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# Nonviolence champion dies at 90

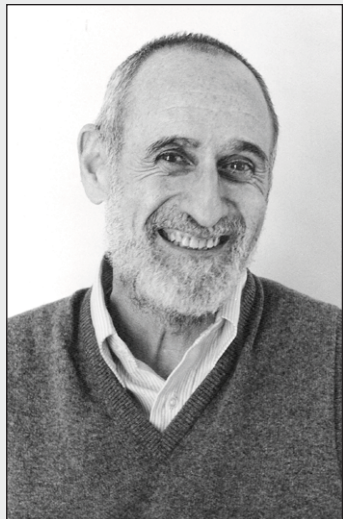
By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Ira Sandperl, who devoted his life to the cause of nonviolence in human affairs, lived in a one-bedroom apartment in Menlo Park for his last decade, a place within walking distance of Kepler's bookstore, friends said. But if he wanted a book, he didn't need to walk anywhere. He had bookshelves in every room, including the pantry and the kitchen, said David Christie, a friend who helped him move from Palo Alto in 2003. Mr. Sandperl shared his apartment with 4,000 books.

The word multi-faceted may express something of the spirit of Mr. Sandperl. He was a disciple of Gandhian nonviolent resistance, a mentor to folksinger Joan Baez, an associate of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and civil rights leader Ralph Abernathy, Kepler's first employee, a creative writing teacher at Peninsula School (and out-loud reader of Tolstoy, whose work he loved), a Cafe Borrone regular, and a profound influence on those who encountered him. He died Saturday, April 13, at home surrounded by friends and his books. He was 90.

"Visiting him was like hanging out in a private library," Mr. Christie said. Mr. Sandperl was self-deprecating, a great storyteller and spent a lot of time telling stories, many about the antiwar and civil rights movements, Mr. Christie said. "He was incredibly well acquainted with just everybody you've ever heard of and many people you've never heard of."

Mr. Sandperl, with Joan Baez and Roy Kepler, had been arrested and jailed in the 1960s at an Oakland



1982 Photo by Molly Black

**Ira Sandperl**, Kepler's first employee, a vibrant storyteller, and a lifelong advocate and practitioner of nonviolent resistance in confronting war and injustice, died at 90 at his Menlo Park home on April 13.

**'Visiting him was like hanging out in a private library.'**

DAVID CHRISTIE

sit-in to stop the draft, and used the experience to help people understand the value of being "a thorn in the side of the machine," including coping with jail, Mr. Christie said. In one account, Mr. Christie said a stranger once asked Mr. Sandperl about surviving jail, peppering him with questions and eventually driving him to the airport. He forgot about the encounter until seeing the stranger — Daniel Ellsberg — on the front page of the New York Times. Mr. Ellsberg had arranged the revelation of a U.S. Department of Defense classified history of the Vietnam War known as the Pentagon Papers.

Mr. Sandperl told Mr. Christie that he had prodded

Dr. King to take more radical positions, including opposing the Vietnam war, which Dr. King eventually did. "Here he is, a self-taught Gandhi scholar and bookstore employee telling Martin Luther King what sort of public ideology he should embrace," Mr. Christie said. "Now, given the stature of Dr. King, it's almost laughable."

"Ira was very much a provocateur" and embodied Gandhi's view that "there's nothing passive about nonviolent resistance," Mr. Christie said. He spoke his mind. His friendships could alternate between being on — and not on — speaking terms.

Mr. Christie recalled an exchange he once had. "Ira," he said, "you got sharp words for everybody on the planet except Gandhi and Martin Luther King." Mr. Sandperl replied: "I've got plenty of sharp words about Martin Luther King." But April 4, the anniversary of Dr. King's assassination, was always a hard day for him.

Under hospice care at home, having only Medicare and Medi-Cal to rely on, Mr. Sandperl took the edge off. "He made very, very strong bonds with two or three of the caregivers, and those people kept coming back," Mr. Christie said. "Those caregivers were a grace note in the last days of his life. He had the good fortune of dying at home surrounded by his books. ... He eked out personal independence and he preserved it to the end."

Married three times, he is survived by two former wives, Susan Robinson of Paso Robles and Molly Black of La Honda. Other survivors are two children from his first marriage to Merle Sandperl: Nicole Sandperl of Aptos and Mark Sandperl of Placerville. ■

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## Ronald Lee Olive

May 14, 1939 – March 18, 2013

Ron Olive, beloved husband, father and grandfather, died peacefully at home with his family. He was born in Harlan, Kentucky and later moved to Lumberton, North Carolina. He earned his bachelor's degree from North Carolina State University. For the past 40 years he lived in the Palo Alto area after attending the Sloan program in the business school at Stanford University.

Ron began his career with IBM after college as a systems engineer and then worked as a manager for the remainder of his 23 years there. He then went on to work for American President Lines and later retired from Visa in 2000.

Ron enjoyed the outdoors, traveling, photography, bicycling, tennis, golf, and especially spending time with his family in both California and North Carolina. Using his artistic gift, he enjoyed participating in the design and construction of his home in Portola Valley, and then a retirement retreat at Badin Lake in North Carolina. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Molly, his two sons, Todd, of Atascadero, California and Foster, of Phoenix, Arizona, their wives, Ronda and Audrey, and his four grandchildren, Colby, Mason, A.J., and Dylan.

A memorial service was held at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church on March 25, 2013. Contributions in remembrance of Ron may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, or Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, 950 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park, California, 94025.

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# Local News

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## New Stanford plan cuts medical offices by 74%

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

While some say Stanford and developer John Arrillaga took a step in the right direction by adding housing and reducing medical office space for a proposed El Camino Real development in Menlo Park, others said the changes don't go far enough.

In an email to the City Council on April 10, Steve Elliott, Stanford's managing director for development, land, buildings and real estate, outlined the following changes:

- Medical office space cut to 25,000 square feet from 96,000 square feet.

- Total office space cut to 199,500 square feet from 229,500 square feet.

- Twenty-two apartments added, for a total of 170 units.

- The public plaza at Middle

Avenue would feature two car lanes instead of three, along with a pedestrian and bicycle path from El Camino Real to a potential future bike tunnel

Mr. Elliott said that now the office building design "responds more appropriately to the style and feel of Menlo Park and coordinates more closely with the project's residential and retail buildings." No sketches were available by the Almanac's deadline.

Opposition from the community and city officials sprang up late last year when Stanford and developer John Arrillaga first proposed building eight acres of mixed-use office space, retail and apartments on El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

An earlier version of the project depicted the car lots along 300 to 500 El Camino Real being replaced with 96,000 square feet of medical offices, 133,500

### Changes please some, not others in Menlo Park.

square feet of offices, 10,000 square feet of retail, and up to 150 apartments.

Representatives of Save Menlo, a grassroots coalition organized to oppose the initial eight-acre mixed-use proposal, told the Almanac they want zero medical office space and a smaller overall project.

"Stanford should go to Redwood City which welcomes Stanford to build medical offices by their 101 office park. Menlo Park does not want high-traffic medical offices on El Camino," spokeswoman Perla Ni said in an email.

"There has been no change to the overall size," she said. "Only

repackaging the mix. So it's still 449,000 square feet — the size of 4 Walmarts. This still represents an 87 percent increase in development from what was allowed under the previous zoning law year. Stanford says that the traffic will be reduced by 35 percent from their prior plan. However, they don't disclose how much that total traffic is."

Both Kirsten Keith and Rich Cline, two Menlo Park council members who called for a review of the specific plan as it directly relates to the Stanford project, regarded the changes as a positive development.

Ms. Keith said in an email that the reduced medical office space and increased housing "appears to be moving in the right direction," but that traffic impacts are a major concern. We will carefully analyze the traffic data when it is available. We also need a design for the bike/

pedestrian tunnel at Middle Avenue."

The latest changes would reduce daily car trips by 35 percent, according to Stanford's analysis. Meanwhile Menlo Park is conducting its own traffic study.

"The vast majority of citizens wants to see your parcels developed. However, we're convinced that the project would be received much more positively if it was smaller," Save Menlo member Stefan Petry wrote to the university and the City Council after previewing the design changes. His letter said that "no matter how much you tweak the architecture it remains a very large project with unprecedented traffic impacts in the middle of very residential parts of Menlo Park."

A smaller project would create

See **STANFORD PLAN**, page 8

## Ballots in mail for PV school district voters

By Renee Batti

Almanac News Editor

Ballots have begun to make their way to voters' mailboxes for the May 7 measure that would extend the parcel tax for the Portola Valley School District, and raise it by \$123 per parcel annually.

The ballots will continue to be mailed by the county elections office through April 27, and must be returned by to that office by 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 7.

Measure O would renew the existing tax of \$458 per parcel for eight years and authorize increasing the tax to \$581. It needs support by two-thirds of the voters to pass.

"If Measure O is not passed, funding that our schools have counted on for many years will expire and many of the richly rewarding programs, such as reading, writing, math and science offered at Ormondale and Corte Madera, would face deep cuts," according to parent Susan Strehlow, who heads the volunteer committee working

to pass Measure O.

"Our community has high expectations of our schools — we cannot afford to let this funding expire," she wrote in an email to the Almanac.

The two-school district has raised almost \$1 million annually with the current tax — nearly 10 percent of its budget. District officials estimate that if passed, the renewed and increased tax would add about

\$265,065 on top of that. The exact amount is uncertain because property owners who are 65 and older can apply for an exemption, as can people with disabilities

who are receiving supplemental security income (SSI), if they live on the property.

No one who lives in the district submitted a ballot argument against Measure O. Two anti-tax advocates — Mark Hinkle of the Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association and Harland Harrison of the Libertarian Party of San Mateo County — submitted an argument urging voters to "first

**Measure O would increase the Portola Valley School District parcel tax to \$581 year.**

See **BALLOTS**, page 8



Michelle Le/The Almanac

**German-American** International School students combine outdoor play with learning their numbers — using a rope to shape them — with help from teacher Julia Knieling.

## Private school given eviction notice

By Renee Batti

Almanac News Editor

While leaving open the possibility of allowing the German-American International School to remain on its leased campus for an additional year, the Menlo Park City School District board voted unanimously on April 9 to terminate the private school's lease in June 2014.

### School may be given an extra year.

A standing-room-only crowd of mostly GAIS supporters restated arguments and suggested strategies for allowing the school to stay on the district-owned campus — the former O'Connor School site at 275 Elliot Drive in Menlo

Park until June 2015, which would be one year before the original lease was due to expire. Without the extra year to find and prepare a new campus, the school would most likely have to close, they said.

But board members said that, with its ever-increasing student enrollment, the district must secure a site for a fifth campus

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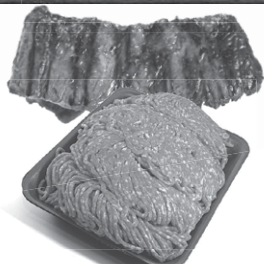
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**Pedestrian robbed of purse**

A late afternoon stroll along a bike bridge in Menlo Park cost a woman her purse, according to police.

The 56-year-old victim was walking with another woman around 4:30 p.m. on April 8, police said. As the pair crossed the San Mateo Drive bike bridge, a man approached and said something they couldn't understand. He then ripped the victim's purse from her shoulder and engaged in a tug of war with the pair until he

snatched it away and fled west on Bay Laurel Drive, according to the report.

Witnesses described the suspect as a Hispanic man between 18 to 22 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, with an average build, short hair and dark eyes. He was wearing jeans and a long-sleeve denim shirt.

Police said no one was hurt. The purse contained \$100 cash and two cellphones.

— Sandy Brundage

**Birthday gifts for Menlo Park girl, age 7, help the homeless**

By Jane Knoerle  
Almanac Lifestyles Editor

Kayla Virag of Menlo Park recently celebrated her seventh birthday with a party at San Mateo Gymnastics. Instead of gaily wrapped presents, 30 little guests brought cash donations. The money raised was enough to pay for two of the dinners for approximately 80 homeless guests that Hearts for Homeless, a program connected with Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, puts on every month at the church.

How does a 7-year-old who attends Laurel School learn or care about the homeless in an affluent community like Menlo Park? For one thing, her parents, Mike and Stephanie Virag, are involved with Hotel de Zink, a program where 15 homeless people registered with InnVision

Shelter Network have dinner, shelter and breakfast provided 90 days at a time.

Hotel de Zink works with 12 local faith communities, with each hosting one month of the year.

Hearts for Homeless ministry at Menlo Park Presbyterian coordinates dinner, shelter and breakfast for the month of November. Hearts for Homeless also provides a dinner and bingo evening for up to 80 homeless guests on the last Saturday of each month.

On March 30 Kayla came to the dinner with her mom to present the donation. She also had a great time calling out all the Bingo numbers.

"She is an example of the power of youth to change society for the better," says Michele Santilhano of Hearts for Homeless. ■

**Helen Hausman retires from board**

Helen Hausman, a trustee of the San Mateo County Community College District for 23 years, plans to retire from the Board of Trustees on May 1.

She said she has had serious eye problems in recent months that make it impossible to complete her term.

Ms. Hausman, a resident of Atherton, also served as a trustee of the Sequoia Union High School District for 13 years and held a number of leadership positions in state and local PTAs.

She began her work in education as a teacher in Suitland, Maryland.



Helen Hausman

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# Woodside takes steps toward adopting law to preserve historic properties

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

In Woodside, there is a list of 22 structures of historic significance to the town. Included are the Albert Shine house, a Victorian built near Canada Road in 1882 using mail-order plans. Independence Hall is listed and dates from 1884. There are residents who would like to see that list expanded, and many who would not — at least not with their homes.

Two architecturally notable homes — one designed by George Washington Smith and the other by Julia Morgan — won't be listed because they've returned to dust. Their wealthy owners — Steve Jobs and Larry Ellison, respectively — were less than enthusiastic about preserving them.

Asserting one's property rights would still be an option for owners in a historic preservation ordinance the Town Council is considering. During an April 9 study session on a draft ordinance, the council told staff to add a requirement that no property would be added to the town's list without the consent of the owner. Town officials are also looking for ways to encourage preservation. After three hours of review and comment, the draft went back to staff for further refinement.

Among the issues that arose:

■ Woodside's deferral to homeowners notwithstanding, the state requires buildings 50 years old or older to be evaluated for historic significance before demolition or major alteration. Since such evaluations cost \$2,500 to \$3,500, the council considered whether the town should help the owner cover the costs.

■ The state's Mills Act of 1972 offer owners of historic structures some property tax relief in exchange for their maintenance efforts. The council discussed its own incentives such as allowing

more residential floor area and paved surface.

■ A new owner of a preserved property, or that owner's attorney, may find loopholes in regulations. Mr. Jobs removed the windows and doors of the Jackling House — to prevent them from being vandalized, he said — as he engaged in a 10-year legal battle for demolition rights. The draft ordinance defines "demolition by neglect" and will establish penalties. The council considered what an effective penalty would be to residents who could absorb a five-figure fine with barely a blink.

Woodside officially cares about the town's history, as does the state through its register of historic structures. The Woodside general plan, its de facto constitution, includes a chapter on historic preservation. "The continued preservation of the historic environment is dependent upon the continued stewardship by its citizens," the plan reads. "By understanding its history, the Town of Woodside can preserve its unique sense of place and quality of life. Preservation celebrates the historic and cultural resources that define the community, and ensures historic Woodside will survive to enrich lives for generations to come."

The Jackling House will not be enriching any more lives; perhaps its artifacts will. The town salvaged a 50-foot flagpole, a copper mailbox, roof tiles, an organ, woodwork, fireplace mantles, light fixtures and moldings. Some are in storage, some are displayed in the town museum, and a Woodside couple has asked the town for the right to use some in a new house celebrating the style of the architect.

The Jackling House suffered intrusions from weather and wildlife, both botanical and zoological. Woodside's preservation ordinance, if enacted, would serve to raise the alarm through "standards for reason-

able care." Sagging, leaning, splitting, listing or buckling on a historic building could be considered a sign of neglect, whether it's a wall, a floor or a chimney. Roofs and exterior walls would require protection from the weather. Repairs would be necessary for broken or deteriorating doors and windows.

## Eligibility

In determining what to celebrate from the past, waiting is important, said Planning Director Jackie Young. Passing time tends to weed out passing fancies. The common benchmark, defensible in court, is 50 years, she said, a standard the council agreed to. That would bring 60 percent of Woodside's homes under the scrutiny of state laws that consider "historical resources" part of the environment and require assessment of their historic value before demolition or major alteration.

The recent past shows that Woodside property owners shouldn't lose any sleep. In a staff report, Ms. Young noted that of 272 residential and commercial projects that have come before the town in recent years, the Architectural and Site Review Board and/or Planning Commission have asked for evaluation reports of historic significance for 27.

Seven of those 27 reports found the sites eligible for state listing, and all seven were subsequently "saved or adaptively re-used," Ms. Young said in an email. The other 20 were demolished. "It has been our recent experience that the majority of structures being demolished in Woodside are less than 50 years old," she added.

Eligibility can depend on the quality of the architecture, but it can also take into account a structure's place in history, the staff report says. Today's cutting-edge zero-carbon-footprint home could be a significant artifact in 50 years, Ms. Young told the council. ■

# Ed Scripps, newspaper publisher, dies at 71

Ed Scripps of Los Altos, who held various posts in his family's Scripps League Newspaper chain, died March 27 at the age of 71.

Mr. Scripps spent his childhood in Atherton and graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School in 1959. He attended college in Switzerland and lived overseas before returning to the Bay Area to start his professional career.

Though the years, he published daily and weekly newspapers in

several California communities, as well as the Maui Bulletin in Hawaii, retiring in 1999.

Mr. Scripps married his first wife, Bonnie, and together they raised their son and daughter in Los Altos. He remarried in 1999, after a long courtship with Becky. They enjoyed traveling up and down the West Coast of North America aboard their 46-foot yacht "Seasilk."

After failing health made sailing difficult, the couple spent

more time at their home in Tahoe City.

Mr. Scripps is survived by his wife, Becky, son and daughter James Scripps and Joanna Lovera; mother Betty Knight Scripps; brother and sister Barry and Stephanie Scripps; stepchildren Brian O'Boyle and Kathy Reehl; and seven grandchildren.

Donations in his memory may be made to Reach Program Foothill Foundation, 12345 El Monte, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022.



## REAL ESTATE TRENDS

by Samia Cullen

### Median Home Prices Reach New Record Highs

The first quarter of 2013 produced new record prices in our local housing market. Inventory remained low, demand has been off the charts, and the influx of cash buyers willing to pay well above the list price is astonishing.

The result is an incredible increase in median home prices from a year ago. The median price for single family homes went up 27% in Palo Alto (from \$1,727,000 to \$2,195,000), 6.4% in Menlo Park (from \$1,325,000 to \$1,410,000), and 19% in Atherton (from \$3,075,000 to \$3,600,000). There were few sales to chart in the first quarter in Portola Valley and Woodside. The median price was \$2,025,000 in Portola Valley and \$2,055,000 in Woodside.

The sale price was 109% of list price in Palo Alto, 104.3% of list price in Menlo Park, 100.6% of list price in Atherton, 97% of list price in Portola Valley and 98.5% of list price in Woodside. During the first quarter, there were only 102 new listings in Palo Alto, 102 in Menlo Park,

43 in Atherton, 23 in Portola Valley and 59 in Woodside.

The off-MLS market has also been active, with most homes selling with multiple offers.

Consequently the spring season is proving to be very challenging for local home buyers. The average buyer is facing fierce competition from investors and other cash buyers. Almost a third of local home buyers were cash buyers.

The townhouse/condominium market was not as strong as the market for single family houses during the first quarter. 24 units sold in Palo Alto, with a 1% increase in median price (to \$893,000), and 16 units sold in Menlo Park with a 4% increase in median price (to \$963,000).

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# Menlo Park focuses search for higher-density housing zones

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Location, location, location: Which neighborhoods — and by extension, schools — in Menlo Park should bear the burden of increased housing density?

The Menlo Park City Council and Planning Commission wrestled with that question during a joint study session on April 9 to review the upcoming housing plan update.

The update is part of a lawsuit settlement over the city's failure to comply with state housing law for the past 10 years. To catch up, Menlo Park has to find sites where zoning changes could allow construction of about 900 new housing units, with 454 units dedicated to affordable housing.

After holding numerous

community workshops and study sessions, the city focused on five sites:

■ A site at the Department of Veterans Affairs campus in the 700 block of Willow Road (60 housing units).

■ Gateway Apartments at two locations: the 1200 block of Willow Road and the 1300 block of Willow Road. Both sites are owned by the Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition (78 units total).

■ Hamilton Avenue East located in the 700 and 800 blocks of Hamilton Avenue (216 units).

■ A site in the 3600 block of Haven Avenue (540 units).

All five sites would be zoned for 30 units per acre to qualify as affordable housing.

Several Belle Haven residents asked why all the sites are on the east side of Menlo Park.

"It would be great if we had a fair city," said Rose Bickerstaff, adding that more housing in Belle Haven would burden the Ravenswood School District, which is already underperforming compared with other city schools.

Representatives from the Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition said that increasing the housing density of their properties would benefit the Belle Haven community. Jan Lidenthal, vice president of real estate development, told city officials that the change would allow the 40-year-old properties to undergo renovations that would include an "enhanced community space" to add onsite services, such as an academic after-school program five days a week.

Development Services Manager Justin Murphy said several

factors influenced site selection, including whether the properties would be available for development by 2014; if the owners were interested in rezoning; and where job growth is likely to occur.

In response to queries about whether the proposed rezoning plan would create an unfair burden on local schools, City Attorney Bill McClure said, "The city really doesn't have a choice to not move forward and adopt a housing element." He explained that since the state does not consider that to be an environmental impact, it can't be used as a defense against updating the housing element.

Planning Commission Chair Katie Ferrick asked whether the city could require developers to pay fees or incorporate other mechanisms to balance out the impact on schools.

"No. Because part of this is you can't attach burdens

that make a project economically unfeasible or unbuildable because then we won't get the housing element certified (by the state)," Mr. McClure responded.

Menlo Park is also likely to implement programs allowing construction of 300 "granny units" — small, secondary housing units on single-family parcels — and an addition-

## City approaches deadline for finding new housing sites.

al 118 units on existing housing sites as in-fill development, as discussed during the study session.

Existing granny units could apply for amnesty.

The Housing Commission will review the update on April 18. The Planning Commission is scheduled to make recommendations on the update on April 21, with council action to follow on May 22.

Go to [tinyurl.com/MP-HEU](http://tinyurl.com/MP-HEU) to review the proposed changes, along with the environmental and financial impact reports. ■

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to maintain the quality of its programs, small class sizes, and a close-knit school community.

Whether GAIS will be allowed to stay beyond its new eviction deadline of June 2014 may depend on the route the board chooses to plan and build a new school at the site, which now has only one building, about 60 years old, and several portable classrooms. Ahmad Sheikholeslami, the district's facility planning and construction manager, presented three options for preparing the site for a new school, and the board will be reviewing them in the coming weeks.

Should the board decide to merely improve existing facilities, the school could be used by the district beginning in the 2014-15 school year. The other two options were for an "aggressive,"

two-year project to renovate the campus; and a three-year project — an option that might open the door to extending GAIS's lease until June 2015, giving the school the time it says it needs to find a new home.

Board members said they felt compelled to make the decision to end the lease last night because the termination clause in the lease required them to give the school notice by April 10 if they wanted the campus vacated by June 2014.

Trustees Joan Lambert and Jeff Child said they favor a three-year project so that planning, design and operational decisions for the campus wouldn't be rushed. Trustee Laura Rich pushed for a two-year project. But all board members said they need more information about the three campus-preparation options before they decide which would best serve the needs of district students. ■

# New Stanford plan cuts medical offices

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"a more welcoming El Camino gateway into Menlo Park, enhance its neighborhood comparability as well as reduce (its) traffic and safety impacts."

## Council review

The council scheduled a review of the new downtown/El Camino Real specific plan as it relates to Stanford's proposal on Tuesday, April 16.

(Go to [AlmanacNews.com](http://AlmanacNews.com) for updates. The Almanac went to press prior to the meeting.)

Technically, Stanford does not have to change anything about its plan — even the original proposal appeared to meet baseline requirements for development allowed by the specific plan, meaning that the project would not trigger any

negotiations for public benefits. It also would not have required approval beyond the Planning Commission's signing off on the architectural details.

That hasn't stopped the city from maneuvering to encourage revisions. According to the staff report for the upcoming meeting, the council could choose to establish a subcommittee focused on the project or make "minor modifications" to the specific plan such as adding a conditional permit requirement for certain uses that would take up to four months to implement after analysis and public hearings.

Some residents have called for a moratorium on medical office construction; the staff report suggests that making a major change like that would take up to a year, during which time the current

specific plan regulations remain in effect and govern development of Stanford's properties. The council could pass a temporary, 45-day moratorium with "yes" votes from four of the five members and extend that to 22 months and 15 days after a public hearing and another four-fifths vote.

Another tactic — removing Stanford's parcels from the specific plan boundaries — carries its own complications. The staff report describes this as "more complex" than the other options, given the degree to which the specific plan process focused on encouraging development of the vacant lots on El Camino Real, and could create new, unanticipated community impacts. ■

Go to [AlmanacNews.com](http://AlmanacNews.com) for updates on the April 16 meeting.

# Ballots in mail for parcel tax measure

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see what state funds are restored, before seeking additional funding from property owners, business owners and tenants."

"The economy is tough for most of us, but apparently not for district teachers," they wrote. "Let's insist they set a better example of monetary prudence, for our children," by voting against Measure O.

Revenue from the tax would be earmarked for educational

programs, with emphasis on math, science, reading, writing, art and music, and would also be used to maintain "qualified and experienced teachers" and small class size.

"I have a daughter at Corte Madera who is very interested in math and science, but also enjoys playing in the band and expanding her writing and critical thinking skills," Ms. Strehlow said. "Not only is it important to have those programs available to her, but it is

equally important that we retain the highly qualified and trained teachers that inspire her."

Ms. Strehlow said a committee of more than 20 parents, community members and teachers is behind the campaign to pass the measure, and "we have had an overwhelmingly positive response from our community." The Portola Valley School Foundation has also been involved in supporting and funding the campaign, she said.

The school district suffered a

substantial blow early last year after learning of the embezzlement of more than \$100,000 and creative bookkeeping by former superintendent Tim Hanretty. Audits confirmed that the district had significantly less money than the school board was led to believe, forcing the district to make cuts and prompting the school foundation to step up its funding efforts.

But placing Measure O on the ballot "has nothing to do with Tim Hanretty's actions," school board President Jocelyn Swisher said in an earlier email to the

Almanac. "Through restitution (court-ordered at \$181,750 to include attorney and auditor fees and other costs) and improvements in process and oversight, we feel that those issues have been addressed."

Instead, the parcel tax issue "relates to the long-term stability of our school district," she wrote. "We have two options: we can renew and enhance stable local funding that we control; or we can let these funds expire and hope for the best."

"This community has a long history of investing in quality local schools." ■

# Runner says she was struck by car

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

A 61-year-old woman jogging along Ringwood Avenue in Menlo Park was left bruised and shaken after a hit-and-run encounter with a car, she said.

"I thought, my gosh, that thing's coming right at me," she told the Almanac. "I jumped into the bushes and still got hit by the side mirror. By the time I pulled myself out they'd sped off—I could hear tires squealing."

A frequent runner, the victim said she was facing traffic, carrying a flashlight and wearing reflective clothing. The road was straight and no other cars were on the street when the accident occurred shortly before 6 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

The collision broke the car's side mirror off, so she gathered up the pieces to take to the Menlo Park police station later that morning.

That's where the story gets complicated. The location of the accident, on Ringwood Avenue between Bay and Middlefield roads, is technically within the jurisdiction of the California Highway Patrol, according to police, but borders

territory patrolled by Menlo Park, Atherton and the county Sheriff's Office.

No one was immediately available to take her report at the Menlo Park police department when she arrived at the station around 11 a.m. The woman, who lives two hours from Menlo Park and was in town to babysit grandchildren, said she had an infant with her and couldn't wait at the station. "The Menlo Park police did say they'd have extra patrols on that road for a few days," she told the Almanac.

## Gray car fled the scene

According to Menlo Park police spokeswoman Nicole Acker, the incident was referred to Atherton police. The victim said Atherton police called her on Thursday, only to tell her the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office had jurisdiction. So she called the sheriff, who told her to call the CHP. They said they wouldn't take her report over the phone. The victim said she would not be in the area again until April 16, but would follow

up with the CHP then.

Ms. Acker said that an initial report can be taken by Menlo Park police and then referred to the department that has jurisdiction, in most cases. "Unfortunately, there is no cut and dry process because each agency has their set of procedures."

She recommended that if practical, the reporting party call when the accident occurs and ask for an officer to come to the scene. For a hit-and-run, if the reporting party has the vehicle, driver description and direction of travel, officers can circulate in the area, Ms. Acker said. Victims should also be checked for injuries by paramedics at the site of the accident.

The victim still has the pieces of the car mirror that broke off. "The back of the casing (reads) '08.' It's gray. It wasn't a big car; it seemed more like a Honda or Camry size, not an SUV. I couldn't see who was driving; it happened too quickly."

"I would hate to have this happen to another runner," she said, adding that she normally brings her border collie along, but was grateful the dog stayed home that morning. "I'll never be running that route again, that's for sure." ■

# Plastic bag ban at checkout starts April 22

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Earth Day (April 22) this year heralds the end of single-use plastic bags at the checkout counter in Menlo Park and 24 other Peninsula cities.

The Menlo Park City Council voted 5-0 in January to join the county in enacting a new ordinance banning the use of plastic bags by retailers, although Menlo Park made a few modifications, including the addition of a clause allowing the council to vote on whether to locally implement any future changes San Mateo County makes to the new law.

The county Board of Supervisors passed the ordinance in October 2012. The ban prohibits the use of plastic bags by retailers, except at restaurants and for produce, and also adds

a 10-cent fee for paper bags if customers don't bring their own bags. On Jan. 1, 2015, the fee increases to 25 cents per paper bag and reusable bag provided by stores.

## Menlo Park, Portola Valley and others joined county ordinance.

Portola Valley's ban, a complete implementation of the county's ordinance, is also set to go into effect on April 22. Brandi de Garmeaux, who coordinates environmental initiatives for the town, said that Roberts Market stopped distributing these single-use plastic bags some time ago. Portola Valley Hardware can still use them for small parts, and restaurants are exempt when

packaging takeout food.

In Woodside, the Town Council argued over this issue on at least three occasions and introduced a diluted ordinance that did not include the county's fees and bookkeeping requirements. But the council never completed the process for enacting that ordinance into law.

As in Portola Valley, Roberts Market in Woodside does not distribute such bags, Town Hall staff has said.

Retailers that don't comply with the ban are looking at a \$100 fine for the first violation and \$200 for a second. Starting with a third violation, a retailer will be fined \$500 each day until the store falls in line. The ordinance authorizes the county's environmental health department to enforce the ban. ■

# Earth Day celebration on April 20

RethinkWaste, in partnership with Recology San Mateo County and South Bay Recycling, will host an Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April

20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shoreway Environmental Center, located at 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos.

The free event will feature a

compost giveaway for county residents, art activities, tours of the facility, information booths, food and prizes, and will take place rain or shine, according to the announcement.

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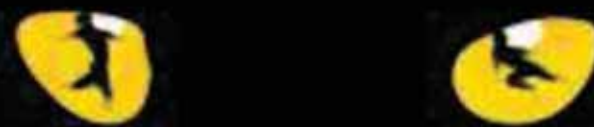
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# No drone for Sheriff's Office

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Plans are off for the purchase of a small drone aircraft about 2-feet square that would have allowed Sheriff's Office deputies to peer down from the sky, night or day, during search-and-rescue operations or hostage incidents.

As first reported in the Oakland Tribune, an uproar in Alameda County over a proposed drone purchase there led San Mateo County Sheriff Greg Munks to call off a request for \$70,000 from the Department of Homeland Security for the unmanned aircraft. "We saw that (public opinion) for the utilizing of drones domestically is not really settled, so we decided not to pursue it," Mr. Munks said. "We're just going to stand down."

If public concerns about civil liberties and privacy can be satisfied and the public comes to accept domestic use of drone technology, the Sheriff's Office might take another look at it, he said. "There are too many unanswered questions, too much concern about how it would be used," he said. "It won't come back (as a priority) unless we put it out there (and) I have no intention of putting it out there."

Had the Sheriff's Office followed through on its proposal, the county Board of Supervisors would have had to approve both the funding request and the purchase, and it would have been discussed in public, Mr. Munks said.



Photo from Aircover Integrated Solutions

This drone, about 2 feet wide in all directions, will not be plying the skies above San Mateo County during search-and-rescue operations. San Mateo County Sheriff Greg Munks said he canceled a grant proposal for federal funding after public outcry over a similar proposal in Alameda County.

As for the rules and policies around the use of a drone, Mr. Munks said he was reluctant to address hypothetical questions, but added that when not in use, it would be locked in a warehouse along with other specialized equipment, such as jet skis. The drone would be available only to officers trained to use it, he added.

A warrant from a judge would not be required to use it for search-and-rescue incidents or in a situation involving a SWAT team, Mr. Munks said. Were the county to someday acquire a drone, it would be available to other jurisdictions through mutual-aid arrangements in the Bay Area.

## Airborne observer

The aircraft the Sheriff's Office had in mind — the AirCover QuadRotor QR425s — is marketed by Aircover Integrated Solutions.

Like a four-legged spider, the drone has a rectangular capsule in the center and legs at each corner, the end of each leg fitted with a vertically oriented helicopter-like blade. The center capsule is about eight inches by 10 inches, according to an image from the Aircover website.

It's powered by batteries and has a 25-minute flying time before a recharge is necessary, the specifications say. The drone uses satellite navigation, will "fly home" automatically, and can "perch" for surveillance, out of sight and all but silently. Among its options are an infrared camera for night vision and live streaming high-definition encrypted video.

## Security infrastructure

The Sheriff's Office proposed the grant request through the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative, a quasi-gov-

ernmental organization that meets monthly to "sustain and improve regional capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist incidents and catastrophic events." The group includes representatives from San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and 12 Bay Area counties.

The Bay Area UASI receives funding from the DHS and Federal Emergency Management Agency, said spokesman

Francis Zamora. An advisory group includes the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC)/Fusion

Center, one of 78 in the United States. Fusion centers are "are uniquely situated to empower front-line law enforcement, public safety, fire service, emergency response, public health, critical infrastructure protection, and private sector security personnel to understand local implications of national intelligence, thus enabling local officials to better protect their communities."

Bay Area UASI received \$35.5 million in 2011-12, and \$22 million in 2012-13, with around \$22 million expected for the fiscal year that starts July 1, Mr. Zamora said in an email. Among the projects funded are a system for Bay Area police departments to share photo, video and data in the field for finding suspects and missing people, and radios that Bay Area firefighters, for example, could use to communicate with each other during a major event.

So far, UASI has not approved an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) request for any member agencies, Mr. Zamora said. If an agency has one, "then it was requested, approved and purchased using funds outside of UASI," he said. ■

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## Housing issue: how to spend \$2.9 million

By **Dave Boyce**  
Almanac Staff Writer

### ■ PORTOLA VALLEY

The controversy and comment about affordable housing in Portola Valley has boiled down to this: What should the town do with the \$2.88 million it acquired in December from the sale of two topographically difficult lots in Blue Oaks intended for eight affordable homes? State housing authorities had approved the town's plans to accommodate those eight homes, so the money has now become a stand-in for those empty lots.

This summation by Karen Kristiansson, a consultant with the town's planning department, came during an April 8 community meeting and rests on the notion that the town will mostly meet its state-mandated obligations to develop credible plans for 64 new dwellings between 2014 and 2022 for individuals and/or families across the socio-economic spectrum.

After recent negotiations with the 20 other communities in San Mateo County, Portola Valley agreed on plans for 21 dwellings for the very

low income range, 15 for low income, 15 for moderate income, and 13 for above moderate. Multi-family homes are a necessary part of the mix and would be open to moderate-income applicants. In San Mateo County, according to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, a moderate income is around \$86,500 for an individual and \$123,600 for a family of four. Eligible buyers would work or live in Portola Valley.

Woodside and Portola Valley were granted lower numbers in recognition of the open space and recreational opportunities they provide, said Onnolee Trapp, a member of the Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee. The committee has been holding meetings this spring and is set to report to the Town Council in May on the community's values in response to the state's interest in nurturing socio-economic diversity throughout California.

For very low and low income dwellers, second units should

suffice if current trends continue, Ms. Kristiansson said. As for moderate income, the town can extend existing plans for multi-family housing at the Woodside Priory School. How to use that \$2.88 million remains an issue.

### Values expressed

Town Hall surveyed people employed in town in December on their interest in owning a townhouse in Portola Valley. Of 91 responses, 59 reported qualifying incomes, and 86 percent expressed interest in participating in a lottery for a home, Town Manager Nick Pegueros has said.

"The fact is there's a significant demand for eight units," Mr. Pegueros told the group on April 8. "(But) eight units is not going to put a huge dent in the applicants' demand."

Ms. Trapp said she knows of teachers whose long commute makes it difficult for them "to be bright and cheerful for their children."

"We're not a company town. We all have to drive to work," resident Bernie Bayuk said in response.

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# Phillips Brooks seeks to expand

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Phillips Brooks School, a private preschool through fifth-grade facility, is asking the city of Menlo Park to allow an increase in enrollment from 276 to 320 students, according to Head of School Scott Erickson.

The school would also increase staff from 50 to 58 employees. The city is currently reviewing the application, Mr. Erickson said, and the Planning Commission will need to approve the request; the date for the item to appear on the agenda has not yet been set.

Mr. Erickson told the Almanac that the school, located at 2245 Avy Ave., has no plans to expand its physical structures — just the size of the student body and staff.

## Hearings set on Louise Street driveway issue

The Menlo Park City Council has signaled its intent to proceed with considering an “abandonment process” to grant a wedge of city space on Louise Street to adjacent homeowners at a neighborhood group’s request. The group plans to implement an agreement to preserve the green space in perpetuity with easements for pedestrian access.

Developer Sam Sinnott, who along with investment partner Mircea Voskerician, had wanted to build a driveway exiting on Louise Street from a property — 1825 Santa Cruz Ave. — that they had purchased for redevelopment. The proposed exit would have partially paved over

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some land and greenery in the public right-of-way. The council revoked the driveway permit in the face of opposition from neighbors, but the applicants have not given up.

“We haven’t been able to finish our legal research yet. However, we hope to finish it soon and present it to the council. We don’t believe they were thoroughly or accurately informed about our legal rights prior to the hearing,” Mr. Sinnott said.

Public hearings on the abandonment request will be held during the May 6 Planning Commission meeting and the July 16 City Council meeting, according to a staff report.

## Library photo contest

Submit a photo worthy of first place and take home a Kindle. The Menlo Park library is looking for shots that show why you love the library, in honor of National Library Week (April 14-20).

According to the announcement, anyone with a Peninsula Library card may submit one photo, due by Saturday, April 20.

Go to [tinyurl.com/MP-photo13](http://tinyurl.com/MP-photo13) for more information.

## How class inspired Mark Zuckerberg

This year, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and colleague Naomi Gleit taught a 10-week class on entrepreneurship for 18 seventh- and eighth-grade students at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, according

to club director Peter Fortenbaugh. He said students developed their own businesses and visited Facebook to sell their products.

The students weren’t the only ones who came away with new ideas. Mr. Zuckerberg, in an opinion piece published in the Washington Post on April 10, said the experience encouraged him to pursue immigration reform.

“One day I asked my students what they thought about going to college,” he wrote in the op-ed piece. “One of my top aspiring entrepreneurs told me he wasn’t sure that he’d be able to go to college because he’s undocumented. His family is from Mexico, and they moved here when he was a baby.

“Many students in my community are in the same situation; they moved to the United

## Atherton: \$92,000 in purses missing

Atherton police called it grand theft in the April 5 log entry — and it is definitely grand — but they say they’re investigating it as a residential burglary that may have unfolded over a period of months.

A resident in a house on Belbrook Way is missing nine purses and a pair of gloves, with a total estimated value of \$93,500. The list includes several Hermes items: a \$25,000 black and gold crocodile-skin purse, a \$15,000 burgundy purse, a

\$10,000 burgundy pouch, a \$1,500 pair of black gloves, and a \$12,000 black Birkin purse, named after actress and singer Jane Birkin.

The list includes three items from Chanel: a \$7,000 evening bag and two Chanel Classic purses valued at \$4,500 each, and two \$7,000 purses made by Louis Vuitton.

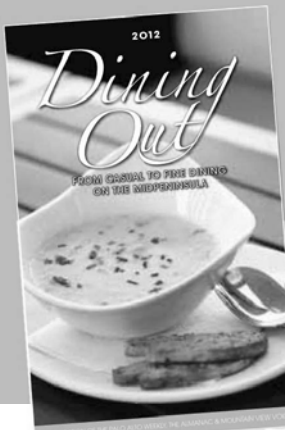
Sgt. Sherman Hall said in an email that there were no signs of forced entry and that detectives are pursuing leads.

States so early in their lives that they have no memories of living anywhere else. These students are smart and hardworking, and they should be part of our future.”

Mr. Zuckerberg then announced the formation of

“FWD.us,” an organization led by Silicon Valley entrepreneurs to focus on immigration issues and advocate a bipartisan policy agenda “to build the knowledge economy the United States needs to ensure more jobs, innovation and investment.” ■

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### MENLO PARK

**Residential burglary report:** Someone forced entry into a home on Chilco Street through the back door and stole a TV and miscellaneous jewelry with a total estimated value of \$500, April 8.

**Auto burglary report:** A thief broke the front-seat passenger side window of a vehicle parked on Sharon Park Drive and stole a money clip containing \$200 cash for a total estimated loss of \$400, April 9.

**Forgery report:** Someone drew a total

of \$800 from a checking account of a Santa Cruz Avenue resident using four forged checks, April 10.

**Hit-and-run report:** A vehicle backed into a pedestrian in a crosswalk at Ravenswood Avenue and Alma Street, causing minor injury to the pedestrian, but then left the scene without providing any means of identification. The pedestrian refused medical treatment, April 10.

### PORTOLA VALLEY

**Auto burglary report:** Someone smashed the rear passenger-side window of a Toyota RAV4 parked at Alpine Road and Willowbrook Drive and stole a purse containing an Apple iPhone and \$100 in cash, April 5.

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# Locals sponsor fundraiser for Tanzanian orphanage

By Jane Knoerle  
Almanac Lifestyles Editor

‘Passport to Tanzania,’ a benefit for children whose home is an orphanage in Tanzania, will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Auto Vino, 205 Constitution Ave. in Menlo Park.

The fundraiser will offer wine tasting, appetizers, sweets, silent and live auctions, African music, and the opportunity to learn about the nonprofit Friends of Children Concern Foundation.

‘Passport to Tanzania’ is organized by KC Cannon of Menlo Park and Betsy Collard of Mountain View.

Ms. Collard first visited the orphanage in 2011 when she traveled to Tanzania to celebrate a clinic opening for Maasai women and children. The party stopped at an orphanage where 36 children lived in a small rented house. There was no electricity and children slept two or three to a bed. ‘I fell in love with the children and when I returned to the U.S. vowed to do what I could to help,’ says Ms. Collard.

Ms. Collard approached long-time friend KC Cannon and the two women established Friends of Children Concern Foundation (CCF). The orphanage receives no government assistance and currently depends entirely on donations from tourists who stop on their way to a safari.

The two women have made several trips back to Tanzania to see the children and help the staff at the orphanage plan for the future. CCF has already raised funds for operational costs and

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has purchased a few acres of land for a future permanent home.

Tickets for ‘Passport to Tanzania’ are \$95 per person. Call KC Cannon at 561-4838 to purchase tickets.

Visit [childrenconcern.org](http://childrenconcern.org) for more information.

## Food truck fundraiser at Woodside School

Sam’s ChowderMobile food truck will be at Woodside Elementary School from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 19, for a fundraiser event for the seventh-grade class, says Karen Gunn, one of the moms of seventh-graders sponsoring the event.

Families, friends and neighbors are invited to buy chowder, lobster rolls and seafood at prices ranging from \$5 to \$16, she said.

Bingo starts at 7 p.m. and there will be prizes and raffle baskets, as well as homemade brownies, cookies and other treats. All proceeds benefit the seventh-grade class.

The school is at 3195 Woodside Road.

## Menlo Park Chorus gives spring concert

‘Look to the Rainbow,’ the Menlo Park Chorus’ spring concert, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 330 Ravenswood Ave. in Menlo Park.

The program will range from Broadway ballads to traditional spirituals. The city-sponsored



Redwood Undisputed girls basketball team members, from left, Georgia Paye, Natalia Hotovec, Caitlin Dulsky, Porsche Trinidad, Danielle McNair, head coach Philip Trinidad, Jacqueline Kurland, Sonia Goyle, Tejal Gupta, Alexis Jackson and Nikki Yeh.

# All-stars capture national title

Redwood Undisputed, an all-star basketball team of fourth-grade girls representing the Redwood chapter of the Silicon Valley Section for National Junior Basketball, captured the national championship title in a 29 to 15 victory over undefeated Newport Mesa on April 7 in Garden Grove.

The girls won the title after

having played for only three weeks under Coach Philip Trinidad. The all-star team was formed by the top 10 players in the division from Menlo Park, Atherton, Redwood City, Emerald Hills and San Carlos.

‘It is really inspiring to see a team come together and all play hard for one another, especially at such a young age,’

says Coach Trinidad. John Paye and Rodney Jackson are assistant coaches for Redwood Undisputed.

Members of the team are Georgia Paye, Natalia Hotovec, Caitlin Dulsky, Porsche Trinidad, Danielle McNair, Jacqueline Kurland, Sonia Goyle, Tejal Gupta, Alexis Jackson and Nikki Yeh.

chorus performs under the direction of April McNelly, with piano accompaniment by John Iosefa. A reception will follow the concert.

Tickets at the door are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for seniors and students, and free for children under 12.

## Opera at Fox Theater

‘Il Trovatore’ by Giuseppe Verdi will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Fox Theater, 2223 Broadway in Redwood City.

The opera will be produced with the collaboration of two regional

opera companies: Bay Shore Lyric Opera and Verismo Opera, with orchestra and English supertitles.

Tickets are \$22-\$42 (seniors, students and children under 18 are \$22).

Visit [foxrwc.com](http://foxrwc.com) or call (650) 369-7770 for more information. ■

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### Special Events

**Community Preparedness Day** How to survive and help others in a disaster. April 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. First Baptist Church Menlo Park, 1100 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-323-8544. [firstbaptist.com](http://firstbaptist.com)

**Portola Valley Bike Rodeo**, bicycle mechanics station, safety check area, guided rides. All ages welcome. April 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

**Menlowe Ballet Presents ‘Reverie’**, featuring world premiere of ‘Sweet Sadness’ by choreographer Viktor Kabaniaev, and works by Artistic Director Michael Lowe. April 19, \$28-45 Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 650-231-2025. [www.menloweballet.org](http://www.menloweballet.org)

**Woodside Library** holds semi-annual used book sale with hardback books for \$1 and paperbacks for 25 cents. Proceeds benefit Friends of Woodside Library. April 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3014 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-8010.

### On Stage

**‘Being Earnest’** TheatreWorks presents musical, set in 1965 London. This adaptation moves ‘The Importance of Being Ear-

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**Verdi’s ‘Il Trovatore’** Giuseppe Verdi’s opera ‘Il Trovatore’ will be performed. April 28, 2-5:15 p.m. \$22-\$42. Fox Theater, 2223 Broadway, Redwood City. [www.foxrwc.com](http://www.foxrwc.com)

### Kids & Families

**‘Design Your Own Race Car’** Christie Inocencio leads workshop for children, 5 and up. Advance sign-ups required. May 13, 4-5 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. [www.smcl.org](http://www.smcl.org)

**‘Toddler Dance Party’** Mister Q leads a toddler dance party. April 23, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. [www.smcl.org](http://www.smcl.org)

**4Cs Annual Family Tea Party** with story time, food and activities in the Shoreway Room. Tea times: 10 to 11:30 a.m., 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m. April 18. Cost: \$5 for a family of two to three or \$10 for a family of four to six. Sobrato Center for Nonprofits, 330 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City. Call 650-517-1400. [www.sanmateo4cs.org](http://www.sanmateo4cs.org)

**Bilingual Storytime** introduces babies to Spanish. April 22, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. [www.smcl.org](http://www.smcl.org)

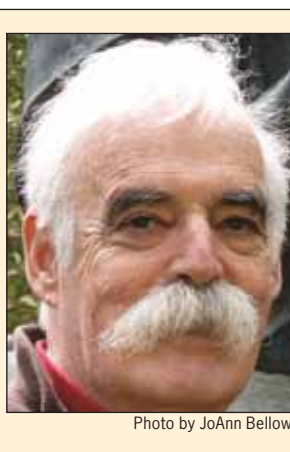


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## A Son’s Memoir

Greg Bellow, in conversation with Professor Steven J. Zipperstein, will discuss and sign his new book, ‘Saul Bellow’s Heart: a Son’s Memoir,’ at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at Kepler’s, 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. The book is a look inside the life of Nobel prize-winning author Saul Bellow. Gregory Bellow, a psychotherapist for 40 years and member of the Core Faculty of The Sanville Institute, lives in Redwood City.

**Randel McGee** portrays Hans Christian Andersen in show combining storytelling and paper arts. For ages 6 and up. April 18, 11:15 a.m.-noon. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147. [www.smcl.org](http://www.smcl.org)

**Jennifer Fosberry** reads ‘Isabella: Star of the Story.’ April 17, 4 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321.

**Students from Western Ballet** give mini-performance of ‘Coppelia.’ Ages 4 and up. April 29, 7-8 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. [www.smcl.org](http://www.smcl.org)

### Talks/Authors

**Cecile Andrews** discusses her book, ‘Living-Room Revolution: A Handbook for Conversation, Community and the Common Good.’ April 30, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler’s, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321.

**Mark Mazzetti** New York Times correspondent talks on ‘The Way of the Knife: The CIA, a Secret Army and a War at the Ends of the Earth.’ April 25, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler’s, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. [www.keplers.com](http://www.keplers.com)

**‘Girl with a Pearl Earring’** Portola Valley Library presents a docent lecture and slide-

show, ‘Dutch Paintings from the Mauritshuis,’ showing paintings from the Dutch Golden Age. This exhibit is currently at the de Young Museum. April 30, 10-11 a.m. Free. Hanson Hall at the Sequoias, 501 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560.

**‘Rembrandt’s Century’** Talk on artistic personalities, both famous and forgotten, of the late Mannerist and Baroque eras. At its core is a selection of etchings by Rembrandt van Rijn. April 20, 2-3 p.m. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147. [www.smcl.org](http://www.smcl.org)

**John Gerzema**, author of ‘The Athena Doctrine: How Women (and the Men Who Think Like Them) Will Rule the Future,’ speaks on the rise of a new model of leadership based on feminine thinking and values. Register online. April 25, 5-8:30 p.m. \$60. Quadrus Conference Center, 2400 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Call 415-883-1007. [wendy-wallbridge.com/john-gerzema-event](http://wendy-wallbridge.com/john-gerzema-event)

**Katherine Applegate**, in a youth event, discusses her book ‘The One and Only Ivan,’ about a gorilla befriended by a baby elephant. April 18, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler’s, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. [www.keplers.com](http://www.keplers.com)

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**‘The SPAMmish Armada’** Carols, conductus and cantigas from medieval Spain and England. April 20 7:30-9 p.m. \$15-\$32. St. Bede’s Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-854-6555. [stbedesmenlopark.org](http://stbedesmenlopark.org)

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## Service for Harlow C. Johnson

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Portola Valley Presbyterian Church, 945 Portola Road in Portola Valley for Harlow C. Johnson, who died unexpectedly on March 30 at his home in Emerald Hills.

Mr. Johnson was an insurance broker and financial adviser. Donations may be made in his name to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 742030, Los Angeles, CA 90074-2030; or to the Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation, P.O. Box 876, Menlo Park, CA 94026.

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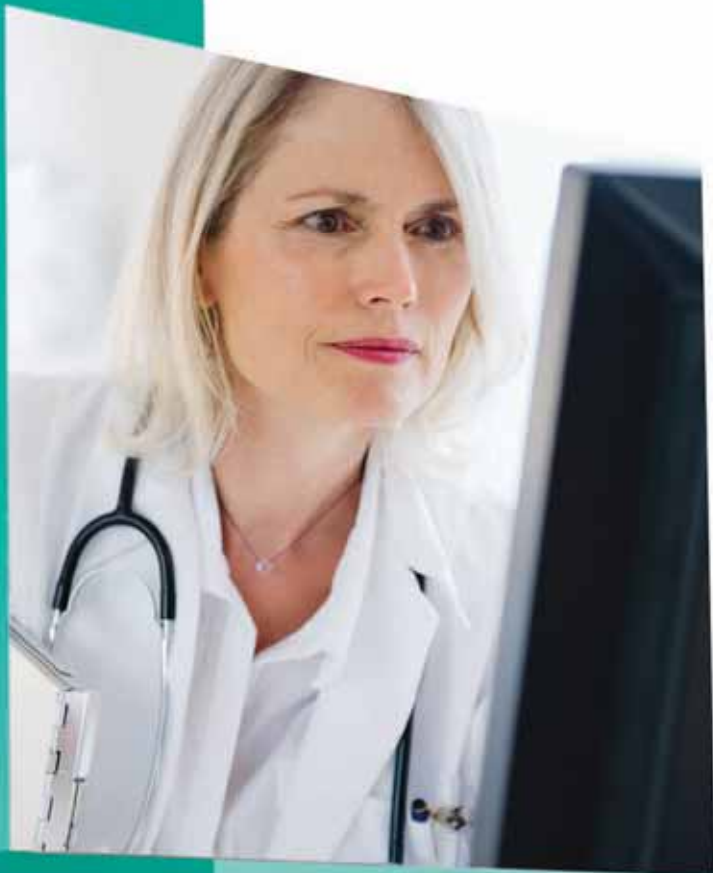
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# Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES FROM PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. EDITED BY TOM GIBBONEY

## Tax would help Portola Valley schools

Officials at the two-school Portola Valley district have their hopes riding on a successful outcome of the Measure O election, to be decided by a mail-in ballot that would renew the current parcel tax and increase it by \$123 to \$581 a year. Ballots are going out now and must be returned by May 7.

Portola Valley schools have enjoyed an excellent reputation for years, with students finishing in the top tier in statewide standardized tests. Residents have responded by consistently approving parcel taxes, including the current tax, passed in separate elections as Measures C and D.

We see no reason to doubt that this proposal will pass. After all, the tax has meant additional funds — nearly \$1 million last year — and if Measure O passes, that amount will increase by \$265,065, depending on how many seniors opt out, and remain on the books for eight years. It will need a two-thirds majority to pass.

With only two schools — Ormondale and Corte Madera — the funds raised by the tax are extremely important. Without it, the district's students would face deep cuts in all the core programming like reading, writing, math and science. "We cannot afford to let this funding expire," said parent Susan Strehlow, who is working with a group of volunteers who are committed to making sure the parcel tax gains the necessary two-thirds vote and that ballots are returned to the county elections office by 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 7.

Besides core programs, art and music would be helped by the additional parcel tax dollars. The money also would help attract and retain "qualified and experienced teachers" in the district and to maintain small class size, always a critical component of a high-quality education.

Some residents may remember an unfortunate incident last year when then-superintendent Tim Hanretty was found to be embezzling funds and using creative bookkeeping to cover it up. Audits found serious shortfalls in the amount of money that school officials thought they had. The circumstances forced the district to make cuts and seek more help from the schools' foundation.

But all of that is behind the district now, with the court-ordered restitution of \$181,750 and improved oversight of district finances. Placing Measure O on the ballot has nothing to do with Mr. Hanretty's activities, according to school board president Jocelyn Swisher.

To protect the long-term viability of the schools, district residents have two options, Ms. Swisher told the Almanac: You can renew and enhance stable local funding that the district controls, or you can let these funds expire and hope for the best.

Clearly the first option makes the most sense for Portola Valley schools. We urge voters to rush their mail-in ballots back to the county, marked with a big "yes" on Measure O. It will guarantee adequate school funding for another eight years.

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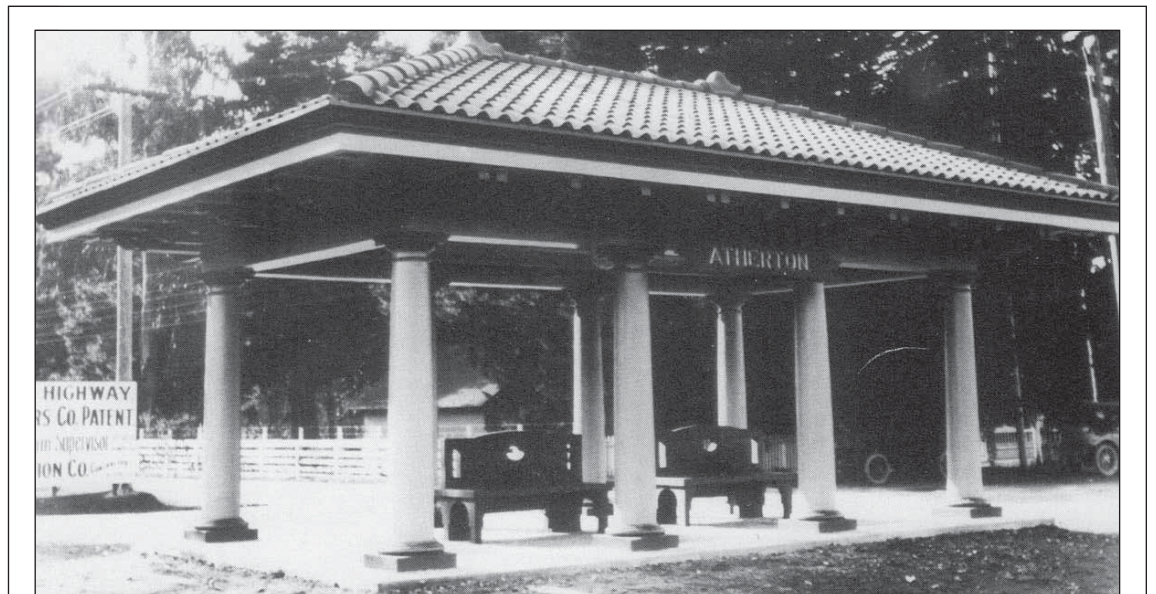
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### City divided on Stanford-Arrillaga Plan

While some say Stanford and developer John Arrillaga took a step in the right direction by adding housing and reducing medical office space for its proposed El Camino Real development in Menlo Park, others said the changes don't go far enough. Here are some posts from the Almanac's online Town Square forum.

*Posted by longtime resident*

This type of anti development opposition occurred 25 years ago when the Kepler's - Cafe Borrone Building was proposed. Similar fears and dire warnings highlighted by traffic. Their fears were not realized. Quite the opposite. Fortunately we had strong leaders at the time who based their decisions on the facts in the staff and environmental reports — not the misinformation campaigns of a few neigh-



Atherton Heritage Association

### Our Regional Heritage

Once part of Menlo Park, residents of Fair Oaks decided to form their own city in 1923. In September of that year the town of Atherton was incorporated, becoming the eighth town to incorporate in San Mateo County. The vote to leave Menlo Park was 114 in favor and 16 opposed. The Fair Oaks train depot, above, was renamed for Atherton in 1923.

borhood activists. Where have all the leaders gone?

*Posted by Heads should roll*

Oh, right, and people objected to the Golden Gate Bridge too. Therefore, every project that draws public objection should be automatically approved. Is that written in the Rabblrouser's Guide to Politics? I don't remember opposition to the Kepler's/

Borrone project, though I expect there was some. But how can you compare? Kepler's had been a much-loved institution for years; many of us were glad to see it move to bigger quarters. And the cafe-with-plaza combo? Exactly what the consultants promised us for the specific plan! Also note that Kepler's/Borrone is appropriately sized for the site. Whereas this proposed mon-

strosity, with only a narrow strip separating it from El Camino, is going to loom over the street. We keep seeing references to five stories, but it's actually 60 feet high. (That is not what the people wanted, by the way. I went to the meetings.) We can and should return those parcels to their prior zone. Then, and only then, will the proposal be given the scrutiny it demands.

# Camp Connection

For more information about these camps, see our online directory of camps at <http://paloaltoonline.com/biz/summercamps/>  
To advertise in a weekly directory, contact 650-326-8210

## Academics

### Early Learning Camp Connection listing Palo Alto

Write Now! Summer Writing Camps  
Emerson School of Palo Alto and Hacienda School of Pleasanton open their doors and offer their innovative programs: Expository Writing, Creative Writing, Presentation Techniques, and (new!) Test-Taking Skills. Call or visit our website for details.  
[www.headsup.org](http://www.headsup.org) Emerson 650-424-1267  
Hacienda 925-485-5750

### Foothill College Los Altos Hills

Two Six-Week Summer Sessions Beginning June 10. These sessions are perfect for university students returning from summer break who need to pick up a class; and high school juniors, seniors and recent graduates who want to get an early start. 12345 El Monte Rd.  
[www.foothill.edu](http://www.foothill.edu) 650-949-7362

### Harker Summer Programs San Jose

K-12 offerings taught by exceptional, experienced faculty and staff. K-6 morning academics - focusing on math, language arts and science - and full spectrum of afternoon recreation. Grades 6-12 for-credit courses and non-credit enrichment opportunities. Sports programs also offered.  
[www.summer.harker.org](http://www.summer.harker.org) 408-553-0537

### iD Tech Camps - Summer Tech Fun Held at Stanford

Take interests further! Ages 7-17 create iPhone apps, video games, C++/Java programs, movies, and more at weeklong, day and overnight programs held at Stanford and 60+ universities in 26 states. Also 2-week, teen-only programs: iD Gaming Academy, iD Programming Academy, and iD Visual Arts Academy (filmmaking & photography).  
[www.internaldrive.com](http://www.internaldrive.com) 1-888-709-TECH (8324)

### iD Teen Academies

#### Gaming, Programming & Visual Arts Stanford

Gain a competitive edge! Learn different aspects of video game creation, app development, filmmaking, photography, and more. 2-week programs where ages 13-18 interact with industry professionals to gain competitive edge. iD Gaming Academy, iD Programming Academy, and iD Visual Arts Academy are held at Stanford, and other universities.  
[www.idteenacademies.com](http://www.idteenacademies.com) 1-888-709-TECH (8324)

### ISTP's Language Immersion Summer Camp Palo Alto

ISTP Summer Camp is designed to give participants a unique opportunity to spend their summer break having fun learning or improving in a second language. Students are grouped according to both grade level and language of proficiency. Our camp offers many immersion opportunities and consists of a combination of language classes and activities taught in the target language. Sessions are available in French, Mandarin, Chinese and English ESL and run Monday through Friday, 8am-3:30pm, with additional extending care from 3:30-5:30pm.  
[www.istp.org](http://www.istp.org) 650-251-8519

### Mathnasium of Palo Alto-Menlo Park Menlo Park

Prevent Summer Brain Drain with Mathnasium Power Math Workouts. During the summer months, many students lose 2 to 2.5 months of math skills learned during the school year. Mathnasium of Palo Alto-Menlo Park is offering 8 and 16-Session Flexible Summer Passes which will keep your child's math skills sharp and provide a boost for the school year ahead. Open to grades 1st - 10th grade. Summer Passes on sale now and expire Sept. 7, 2013. Center located at 605 A Cambridge Avenue, Menlo Park (next to the Oasis, one block north of Stanford Shopping Mall).  
[www.mathnasium.com/paloalto-menlopark](http://www.mathnasium.com/paloalto-menlopark) 650-321-6284

### Professional Tutoring Services of Silicon Valley Los Altos

Academic camps offering Algebra I & II, Geometry, and Spanish I, II, & III in small groups. Three sessions starting June 24 through August 2. Sign up for all three or just one. Perfect for junior high students taking high school level courses. Register online.  
[www.ptstutor.com/Summer2013.htm](http://www.ptstutor.com/Summer2013.htm) 650-948-5137

### Stratford School - Camp Socrates 17 Bay Area Campuses

Academic enrichment infused with traditional summer camp fun--that's what your child will experience at Camp Socrates. Sessions begin June 24 and end August 9, with the option for campers to attend all seven weeks, or the first four (June 24-July 19). Full or half-day morning or afternoon programs are available.  
[www.StratfordSchools.com/Summer](http://www.StratfordSchools.com/Summer) 650-493-1151

### Summer at Saint Francis Mountain View

Summer at Saint Francis provides a broad range of academic and athletic programs for elementary through high school students. It is the goal of every program to make summer vacation enriching and enjoyable!  
[www.sfhs.com/summer](http://www.sfhs.com/summer) 650-968-1213 x446

### TechKnowHow Computer Palo Alto

Fun and enriching technology classes for students, ages 5-14 Courses include LEGO and K'NEX Projects with Motors, Electronics, NXT Robotics, 3D Modeling, and Game Design. Many locations, including Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Sunnyvale. Half and all day options. Early-bird and multi-session discounts available.  
[www.techknowhowkids.com](http://www.techknowhowkids.com) 650-638-0500

### YMCA of Silicon Valley

What makes Y camps different? We believe every child deserves the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. Y campers experience the outdoors, make new friends and have healthy fun in a safe, nurturing environment. They become more confident and grow as individuals, and they learn value in helping others. We offer day, overnight, teen leadership and family camps. Financial assistance is available. Get your summer camp guide at [ymcasv.org/summercamp](http://ymcasv.org/summercamp). Youth camps (ages 5 - 17) run June 17 - Aug. 16. Half-day and full-day options. Fees vary. 1922 The Alameda 3rd Floor, San Jose  
[www.ymcasv.org](http://www.ymcasv.org) 408-351-6400

### Peninsula

## Arts, Culture, Other Camps

### Busy Bees & Astro Kids Summer Adventure Camps Mountain View

Join us for these half-day camps designed for 3-8 year olds as we have fun, participate in games and crafts, and go on fun field trips! Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue  
<http://mountainview.gov>

### Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) Mountain View

50+ creative camps for Gr. K-8! Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Musical Theater, School of Rock, Digital Arts, more! One- and two-week sessions; full and half-day enrollment. Extended care available. Financial aid offered.  
[www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org) 650-917-6800 ext. 0

### DHF Wilderness Camps Rancho San Antonio

Children ages 6-14 can meet the livestock, help with farm chores, explore a wilderness preserve and have fun with crafts, songs and games. Older campers conclude the week with a sleepover at the Farm. Near the intersection of Hwy 85 and Hwy 280  
[mountainview.gov](http://mountainview.gov)

### Pacific Art League of Palo Alto Palo Alto

PAL offers morning and afternoon art camps in cartooning and comics, printmaking, glass fusing, mixed media and acrylic and watercolor painting for children 5-18 years. It is a great place to explore imagination and creativity in a supportive, encouraging and fun environment with a lot of personal attention. Scholarships are available. 227 Forest Avenue  
[www.pacificartleague.org](http://www.pacificartleague.org) 650-321-3891

### Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) Palo Alto

PACCC summer camps offer campers, grades kindergarten to 6th, a wide variety of fun opportunities! K-1 Fun for the youngest campers, Neighborhood Adventure Fun and Ultimate Adventure Fun for the more active and on-the-go campers! New this year: Sports Adventure Camp for those young athletes and Operation Chef for out of this world cooking fun! Swimming twice per week, periodic field trips, special visitors and many engaging camp activities, songs and skits round out the fun offerings of PACCC Summer Camps! Registration is online. Open to campers from all communities! Come join the fun in Palo Alto!  
[www.paccc.org](http://www.paccc.org) 650-493-2361

### Theatreworks Summer Camps Palo Alto

In these skill-building workshops for grades K-5, students engage in language-based activities, movement, music, and improvisation theatre games. Students present their own original pieces at the end of each two-week camp.  
[www.theatreworks.org/educationcommunity](http://www.theatreworks.org/educationcommunity) 650-493-7146

### Western Ballet Mountain View

#### Children's Summer Camp

Students attend ballet class and rehearsal in preparation for the recital of either Peter Pan or The Little Mermaid at the end of the two week session. Separate Saturday classes are also offered. Ages 4-9. 914 N. Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View  
<http://westernballet.org/documents/summerchildrens.html>

### Western Ballet Mountain View

#### Intermediate Summer Intensive

Students obtain high quality training in ballet, pointe, character, jazz, and modern dance, while learning choreography from the classical ballet Paquita. The students dance in featured roles in a final performance. Ages 9-12. Audition required 914 N. Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View  
<http://westernballet.org/documents/summerpre-intermediate.html>

### Western Ballet Mountain View

#### Advanced Summer Intensive

Students obtain high quality training in ballet, pointe, character, jazz, and modern dance, while learning choreography from the classical ballet Paquita. The students dance in featured roles in a final performance. Ages 13-23. Audition required. 914 N. Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View  
[http://westernballet.org/documents/summer\\_int\\_adv.html](http://westernballet.org/documents/summer_int_adv.html)

### Summer at Peninsula School Menlo Park

This is a child's delight with trees to climb, rope swings, and unpaved open spaces. Our engaging and creative program includes time to play and make friends. Peninsula School, 920 Peninsula Way. Visit website for class listings.  
[www.peninsulaschool.org/pensummerschool.htm](http://www.peninsulaschool.org/pensummerschool.htm) 650-325-1584, ext. 39

## Athletics

### Alan Margot's Tennis Camps Atherton

Alan Margot's Tennis Camps provide an enjoyable way for your child to begin learning the game of tennis or to continue developing existing skills. Our approach is to create lots of fun with positive feedback and reinforcement in a nurturing tennis environment. Building self-esteem and confidence through enjoyment on the tennis court is a wonderful gift a child can keep forever! Super Juniors Camps, ages 3-6; Juniors Camps, ages 6-14.  
[www.alanmargot-tennis.net](http://www.alanmargot-tennis.net) 650-400-0464

### City of Mountain View Mountain View

Discover fun with us this summer through the many programs available with the City of Mountain View Recreation Division. From sports to traditional day camps, to cooking camps, dance camps and art camps... we have it all! Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue  
<http://mountainview.gov>

### City of Mountain View Swim Lessons Mountain View

Offer swim lessons for ages 6 months to 14 years. Following the American Red Cross swim lesson program, students are divided into one of the 11 different levels taught by a certified instructor. Rengstorff Park Pool, 201 S Rengstorff Ave and Eagle Park Pool, 650 Franklin St.  
<http://mountainview.gov/>

### Club Rec Juniors & Seniors Mountain View

Club Rec Juniors and Seniors is open for youth 6-11 years old. These traditional day camps are filled with fun theme weeks, weekly trips, swimming, games, crafts and more! Monta Loma Elementary School, 490 Thompson Ave.  
<http://mountainview.gov>

### Foothills Day Camp Palo Alto

What will you discover? Foothills Day and Fun Camps, for youth ages 8-10 and 5-7 respectively, includes canoeing, hiking, animal identification games, crafts, and more- all for less than \$5 an hour. Registration begins February 15th for residents. (February 22nd for non-residents.) Hurry, spaces are limited!  
[cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy](http://cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy) 650-463-4900

### J-Camp Palo Alto

Exciting programs for kindergartners through teens include swimming, field trips, sports and more. Enroll your child in traditional or special focus camps like Surfing, Archery, Animal Adventure, Circus Camp and over 50 others! Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way  
[www.paloaltojcc.org/jcamp](http://www.paloaltojcc.org/jcamp) 650-223-8622

### Kim Grant Tennis Academy Palo Alto

Fun and Specialized junior camps for Mini (3-5), Beginner, Intermediate 1&2, Advanced and Elite Players. Weekly programs designed by Kim Grant to improve players technique, fitness, agility, mental toughness and all around tennis game. Camps in Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Redwood City. Come make new friends and have tons of FUN!!  
[www.KimGrantTennis.com](http://www.KimGrantTennis.com) 650-752-8061

### Nike Tennis Camps Stanford University

Dick Gould's 43rd Annual Stanford Tennis School offers day camps for both juniors & adults. Weekly junior overnight & extended day camps run by John Whitlinger & Lele Forood. Junior Day Camp run by Brandon Coupe & Frankie Brennan.  
[www.USSportsCamps.com/tennis](http://www.USSportsCamps.com/tennis) 1-800-NIKE-CAMP (645-3226)

### Spartans Sports Camp

Spartans Sports Camp offers multi-sport, week-long sessions for boys and girls in grades 3-6 as well as sport-specific sessions for grades 6-9. There are also strength and conditioning camps for grades 6-12. Camps begin June 10th and run weekly through August 2nd at Mountain View High School. The camp is run by MVHS coaches and student-athletes and all proceeds benefit the MVHS Athletic Department. Lunch and extended care are available for your convenience. Register today!  
[www.SpartansSportsCamp.com](http://www.SpartansSportsCamp.com) 650-479-5906

### Spring Down Camp Equestrian Center Portola Valley

Spring Down Camp teaches basic to advanced horsemanship skills. Ages 6-99 welcome! Daily informative lecture, riding lesson, supervised hands-on ski-ll practice, safety around horses, tacking/untacking of own camp horse, and arts/crafts.  
[www.springdown.com](http://www.springdown.com) 650-851-1114

### Stanford Water Polo Camps Stanford

Ages 7 and up. New to sport or have experience, we have a camp for you. Half day or Full day option for boys and girls. All the camps offer fundamental skill work, position work, scrimmages and games.  
[StanfordWaterPoloCamps.com](http://StanfordWaterPoloCamps.com) 650-725-9016

### Summer at Saint Francis Mountain View

Sports & Activity Camp (ages 6-12): This all-sports camp provides group instruction in a variety of field, water and court games. Saint Francis faculty and students staff the camp, and the focus is always on fun. The program is dedicated to teaching teamwork, sportsmanship and positive self-esteem. After camp care and swim lessons available.  
[www.sfhs.com/summer](http://www.sfhs.com/summer) 650-968-1213 x650

### Summer at Saint Francis Mountain View

Advanced Sports Camps (5th-9th grades): We offer a wide selection of advanced sports camps designed to provide players with the opportunity to improve both their skills and knowledge of a specific sport. Each camp is run by a Head Varsity Coach at Saint Francis, and is staffed by members of the coaching staff.  
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