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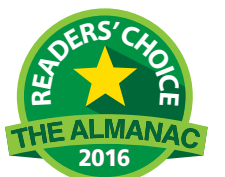
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on the Proposed Amendment to the Green Building Ordinance on **Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Town Council Chambers (Historic Schoolhouse), 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California.

AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION), CHAPTER 15.10 (GREEN BUILDING) OF THE PORTOLA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE WITH REGARD TO APPLICABILITY-PURPOSE AND STANDARDS OF COMPLIANCE FOR THE GREEN BUILDING ORDINANCE.

The proposed amendments to the Green Building Ordinance adjust the standards of compliance in response to the most recent adopted version of the California Building Code and include additional measures for new construction.

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Information pertaining to the proposal may be viewed at Town Hall Building and Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Planning Commission to be heard at the time and place mentioned above.

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MEETINGS WILL INCLUDE A PRESENTATION AT 6:00 P.M.

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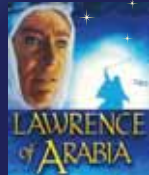
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'Transparency' is theme of school board meeting following defeat of taxes

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

A school board meeting can be a lonely place. But on May 10, members of the public filled most of the 100 seats in the multi-use room at Encinal School to participate in a discussion about what the Menlo Park City School District should do in the aftermath of the failure to pass two parcel tax measures.

The district says that without the money from the taxes, it could have an annual \$6 million shortfall within five years.

When the two tax measures on a special May 3 election ballot received less than the two-thirds majority needed to pass, it was the first time in decades that voters in the district failed to approve a school finance measure.

The semi-official results released May 9 show Measure A, which would have renewed a parcel tax that will expire at the end of June 2017, received 3,528 "yes" votes, 60.2 percent of the total, and short of the 66.7 percent needed to pass. The "no" vote was 2,328.

Measure C, which would have added an annual \$2.20-per-parcel tax for each student who enrolls beyond the district's current 2,938 students, received 3,156 "yes" votes, 54 percent of the total, also short of the 66.7 percent needed. The "no" vote was 2,692.

"Transparency," a term that has come to indicate not only freely sharing information with the public, but making it available in an easily understandable form, was mentioned by speaker after speaker at the board meeting.

Mary Beth Suhr, a 27-year resident of Menlo Park whose two children attended district schools, said she has "always been a great supporter of the schools." But as someone with a background in finance, she wondered when she received her ballot with the two tax measures, "how could we not have

enough money to support the schools?" she said. "It seemed the revenues were really, really high and growing fantastically."

Ms. Suhr said she tried to look up the district's budget documents for herself, and found the experience frustrating. "I think we need to have greater transparency," she said.

Karen Lucas, a Menlo Park resident and teacher in another district, had a similar comment. "I am very supportive of public education. I don't think I have ever not voted for anything related to schools," she said.

However, she said, she has "some serious concerns about the spending that is going on at this time."

"I would appreciate transparency so I don't have to go digging through the agenda to find out where it's gone, how much has been spent," she said.

Board members agreed. "We've got people who don't understand our numbers," said board president Jeff Child. "I think we need to get that solved."

"If people don't trust the board or don't think the board is transparent, I think that's an issue that needs to be resolved," he said. He recommended forming a subcommittee including board members and community members "and not just parents," he said.

Mr. Child said he thinks it is now sometimes impossible for the public to go to the district's website and figure things out. "I think the current state is, through nobody's fault, unacceptable," he said.

Board member Joan Lambert said the district can't wait. "I think we need to start now," she said. School budgeting is complex and difficult to understand, she said. "It's incumbent on us to try to make that as easy to understand as possible," she said.

Board member Terry Thygesen said the district needs "to go out and have a very serious

enough money to support the schools?" she said. "It seemed the revenues were really, really high and growing fantastically."

'It's incumbent on us to try to make (school budgeting) as easy to understand as possible.'

BOARD MEMBER JOAN LAMBERT



Photo courtesy Chapman family

One of Nan Chapman's great passions was horses. Here she competes with her horse Jackie. Ms. Chapman was a co-founder of the Menlo Charity Horse Show.

First Atherton councilwoman Nan Chapman dies at 80

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

OBITUARY

Nanette "Nan" Figel Chapman, the first woman to become a member of the Atherton City Council, has died at the age of 80 at her home in Woodside from complications of lung cancer.

A memorial service for Ms. Chapman will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the Menlo Circus Club, 190 Park Lane in Atherton. A celebration of her life and a reception will follow.

Ms. Chapman served on the Atherton City Council for 20 years before moving to Woodside, where she has lived since 2000 with her husband, Ron. She died the day after Mother's Day, on May 9.

Betsy Glikbarg of Atherton, who with Ms. Chapman was one of the co-founders of the Menlo Charity Horse Show 46 years ago, had been friends with Ms. Chapman since the two attended James Madison

Elementary School and Lowell High School in San Francisco. Their parents were best friends.

Ms. Glikbarg was Ms. Chapman's campaign manager in 1980 when she decided to compete for a seat on the City Council at the last minute, after being convinced to run by Atherton Police Chief Kip Rolle. Ms. Glikbarg said she and the Chapmans had only about five hours to get the 20 signatures of voters needed to be a candidate.

But knocking on Atherton doors in the afternoon proved frustrating, as they found almost no one at home to sign the petition. So, Ms. Glikbarg said, they went to Draeger's in Menlo Park "because everyone we knew was at Draeger's."

Once they had the requisite signatures, Ms. Chapman then realized she still needed to write a candidate's state-



Photo courtesy Chapman family

Nan Chapman served on the Atherton City Council for two decades and was elected mayor twice.

ment. They filed the papers on time, but, Ms. Glikbarg said, "we didn't have one extra signature."

Nan Chapman went on to beat the sitting mayor of

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Atherton for a seat on the council, where she served two terms as mayor, from 1986 to 1988 and again from 1998 to 2000.

Didi Fisher, who served on the Atherton City Council with Ms. Chapman, said that Ms. Chapman spent so much of her life in Atherton that she knew and understood the issues. "She was always prepared," she said, but also "was fun to work with because she had a great sense of humor."

A home in Atherton

While Ms. Chapman went to school in San Francisco, she spent much of her childhood with her grandparents in their Atherton home. She and Ron ended up buying a home in Atherton right down the street from where her grandparents had lived.

They found their home in 1964 when Nan Chapman took

her husband to see where she had spent so many pleasurable childhood years. They noticed a nearby home for sale, and that's where they lived until 2000, when a real estate agent presented them with an offer they

couldn't refuse for their home, which had not been for sale.

Ron Chapman said that while he and his wife also went to the same elementary and high

schools, they did not know each other well during those years because he was a year ahead of her in school. But when both were in their early 20s fate seemed to bring them together, he said.

Both were attending a party at the home of a mutual friend one Saturday night, he said. "I talked to her for quite a while."

On Sunday, he was eating a meal in a Tiburon restaurant when Nan Figel sat down at the next table. On Monday, when he was getting off a bus in San Francisco, Nan drove by and

offered him a ride home, he said.

A few days later she called and invited him to a party the next weekend, Mr. Chapman says. Six months later, they married. They were married 57 years.

Showing horses

For Ms. Chapman, riding and later showing horses was a life-long passion. Ms. Glikbarg said they rode together, starting in grammar school, at the Golden Gate Park riding stables at 7th Avenue in San Francisco. While Ms. Glikbarg rode for pleasure, Ms. Chapman liked to show her horses.

"I think Nan's always been competitive," she said. She continued to show her horse Jackie through 2015, and won numerous awards and competitions during her equestrian career.

Another of Ms. Chapman's passions was writing. She was editor of her high school newspaper and studied English and journalism at Pomona College.

She was in charge of publicity for many of the organizations she volunteered for, which included the Menlo Charity Horse Show. She served on the board of directors of

Amigos de Las Americas, Family Service/Mid Peninsula, the Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Junior League of Palo Alto Mid-Peninsula.

She helped raise funds to restore the Folger Barn in Woodside and served on Woodside's Open Space Committee and on Atherton's Crime Prevention Task Force.

In addition to being a skilled writer and editor, Ms. Glikbarg said, her friend was "incredibly bright" and fearless. "She would go up and talk to anybody about whatever it was. She was very tenacious about it and she really cared."

Ms. Glikbarg said she and Ms. Chapman served on many of the same organizations. Ms. Glikbarg joined the Junior League a year after Ms. Chapman did, and found herself often inheriting the role her friend had held the year before.

"Her office was in the back of her car and in her trunk," she said. So each time she took over a job, "I got the back of her trunk."

"I am 'Miss Organization' and she was 'fly by the seat of

her pants," she said.

Paul Goeld, a former Woodside Town Council member, said he knew Ms. Chapman when she was on the Atherton council, but got to know her better after she became his neighbor in Woodside. "Nan was sharp-as-a-tack smart, witty, classy and so involved in her community," he said. "She had a wide circle of friends and will be missed by everyone who had any interaction with her."

Ms. Chapman was born on Feb. 29, 1936, and had just recently celebrated her "20th" real birthday, her husband said. She was a fourth-generation Californian on both sides of her family.

She is survived by her husband Ron of Woodside; her son Doug of Reno, Nevada; and six nieces and nephews. Her sister, Susan Bennion of Menlo Park, preceded her in death in 1991.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Lowell Alumni Association, the Junior League of Palo Alto/Mid-Peninsula Endowment Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

At tinyurl.com/LM-Chapman the family memorial is posted on the Almanac's Lasting Memories website, where you may leave remembrances. ■

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Hot food, prepared on site, coming to farmers market

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

■ PORTOLA VALLEY

Shoppers at the Thursday farmers market in Portola Valley can expect to find Espresso drinks and hot chocolate after July 1, said market manager Maggie Foard. Other

additions could include vendors selling tamales, pupusas or tacos.

New regulations, effective July 1, formally allow San Mateo County farmers mar-

kets up to five booths for food preparation, Ms. Foard said. "People come to the market in Portola Valley for more than just the vegetables," she said. "It's a community event of sorts and everyone belongs."

One booth planned for the Portola Valley market would

have "visiting chefs ... do an impromptu shop 'n cook at the market and demonstrate the wonders of cooking vegetables," she said, "cooking right in front of the shoppers like they do at the Ferry (Building in San Francisco) and other markets."

Heather Forshey, the county's director of environmental health, said of the upcoming regulatory change: "We want to attract even more people to our community farmers markets, where they can learn about ways to prepare healthy foods using local produce." ■

Screening, Earth fair in Atherton

Atherton has planned a series of events to celebrate Earth Day starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, with a screening of "Pandora's Promise," an environmental documentary by Robert Stone, followed by a question-and-answer session with Mr. Stone

moderated by Menlo-Atherton High School teacher Lance Powell, in the M-A Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton.

Admission is free, but reservations should be made by emailing Pandora@atherton2020.org.

ton2020.org.

On Sunday, May 22, an Earth Action Fair will take place in the new Event Garden at Holbrook-Palmer Park, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The event features more than 30 exhibitors, including local

students who have participated in the Atherton 2020 Student Challenge and who will give presentations on environmental issues. Nonprofits, government agencies and businesses will have exhibits on electric vehicles, solar installations and the future of clean nuclear energy in California.

Small hazardous waste items,

including batteries and fluorescent bulbs, can be dropped off at the event, and crayons and bicycles can be recycled. Free garden mulch will be available to take home.

The Menlo-Atherton Jazz Band will play and refreshments will be available. Entertainment for children includes a bounce house and crafts.

■ POLICE CALLS

This information is based on reports from the Menlo Park and Atherton police departments. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.

ATHERTON

Thefts:

- Someone stole a portable cardiac defibrillator from the courtyard next to the public library on Dinkelspiel Station Lane. Estimated loss: \$1,395. May 10.
- A thief stole a student's backpack from a swimming-pool locker room at Menlo-Atherton High School at 555 Middlefield Road. Inside the backpack were the student's wallet, keys and smart phone, which he recovered at the Stanford Shopping Center after using an app to locate it. The student's debit card had accumulated unauthorized charges of \$11.48. May 6.
- Someone stole a student's cellphone from a backpack in a locker room at Menlo School at 50 Valparaiso Avenue. Using an app to locate the phone, police traced it to a liquor store on Brewster Avenue in

Redwood City, recovered the phone and returned it to its owner. May 10.

PORTOLA VALLEY

Auto burglary: A thief broke into a vehicle parked in the 500 block of Portola Road and stole a purse. No estimate on losses. May 4.

MENLO PARK

Commercial burglary: A surveillance video at the CVS Pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real captured images of an adult woman taking merchandise from the cosmetics aisle and leaving the store without paying for it. Police have not yet identified her. Estimated loss: \$2,000. May 12.

Residential burglaries:

- Police arrested and booked a Menlo Park man on suspicion of attempted burglary and possession of burglary tools after witnessing the man using bolt cutters in an attempt to cut through a chain and break into a construction site in the 1200 block of Willow Road. May 10.
- A thief entered a home on Carlton Avenue through a bedroom window, rummaged around and stole a pair of headphones. Estimated loss: \$100. May 12.

Robbery: Police are looking for a black man between 20 and 26 years old wearing a black San Francisco Giants baseball cap in connection with a robbery in the vicinity of Willow Road and Coleman Avenue. The alleged victim, also a man, had been playing basketball and was walking in a parking lot when, as he told police, he was hit in the back from behind. When he turned to face his attacker, the attacker punched him in the face, took his gold necklace from around his neck, and ran off, the man told police. His injuries amounted to a cut lip and he did not ask for medical attention. May 12.

Thefts:

- Someone stole a locked bicycle from a carport on O'Keefe Street. Estimated loss: \$800. May 11.
- A thief got away with a purse stolen from a shopping cart outside the El Rancho Supermarket at 812 Willow Road. Inside the purse were a driver's license, credit card and \$200 in cash. Estimated loss: \$506. May 11.
- A bicycle was stolen from the backyard of a home on Mills Street. Estimated loss: \$400. May 10.
- Two women left the Bow Wow Meow pet store on Santa Cruz Avenue with several items of merchandise they had not paid for.

No estimate on losses. May 5.

■ Someone stole an "old and rarely used" wallet from the center console of an

unlocked vehicle parked on Lassen Drive. The wallet was later found down the street. May 12.

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

Buying in a Busy Spring Market



Dear Monica: We have been looking to buy our first house for a few months now and this week made our first offer. It was a starter home in a good location and we did our best. There were twenty plus offers on the property and we fell far short of the high bid. We are feeling discouraged but will keep at it. Any advice on how to proceed in this market?
Kevin C.

Dear Kevin: Even though you did not succeed in your bid this week, you have no doubt learned much from the experience. This information will help you make

decisions and compromises in the future. You may focus on other areas that are not as expensive as the one where the property you didn't get is located. You can bid your time and wait until the market slows down which it usually does in summer. Or you may decide to wait to be in a better financial position to buy.

It would be great if you could buy the first house you like in your price range, but that is not likely in this current market. But it is important not to let yourself get discouraged. Buying a home is a process and most buyers lose out on a few bids before succeeding.

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After tax defeat, 'transparency' is theme of meeting

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engagement with our community." Acknowledging that the district has higher parcel taxes than any nearby district, she said: "Have we just hit a threshold of parcel tax tolerance? I feel like we have some work to do."

Superintendent Maurice Ghysels said that there are three choices for the district to make up for the money it will not receive from the parcel taxes. It can increase revenues, whether through another try at a parcel tax or by increasing donations to the school; it can reduce compensation for employees by cutting staff and increasing class sizes or cutting salaries and benefits; or it can reduce the programs offered by the district.

Increasing class sizes from the

district average of 22 could save close to \$500,000 for each student the average is increased by, Mr. Ghysels said. The savings would come from reducing the number of teachers needed.

Ms. Thygesen pointed out that to make up the entire \$6 million shortfall, class sizes would have to go up to an average of 33. "Not recommending that, not suggesting that," she said.

Board members asked Superintendent Ghysels to return with more information in June. They asked him to look at the election results, including turnout and who voted, and ways the district could increase donations from the community.

They also asked him to look at the district's compensation policy, how it compares with nearby districts, and to plan a discussion about how the dis-

trict wants to compensate its teachers.

Taking a look at other districts' policies about allowing teachers' children to attend the district was also suggested.

Mr. Child said the board wants to take a close look at how the district spends money in every category. "There's no way you can say what you want to cut until you accurately know what you're spending," he said.

Board member Maria Hilton said the community needs to tell the district what they are willing to lose, not just what they want to preserve. "Please help us in that process," she said.

One way the district will not be able to cut expenses is by cutting back on pension benefits, Mr. Child said. Unlike local governments, which can negotiate their pensions, "we do not set

the retirement age or all those sorts of things," he said.

"We have absolutely no ability to negotiate a different pension structure," said Ms. Thygesen. "The bill is handed to us and the bill is handed to our employees."

Superintendent Ghysels said the state, in response to the growing number of retirees and a teachers' pension system without enough money to pay those pensions, has been steadily increasing the contributions that must be made by districts and teachers into the system. For example, the district had to pay 8.25 percent of teachers' salaries into the system in 2013-14, but by 2020-21 it will be up to 19.1 percent, he said.

Some of the speakers did urge the district to try again with another parcel tax. Alka Gupta, co-chair of the district's

fundraising foundation, said it is not possible to raise enough donations. "That's a struggle," she said.

Instead she asked for "increased transparency, increased operational efficiency" and another try at a parcel tax.

District resident Joe Giarrusso said he believes a parcel tax with an expiration date could be approved. "I think you'd have a very good chance of passing it as long as there's a sunset clause wrapped into it," he said.

Scott Saywell, a parent at Laurel School, said people don't trust the information that is coming from the board and the administration. "The people who are living in Menlo Park and Atherton are pretty smart people," he said. "Just tell people straight." ■

See videos of Assembly candidate interviews

Candidates looking to replace outgoing state Assemblyman Rich Gordon in the June 7 primary election were interviewed recently by Bill Johnson, president of Embarcadero Media, parent company of the

Almanac, plus staff from the Almanac and its sister papers the Palo Alto Weekly and the Mountain View Voice.

Videos of the interviews are available online. See links below.

The June 7 primary election will select the top two candidates, regardless of political party, who will face off in the November election.

The eight candidates for the 24th district Assembly race

are Palo Alto resident Seelam Reddy, Palo Alto Councilman Marc Berman, Cupertino Mayor Barry Chang, Mountain View Councilman Mike Kasperzak, Menlo Park Councilman Peter Ohtaki, Palo Alto attorney Vicki Veenker, Palo Alto community volunteer Jay Blas Jacob Cabrera and Mountain View Councilman John Inks.

A Peninsula nonprofit, Innovate Public Schools, is planning a candidates forum focused on education and housing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at the St. Francis de Assisi Catholic

Church at 1425 Bay Road in East Palo Alto.

Here are links to videos of the Embarcadero Media interviews:

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(Note: Seelam Reddy did not attend his scheduled interview.)

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Alpine Road traffic brings misery to residents

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Spare a moment to consider the road conditions for residents of Stanford Weekend Acres.

"We suffer every day," said resident Neil Scott. "You've got to stare these guys down to stop for you."

"You have to rely on the kindness of strangers," said resident Gunter Steffen.

The men were commenting on the difficulties caused by heavy traffic on Alpine Road, the access road for their neighborhood bordered by San Francisquito Creek, the Stanford University golf course, and the wilds around Stanford's Dish satellite antenna.

Alpine was once a two-lane curving byway. It's still two lanes and curving, but basically an expressway, with 25,000 vehicles speeding by on weekdays, making life miserable for Weekend Acres residents who want to enter or leave their neighborhood.

While there is a turn pocket at Stowe Lane, you can't get to it, Mr. Scott said. The "occasional polite individual" will let you in, he said. "It's dangerous. You're taking your life in your hands."

"If I try to get out of my driveway at 9 o'clock, forget it," said Mr. Steffen, who lives on Alpine Road. "I have to wait until 10." In any case, he added, Alpine's blind curves require good timing. He may have four seconds to shoot out into traffic, or just two and a half, depending on traffic volume.

About 100 people, mostly resi-

dents of Weekend Acres and Ladera, attended an orchestrated 90-minute meeting on May 9 in Ladera. The host for this second of three such meetings was the San Mateo County Public Works Department, assisted by an engineering consultant and a moderator.

Ladera residents have similar entry issues on Alpine Road, particularly at La Mesa and La Cuesta drives. Entering the neighborhood is not an issue, but the traffic can make it daunting to leave via Alpine. Windows of opportunity can be few and narrow.

The county is mid-way in a process of sounding out these communities on ways to reduce congestion and improve safety, including traffic signals, roundabouts, flashing warning lights, new signs and pavement stripes, and better bike lanes.

Restriping pavement, signs and warning lights are cheaper solutions. Traffic signals and roundabouts are expensive and time-consuming — three to four years for a traffic light — and require consultation with the California Department of Transportation, said Joe Lo Coco, the county's deputy director of road services.

What to do?

Traffic engineers said that a traffic signal where Alpine Road meets Interstate 280, with timing to create gaps in traffic, could

relieve stress at intersections in Weekend Acres and Ladera.

The I-280 interchange and the intersections at La Mesa and La Cuesta are eligible for signals, as is the intersection at the Dish parking lot at Piers Lane, the county's report says.

They're also eligible for roundabouts, the engineers said. Roundabouts tend to slow traffic,

increase safety, and add aesthetic touches with plantings, but they require more space, the report says. Alpine Road is

"greatly constricted" along its sides by steep slopes, limited right-of-way and the presence of creeks, the report says.

Go to tinyurl.com-Corridor5y to see the report and related links.

Rules of engagement

A mailer to residents from the Public Works Department called the May 9 event a community meeting, but it had the pace of a tag-team auction.

Presenting the report was Adam Dankberg of the engineering firm Kimley-Horn, who, in an accelerated delivery, presented 42 densely-packed slides in about as many minutes.

Questions were not welcome unless the questioner wanted a term defined, said moderator Eileen Goodwin of Apex Strategies. After a few forays across this red line, residents interrupted Mr. Dankberg with questions anyway.

After he had finished, Ms. Goodwin told residents they had 13 minutes for Q-and-A. She did not allow follow-up questions and on occasion would tell a resident that he or she "did not have the floor."

County sounds out communities on ways to reduce congestion and improve safety.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Portola Valley School District will hold two separate public hearings on the proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-17 on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Corte Madera School, Room 102 located at 4575 Alpine Road, Portola Valley, California. A copy of the LCAP and the proposed budget will be available for public examination at the Portola Valley School District Office, 4575 Alpine Road, Portola Valley, California from May 27, 2016 through June 1, 2016 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any stakeholder affected by the LCAP or the Portola Valley School District budget may appear before the Portola Valley School District Board of Trustees and speak to the LCAP or the proposed budget or any item therein.

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Joseph F. Cotton, 94, test pilot, bomber pilot in World War II

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

OBITUARY

Joe Cotton, who survived a military crash landing on the German-occupied island of Corfu during World War II, then had a long career as a test pilot, died at his home in Atherton on May 5 surrounded by his family. He was 94.

The family plans a celebration of his life in July. A full military funeral was scheduled for May 13.

According to a biography of Mr. Cotton written by friend Brian Sheehan, Joe Cotton was born in Rushville, Indiana, on Jan. 21, 1922. He played basketball at Manilla High School and was a 4-H Club member.

At 20, tired of working on the family farm, he learned how to fly. His first flight instructor, Bob Winter, told Mr. Cotton he didn't have the discipline to be a military pilot.

"Cotton would spend a lifetime disputing this challenge," Mr. Sheehan wrote.

In September 1942, Joe Cotton enlisted in the Army Air Corp, going to Texas for his pilot training.

According to a 1997 article in the Almanac, Mr. Cotton was still in flight training when he and many of his classmates were sent off to help crew American bombers.

He was sent on his first combat mission in November 1943, co-piloting a B-17 bomber with

a target west of Athens, Greece. As the bombs reached their target, the plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Even though several of the engines were lost, the crew of 10 avoided German fighter planes and kept the bomber in the air for more than an hour before crash landing on the island of Corfu, Mr. Sheehan wrote.

"We thought we could just get on a boat and go to Italy," Mr. Cotton told the Almanac. "What we didn't know was that there were about 3,000 Germans on the island."

However, residents of the town of Lefkimmi found the crew before the Germans did and helped them hide for four months until the men were able to escape on an Italian sub chaser.

Mr. Cotton, his wife and their three children traveled to Corfu and Lefkimmi in 1997 to visit with the residents of

the community, including some who had sheltered the Americans during the war.

That first mission turned out to be Mr.

Cotton's last, as he was sent back to the U.S. to recover from malaria and return to flight school. Mr. Cotton then became a test pilot, flying the Bell RP-63A known as the "flying pinball machine," Mr. Sheehan writes. Bomber



Edwards Air Force Base History Office

As Air Force chief test pilot, he flew the first flight of the XB-70 at Edwards Air Force Base in 1962.

gunners shot at the heavily armored aircraft to improve their accuracy.

Mr. Cotton was chief of bomber tests at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, and a pilot and later test director of the B-58 "Hustler" flight research and development program at Carswell Air Force Base in Texas. In 1962, as Air Force chief test pilot, he flew the first flight of the XB-70 at Edwards Air Force Base.

On April 12, 1966, Joe Cotton and Al White flew the XB-70A No. 2 at Mach 3.08 at 72,800 feet, a feat Mr. Sheehan said Mr. Cotton put at the top of his list of aviation accomplishments.

Later that same month, the

two pilots became famous for quite a different feat, Mr. Sheehan writes. Shortly after take-off, the landing gear of their expensive experimental plane jammed. Two touch-and-go's didn't jar it loose, and "Cotton and White remained in the air as people on the ground pulled out plans and diagrams and devised a plan to knock the gear lose," Mr. Sheehan writes.

The men were advised to find a way to short-circuit the system, which Mr. Cotton did with a paper clamp from his briefcase. "Several newspapers across the country exclaimed, a '39 cent paperclip saves \$750 million aircraft,'" Mr. Sheehan writes.

After retiring from the Air

Force as a colonel, Mr. Cotton was an engineering flight test pilot for United Airlines in San Francisco for 13 years. Daughter Connie Jo Cotton says his flying time totals 16,000 hours in more than 80 aircraft.

His honors include Pilot of the Year in 1966, the Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Aerospace Walk of Honor. He retired in 1982.

Mr. Cotton is survived by his wife of more than 71 years, Rema Cotton of Atherton; children Chris Cotton of Atherton, Connie Jo Cotton of Palo Alto and Candy Kayne Cotton Farbstein of San Mateo; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. ▀

Menlo Park says it will release more police data to public

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park is planning release 2015 data on police department demographics, calls for police service and traffic collisions as part of a national program called the Police Data Initiative.

Menlo Park's Police Department recently became one of 53 police agencies in the U.S. to participate in the initiative, launched a year ago and billed as an effort to encourage police

departments to release more data to the public.

On data.menlopark.org, the department will release the data by June 1, said Menlo Park Police Commander William Dixon, who in April sat in the audience at a White House panel discussion on the program.

In joining the program, the Police Department agreed to voluntarily publish certain data sets to the public.

Cmdr. Dixon said that Menlo Park is one of the smaller police agencies participating so far.

Other Bay Area participants are the San Jose, Oakland and San Francisco police departments.

At the White House panel discussion, law enforcement officials from Los Angeles, Louisville and Dallas said publishing data in a way that is easy for the public to understand has had positive results.

In Dallas, Police Chief David Brown said, excessive force complaints dropped 67 percent while deadly force dropped 45 percent in 2015. In 2016, there have been four excessive force complaints,

compared to an annual average of 150 to 200, and two police-involved shootings, compared to an annual average of 18 to 25, he said.

"We believe the data we have belongs to citizens," he said. "We are the caretakers of that data."

Being in the middle of Silicon Valley, Cmdr. Dixon said, there's a higher expectation than might exist elsewhere in the country to embrace new technology and stay abreast of emerging law enforcement practices.

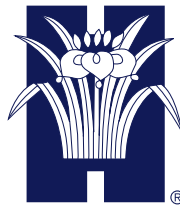
The challenge for the city, he

said, is not necessarily in gathering the data, but in releasing it to the public without compromising confidentiality where it is required.

The department has to be careful to not breach privacy in cases where juveniles or victims of domestic violence or sexual assault are involved, he said.

Eventually, he said, he hopes to add new police datasets that can be made available to the public.

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Liquor license application for Cuckoo's Nest on hold

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A request for a liquor license for a private club, called the Cuckoo's Nest, in Menlo Park has generated no insignificant quantity of emailed ire from people who live near the club's location at 68 Willow Road.

The outcry has resulted in at least a temporary victory for the nearby neighborhoods of Linfield Oaks in Menlo Park and Downtown North across the San Francisco Creek in Palo Alto.

The liquor license request has been put on hold for the next few

months, according to Mukul Agarwal, co-founder of the Cuckoo's Nest club and BootUp, a startup accelerator at the same address.

The decision was made after "talks with our neighbors and the city of Menlo Park," he wrote in an email to the Almanac on May 16. "We want to

further our relationships with the residents that are adjacent to our communities and help build further understanding of what BootUp and Cuckoo's Nest stand for over the next few months."

Worries that events at the club will make too much noise, that the alcohol license could lead to excessive drinking by the club's inhabitants, and that parking during events could crowd neighboring roads have been expressed loudly and clearly by neighbors in Menlo Park and Palo Alto. Complaints from the minor to the more substantial have emerged.

On April 24, the operators of the Cuckoo's Nest hosted a neighborhood barbecue and invited local residents. In the days following, some residents complained of excessive barbecue smoke.

Representatives of the Cuckoo's Nest said that they would use the nearby parking lot of 66 Willow Place, occupied by

'We want to further our relationships with the residents.'

MUKUL AGARWAL OF CUCKOO'S NEST



Photo courtesy of BootUp

The interior of Cuckoo's Nest, a private club for entrepreneurs at 68 Willow Road.

Stanford Health Care Planning Design & Construction, for overflow event parking.

However, according to Courtney Lodato, a public relations manager there, Stanford has no intention of providing parking for the club's events.

So what is this Cuckoo's Nest, and what threat does it pose?

Despite the intrigue of its Ken-Kesey-meets-Peter-Pan name, the Cuckoo's Nest appears to

be a far less exotic private social club and event space designed for entrepreneurs. According to its founders, Mr. Agarwal and Marco ten Vaanholt, they intend for the club to connote something more along the lines of a Rotary Club than a nightclub. Prospective club members can be nominated or can submit applications to join.

Membership doesn't come cheap. The standard annual

cost of membership is \$3,000 for people who live in Silicon Valley and \$1,500 for people who live more than 100 miles away. People under 30 years old can join for \$1,250.

Neighborhood resident Nancy Wagner said she'd like to see the club open to the neighborhood more often. She said she often walks by, sees events going on and thinks they "(look) kind of fun."

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Members can dine, entertain guests and attend events at the Cuckoo's Nest. The location itself is a large room with a dining area, a bar and a low-lying stage area with chairs. People who are members can also use conference room spaces.

Events hosted there, usually in the evenings, are often talks about entrepreneurship, but can range in content, said the club's manager, or "commodore," John Williams. Music events are rare, he said, but do happen sometimes.

More likely, he said, events will be something like the club's "Pitch and Mingle Fridays," where startup founders practice pitching their companies and participate in networking. Other recent events were a lecture on linguistics for alumni of UC Santa Cruz and an olive oil tasting and education session.

Meals are served at the club at specific times between 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Events at the club would likely run from 6 to 9 p.m. for cocktail receptions or startup presentations and from 6 to 10 p.m. for other evening events or dinners.

The liquor license, said Mr. Agarwal, was being sought for financial reasons, so the club could be self-sustaining. The room has been operating as an event space for about two years, he said, and the club has held more than 100 events with little incident. Alcohol served at those events has been covered by corporate sponsors.

The club is partly an extension of BootUp, a startup incubator that bills itself as fostering an "ecosystem" to help early tech businesses, Mr. Agarwal said. BootUp, which shares the building with the Cuckoo's Nest, has roughly 50 startups

working in its office spaces.

The Cuckoo's Nest began as an idea to create a location for young startups and their founders to more effectively woo potential investors. Bringing in investors to look at fledgling companies is one part of BootUp's work to consolidate the needs of startups in one place, said BootUp co-founder Marco ten Vaanholt. Mr. Agarwal added that some investors are wearying of the grungy, "MIT basement" atmosphere of some startups. Having a location to meet that is private and relatively classy can help.

Elena Smirnov-Otis, who is a member of the club and works in financial planning, said she uses the location to host meetings with her clients because it offers a different atmosphere and more privacy than other local meeting places, such as Starbucks or the Rosewood Sand Hill hotel.

Geoff Seyon, also a member of the club and a tenant of the BootUp office space down the hall, said that attending events at the Cuckoo's Nest has helped him connect with people who could help him with his startup, he said.

In the future, Mr. Williams said, membership is planned to represent an equal ratio of women and men. Yet right now, with 300 members enrolled out of the potential 1,200 members, the ratio is about 35 percent women and 65 percent men, he said.

Mr. ten Vaanholt said the club would give a 50 percent discount on membership to neighbors. The club could host more open events, like barbecues, for neighbors twice a year, Mr. Agarwal said.

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Donald Wood, 76, lay leader at Menlo Park Presbyterian church

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 10, at Menlo Church (formerly Menlo Park Presbyterian Church) for Donald Dean Wood, a resident of Menlo Park for 36 years. He died April 28 at age 76.

Born in Missouri, he graduated from San Jose State University and received an MBA from Stanford University.

He worked for Hewlett Packard, Veloblind and Inmac, eventually returning to Hewlett Packard, where he retired as a marketing manager in 2000.

He was a lay leader at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, where he served in many capacities. He also served on the boards of Mount Hermon Conference, Western Seminary and Free at Last.

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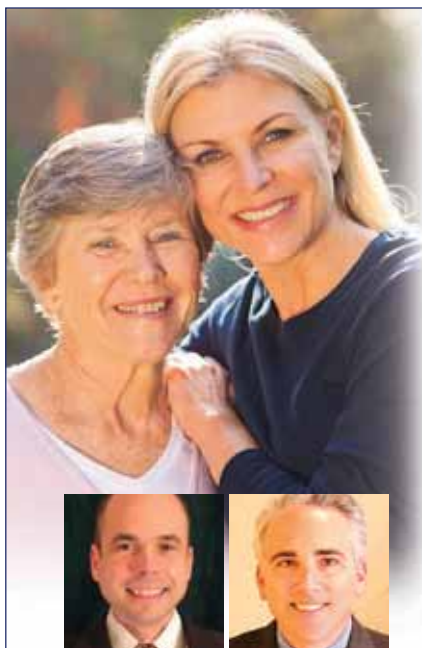
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He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Phyllis; his children, Steve (Darlene) Wood of San Jose, Heidi (Travis) Kalbaugh and Amy (Lance) Kasari of Bend, Oregon, and Andy (Julie) Wood of Menlo Park; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials in his name may be made to the Book of Remembrance, Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center, P.O. Box 413, Mount Hermon, CA 95041.



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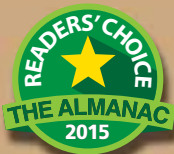
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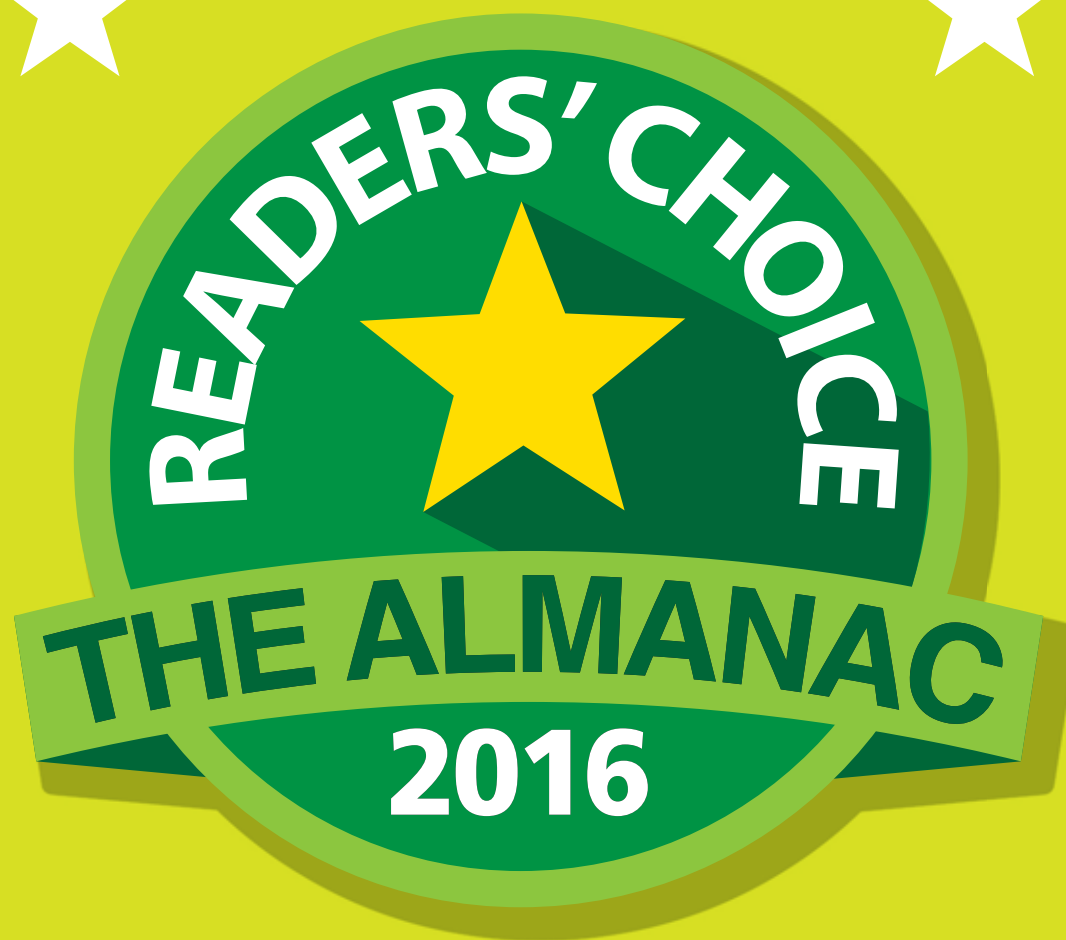
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Taniyah Williams sprints during a 2014 Fit Kids fitness class at Willow Oaks School in Menlo Park.

Menlo mom offers free fitness coaching for at-risk kids

By **Kate Bradshaw**
 Almanac Staff Writer

In January 2011, Ashley Hunter Riley, a Menlo Park resident and mother of four children, read a magazine article about families in the Bay Area that can't afford organized sports for their kids. She decided to do something about it.

Five years ago, she launched Fit Kids, a nonprofit that hires coaches to run after-school fitness programs for kindergarten through second-graders. The program operates at schools in eastern Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and Redwood City where a majority of kids are eligible for free or reduced price lunch.

"This is an opportunity every child should have," said Ms. Hunter Riley, who grew up as an athlete and has four children who enjoy sports.

Not every kid will be an Olympian, but the physical, social, mental and emotional benefits of sports are important for children's development, she said.

Today, Fit Kids works with 228 kids at six elementary schools locally. A "charter" version of the program, which gives instructors the equipment and curriculum to replicate Fit Kids, without providing the coaches, is being adopted at

14 locations, mostly in the Bay Area, but also in New York, Dallas and Los Angeles.

There are two 12-week "seasons" offered each year. During each season, up to 25 kids in each class receive two, one-hour fitness classes each week.

Each class begins with a short

\$40 per class and assistant coaches are paid \$20 per class.

She is considering expanding the program to third- through fifth-graders, but made a decision based on limited funding a few years ago to prioritize younger kids to help them make bigger gains.

Fundraiser

A fundraiser for Fit Kids, called "Children's Champions," will be held Saturday, May 21, from noon to 2 p.m. at Menlo College, 1000 El Camino Real in Atherton.

There will be sports drills and clinics with Stanford sports teams, autographs and photo opportunities with professional athletes and mascots, and a panel of athletes who will answer questions from the kids.

Nine Stanford teams will participate, as well as Jerry Rice, Zane Beadles and Shayne Skove from the 49ers, and Lata-vius Murray from the Oakland Raiders.

Lunch will be served and there will be a VIP reception, crafts and other activities.

Tickets are \$250 for a family of two adults and up to three kids. Funds raised will be split between Fit Kids and the Wender Weis Foundation.

Go to childrens-champions.org for more information. ■

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nutrition tip. Then, kids go into warmups, where they travel down and back across the field doing exercises like frog jumps or hopping on one leg. Next come the obstacle courses, relay races or fitness games designed to build specific motor skills.

"The benefits are hidden in the fun," she said.

Equipment is colorful, lightweight and intended to help familiarize kids with gym tools without intimidating them, she said.

Coaches can be grad students, personal trainers or others who have the time and skills to coach kids during after-school hours. Lead coaches are paid



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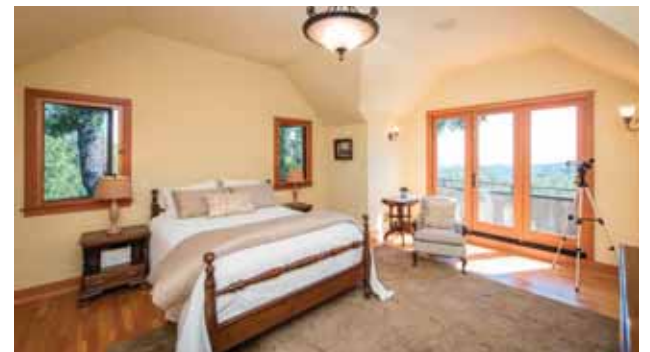
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ARTICLE 1 INVITATION TO BID

1.01 Notice Inviting Bids: Owner will receive sealed Bids at the **Town Hall**, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until **2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 26th, 2016** for the following public work:

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1.02 Project Description: The work will include the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary or required to rehabilitate storm drains with cured in place pipe (CIPP), grout headwalls, install new inlets, remove and install new storm drain, install new headwalls, and place rock rip rap. All work shall be completed within 90 calendar days from Notice to Proceed.

1.03 Procurement of Bidding Documents: Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. Bidders may examine a complete hard-copy set of the Bidding Documents at the Town's Public Works Department, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062. Bidders may download a complete set of Bidding Documents at <http://www.woodsidetown.org/rfps> at no cost. Bidder is responsible for printing any and all of Bidding Documents.

1.04 Instructions: Bidders shall refer to Document 00 2113 (Instructions to Bidders) for required documents and items to be submitted in a sealed envelope for deposit into the Bid Box in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 no later than the time and date set forth in Paragraph 1.01 above.

1.05 N/A

1.06 Bid Preparation Cost: Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their Bids.

1.07 Reservation of Rights: Owner specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, to re-bid, or to waive inconsequential defects in bidding not involving time, price or quality of the work. Owner may reject any and all Bids and waive any minor irregularities in the Bids.

ARTICLE 2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

2.01 Required Contractor's License(s): A California "A" contractor's license is required to bid this contract. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract.

2.02 Required Contractor and Subcontractor Registration

2.2.A. Owner shall accept Bids only from Bidders that (along with all Subcontractors listed in Document 00 4330, Subcontractor List) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

2.2.B. Subject to Labor Code Sections 1771.1(c) and (d), any Bid not complying with paragraph above shall be returned and not considered; provided that if Bidder is a joint venture (Business & Professions Code Section 7029.1) or if federal funds are involved in the Contract (Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)), Owner may accept a non-complying Bid provided that Bidder and all listed Subcontractors are registered at the time of Contract award.

2.03 Bid Alternates:

A. Bid alternates are identified as follows:

A.1. Alternate 1:

Alternate 1A - 140 Farm: Grout Invert of 15-inch CMP

Alternate 1B - 140 Farm: CIPP Rehabilitate Existing 15-inch CMP

A.2. Alternate 2 - 15 Hidden Valley: Remove 15-inch CMP and replace with 15-inch HDPE (open cut)

A.3. Alternate 3:

Alternate 3A - 475 Mountain Home: CIPP Rehabilitate Existing 24-inch CMP

Alternate 3B - 475 Mountain Home: Trim PVC and Reinstall Storm Drain connection

Alternate 3C - 475 Mountain Home: Outlet Structure Modifications

A.4. Alternate 4:

Alternate 4A - 418 Albion: Remove 12-inch CMP and replace w/ 15-inch HDPE (open cut)

Alternate 4B - 418 Albion: Pave Drainage Channel

A.5. Alternate 5:

Alternate 5A - 133 Marva Oaks: Remove 12-inch CMP and replace w/ 12-inch HDPE (open cut)

Alternate 5B - 133 Marva Oaks: Replace Catch Basin

A.6. Alternate 6 - 461 Eleanor: CIPP Rehabilitate Existing 24-inch CMP - Segment C

B. The determination of lowest bid shall be based upon:

B.1. Base contract bid plus those alternates specifically identified above as being used for the purpose of determining lowest bid.

2.04 N/A

2.05 Substitution of Securities: Owner will permit the successful bidder to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract, as set forth in Document 00 6290 Escrow Agreement For Security Deposits In Lieu Of Retention and incorporated herein in full by this reference, in accordance with Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code.

2.06 Prevailing Wage Laws: The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents. Copies of the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the Contract, as determined by Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, are on file at the Town's Public Works Department, may be obtained from the California Department of Industrial Relations website [<http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.html>] and are deemed included in the Bidding Documents. Upon request, Owner will make available copies to any interested party. Also, the successful Bidder shall post the applicable prevailing wage rates at the Site.

2.07 Prevailing Wage Monitoring: This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

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Menlo reduces fees for recovering towed vehicles

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park has reduced the fee the city charges to retrieve a towed vehicle from an impound lot to \$125 (previously the fees could be as high as \$300) and discontinued a \$100 extra fee for those retrieving cars before the customary 30-day holding period.

The city's towed-vehicle fees were the subject of a June 2015 story by a Stanford graduate journalism student, who pointed out that the fees were higher than in many other California cities, including Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Diego.

The fees, plus towing, storage and other costs, often rendered reclaiming the car unaffordable, Farida Jhabvala Romero wrote for Peninsula Press, a project of the Stanford graduate journalism program.

"Fewer than half of the cars impounded for 30 days are picked up by owners, according to managers at three towing companies working with Menlo Park," she reported.

Fee cut

After a city review and on the recommendation of the Menlo Park Police Department, the City Council agreed May 3 to reduce the fee and discontinue the \$100 early-release fee.

Commander Dave Bertini of the Menlo Park Police Department said the early-release fee, in particular, seemed "punitive" because it created an extra cost for those who are proactive about submitting the proper paperwork and meeting the legal requirements to retrieve their cars before the end of the 30-day window.

The fee cuts are expected to reduce city revenue by about \$50,000 a year. "We may be, in fact, subsidizing some of this now," Cmdr. Bertini said, but

'I think this is fair.'

DAVE BERTINI,
MENLO PARK POLICE COMMANDER

added, "I think this is fair."

He said the city adopted these impound fees in 2008 after an independent

consultant analyzed the full cost of the time it took to process a tow and vehicle release. Those fees were set at \$200 when a car is towed for an infraction of the vehicle code, such as blocking a driveway, and \$300 when the driver was involved in a misdemeanor or felony.

The new vehicle-release fee of \$125, Cmdr. Bertini said, was set as the median of the fees that are charged by police agencies in San Mateo County plus Palo Alto, Mountain View and Sunnyvale. Sunnyvale is the only other nearby police agency that has an early-release fee, he said.

People will still have to pay state fees, tow costs and daily storage fees at impound lots, along with fines for the offense that got the car impounded. ▀

Doctor convicted of child molesting dies in prison hospice at age 84

Former San Mateo psychiatrist and convicted child molester William Ayres died last month in a hospice at California Medical Facility, a state prison medical center in Vacaville, according to the Solano County coroner's office.

Dr. Ayres, 84, was pronounced dead of natural causes at 12:38 a.m. on April 20, a coroner's office spokeswoman said. He was under a doctor's care, was not brought to the coroner's office and there was no autopsy, the spokeswoman said.

A former president of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, he was sentenced to eight years in prison in August 2013 for molesting five boys who came to him for counseling in the 1990s. He pleaded no contest in May 2013, soon after his second trial started, to eight counts of lewd

and lascivious acts on a child under 14.

Prosecutors identified 45 other alleged victims but the statute of limitations prevented his prosecution in those cases.

The first trial in 2009 ended in a hung jury. He was arrested in April 2007.

Prosecutors said the victims — between 9 and 13 at the time — were fondled during "medical" examinations during the counseling sessions between 1991 and 1996.

Dr. Ayres treated children between the 1960s to 2006 and evaluated hundreds of cases, including some involving sex offenders, in San Mateo County juvenile court in the 1970s, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

—By James Lanaras,
Bay City News Service

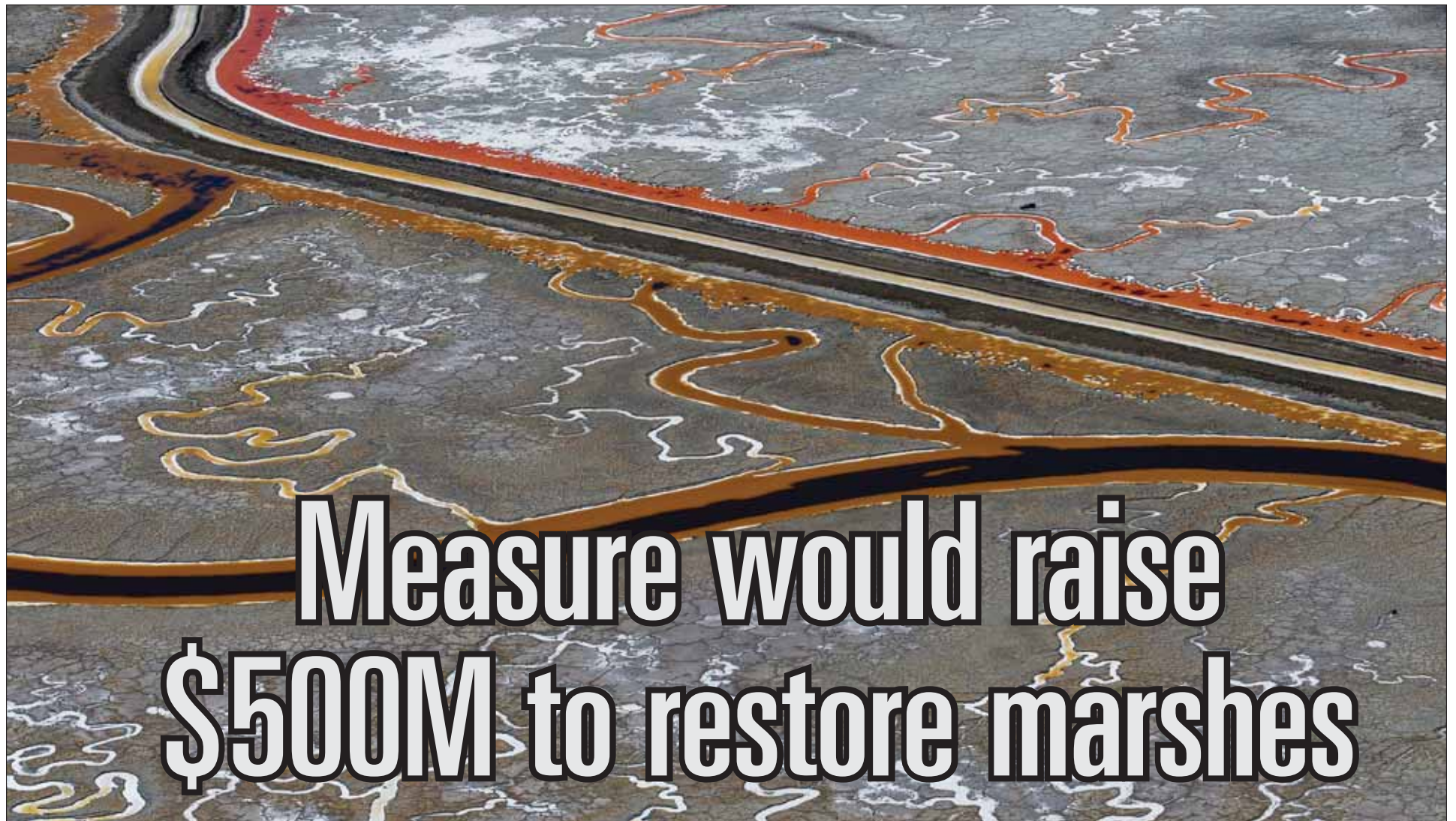


Photo by Beth Huning

Measure would raise \$500M to restore marshes

The salt flat in the Ravenswood Slough, just south of Bedwell Bayfront Park in Menlo Park, could be protected by a higher and more sophisticated levee and established as a preserve for the snowy plover if Measure AA passes, advocates say.

Bay shorelines edged by tidal marshes and wetlands have natural flood protection, are habitats for native plants and animals, and are often locales where people can observe wildlife in close proximity to a metropolis.

Advocates for wetlands along the shores of the nine Bay Area counties are asking voters to approve Measure AA, a \$12 annual parcel tax on the ballot in the June 7 primary election. The measure would need a two-thirds majority to pass, and polling shows support from more than 70 percent of those surveyed, San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine said.

The measure would make available \$25 million annually for 20 years to public agencies to use in restoring Bay Area shorelines, including many former salt ponds, to functioning tidal marshes.

Tidal marshes are seen as a critical to flood protection, an important consideration since sea levels are expected to rise in coming decades in response to greenhouse gas accumulation in the atmosphere. Marshes moderate the impacts of waves on the shore and absorb water like a sponge, trapping it and then slowly releasing it, scientists say.

Restoring the shore

Measure AA would raise \$500 million in tax revenues to restore marshes to about 15,000 (out of 35,000) acres of shoreline now in public ownership, Mr. Pine said.

Mr. Pine chairs the seven-member board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, which put Measure AA on the June ballot. The state Legislature

INFORMATION

- Go to tinyurl.com/smc-paz for the ballot arguments supporting and opposing Measure AA.
- Go to sfbayrestore.org for information in support of Measure AA.
- Go to svtaxpayers.org for information from the measure's opponents.

created the nine-county agency in 2008 “for the sole purpose of the collection and distribution of revenues for restoration of wetlands,” Mr. Pine said.

Of the \$500 million that Measure AA would generate, 50 percent would be allocated to the nine counties organized as four regions named after the four major points on a compass. The other 50 percent would be distributed in grants for the “highest and best” uses, Mr. Pine said.

Using a formula based on population, the West Bay region, San Francisco and San Mateo counties, would receive 11 percent, or \$55 million, Mr. Pine said.

Most of Measure AA funding would likely be used as matching funds to leverage as much or more state or federal grant money, he said.

Plans that would likely qualify for Measure AA funding in San Mateo County include the SAFER Bay Project, which focuses on areas of south San Mateo County threatened by rising sea levels, and the Ravenswood Slough adjacent to Bedwell Bayfront Park in Menlo Park.

A map of the slough published in April by the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration

Project shows plans for a 295-acre marsh, a 60-acre managed pond and a 270-acre salt flat protected by an improved levee for the nesting of the snowy plover, a threatened species.

Related Measure AA goals include:

- Restoring beds and meadows of eelgrass, an important species in the lives of crabs and scallops as well as salmon, rockfish and shellfish, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

- Constructing 20 miles of levees for flood protection. All levee work that draws from Measure AA funding must be done in conjunction with wetland restoration.

- Constructing 25 miles of the Bay (perimeter) Trail — if the trail work is associated with wetland restoration. A priority would be closing gaps in the trail. Included in the plans is a new trail and observation platform at the Ravenswood Slough.

In a ballot argument against Measure AA, the Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association says the measure is not specific enough in its goals and lacks oversight by a panel of scientists. The measure would create “a whole new bloated and expensive bureaucracy,” with overhead costs and expense accounts, the association says.

Salt pond to marsh

Converting a salt pond to a marsh is a matter of dismantling the water-flow management system once used by salt companies to channel water into evapo-

ration ponds and collect the resulting salt, said biologist John Bourgeois, the executive project manager of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project.

When tide-driven sea water is allowed to inundate a salt pond, it brings in suspended sediment, Mr. Bourgeois said. Much of that sediment, critical to marsh development, entered the bay in the mid-1800s. Gold Country miners used water cannons to scour soil from the sides of mountains.

The soil, including particles of gold, flowed into rivers where miners could pan for it as the water made its way to the bay. The miners dislodged enough soil to leave the bay shallower and muddier, Mr. Bourgeois said.

As the sediment becomes mud, it attracts birds to feed on the small lifeforms in the mud, and eventually marsh grasses take root, Mr. Bourgeois said. A functioning marsh normally takes 10 or 15 years to establish itself, but since

it’s a dynamic process, it can be visually interesting to the human observers from the start, he said.

“The bay will deliver a lot of sediment,” Mr. Bourgeois said. “The vegetation will start to come in on its own.”

Other species have come to inhabit the salt ponds, so care will be taken to respond to their interests, in particular the snowy plover, a threatened species. Plovers prefer beaches for their nesting

Tidal marshes are seen as a critical to flood protection.

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Emery 'Mimi' Goity, 78, longtime Woodside resident

Emery "Mimi" Goity, a founder of "Music for Minors," died April 24 in Palo Alto at the age of 78. A longtime Woodside resident, she had lived in Palo Alto for the past four years.

Born in San Francisco, she attended Katharine Delmar Burke School and Lowell High School, and gradu-



Emery Goity

OBITUARIES

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

ated from Scripps College in Claremont.

She had many interests: community service, the outdoors, tennis, gardening, and, most of all, music, say family members.

A piano teacher for 26 years, she was one of the founders of "Music for Minors," which provides music education programs

for thousands of elementary school students in the Bay Area. For 20 years she volunteered as a music teacher at Taft Community School in Redwood City.

She was also active in the Junior League and Woodside-Atherton Garden Club.

Survivors include her husband of nearly 56 years, Jean; brother David Ottey of Yelm, Washington; sons Roland and Larry (Trish) Goity; daughter Carol (Steve) Olson; and four grandchildren.

George LaRose Reid, 97, 50-year local resident

George LaRose Reid, who lived in Menlo Park and Portola Valley for more than 50 years, died April 18 at the age of 97. For the past four years, he had lived at the Forum in Cupertino.

Mr. Reid was born in Berkeley and raised in Santa Rosa. He graduated from



George LaRose Reid

Stanford University, where he met his future wife, Elizabeth "Mizi" Hinds, and they were married in 1941. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

He served as an officer in the U.S. Army and was one of the last horse soldiers in the Army. He served in Alaska and Italy, where he became military mayor of Bressanone until the war's end.

During his civilian life, he had

successful careers as a citrus farmer, cattle rancher, and in real estate, automobile sales and automobile financing.

He was a diehard Stanford fan and loved "all things Stanford," say family members. He enjoyed spending time at the family's 160-acre property in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He also enjoyed playing golf and was a member of Menlo Country Club.

He is survived by his sons, Alan (Kathy) Reid of Morgan Hill and Scot (Julie) Reid of Redwood City; four grandsons and four great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wife, Mary Elizabeth "Mizi" Reid, and daughter Sylvia Reid.

Celebration of life for John Sidensol, 70

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A celebration of the life of Portola Valley resident John Sidensol is set for Sunday, May 22, at 4135 (Old) Alpine Road — behind the Alpine Inn and across Los Trancos Creek and accessible from Arastradero Road. There will be signs, Mr. Sidensol's son Bryan said.



John Sidensol

Mr. Sidensol, 70, died May 7 as a result of a solo-vehicle accident at the corner of Alpine and Portola roads.

"He was just a really generous warm soul," his daughter Christine Vose told the Almanac. "He was so full of life."

Family friend Carla Carstens said of Mr. Sidensol that "he would do anything for anybody and he didn't want any recognition."

He loved to have fun, his children said. At his 70th birthday party at the Dutch Goose restaurant, for example, he gave each of his nine grandchildren hand-held squirt guns, Bryan said. "He was full of practical jokes, frankly," he said. "He was a kid at heart."

Mr. Sidensol grew up in San Jose, served in and was honorably discharged from the

National Guard, graduated from San Jose State University with a bachelor's degree in business, and owned a grading and paving business, his children said. He also worked as an independent contractor.

He moved to Portola Valley in 1975 with his wife Lynne and they raised four children together, all of whom went to local schools. He coached youth athletic leagues including baseball and soccer. For a time, he was president of the Alpine/West Menlo Little League. As a coach, he was known for "tough love," his daughter said.

Mr. Sidensol was a regular at the Alpine Inn and on Thanksgivings, he would invite men without local relatives to his house for dinner, Bryan said.

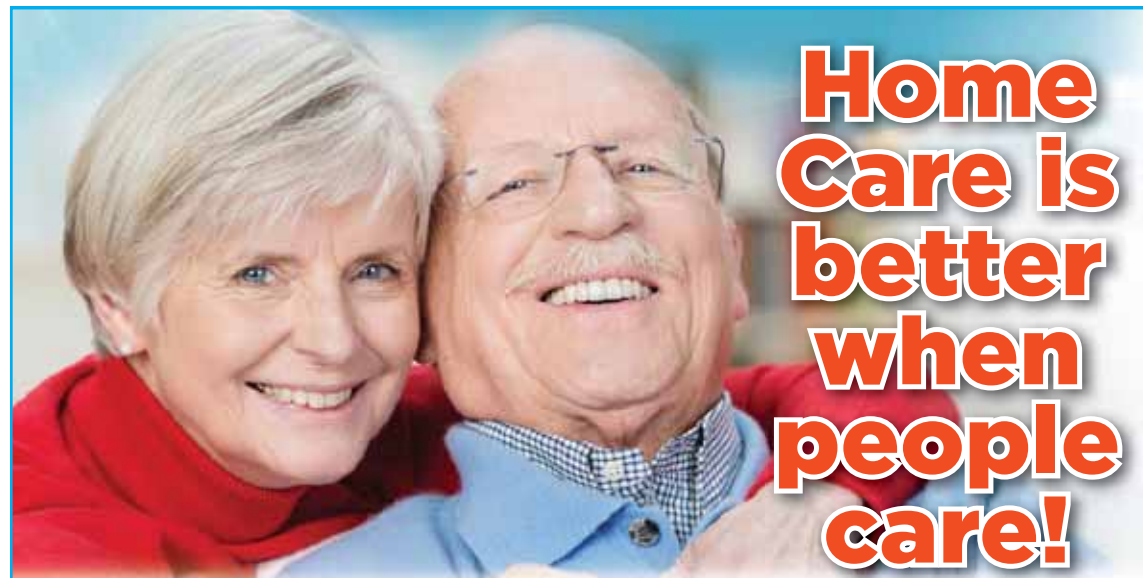
"He did so many kind things for so many people," Ms. Carstens said. "He just adored animals. That was his whole thing, animals and kids."

Mr. Sidensol is survived by his former wife, Lynne Emery of Redwood City; brother Robert Sidensol of San Jose; daughters Christine Vose of Mill Valley and Kathryn Wilson of San Francisco; son Bryan Sidensol of Moraga; stepson Tony Mecia of Charlotte, North Carolina; and nine grandchildren.

The Sidensol family is asking that donations in Mr. Sidensol's name be made to the Portola Valley Open Space Fund.

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sites, but salt flats will do, Mr. Bourgeois said.

Asked about mammals living in the slough, Mr. Bourgeois said he expected a return of the endangered salt marsh harvest mouse and, when the marsh is established, possibly harbor seals.

The marsh at Ravenswood would include an upward sloping habitat transition zone to dry land. A gradual slope dampens wave energy and offers a refuge for the mice during high tides.

Levees

Flood control through the use of marshes in San Mateo County is challenging because so much of the shoreline has been developed with infrastructure, a situation that leads to a talk of levees. Salt ponds have levees and they have been serving as flood protection, but they weren't built with that function in mind, Mr. Bourgeois said.

"We have to build real flood protection," he said.

A salt pond levee in the Ravenswood Slough will be made higher and more compacted to add both flood control associated with the new marsh and protection for the snowy plover, he said. This improved levee, unlike salt-pond levees built with the water-logged dredged material, would use tested soil. "We have an entire team of people that (testing soil) is all they do," Mr. Bourgeois said.

Measure AA would be "a huge plus for us to be able to leverage state and federal money," he said. ▀

On the cover

This view of Ravenswood Slough just south of Bedwell Bayfront Park in Menlo Park could be markedly different in 20 years if voters approve Measure AA on the June 7 ballot, advocates say. The areas of white salt flats could be tidal marsh. The brownish triangular area along the bottom could be a lot like what it is today, a salt covered nesting area for the snowy plover. (Photo by Beth Huning.)

Camp Connection

For more information about these camps, see our online directory of camps at www.paloaltoonline.com/biz/summercamps/
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CALENDAR

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Theater

Bat Boy: The Musical The Los Altos Stage Company's 20th season comes to a close with the production of "Bat Boy: The Musical," a comedy/horror show about a half boy-half bat creature discovered in a cave near Hope Falls, West Virginia. The production runs through the end of June. Check website for specific dates. May 26-28, 8 p.m. \$18 youth and students, \$30 adult. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos. www.losaltosstage.org

West Bay Opera: 'Madama Butterfly' As part of its 60th season, West Bay Opera will put on one of its favorites "Madama Butterfly," Giacomo Puccini's tragic opera about a young Japanese woman who marries an American naval officer, only to be left by him when he returns to the U.S. The production

includes lavish costumes and sets, a chorus and an orchestra. May 20 and 28, 8 p.m.; May 22 and 29, 2 p.m.; May 25, 7 p.m. \$45-\$83. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.wbopera.org

'When the Rain Stops Falling' Dragon Productions will bring to the stage Andrew Bovell's "When the Rain Stops Falling," a compelling family saga that takes the audience back and forth through time and around the globe — from one generation to another, from 1959 to 2039 and from London to Australia. Thursday-Saturday, through May 29, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$30 general; \$25 student, senior. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.dragonproductions.net

Concerts

Redwood Symphony: 'Two Fifths' Redwood Symphony will present a program with Stravinsky's "Scherzo a la Russe," Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 ("retouched" by Mahler) and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5. There will be a pre-concert lecture at

7 p.m. and free, ample parking. The concert is free for accompanied children under age 18. May 28, 8 p.m. \$25 adult; \$20 senior; \$10 student (plus service fees). Canada College Main Theatre, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City. www.redwoodsymphony.org

Music

Democracy in Action: St. Lawrence String Quartet Plays Haydn The St. Lawrence String Quartet will give a performance in which they utilize works by Joseph Haydn to explain — both through music and conversation — the beginnings of the quartet as a democratic institution. May 20, 4:30 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lausen Mall, Stanford. www.ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu

Talks & Lectures

In Conversation: Barbara Kruger and Alexander Nemerov Barbara Kruger — a recognized American conceptual artist who grapples with consumerism, identity and sexuality — will speak in conversation with Alexander Nemerov, chair of the

Department of Art & Art History. The event is part of "The Ethics of Democracy" series. May 16, 5:30 p.m. Free. Cemex Auditorium, 655 Knight Way, Stanford. www.events.stanford.edu

Lifetree Cafe: 'Meth: Stories of Horror and Hope' This one-hour Lifetree Cafe program features a filmed interview with Cindy Gray, a woman who lost a son due to methamphetamine use, as well as a young man who became addicted to meth but found hope and escaped his addiction. Refreshments will be provided. May 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; May 26, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. www.lifetreecafe.com

'Stanford Department of Art & Art History: Past, Present and Future' Speakers Mona Duggan and Alexander Nemerov will discuss when the Department of Art and Stanford Museum were joined, the milestones that set the stage for the current arts renaissance on Stanford University campus, and the present and future state of Stanford's Department of Art and Art History. May 17, 5:05-6:30 p.m. Free; registration required. Mudd (Seeley G) Chemistry Building, Braun Auditorium, 333 Campus Drive, Stanford. www.historicalsociety.stanford.edu

Stephen Schneider Memorial Lecture: Will Allen This year's Stephen Schneider Memorial Lecture will welcome Will Allen, a former professional basketball player, a MacArthur Genius Award winner and urban farmer. He is the founder and CEO of Growing Power, a nonprofit that works to provide equal access to healthy, safe and affordable food. May 18, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Cemex Auditorium, 655 Knight Way, Stanford. www.studentsforasustainablestanford.weebly.com

Fundraisers

Dine Out: Benefiting Meals on Wheels On May 17, a number of restaurants in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties will donate a percentage of that day's meal sales to benefit Peninsula Volunteers Inc.'s Meals on Wheels program, which helps to feed local homebound seniors. Visit the website for a full list of participating restaurants. May 17. Prices vary. Participating restaurants in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, address varies, Menlo Park. www.penvol.org

Family

AYSO Menlo Park & Atherton Soccer Registration Boys and girls born between Aug. 1, 1997, and Jan. 31, 2012 can register for AYSO Soccer Menlo Park & Atherton. New players should attend one of these two walk-in registrations. Returning players can register online. There are no tryouts, and all participate, regardless of level. May 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$150 general; \$100 kind-leaguer. Hillview Middle School Library, 1100 Elder Ave., Menlo Park. www.mpsoccer.org

Night of the Arts Mid-Peninsula High School will host its annual Night of the Arts event, transforming the school into an art gallery and performance space featuring all kinds of visual art, cross-disciplinary math artwork, musical performances and dramatic set pieces. Refreshments will be served. May 20, 5-8 p.m. Free. Mid-Peninsula High School, 1340 Willow Road, Menlo Park. www.mid-pen.org

Story Time with Todd Parr: 'Teachers Rock!' Kepler's Books and Redwood Shores Branch Library will partner to hold a special story-time event with author Todd Parr, who will share his ode to teachers' contributions to the world in "Teachers Rock!" Online registration is available for the free event. May 19, 11 a.m. Free. Redwood Shores Branch Library, 399 Marine Parkway, Redwood City. www.keplers.com

Toddler Storytime These weekly events at the Portola Valley Library will provide songs, stories and movement activities that will encourage young children to listen and read. Age-appropriate toys will be available to play with after each session. An activity will follow story time on the third Tuesday of the month. Tuesdays, through May 31, 11-11:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. www.smcl.org

Museums & Exhibits

'Experience the West: Sunset Cover Art' The San Mateo County History Museum is offering an exhibit entitled "Experience the West: Sunset Cover Art" in its first floor central rotunda. The show is composed of framed original Sunset magazine covers, which once graced Sunset's Menlo Park offices. Tuesday-Sunday, through June 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$6 adult; \$4 student, senior. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.historysmc.org

Folger Stable Carriage Room Museum The Carriage Room Museum at the Folger Stable will be open each Saturday, sharing exhibits about the history of the Folger property and the surrounding area, as well as the horse heritage of Woodside. Saturdays, ongoing, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Wunderlich Park, 4040 Woodside Road, Woodside. www.huddartwunderlichfriends.org

Galleries

Portola Art Gallery: 'Behind the Lines' The Portola Art Gallery presents "Behind the Lines" — an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Yvonne Newhouse of San Mateo. The selection of paintings highlights her ongoing exploration of resist techniques to add visual dimension. Monday-Saturday, through May 31, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.portolartgallery.com

Film

Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age The Children's Health Council Auxiliary will hold a screening of the documentary, "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age," which looks at the impact of screen technology on children and presents tested solutions for avoiding harmful effects and finding balance. The screening is hosted by BlueWave Medicine and Institute for the Future. May 23, 6:30-8 p.m. Cubberley Theater, 4000 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. \$10. Cubberley Theater, 4000 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. www.eventbrite.com

Food & Drink

Author Marjorie R. Williams on 'Markets of Provence' Marjorie R. Williams will come to Kepler's to share her "Markets of Provence: Food, Antiques, Crafts and More," which guides readers on a virtual trip to markets of the French countryside. May 24, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.keplers.com

Portola Valley Farmers' Market This year-round market offers fruits, veggies, juices, berries, nuts, honey, eggs, fresh seafood, farm meat and chicken, nut butters, jams, fair-trade coffee, popcorn, bakery items, wine, pasta and Roli Roti chicken. Crafts and a knife-sharpening service are also available. Thursdays, year-round, 2-6 p.m. (summer hours). Free admission. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. www.pvfarmersmarket.com

Facebook Farmers Market The Facebook Farmers Market will bring together fresh produce, local artisans, food trucks, cooking demonstrations, craft beer and wine, live music, a Kid Zone and more. The events will be open to the public. Select Saturdays, through Dec. 3, 2-5 p.m. Free admission. Facebook, 1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park. www.facebook.com

Nightlife

Monday Night Pub Quiz Freewheel Brewing Company hosts challenging trivia contests on Monday nights, where attendees can compete as teams or individuals while enjoying food and drink. Prizes will be awarded. Mondays, ongoing, 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. www.freewheelbrewing.com

Lessons & Classes

ESL Evening Conversation Club Community members can practice their English conversation skills with other English language learners and volunteer facilitators during this weekly event. Wednesdays, through June 1, 5 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, Downstairs Meeting Room, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. www.menlopark.org

Mindful Yoga These twice weekly classes share yoga techniques benefiting the mind and body. Participation can help to improve flexibility, focus, strength and balance — useful skills for those who hike, cycle, play tennis and ride horses. There is no pressure or intimidation, and all fitness levels are welcome. Tuesdays and Thursdays, through June 30, 9-10 a.m. \$120 six classes; \$180 12 classes; first class is free. Portola Valley Town Center, Community Hall, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. www.portolavalley.net

ESL Morning Conversation Club Community members can practice their English conversation skills with other English language learners and volunteer facilitators during this weekly event. Wednesdays, through June 1, 10:15 a.m. Free. Arriñaga Family Gymnasium, Conference Room, 600 Alma St., Menlo Park. www.menlopark.org

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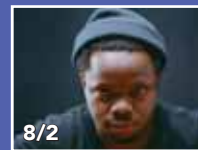
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Land Use Covenant for Beltramo Property Developments, Menlo Park, CA

Why This Notice?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces proposed Land Use Covenants (LUC) for two properties, 1459 through 1489 San Antonio Avenue and 1460 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, California 94025 (Sites). These Sites were also known as the Beltramo Properties. 1459 through 1489 San Antonio Avenue was recently redeveloped as multi-family residential units while 1460 El Camino Real is a commercial development.

Investigations to determine if soils, soil vapor, and groundwater at the Sites were contaminated indicated that a release of the volatile organic compound (VOC) tetrachloroethylene (PCE) occurred near the southeastern corner of the 1460 El Camino Real commercial development. A Human Health Risk Assessment Report (HHRA) identified PCE as the primary contaminant at the Sites. To reduce the risk of potential PCE vapor intrusion from under the floor into buildings, and to vent vapors into the outside air, vapor mitigation systems (VMS) were installed at the newly constructed buildings at both the residential and commercial Sites. Additionally, soil in the southeastern corner of the commercial development was excavated and removed. All Site investigations, VMS installation, and performance monitoring were conducted under DTSC oversight and approval.

What Has Changed?

The Site Owner will enter into a Land Use Covenant (LUC) and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement with DTSC. The LUC sets forth the land use restrictions and ongoing O&M required for the Site. The LUC is binding on current and subsequent Owners, and will remain in effect until formally removed or modified by the DTSC.

How Can I Get More Information?

The LUC and other Site documents are available at the DTSC File Room, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710, please call (510) 540-3800 for an appointment.

Online at DTSC's Envirostor Website:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001067

For questions regarding the LUC, or the project in general, contact the DTSC Project Manager Chip Gribble, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710, (510) 540-3773 or Charles.Gribble@dtsc.ca.gov

For public outreach information: Wayne Hagen, Public Participation Specialist, at (510) 540-3911 toll-free at (866) 495-5651 or Wayne.Hagen@dtsc.ca.gov

Media contact: Russ Edmondson, Public Information Officer, (916) 323-3372, Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov



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RethinkWaste

Trash to art

Fifth-grader Ella Cassidy Creighton Farrell from Encinal School in Atherton won third place and a \$100 gift card in RethinkWaste's annual "Trash to Art" contest, open to third- to sixth-graders in the service area of RethinkWaste (the South Bayside Waste Management Authority). Her work, "Water Pollution," was displayed at RethinkWaste's Earth Day@Shoreway event in San Carlos on April 23.

Stephen Roy Miller

April 12, 1944 – May 6, 2016

Stephen R. Miller ("Steve") of Atherton, CA passed away peacefully in his home on May 6, 2016, surrounded by his family and friends whom he loved with all his heart. He was 72 years old and was our hero. He is survived by his wife Terry, sons Steve Jr., Kevin and Scott, daughter Laurie Miller Scott, mother Nancy Miller, two sisters Sandra Rowe and Nancy Miller and 11 grandchildren. His 11th grandchild was born the day he passed away.



Steve was born April 12, 1944 in Orinda, California to Nancy and George Willard Miller. He attended St Stephens Episcopal Church and was active in Boy Scouts. Steve graduated from Miramonte High School in 1962 where he was a standout football player. After attending New Mexico Military Institute, Steve went on to attend U.S.C. where he met many lifetime friends and his future wife of 49 years, Terry Ann Perrin, who attended rival school Cal.

Upon graduating from U.S.C. in 1966, Steve married Terry Perrin and started his career at Dean Witter in Los Angeles, CA. He joined in an entry-level position and rose quickly at the Company, becoming branch manager of the Palo Alto and San Francisco offices before he was ultimately promoted to the position of President of Dean Witter Reynolds in 1984. An important moment in his life came in 1985 when he decided to pass up further opportunity in New York in order to spend more time with his young family. He accepted a new position on the West Coast and ultimately retired from a successful career at Dean Witter in 2006 after 40 years with the Firm.

More than anything, Steve loved spending time with his family. Family vacations were important to him and Tahoe, Echo Lake and the Hawaiian Islands were his favorite spots. He was a man of high character, integrity, humility and tough perseverance. He always had an encouraging word and was a mentor to many. Golf was a big passion of his, and he enthusiastically hosted rounds with his family and friends at places that were very meaningful to him. He could also be found building his model railroad – a project he loved and hoped that he never finished. He was active in the community and was a longtime member of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

Steve's family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to Dr. Steven Coutre and the incredible nursing staff at Stanford Hospital and ITA. They provided outstanding care with unwavering compassion throughout the long journey.

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CALENDAR

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Peninsula Clean Energy Community

Workshop Learn about Peninsula Clean Energy, a local energy program that offers options with higher renewable content for residential and commercial customers. San Mateo County staff will be at the workshop to explain what electricity options are available and the timing for start of service. San Mateo County residents and business owners are welcomed. May 19, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Menlo

Park Senior Center, 110 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park. www.peninsulacleanenergy.com

The Pacific — Homeric Tales of a 'Peaceful Sea' Historian Michael Svanevik will teach a class telling forgotten tales about the watery wilderness of the Pacific Ocean, an arena of international competition for centuries. He will talk about extraordinary ships and the men who sailed them, explorers and empire builders, and more. Wednesdays, through June 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$45 general; \$12 drop in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. www.penvol.org

Health & Wellness

Tai Chi in Portola Valley Tai Chi instructor Ben Dineen will lead 60-minute classes for adults of all ability levels in the Redwood Grove next to the town center's Community Hall. This centuries-old Asian exercise helps to develop stronger bodies, better balance and a sharper mind, as well as to relieve stress. Wednesdays, through May 25, 10-11 a.m. Free. Redwood Grove of Portola Valley Town Center, Redwood Grove, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. www.smcl.org

Writing Your Cancer Journey This complimentary group for patients and caregivers currently dealing with cancer offers a supportive community to generate and share writing. Both beginning and experienced writers are welcome. The group is sponsored by the Stanford Cancer Supportive Care Program. First and third Wednesdays, through June 15, Free. Hoover Pavilion, Conference Room 208, 211 Quarry Road, Palo Alto. www.stanfordhealthcare.org

Teens

Author Evelyn Skye on 'The Crown's Game' Evelyn Skye will stop by Kepler's Books for the launch party of her debut book, "The Crown's Game," an action-packed young adult novel set in Russia in an era of both magic and elegance. Skye will chat with Sabaa Tahir about the book. May 17, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.keplers.com

Religion & Spirituality

Lifetree Cafe: 'The Mystery of Autism' 'The Mystery of Autism: Understand. Support. Connect' — a program offered at Lifetree Cafe Menlo Park — will include a filmed interview with Patty Smith, a mother whose son was diagnosed with autism at an early age. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with autism. May 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; May 19, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. www.bethany-mp.org

Community Groups

League of Women Voters Annual Meeting and Dinner The League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County will hold its annual meeting and dinner event. The special speaker will be Karyl Eldridge, board member of the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County. May 18, 6-9 p.m. \$25 dinner. The Old Spaghetti Factory, 2107 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.lwvssmc.org

Menlo Park Kiwanis Club The Menlo Park Kiwanis Club — which through fundraising supports many local programs and organizations — holds meetings each Tuesday at the Allied Arts Center. Visitors are invited to attend and should contact the Kiwanis Club. Tuesdays, ongoing, noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Allied Arts Center, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.menloparkkiwanisclub.org

PAID OBITUARY

Don Wood

June 10, 1939 – April 28, 2016

Donald Dean Wood, age 76, went peacefully to his heavenly home to be with his Savior on April 28, 2016 after fighting ALS for the past year. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Phyllis, and their 4 children: Steve (Darlene) Wood of San Jose, CA, Heidi (Travis) Kalebaugh of Bend, OR, Amy (Lance) Kasari of Bend OR, and Andy (Julie) Wood of Menlo Park, CA. Don is well-known for prioritizing his family and his faith in everything that he did. He thoroughly enjoyed time spent with his 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Originally from Missouri, Don lived predominantly in Oregon and California and resided in Menlo Park for the last 36 years. After graduating from San Jose State with a degree in business, he went on to earn an MBA from Stanford. Professionally, he worked for Hewlett Packard, Velobind and Inmac, eventually returning to Hewlett Packard as a marketing manager and retiring in 2000. Don was an exemplary lay leader at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church where he served his Lord in many capacities. Additionally, he served on the board at Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center, Western Seminary, and Free at Last. Don will long be remembered for his faith, his compassion and zeal for life. A memorial service will be held at 950 Santa Cruz Ave. in Menlo Park, CA on Friday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts in Don's memory be sent to the Book of Remembrance at Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center, P.O. Box 413, Mount Hermon, CA 95041, or go to www.mounthermon.org/giving.



Vicki Veenker for District 24 Assembly seat

As one might expect for an open legislative seat, the race to replace termed-out state Assemblyman Rich Gordon, D-Menlo Park, has attracted a large field — eight candidates, including Menlo Park City Councilman Peter Ohtaki.

In California's open primary system for state legislative offices, the names of all eight will appear on all ballots, and the top two vote-getters regardless of party affiliation will face off in the general election in November.

While the eight candidates would each bring unique qualities and experience to the job, we believe three Democratic attorneys — Mike Kasperzak, Marc Berman and Vicki Veenker—are the clear standouts.

Measured only by the depth and breadth of political and governmental experience, 14-year Mountain View City Council veteran Mike Kasperzak, 62, would be the hands-down choice. He has been a dedicated and hard-working council member and is respected at both the regional and state level. An attorney who specialized in mediation, his orientation is toward problem-solving and building consensus, and he has devoted most of his adult life to public service. While we haven't always agreed with him on local issues, such as his position favoring the VTA's express lane proposal for El Camino Real, his values and priorities have been sound.

Marc Berman, 36, finishing up his first four-year term on the Palo Alto City Council, has been active

in politics since college and has built strong connections with the local Democratic party. Uninspired by corporate law practice, he shifted gears two years ago and has been the development director for the Silicon Valley Education Foundation, a resource and advocacy group seeking innovation in public education, especially in STEM fields.

Vicki Veenker, 53, is a respected Silicon Valley intellectual property attorney, mediator and Palo Alto resident who has never held public office. She has chosen to focus her public service on advocating for the legal rights of low-income and other vulnerable local residents through the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, where she has served on the board of directors for 13 years and as board president for one term. She also helped start the first professional women's soccer league, reflecting her commitment to expanding opportunities for women.

All three have similar traditional Democratic political views, although the nuances of their positions on policy issues will likely come into greater focus when only two are vying in the fall.

With the exception of high-speed rail, which Kasperzak still supports but Berman and Veenker do not, all three identify increases in education funding at all levels, universal preschool, transportation infrastructure spending, climate change, affordable housing and transportation as priorities. They each support the legalization of recreational mari-

juana use (assuming appropriate state regulations) and increased state funding of affordable housing through tax incentives and bond measures.

Kasperzak and Berman are classic local elected officials seeking higher office. There are many Bermans and Kasperzaks in Sacramento, appropriately so.

But we believe Veenker is the rare candidate whose lack of experience as an elected official is outweighed by a unique combination of a strong legal background in a highly technical field, well-oiled advocacy and negotiating skills and a passion for public policy and social justice.

Without the visibility or limelight of elective office she has devoted much time and energy to the Law Foundation, a legislative-reform advocacy group that provides pro bono legal services to individuals facing housing and other forms of discrimination, and obstacles to obtaining access to health care and mental health services.

We also strongly believe in the importance of electing more women to state and federal offices. Women currently make up just one-quarter of the state Legislature in California, barely above the national average and much lower than in Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Arizona. That's shameful in a state like California.

We look forward to the campaign narrowing to two candidates and a sharpened debate on the issues in the fall, and we recommend Vicki Veenker as a uniquely qualified candidate who would bring a fresh and important perspective to Sacramento. ■

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

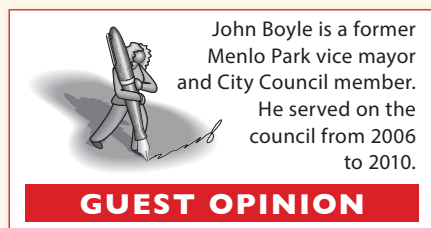
Greenheart project complies with the rules; let's get on with it

By John Boyle

As I read the guest opinion in the May 4 Almanac criticizing the proposed Greenheart project on El Camino Real, I felt like perhaps I was stuck in a Menlo Park version of the classic movie, "Groundhog Day." Didn't we already have this debate, many times over?

Many of the people who today are saying that the Greenheart project doesn't have enough housing are the same ones responsible for derailing the Derry project at the same location back in 2006. Ironically, back then, they were against that project because they said it had too *much* housing. Through the scare of a referendum, they forced the developer to negotiate a private deal (without public participation) in which these same people agreed to a deal that reduced the number of housing units and increased the amount of commercial space.

The back-and-forth caused so much delay that the market conditions changed and the project was never built. As a direct result of that fiasco, Menlo Park decided to create a spe-



John Boyle is a former Menlo Park vice mayor and City Council member. He served on the council from 2006 to 2010.

GUEST OPINION

cific plan for our downtown area to create more certainty by defining a community-driven set of zoning and building guidelines.

Over the five-plus years that it took to develop and approve the specific plan, there were nearly 100 public meetings and participation by over 1,000 residents. All of the arguments that we're hearing now were voiced back then — and then again in multiple specific plan reviews, and then again in the Measure M debate.

There are, of course, parts of the specific plan that some people don't like. But it was an exhaustive, consensus-building process. It was the result of a process that was overseen by multiple Planning Commissions and City Councils. It was approved unanimously in 2012.

In 2013 and again in 2015, the Planning Commission and the City Council reviewed the specific plan, made a few modest changes and improvements, and re-approved it each time.

These same protesters were still not satisfied, and so they placed Measure M on the ballot in 2014, attempting to get the specific plan changed to meet their personal preferences. By a margin of 62 percent to 38 percent, Measure M was soundly defeated by people who voted, as I did, to support the consensus-based specific plan and to enable projects like Greenheart's to move forward.

The critical May 4 guest opinion was focused on the specific Greenheart project, but it was really just another attempt to impose their preferences in place of the specific plan. The column trotted out mostly the same misleading information they've used in the past. For example, they claim that "these additional adverse (traffic) impacts were not anticipated when the downtown specific plan was adopted." This has already been shown to be not true. The specific plan's traffic engineer stated that the Greenheart

traffic impacts are substantially less than the traffic impacts for the same 6-plus acres in the specific plan's EIR.

They also claim that this project "is still in its conceptual design phase, when plan modification can be easily made." Again, untrue. The changes proposed in the guest opinion would require a complete redesign of the project and would restart the environmental impact analysis. The current draft EIR was started 22 months ago by the city. A restart could delay this project by years. Worse, the market window might close again, and we could see *nothing* in the vacant lots for another 10 years.

As a former City Council member, I helped to start and advance the community project that led to the specific plan. I don't have any personal stake in the Greenheart project other than as a resident who, like many others, is tired of the embarrassing empty lots along El Camino Real and the endless rehashing of the same debates. The Greenheart project looks to be 100 percent compliant with the specific plan. It's time to stop repeating "Groundhog Day." Let's move forward toward revitalizing our downtown area.

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Real Estate Matters

Local homebuyers headed downtown

No fear of noise or busy streets

by Katharine Carroll

As more people move to the Bay Area to take advantage of the region's high-octane job market, traffic has gotten predictably worse. According to a November 2015 article in the San Francisco Business Times, traffic on the San Mateo Bridge grew by 81 percent since 2010 while increasing by 61 percent on the Dumbarton Bridge.

Traffic congestion, along with the growing popularity of walkable neighborhoods, is prompting some buyers — especially younger ones — to seek out lifestyles that will keep them out of their cars as much as possible. A look at a few recent home sales in our local communities underscores buyer desire for centrally located homes, along with their

willingness to pay substantial premiums for them.

■ A single-family home on Palo Alto's Loma Verde Avenue sold for nearly 139 percent of original price in January, the largest first-quarter premium in the city. The Midtown home — described in online listings as a fixer-upper — benefits from a large corner lot but also a location that is less than a mile and a half away from the California Avenue Caltrain Station.

■ Pacific Union real estate professional Michael Hall relayed the sentiments of potential buyers who recently viewed a condominium in downtown Palo Alto. Mostly under the age of 40, these home shoppers were keen on the unit due to its central



Katharine Carroll

location: within strolling distance of dozens of restaurants, the Palo Alto Caltrain station, and a Whole Foods Market. Interestingly, downtown Palo Alto is particularly attractive for transplants from New York City and San Francisco, who are accustomed to urban walkable neighborhoods with public-transportation options.

■ In Menlo Park, a single-family, bungalow-style home on Evelyn Avenue fetched 125 percent of original price in early April, thanks in part to its location less than two blocks from the bustling, vibrant business district on Santa Cruz Avenue.

■ In late March, a new home on Cornell Road in Menlo Park's Allied Arts neighborhood just north of Stanford Shopping Center sold for 103 percent of original price despite its relatively small lot.

"Local buyers are willing to

accept a smaller lot in exchange for walkability," Pacific Union real estate agent Nathalie de Saint Andrieu said.

Proximity to work is likely also driving location-based buyer trends in Silicon Valley. In Mountain View, a single-family home on Hamwood Terrace built in 2007 sold for 135 percent of list price in late March, also the largest premium paid in that city in the first quarter. This home sits adjacent to Highway 101, traditionally not a particularly desirable location. But it is also within walking distance of Google's Quad Campus and a short drive from the search giant's Googleplex Campus.

And while Pacific Union wasn't involved in that particular sale, it's not a huge stretch to speculate that the buyer has a connection to Mountain View's most famous tech company.

Regardless of neighborhood

preference, prospective Palo Alto and Menlo Park buyers who are planning to hit the open-house circuit this spring will likely find no shortage of competitors if last spring was any indication. In the second quarter of 2015, single-family homes in Palo Alto sold for 109 percent of original price, while their Menlo Park counterparts got 108 percent of list price.

Given those numbers, local home shoppers should be serious about putting their best offer on the table right away and finding the means to counter-offer in the event of a bidding war.

As always, a real estate professional with expert knowledge of individual neighborhoods and current market conditions is instrumental in advising buyers as to the most effective offer strategy. ■

Katharine Carroll is a vice president at Pacific Union in Palo Alto.

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

CONHAIR
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 269035
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 Conhair, located at 859 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
 Registered owner(s):
 CONNIE JEAN COOK
 795 Roble Ave. #8
 Menlo Park, CA 94025
 This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3-31-09. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 21, 2016. (ALM Apr. 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2016)

VADIS LLC
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 268958
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 Vadis LLC, located at 889 Balboa Ln., Foster City, CA 94404, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
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 This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/20/2010. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 19, 2016. (ALM Apr. 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2016)

OKP-OUR KIDS PLAY
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 269078
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 OKP-Our Kids Play, located at 61 Cove Lane, Redwood City, CA 94065, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
 VINCENT SMITH
 61 Cove Lane
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 This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 26, 2016. (ALM May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016)

GORILLA BARBEQUE, LLC
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 File No.: 268980

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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 Registered owner(s):
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 File No.: 268911
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.
 Registered owner(s):
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 This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 14, 2016. (ALM May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016)

PANADERIA MICHOCAN
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 269140
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 This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1979. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 3, 2016. (ALM May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2016)

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 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 269189
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Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
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 Menlo Park, CA 94025
 This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/01/2016. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 9, 2016. (ALM May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2016)

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 File No.: 269200
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 This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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Fenzi TEAM Titles
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 269157
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 Fenzi TEAM Titles, located at 937 Canada Road, Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
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Woodside, CA 94062
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 This business is conducted by: An Individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on July 1, 2016. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 4, 2016. (ALM May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2016)

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
 Case No.: CIV537712

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner: KATHERINE JIA-YAN JIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 KATHERINE JIA-YAN JIA to KATHERINE JIA-YAN LIU.
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Fri. June 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC

Date: April 14, 2016
 /s/ John L. Grandsaert
 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
 (ALM Apr. 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
 Case No.: CIV538162
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner: KARA SYKORA filed a petition with this court

for a decree changing names as follows:
 KARA SYKORA to KARA PHONGPHAYCHIT SYKORA.
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NOTICE OF HEARING: June 2, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

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 Date: April 18, 2016
 /s/ Joseph C. Scott
 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
 (ALM May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016)

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625 Hobart \$8,500,000
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1019 Middle Ave \$2,980,000
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14123 Tracy Ct \$8,640,000
Stunning 7BD/6BA state of the art contemporary home on 1.3 ac, top custom details, pool, backs to greenbelt, au-pair unit, PA Schls. 14123TracyCt.com



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3343 Alpine Rd \$2,695,000
Build your dream home on this approx. 4.2-acre undeveloped country parcel situated adjacent to Portola Valley on Santa Clara County land.



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Margot Lockwood
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1039 Twin Oaks \$2,450,000
Panoramic bay views on .4 ac. Large 4BD/2.5BA, 2 office areas & 2 FR's or bonus areas. Updated kitchen & baths, hdwd flrs & located on pvt cul-de-sac.



NEW PRICE | REDWOOD CITY



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216 Grand St \$1,849,000
Fab totally remodeled 3BD/2.5BA Mt. Carmel Craftsman. NEW fam/kit, baths, floors, landscaping, electrical, plumbing, roof, fences, windows & more! www.216Grand.com



WOODSIDE



Erika Demma
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155 Kings Mountain Rd \$16,795,000
Country estate prop. renovated & expanded on 5 flat ac near town. Main res. w/5BD/4 full BA+ 2 half BA. Entertainment cabaña adjoining 1BD/1BA gsthse.

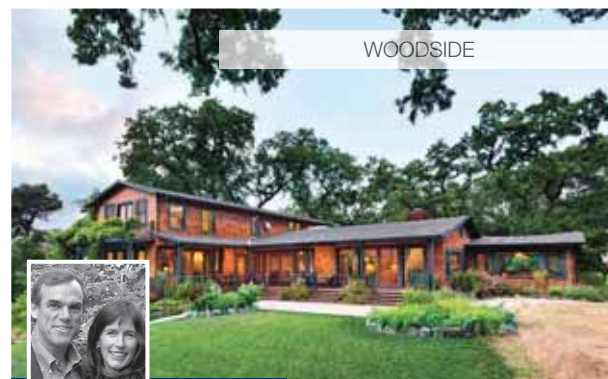


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618 Manzanita Way \$9,900,000
Beautifully remodeled 4BD/4BA home, equestrian facilities plus a private pool & spa, all on more than 2.6 magnificent landscaped acres.

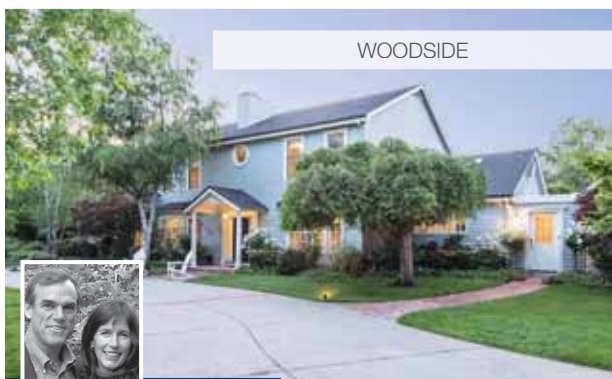


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280 Family Farm Rd \$8,995,000
Hear the birds! 4BR/4.5BA on 6 ac w/surrounding views of Western Hills & Jasper Ridge Preserve. Also 2 guesthouses & pool; land is fee owned.

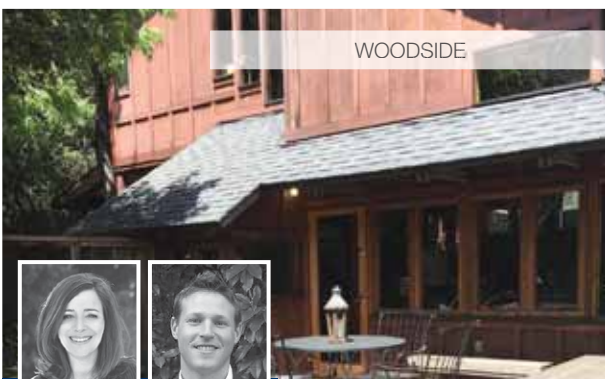


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280 Ridgeway Rd \$5,495,000
Spectacular finishes in Southern traditional home on nearly 1 acre with large pool, brick entertaining decks & dining portico, & mature vineyard. 4BD/3+BA



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104 Highland Terrace \$1,395,000
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