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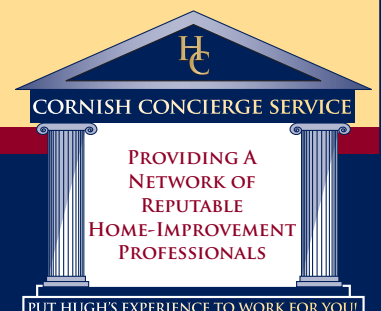
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Almanac photographer Michelle Le won first place in the statewide CNPA contest for this photograph of artist Drue Kataoka reflected in her artwork at the Djerassi artists' compound in the Woodside Hills. Ms. Kataoka's work involved using shards of mirror purposely shaped and arranged on 27 surfaces of a fallen oak tree.

Almanac wins state-wide awards

The Almanac won eight awards in the California Newspaper Publishers Association contest, including first-place awards for investigative reporting and artistic photo.

The awards were announced Saturday at the CNPA conference in San Jose.

Police misconduct

Almanac reporter Sandy Brundage won first place for her persistent investigative work that uncovered — in the face of California's ironclad laws against disclosing police misconduct — how a Menlo Park officer was arrested with a prostitute and then managed to keep his job.

She broke the story in a Jan. 16, 2013, cover story. A vague comment she overheard in a bar turned into a months-long investigation that involved researching records kept out of public sight. The series demonstrated that the confidential binding arbitration process many jurisdictions use to handle appeals of police discipline cases is broken.

The articles identified deficiencies in data-collecting by

the district attorney's offices in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. In response, the district attorney of Santa Clara County took steps to collect and publicly disclose data regarding prosecutions of police officers.

Following the series, the Menlo Park City Council implemented a new type of binding arbitration process and the Menlo Park police chief has committed to providing better transparency.

Other awards

Almanac photographer Michelle Le won first place for her image of artist Drue Kataoka reflected in her artwork at the Djerassi artists' compound in the Woodside Hills. Ms. Kataoka's work involved using shards of mirror purposely shaped and arranged on 27 surfaces of a fallen oak tree. The photo ran with the July 24, 2013, cover story on Ms. Kataoka.

Design director Shannon Corey won second place for "page layout and design" for the cover story on Ms. Kataoka and a cover story in the July 31, 2013, Almanac called "Double Duty," an account by Almanac writer

Barbara Wood of how Red Cross volunteers responded to a simultaneous double disaster of an airline crash and an apartment-complex fire.

The Almanac also won a second-place award for its website, AlmanacNews.com.

In addition, these Almanac entries were named Blue Ribbon Finalists (third or fourth places):

- Best feature story: "Who's watching," a story by Renee Batti, Sandy Brundage and Dave Boyce in the Sept. 25, 2013, Almanac on stepped-up police surveillance through cameras and license-plate readers.

- Education coverage: "Learning how to learn," a story in the Nov. 14, 2012, Almanac by Barbara Wood on a small school in Portola Valley that is a lab for innovations in education.

- Editorial comment: "City overreacts with censoring emails," an editorial by Tom Gibboney in the Feb. 27, 2013, Almanac.

- Artistic photo: Michelle Le's photo of a young swimmer preparing to jump into the new Belle Haven Pool on Aug. 29, 2013.

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Is city too aggressive with parking enforcement?

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

How much efficiency is enough? When it comes to parking enforcement in downtown Menlo Park, the answer seems to be “a little less than we have.” Ticketing frequency is higher than in several other Peninsula cities, according to data presented during a council study session on April 29.

The study session was held to review changes to downtown parking implemented nearly three years ago. Transportation Manager Jesse Quirion told the council those changes are “working as planned.”

The changes included adding pay-by-the-hour parking meters to Plaza 1, off El Camino Real and Oak Grove Avenue, and Plaza 5, off Crane Street and Santa Cruz Avenue. With the first two hours of parking free, users can buy up to seven more hours. And Menlo Park plans to integrate a mobile phone application to let people purchase more parking time on the go; the application will add a \$0.35 transaction fee.

The city also created 15-minute “drop off” zones and limited to one hour spaces on Santa Cruz Avenue and several downtown side streets.

Parking space occupancy rates hover in the 80 to 85 percent range, meaning the odds are pretty good of finding a space when you need one, Mr. Quirion said. More people working downtown buy permits for \$592 for a year or pay to park all day

in Plaza 1 or 5 instead of taking up on-street spaces closer to the businesses.

The city has responded to complaints by making the one-hour-limit signs more visible along Santa Cruz Avenue, staff said.

So far, so good. But as Councilman Rich Cline observed back in 2011, “You can do a great thing with parking, and people won’t think it’s a great thing.”

This proved true as the conversation turned to enforcement. According to the staff’s statistics, Menlo Park averages 5.9 citations per parking space per year. On Santa Cruz Avenue, thanks to the one-hour slots, that jumps to 11.

For comparison, Los Altos is 1.21 and Redwood City, 5.31. Of the five Peninsula cities considered, only Burlingame, with 12.5 tickets per space per year, ranked higher than Menlo Park.

Mayor Ray Mueller, after contemplating the statistics, concluded that “if you park in Los Altos you are four times less likely (to get a ticket) than if you park in Menlo Park.”

He wants a parking enforcement policy more in line with the practices of Los Altos or Redwood City. Knowing there’s a higher chance of finding a ticket on the windshield — “That’s not the psychological experience I want (people) to have ... the efficiency of those issuing citations is very good,” but “it’s happening too much, and it’s making us not competitive.”

Vice Mayor Cat Carlton agreed, saying she’s gotten emails from business owners



City of Menlo Park

This map shows the different parking zones in downtown Menlo Park. Plazas 1 and 5 offer the option to purchase up to nine hours of parking at a time. The one-hour slots on Santa Cruz Avenue average 11 tickets per space per year. Of five Peninsula cities, only Burlingame had a higher frequency of citation with 12.5 per space.

upset about the horrible experience shoppers have downtown.

Mr. Cline shared that he’d recently gotten a ticket for parking on a white line which, he said, he’d had to do because the adjacent car had intruded into his space.

Comparing ticketing frequency is not as straight-forward as one might suspect, though.

While Mr. Mueller suggested Menlo Park should be more

like Los Altos, Los Altos may be thinking they should be more like Menlo Park, according to Menlo Park city staff.

Los Altos only sends a parking officer out when someone complains of a violation, they said, and business owners in Los Altos are arguing that enforcement should be a higher priority.

While Redwood City is also lower, that city also has off-

street parking spaces by way of garages that people pay for upon exiting, circumventing the need for time limits.

Public comment during the study session revisited the need to build a parking garage in Menlo Park for downtown employees, and expanding the one-hour limit on Santa Cruz Avenue to two hours.

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Oak Knoll, Laurel named California Distinguished Schools

By Renee Batti

Almanac News Editor

Two schools in the Menlo Park City School District have been named California Distinguished Schools after a judging process that assessed their progress in narrowing the academic achievement gap among their students.

Oak Knoll (K-5) in Menlo Park and Laurel (K-3) in Atherton are among the 424 elementary schools in the state (out of about 6,000 schools) receiving the honor this year.

To apply for the recognition,

schools submit descriptions of two programs or “signature practices” that are then assessed by an outside team of educators, and this year’s eligibility criteria focused on students’ “entitlement to an equitable and rigorous education,” according to the the state Department of Education, which sponsors the Distinguished Schools program.

“These awards are so much more than a plaque on the outside of Laurel and Oak Knoll,” said Superintendent Maurice Ghysels in a press release issued May 2. “They are statewide

recognition of the innovation, dedication, and high standards of the administrators, teachers, staff, students and parents” of those school communities, he said.

Oak Knoll Principal David Ackerman said that the effort to close the achievement gap while raising achievement for all students has been the most difficult task facing schools nationwide. “Oak Knoll teachers, supported by an amazing community, have implemented practices that can solve the most important social justice problems of our time,” he

said in the district’s press release.

One of the programs detailed in Oak Knoll’s application is “Tutoring ... Beyond the Academics,” in which teachers provide individual and small-group tutoring at least twice weekly to students who are not meeting proficiency benchmarks, according to the district.

“In the three years since the program started, it has achieved impressive reductions in the achievement gap for minority students, students with disabilities, and students from low-socioeconomic families,”

the press release said.

The second program qualifying the school for the honor is based on the “growth mindset” concept developed by Stanford psychology professor Carol Dweck, “in which students embrace challenges, persist in the face of setbacks, and learn from coaching, criticism and mistakes,” the press release said. “At the crux of the growth mindset is the belief — bolstered by research — that being ‘smart’ is the result of hard work, not genetics.”

Laurel School highlighted its Language and Grammar Lab program, introduced in 2012 to

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Ormondale named a 'Distinguished School'

By Renee Batti

Almanac News Editor

Ormondale School in Portola Valley has been named a 2014 California Distinguished School — one of 424 out of about 6,000 elementary schools in the state to receive the honor.

The K-3 school in the two-school Portola Valley School District has been named a distinguished school at least four other years, including in 2010, according to Principal Kevin Keegan.

On the job at Ormondale for less than a year, Mr. Keegan said: "You know when you walk onto this campus with the staff, with the parents, with the students that this is a distinguished school. It's nice that the state recognizes this and we could showcase a couple of the signature practices we do really well."

The Distinguished Schools program is sponsored by the state Department of Education, which this year placed the focus of the recognition on schools "that have demonstrated educational excellence for all students and progress in narrowing the achievement gap," according to the state agency.

To be eligible, schools must submit an application detail-

ing two programs or "signature practices," and an outside team of educators validates the full implementation of those practices, the state agency said.

Ormondale submitted information on what is known as "data driven differentiation" and a program called "The Whole Child — A Caring Community." In the description of the former practice, the school wrote in its application: "Our overriding goal of data driven differentiation is to support the individual student in meeting and exceeding their learning goals. We use (the practice) to support and accelerate our most vulnerable learners, while encouraging our grade level and advanced students to soar."

In its description of "The Whole Child — A Caring Community," the school wrote in its application: "Ormondale's vision honors the developmental level of all students and fosters joyful lifelong learning. We nurture a sense of respect, responsibility, and compassion by dedicating instructional time to develop the social and emotional needs of our students."

Ormondale is one of three schools in the Almanac's coverage area to receive the recognition this year. The other two are Oak Knoll and Laurel, in the Menlo Park City School District. ■

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address a 15 percent drop in the standardized English language arts test scores of English language learners between second and third grade. Significant results were seen after only one year of the program's implementation.

"We went from a 15 percent drop in test scores to a significant improvement," Principal Linda Creighton said in the press release. "These results were so motivating for our teachers, as well as our students."

The other signature practice detailed in Laurel's application is called Teacher Inquiry Cycles, which allowed staff members the time and support to develop the Language and Grammar Lab program, according to the district.

As part of being recognized in the Distinguished Schools program, representatives of both schools will mentor other educators wishing to establish programs modeled on those of the recognized schools, and details of the programs and practices will be included in a statewide database, Mr. Ghysels said. ■

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And maybe the city should repaint those white lines, one speaker suggested. Penelope Huang, who serves on the Transportation Commission, said the parking spaces in Plaza 1 are too small, which not only leads to tickets, but also door dings. Since the lot is usually not full anyway, why not repaint the lines to have fewer, wider spaces, she suggested.

What does the police department make of the call to go easier on the tickets? Police Chief Bob Jonsen told the Almanac that officers enforce parking based on parameters established by the council. If the council decides to change the guidelines, by converting the one-hour zones to two hours, for example "then our officers will enforce accordingly. Otherwise, there are no changes planned on our end," he said. ■

Ex-Menlo Park employee charged with misdemeanor embezzlement

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

A 48-year-old man who collected program fees at the front desk of the Arrilaga Family Recreation Center in Menlo Park has been charged with misdemeanor embezzlement, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Based on information obtained during an investigation conducted by Menlo

Park police, Michael Benjamin Thulander allegedly pocketed an estimated \$200 by diverting an \$8 fee students would pay to attend dance classes at the rec center, San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said. He would then reportedly not register the students' attendance.

The San Mateo resident faces a maximum of six months in county jail if convicted, the dis-

trict attorney said.

Mr. Thulander worked for the city of Menlo Park from June 1999 until April 2014 as a part-time night clerk, according to the city's human resources department, and was being paid \$19.08 an hour at the time his employment ended.

His arraignment is scheduled for May 23. The Almanac was not able to reach him for comment before deadline. ■

New name, location for Riley's Place

By Kate Daly

Special to the Almanac

The fifth annual benefit dinner on May 17 for a local nonprofit with the slogan "animals helping people" has turned into a virtual barn-raising.

In recent months, Riley's Place in Woodside has changed both its name and location. Now called Jasper Ridge Farm, the organization has relocated its miniature horses, goats, sheep, chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs to temporary living quarters in the South Bay while plans are underway to move into a new barn at Webb Ranch in Portola Valley as early as this fall.

Co-founder and Executive Director Wendy Mattes says the group wants to add more animals to provide more "comforting power" to more people, so it needed a larger space to operate.

Webb Ranch is offering the use of a two-acre portion of land it leases from Stanford. A capital campaign and permit process are in full swing to build a barn there with a turnout and pasture, a covered arena, and storage facility so farm visits can be offered year-round in all weather.

Over the years hundreds of children with physical, emotional and cognitive challenges have spent time with the animals, enjoying them on site, or on mobile visits to homeless shelters, schools and medical centers. Programs are now being extended to adults, starting with Alzheimer's patients and veterans.

Guests are invited to join



Essie Nelson, 2, visits with Kachina, a miniature horse owned by Jasper Ridge Farm.

Photo by Gin Wolter

Children with physical, emotional and cognitive challenges spend time with the animals.

Jasper Ridge Farm staff members, volunteers, sponsors and donors for a benefit dinner on Saturday, May 17, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Quadrus Conference Center, 2400 Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park.

San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley will emcee the event, which will begin with Shane Turner, an eighth-grader at Corte Madera School, performing jazz and contemporary

music. The recording artist is also participating in Portola Valley's 50th anniversary celebration at Woodside Priory later on that night.

The evening will end with a live fund-a-need auction. "This is our single most important event, raising funds to enable us to operate our programs ... including (the) HorseBuddies experiential language (horseback riding) program at Webb Ranch, and our Animals Helping Children program, taking animals to visit children in facilities such as Ronald McDonald House," Ms. Mattes says.

Event tickets are \$150. For more information call (650) 703-5199 or go to: jasperridgefarm.org. ■

Herb Wong memorial service May 13

A memorial service for Herb Wong of Menlo Park is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, 950 Santa Cruz Ave. in Menlo Park.

Mr. Wong, a prominent

educator and jazz historian, concert producer, and journalist, died April 20 after a long illness.

In addition to hosting a radio program for nearly 36 years on

the now-defunct jazz station KJAZ, Mr. Wong was known for his extensive writing, in the form of liner notes for recordings and for the pages of major music publications, about the art of jazz and its practitioners.

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Propositions 60 and 90

Dear Monica: I want to sell my primary residence in San Mateo County and purchase a new home in Santa Cruz County. May I keep the same property taxes when I move? I am 59 years old. Meredith A.

Dear Meredith: Prop 13 stipulates that property taxes will be reassessed each time there is a normal purchase. Several years after Prop 13 became law, Prop 60 and later Prop 90 became law. Prop 60 allows homeowners 55 years of age or older to retain their favorable Prop 13 tax payment if they move from their primary residence to a property of equal or lesser value. This was meant to encourage some homeowners to move out of their properties without fearing a large property tax

increase. Prop 60 allows the taxpayer to pay the same tax as they were paying in their former property as long as they move within the county.

Eight California counties also honor Prop 90, which allows taxpayers to transfer their old tax rate if their former property is in another county. The seven counties that accept a transfer of the property tax rate from another county are: Alameda, Eldorado, Los Angeles, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Orange and Riverside counties. If your plans allow you to move to any of these counties, you will benefit from Prop 90. This can mean you could save thousands of dollars in property taxes in your new home. Unfortunately Santa Cruz is not a county that allows Prop 90 transfers.

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A day at the races

Kids having fun in plywood cars they made themselves

Story and photos by Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

It wasn't a flawless soap box derby in Woodside on Sunday, May 4, but what car race is? Front wheels occasionally lost their alignment. Some cars rolled down the hill with their brakes on. Occasionally, a car rolled to a stop after running into the very forgiving orange plastic pylons set out to mark the lanes. Each race released two cars simultaneously, but rarely did they arrive at the finish line together.

Hurling down the Independence Hall parking lot at speeds up to 10 mph in a handmade plywood car seemed a serious matter for some and a joy ride for others, but there were no injuries

and no tears, at least not where they could be seen. The weather could not have been better.

To the accompaniment of recorded reggae music, with free refreshments and barbecue provided by the town's Recreation Committee, the second annual Woodside Soapbox Derby began at noon with an hour of practice runs followed by an hour or so of racing. This being Woodside, elapsed times were accurate to within thousands of a second.

Among the real-world entities informally represented on the decorated cars were NASA, Ferrari, BMW, the Boston Red Sox, the colors red and pink, pizza and a butterfly. One girl's car flew a flag that said, "I love fishing." ■



Ava Bouthillette and her car's butterfly motif finished a close second for the prize for the coolest car among the 45 or so registered for the race.



Above: Sebbi Sechi in his red soap box Ferrari makes his way down the course at Woodside's second annual soap box derby, held Sunday, May 4, in the parking lot outside Independence Hall. Left: Adam Zwaanstra gets a little help from Colt Saletta. Front-wheel alignment, a tricky business even on real cars, was an issue occasionally for these homemade vehicles.

Granny unit regulations approved in Menlo Park

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

If you live on a lot in Menlo Park that's at least 6,000 square feet and meets some other requirements, you can now start planning to build your dream granny unit.

The council voted 4-1, with Mayor Ray Mueller dissenting, on April 29 to approve a set of regulations governing construction and use of granny, also known as secondary, units.

Under the new rules, secondary units may be built up to 700 square feet in size to allow access for disabled residents.

Although the Planning Commission recommended reducing the minimum lot size that would qualify for a secondary unit to around 5,000 square feet, the council decided instead to stick with a larger cut-off for now, after hearing from Belle Haven residents worried about the impact to their neighborhood and seeing photos of multiple cars crammed into one yard.

Former Planning Commissioner Harry Bims said the problem in Belle Haven is that having two dwelling units on a single property conflicts with the prohibition against overnight parking. "They have no place to park their cars," he told the council, so residents end up paving over more and more of the yard to widen the driveway.

Sheryl Bims agreed, saying that although the city staff thinks Belle Haven doesn't have

a parking problem, "it's not a problem, it's a crisis."

This left the council facing a quandary. Vice Mayor Cat Carlton commented that "part of the city is begging us to do this and then another part of the city is asking us not to ... for parking reasons. How do we resolve that?" She looked to the police chief for comment.

Police Chief Bob Jonsen sided with those asking to restrict secondary units to larger properties. "The size of the lot is a huge factor. If you try to put two pieces of property on a 5,000 square foot lot, you're just asking for problems."

Councilman Peter Ohtaki supporting setting the limit at 6,000 square feet "for now," and then revisiting the cut-off in a year after the city has had more time to work out the parking issues.

Mayor Mueller told the *Almanac* he dissented because he "was uncomfortable making it easier to add density within ... single-family neighborhoods as a blanket proposition" given that the specific plan, whether left intact or amended, already allows density to increase along El Camino Real.

According to the city's data, requiring lots to be at least 6,000 square feet disqualifies an estimated 1,440 lots from being able to accommodate a second unit.

The council also approved a process to allow owners of modified accessory structures to apply to legally convert those to

granny units within an approximate one-year time frame. Finally, owners who want to rent out granny units need to meet the following requirements:

■ As long as both units are not occupied, the owner does not have to live on the property.

■ The owner may, after living on the property for at least two years, register with the city to rent out both units for up to four years, providing a property management plan, a reason for absence and a parking plan.

■ If the owner wants to keep renting out both units for longer than four years, a use permit, costing approximately \$4,000, will be required.

Senior Planner Deanna Chow said that if residents are thinking about building a secondary unit, a good first step would be to come to the Planning Department between 1 and 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 1 to 5 p.m. on alternating Fridays to take a preliminary look at their property with staff. She suggests bringing information about the existing square footage, other structures such as garages on the site, and a site plan.

The new unit won't come cheap, with an estimated \$20,000 in permits and other fees for construction. In May the city, as part of its annual community development fee review, will look at ways to lower the cost.

Granny units may not save money for tenants, either. Recent

posts on Craigslist advertised 350-square-foot studios for rent at \$1,950 a month in Menlo Park.

Kate Comfort Harr, executive director of HIP Housing, a nonprofit that specializes in finding affordable housing for San Mateo County residents, said that granny units are a great opportunity to increase the number of units available for those earning less than \$85,000

a year. But: "There really needs to be a new mind set — an attitude shift that helps people to want to charge a reasonable rent because it's the right thing to do and it will keep our community healthy and balanced," she said.

She's proposed creating a tax credit for landlords willing to rent to lower-income people, but said it's only in the beginning stages of development. ■

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NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will hold this Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., or as near as possible thereafter, in the Historic Schoolhouse of the Town of Portola Valley, Town Center - 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California, at which time and placed interested persons may appear and be heard thereon.

Dated: April 24, 2014

Sharon Hanlon, Town Clerk

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May 2014

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Woodside Seed Library

Woodside-Atherton Garden Club member Barbara Tuffli of Atherton displays a chest, hand-painted by local artist Marian Vanden Bosch, that is housing the new Woodside Seed Library. It will be making its debut at the garden club's plant sale on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road. The collection of seeds is available to anyone. The idea is to check out the seeds at the Woodside library, grow them, and bring back more.

CALENDAR

Go to AlmanacNews.com/calendar to see more calendar listings

Community Events

'Mamma Mia!' Mother's Day sing-along City of Menlo Park holds sing-along to the movie "Mamma Mia!" May 10, 2:30-4:30 p.m. \$5 general; free for moms. Performing Arts Center, M-A High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 330-2223. www.menlopark.eventbrite.com

'My War, My Life' Author Sophie Stallman discusses her book, which captures the challenges she faced during World War II. May 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m. \$3 for nonmembers. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025 ext. 222. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

Art

Open Studio Saturdays Seven artists participate at Allied Arts Guild. May 10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. Call 321-0220. www.portolaartgallery.com | Visit svos.org for more open studios.

Open Studios in Menlo Park May 10-11, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 856 Partridge Ave., Menlo Park. www.francesfreyberg.com

Open Studio in Portola Valley Portola Valley ceramic artists Jan Schachter and Nina Else are joined by Peggy Forman (drawings on clay) and Margaret Wherry (paintings, drawings and prints) and Lois Anderson (book arts). May 10-11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Jan Schachter's studio, 190 Golden Hills Drive, Portola Valley.

Benefits/Fundraisers

Benefit concert for Amelie Le Moullac, 24-year-old Menlo School grad who was killed in August 2013 while riding her bike in San Francisco. Her mother, Jessie Jewitt, performs Poulenc's "Organ Concerto" with Palo Alto Philharmonic. Community choir performs "Faure Requiem." May 16, 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$20. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 714-2593. amelielemoullac.com/benefit-concert-may-2014

Drought-tolerant Native Plant Sale Woodside-Atherton Garden Club will have hundreds of drought-tolerant native plants, members' homegrown favorites, and garden-themed Mother's Day presents for sale. Visitors can learn about the new Woodside Seed Library, beekeeping and water-wise gardening. Proceeds support Woodside Library Native Plant Garden and other club projects. May 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Woodside Library Native Plant Garden, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

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San Mateo County has opened the early voting period for the upcoming June 3 election and sent out vote-by-mail ballots.

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Go to shapethefuture.org to apply to vote by mail. Applications are also available in the

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"Sample Ballot and Official Voter Information" pamphlet.

Commissioners appointed

One new face will join the return of a familiar one when the Menlo Park Planning Commission next meets. On April 29, the City Council reappointed Ben Eiref to a second four-year term, and selected Andrew Combs to replace Henry Riggs, whose term had ended.

Mr. Combs holds a law degree from Harvard University and

works as a communications consultant and freelance writer, according to his application. He has served as a bicycle commissioner, tutored for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, and volunteered as an elections officer.

He wrote that his desire to serve on the Planning Commission "stems not from a desire to accomplish a specific task. My interests are driven by a desire to engage and contribute to the conversation about how Menlo Park can best develop and thrive in the years and decades ahead."

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Classes/Workshops

Interfaith Choral Workshop Students of all faiths explore music of Mack Wilberg. That evening, the group performs at Stanford Memorial Church. Register on website. May 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$35 (includes lunch). Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1105 Valparaiso Ave., Menlo Park. interfaith-choralworkshop.eventbrite.com

Kids & Families

Summer Camp Fair provides info on summer camps for kids ages 3-15. Family games, bounce house, raffle and free pizza. Register at event to receive 10 percent off city-run camps. May 9, 6-8 p.m. Free. Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200. www.menlopark.org

M-A Special Education Carnival The first M-A Special Education Carnival will have food trucks, live music, carnival games, a petting zoo, a bounce house and more. May 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. M-A High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-833-9273. www.mabears.org

Block Party Children build with wooden blocks at this open-ended play event. May 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 851-0560.

Magic Dan performance, suited for ages 5 and up. May 12, 4-4:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 328-2422.

Take Down Tech School-age kids take apart items of old technology. May 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

Concerts

'Put Some Spring in Your Step' Silicon Valley Symphony concert, conducted by Michael Paul Gibson, features violin soloist Stephen Waarts. Performance includes Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" and Mozart's "Symphony No. 29." May 16, 7:30-9:45 p.m. \$15-\$20. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. Call 415-287-6002. www.siliconvalleysymphony.net/Concerts/concerts.html

Environment

Wingding Family Fest Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District host activities include birding, hiking and exploring nature. First-come-first-served; sign up at arrival. May 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve, one mile south of the intersection of Page Mill Road, Alpine Road and Skyline Blvd. Call 408-252-3740. www.scvas.org/index.php?page=text&id=cal

On Stage

'The Pirates of Penzance' Menlo School performance. Chairs provided but attendees can also bring lawn chairs, blankets. Visit website for tickets. May 9-10, 8-10 p.m. \$5

students; \$10 adults. Menlo School Quad, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. Call 408-268-1927. store.menloschool.org

Authors & Talks

Fracking in California panel discussion Free panel discussion on fracking in California and how it may affect farming in the Monterey Shale. May 7, 6-8:15 p.m. Free. Sunset Magazine HQ, 80 Willow Road, Menlo Park. thefern.org/join-fern-at-sunset-magazine-for-a-panel-on-fracking-in-ca

Et Alia

AYSO soccer registration Starting May 1, parents can register children ages 4-18 for fall soccer league in Menlo Park and Atherton by completing forms online. New players must come to walk-in registration. May 10, 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Hillview Middle School, 1100 Elder Ave., Menlo Park. www.mpsoccer.org

Teen activities: String art At this event, tweens and teens can create a piece of 3D art using a piece of wood, nails and colorful string. May 7, 3-4 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 851-0560.

Menlo Park Chorus performs "Traveling Music," with songs about trains, cars, planes and balloons. May 10, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15 adults; \$12 student/senior; free for children under 10. Trinity Episcopal Church, 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. Call 391-5382.

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Woodside: It's not easy being on the ASRB

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Spare a thought or two of gratitude for the seven volunteers who serve on Woodside's Architectural and Site Review Board, which has the complicated task of reviewing residents' site development plans and making recommendations to the planning director.

Their mission: to preserve Woodside's "rural" character and natural beauty while still allowing residents, some of whom have a lot of money, the freedom to design homes to match their wealth and ambitions.

The conflicts are built in. Some examples:

■ Residents place a high value on "rural" living in homes that are subordinate to the features of the landscape, but the town

is minutes away from global high-tech centers of business. The ASRB regularly sees plans that push the envelope of town regulations to absolute limits.

■ While Woodside lots are often large and expensive, many are ill-suited for much property development, given problems that include sloping topology, complicated soil, creek beds, venerable trees and seismic faults, all of which limit where construction can take place. The ASRB is often the messenger bearing the news that the applicant is trying to do too much in too small a space and in ways that challenge rural character.

■ Given the limits above ground, Woodside has been lenient below ground, and applicants have responded with increasingly sophisticated and massive basements, including

tunnels connecting underground rooms. Site grading and site disruption have become issues.

The town overhauled its general plan and residential design guidelines in 2012, but there remain misalignments between these documents and the municipal code, which can create loopholes. The Town Council met with the ASRB on April 29 to discuss these matters. The joint meeting was a first step in a series of initiatives to correct these misalignments, with a studious eye toward avoiding unintended consequences.

One major change from 2012, requiring an applicant to submit a conceptual design to the ASRB, appears to be working.

Having the ASRB comment early is meant to prevent formal plans from being blindsided by the town's rules and expectations.

Over the last 24 months, said Planning Director Jackie Young, one conceptual design review has been enough for 83 percent of the applications. In 12 percent of the cases, two reviews have been necessary, and 3 percent have come back a third time.

Three is not three

The council asked ASRB members to comment on their milieu.

The client doesn't understand why they can't build what they want, said member Tom Livermore. "We don't give any opinions except that the house is too big (or) that the intensity of use is too great. We don't say what that means," he said. It's hard for the ASRB and for the architect, he said.

Maximum floor area is a touchy issue. A three-acre lot is allowed 15,000 square feet of paved area, and maximum floor areas of 6,000 square feet for a main residence and 1,500 for an accessory structure. But topographical limits may be severe.

"Three acres is not three acres in Woodside," said member Nick Triantos.

The ASRB will make suggestions, on massing for example, and applicants won't take them seriously, Chair Thalia Lubin said. Things work well if the applicant and the architect understand the design guidelines, but there's a constant struggle between what's

allowed and what people want to build, she said.

'This is what I want'

One exchange shed some light on life in the ASRB trenches.

Councilman Peter Mason suggested that a split vote by the ASRB on a proposed project should inform the applicant that there's a problem.

"Applicants don't look at it that way," councilman and builder Dave Tanner responded. "They don't get it and their architects don't get it."

"If (the vote) isn't 7-0, then there is some issue," Mr. Mason replied.

For the applicants, it's more black and white, ASRB member Maggie Mah said. "They say 'This is what I get to have (in acreage and maximums) and this is what I want.' How do we balance those maximums and what do we say to them? They still keep coming back." The biggest issues are size and openness of land impacted by a high number of accessory structures, she said. "That alters the town significantly. It really changes the face of the town."

The ASRB should stick to criticizing applicants' designs and offering suggestions, Mr. Tanner said.

The ASRB does offer criticism and suggestions, but the applicants don't take the suggestions, Ms. Lubin said. "(They say they) explored the options and decided to go with their original design." ■

Higher wildfire risks seen

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is assigning extra staff to Northern California, including San Mateo County, due to the heightened wildfire risks. "The drought has set the stage for an already busy fire season," said Kelley Gouette, operations chief for Cal Fire's Northern Region.

Hiring and training of seasonal firefighters has been going on since late January, Cal Fire said.

The Woodside Fire Protection District is having a day-long wildfire drill in parts of Portola Valley, Los Trancos Woods and Vista Verde on Wednesday, May 7. Fire crews will simulate fighting an aggressive wildfire, with equipment being staged at Ford Field at 3399 Portola Road.

Neighborhoods included in the drill include Ramona, Old Spanish Trail, Joaquin and portions of Portola Valley Ranch, Fire Marshal Denise Enea says. The district covers Portola Valley, Woodside and nearby unincorporated communities.

Steps should be taken so that should a real fire break out, it does not spread, Ms. Enea said

in January, in recognition that the drought was pushing up the traditional summertime start of fire season. "Homeowners need to be alert and cognizant of the potential seriousness of the situation which presently exists."

Go to tinyurl.com/fire223 for details on steps you can take.

Working with equipment outside is particular danger, Ms. Enea says. A garden hose or fire extinguisher should be nearby when using chain saws or welding equipment, when painting or staining, or when barbecuing.

Gutters, wooden decks and the ground near wood-sided buildings should be clear of leaf litter. Fireplaces should have working spark arrestors. "These simple measures may keep your house from igniting," Ms. Enea says.

The Woodside fire district's annual chipper program to lower wildfire risk begins Monday, May 5. Crews make one visit to every residential street in the fire district.

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Menlo Park City Council votes to raise city fees

■ Council asks city staff to examine cost-recovery policy.

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

The usual process of increasing fees for city services each year in Menlo Park goes like this: The staff compiles a new list of prices. The City Council looks it over. There might be some comment about how much child care programs cost. And then the council votes to approve it.

The process didn't quite run like clockwork this year. After council members Kirsten Keith and Rich Cline, without comment, moved to approve the changes during the April 29 meeting, their colleagues decided to talk about a few things before voting.

"Why are we raising fees right now?" Mayor Ray Mueller asked, nearly kicking off a policy debate. He said he didn't support raising prices whenever the staff got raises, but acknowledged later that the formula was more complex than that.

"This is balancing our budget," said City Manager Alex McIntyre. "It's important that

these fees be here." While the fees weren't raised to balance the budget, he explained, they contributed to reaching that goal.

"It seems funny to me that we get this in such a fashion that we can't change things if we see something we'd like to change," Vice Mayor Cat Carlton commented later. She advocated raising rates for businesses making a profit by renting the city's sports fields. "That's where I'd like to see us bring in the money we need to bring in" instead of raising fees for families.

Community Services Director Cherise Brandell noted that previous council direction had been to maximize cost recovery, particularly for child care, and that had framed the staff's work on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-15, including the fee adjustments. That policy would need to change, she said, if the council now wants to look for alternatives.

Finally, as the clock crept toward midnight, Mayor Mueller announced that he

would support the fee changes "because I'm told we won't have a balanced budget otherwise," but emphasized that he wants to examine the cost-recovery policy at a later date.

The fee increases passed with a 5-0 vote, with the changes scheduled to take effect July 1,

Community service fee hikes will boost revenue by an estimated \$171K for the fiscal year starting July 1.

when the next fiscal year starts. The staff estimated that community services revenue will rise as a result by \$171,300 for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Among other changes: Programs at the Menlo Children's Center will cost 1 to 7 percent more; the gymnastics programs gets a 5 percent bump; and rental fees for recreation facilities as well as birthday party packages will rise 13 to 29 percent.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Fees are rising for some recreational programs, such as gymnastics classes at the Arrillaga Gym in the Menlo Park Civic Center.

Some child care programs appeared to show a 13 to 23 percent hike as a result of an error, however. Ms. Brandell explained that those fees actually did not rise this time, but were reflecting a prior increase that had been left out of previous lists.

Go to tinyurl.com/MPfees2014 to review a complete list of new fees.

Nonresident surcharge

How much more nonresidents should pay to participate in the city's recreation programs surfaced — briefly — during the fee discussion.

The staff report included a recommendation that the council leave the surcharge at 35 percent, much to the confusion of com-

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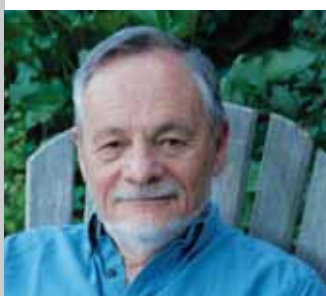
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Menlo council votes to raise city fees

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munity members who were told by the staff that it wouldn't be discussed at last night's meeting.

Community Services Manager Cherise Brandell told the Almanac in an email prior to the meeting that the recommendation was "boiler plate language that appears every year in the master fee schedule staff report." The topic would not be discussed at the council meeting, she said, and the staff was not recommending any changes.

Should the issue "be explicitly brought up by a Council member or a community member tonight, we are prepared to say that the subject is under review by the Parks and Rec Commission and that we will be returning in the fall with their recommendation," Ms. Brandell wrote.

It did come up. Councilman Peter Ohtaki thanked staff for explaining in the report that the surcharge is necessary, referring to a portion of this year's report that included new information about the surcharge in addition to the boilerplate language.

He then asked whether there was a way to study changing the one-week registration delay for nonresidents so that people living in unincorporated Menlo Park could register sooner, "but still have to pay the higher fee."

Staff said that industry practice was to provide priority registration for residents, but that policy will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission this fall.

Later, Mr. Cline asked, "(For) our nearby residents, who aren't citizens: Is it a fair deal if you're two blocks out of the city to pay that much more?" He suggested the city provide an analysis of the rationale for that decision for the benefit of the public's understanding.

Still later, as the thrust of the conversation segued into a discussion of how the city knows when Menlo Park's fees have hit the right level to compete in the marketplace, Mr. McIntyre noted, "When nonresidents are upset because they can't get into our services, that's a great position to be in."

Jon Kossow, who lives in unincorporated Menlo Park, has asked the city to reconsider its surcharge and waiting period policy. He wasn't able to attend or watch the council meeting, he said, but told the Almanac on April 30 that his level of frustration was high, given that people were told the next step was a review by the Parks and Recre-

ation Commission this fall, "and then to be blindsided by this topic (arising) last night."

"My concern is that no one really wants to engage in a discussion on if there are any better solutions to the issue, as it's just easier for everyone to stay with the status quo," Mr. Kossow said. Interest appears minimal in doing an actual financial analysis of alternatives that could lead to increased revenue for the city, he added.

"I have offered myself up several times to dig in and help out and no one seems interested in continuing or broadening the dialogue."

Erin Glanville, an Almanac blogger who has written about the surcharge policy and participated in community discussion on the topic, said inequities in how the extra fees are applied hurt contractors who run recreation programs and lower participation, since some families can't afford the cost. "I don't know why anyone from the city would feel that is 'great.'"

She hopes the city accepts Mr. Kossow's offer to find a "win-win" solution that could bring in more money for Menlo Park.

As for transparency: After asking for clarification as to whether the nonresident surcharge would be discussed at the council meeting, Ms. Glanville said she trusted the staff's response that it wouldn't be, and that the council would be informed, if the topic arose, that the Parks and Recreation Commission was investigating the issue.

"Well, the issue was discussed. (The) council only got to hear from staff on the issue because the community was not engaged," Ms. Glanville said. "It is very disappointing. I think that people who raise issues to civic leaders deserve better."

Mayor Mueller appeared to agree. He announced in a forum post on May 1 that since people were told prior to the meeting "that somehow non-resident fees would not be discussed at the City Council meeting, although the topic was contained in the staff report, I have made the decision to reset that issue for public comment. I greatly appreciate hearing all the comments the public may have on this issue and also welcome emails in advance of the meeting."

The surcharge issue was then added to the agenda for the May 6 council meeting.

The May 6 discussion will be held after the Almanac's press deadline. Check almanacnews.com for updates. ■

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Woodside history award winners to be named

Winners of the annual Woodside Historic Preservation Awards will be announced at a reception on Friday, May 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Woodside Community Museum, 2961 Woodside Road, as part of National Preservation Month.

The award is given annually to groups or individuals who have restored, renovated or adaptively reused a historic building; remodeled, added on or done new construction within a historic context; advocated historic preservation; or demonstrated stewardship of historic resources.

Nominees must be current or former Woodside residents or have made a significant contribution to the history of the town. The Woodside History Committee selects the award winners. Submissions must be made by March 1 each year.

"It is the hope of the History Committee that this recognition may inspire others to preserve Woodside's historic and cultural resources," says the committee's brochure about the award.

The public is invited to attend the reception and refreshments will be served.

Third-graders study child labor

By Cindy Tipton, Trinity School

For their spring service learning project, grade 3 students at Trinity School in Menlo Park created a walk-through exhibit sharing real-life stories of children forced into factories, fields, and mines to exploit child labor.

Posed with the question ... "What are problems you are aware of in the world?" ... the students brainstormed and voted on their topic.

Kim Thacker, service learning coordinator at Trinity School, was somewhat surprised at the interest the students had in the serious concept of child labor. She provided them with pre-screened and age-appropriate articles, stories, and photographs to use in their research.

The students worked in groups or individually to express their impressions and stories in words, drawings, and photos.

"The day in the life of ..." a two-part poem, compared the story of a free child to the life of a child sold into a child-labor factory.

The students raise money for service projects and they are choosing to send a portion to organizations that help rescue kids in labor and provide them with education.



RESOLUTION NO. 1876 (2014) RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ON-SITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL ZONE

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The District Board of West Bay Sanitary District finds and determines as follows:

- A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District's "Zone Master Annexation Resolution" ("ZOMAR"), which was adopted by the District Board August 12, 1996. The provisions of ZOMAR are incorporated by reference into this Resolution of Intention.
- B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property (the "Parcel") to the District's On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone (the "Zone"). The Parcel is described in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the description contained in the Exhibits are incorporated by reference. The name and address of the applicants and the number, type, volume and location of on-site wastewater disposal systems which are proposed to operate on the parcels to be annexed are described in Exhibit "B" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the information contained in the Exhibit are incorporated by reference.
- C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board that the Parcel constitutes "real property" for the purposes of Section 2(b) of ZOMAR in that:
 - X All of the conditions described in Subsections i., ii., iii., iv. and v. of ZOMAR Section 2(b) are satisfied; or
 - Other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone. If applicable, those conditions are also set forth in Exhibit "B" and are incorporated by reference.
- D. All of the conditions and requirements of ZOMAR Sections 2(a), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) have been fully satisfied.

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

IT IS RESOLVED by the District Board as follows:

1. It is the intention of the District Board to annex the Parcel to the Zone pursuant to the provisions of ZOMAR and applicable provisions of law.
2. In conjunction with a meeting of the District Board to be duly and regularly called and conducted, the Board will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering all matters pertaining to this Resolution of Intention.

The time, date and place of the Public Hearing are:

Date: May 21, 2014
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: West Bay Sanitary District Offices
500 Laurel Street
Menlo Park, CA 94025

At the Public Hearing, all interested persons will be heard.

3. This Resolution of Intention shall be published and copies shall be delivered to the persons and entities as specified in ZOMAR Section 2(e)(i).
4. A true copy of this Resolution of Intention shall promptly be filed for record in the office of the County Recorder of the County of San Mateo.
5. The District Manager shall cause the matters set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of this Resolution of Intention to be completed as directed.

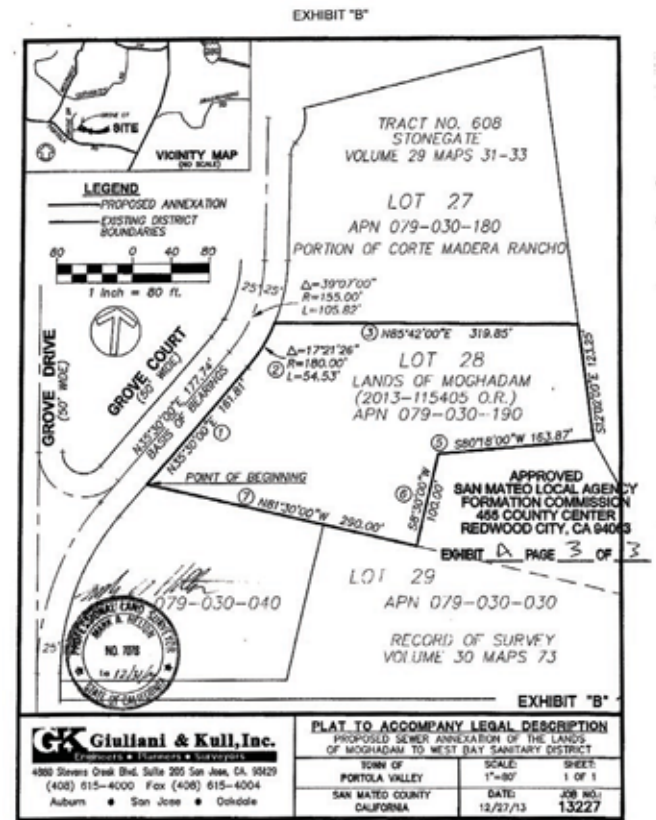
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PROPOSED ANNEXATION TO WESTBAY SANITARY DISTRICT Lands of 1 Grove Court, Portola Valley, California (APN 079-030-190)

Situate in the Town of Portola Valley, County of San Mateo, State of California, and a portion of Lot 28, as shown on that certain map entitled, "Tract No. 608, Stonegate Subdivision of a portion of Corte Madera Rancho, San Mateo County, California", filed in the office of the county recorder of San Mateo County, State of California, on September 29, 194M in Book 29 of Maps at pages 31,32 and 33, described as:

BEGINNING at the point of intersection of the southeasterly line of Grove Court with the dividing line between Lots 28 and 29 as shown on the above mentioned map,

1. thence from the said POINT OF BEGINNING, along the southeasterly line of Grove Court, North 35° 30' 00" East, a distance of 161.83 feet;
2. thence along the southeasterly line of Grove Court on the arc of a curve to the left with a radius of 180.00 feet and a central angle of 12° 21' 26", an arc distance of 54.53 feet to the northwesterly corner of said Lot 28;
3. thence leaving the said southeasterly line of Grove Court, along the northwesterly lot line of Lot 28, North 85° 42' 00"



East, a distance of 319.85 feet to the northeasterly corner of said Lot 28;

4. thence along northeasterly line of Lot 28, South 12° 02' 00" East, a distance of 123.25 feet to an angle point in the northeasterly line of said Lot 28;
5. thence South 80° 10' 00" West, a distance of 163.86 feet to an angle point in the northeasterly line of said Lot 28;
6. thence South 30° 00' West, a distance of 100.00 feet to the dividing line between said Lot 28 and Lot 29;
7. thence along the said dividing line, North 81° 30' 00" West, a distance of 290.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing an area of approximately 69,705 square feet/1.60 acres, more or less.

The herein described annexation parcel is shown on the attached map, Exhibit B, of this legal description, and is made a part hereof

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Stage production tackles issue of cyber bullying

Story by Maria Surrichio, the mother of a fifth-grader and an eighth-grader at Corte Madera School in Portola Valley.

The Corte Madera school community enjoys a long-running tradition this week with the 12th Frederick's Follies production. The event, free to students, their families and the community at large, takes place this Friday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Corte Madera School.

Every Follies production is characterized by high production values and originality. This musical performance is the result of close collaboration among students, parents and the community at large (lights, sound and decor are all choreographed by local community talent and volunteers). Wil-

liam Frederick, the fifth-grade teacher behind the initiative, has a passion for innovation and ensures the productions feel fresh every year.

This year's show, "Roar," promises to break the mold yet again and make for a very thought-provoking and entertaining evening. The backbone of all Follies productions is the students' impersonated rock band performances. Structured

around these is a three-act play written by William Frederick, parent Renee Lewis and fifth-grade students that tackles the difficult topic of bullying.

"Roar" takes place in a small California town that could be anywhere and represents, by implication, a universal experience. Royal, the main protagonist, is the victim of a vicious cyber bully. Through her interactions with a quirky counselor

and family members she builds qualities and acquires tools that enable her to cope with the school aggressor.

Describing the creative challenge of writing a coherent story that melds the rock music performances students spend months perfecting with narrative that deals with difficult subject matter, parent and co-writer Renee Lewis said: "It was difficult to make it cohesive — the bands and music are so disparate — but once we found the thread, the story just seemed to take care of itself."

There is an equally seamless quality to the show's message of developing resilience in the face of adversity and the skills students learn while working on the production itself.

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team are critical components of the learning experience. Katie Sutherland, mother of a fifth-grade student performing in "Roar," notes: "This experience has taught the kids to listen to each other, to step up and be leaders, to match skill set to ability within the group and so much more. It is a truly unique and out-of-the-box learning experience for a public school."

And in the words of fifth-grader Naomi Asakura: "We learn to work together as a team. We learn to be responsible to each other, flexible when we have disagreements, and do our best by working hard. In the end, all our hard work shows, and it's so much fun."

Frederick's Follies is the culmination of the teaching philosophy more broadly evident in William Frederick's class that celebrates the performing arts and emphasizes character and life skills. As fifth-grade parent Patti Sellman reflects: "Mr. Frederick's vision of creating opportunities to give his

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students '15 minutes of fame' is a fantastic way to get them outside of their comfort zones, learn team work and have fun. This class has provided my son with an amazing opportunity to grow as an individual by developing skills that will serve him into adulthood."

"Feeling empowered in front of an audience" is the gift William Frederick has been bestowing on his students for the last 12 years with the conviction that the lessons endure,

helping alumni of his class through middle school, high school, college and beyond.

Watching students celebrate this through performances in which they are so invested is why Frederick's Follies has become such a well-loved and eagerly awaited annual event, bringing together not only the students and families of Corte Madera School but also the broader community.

Frederick's Follies will be staged in the multi-use room at the school, located at 4575 Alpine Road in Portola Valley. ■




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TOWN OF ATHERTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton City Council will hold a public hearing on May 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm to consider the adoption of Amendments to the Atherton Municipal Code, Zoning Title.

Description: The project includes Zoning Code Amendments to update Chapters 17.40 and 17.60 as summarized below:

- Clarify wording to prohibit windows and skylights located above 9' from grade on accessory buildings facing the side or rear yards.
- Clarify the definition of accessory building to include "guest houses for occupancy no more than 30 days per year" and add a definition of a guest house.
- Clarify wording that athletic facilities are intended for the use of the property occupants.
- Add regulations for skateboard ramps/BMX tracks and batting cages
- Clarify the definition of athletic courts to include: bocce ball courts, batting cages, golf driving range and putting greens, lacrosse nets, skateboard ramps, bmx tracks and other tracks and other sports and athletic facilities.

Description: The project also involves the adoption of an Ordinance to include a new Chapter 17.58 to implement the Atherton Housing Element as listed below:

- Add density bonus and/or other concession and incentive provisions as required by State Law (California Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5(b)) to provide incentives for the production of housing for lower income households and senior households.

It has been determined that this project is Categorically exempt per Section 15305 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Section 15305 relates to Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations as the ordinance amendment would not result in any changes to land use or density, but merely put in place a procedure for application.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said item is set for hearing by the City Council at a regular meeting on May 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall of the Town of Atherton, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the Zoning Code Amendments should or should not be approved.

IF YOU CHALLENGE the Zoning Code Amendments in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Woodside woman notches her 10th Boston Marathon

Woodside resident Judith Taksa Webb, 70, finished the 2014 Boston Marathon in 4 hours, 18 minutes and 23 seconds, slightly slower than her pace a year earlier. On that occasion, she was about a half mile from the finish line and was running at a 4:15 pace when the bombs went off near the finish line.

Being in the 2014 race "was very joyous because I was there last year," she said. "We were all compelled to be there."

This was her 10th Boston Marathon and her first in the 70-74 age category, she said. Ms. Taksa Webb finished first among the American women in that age group and second overall to Canadian Jean E. Marmoreo, according to official race results.

At 5 feet, 1 inch tall and weighing less than 95 pounds, she could fairly be described as



Photo by Veronica Weber

Judith Taksa Webb of Woodside runs in Huddart Park. She finished first at the Boston Marathon among American women of her age group.

being built for long-distance running. She is also the child of a miler. "Fortunately, I'm blessed

with the genetics," she said. "My father was a great runner."

Ms. Taksa Webb started running at 36 and ran her first marathon at 46. Her training — "When I'm not post-marathon and slightly injured." — consists of two half marathons a week mixed in with shorter runs, she said.

She leads a group of older runners — the Vintage Athletic Association — who start at the wooden fish outside Bucks of Woodside and go for a run, including up Kings Mountain Road to Huddart Park.

She is a gerontologist. "I'm trying to be a model of what I'm trying to teach everybody," she said.

Asked if runner's high makes a visit during a marathon, she said it does not. Running the race "is like I'm having a baby," she said. "Oh my god, get this over with, and then it's over and you're elated."

■ POLICE CALLS

This information is from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and the Menlo Park Police Department. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. The dates police received the report are shown.

WEST MENLO PARK

Auto burglary and theft report: A woman left her purse on the floor in front of her parked car and had gone for a walk near the Stanford Dish antenna. After she drove home, she learned from her bank that someone had attempted to make "an unusual purchase" using her credit card. She looked in her wallet, found that all her cards were missing, called the banks to cancel them and found that one had already been used for a \$1,000 charge. She told deputies she may have forgotten to lock her car. April 27.

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Residential burglary report: Landscapers working outside a home on La Mesa Drive encountered two men, one outside the home and one inside, who claimed to be delivering a package. When the landscapers asked for a business card, the men got into a white Chevrolet Avalanche and fled toward Alpine Road. April 30.

WOODSIDE

Auto burglary reports: ■ A woman left her vehicle parked at Woodside Road and Churchill Avenue at about 5:30 p.m. and returned at 7 p.m.

to find the front passenger-side window broken and her purse stolen. The estimated loss is \$50, not including the window repair. The purse had been in plain view on the front passenger seat, police said. April 22.

■ A man left his vehicle parked at Woodside Road and Churchill Avenue at about 3:30 p.m. and returned at 6:30 p.m. to find the rear passenger-side window broken and the rear passenger seat missing, a loss of \$900, not including the window repair. April 22.

Fraud reports:

■ Someone stole checks from a resident of Eleanor Drive and cashed 11 of them for a total of \$7,640 at various check-cashing locations in Redwood City. Police have a suspect. April 29.

■ Residents of an Old La Honda Road home said that their identities had been stolen and a federal tax return filed in their name by someone other than themselves. April 23.

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Residential burglary reports:

■ Someone stole some books from the garage of a home on Hillview Avenue. The garage may not have been locked, and the value of the books is not known. April 30.

■ A backpack and some keys were stolen from a house in the 1100 block of Willow Road. The burglar apparently entered by breaking a bedroom window. The loss is estimated at \$31. May 3.

Auto burglary report: Someone smashed a rear driver's-side window of a vehicle parked in the 500 block of El Camino Real and stole a laptop computer, a laptop bag,

a tablet computer and gift cards, a total loss estimated at \$3,850. May 1.

Theft reports:

■ A \$500 bicycle locked to a pole was stolen from in the parking area of an apartment complex on Live Oak Avenue. April 28.

■ A woman parked in the 600 block of Santa Cruz Avenue drove off with her wallet and cell phone on the roof of her vehicle, noticed them fall off, and saw someone pick up her wallet and drive away with it in a green Ford sedan. The estimated loss is \$250. May 1.

■ Someone stole packages containing a ham radio and an egg cooker, a loss of about \$125, from the front porch of a home on Laurel Avenue. April 30.

Fraud reports:

■ A resident of Middle Avenue spent \$5,000 on re-loadable debit cards in response to someone who called and claimed to be an agent of the Internal Revenue Service. The "agent" said the resident owed taxes that must be paid immediately in gift cards. May 1.

Found property report: Someone found cash in an amount less than \$20 and gave it to police. April 29.

Accident report: A 54-year-old woman from Pacifica was walking across El Camino Real at Santa Cruz Avenue when she was struck by a 2007 Lexus making a turn on to El Camino and being driven by a 65-year-old man from Menlo Park. The woman complained of pain in her hip and thigh, but she declined medical attention. April 29.

Rotarians give dictionaries to third-graders

Menlo Park third-graders recently received illustrated dictionaries from the Menlo Park Rotary Club, which plans by the end of the 2014-2015 school year to give a dictionary to every third-grader in Menlo Park schools, part of Rotary International's worldwide effort to expand literacy and educational opportunities.

Since the dictionary project began, in 2006, members of District 5150, which covers Marin County, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties, have donated 63,000 dictionaries to local school children.

"The children are so happy to receive their own dictionary, and it encourages them to read, look up information, and get excited about learning, which is our goal with this project," says Menlo Park Rotary member Tim Leary. "The kids just light up when we come in to deliver their dictionaries, and the second-graders can't wait to get to third grade when they will receive their own dictionary."

The Rotary Club of Menlo Park is a service club dedicated to working on projects locally and internationally. The club's annual fundraisers include the Tour de

Menlo and A Taste of Menlo Park. Proceeds benefit scholarships and community programs.

Club members also work with Second Harvest Food Bank, the Ronald McDonald House, the Salvation Army and Veterans' Services.

Rotary is an international organization in 160 countries with goals of providing humanitarian service, encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations, and building goodwill and peace in the world. More than 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs.



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The Class Guide is published quarterly by The Almanac, the Palo Alto Weekly and the Mountain View Voice.

Health & Fitness

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 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park
 650-450-3209
 Maryanne Fernandez-Richardson,
maryanne@danceexpressions5678.com
www.danceexpressions5678.com
 Dance Expressions provides dance instruction throughout the year for children and teens of various skill levels, including camps and regular jazz instruction during the summer.

Fleet Feet Training Classes

859 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park
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 Lisa Taggart, lisa@fleetfeetmenlopark.com
www.fleetfeetmenlopark.com/events/classes-at-fleet-feet
 Fleet Feet Menlo Park offers training programs throughout the year to bring camaraderie and skill building to runners and walkers of all levels. Additionally, Thursday Fun Runs are held every week at 6:30 p.m. and are free of charge.

Gymnastics Classes
 Arrilaga Family Gymnastics Center,
 501 Laurel St., Menlo Park
 650-330-2224
kamihalek@menlopark.org
www.menlopark.org/237/Gymnastics-Classes

The City of Menlo Park offers a number of gymnastics classes for youths and adults, with a special focus on children under the age of 6.



Jacki's Aerobic Dancing
 150 Andeta Way, Portola Valley
 Betty Johnson, 408-732-3778
betjdance@earthlink.net
www.jackis.com

Jacki's Aerobic Dancing offers hour-long classes that combine elements of dance, stretching and resistance training and are specifically choreographed for nondancers. Summer classes begin June 16, and meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 a.m. at the Ladera Recreation Department.

Jazzercise
 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park
 650-703-1263
www.jazzercise.com
meredithozbil@hotmail.com
 Jazzercise blends aerobics, yoga, Pilates and kickboxing movements into dance routines set to new music. All fitness levels are welcome. Classes are ongoing; go directly to the class to register.

Jim Gorman Swim School

3249 Alpine Road, Portola Valley
 650-854-6699 ext. 1000
jim@laderaokas.com
www.jgswimschool.com
 Jim Gorman and a group of instructors give a range of swim lessons for all ages, held at Ladera Oaks Tennis and Swimming Club in Portola Valley. The pool is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends; all classes are held throughout open pool hours.



Kidz Love Soccer

Burgess Soccer Field,
 701 Laurel Ave., Menlo Park
 408-774-4629
www.kidzlovesoccer.com/classes.php
 Kidz Love Soccer offers youth soccer classes for boys and girls of all ages and abilities.

Little House Activity Center

800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park
 Kamilah Najieb-Wachob,
 650-326-2025 ext. 222
knwachob@peninsulavolunteers.org
www.penvol.org/littlehouse/classes.cfm
 Little House Activity Center offers children and adults a variety of classes including in health and wellness classes for seniors, athletics for kids, arts and crafts, language and computer skills.

Menlo Park Tennis

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 Avenue, Menlo Park
 Jim Heebner, 650-814-6734
jimheebnertennis@aol.com
www.menloparktennis.com/tennis-lessons-contact
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Menlo Pilates & Yoga

1011 El Camino Real, Menlo Park
 Francesca Philip, 408-480-8977
fran@philipusa.com
www.menlopilatesandyoga.com/pages/home
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of yoga, pilates and fitness classes for all levels.

Menlo Swim and Sport

Burgess Pool, 501 Laurel St., Menlo Park
 650-328-7946
 Belle Haven Pool, 100 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park
 650-330-2237
www.menloswim.com
 Menlo Swim and Sport offers a range of youth, adult and community programs at Burgess and Belle Haven pools, including swim lessons, swim school, lap swimming, masters swimming, water polo workouts, water polo for adults, basic exercise and more.

Peninsula Boxing & Fitness

2860 Spring St. Unit 1,
 Redwood City
 650-290-1920
admin@peninsulaboxing.org
www.peninsulaboxing.org
 Peninsula Boxing & Fitness offers recreational boxing programs suitable for the general public. It offers non-contact boxing fitness and conditioning classes for men, women and children ages 8 and up.

Studio Rincon

3536 Alameda de las Pulgas, Ste. 2,
 Menlo Park
 650-861-0242
contact@studiorincon.com
www.studiorincon.com
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Tayside Sport Horses

3674 Sandhill Road, Woodside
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www.taysidehorse.com
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Language Courses

ABC Languages
 1370 Willow Road, Menlo Park
 650-204-7908
menlo@abclanguagesf.com
www.abclanguagesf.com
 ABC Languages offers over 20 different language classes to adults and children, including both private and corporate lessons, summer lessons for middle and high school students and at-home tutoring. The teaching staff is composed of experienced instructors

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Language Pacifica

585 Glenwood Ave., Menlo Park
650-321-1840
esl@languagepacific.com
www.languagepacific.org
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657 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park
650-326-7600
www.bridgepointmusic.com
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1010 University Drive, Menlo Park
650-685-3704
cookingschool@draegers.com
www.draegerscookingschool.com
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Iberia Restaurant Cooking Classes

1026 Alma St., Menlo Park
650-325-8981
myiberia@yahoo.com
www.iberiarestaurant.com/cooking-classes
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Old World Designs

727 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park
650-321-3494
info@oldworlddesigns.com
www.oldworlddesigns.com
Old World Designs offers stitching classes for all levels.

School Days

Circle of Friends Preschool

3214 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park
650-854-2468
cofpreschool@gmail.com
www.sites.google.com/site/cofpreschool/home
Circle of Friends Preschool offers a play-based early childhood curriculum with activities in art, music, reading, writing, math, science, social studies, physical education and dramatic play. The preschool is open during the summer and throughout the year.



German-American International School

275 Elliott Drive, Menlo Park
650-520-3646
contact@gaspa-ca.org
www.gaspa-ca.org/summer-school-program/overview
German-American International School (GAIS) is an international school serving approximately 300 students from preschool through eighth grade. GAIS offers a summer school on their campus run by the German American School of Palo Alto (GASPA) for children of the community, ages 3 to 16. No prior German language knowledge is necessary.

Kirk House Preschool

1148 Johnson St., Menlo Park
650-323-8667
khp@mppc.org
www.kirkhousepreschool.org
Kirk House Preschool is a Christian, play-based school that offers a development-oriented curriculum in a park-like setting. Summer sessions are offered in three two-week sessions beginning June 30 and ending August 8.

Ladera Community Church Preschool

3300 Alpine Road, Portola Valley
650-854-0295
laderapreschool@sbcglobal.net
www.laderapreschool.org
Ladera Community Church Preschool uses a play-based, developmentally-appropriate approach to teaching and learning. The school welcomes children of any culture or religious background, has low student-teacher ratios and provides need-based tuition assistance. The school is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Summer sessions are offered in three two-week sessions in June and July.



Littlest Angels Preschool

1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park
650-854-4973
preschool@bethany-mp.org
www.LittlestAngelsPreschool.com
Littlest Angels Preschool teaches young children from ages 2 to 5 a Christian, multidisciplinary curriculum with developmentally-appropriate programs. Themed summer sessions are offered in three three-week sessions beginning June 9 and ending August 15.

Lydian Academy

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650-321-0550
www.lydianacademy.com
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Mid-Peninsula High School
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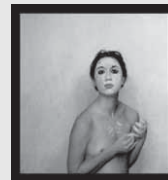
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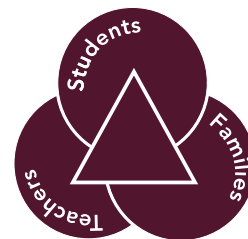
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650-306-8866
sequoiadultschool@sec.org



www.sequoiadistrict.org/Page/890

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www.paloaltojcc.org/jcamp

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Palo Alto

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

City takes another look at nonresident rec fees

The Menlo Park City Council passed a package of fee increases for some of the city's community programs on April 29. But one item that sparked some discussion — the staff's recommendation that the 35 percent surcharge applied to nonresidents remain in effect — will get another airing this week after Mayor Ray Mueller decided residents needed an opportunity to comment.

The nonresident fees, which apply to families who live in the Menlo Park zip code but don't reside within city limits, are becoming a bone of contention. Those living within the "unincorporated county" area are asking whether the surcharge, as well as delayed enrollment, is hurting both families who can't afford and programs that may see fewer participants as a result.

The council briefly talked about the surcharge before voting 5-0 to pass the fee increases. Two "unincorporated" community members cried foul, since they were told by the staff that the surcharge would not be discussed that night, which suggested that there was no need to appear to speak on the issue at the meeting. Mayor Mueller wisely decided a few days later to put the surcharge back on the council's agenda this week to make sure the public had a chance to comment.

We were surprised that the staff did not encourage an open, thorough discussion. Even though the Parks and Recreation Commission will take up the surcharge this fall, the council as well as the community should be allowed to provide input that could guide the commission's decision.

At bottom, the city collects substantial revenue from the

surcharge — \$400,000 a year. It's a big income-generator and the point that city residents pay taxes to support the recreation programs is well taken.

But what strikes us as unfair is the registration procedure for nonresidents. City residents get to sign up a week earlier; nonresidents can only join if space then remains, which is not always the case for popular classes like gymnastics.

Councilman Peter Ohtaki agreed last week that there are valid arguments in favor of the surcharge. But he also asked if there was a way to study changing the registration delay for nonresidents so that families who live in unincorporated Menlo Park could register sooner, "but still pay the higher fee."

The answer from staff said it is "industry practice" to give residents priority, but that more discussion will take place at the Parks and Recreation Commission hearing.

Councilman Rich Cline asked if it's fair to pay that much more if you only live two blocks outside the city. He suggested the city provide an analysis of the rationale for that decision for the benefit of the public's understanding.

Unless there are legal obstacles, we believe the city should at least stop giving residents priority over unincorporated Menlo Park residents when registering for city classes. The surcharge should remain, but why not give these families, who might live within walking distance of city limits, and who would like to see their children be able to attend the same recreation classes as their school classmates, a break? It's the right thing to do and wouldn't cost the city a dime.

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Rancher receives big federal benefit

Editor:

It is perversely ironic for rancher Cliven Bundy to excoriate poor people for collecting government subsidies, while ripping off the federal government of a million dollars in grazing fees. But, even if he were to pay up, Bundy and his fellow ranchers would still be living on government welfare.

Livestock grazing is subsidized by federal agencies on 270 million acres of public land in 11 western states to the tune of nearly \$300 million annually. Monthly grazing fees per cow and calf on private rangeland average \$11.90, but corresponding fees on federal lands are set at a paltry \$1.35. Even so, grazing subsidies are dwarfed by other government subsidies and the medical, environmental, and other external costs imposed on society by animal agriculture. These extra costs have been estimated at \$414 billion annually, or \$3,600 per household.

Each of us can make our \$3,600 annual contribution to the common good by replacing animal products in our diet with the rich variety of grain, nut, and soy-based meat and dairy alternatives in our neighborhood supermarket.

Malcolm Davidson
Encinal Avenue, Menlo Park



Atherton Heritage Association

Our Regional Heritage

In the 1920s, Atherton residents became interested in the "new fangled" flying machines whose pilots were barnstorming across the country. Here, in 1924, "Speed" Johnson pauses between flights at his flying school.

The beat goes on: An appreciation of Dr. Wong

By Renee Batti

Almanac News Editor

Jazz royalty. A visionary, and a legend in the jazz world. Any musician would be thrilled to be characterized by those reverential labels. But would someone who didn't play jazz professionally qualify for such honorifics? Hard to imagine, unless you were lucky enough to know Herb Wong. From the time serendipity introduced him to the art of jazz when he was a boy of 10 or 11, until the end of his life on April 20 at age 88, Herb ardently embraced the music and its creators as a writer, historian, producer and educator. He believed that jazz is "the ultimate in personal creative expression," he said in a 1995 interview with the Almanac.

Dr. Wong, as he was widely known in the jazz world, lived out a personal calling to keep the flame of jazz alive, hosting a radio program on the now-defunct KJAZ-FM for nearly 36 years, lecturing at major universities and conferences, teaching a popular jazz history course at Palo Alto Adult School for 25 years, creating the summer jazz concert series at Stanford Shopping Center, and co-founding the Palo Alto Jazz Alliance. As artistic director for the latter two projects, he brought to the stage players ranging in name recognition, from fledgling musicians with little performance history to some of the greats, many of whom he had established deep and lasting connections with through the years.

During that 1995 interview in his Menlo Park home, Herb buzzed with an energy that only deep passion can generate as he showed me walls covered with photos of musicians he knew, and shelves of record albums and tapes, which he said numbered about 30,000. He had written liner notes for many of those albums — during his career he wrote notes for more than 600 jazz recordings, he said, and his

widely admired articles about the music he loved were published nationally in major music publications.

A photo showing a very young Herb Wong and a beaming Duke Ellington surrounded by children and staff at Washington Elementary School in Berkeley accompanies a tribute by Sarah Cline at BerkeleySide.com about Dr. Wong's work in introducing jazz into the Berkeley Unified School District curriculum decades ago. At the time, Herb was the "visionary" principal of the school and "one of a very few people in the nation who believed in jazz education at the elementary school level — as music education, as a part of the civil rights movement, and as a way of propagating a truly democratic and artistic spirit among those of us in the next generation," Ms. Cline writes.

In the 1995 Almanac interview, Dr. Wong recalled how he had phoned Mr. Ellington, whom he knew well, and convinced him that his long career was "only one step away from being complete." What he needed to do to fill the gap, he told his friend, was to participate in an event with kids, and invited him to Washington School. In his determination to inspire kids with live music performances, Dr. Wong brought other jazz luminaries to the campus as well, including the brilliant pianist Oscar Peterson.

Herb's reputation as "jazz royalty" — in the words of Menlo Park native Taylor Eigsti, whose own reputation as a composer and pianist is securing him a place, at age 29, in the jazz constellation — is underscored by the handful of original jazz compositions written in his honor. These include "Dr. Wong's Bag," by Woody Herman and his arranger Nat Pierce; "Daddy Wong Legs" by vibraphonist Cal Tjader; "Herb's Herbs" by pianist Larry Vuckovich; and "Dr. Wong's Bird Song," by saxophonist Dayna Stephens.



Almanac archive photo by Carol Ivie/1995

Herb Wong surrounded by jazz recordings in his Menlo Park home.

Herb Wong's lifework constituted an elegant, symmetrical universe. The zeal he poured into spreading the word about jazz and its creators from decades past was matched by a deep commitment to the support of young, emerging players, such as Mr. Stephens, now 35, and Mr. Eigsti, who attended school at Woodside Priory and is now based in New York City. I can still hear the fire in Herb's voice from many years ago, after he heard a local boy named Taylor Eigsti perform. At the age of 12, Taylor sat in with pianist Dave Brubeck at an outdoor concert at the Mountain Winery. "You've got to hear this kid play," Dr. Wong told me, predicting that a brilliant career would be his if he wanted it.

"Ever since I was a kid, Dr. Wong really believed in me, and not only gave me an opportunity to perform, but introduced me to so many great musicians," Taylor said last week, taking a break from setting up for a Northern California performance. Dr. Wong, he added, "was one of the most important influences on my whole life, really. ... I wouldn't be anywhere today without his influence."

In producing concerts, Herb "thought it was kind of cool" to bring musicians of all ages together, speaking the same language in a way that bridges the chronological years that separate them, Taylor said. "He understood there was a lot more in common" among the music makers than anything that might divide them.

With undoubtedly many more years of his own career before him, Taylor said he wants to emulate his mentor's support of talented young musicians. "If you're lucky enough to be able to play music, part of the responsibility is to be there for others," he said. He has worked with several promising young musicians, including Shane Turner of Portola Valley, a 13-year-old pianist and composer who didn't know Dr. Wong, according to his mother, Michele Turner, but now benefits, through Taylor, from the older man's legacy.

And so it goes: The torch passes from one generation to the next, the beat goes on. Many thanks to you, Dr. Wong. And flights of angels — led by Ella and Abbey and Lady Day — sing thee to thy rest.

League of Women Voters: Measure AA is Important to the Peninsula

By Linda Craig

League of Women Voters

Since its founding in 1972, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District has preserved 62,000 acres of rolling hills, forests and farmland. Through the district's foresight and diligence, land has been set aside for hiking, biking, wildlife conservation and other uses, while natural areas around creeks, streams and lakes have also been protected.

The Leagues of Women Voters in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties have been there from the start, endorsing the formation of the district, and its expansion into San Mateo County. Today we're supporting the bond measure that will continue the

process of protecting some of the most pristine land on the peninsula, including redwood forests and the San Mateo County coast.

Measure AA is a \$300 million, 30-year bond that will pay for additional acquisitions, long-delayed repairs, infrastructure and other land improvements, opening up access to thousands of preserved acres via 200 miles of new trails. This is the first time Midpen has gone back to the voters for more funding since it was established 42 years ago.

Through an extensive open review process, Midpen has identified 25 priority projects that provide the broadest public benefit. These are described in detail in the ballot pamphlet.

Several of these projects are located in the south San Mateo County area,

including the Windy Hill Open Space Preserve, where multi-use trails would be added and the wildlife habitat restored around Los Trancos Creek. The Hawthorns area would also be opened with trail connections to Windy Hill, and partnerships explored to preserve historic buildings.

Importantly, the La Honda Creek and Tunitas Creek preserves would improve passage and breeding conditions for coho salmon and steelhead in the San Gregorio watershed. At Russian Ridge, trails would be extended, opening up new areas of the preserve to the public for the first time, including spectacular Mindego Hill. At Coal Creek, Alpine Road would be reopened as a trail connection between Portola Valley and Skyline Boulevard. And redwood stands, animal habitats and additional open space would be preserved throughout the region.

The Leagues of Women Voters were

impressed by the public, open process that the district used to identify projects and to narrow down the list that is included in the bond proposal. Few public agencies have done as well. The League believes that this money will be well spent.

Each year, funds generated by Measure AA would be publicly reviewed and reported on by a seven-person Community Oversight Committee — so there is accountability regarding the expenditure of bond monies.

This bond measure reflects a significant benefit at a modest cost — from \$1 to a maximum of \$3.18 per \$100,000 of a property's assessed value, or a maximum of \$32 a year in property taxes for the owner of a \$1 million home.

The Leagues of Women Voters in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties can think of no better legacy to leave our children and grandchildren, and we urge the residents of the peninsula to vote YES on Measure AA.

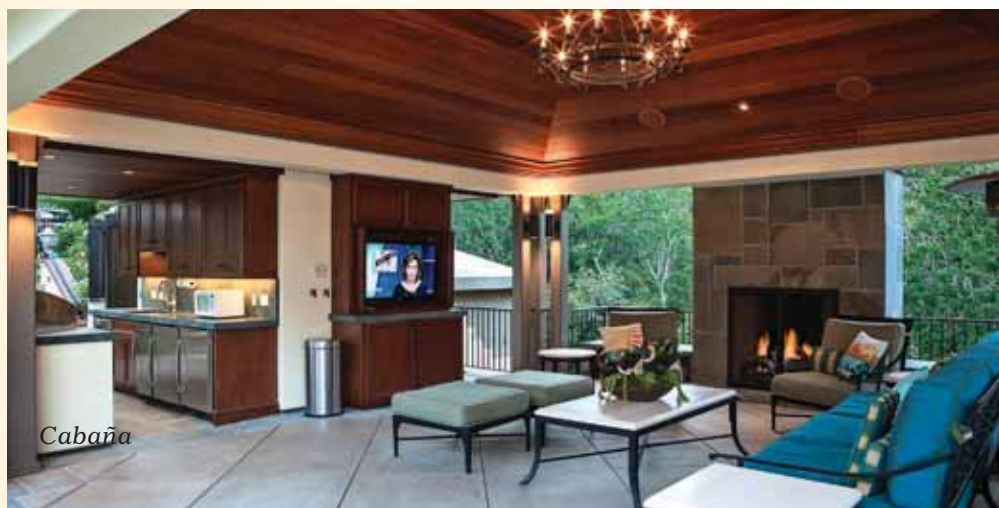
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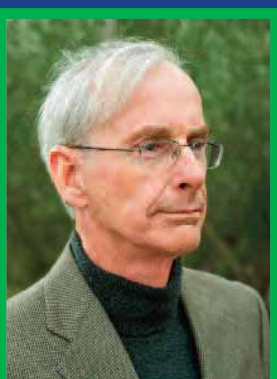
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