
- Diagnosis may include pulmonary function tests, bronchoscopy, blood tests, X-rays or CT scans.
- Treatment choices can be influenced by age, overall health, extent of the disease and tolerance of medication.
- According to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, about 1,800 lung transplants took place in the US in 2010. Stanford Hospital performs between 50 and 60 lung transplants annually, which places it in the top 10 for lung transplant volume.

- Of the 30 heart-lung transplants in the US, eight were done at Stanford. The average waiting time for a lung transplant at Stanford is between 45-90 days; the national average is nine months.
- Potential donors must be 18. Registration is available online at <https://www.donatelifecalifornia.org/register/>, or when renewing or obtaining a California Drivers License or California ID card. There are no disqualifying age or health condition requirements to register.

For more information about the Center for Advanced Lung Disease, call 650.736.5400 or visit stanfordhospital.org/lungtransplant

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and I do understand their needs. I want to educate them and give them a sense of control and to let them know we will be there to support them.”

“When I was first told that I needed to get a double lung transplant, I didn’t know that that existed,” Julian said. “As I went through the process of trying to understand more, I didn’t know if I was going to live or not. You face the reality of death. You really do ask yourself, ‘Is Stanford going to get me in time?’”

Moving towards a new life

Support was what Julian needed to convince Stanford that she would be a good candidate for a transplant. Apart from her lung condition, she was healthy but overweight. She needed to lose at least 35 pounds, a difficult challenge considering the limits on her ability to exercise. Jacobs directed her to a pulmonary rehabilitation therapy program for people with chronic lung problems. In that program, Julian learned to control shortness of breath during exercise and followed an exercise routine. With the help of a nutritionist, she followed a special diet. She lost 47 pounds and was put on the list.

The disease progressed and an oxygen tank became her constant companion. With each passing month, she could do less and needed more oxygen. “I couldn’t do the simplest



breaths as she had for years, did there come that moment said. With her second chance at life, she began flying
photos: Norbert von der Groeben



Julian has made her first solo flight, but has a ways to go before she’ll earn her pilot’s license from federal officials – there are few transplant patients who’ve been granted approval, but Weill and Rosen are on her side.

things—laundry, preparing meals. I would walk to the bathroom and it would take me 20 minutes to recoup.”

Her partner, Gail Strzepa watched her slowly fade away. Friends pitched in. “We had an incredible circle of friends who cooked meals, watched the dogs, called her, sent her cards, relieved me. Everybody was willing to help,” she said. Finally, the call came. Strzepa, who’d packed a bag, forgot it.

“A lot of people don’t get second chances. I did.”

– Jennifer Julian, patient,
Stanford Hospital & Clinics

“It was a long night,” she said. As they wheeled Julian into the operating room, she had a smile on her face. “The last thing I said to the team was, ‘I have the utmost confidence in you guys,’ and I’ll see you on the flip side.”

When she woke up after the surgery, she still had a breathing tube in her throat and couldn’t feel any change. Not until two days

later, as she walked with the help of a therapist, sipping air with shallow breaths as she had for years, that there came a deeper breath. “It was one of the deepest breaths I’d taken in two years and it was incredible. I was crying and the therapist said, ‘What happened?’ She’s looking at all my tubes, and I said, ‘Yes! I just took my first breath!’”

Always in mind

Another three months would pass before she really began to regain her strength. But, with permission from her doctors, she was skiing by January, just six months after her transplant. She had to wait a year to go scuba diving again, but that happened, too. She went back to golfing and brought home a gold medal in that sport from the Transplant Games competition. She got back on her bike. “I did everything I did before and something I’d always wanted to do—I’m learning to fly.” She has a ways to go before she’ll earn her pilot’s license from federal officials—there are few transplant patients who’ve been granted approval, but Weill and Rosen are on her side.

“Jen has a unique attitude,” said Rosen. “She looks at setbacks as challenges, tries new things and lives life to the fullest. She’s a

great example of someone who is passionate about wanting to enjoy her life. She’s a real fighter.”

She also spends a good portion of her time coaching other lung disease and transplant patients at support group meetings and individually. “I’m honored to be able to do that,” she said. And she begins each day with a few moments focused on that gift that gave her a second chance at a future. She’s written a letter of thanks that’s been sent to her donor’s family and hopes one day to give them the gold medal she won at the Transplant Games.

“Before the transplant we’d just kind of go through life, but after the transplant, it’s appreciating every single day waking up going, ‘Oh my god, it’s a beautiful day. Thank god I’m alive. Thank you, donor family,” Strzepa said. “The donor family made that very difficult choice to give life to others. They are the real heroes.”

“A lot of people don’t get second chances,” said Julian. “I did.”



Kelly O’Dea, Julian’s flying instructor, is another admirer of what Julian’s doctor, Glenn Rosen, calls Julian’s unique attitude. “She looks at setbacks as challenges, tries new things and lives life to the fullest. She’s a great example of someone who is passionate about wanting to enjoy her life.”

Stanford Hospital & Clinics is known worldwide for advanced treatment of complex disorders in areas such as cardiovascular care, cancer treatment, neurosciences, surgery, and organ transplants. It is currently ranked No. 17 on the U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Hospitals” list and No. 1 in the San Jose Metropolitan area. Stanford Hospital & Clinics is internationally recognized for translating medical breakthroughs into the care of patients. The Stanford University Medical Center is comprised of three world renowned institutions: Stanford Hospital & Clinics, the Stanford University School of Medicine, the oldest medical school in the Western United States, and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, an adjacent pediatric teaching hospital providing general acute and tertiary care. For more information, visit <http://stanfordhospital.org/>.

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Crane lifts new palm tree into position at Roberts Market in Woodside.

New palm tree planted at Roberts Market

There's a new tropical palm tree in front of Roberts Market at the corner of Woodside and Mountain Home roads in Woodside.

Two trucks visited the corner on Monday, Feb. 20, one to transport the new tree and the

other equipped with a crane to lift it into position.

The old tree died in the fall of 2011 after being there for at least 83 years, and its death "caused a bit of an uproar," market spokeswoman Christine Roberts said in an email.

Roizen joins Draper Fisher Jurvetson

The Menlo Park venture capital firm Draper Fisher Jurvetson recently announced that Heidi Roizen has joined the firm as a venture partner.

A Stanford graduate, Ms. Roizen co-founded T/Maker Company and went on to executive positions with Apple Computer, Mobius Venture Capital, and other technology companies.

Draper Fisher Jurvetson invests in mobile communications, the Internet, health care, and clean energy. The company's website lists Skype and Tesla as two of the businesses it has backed.



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Local woman seeks high, high office

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Woodside resident and documentary filmmaker Michealene Risley has a June deadline. She needs at least 50,000 people — 5,000 in each of 10 states — to make a secure mouse click at the Americans Elect website to indicate their backing for her national candidacy in the November election.

Ms. Risley is running for president of the United States, and so far, she is in a top tier. Americans Elect is a grass-roots, nonpartisan, non-profit organization now engaged in qualifying for space on the ballots in all 50 states come election day.

The group needs 2.9 million signatures and had nearly 2 million, according to a recent count. “We are certified in many states already and are waiting on certification in several others,” the group says. “We are well on our way.”

The website lists three tiers of candidates: seeded, drafted and declared. Among the 20 declared candidates, Ms. Risley, with 190 backers, was running third (at publication time) behind former Louisiana governor Charles “Buddy” Roemer who has 965, and Boston University economics Professor Laurence J. Kotlikoff with 223.

Exactly who will be on the ticket is a matter for delegates — members of the public — who, in association with the group’s legal team, will have an online convention in June, according to a candidate guidebook.

Go to www.AmericansElect.org to sign up as a delegate.

One notable rule: the ticket must have candidates of different politi-

cal affiliations. As the organization puts it: “Pick a president, not a party.”

“Any person constitutionally and professionally qualified to serve as president may seek the Americans Elect nomination as long as he or she agrees to reach across the political space and pick a running mate from another party,” the statement says.

Not all Americans Elect candidates will be playing on the same field, however. Mr. Roemer, as a former governor, has the advantage of having been seeded. The list of seeded candidates includes every member of Congress, all 50 governors, former governors, the mayors of the 100 largest U.S. cities, chief executives of corporations with 1,000 or more employees, and presidents of American universities with 4,000 or more students.

Unseeded candidates like Mr. Kotlikoff and Ms. Risley need 50,000 backers to be considered at the convention, but Mr. Roemer needs just 10,000, 1,000 in each of 10 states.

These thresholds are meant to deter those who seek to disrupt the process, the candidate guidebook says.

About 300 seeded candidates have sufficient support to have been drafted. Unlike Mr. Roemer, most of these candidates have not declared that they’re running for Americans Elect.

Leading this list is Texas Congressman Ron Paul with 4,095 clicks, followed by former Utah governor Jon Huntsman with 2,042 and independent Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who with 1,430 clicks is about 200 ahead of President Barack Obama.

A mission

Asked how she came to this high ambition, Ms. Risley said in an interview that she was going over her resume last summer and the question “What’s next?” occurred to her.

“Someone sent me a link (to Americans Elect) and I was captivated,” she said. “I looked at my kids and I realized that I can’t leave (the country as it is) for them.”

Ms. Risley is the mother of three school-age boys and the author of two documentary films, one of which was nominated for an Academy Award.

Her concerns in running for president center on money in politics. She said she wants publicly funded elections, air time donated by media networks, and private money out of politics. She said she is deeply concerned about the

2010 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, allowing unlimited campaign spending by interest groups on behalf of candidates.

“We’ve never been here as a country before,” she said. “If we don’t get a handle on these issues, we’re not going to see a country that we recognize anymore.”

Why not run for the Senate? “Once you get in the system, you have to play the game,” she said. “I’m not interested. I want to break the game.”

It’s not that the politicians don’t have great ideas, but that they lack the courage to act on them, she said. She is at work on a platform that she said she would gladly hand off to a nominee, but writing the platform “makes you want to scream,” she said. ■



Michealene Risley of Woodside is running for president of the United States. “If we don’t get a handle on these issues,” she says, “we’re not going to see a country that we recognize anymore.”

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MICHEALENE RISLEY

Mayors deliver meals to homebound

Eight local mayors and officials will take part in “Mayors for Meals Day” on Wednesday, March 21, by delivering meals to homebound seniors as part of the Peninsula Volunteers’ Meals on Wheels program.

The mayors include William Widmer of Atherton, Kirsten Keith of Menlo Park, Maryann Moise Derwin of Portola Valley

and David Tanner of Woodside.

“Mayors for Meals Day” is part of the March for Meals national campaign to raise awareness of senior hunger and encourage community action.

Peninsula Volunteers Inc. delivers 150,000 meals locally to seniors every year, half of them through Meals on Wheels, a spokesperson said.

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- Kathleen and Isaac Fehrenbach, a daughter, Feb. 17, Sequoia Hospital.
- Heather Wright and Robert Nicholson, a daughter, Feb. 20, Sequoia

Hospital.

- Alexa Leon-Prado and Michael Goedde, a son, Feb. 21, Sequoia Hospital.

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- Lisa and Mark Mitchell, a son, March 6, Sequoia Hospital.

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M-A students learn firsthand about World War II

By JoAnne Goldberg

Special to the Almanac

When Valerie Caveney, who teaches honors English classes at Menlo-Atherton High School, assigns a book to her freshmen students, she likes to invite someone to speak to them about the topic from life experiences.

Recently, Ms. Caveney assigned the book "Night," Elie Wiesel's story about his experience with his father in the Nazi Germany concentration camps at Auschwitz and Buchenwald in 1944 and 1945, at the height of the Holocaust and toward the end of World War II.

Because my mother, Palo Alto resident Margot Goldberg, has a complementary story to Elie Wiesel's, I asked if she would be interested in speaking to the class. She was, and Valerie was

About the author: JoAnne Goldberg is a resident of Menlo Park, the mother of a ninth-grade student in Valerie Caveney's honors English class at Menlo-Atherton High School, and the daughter of the speaker, Margot Goldberg.

thrilled to have her.

When my mother was around the same age as the M-A freshmen, she left her family in Germany, boarding a train for England. She was one of 10,000 Jewish children from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland who were saved from the Nazi concentration camps by a program called the Kindertransport.

"When we said goodbye in 1939, my parents told me that we would be reunited after the war," Ms. Goldberg told the

M-A class.

"Did you see them again?" asked a student.

"No," she responded.

Although she initially managed to correspond with her parents, once the war started, messages were limited to 25 words or less and transmitted via the Red Cross.

Soon, even those terse messages stopped arriving. After the war, Margot learned that her parents, along with dozens of relatives, had perished in the camps. Only her older brother, who had already been sent to school in England, had survived.

Ms. Goldberg told the students that she had not visited a camp or read the book, describing Mr. Wiesel's story as too painfully close to her own experiences. But she was able to recount her memories of Kristallnacht,

the "night of broken glass" in November 1938 that included mass violence against Jews along with the destruction of hundreds of Jewish homes, synagogues, and cemeteries.

The Nazis broke into her family's home at 3 a.m., smashing her parents' glasses, china, and furniture, and taking her father, a leader in the community, to prison.

Amidst the day-to-day cruelty and humiliation inflicted on the Jews, some neighbors defied the Nazis and tried to help her family. A few shopkeepers, despite the "no Jews allowed" signs they were forced to display, would slip out the back and hand her and her brother treats in a paper bag.

When asked why her family did not leave, Ms. Goldberg said that her family had lived in Germany for generations, and could not imagine that the situation would remain dire. "This can't last. This will blow over," they said. By the time they understood the enormity of the Nazi policies, it was too late to escape.

Questions from the M-A students evoked stories of wartime Britain, where Ms. Goldberg spent her teen years: the rationing, the deprivation, and the nightly air raid sirens.

After a while, Ms. Goldberg said, people became so inured to the sirens that they did not bother to leave their beds for bomb shelters. She was living in a small English Midlands town that was not a Nazi target, but houses were sometimes destroyed by bombers dumping their extra warheads after attacks on nearby cities.

A private girls' school was sponsoring her, and she was shuffled from home to home before settling with one family whose daughter Marjory remains her best friend.

Ms. Caveney's students were captivated by the descriptions



Margot Goldberg speaks to M-A students about 1930s Germany and wartime Britain.

of a pre-Internet, pre-television world.

"We all carried gas masks, everywhere," said Ms. Goldberg, noting that the masks included a compartment for K-rations, or snacks that she and Marjory would devour at the first opportunity. "I was always hungry."

After the war, the U.S. Army was recruiting German-English translators, and Ms. Goldberg signed on. Spending a year and a half working for Army intelligence in Berlin, she learned about the United States, developed great admiration for Americans, and became determined to immigrate here. In 1951, she became a citizen.

"When we learned about the Holocaust in school, it seemed so distant and so surreal," said one student after the presentation. "Seeing and talking to someone who actually lived through it was a great experience."

Another commented: "I know it might have been difficult to talk about those bad times, but the stories showed me what it was actually like to be there."

Ms. Goldberg, who has spoken to students in German high schools on several occasions, said: "it's important that this tragic time never be forgotten." ■

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Women's Hall of Fame honorees named

A school superintendent, a youth-symphony director, and one of the first women to be ordained an Episcopal priest are among the women named to the 2012 San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

The eight women will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in a ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the South San Francisco Conference Center.

The honorees are: Jeanine

Asche of Half Moon Bay, a leader in youth literacy; Lynn Eastman Bowdish of Daly City, one of the first women ordained as an Episcopal priest; Maria Meza De La Vega of East Palo Alto, superintendent of the Ravenswood School District; Jeri Fujimoto of Belmont, who spearheaded development of the San Carlos Youth Center; Karen Musegaas Larson of El Granada, teacher and site administrator for the

RotaCare Coasts Clinic; and Sara Salisbury of Palo Alto, founder and executive director of the Peninsula Youth Orchestra.

Young Women of Excellence

Two high school students will be honored. They are Seema Chaudhry of Redwood City and Karen Chee of Foster City.

Seema is a senior at Sequoia High School who helps stu-

dents resolve conflicts and coordinates school service events through the Sequoia Key Club.

Karen, a junior at San Mateo High School, is serving her third term as class president. She is a leader in both her school and the community.

The Commission on the Status of Women established the Women's Hall of Fame in 1984. In 1992, a second category, Young Women of Excellence, was added to the Women's Hall of Fame.

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Town celebrates being green

■ PORTOLA VALLEY

It's spring, or nearly so, and in Portola Valley that means Earth Day events for March and April, all of which take place at venues at Town Center, located at 765 Portola Road.

Here is the lineup:

- Energy efficiency when the household is asleep is the topic for Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall. LEDs glowing in the night often mean needless energy use. Elton Sherwin, author of "Addicted to Energy," explains how to reduce plug-in load for significant monthly savings.

- Outside near the library at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March

27, the town will officially inaugurate two recharging stations, each able to recharge two electric vehicles at a time.

- Broom, an invasive plant, is the subject of the annual "broom pull" starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, at the Historic Schoolhouse.

- A kids workshop on making art from trash — Fantastic Trash — comes to the library at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, from the Museum of Craft and Folk Art in San Francisco.

- A gardeners workshop by

Deva Luna on the wise use of water and native plants happens at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, in the Community Hall. Registration required.

- The uses of beneficial insects, including pest control and keeping bees in the backyard, is the subject of a presentation at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, in the Community Hall.

- Earth Day celebrations begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, at the Town Center. A hike leaves from Triangle Park at the corner of Portola and Alpine roads at 2 p.m.

Go to www.portolavalley.net for more information.

Can technology close achievement gap?

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

■ EDUCATION

Professionals involved with classroom technology will join in a panel discussion about whether technology can close the academic achievement gap at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at Woodside High School at 199 Churchill Ave. in unincorporated Woodside.

The scheduled panelists are:

- Karen Cator, a former Apple Corp. director and now director of the U.S. Office of Educational Technology.

- Neeru Khosla, the cofounder and executive director of the Palo Alto-based nonprofit CK-12 Foundation, which focuses on lowering the cost of textbooks.

- Alan Louie, a partner with Imagine K12, an "incubator

of new high-tech companies focused on K-12 education," according to an event announcement.

- Principal David Reilly, who has expanded career technical education at Woodside High "in an effort to harness the potential of technology in a comprehensive high school setting," the announcement said.

The moderator, Betsy Corcoran, is a former journalist and cofounder of EdSurge, a "team of journalists, educators, and technologists dedicated to accelerating the adoption of education technology," according to its website.

While the panel appears

weighted in favor of classroom technology, Ms. Corcoran, replying to an emailed question as to whether contrarian views would be represented, said: "I will do my best to ask a wide range of questions. Technology is certainly not always the answer. We will also make time for audience Q&A."

Charles Schmuck of the Peninsula College Fund, the event's host, added: "I firmly believe that there will be opposing views on this topic and you might be surprised in some cases where (they) come from. As a high school teacher myself, I know that technology is only part of the solution."

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independent planner to do some clerical work, such as transcribing meeting minutes, that she had performed as city clerk. She knows, however, that "there are going to be things that are backed up" by the time she returns to her city clerk post. "I'll just deal with them," she said calmly.

Ms. DellaSanta said she became adept at on-the-job time management as she worked on her college degree while performing her city clerk's duties. In the fall, she will begin an accelerated master's in public administration program at Golden Gate University, which offers a mix of online and on-campus courses for the degree.

Meanwhile, she's trying to tidy up Town Hall for the permanent manager, she said. "When a person comes to a new house, (that person) wants to have a clean house. Well, I'm cleaning house."

That job includes creating a records management policy so the town can reduce the volume of documents it stores. "We're running out of space," Ms. DellaSanta said.

She also is working on clarifying policies governing town committees — which include focuses from transportation and finance to arts and the environment. She said she wants committee meetings staffed by a town employee, which isn't always the case now, but given the small number

of staff people, that might be accomplished only by merging committees.

She also is working with the city attorney to rewrite parts of the municipal code. "There are so many things that are out of date," she said, giving as an example costly advertising requirements that were written before the availability of email and the Internet.

The town is also now in the middle stages of developing a budget for the next fiscal year, which ideally will be at least close to council approval before a permanent manager begins work.

"We have a busy two months ahead," Ms. DellaSanta said. "But I'm confident that we can do it." ■

Eight candidates run for supervisor seat

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

Three seats on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors are up for election in June. Ten candidates have officially thrown in their hats, and the eight challengers among them have opted to challenge each other, leaving the two incumbents to run unopposed.

District 4 Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, whose district includes East Palo Alto and much of Menlo Park, is retiring after having reached her three-term limit. The eight candidates competing to succeed her come from city councils, school boards and county government.

Incumbent District 5 Supervisor and board President Adrienne Tissier of Daly City is running unopposed for her third term.

Incumbent District 1 Supervisor Dave Pine of Burlingame is running unopposed for election to his first full term. Mr. Pine won a special election in May 2011 to complete the 19 months remaining in the third term of Mark Church, who vacated his seat to run for and win the position of chief elections officer and assessor-county clerk-recorder.

The challengers for Ms. Jacobs Gibson's seat, in alphabetical order, are:

■ Andy Cohen of the Menlo Park City Council.

■ Kirsten Keith, the mayor of Menlo Park and a councilwoman.

■ Shelly Masur of the Redwood City School Board.

■ Guillermo "Memo" Morantes, a Menlo Park resident and a member of the San Mateo County Board of Education.

■ Carlos Romero of the East Palo Alto City Council.

■ Ernesto "Ernie" Schmidt of the Redwood City Planning Commission.

■ Warren Slocum, former San Mateo County chief elections officer and assessor-county clerk-recorder.

■ David E. Woods of the East Palo Alto City Council.

If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote in the June 5 election, the two contenders with the most votes will oppose each other in a November run-off election, county Elections Manager David Tom told the Almanac.

While the June election is a presidential primary, elections for county supervisor are non-partisan.

Though supervisors must live in the district they represent, they run county-wide. San Mateo is the only county in the state that does not have district elections.

Defenders of San Mateo County's system claim county-wide elections inculcate a broad perspective in the supervisors, but critics say it favors well-financed and well-connected candidates.

Voters in 2010 might have had a chance to consider by-district elections, but a 4-1 majority of supervisors, with then-supervisor Rich Gordon dissenting, voted not to put the question on the ballot.

County voters had rejected district elections in 1978 and 1980. A citizens committee reviewing the county charter had recommended giving voters another shot at this question in 2010.

County supervisors receive an annual salary of \$117,145.60. ■

Service for Adele McPartland

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 30, at Our Lady of the Wayside church for Adele McPartland, who died at her home in Portola Valley on March 2.

The church is at 930 Portola Road in Portola Valley.

Connecticut born, that unique New England "reserve" influenced her life, family members said. She had strong values and principles, and a fierce loyalty to her faith, family and friends, they said.

She graduated from nursing school and during hospital rounds met her future husband, Mac. They married and moved to the Bay Area, where he began his practice as an anesthesiologist at the Palo Alto Medical Clinic and Stanford.

They built their home 52 years ago in Portola Valley, where she raised her family and became

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involved in the community. She flourished as a librarian, gardener, florist, Ikebana master, and loyal San Francisco Giants fan, the family said.

She spent many years working and performing volunteer work at the Portola Valley Library, and was a longstanding parishioner of Our Lady of the Wayside.

A great sense of humor and good laugh, a quickened step, and a bit of animation showed her fun character, say family members.

She is predeceased by her son Mark, and husband Dr. Francis McPartland. She is survived by her children, Maureen Hardy, Paul, Philip and Jim.

The family prefers memorial donations to Our Lady of Wayside church or a favorite charity.



Photo by Howard Jory

A large stone pine tree fell Saturday morning in Sharon Heights.

Huge tree falls in Sharon Heights

A huge stone pine tree fell at about 6 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at the corner of Sharon Park Drive and Warner Range Avenue in Menlo Park.

Luckily, it fell away from the home of owners Daphna Davidson and Jesse Rodin, and no one was injured. Five people were in the house, including a 10-month-

old baby.

"We were very, very lucky," Ms. Davidson said.

The tree blocked traffic for a time, but the streets were cleared later that day.

A city arborist told the couple the tree may have fallen because of tension caused by the large limbs. After a truck hit one of the

major limbs several months ago, an arborist checked the tree and said it was OK, Ms. Davidson said.

"The tree was really beautiful," she said. "It had astonishingly long limbs. Its canopy was huge. It shaded the street and probably two-thirds of our house."

— Jane Knoerle

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.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglary reports:

■ Losses estimated at \$12,700 in forced entry through rear door and theft of Apple iPad and iPod, Cartier watch and costume jewelry, Pope St., March 5.

■ Losses estimated at \$1,740 in break-in and theft of Apple iPod, cologne, video game console and \$1,300 in cash, Market Place, March 7.

Auto burglary reports:

■ Loss estimated at \$450 in break-in via smashed window and theft of radar detector, O'Keefe St., March 3.

■ Loss estimated at \$300 in break-in via smashed window and theft of cell phone, Roble Ave., March 7.

Assault report: Victim punched in head by family member in dispute about TV remote control, Hollyburne Ave., March 2.

Theft reports:

■ Loss estimated at \$600 in theft of power tools from truck tool boxes, Cambridge Ave., March 7.

■ Loss of \$200 after bank customer left ATM card in machine and someone came along and used it before customer returned to retrieve card, Santa Cruz Ave., March 4.

■ Loss of \$140 when cash fell out of wallet and was picked up and stuffed into pocket by transient to whom victim was about to give \$5, Laurel Ave., March 3.

■ Loss estimated at \$300 in theft of copper irrigation piping from condominium roof, Alma St., March 7.

Fraud reports:

■ Loss of \$2,400 in unauthorized bank transfer, Willow Road, March 2.

■ Loss of \$680 in passing of forged check, El Rancho Supermarket at 812 Willow Road, March 6.

Child protective services reports: Four reports at police station at 701 Laurel St., March 5 and 6.

WOODSIDE

Drug sales report: Student released to parent after being captured on school surveillance camera later admitted to selling marijuana, Woodside High School at 199 Churchill Ave., March 2.

PORTOLA VALLEY

Residential burglary report: Loss estimated at \$1,299 in theft of TV from unlocked workout room/garage, Willowbrook Drive, March 8.

WEST MENLO PARK

Theft reports:

■ Purse with \$50 in cash inside stolen from minivan, Cloud Ave., March 2.

■ Possible loss of \$905 when satellite TV account opened in victim's name, Bellair Way, March 6.

ATHERTON

Auto burglary report: Window smashed and theft of purse and laptop computer, Encinal Ave., March 2.

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A good year for Holiday Fund

Perhaps reflecting Silicon Valley's economic resurgence, the Almanac's Holiday Fund posted a sharp increase this year, welcome news for the 10 nonprofit organizations that benefit from the gifts received from readers and local foundations.

Total contributions to the fund were up nearly \$30,000 from last year, to \$167,801. This year 174 Almanac readers donated to the Holiday Fund, which is in its 19th year of providing a helping hand to the organizations who serve the hungry, homeless and others who are down on their luck in our communities.

Each of the nonprofits will receive a check for \$16,780 at a small ceremony that will be held at the Boys & Girls Club's Menlo Park clubhouse Thursday.

In addition to receiving just over \$103,000 from readers, generous grants from the Packard, Hewlett and Rotary Club of Menlo Park foundations helped push the total higher. The local Trapp Charitable Fund also pitched in.

The Holiday Fund is grateful for the longstanding support of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which processes all the donations and writes the checks to the nonprofits. No fees or other charges are taken out by the Almanac or the foundation, so that every dollar contributed goes directly to the recipient agencies that work in our community. Here are the nonprofits that each will receive a check for \$16,780 this week:

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula

Provides after-school academic support and enrichment activities for 1,000 youth each day, ages 6 to 18. Operates clubhouses in Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood, East Palo Alto and Redwood City, and after-school programs at schools in these communities designed to extend the learning day and supplement the school's curriculum.

Ecumenical Hunger Program

Provides emergency food, clothing, household essentials, special children's programs and sometimes financial assistance to families in need, regardless of religious preference, including Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for more than 1,500 households.

Ravenswood Family Health Center

Provides primary medical care, behavioral health services and preventive health care for all ages at its clinics in Belle Haven and East Palo Alto. It also operates a mobile clinic at school sites. Of the 22,700 registered patients, most are low-income and uninsured.

St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room

Serves hundreds of hot meals six days a week in a social and friendly atmosphere to anyone in need. Funded entirely by contributions from the community, St. Anthony's is the largest soup kitchen between San Francisco and San Jose. It offers groceries to take home and distributes clothing to families.

Second Harvest Food Bank

The largest collector and distributor of food on the Peninsula, Second Harvest Food Bank distributes 40 million or more pounds of food every year. It gathers donations from individuals and businesses and distributes food to more than 231,000 people each month through more than 700 agencies and distribution sites in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Shelter Network

Provides housing and comprehensive support to more than 4,600 men, women and children. Its "beyond the bed" approach has assured that 90 percent of those who leave Shelter Network's programs returned to permanent housing in an average of 120 days.

Star-Vista

Formerly Youth and Family Enrichment Services, Star-Vista provides many programs to help people who struggle with substance abuse, domestic violence, mental health, and relationship and communications issues. Helps strengthen youth, families and individuals to overcome challenges through counseling, education, and residential services.

Project Read-Menlo Park

Provides free literacy services to adults in the Menlo Park area. Trained volunteers work one-on-one or in small groups to help adults improve their basic reading, writing and English language skills so they can achieve their goals and function more effectively at home, at work and in the community. In 2007-08, a total of 120 volunteer tutors assisted more than 300 students.

Fair Oaks Community Center

Provides housing assistance, childcare programs, older adult nutrition, emergency shelter referrals, legal services for low-income tenants and low-cost exercise programs for youth and adults.

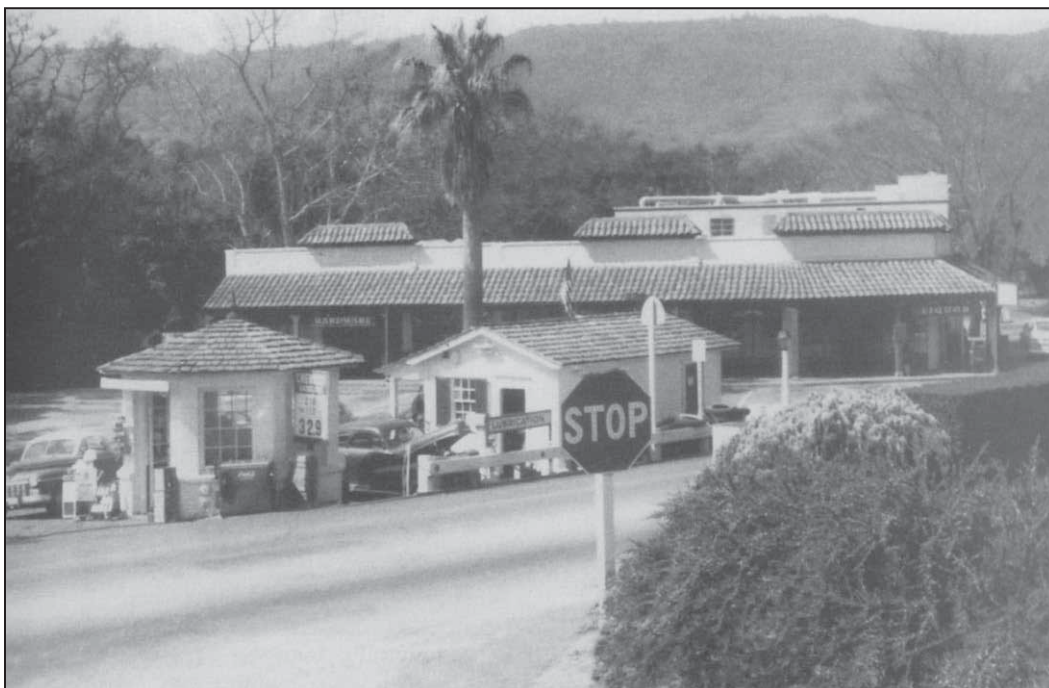
Teen Talk

Provides educational programs for youth and adults to help teens make healthful choices that will result in lower rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Its Teen Talk program serves more than 3,500 youth at public school sites in San Mateo County.

Our Regional Heritage

The Chevron gas station buildings in the triangular property across from Roberts Market were a fixture in Woodside until they were torn down in the 1970s when Woodside Road was widened. The triangle was named Alexander Donald Park to honor Woodside's first road commissioner.

Woodside History Committee



Here's what they're saying on Town Square

Time to reform Proposition 13

Posted by High Tech Maven, a resident of the Menlo Park, Allied Arts/Stanford Park neighborhood

How ironic that Silicon Valley, the very center of innovation and creativity envied the world over, is saddled with California's outmoded form of taxation that rewards the status quo and punishes originality.

Not only does Prop 13 discourage companies from settling or expanding in California — it makes it harder to attract employees. Who wants to move for a job and double their property tax payment? Who wants to be forced to spend \$30,000 a year on private schools for their kids?

It's time for Google, Facebook, Yahoo, Apple and other dynamic companies to step forward and say "enough!" Property taxes pay for the services we all (companies and residents) touch every day — entitlements to a free ride need to be thoughtfully granted.

Posted by Debra, a resident of the Menlo Park, Linfield Oaks neighborhood

My question is: do any of you criticizing Prop 13 have an alternative to propose? Yes, leave the residential portion the same and revisit the massive tax breaks to commercial landowners that make California inherently unfair for new businesses. Remove the sections of Prop 13 that keep com-

TOWN SQUARE

Our readers online

mercial property from being reassessed.

Prior to Prop 13, commercial property accounted for 60 percent of property tax income with residential accounting for 40 percent. It has since flip-flopped to 60 percent residential and 40 percent commercial. Where is the inherent fairness in moving the burden over to residential property owners from the largest commercial property landowners in the state?

Woodside agrees to plastic bag ban concept

The Town Council in Woodside has agreed in principle to join a countywide initiative now in the works that would ban the flimsy "single-use" plastic bags at retail check-out counters.

Posted by gunste, a resident of the Portola Valley Ladera neighborhood

The plastic bag ban is required because a lot of people are very irresponsible with them. We use them for garbage can liners and recycle to excess. In the absence of plastic bags from stores, which we get when we have more than the reusable can hold, we shall have to buy plastic bags for use in the garbage can. The ban will not discipline irresponsible users who clutter up the environment.

in downtown. I guess with a city as huge as Menlo Park, it would be easy to overlook such an item. Perhaps someone should point our mayor to El Camino to bring her up to date on that issue as well.

If five years ago the council would have taken the millions of dollars it has spent on outside consultants and instead refurbished the downtown, and had it allowed the beautiful developments to have been completed on El Camino, instead of a broken-down city center, we would have a charming, booming, and fiscally rewarding commercial center.

Our City Council has abdicated their responsibilities like a cat runs from water. And the Almanac, with its constant support for the council, has been an unwitting enabler.

Sloane Citron
Arden Road, Menlo Park

LETTERS

Our readers write

Downtown plan a 'debacle,' writer says

Editor:

The Almanac's endorsement of the Menlo Park City Council's handling of our downtown debacle is astonishing.

Instead of dealing with this critical situation as they were elected to do, the City Council has kicked the issue down the road for five long years trying to win consensus of 25,000 people, a thought so ludicrous that, if the situation was not so tragic, one could laugh at the very idea.

Amazingly, Mayor Kristen Keith has just now discovered the tremendous number of vacancies

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Anne Long

Sept. 19, 1922-Oct. 5, 2011

Napa, California



While surrounded by her family, Anne Plett Long passed away peacefully on Oct. 5, 2011, in Napa, Calif., she was 89.

Anne was born in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada, in 1922. As a young girl in 1935, she moved to San Jose with her parents, David and Agatha, and seven siblings. She attended San Jose High School and graduated in 1941.

Anne married her high school sweetheart, Don Long, and soon moved to San Diego, Calif., while Don served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. When the war ended, they moved back to the Bay Area, where they owned Long's Quality Foods in Portola Valley. While enjoying success in the grocery business, Anne was busy raising her three wonderful sons.

Anne and Don retired to their beloved Santa Cruz Mountains in 1976, where they shared many years entertaining family and friends. Anne will always be remembered as an incredibly beautiful and positive person who had an undeniable impact on those around her. Anne was a true lover of animals and was happiest when she was outside enjoying nature.

Anne is survived by her husband of 69 years, Donald Long of Yountville, Calif.;

her three sons, Doug Long and his wife Betsy of Gig Harbor, Wash., Bob Long of St. Helena, Calif., and David Long of Napa, Calif. Anne is also survived by seven adoring grandchildren: Melissa (Long) Vilar, Whitney (Long) Patterson, Amy (Long) Stoll, Rob Long, Gretchen (Long) Kim, Anna (Long) Matte and Laura (Long) Bystrowski, and many great grandchildren. In addition, Anne is also survived by her only surviving sibling, her younger sister Tina Mulford of San Jose. Anne was adored by many nieces and nephews with whom she shared very special relationships.

Family and friends are invited to join the family in celebrating Anne's life on Saturday, July 28, 2012, at the Long Family Ranch, Long Ranch Road, in St. Helena, Calif., at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Anne's name to the Santa Cruz SPCA -- PO Box 3800, Santa Cruz, CA 95063; or the Napa Humane Society -- Post Office Box 695, Napa, CA 94559.

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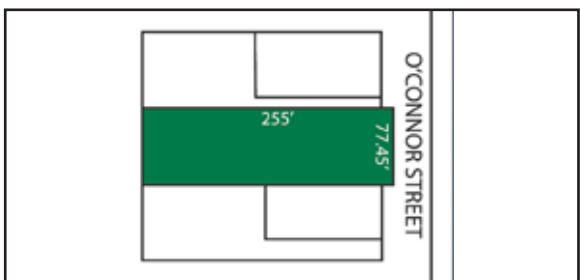
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