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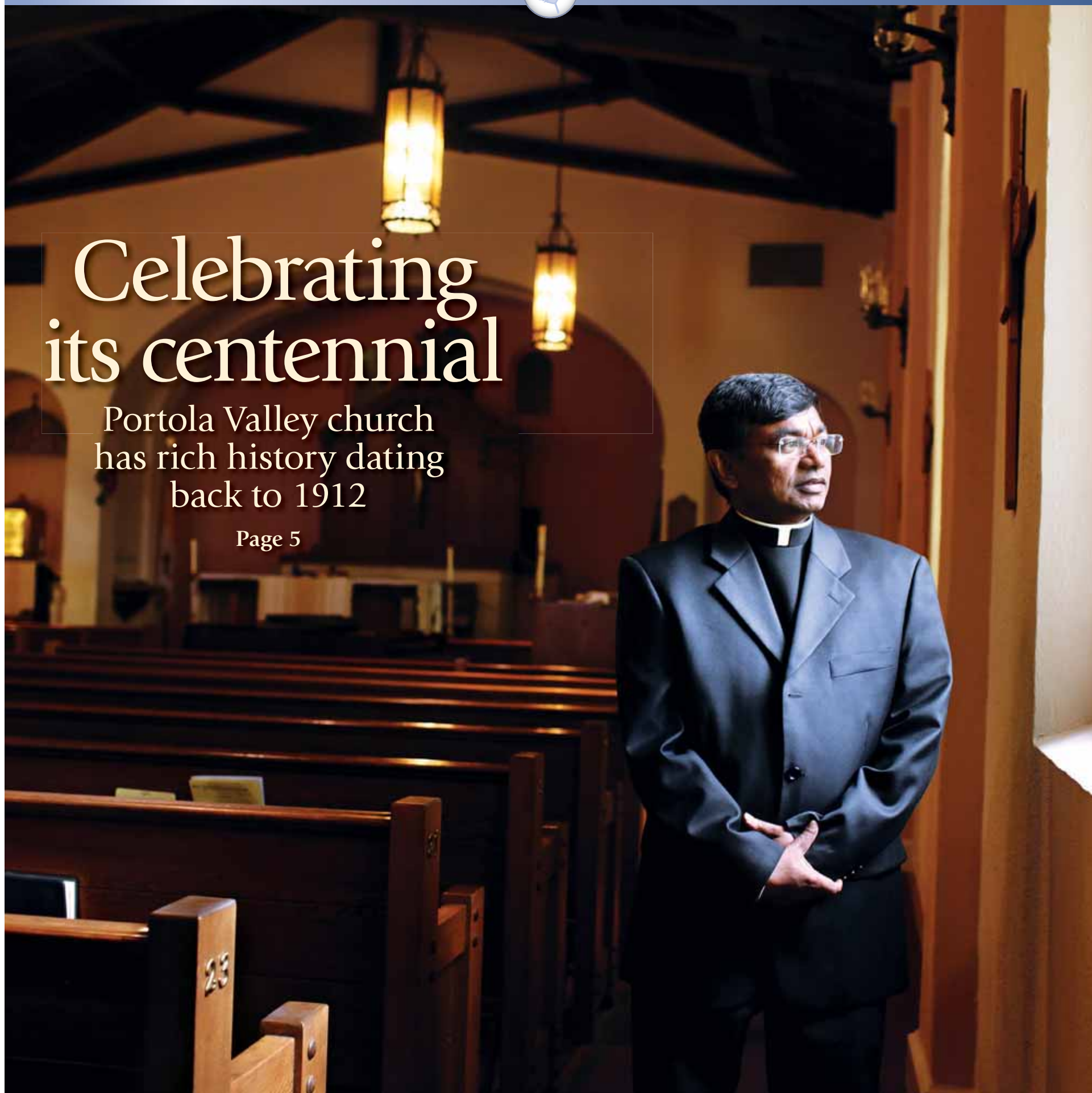


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Mother's advice a life's gift

By Marie Wagner Krenz

This morning as I put a pot of water on the stove, Mother's words returned: "Once the water boils, turn it down; it won't get any hotter."

I began to think of her example and her many bits of advice that have governed and enhanced my life over the decades. I listened to her then, and I still hear her in my heart.

"Treasure your friendships and keep them in repair," she said, and I have. I met my friend Cathy almost 80 years ago on the first day of kindergarten. To this day she's one of my nearest and dearest.

Mother suggested that to maintain

a rewarding social life I should instigate the formation of small groups and clubs that meet often and regularly. Because of her

words, one 10-member dinner group assembled every six weeks for over 50 years. Another club of eight dined together almost as often and for just as long.

To keep these gatherings going, my friends and I planned simple potlucks that burdened no one. Our casseroles and salads placed end to end could have stretched for blocks.

One bridge group has met on the first Friday of the month for 53 years. Our conversational level is as high as ever, but the subject matter has changed from our own children's activities to those of our grandchildren, and for a couple of us, those of great-grandchildren. We all cherish those Friday mornings.

"For family and friends, make your meals attractive," she said and did.

Even as a small child I stood at Mother's elbow and watched

WOODSIDE MEMORIES

as she sprinkled on a bit of chopped parsley, a sprig of mint, or a dash of paprika to beautify an entree.

To improve mundane tuna sandwiches, she used a dash of Worcestershire, a little vinegar, mayonnaise, chopped celery, onion, and green pepper. My little granddaughter often requests Mother's tuna sandwiches when she is with me at noontime.

Mother kept her home warm and welcoming. When guests arrived, even on a sunny day, I

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Marie Wagner Krenz

watched as she lit a lamp in the entry, and sometimes those in the living room.

For my own gatherings, she urged me to get out Grandmother's guest towels, the ones with the hand-crocheted edges, even if they are a pain to iron. These little touches add a special gift to hospitality.

Because of her I learned that no guest table is complete without a living centerpiece. If nothing much is blooming, three different kinds of greenery and just one flower will suffice.

When I was married, Mother had worthwhile thoughts I never forgot. She encouraged me to show my husband love and appreciation, and that when he left in the morning, to walk outside with him to say good-bye, and if I was the first to depart, to reserve an extra minute to give him a special hug. He'd hurry home sooner in the evening.

"Keep your marriage young and new," she advised. "Find activities you both enjoy, but reserve time for personal hobbies and interests. Play silly tricks, but only rarely." (Here, I had one of my own. Should your husband arise in the night, quickly make the bed, even with the bedspread and throw pillows, then hide on the floor. This is good for a laugh, at least once).

"Every so often have a company dinner," she said, "just for you and the family. Get out the good dishes, light the candles, pour the wine, and dress up. Everyone enjoys a party, and who better than your husband and children?"

Mother said not to be over-critical with the children, that their grades don't matter as long as they do their best. They need love and support and a regular schedule.

"Inter-generational contacts are important to little ones. They thrive on being part of a larger group and feel protected."

I remember as a little girl going to birthday parties, knowing that I looked especially nice. Mother always curled my hair and dressed me in my best. She even put a dab of salad oil on my black patent Mary-Janes to freshen them.

From my earliest days Mother was there for me, and what she taught me is with me forever. I think of her often, and I know she has never left me. Happy Mother's Day, Mom. ■

About the author: Since the late 1920s Marie Wagner Krenz has been spending weekends and summers at the Woodside property purchased by her grandparents in 1918. She is a freelance writer from Orinda and has recently published a mystery, "Fear at Phantom Ship Lake."

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Ceremonies celebrate church's centennial

Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Portola Valley was dedicated in 1912

By Jane Knoerle
Almanac Lifestyles Editor

A celebratory Mass at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 13, at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, officiated by Archbishop George H. Niederauer of San Francisco, will highlight the year-long centennial celebration of the Portola Valley church, which was dedicated May 5, 1912. A reception outdoors and in the rectory will follow Mass.

The centennial year closes with a 5:15 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 19. Music for the service will be performed by members of The Family, a prestigious San Francisco men's club whose history is closely entwined with the little country church.

Preceding the Mass will be music by the Everfaithful String Quartet at 4:45 p.m. During the service there will be music by the Songbirds choral group under the directions of Eric Alexanderson. Selections will include Franz Biebel's "Ave Maria" and Franz Schubert's "The Omnipotence" with tenor

Visit tinyurl.com/Wayside-512 to read a history of the church by longtime parishioners Bill Alfano Sr. and his son, Bill Alfano Jr.

soloist Sigmund Seigel.

A reception with hors d'oeuvres and beverages, hosted by The Family, will follow the Mass.

The public is invited to attend both events. However, the Rev. Jose Shaji, pastor of Our Lady of the Wayside and St. Denis churches, predicts it will be standing-room-only for both Masses. Former pastors of OLW have been invited to the May 13 celebration, including the Rev. George Thomas, who served as pastor for 34 years. Father Thomas is now retired and living in Jackson.

A statue of the Virgin Mary, a gift from The Family, will be blessed by Archbishop Niederauer at the May 13 Mass.

"Jim Shannon, a long-time member and former president of The Family, consulted in great depth with the church



Almanac photo by Michelle Le

Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Portola Valley observes its 100th anniversary this year.

Photo on the cover: The Rev. Jose Shaji inside the church.

about how the organization might properly reflect our appreciation to the church and its parishioners as a close neighbor for the past century," says Family spokesman Mark G. Rawlins.

The marble statue weighs

1,200 pounds and stands 6 feet tall with a two-foot base. It will be located with a bronze plaque in the grove of redwood trees in the gathering/parking area in front of the church.

A brochure on the history of Our Lady of the Wayside,

written by parishioner Bill Alfano and his father, William Alfano Sr., of Woodside, will be distributed to those attending the Mass.

As Portola Valley historian

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Menlo Park downtown plan heads to the City Council

By Sandy Brundage
Almanac Staff Writer

The "p" word dominated discussion of the downtown/El Camino Real specific plan at the Planning Commission meeting on April 30.

Actually, there were a lot of "p" words: paseo, pedestrian, project, plan, plaza, permit. But the one hurled around most often was "parking."

Members of the Downtown Alliance and Lions Club tallied up spaces lost and gained, and worried about the impact on local businesses and the farmers market if spaces vanish.

Alliance co-founder Nancy

Couperus suggested keeping diagonal parking along Santa Cruz Avenue. If a parking garage is really necessary, she said, it should go in plaza 2, off Oak Grove and Chestnut Street.

She also asked that the city's trial installation of a small marketplace off a Chestnut Street paseo take place during a busy time of year to measure the true impact on parking, and for staff to establish criteria to determine whether the trial succeeds or fails.

Other public speakers all but shouted "hallelujah" at the thought that the specific plan,

The commission voted 6-0 to recommend the council adopt the plan with small tweaks.

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Peninsula to elect new state senator

by Gennady Sheyner

To the average Peninsula voter, Brisbane and Sunnyvale have little in common. The former is a small, industrial suburb on San Francisco's doorstep, the latter a high-tech hub in the heart of Silicon Valley.

But to Assemblyman Jerry Hill, the two municipalities are facing many of the same issues, from concerns over Caltrain's survival and high-tech jobs to open-space preservation and airport noise.

Mr. Hill, whose 19th district includes most of San Mateo County (including Brisbane), is the frontrunner in a four-way race to replace the termed-out state Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, in the newly redrawn District 13.

If Mr. Hill wins, his constituency would encapsulate much of his existing district in San



Forum: Voters will have a chance to learn more about the District 13 candidates in the June 5 primary at a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters. The event will be held Friday, May 18, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave. in Cupertino.

Mateo County and the northern part of Santa Clara County, including Palo Alto and Mountain View. (All of the Almanac towns are in District 13: Atherton, Menlo Park, Portola Valley and Woodside.)

Mr. Hill's most formidable opponent, Sally Lieber, is approaching the race from the other side, both geographically and politically. While Mr. Hill touts his ability to find the middle ground and get along with a wide spectrum of constituents (his website includes a list of

roughly 400 endorsements), Ms. Lieber embraces her image as a firebrand who fights for the needy and the disenfranchised.

"I've never been the favored candidate of the powers that be," she proudly proclaimed at a recent interview.

Also on the ballot are Christopher Chiang, a reform-minded schoolteacher from Mountain View, and John Webster, a libertarian crusading against what he calls the "darker side of democracy." Each is running on a shoestring budget of about \$1,000 and is concerned as much with shifting the conversation as winning the race.

Mr. Hill was born in San Francisco and learned the political ropes in San Mateo County, where he followed the traditional trajectory from community leader to councilman to assemblyman. His three opponents

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Plan heads to council

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at least five years in the making, may be approaching the finish line.

But one word no one — commissioners and staff included — threw around was “perfect.”

Architect Sam Sinott called the plan truly democratic, “truly the voice of the people.” He urged the commissioners to reconsider requiring new buildings to meet higher environmental standards than already required by the building code.

“In Menlo Park we have the habit of stacking on requirements until they break,” he said. The higher standards would add “5 to 7 percent” to the cost of building without really gaining anything, while the city needs to encourage, not discourage, developers, he told the panel.

Implementation of some aspects of the plan inspired deep interest by the commissioners, such as prioritizing a bike and pedestrian undercrossing on Middle Avenue at El Camino Real. However, since the specific plan is only a framework for future development and not a project itself, they were ready to call it done.

“I see us polishing the silver at

this point,” said Commissioner Henry Riggs, later adding, “I think the specific plan is done” in terms of being able to forward it to council.

So, after midnight, the commission voted 6-0 to send the plan onwards, recommending council approval with some small tweaks. Commissioner Ben Eiref participated by telephone during the initial hours of the meeting from an East Coast airport, but had to hang up before the end.

“I don’t know if any of us would’ve signed up in 2007 if we knew it was going to take this long,” Commission Chair Katie Ferrick noted.

Following the Planning Commission meeting, rumors surfaced that some downtown merchants want to see the plan appear on the ballot. Ms. Couperus said the Downtown Alliance hasn’t taken any steps in that direction, but wasn’t surprised that businesses downtown feel threatened in the face of losing parking spaces on Santa Cruz Avenue “for what seem to most people really silly proposals — the pocket parks and an undefined marketplace.”

The City Council is tentatively scheduled to review the specific plan on June 5 and June 12. ■

Shots fired at dog walker

An 18-year-old man walking his dog on April 30 escaped unscathed after someone shot at him from a car near Newbridge Street and Hollyburne Avenue in Menlo Park, police said.

Around 8:28 p.m. police responded to a report of gunshots. The victim described the multiple shots as coming from a light-colored vehicle after its occupants called out his name. He ran as the car fled north on Newbridge Street.

Sgt. Kevin Paugh said it’s clear the suspects knew the young man, but investigators don’t know why he was targeted. Asked whether the crime may be gang-related, the police officer said that the victim denies being involved with one.

Police ask anyone with information about the shooting to call police at 330-6300 or the anonymous tip line at 330-6395.

— Sandy Brundage



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eye wear before women because the men’s game is considered to be a collision sport while the women’s game is considered to be non-contact. In any case, female lacrosse players are finally addressing the problem of potential sport-related vision loss on the heels of hockey, baseball, and other sports doing the same.

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P.S. Anyone who plays a racquet sport is an immediate candidate for protective eye wear. Mark Schmidt is an American Board of Opticianry and National Contact Lens Examiners Certified Optician licensed by the Medical Board of California. He can be easily reached at Menlo Optical, 1166 University Drive, Menlo Park. 650-322-3900.

Possible misappropriation of funds found in Portola Valley schools

By Renee Batti

Almanac News Editor

Already struggling to address a projected deficit of \$854,000 in the next school year, the Portola Valley School District has gone into high gear to try to cover an additional, unexpected shortfall estimated at more than \$500,000 after auditors late last month found evidence of possible misappropriation of funds.

Failure to shore up the budget by June could lead the district into receivership and a takeover by the state, district officials announced last week.

The financial crisis, which has caused shock waves throughout the school community, comes on the heels of the January resignation of former superintendent Tim Hanretty, who has since been charged with three felony counts that include misappropriation of public funds — allegations of misdeeds that stem from his earlier employment with the Woodside School District.

In an attempt to avoid going into receivership, the district is seeking a \$500,000 loan from the San Mateo County Office of Education, a request expected to be heard by the county board of education on June 6.

School board members also will be “looking at all of our options” for spending cuts to balance the 2012-13 budget by June 30, school board President Scott Parker said.

In addition to possible funding misappropriations, which involved the spending of at least \$400,000 of funds earmarked for the district’s solar panel project on inappropriate purchases, the financial irregularities uncovered by auditors called in after Mr. Hanretty’s resignation include underestimated costs of employee benefits, according to the district.

The exact figures and the trail of money movement in the district’s budget are not yet determined, with the district’s interim finance official Mark Bonnett, a team of forensic auditors, and a county-appointed finance expert scrambling to make sense of a budget that was crafted and overseen by

Mr. Hanretty, who since 2010 had served a dual role as the district’s superintendent and its chief business official.

At least one report, that of county-appointed fiscal expert Sandra Lepley, is expected to be completed at the end of the week, according to county Superintendent of Schools Anne Campbell, who was superintendent of the Portola Valley district before moving on to the county office.

Mr. Hanretty’s attorney, Mike Markowitz, said he’s advising his client not to comment about the situation. Reached last week, Mr. Markowitz said he hadn’t been made aware of the development in the Portola Valley district, and that Mr. Hanretty would be ill-advised to comment on something “that might be even remotely related to the current (Woodside district) case.”

The preliminary hearing for that case is set for May 24 in Superior Court. Mr. Hanretty has pleaded not guilty to the charges, but the case makes him “a target,” Mr. Markowitz said. “If a quarter falls on the floor and disappears, it will be his fault.”

What happened

Although not all the facts are in, auditors and Mr. Bonnett, the interim financial officer, have concluded that at least \$418,000 of the money allotted to pay for solar power for the district’s two schools was spent inappropriately on technology equipment, contracted staff, and general operating costs, district officials said.

Diverting the funds puts the district’s \$1.5 million federal subsidy for the completed solar panel project, authorized in 2010, in jeopardy, they said.

The district held a community meeting on May 2 to explain the information available at the time, and in a PowerPoint report revealed that in addition to the solar project-fund diversion, “employee benefits have not been recorded/tracked according to generally acceptable accounting principles.”

The district had budgeted only \$2.1 million for health and welfare benefits, although the actual

costs for the year appears to be \$2.6 million, the report said.

It also revealed that the district has “been spending beyond our means for at least the past two years.

“We have been covering general expenses by obtaining credit and loans that solve immediate problems but add to ongoing financial challenges.”

Policy changes ahead

Community members attending the May 2 meeting voiced concerns about the type of cuts that might be made to school programs as a result of the shortfall, and questioned how the school board, which must approve budgets and sign off on annual audits, could have been unaware of the spending and budgeting irregularities now being uncovered.

Board President Parker told the Almanac that the board’s practices that constituted “financial oversight were not any different from the best practices of school boards” in general, but “obviously, there’s going to be discussion of future oversight ... and talk about enhanced controls.”

For one thing, the board is certain to separate the positions of superintendent and financial official, “giving direct oversight to the superintendent of the financial person,” he said. Mr. Hanretty had been serving in both capacities since his 2010 appointment as superintendent. He had been the chief finance official when he was assistant superintendent before that time, serving under Ms. Campbell.

The district is seeking recommendations for better oversight from the county’s financial adviser and the forensic auditors, the district report said. Also, auditors in the future will present their annual reports directly to the board; before this year’s audit report, the superintendent presented an audit summary to the board, Mr. Parker said.

The district will hold another community meeting at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, in the school district annex. The board will also hear an update on the situation at its regular meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 16. ■

Woodside studies charters of volunteer committees

The Woodside Town Council will meet Tuesday, May 8, to resume a study session on modifying and updating the charters of the volunteer committees that advise the council, given that town now has an updated gen-

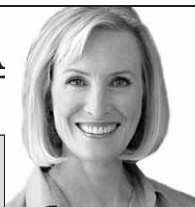
eral plan. The council meets at 7:30 p.m. in Independence Hall at the corner of Woodside and Whiskey Hill roads.

Also on the agenda: approval or denial of a horse-riding arena with a gravel surface at 1450 Canada

Road. Both the Architectural & Site Review Board and the Planning Commission have approved the project, but the council has been considering whether gravel counts toward a project’s impervious surface limits.

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Who Can Buy in a Complex for Seniors?

Dear Monica: My parents live in another state and I would like to move them here to be closer to me. I am interested in buying a condo in a complex for persons 55 years of age and older. May I buy a unit for my parents to live in in an age-restricted building even though I am under age 55? Meredith G.

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Peninsula to elect new state senator

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are all from Mountain View, a city that until now had been represented by Democrat Elaine Alquist.

With San Mateo County claiming the lion's share of the new District 13, each is at a geographical disadvantage against Mr. Hill, though Ms. Lieber said she has been heartened by the name recognition she enjoys throughout the district.

While Mr. Hill and Ms. Lieber are Democrats with strong environmentalist credentials, they also have profound differences. His record includes bills supporting green technology, strengthening consumer protection, and beefing up regulation for utilities. She has focused on social services and protection for the disenfranchised, whether pregnant convicts or the homeless.

If elected, the former assemblywoman from Mountain View said one of her first legislative proposals would be a bill that would increase the amount of food allotted to pregnant convicts in state prisons.

Though Mr. Hill stresses his roots as a community leader and a small-business owner, in this race he is in many ways the establishment's choice. His endorsement list includes a legion of mayors and council members, the Association of California State Supervisors, the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce and the California Labor Federation.

He has received contributions from a wide array of pharmaceutical, biotech and health care companies, including Genentech, Eli Lilly and the California Association of Health Facilities.

While Ms. Lieber said she would never seek an endorsement from pharmaceutical lobbyists, Mr. Hill touts his long list of supporters as proof of his ability to find the middle ground.

He also rejects any implication that money could sway his votes. The prime example for him is

PG&E, which in the past has contributed to his campaign. That hasn't kept Mr. Hill from becoming one of the company's toughest critics in the Legislature, especially with respect to issues around the San Bruno gas pipeline explosion of Sept. 9, 2010.

Mr. Hill's endorsements and accomplishments don't faze Ms. Lieber, who relishes her familiar role as an underdog. While Mr. Hill's campaign has been outspending Ms. Lieber's, according to campaign-finance records, she still has about \$200,000 in the bank, compared to \$150,000 in Mr. Hill's campaign chest.

In addition to the \$100,000 Ms. Lieber pumped into her own campaign, she has received contributions from an assortment of attorneys, retirees and environmentalists from both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

She vowed in a recent interview that if elected, she would continue to look out for the state's most needy residents, including convicts and the homeless. As part of the "experiential politics" she practiced as an assemblywoman, Ms. Lieber once spent three days on the streets of San Jose with a little bag containing two dollars in change.

"It only took two hours for me to turn into a human pigeon," she said. "No one saw me. I felt I shouldn't go into places."

Among her proud achievements as an assemblywoman was convincing then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to scrap a proposal to shutter cold-weather shelters.

She said one of her goals, if elected, would be to protect social services from major cuts and to seek more contributions from corporations in resolving the state's fiscal crisis.

"Unfortunately, the legislation has tended to pick the low-hanging fruit — to take from those who don't have great representation in the Capitol and to take by and large from low-income children and from education rather than asking our major corporations to step up and to

do a little bit more," Ms. Lieber said.

For all their differences, the two leading candidates expressed similar concerns about California's proposed high-speed rail system. Each has stressed the need to upgrade Caltrain.

Mr. Hill said he plans to introduce a bill that would allow the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, which oversees Caltrain, to pursue a ballot measure that would fund the popular but cash-strapped commuter service. It would be up to Caltrain officials to determine when to pursue a ballot measure, which would most likely entail a sales-tax increase.

On high-speed rail, he said he wants to see the Califor-



nia High-Speed Rail Authority address major concerns before he could fully support the project. Among them: The authority has to offer an assurance that a two-track "blended system" of high-speed rail and Caltrain is the only design option that would move forward (as opposed to the locally unpopular four-track design); and that the rail authority lay out a "better pathway" toward acquiring the \$68.5 billion needed to pay for the system.

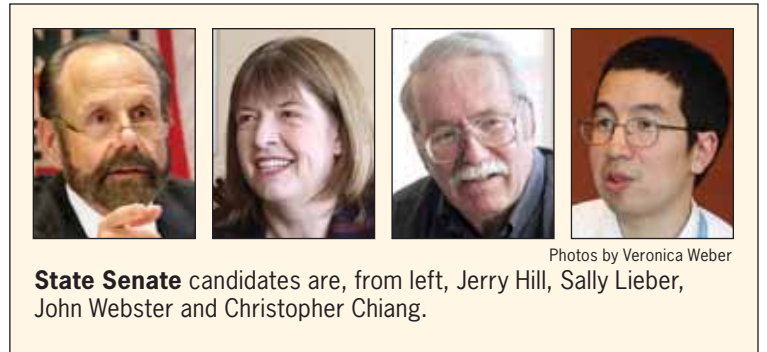
"I've been extremely critical (of the high-speed-rail project) and I will continue to be so," he said. "But I do appreciate the governor's new appointments and the direction the authority is going. There's no bait-and-switch here."

Ms. Lieber said she is interested in exploring ways to use regional train funds that are part of the high-speed-rail project to improve Caltrain from San Francisco to Gilroy (a recent regional agreement between the California High-Speed Rail Authority and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission only commits to electrifying the Caltrain corridor between San Francisco and San Jose).

many "Children" named George in The Family.)

Family members donated services, materials and labor, as well as money, and the little church was completed within a year. The first service in the new church was held Sept. 29, 1912. At the service, Family musicians and singers (The Songbirds) took part.

The tradition was revived in 2004, when The Family was



State Senate candidates are, from left, Jerry Hill, Sally Lieber, John Webster and Christopher Chiang.

"I'd like to see a fully electrified system so that we don't have diesel trains in the heart of Silicon Valley," she said.

From Ms. Lieber's perspective, one difference between her and Mr. Hill is the way each is campaigning. She said she is pursuing a "grassroots strategy of reaching out directly to the voters." She pointed to Mr. Hill's endorsements from the pharmaceutical industry and said the endorsement is not one she would seek to get.

"My competitor is getting a lot of the business support," she said. "I'm not seeking to get endorsed by any lobbying organization."

Other candidates

While Mr. Hill and Ms. Lieber can point to their extensive legislative records, Christopher Chiang is new to politics. As if to underscore that fact, he is full of compliments when he talks about the two frontrunners in the race. In fact, he said, he would be happy to vote for Mr. Hill or Ms. Lieber if they showed a commitment to education reform.

Mr. Chiang, a 31-year-old teacher at Mountain View High School, can speak extensively and fluently about education policy. He supports raising the training requirements for teachers and getting away from the existing policy of measuring students' reading and math skills in favor of a more "holistic" testing for students. He also said he wants to end Sacramento's "micromanagement" of education policies and to give teachers more power to set classroom agendas.

Mr. Chiang said he would pay for education investments in part by cutting costly services for adults. He said he supports

Gov. Jerry Brown's effort to cut employee pensions. He also supports the governor's cuts to social services and advocates keeping these cuts in place even when the state economy rebounds.

Even popular proposals like electrifying Caltrain should take a backseat to improving education for California's children, he said.

The other candidate, John Webster, also opposes high-speed-rail spending but for a completely different reason. He is a libertarian who has sought a state office (unsuccessfully) several times in the past.

He describes himself on his website as an "avid nudist" and argued in a recent interview that government needs to start treating its citizens more like customers. This means making sure that citizens pay for whatever services they receive from the government, even if it means charging "token tuition" in public schools. Major projects such as high-speed rail, from his point of view, should be left to the private market.

"You don't want a bunch of people getting free benefits and someone else getting charged for it," said Mr. Webster, a self-employed software engineer.

Among his more unconventional proposals is pushing for California to threaten succession from the United States.

"Even if I'm not elected, if I get the argument out there, the Congress will start taking things seriously and then decide to do something," he said.

The four-candidate pool will be winnowed down to two in the June 5 election, when California holds its primaries. The top two vote-getters will then square off in the general election on Nov. 6. ■

WAYSIDE CHURCH

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Nancy Lund said in a 1992 article in the Almanac, Our Lady of the Wayside is "a silent monument to a community spirit of cooperation, ecumenical goodwill and brotherhood."

Over the years, various versions exist about exactly how a club of prominent San Franciscans happened to build a Catho-

lic church in Portola Valley. The Family Farm, the club's summer retreat, was located off Portola Road, near the existing church, a renovated dance hall.

Family members became good friends with the church's pastor, the charismatic Father George LaCombe. He became a member of the club, which decided "to build a new church for Steve." (He was nicknamed Steve, because there were already too

invited to perform the music for the Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mass on May 22. The tradition continues today, with a Mass held the third Saturday in October, marking the Family Farm's closing for the season.

Today, Our Lady of the Wayside serves a far different community than it did 100 years ago. Spacious homes built on expensive property have replaced the modest homes of farm folk.

However, the little mission still provides a sense of community to its 300 families.

Father Shaji and retired Msgr. Jose Rodriguez officiate at weddings, baptisms, and funerals, say weekend Masses and morning Mass three or four days a week.

"We're trying to cater to the needs of the people. We're a community celebrating 100 years of faith," says Father Shaji. ■

	Atherton	Menlo Park	Portola Valley	Woodside	March totals	Overall totals
Barack Obama	\$15,275 from 14 donors	\$19,074 from 29 donors	\$9,650 from 17 donors	\$7,000 from 13 donors	\$50,999 from 73 donors	\$853,992 from 461 donors
Mitt Romney	\$29,400 from 18 donors	\$35,000 from 18 donors	\$24,000 from 12 donors	\$19,200 from 13 donors	\$107,600 from 61 donors	\$506,990 from 310 donors

Source: Center for Responsive Politics: OpenSecrets.org

*Note: Because Barack Obama is the unopposed choice of his party, his donors can give up to \$5,000 each — \$2,500 for the primary election and \$2,500 for the general election. Mitt Romney donors are limited to \$2,500 donations until he is nominated.

Romney leads Obama in March

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

ELECTION FUNDRAISING

Donors in March contributed \$163,100 to presidential campaigns from ZIP codes in the Almanac's circulation area. But unlike the donation totals reported in April that covered the previous year or so, this time the advantage went to the Republican candidate, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks money in politics.

Former Gov. Mitt Romney lapped his opponent, raising \$107,600 in March to President Barack Obama's \$51,000. Mr. Romney enjoyed a significant lead in each of the Almanac's

four communities — Atherton, Menlo Park, Portola Valley and Woodside — according to OpenSecrets.org, the website of the Center for Responsive Politics in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Obama is still ahead overall, raising \$853,992 since the start of fundraising for this election cycle, while Mr. Romney took in \$506,990.

For the month of March, Mr. Obama led with 73 donors versus Mr. Romney's 61, but Mr. Romney won easily on the size of the gifts. Thirty donors gave Mr. Romney the

maximum \$2,500 compared to five for Mr. Obama, the report showed.

Under the law, individuals are limited to donations of \$2,500 per campaign for each election. Since there are two elections this year — the primary in June and the general in November — an individual's total gift can reach \$5,000.

These numbers are those reported by presidential campaigns, not "super PACs," political action committees that can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money on behalf of a candidate so long as the money is spent independently; that is, not in coordination with the candidate. ■

Supervisor candidates air views at forum

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Closing the county budget deficit, reaching out to Latino voters, keeping Caltrain rolling — these were among the topics aired May 3 in Menlo Park at a forum for the seven candidates running for the District 4 seat on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in the June election.

The League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County held the 90-minute forum in the Menlo Park City Council Chambers to hear from the candidates and pose questions submitted in writing from an audience of about 80.

The candidates, in alphabetical order, are Andrew Cohen and Kirsten Keith, both of the Menlo Park City Council; Shelly Masur of the Redwood City School District board; Memo Morantes of the county Board of Education; Carlos Romero of the East Palo Alto City Council; Ernie Schmidt of the Redwood City Planning Commission; and Warren Slocum, former Registrar of Voters and county Clerk/Recorder.

One question dealt with the county's budget deficit, projected to be between \$24 million and \$28 million for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

Most of the candidates said they wanted to see pension

reform and reduced labor costs through negotiated agreements with unions.

Ms. Keith cited the 72 percent of voters that approved pension reform in 2010 by passing Menlo Park's Measure L. Mr. Schmidt backed two-tier benefits packages and more transparency in labor negotiations.



Ms. Masur noted that the shrinking deficit and recommended that continuing consideration be given to county program cuts, an idea Mr. Morantes said he did not support, given the deficit's downward trend. "We are running programs more efficiently," he said.

"A serious long-term focus" is what's missing, Mr. Slocum said, adding that to obtain such a focus, the board should seek professional guidance. Mr. Romero struck a similar note in recommending establishing a road map first so as to enable "outcome-based budgeting."

"I think it's important to look at the budget," Mr. Cohen said, "but I refuse to take a gloomy view of it." He said he would focus on ending urban sprawl and promoting infill housing, including second-unit housing.

Latino voters

The county's boards and commissions are not sufficiently diverse, said Mr. Romero, who is Latino. As a supervisor, he said, he would "go out and get that diversity on those commissions" through the appointment process.

Mr. Morantes, also of Latino heritage, said by email that for 19 years, he's worked with the county's Latino Leadership Council.

Ms. Keith, an attorney, said she speaks Spanish, has represented Latino clients, and lived for a time in Chile.

Both Mr. Slocum and Mr. Schmidt said they would meet their constituents where they live. For some residents, transportation is a problem, Mr. Schmidt said. "I don't see those residents going, for the most part, to the county supervisors meetings," he added.

Mr. Slocum called attention to his years reaching out to communities as the registrar of voters, and said that at least one person on his staff would be bilingual and from a local Latino community.

Mr. Cohen reiterated his pledge to increase the supply of affordable housing.

Saving Caltrain

People commuting by car

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Saltworks drops off drawing board

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Environmental activists rejoiced after developer DMB Associates announced last week that the controversial Saltworks project has dropped off the drawing board, at least for now.

The developer proposed building as many as 12,000 homes as well as office buildings, schools and other community facilities on approximately 2.2 square miles of Bayfront wetlands formerly used for salt harvesting by Cargill. The site lies within Redwood City boundaries, but opponents have argued that it would have a Peninsula-wide impact.

The proposal proved divisive enough that one city official, Councilwoman Rosanne Foust, speaking as an individual, reportedly urged putting the

project on the ballot for a public vote.

The idea didn't seem tremendously popular. Last week DMB announced it would withdraw the project after realizing that the odds of a veto were high.

"I'm shocked and delighted!" Portola Valley Mayor Maryann Moise Derwin said. "Such a nice demonstration of democracy in action where the elected officials were actually listening to their constituents."

Menlo Park Mayor Kirsten Keith said since DMB withdrew the proposal, there wasn't anything to consider or comment on.

The developer released a state-

ment saying it might propose a smaller version of the plan, designed to fit into a portion of the land it claims is zoned to allow urban development.

David Lewis, executive director of Save the Bay, which fought the project, said that contrary to DMB's statement, the entire area is zoned as open space that prohibits significant development. "We think they should not come back with another proposal," he said. "We think the city should say no."

He saw the withdrawal as an opportunity for use of the land to follow a different path, perhaps allowing complete restoration of the wetlands. ■

Bracing for Facebook IPO

People seem to be anticipating the Facebook IPO with as much excitement as kids waiting for Santa Claus. According to the Wall Street Journal, they may not have long to wait. The newspaper said May 18 may be the big day.

Documents filed with the SEC indicate initial shares will cost \$28 to \$35 each. Wall Street Journal calculations estimate that CEO Mark Zuckerberg's shares will be worth between \$14.9 billion and \$18.7 billion. Analysts said the social networking company itself could be valued at \$96 billion, setting a record for a web-based business that goes public.

Facebook representatives were not available for comment.

Menlo Park studies housing

As a prelude to its regular Tuesday night meeting, the Menlo Park City Council has scheduled a housing element study session for May 8. The session, open to the community, will present a panel of housing experts to discuss what a housing element is and why the city needs one.

The housing element, which determines housing unit requirements, is mandated by state law.

Speakers include Duane Bay, director of the county department of housing; land use attorney Barbara Kautz; and Rich Napier, director of the City/County Association of Governments.

The study session starts at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at the Civic Center at 701 Laurel St.

Las Lomitas run

You could spend the morning of Saturday, May 12, sleeping in. Or you could join the Las Lomitas Education Foundation for its first fun run at 8 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Las Lomitas Elemen-

tary School District.

The event offers separate courses for kids 8 and under and 15 and under, plus a 5K run for any age. Walkers and those in strollers are welcome.

Go to llef.org to register through May 10, or register on race day starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Las Lomitas kindergarten playground (299 Alameda de las Pulgas in Atherton). The Dailey Method will lead a warm-up at 8:10 a.m.

New preschool

There's a new school in town. Casa dei Bambini, a Montessori preschool, has opened a 20,000-square-foot campus at 1215 O'Brien Drive in Menlo Park.

According to a press release, the curriculum includes languages, gymnastics, gardening and cooking, among other subjects, for students age 2 through kindergarten age.

Go to casadeibambini.net to find out more.

Bike to work

It's time to break out the two-wheeler again, as Thursday, May 10, is Bike to Work Day. Those riding through Menlo Park can refresh themselves at eight energizer stations open from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Locations include stops in front of the Caltrain station, Facebook campus, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, and SRI International.

If you sign a pledge to bike or use public transit to work at least eight times by June 1 and then complete an online survey, you'll receive a \$40 bike shop certificate or transit incentive for BART, Caltrain, or SamTrans, courtesy of the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance.

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Three challenge Rich Gordon in California Assembly race

By Renee Batti
Almanac News Editor



As Rich Gordon, D-Menlo Park, asks District 24 residents to send him back to the state Assembly for another two years, three challengers with no experience in elective politics are telling voters they can do a better job representing their interests in Sacramento.

It's a near certainty that Mr. Gordon, a first-term incumbent assemblyman and former three-term San Mateo County supervisor with wide name recognition, will be the top vote-getter in the June primary. But even so, under California's open primary rules, one of the three challengers will also win a spot on the November ballot.

On the June 5 ballot in addition to Mr. Gordon are Chengzhi "George" Yang, 35, of Menlo Park, a Republican and a software engineer; Joseph Antonelli Rosas, 22, of Sunnyvale, a network security adviser who has no party affiliation; and Geby Espinosa, 47, of Mountain View, a Democrat and a small business owner.

Mr. Gordon, 63, now repre-

sents District 21, which includes Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley, East Palo Alto, and Palo Alto. But with the impending redistricting of the state, the same area will become part of District 24. The district has been reshaped to encompass areas including Mountain View, Sunnyvale, and most of the San Mateo County coastside from El Granada south.

Rich Gordon

Asked why voters should return him to Sacramento, Mr. Gordon cites his effectiveness during the year and a half he has served. In the last year, he said, 15 of the 19 bills he sponsored have been signed into law. "That's the highest percentage in the Legislature," he said, adding that many of the bills achieved bipartisan support.

He singled out two of those bills for the spotlight: One that

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All application materials are available for public review at the Woodside Planning and Building Counter, Woodside Town Hall, weekdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Woodside Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.



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Bank protests Menlo's plan

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Five years is a long time to put together a specific plan — time enough to raise objections, rework the fine points and figure out compromises. But protests continue even as the downtown/El Camino Real specific plan nears completion.

Wells Fargo sent a letter to the city last week outlining its objections. The bank, which has a branch on Santa Cruz Avenue, said it “unequivocally opposes” three features of the plan: widening the sidewalk, which would reduce available parking near the bank; converting Chestnut Street to a pedestrian walkway or paseo; and creating a marketplace on part of the parking plaza Wells Fargo leases from the city.

Saying the changes would leave the bank at a competitive disadvantage, the letter argues that the plan’s “parking analysis underestimates parking demand because it is based on surveys conducted during the recent economic downturn.”

“Thus, even the flawed assumption that remote garage parking can substitute for adjacent street or rear parking lot access is poorly supported by the record,” the letter says. “The record does not adequately demonstrate that actual and practical capacity will exist for parking under improved economic conditions.”

Wells Fargo Vice President Jeffrey Rader concluded the letter by stating the bank supports the position of the Menlo Park Downtown Alliance, a group of business and property owners in the city that have also raised concerns about the impact of parking changes and the marketplace on local merchants.

Mr. Rader did not respond to the Almanac’s request for comment on the timing of the objection.

Thomas Rogers, the assistant city planner overseeing the specific plan, said that like all property and business owners in the plan area, Wells Fargo was notified about every step of the project from 2007 through today. “I can’t speak to why (Wells Fargo) hasn’t really participated until just recently,” he said.

The bank’s stance doesn’t put the kibosh on the city’s plans, however. Menlo Park owns another nearby parking lot off Chestnut Street that could be used for the marketplace, according to Mr. Rogers, and the trial installations of items such as the paseo are designed to test the impact before anything permanently changes. ■

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Woodside High principal departs for district post

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The next phase in David Reilly's career begins July 1. After five years as principal of Woodside High School, Mr. Reilly will relocate to the high school district office as assistant superintendent for human resources.

The move to the Sequoia Union High School District office in Redwood City will be more than a change of scenery. "There are few jobs out there that are more demanding of your time than being a high school principal," Mr. Reilly said in an interview. "The job is a long-distance run but you have to sprint to keep up. ... It really is a 24/7 job. There's something going on every night of the week. The last five years have been probably the most challenging of my life."

In taking on the district post, he will succeed Susan Vickrey, who is retiring.

Asked about Mr. Reilly's successor at Woodside, district Superintendent James Lianides said that recruitment has begun and that he expects to name a new principal at the May 30 district board meeting. The position is open to candidates from inside and outside the district, he said.

Mr. Reilly's new responsibilities will include getting to know the cultures of the district's other three traditional high schools, including Menlo-Atherton. He said he plans to be a cross-pollinator of best teaching practices, but will spend his first year listening "to see how I can make the district an even better place to work."

The Sequoia district has been his workplace since 1995, when he came to Woodside High as a substitute teacher, joining the faculty in 1997. He left in 2005, when he was teaching journalism and advanced-placement English, to become administrative vice principal at Sequoia High School. He returned to Woodside as principal in 2007, when Linda Common moved on.

Mr. Reilly holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of California, Los Angeles, a 1997 teaching credential from San Francisco State University, and administrative credentials.

His new role will also include labor negotiations, something he engaged in as a teacher but from labor's side of the table.

He said he receives three or four offers a year to work elsewhere. Why stay? The people he knows, his history with the district and his familiarity with the issues, he said. "I feel I can continue to effect change."

His legacy at Woodside High will be significant. Asked to describe it, Mr. Reilly noted a focus on "small learning communities," including special education and the Green Academy, and putting "the right teachers in the right classrooms." He also moved back the start of the first class of the day to 9 a.m. from 8 a.m. for most students.

Research shows that students do better with more sleep.

The school also has at least one working garden. Such changes are "systemic (and) much ingrained," and will persist, he said.

Mr. Reilly introduced the initial steps for "flipping school," in which students view lectures on personal computers and save homework for the classroom. When fully implemented, students doing homework in class would reveal their understanding or lack of it in real time.

"This would level the playing field a little bit," Mr. Reilly said in March 2011, referring to advantages enjoyed by kids who do homework in homes with educated parents. "It's gathering momentum," he said when asked for an update.

Mr. Reilly used a parable to explain his leadership style. "When the good leader left, the people looked around and said, 'What do we do now?.' When the great leader left, the people said, 'We know what we have to do.' I strove to be the latter of the leaders."

"David has (had) some tough times here," said teacher Ann Akey, citing the film "Waiting for Superman." Using charter schools such as Summit Preparatory Charter High School in Redwood City as foils, the film accused the education establishment, including Woodside High, of failing to prepare students for a globally competitive world.

"He handled it well without becoming negative himself," Ms. Akey said. ▀

'The job is a long-distance run but you have to sprint to keep up.'

DAVID REILLY

Marcie Dubbs

Longtime Atherton resident

A memorial service and celebration of life is planned for Friday, May 25th for Marcie Dubbs, a 30 year resident of Atherton and more recently Sharon Heights. Mrs. Dubbs passed away peacefully on April 27th of natural causes at her home at the age of 91. She was surrounded by her loving family and friends.

A native of Lake Forest, Illinois, Marcie was the second of two children born to Walter and Charlene Baum. She attended Lake Forest High School and then went on to Stanford University where she graduated in 1942. Upon graduation from Stanford, she accepted a position at The Emporium in San Francisco as an assistant buyer for better dresses eventually becoming their head buyer. It was at The Emporium that she met and married her former husband, Andre Dubbs in 1947. They were married for 33 years and settled in Atherton in 1955.

Marcie was a founding member of Peninsula Children's Theatre where she was responsible for the production, adaptation and music for many of their plays as well as starring in several of their productions. In addition, she was also a founding member of Peninsula Volunteers where she produced many of their fashion shows that benefited Little House as well as the Turnabout Resale Shop.

Marcie also served as president of the Castilleja Mother's Club as well as served

on their Board of Trustees for several years. She was also active in the Menlo School Mother's Club producing many of its fashion shows and art exhibits while at the same time acting as a consultant for the I. Magnin store in San Mateo.

Along with her former husband, Marcie was a charter member at Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club and in later years served as a mediator for the County of San Mateo as well as being asked to serve for two years on their Grand Jury. She also devoted over 25 years as a volunteer at Stanford Hospital.

She is survived by her four children, Richard (Anne) of New York City, David (Susie) of Woodside, Melissa of Menlo Park and Thomas of Studio City, California as well as four grandchildren, Stephen, Rory, Andrew and Sarah. She is predeceased by her former husband, Andre Dubbs.

A memorial and celebration of her life is planned for May 25th at 1:00 P.M. at The Menlo Circus Club. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford.



PAID OBITUARY

Sally Lemoin-Rathbun

April 12, 1928 – April 16, 2012

Sally J. Lemoin (Rathbun) was born in Rock Island, Illinois, on April 12, 1928. She graduated from Rock Island High School in 1945 and enrolled in Augustana College.

Two years later her family moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Sally transferred to Western Michigan University. She double majored in literature and art. It was there Sally met her husband to be, Donald, who had served as an Air Force pilot during World War II.

Sally and Don both graduated in 1949 and were married in June of that year. Don owned and operated a small airport and flight school in Plainwell, MI, for several years, crop dusting the local farms.

Their only child, Lisa, was born in 1952 when the family lived in Alamo, MI. After several years, Don began a career with Simpson Paper Company and in 1969 the company transferred Don to San Francisco as Marketing Director.

The family moved to the San Francisco Bay Area on the Peninsula. They first lived in Ladera, then Atherton, finally building their dream house on Fox Hollow Road in Woodside.

The land reminded them of the 80-acre farm where they lived during the early years of their marriage.

Sally spent several years as Assistant Admission Officer at Stanford University. She put her college major to use as a docent at Stanford Art Museum and the DeYoung Museum.

She also was among the first volunteers at Filoli Gardens and continued to be involved with the

Woodside-Atherton Garden Club. Sally also was a key organizer in the preservation of Scout Hall in Woodside.

Sadly, Don developed early onset Alzheimers at the age of 55 and passed away in 1993. Four years later Sally met widower Alvin Rathbun, from Portola Valley, CA. They were married in 1997 and lived on Golden Oak in Portola Valley, where Al had lived for over 50 years, and then moved to Los Altos. Al died in 2011.

Sally moved back to Portola Valley in January as a resident of The Sequoias and reconnected with many old friends from the tennis club, skiing and garden club.

Sally died peacefully on April 16, 2012, following an unexpected stroke. She was at the Sequoias surrounded by family and friends. She is survived by her daughter, who lives in the South Bay Area, her sister in Omaha, Nebraska, sister-in-law and brother-in-law in Plainwell, MI, and many nieces and nephews.

Services will take place May 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Woodside Village Church in the Chapel.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California. (http://www.alz.org/norcal/in_my_community_donate.asp)



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Film: how media misrepresent women

By **Rebecca Alger**
Special to the Almanac

‘**M**iss Representation,’ a documentary about how the media portrays women in a manner that leads to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence, was shown at the Performing Arts Center at Menlo-Atherton High School on May 3.

The key point of the film, directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, is that a common media message is that women’s value lies in youth, beauty and sexuality, and not in a capacity for leadership.

The film is a mix of interviews with celebrities, activists, politicians, and psychologists, along with news clips, statistics, and images of how women are represented. Interspersed is Ms. Newsom’s personal battle with how the media affected her life and how she wants a better world for her young daughter.

The program, part of M-A High’s Parent Education Series, was organized by journalism

teacher Betsy Snow and students Anna de Benedictis and Helmi Henkin. The film was introduced by the students and Charlene Margot, chair of the M-A Parent Education Series, and Dr. Davyl Shaw, a child and adolescent psychiatrist.

After watching and reviewing the film for MArk, M-A’s magazine, student organizers de Benedictis and Henkin said they wanted to share the film with students to spread awareness. Ms. Margot learned about their project and helped organize a showing during school hours but agreed that another screening should take place for parents.

“If more people become aware of the messages the media is subconsciously sending, then they will be less inclined to believe those messages, and the media will eventually be forced to change their depiction of women to match what the people think,” Ms. Henkin said.

Dr. Shaw addressed the critical role of the family in shaping children’s perceptions. “It is your influence,” Dr. Shaw said to the parents, “not the media, that will guide your kids to know the truth of beauty, that is our inner beauty, and that is what will guide us to live a happy and satisfying life.” ▣

About the author: *Rebecca Alger is a student journalist at Gunn High School in Palo Alto.*

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This original bedroom suite, created by Pottier & Stymus for San Francisco silver baron James C. Flood and his Menlo Park mansion, Linden Towers, comes to auction May 20 at Clars Auction Gallery, 5644 Telegraph Ave. in Oakland. The Victorian suite of ornately carved rosewood was created in 1879 for \$78,000. It is estimated for sale at \$10,000 to \$20,000. Visit website clars.com or call 510-428-0100 for more information.

Obituary: Kyrina Genisman

A celebration of the life of Kyrina "Nina" Genisman will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Spring Down Equestrian Center, 725 Portola Road in Portola Valley. She died April 25 at the age of 78.

A native of Oakland, she competed as a young woman in riding events at Madison Square Garden. She first met her future husband Robert Genisman at a New Jersey riding academy in 1950 and they rode in competition against each other, "with Nina always winning," says Mr. Genisman.

When her family returned to Oakland, she worked at St. Francis Riding Academy. She and Robert Genisman met again after he completed four years in the U.S. Navy and were married in 1956.

Throughout her life, she worked

with horses: teaching, judging, training, mentoring, and directing riding academies, including the direction of the early stages of Spring Down Equestrian Center.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Genisman; children Elizabeth Huber, Linda Belleville and David Genisman; siblings Suzie Mason, William Curley and Judy Ranzer; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to DreamPower Horsemanship, 12425 Foothill Ave. #8, San Martin, CA 95046, or online at dreampowerhorsemanship.com.



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This committee will meet four times per year to monitor expenditures for the building projects of the recently approved Measure J school construction bond. Periodically, the committee will report bond expenditures to the community.

APPLICATIONS

Applications may be downloaded from the Sequoia District web site at www.seq.org or may be requested from the district office by calling Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services Enrique Navas at 650-369-1411, ext. 2218.

Send completed applications to
Enrique Navas
Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Sequoia Union High School District
480 James Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94062

TIMELINE

- Application filing period – May 1, to May 18, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
- Committee membership announced by the Board of Trustees on May 30, 2012


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Carriage House and City Managers Residence Painting PROJECT NO. 56054

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027, until 3:00 p.m. 05/31/2012, at which time they will be publicly opened and read, for performing the following work:

Perform exterior painting of the Carriage House and City Managers Residence in Holbrook Palmer Park per specifications. Specifications inclusive of all labor, equipment, scaffolding and materials necessary to prepare building, coat with 2mil thickness of Benjamin Moore Moor-life paint and clean-up and dispose of all debris. Holbrook Palmer Park Water Tower painting will be an add-alternate on this project with the same description as above. Final work guaranteed for 5 years.

The Engineer's Estimate for the project is: \$32,500.00 with add-alternate

Per Section 6.01 of the Town of Atherton's Standard Specifications, the General Contractor shall perform, with his own organization, work of a value amounting to not less than 50% of the total contract, excluding specialty items as indicated on the bid schedule.

Bids must be for the entire work, and shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked: "Bid of (Contractor) for Carriage House and City Managers Residence Painting, Project No. 56054", along with date and time of bid opening.

Plans and specifications may be obtained at the Town of Atherton's website at www.ci.atherton.ca.us under Bid Solicitation at no cost. Additional important information is contained in Town of Atherton Standard Specifications, which are available on line at www.ci.atherton.ca.us/publicworks.html. Contractor shall be responsible for any addendums that may be posted on the Town's website. **No Planholders list shall be available.**

Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of cash, a cashier's or certified check or bid bond for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder, if awarded the Contract, will fulfill the terms of the bid.

The Town of Atherton, The City, reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to make any awards or any rejections in what it alone considers to be in the best interest of the City, and waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids. The contract will be awarded, if at all, to the responsible bidder that submits the lowest responsive bid. [NOTE: If there are alternates in the bid, the City will need to state how the low bid will be determined, as required by PCC 20103.8.]

Bidders are hereby notified that, pursuant to California Civil Code Sections 3247 and 3248 and Standard Specifications Section 3.02, the successful bidder will be required to provide payment and performance bonds in the amounts of 100% of the contract price.

Bidders are hereby notified that provisions of California Labor Code regarding prevailing wages and apprentices are applicable to the work to be performed under this contract. Pursuant to Section 1773 et seq. the general prevailing wage rates have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations and appear in the California Prevailing Wage Rates. Copies are on file at the office of the City Engineer and are available to interested parties upon request. The successful bidder shall post a copy of the wage rates at the job site.

The Contractor may elect to receive 100 percent of payments due under the contract, without retention of any portion of the payment by the Town of Atherton, by depositing securities of equivalent value to the retention amount in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code.

All bidders shall be licensed under the provisions of the Business and Professions Code to do the type of work contemplated in the project. The City has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid Class C33 license at the time the bid is submitted. Failure to possess the specified license shall render the bid non-responsive.

Each bidder shall submit with this bid a statement setting forth his/her/its experience and qualifications. The statement shall be made on the forms provided by the Town and must accompany each bid. The three lowest bidders will be required to submit subcontractor's experience and qualifications statements within 48 hours of the bid opening, on forms provided by the Town.

By submitting a bid in response to this advertisement for bids, the bidder shall be conclusively deemed to have read, understood and agreed with all of the information and materials contained in the bid documents, including but not limited to the construction contract, the standard specifications, the special provisions, the required nature and amount of insurance and the documentation evidencing said insurance.

Any questions regarding the project should be directed to Steve Tyler, Project Manager, telephone: (650) 752-0541 or by written Requests for Information (RFI) to: Public Works Department, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA 94027, no later than ten (10) business days before bid opening. RFIs may be emailed to styler@ci.atherton.ca.us or faxed to (650) 752-0591. Responses shall be posted on the Town's website no later than five (5) days prior to bid opening.

By: _____

Michael Kashiwagi, P.E., City Engineer

Date: _____

Three challenge Rich Gordon

ASSEMBLY

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authorized financial incentives to create more plastic bottle remanufacturing — and related jobs — in the state; and another that allowed the locally based Midpeninsula Open Space District to extend its borrowing capacity from 20-year loans to 30-year loans, which allowed it to restructure its bond package "for a huge savings this year," he said.

Mr. Gordon said that funding for the financial incentives for plastic remanufacturing already exists through the program that charges consumers 5 cents per plastic bottle at the time of purchase. With the incentive program, at least one new plastic remanufacturing plant has opened in Riverside, with 120 new jobs, and more are likely to appear, he said.

The program allows businesses in the state to compete with China, where most plastic bottles are now remanufactured, then shipped back to the United States, Mr. Gordon said.

A Menlo Park resident, Mr. Gordon said he wants to continue his sojourns to Sacramento to continue working on key issues he has focused on since arriving in December 2010: government reform to fix the dysfunction of the Legislature; and the state's fiscal health.

"We've got to make sure that what should be our number one priority — education — gets the funding it deserves."

Geby Espinosa

Entering the race with no civic or political experience, Ms. Espinosa said she's running for the Assembly seat because she's concerned about the poor economy and the number of bankruptcies in the state.

She said she wants to work to improve government and society in the areas of education, the right to work, term limits for the U.S. Congress, and the economy. Her platform also includes support for "the right to bear arms," she said.

One remedy for the economy: "Let the farmers grow hemp," she said. "From hemp, we can get the taxes and create jobs. California becomes a leader in the nation."

Ms. Espinosa is co-owner of The Contenders Gym in Mountain View.

Joseph Antonelli Rosas

Education and "getting the money out of politics" are Mr. Rosas' top priorities, he said.

If elected, he would push for increasing funding for the University of California and California State University systems by \$500 million each, increase community college funding by \$200 million, and increase K-12 school funding by \$6.1 billion.

"I will also ensure that this money goes to the students," he said. "I will propose that we cap school officials' salaries."

To pay for these measures, he would ask voters to approve income tax increases of 1 percent to 3 percent on families with incomes above \$500,000. Another proposal: "Require the annual reassessment of non-residential property for tax purposes," and eliminate the current loopholes allowing businesses to sell property without triggering a reassessment.

Regarding his other priority, Mr. Rosas said: "Money has an undue influence on our political system. Not only do campaign contributions influence politicians, but all the spending on advertising for ballot measures corrupts that system as well."

Mr. Rosas' civic experience includes being a youth leader in Peninsula Interfaith Action; leadership in local California Common Cause and Democracy Matters citizens groups; and participating in the Occupy San Jose movement.

Chengzhi "George" Yang

Mr. Yang said he's running for the Assembly seat because, "as a father of two kids, I want them to inherit from us a California where the schools excel, UCs are affordable, and the state budget is stable."

Listing education and the state budget as the top two issues he would work on if elected, he said: "We should focus on fostering a desire to learn in our students. To that end, we must be willing to explore using new technologies, new systems, as well as new methods in teaching."

Regarding the state budget, he said: "We must stop the boom and bust cycles of state budgeting. One way to achieve it is to tie compensation of public servants to (the) median salary factored by the unemployment rate so state spending will rise and fall with economic cycles."

"It will also give public servants a financial incentive to serve the interest of the public."

Mr. Yang's prior civic experience was as chair of the San Bruno Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. ■

Artists open their studios

Hundreds of local artists are opening their studios and homes during the 26th annual Silicon Valley Open Studios to be held May 12-13 and May 19-20.

Open Studio works of art include paintings, mixed media, photography, sculpture, jewelry, calligraphy, ceramics, fiber arts, mosaics, pottery, metal work, glass drawing, woodworking, and more.

All venues are free and open to the public. Studios in Atherton, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, and Woodside will be open the weekend of May 19-20.

Visit tinyurl.com/Studio-529 for more information.

USGS open house

The U.S. Geological Survey will hold its 10th open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, on the campus at 345 Middlefield

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Road in Menlo Park.

The free public event will include hands-on exhibits and presentations that illustrate the diversity of project that engage USGS employees. Visitors will be able to talk to the scientists about earthquakes, volcanoes, water, ocean science, ecosystems, geography, geology and more.

Home-grown veggies

Entrepreneurs Alejandro Velez and Nikhil Arora, founders of Oakland-based Back to the Roots, will give a talk in Portola Valley on Tuesday, May 8, about growing mushrooms and vegetables at home. The talk starts at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall at the Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road.

Go to tinyurl.com/PV-harvest for more information.

shares her journey as a caregiver with her husband Julian. May 10, 1-2:30 p.m. Rosener House, 500 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-322-0126. www.penvol.org

Benjamin Busch's memoir: 'Dust to Dust' is about life and death, war and peace, childhood and adulthood by U.S. Marine who served two combat tours in Iraq, an actor on "The Wire," and son of novelist Frederick Busch. May 10, 7 p.m. Free for members; others buy book or gift card. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321.

Dr. Victoria Sweet's book: 'God's Hotel: A Doctor, A Hospital, and a Pilgrimage to the Heart of Medicine' Laguna Honda, low-tech but human-paced, gave Dr. Sweet the opportunity to practice a kind of attentive medicine that has almost vanished. May 8, 7 p.m. Free for members; others buy book or gift card. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Kids & Families

Flute for Kids Professional flutist Jennifer Henderson brings Hands On Music to the library. Ages 3 and up. May 14, 4-5 p.m. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. www.smcl.org

Uncle Jer's Bee Show Why do bees swarm? How many eyes do they have? Uncle Jer's Bee Show includes puppets and observation hives with real live bees. May 12, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. www.smcl.org



WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT WILLOW ROAD MCC REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Sealed proposals for the Willow Road MCC Replacement Project will be received at the West Bay Sanitary District, 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, California 94025 until **2:00 pm on Wednesday, June 13, 2012** at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be labeled "West Bay Sanitary District, Proposal for "WILLOW ROAD MCC REPLACEMENT PROJECT."

The Work will include the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment, and other appurtenances for replacement of the motor control center at the District's Willow Road Pump Station.

The contract documents may be inspected at the office of the West Bay Sanitary District; San Francisco Builders Exchange, Attn: Deanna Johnson, 850 So. Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94110; Reed Construction Data, Attn: Document Processing, 30 Technology Parkway South, Suite 100, Norcross, Georgia 30092; Peninsula Builders Exchange, 735 Industrial Road, Suite 100, San Carlos, California 94070; Santa Clara Builders Exchange, Attn: Kanani Fonseca, 400 Reed Street, Santa Clara, California 95050; Builders Exchange of Alameda, Attn: Richard Owens, 3055 Alvarado Street, San Leandro, California 94577; Construction Bidboard, Incorporated, Attn: Michael Schafer, 4420 Hotel Circle South, Suite 215, San Diego, California 92108; McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge, Attn: Shar Startz, 11875 Dublin Blvd., Suite A-118, Dublin, California 94568; and, Contra Costa Builders Exchange, Attn: Traci Horning, 2440 Stanwell Drive, Suite B, Concord, California 94520.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the West Bay Sanitary District upon payment of a check or money order in the amount of \$40.00 for each set. The check or money order must be issued to the West Bay Sanitary District. All payments are nonrefundable.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at **10:00 am on Wednesday, May 30, 2012** at the West Bay Sanitary District's office in Menlo Park, California.

Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or a proposal guaranty bond payable to the order of the West Bay Sanitary District in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid as a guaranty that the bidder will execute the contract if it be awarded to him in conformity with the proposal. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price and a labor and material bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

The District ("Owner") reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to determine which proposal is, in the judgment of the District, the lowest responsible bid of a responsible bidder or group of bidders and which proposal should be accepted in the best interest of the District. The District also reserves the right to waive any informalities in any proposal or bid.

Bid proposals received after the time announced for the opening will not be considered. No bidder may withdraw his proposal after the time announced for the opening, or before award and execution of the contract, unless the award is delayed for a period exceeding forty-five (45) days.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 22300, and upon the request and at the expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract may be deposited with the District, or with a state or federally chartered bank as escrow agent who shall deliver such securities to the Contractor upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Only those securities listed in Government Code Section 16430 or other securities approved by the District are eligible for deposit. [The deposit of securities with an escrow agent or the District shall be made in the form and on such terms and conditions as the District may require to protect the interest of the District in the event of the Contractor's default]. The Contractor shall be the beneficial owner of any securities that are deposited and shall receive any interest thereon.

Pertaining to Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1 of the California Labor Code, the successful bidder shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Copies of such prevailing rates are on file at the District office of the West Bay Sanitary District and which copies shall be made available to any interested party on request. The successful bidder shall post a copy of such determinations at each job site.

In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 3300, the District has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid Class A License at the time this contract is awarded. Failure to possess the specified license(s) shall render the bid as non-responsive and shall act as a bar to award of the contract to any bidder not possessing said license(s) at the time of award.

West Bay Sanitary District
Board of Directors
San Mateo County, California

/s/ Phil Scott
District Manager

Dated: April 24, 2012

CALENDAR

Visit AlmanacNews.com/calendar to see more calendar listings

Special Events

Glam Night Girls-only night for those in grades 6-12 to talk about what makes girls beautiful. Image, relationships & bullying. Dinner included. Sign ups required. May 11, 6-9:30 p.m. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, 700 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-465-0585.

Filoli Flower Show May 10-13, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Admission: \$10 to \$20. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. Call 650-364-8300. www.filoli.org

Soccer registration AYSO Region 109 serves children ages 4.5 to 19. Register for fall at mpsoccer.org. Walk-in registration at Hillview Middle School, 1100 Elder Ave., Menlo Park on May 12 and May 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Talks/Authors

'Before Boxing Lost Its Punch' Sportswriter Dave Newhouse has written his eighth book on boxing, based on fights he heard on the radio with his father in the late-1940s. May 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m. \$2 members/\$3 others. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2029, ext. 229.

Ann Davidson, author of "A Curious Kind of Widow" and "Alzheimer's, A Love Story,"

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should understand the role of Caltrain: train riders are not out there with them on the road, Ms. Keith said. "It's important to all of us," she said, and an issue for the three counties along the corridor. A gas tax may be appropriate, she said.

Mr. Romero agreed, adding in an interview such alternatives as a small increase in the vehicle license fee or a short-term dedicated sales tax. Also important: improving east-west corridors and bicycle routes.

If there is dedicated funding, all the cities and towns must participate, Mr. Morantes said. Public transit systems typically

receive government subsidies of 60 to 70 percent in other countries, he added.

Caltrain ridership and farebox revenues are up, Ms. Masur said. The next steps should include electric trains and better bus connections.

Caltrain needs to promote itself better, Mr. Schmidt said. "I like the fact that ridership is going up, but it's not enough. It needs to go up more."

"None of us can give you a definitive answer here tonight," Mr. Slocum said, noting his support for a regional plan.

The Mid-Peninsula Media Center taped the proceedings and they will appear on Channel 26 as well as on the League's website at www.smartvoter.org. ■

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Obituary: Marcie Dubbs

A memorial service and celebration of the life of Marcie Dubbs will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 25, at the Menlo Circus Club, 190 Park Lane in Atherton. A 30-year resident of Atherton and, more recently, Sharon Heights, she died April 27 at her home at the age of 91.

A native of Lake Forest, Illinois, she was the second of two children born to Walter and Charlene Baum. She attended Lake Forest High School and graduated from Stanford University in 1942.

Upon graduation, she accepted a position at the Emporium, a department store in San Francisco, as an assistant buyer for better dresses. Eventually she became the head buyer. It was at the Emporium that she met Andre Dubbs in 1947. They were married for 33 years.

The couple, who settled in Atherton in 1955, were charter members of the Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club.

A founding member of the Peninsula Children's Theatre and Peninsula Volunteers, she

produced plays and fashion shows to benefit community organizations.

She served as president and trustee of the Castilleja Mother's Club, and participated in the Menlo School Mothers Club, while at the same time acting as a consultant for the I. Magnin store in San Mateo.

In later years, she served as a mediator for the county of San Mateo and performed two years of service on the grand jury. Stanford Hospital also benefited from her time, as she devoted over 25 years as a volunteer there.

She is survived by four children, Richard of New York City, David of Woodside, Melissa of Menlo Park, and Thomas of Studio City, California; and four grandchildren.

The family prefers memorial donations to the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford.



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MENLO PARK

Residential burglary reports:

■ Loss estimated at \$14,000 in break-in through rear window and theft of bag of jewelry containing rings, necklaces, earrings and watch, Newbridge St., April 28.

■ Damage to back door from attempt to pry it open, Sevier Ave., April 24.

Theft reports:

■ Losses estimated at \$2,000 in theft from unattended purse later found in public bathroom of coin laundry, 900 block of Willow Road, May 2.

■ Loss estimated at \$400 in theft of laptop computer and identification documents, Almanor Ave., April 25.

■ Losses estimated at \$800 in theft of two locked bicycles from apartment complex bike rack, April 27.

■ Losses estimated at \$300 in theft through partially open windows of Apple iPod, bracelet and rose clippers, Blueridge Ave., April 27.

■ Loss estimated at \$250 in theft of bike locked to fixture in shared apartment garage, Santa Cruz Ave., April 27.

■ Loss of \$192 in theft from front porch of FedEx package containing two pairs of shoes and UPS package containing facial cream, Noel Drive, May 3.

Auto burglary reports:

■ Losses estimated at \$3,850 in break-in through smashed window and theft of backpack containing two laptop computers and victim's passport, 500 block of El Camino Real, April 26.

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Fraud reports:

■ Losses estimated at \$188 in unauthorized use of credit card, Middle Ave., April 23.

■ Losses estimated at \$900 in receipt of stolen check, Haven Ave., April 24.

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Child Protective Services report:

200 block of Newbridge Ave., April 23.

LADERA

Stolen vehicle report: Honda motorcycle stolen from horse stall, 3000 block of Sand Hill Road, May 2.

PORTOLA VALLEY

Theft reports:

■ Losses estimated at \$4,200 in theft of Apple iPhone and three laptop computers left leaning against wall outside classroom while owners were in class, Woodside Priory at 302 Portola Road, May 3.

ATHERTON

Theft report: Losses estimated at \$5,720 in theft of six Apple iPads and five cell phones from unlocked lockers, Sacred Heart Preparatory High School at 50 Valparaiso Ave., May 1.

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Time to rid cities, county of plastic bags

It is encouraging to see the current effort to phase out the ubiquitous white plastic bags that are distributed by the millions at checkout counters in local stores. The bags could soon be replaced by the much more environmentally sensible reusable shopping bags, if an effort by San Mateo County is successful.

Already Menlo Park, Portola Valley and Woodside are among the 18 cities in the county that have signed on to what is expected to be a county ordinance that aims to change the habits of shoppers, who will either have to pay for paper bags or bring their own reusable bags.

It is expected that after supervisors adopt an ordinance covering unincorporated areas of the county, probably in October, cities would pass identical measures to make the free bags illegal throughout the county. An environmental impact report is being considered that, when complete, can be adopted by all the participating cities.

Earlier efforts by individual cities in other parts of the state to ban the bags have faced legal challenges from well-financed bag manufacturers. Dean Peterson, director of environmental health services for the county, told the Woodside Town Council in March that if all cities adopt the EIR being prepared by the county, it will help withstand a legal attack.

Many public meetings have been held around the county to help residents understand the proposed ordinance. The measure will focus on the common single-use bag commonly found at checkout counters in many grocery stores.

Bags used by restaurants and other food service outlets

would be exempt, and the ban would not affect the plastic bags used for raw or bulk foods and medicines, and bags meant to prevent cross-contamination inside a shopping bag. Retailers would be required to keep detailed records on bag-related costs and revenues related to complying with the ordinance.

If adopted by all cities and the county, a ban on the bags would remove a major pollutant from a wide range of locations throughout the county, including beaches, landfills, along highways, waterways and the ocean. It is an easy way to make our communities much greener and more welcoming to visitors. Who could be in favor of allowing this mess to continue?

The county acted last July to control the use of polystyrene-based disposable food service ware commonly known as "Styrofoam" and many cities are expected to follow suit. When soiled with food, the plates, cups, bowls, trays and clamshell containers made from Styrofoam are not reusable or biodegradable. State and federal agencies say the substance does not break down, meaning it will persist in the environment and go on to pollute the environment for years to come.

Now it is time to move further, and ban single-use plastic bags, another man-made pollutant that is a common sight in many cities and throughout rural areas of the county. Use of these bags is a bad habit that must and can be broken.

Most reusable bags can be purchased for less than \$10 and will last for many years. The cost amounts to a tiny portion of annual grocery expenditures and is a fair price to pay for clearing the environment of yet another single-use product that we can easily do without.

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The opinion of The Almanac

LETTERS
Our readers write

Another story of fight against Lyme disease

Editor:

In regard to your story last week about Lyme disease, our daughter suffered from Lyme disease and four co-infections for 12 years before she was diagnosed.

The tick came from our dog. After six years of treatment, she is 85-90 percent better. Sad to say, many medical doctors laughed us out of their offices. We finally found a Lyme-literate medical doctor. It has taken several doctors, Eastern medicine, and alternative medicine to get her to this level of health.

The statistic for the ring after a tick bite should be stated. Seventy percent of bites **do not** produce the ring. Our daughter fell into this group.

What else is not stated is that ticks carry 65 other diseases besides Lyme disease. My husband was hiking locally and bitten by a tick. The tick was sent to IgeneX Lab for testing.



Menlo Park Historical Association

Our Regional Heritage

In the 1930s, El Camino Real in Menlo Park looked much different than it does today, as the city considers adopting a new downtown plan.

It was positive for Mountain Spotted Fever.

Deer are not the only tick vehicles. Ticks jump from animal to animal. Dogs, cats, rabbits, rats, mice, raccoons and others all ferry the ticks. Ticks sit on an edge of a leaf or grass waiting for the warmth of a body to hop on.

The medical costs are outrageous because health insurance does not pay for the medication for a long enough period, nor alternative medicine. It is crucial, if bitten, to save your tick, have it tested, and take three weeks of antibiotics immediately. Our family motto is: "Use tick spray."

Gloria Wallace
Marmona Drive, Menlo Park

Plastic bag ban would be a pain for everyone

Editor:
The stated purpose of the pro-

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Our readers write

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posed plastic bag ban and 10-cent fee at checkout counters is to encourage shoppers to bring and use their own bags. Evidently the county government believes that plastic bags are undesirable and paper bags only slightly less so.

As is frequently the case when the government attempts to make a behavior illegal or discourage it via a tax or mandated price, there will be unforeseen and unintended consequences.

Here are some of the unintended consequences I can imagine:

- An increase in the purchase and use of plastic trash bags such as Glad Bags. (We have to get our debris to the garbage and recycling bins somehow.)

- More money spent to support the plastic industry (see above).

- A decrease in recycling as it becomes more costly and inconvenient to do so.

- Costs to retail establishments to maintain the "detailed records on bag-related costs and revenues" to comply with the ordinance, which would be passed on to consumers via higher prices.

- Increased cost of government to monitor and evaluate the program, which would be passed on to taxpayers.

Let's keep the government out of the retail business. If reducing the use of plastic and paper packaging associated with retail establishments is a legitimate government goal (which I question), I suggest it be done by encouraging consumers to reduce the purchase of boxed food, such as cereals, cookies, frozen food and other goods generally found in the center of grocery stores.

Sue O'Donnell

Linda Vista Avenue, Atherton

Downtown plan would overwhelm city

Editor:

What started out as a "visioning" plan to add "vibrancy" to Menlo Park's downtown, somehow mushroomed into a 1,000-page environmental impact report that saddles the city with cumbersome and drastic alterations to its zoning codes that would negatively impact the city in myriad ways.

The downtown plan would replace our tranquil, livable suburb with the worst aspects of urban squalor: people crammed into high-density, multi-story, overcrowded condo units

stacked over retail stores and adjacent to train stations: the least desirable living conditions in any city. The sort of thing we came to the suburbs to avoid.

The plan exults in these high-density, mixed-use buildings, "Gateway" projects, "Smart-Growth," bicycle lanes, fewer parking spaces, sidewalk widenings and street closures. Sound familiar? It should. It's happening in virtually all our Bay Area cities.

A one-size-fits-all cookie-cutter blueprint for a dismal, crowded, communal future. This is a top-down plan that is being forced on us. It is the "vision" of "sustainability," the collapsing of our cities' unique character into an oppressive, crowded uniformity that would cast a pall over our quality of life.

It comes to us through an organization most people haven't heard of: ICLEI — the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives; Menlo Park is a dues-paying member. So are Palo Alto, Redwood City, Burlingame, Sunnyvale, San Francisco, and so on. And we are all paying the price in the "wrenching transformation" of our cities.

Such plans are disastrous for our communities. In Menlo Park, the plan would remove over 90 on-street parking spaces on the south side of Santa Cruz Avenue alone. Kill parking and you kill retail.

It would dot El Camino with four- and five-story high-density, mixed-use buildings with all their attendant problems. In addition, the plan requires a 300-room perpetually booked

hotel in order to be solvent — how's that for sustainability?

Let's preserve our city. Tell the City Council to reject the downtown plan.

Cherie Zaslawsky
Downtown Menlo Park



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2. **Submittal:** Written proposals must be sealed and filed with the District at the address shown above no later than **4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, 2012** and will be opened in public at that time.

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