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The Menlo Park City School District Board & Leadership invite all community members to participate in a series of input sessions & board meetings regarding the district's financial planning. Input regarding potential reductions or parcel tax renewals/increases is eagerly sought. All sessions take place at the Hillview Middle School Performing Arts Center at 1100 Elder Avenue, Menlo Park.

Want to provide online input or learn more? Please visit district.mpcsd.org.

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Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ 6:00 p.m.

"What can we learn from 2016 Measure A&C?"

Tuesday, Oct. 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

Leadership presents reduction proposal

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"Should MPCSD pursue parcel tax to minimize cuts?"

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"Should MPCSD pursue parcel tax to minimize cuts?"

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Board discusses options, provides direction

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Menlo school district looks at looming deficit

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park City School District has taken a close look at its budget after two parcel tax measures failed in May. The news is not good: The district predicts that by the 2020-21 school year expenses will outstrip revenues by \$5.3 million.

Expenses are going up as the district's enrollment growth continues, Superintendent Maurice Ghysels told the district's governing board at its Tuesday, Sept. 20, meeting. Employee compensation, including state-mandated pension costs that the district can't change, increases each year and now accounts for 89 percent of the district's budget, he said.

Assumptions in the budget predictions include a 6.1 percent growth in property tax revenue each year for the next four years, based on an eight-year property tax history, and that an existing parcel tax that expires at the end of June 2017 will not be renewed.

The model used by the district also assumes current personnel and programs

will be maintained, and two more teachers added each year to compensate for enrollment growth. Employee compensation (salary and benefits) would increase at historic levels.

The result: something's got to give.

At the Sept. 20 meeting, Superintendent Ghysels and Ahmad Sheikholeslami, the district's top business official, gave board members a look at the spending side of the equation and briefed them on what the effects of 10 percent across-the-board cuts would be.

The district has asked the public to get involved in deciding what to do about the budget problems, with five more board meetings planned to discuss the issue. A meeting designated to hear the public talk about what the district should have learned from the parcel tax election was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, Sept. 27, after the Almanac's deadline.

Among the reductions the district could make, Mr. Sheikholeslami told the board, are increased class sizes (which would result in cutting teachers and therefore personnel costs), and cuts in programs and non-teach-

er staffing, as well as other miscellaneous non-staffing costs.

To achieve a 10 percent personnel cost savings via larger classes would require an average of four more students per classroom, Mr. Sheikholeslami said. Such an increase could save the district close to \$1.94 million a year by cutting 18 full-time teaching positions, he said.

The district could save an additional \$1 million by cutting 10 percent of all other non-administrative district staff (everyone from custodians and technical support to aides and playground supervisors) plus close to \$375,000 by cutting 10 percent of administrators and management level employees.

Shaving a quarter of a percent off annual raises for staff (which this year were at 2.5 percent) could save \$87,500 the first year, Mr. Sheikholeslami said.

Superintendent Ghysels said the district will work to bring the board information for its Oct. 18 meeting about the priorities for cuts, a timeline of when reductions would be made, and an update of the budget with cuts included.

Board members suggested a few areas to look at that weren't including in the presentation. Trustee Joan Lambert recommended that the district look at how many minutes and days of instruction are required by the state and consider reductions if allowed, such as in the length of kindergarten classes.

"If we're talking about drastic cuts, we should at least look at that," she said.

Board President Jeff Child asked for a look at how the district could provide incentives for veteran teachers to retire.

He also asked the district to look at data on small class sizes. "Small class has never been properly defined to me," he said.

Scott Saywell, a candidate for one of two open school board positions in the November election, urged the board to look at how the possible cuts would affect students, and find a way to give students a voice in evaluating options for balancing the budget.

Board member Maria Hilton asked that the district try to add information to its presentations about how making specific cuts would affect a student's experience.

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Fire board, Atherton lower the heat in funding fray

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The Atherton City Council has made known its concerns about possible inequities between funding for town operations and funding for the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, which provides firefighting and emergency response services. The fire district board has now weighed in.

After a Sept. 20 discussion of about 30 minutes on Atherton's concerns, including a claim by the city manager that the fire district gets a nickel more of each property tax dollar than the town does, the board agreed to the idea of officials from the two jurisdictions meeting occasionally to discuss "mutual issues and concerns," as a staff report from Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman put it.

The board discussion had none of the sparks that board member Peter Carpenter had kicked up with his online comments on the Almanac's Town Square forum, including that Atherton's City Manager George Rodericks had told the mayor that the fire district "is where the money we need is and they won't just give it to us so let's see if we can intimidate them with a public hearing and then blackmail them into sharing their

tax revenue with the Town."

Mr. Rodericks attended the board meeting, as did Atherton Mayor Elizabeth Lewis and Atherton Councilman Cary Weist. Not present was Councilman Rick DeGolia, who described some comments by fire district officials as "extremely immature and a direct attack on the council," adding that he felt personally insulted.

"I would like to apologize to the officials in Atherton for not speaking up about this (funding issue) earlier," fire board member Chuck Bernstein said. He took pains to address possible misrepresentations in the press that the entire board had taken a position, adding that he did not share any of the sentiments represented, whether reported accurately or not. "All the cowards kind of tend to say nothing, and I was one of those, so I apologize to you," he said.

Mr. Bernstein said he saw an inquiry into efficient use of tax money as, "at heart, a worthwhile thing to do," but added that trying to get one's money's worth from taxes is "kind of a quixotic quest at best. I mean, when do we ever get our money's worth from our taxes?" He said he would support any study on quality and delivery of services.

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Photo credit

Sheryl Sandberg a Menlo Park resident and Facebook's chief operating officer, addresses the audience at the Golden Acorn Awards ceremony.

It's all about community

Golden Acorn awards recognize service, excellence

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac staff writer

With pauses only every few minutes to observe the muffled screeching of a Caltrain passing nearby, Menlo Park's

Golden Acorn Awards proceeded otherwise without interruption on Sept. 20 at the Stanford Park Hotel.

Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook's chief operating officer, author of "Lean In," and proud resident of Menlo

Park, offered the keynote address and presented one of the four awards.

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Tensions simmer over city's ownership of fire station's site

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

When Menlo Park Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman looks around at the amount of development that could happen in eastern Menlo Park, his reaction is similar to the man in the film “Jaws” who just met the great white shark. The prevailing thought: We’re gonna need a bigger fire station.

Development in the city’s M-2 area east of U.S. 101 is escalating, and will only accelerate if the city decides to allow further development there. Facebook is planning to build almost a million square feet of office space and a 200-room hotel. The Bohannon Development Company is already building an 11-story hotel, eight-story office building, a parking structure, and a fitness facility.

Greenheart Land Co. is building 195 apartments on Hamilton Avenue. MidPen Housing Corp. is building 90 affordable apartments, now under construction on Willow Road.

Even though Belle Haven’s Station 77, located at 1467 Chilco St., was completed in 1988, development in the area has occurred rapidly and at a scale significant enough that the Menlo Park Fire Protection District has become worried that the station won’t be big enough to accommodate local needs in a few years. Right now, it is large enough to fit about one main firefighting vehicle, three to four firefighters, and some water rescue vehicles on-site, Mr. Schapelhouman said.

The fire district currently leases the Belle Haven station site from the city.

That situation has caused tension in recent months. Email records indicate that the fire district first approached the city about the possibility of purchasing the land in 2013.

That year, the city sold some of its land to Beechwood School, a private K-8 school in Belle Haven, but the council appears to be no longer interested in selling its land, according to email transcripts. Chief Schapelhouman said he doesn’t understand the city’s newfound hesitancy to sell its property. “We’re not a private entity. We’re public safety,” he said.

The City Council did agree unanimously on Sept. 13 to continue to lease the property to the fire district, at a rate of \$1 per year for 55 years. However, the district board tabled the lease agreement at its last meeting and has not discussed it yet in a public meeting.

According to Menlo Park City Attorney Bill McClure, the lease conditions won’t preclude the district from asking again to purchase the land in the future.

One of the main reasons the fire district wants to buy the land, according to Chief Schapelhouman, is that it wants to ensure that if the district expands its Belle Haven station, it won’t have to move.

“We’re talking about spending millions of dollars on a new building,” he said. “We’re tenants. When you’re a tenant you never know what’s going to happen. You could end up leaving the site.”

Schematic designs have been drawn up and a consultant hired to evaluate the project’s environmental impacts, he said. ■

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Mr. Bernstein noted that Stanford Weekend Acres pays no property taxes for fire district services. “I haven’t thought that was fair, but for some reason, in the fire services this idea of giving away some things for free is one of the norms,” he said. Compensation and benefits to firefighters that “exceed community norms” are also inequitable, he said, and a discussion about equity is worth having.

Under state law, Mr. Carpenter said, “oversight authority for this fire district is the sole responsibility of this elected board. No other political entity or organization has legal oversight responsibility.”

As for distribution of tax revenues, that issue was decided by voters in statewide property tax propositions, and is not in the bailiwick of the fire district board, he said.

Board member Virginia Chang-Kiraly said that “if there is contentious verbiage thrown at each other, that does not help the cause to represent the residents that we have sworn to represent.” The board and the City Council should be meeting, she said, adding that Chief Schapelhouman’s relationship with Town Manager Rodericks is “good - but could be better.”

“I think overall, we need to have a — and I hate to use this word — more adult relationship,” she said. ■

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District considers appointing Burmeister superintendent

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park City School District announced on Sept. 23 that the school board will consider appointing current Assistant Superintendent Erik Burmeister to take over when Superintendent Maurice Ghysels leaves at the end of June.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, the board was to discuss terms of a possible contract that would have Mr. Burmeister take over when Superintendent Maurice Ghysels leaves at the end of June. (The meeting was held after the Almanac's press time; go to AlmanacNews.com for a report on the meeting.)

The board will not take action on hiring a superintendent before its Oct. 18 regular meeting.

The public will be allowed to comment at both meetings or by emailing: board@mpcsd.org.

In late August, current Superintendent Maurice Ghysels announced that he would be leaving at the end of the school year.

Mr. Burmeister has been the district's assistant superintendent for the past year. He was principal of Hillview Middle School from 2012 to 2015, leading it to a 2015 California Gold Ribbon School award.

A statement from the district said that, working with the Stanford Design School, Mr. Burmeister "has become an expert in applying design and innovation to solve a variety of education challenges" including closing the achievement gap, school redesign, technology implementation, response to intervention, and asset development.



Erik Burmeister

Mr. Burmeister was named the "Middle Grades Principal of the Year" by the Association of California School Administrators and was one of the three finalists for the NASSP National Middle Grades Principal in 2014. In 2012 he was named "Multiplier of the Year in Education" by the Wiseman Group. He has volunteered to support schools and districts and coached principals on school redesign.

Mr. Burmeister received bachelor's degrees in both secondary education and communication from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He has a master's degree in educational policy analysis from Stanford University. He speaks Spanish and has been a teacher, coach, activities director, dean, vice principal and principal at middle and/or high school in four different districts.

Mr. Burmeister and his wife, a high school teacher, and two young sons moved to Menlo Park this summer. He and his wife also have an adopted adult son living in Peru. ■

Menlo school district gives raises, bonuses to all employees

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

The board of the Menlo Park City School District voted unanimously on Sept. 20, with board member Terry Thygesen absent, to award all district employees a 2.5 percent raise for the 2016-17 school year, and to give a bonus of 2.5 percent of their annual salary to all who worked last year.

Some speakers from the public at the board meeting questioned awarding salary increases and bonuses to employees when the district is facing serious financial problems. Two parcel taxes failed to pass in May, and the district now says that it is facing budget shortfalls that could reach \$5.3 million in five years.

Joe Giarrusso, a district resident and parent of a former student, said the board should not approve raises and bonuses "until the financial picture is clearer sometime next year." Mr. Giarrusso's wife, Caroline Lucas, is a candidate for the school board.

"What the board is doing now is playing Russian Roulette with the budget," he said, "hoping or maybe assuming that the public will approve a parcel tax measure next year."

But board president Jeff Child said the district lost a number of teachers last year who could no longer afford to live in the area, and without raises the district would find itself unable to recruit new teachers or retain current

employees.

Joan O'Neill, the district's human resources manager, said that 11 teachers resigned and two retired last year. The district hired 22 new teachers for the 2016-17 school year.

Mr. Child said that many of the teachers who left either could no longer afford to live in the area, or deal with the commute if they lived elsewhere. "I'm not sure we have seen that before the last year or two," he said.

Mr. Child said that by not giving a raise to district teachers last year, the district put itself at a disadvantage in competing for teachers with all other local districts that did give raises, ranging from 2.5 percent in Hillsborough to 4 percent in Woodside and 5 percent in Palo Alto.

"We're losing ground against our competitors" in the midst of a teacher shortage, Mr. Child said. "We did look at this salary in light of our funding issues," he said, but also in light of a teacher shortage.

Whether teachers' salaries should be cut does need to be discussed, he said, but it should be in the context of the overall cuts the district will be making.

"We'd like to think at least we're keeping up with the cost of living," he said.

The Bay Area CPI, according to information given out at the school board meeting, was 2.3 percent in 2014-15 and 2.7 percent in 2015-16, but Mr. Child said he believes the cost of living, especially rents and home prices, has

risen even more locally.

The new salary schedule places the lowest-paid first-year teachers, with a bachelor's degree and no additional education, at \$59,662 a year. After 10 years, with no additional education, that teacher would make \$77,500 a year (or \$91,820 with 10 years of experience and 45 additional units of education). The highest-paid district teachers, with 22 years of experience and 90 units of additional education, make \$118,323 a year. Teachers also receive a stipend of \$1,750 a year for a master's degree and \$1,500 a year for a bilingual certification.

Compared with other local school districts (Las Lomas, Belmont, Hillsborough, Woodside and Palo Alto), according to information provided to the Menlo Park board, the Menlo Park district's salaries generally ranked at about third out of six in 2015-16, although the district's maximum contribution to benefits was the lowest of the districts compared.

The district also approved a contract for Superintendent Maurice Ghysels for a base salary of \$235,205 annually and a \$5,737 bonus for the 2015-16 school year. The superintendent last received a raise in May 2015, to \$229,468 a year.

Ahmad Sheikholeslami, the district's chief business and operations official, received a raise to \$187,466 a year and a bonus of \$4,530.

Erik Burmeister, the assistant superintendent, received a raise to \$192,045 a year with a \$4,641 bonus. ■

Scott Hinshaw says he's dropping out of school board race

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Scott Hinshaw has announced he is withdrawing from the contest for a seat on the Menlo Park City School District's governing board for personal reasons.

Mr. Hinshaw, who previously served for nine months on the board as an appointee, was one of five candidates for two open board seats.

"I have decided to withdraw my name from consideration for the (school board) for personal reasons," he said in a statement on Friday, Sept. 23.

"I think we have a great current board and know we will have a great new board," he said. "I and many community members are extremely appreciative of Jeff Child's, Maria Hilton's, and Maurice Ghysels' service. I would look forward (to), and am 110 percent in favor of, Erik Burmeister as our next superintendent."

Because ballots have already been printed, Mr. Hinshaw's name will be on the ballot, he

said. However, he added, if he is elected even without campaigning he will not be able to serve.

"I really have a hard time saying no," he said, "but, no, I really can't right now and I think we have some other great candidates. There are many ways to support the schools and community, and I will always do that."

Mr. Hinshaw said he believes the board, with input from the community, will determine the best way to address the district's revenue shortfall and ensure that "our district can fully support the great teachers, administrators and programs our community's children benefit so greatly from."

"As a father of an eighth-, seventh- and third-grader, I will still be around a long time and look forward to serving the district and our community in any way I can," he said.

Remaining candidates are: Caroline Lucas, an educator; David Ackerman, an educator; Alka Gupta, an entrepreneur and executive; and Scott Saywell, who is in business development in biotechnology. ■

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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"I think it's important for people to understand" what the proposed cuts really mean, she said. "There obviously are going to have to be some trade-offs."

The following board meetings are scheduled to discuss the district's financial situation. All are in the Hillview Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1100 Elder Ave., Menlo Park:

■ Sept. 27, 6 p.m. A community input session to review the May 3 parcel tax election.

■ Oct. 18, 6 p.m. The regular board meeting will include a discussion and a report on recommendations to address the deficit.

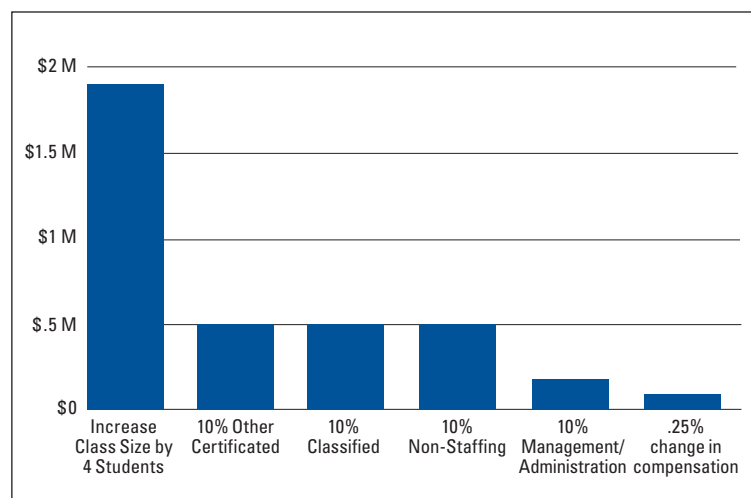
■ Oct. 24, 9 a.m. A community

input session to discuss how the district can increase revenue.

■ Oct. 25, 6 p.m. A community input session to discuss how the district can increase revenue.

■ Nov. 9, 6 p.m. At this regular board meeting, the board will continue to discuss recommendations for increasing revenue and decreasing expenses, review community input and give direction to staff.

■ Nov. 30, 6 p.m. Final plan for addressing the projected deficit to be approved by the board. (The date of this meeting is set to allow the board to decide whether to put a parcel tax measure on the March 2017 ballot before the Dec. 2 deadline for approval of ballot measures.) ■



Graphic courtesy Menlo Park City School District

This chart from a presentation made to the Menlo Park City School District board at a Sept. 20 meeting shows how different 10 percent cuts could affect the budget.

Local towns sign up for 100 percent renewable energy

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside and Portola Valley, along with several other San Mateo County municipalities, have all signed up to buy municipal electricity that is 100 percent from renewable sources as customers of the new Peninsula Clean Energy

program.

Atherton's City Council voted for the 100 percent renewable option, called Eco100, at its Sept. 21 meeting. In addition to the other local towns, Brisbane, Foster City, Millbrae and Redwood City have also signed up for that option, according to Atherton City Council member Rick DeGolia, who is the town's representative to Penin-

sula Clean Energy.

The Peninsula Clean Energy program starts Oct. 1, but will be rolled out to San Mateo County customers in phases over the coming year. The program was formed when all San Mateo County municipalities joined the county to form a Community Choice Aggregation system, a cooperative which bypasses Pacific Gas & Electric to provide a higher percentage of electricity from renewable sources to customers than the electricity

provided by PG&E, which is 30 percent from renewable sources.

PG&E still provides the billing and delivers the power.

Mr. DeGolia said the program has 299,598 potential customers in the county, but so far only 491 have opted out — “a remarkably low percentage,” he said.

Most customers will be given the choice to opt out of the program and remain with PG&E; do nothing and be automatically signed up for the EcoPlus option, which provides electricity that

is 50 percent from renewable sources (and should cost slightly less than PG&E's power); or opt for the Eco100 option, which will cost as estimated 2.5 to 3 percent more than PG&E. The town's electric bill is projected to go up by a little less than \$7,000 a year, City Manager George Rodericks told the council.

Portola Valley's Town Council has voted make the Eco100 option the default for its residents when the program is rolled out there. ■

Windmill preschool clears last hurdle; council approves permit

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The years-long quest for a permanent home is officially over for Windmill School, a private nonprofit preschool that's been renting space in Portola Valley for more than 50 years.

The Portola Valley Town Council, in unanimous votes on Sept. 14, approved the measures and permits needed to clear the way for the school to begin developing the 1.67-acre plot at 900 Portola Road, former home of Al's (plant) Nursery.

Both the Architectural & Site Control Commission and the Planning Commission approved the project, and the Planning Commission will be reviewing the operation after a year to check on parking management and traffic impacts on Portola Road.

“For years, Al's Nursery was our ideal location,” school capital campaign co-chair Monika Cheney told the council. “We're delighted that we are now able to develop it. ... This is a place where people come and make friends for life.”

“We are finally moving on,” said Karen Tate, also a capital campaign co-chair. “These types of projects take a village. ... We're all looking forward to building this school for future generations to come.”

When complete, the preschool will have 10,593 square feet of interior space, including three classrooms and community meeting rooms, according to the conditional use permit. Maximum enrollment will be 132 students, with no more than 66 students at any one time and no more than 120 people on campus during operating hours.

Five times a year, for events such as the school picnic and fundraising, the maximum capacity expands to 200 people.

Preschool students will be from ages 2 to 5, and the after-school enrichment classes

would be open to children through the eighth-grade, the permit says.

Plans for the outside include measures to shield residential neighbors on Wyndham Drive from noise — an 8-foot-high sound wall and a “quiet-zone” garden — as well as a redwood grove, a play yard for each classroom and, eventually, a farm for up to 12 chickens, 12 rabbits and two goats, the permit says. “No roosters,” the permit says.

The school's operating hours will be 7 a.m. to 7:15 p.m., and after hours to 10 p.m. indoors, with outdoor use at the west end of the campus. The school would be available on weekends, with restrictions, and for groups such as garden clubs and Boy Scouts. Weddings, birthday parties and memorial services will not be allowed, the permit says.

Go to tinyurl.com/GJNDY and turn to Page 197 for the complete list of conditions.

One-year checkup

A school in the center of town is a novel use, so a key point in the discussions leading up to the council's approval concerned the one-year review by the Planning Commission. As stated in the conditional use permit, the review will “determine if any additional conditions are necessary to ensure harmony between the use and the community,” according to Town Planner Debbie Pedro.

The review will not address “fundamental operating conditions of the school,” including its use as a preschool, after-school enrichment classes, hours of operation and maximum enrollment, staff and capacity during events, Ms. Pedro said.

The outline of what is and is not to be the focus of the one-year review reflects a protracted back and forth between the school and the town, given the hours of operation extending into the evenings and on weekends. ■



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Cal Water offers a 'state of the drought' update; future restrictions uncertain

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Water budgets and surcharges for going beyond them may be gone for now, Dawn Smithson of California Water Service (Cal Water) told the Atherton City Council on Wednesday, Sept. 21, but the drought and many of the water-use regulations it inspired are still with us.

Ms. Smithson, the director of Cal Water's Bear Gulch District, told the council that although the state has allowed water companies to develop their own conservation plans and goals based on their supplies, that could change as soon as January.

"We're in limbo now," she said, adding that some people speculate that the state's new plan could call for even more severe restrictions than the recently suspended plan. The regulations could also end up to be less restrictive, she said.

For now, the Bear Gulch District, which covers Atherton, Portola Valley, most of Woodside, and parts of Redwood City and Menlo Park, has asked users to try to keep water use at 10 percent below 2013 levels. That's an easing of the 36 percent reduction from the 2013 levels that had been

required since last summer.

Surcharges for using more than the target level have also gone away, Ms. Smithson said, but the regulations on water use that were put into place have not. That means that restrictions on irrigation still apply: Irrigation is allowed only two days a week and is not allowed between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Street addresses ending in even numbers can water only on Tuesdays and Saturdays; street addresses ending in odd numbers, on Sundays and Wednesdays.

'If we are building to the capacity of this area, and everybody keeps using the same amount of water,' there's not enough to go around.

DAWN SMITHSON OF CAL WATER

Atherton saved slightly more than the goal of 36 percent between June 2015 and 2016, Ms. Smithson said, consuming 36.2 percent less water in those 12 months than it had in 2013. Ms. Smithson said Atherton residents used 5.7 million gallons less water than they had in 2013 during that period.

In addition to restrictions on irrigation, certain uses of water are still prohibited, including filling or refilling ornamental ponds; allowing runoff from over-irrigation is also prohibited.

At tinyurl.com/WaterNos the entire list of prohibited uses of water is posted online.

Bear Gulch district customers will also notice that the water they had "banked" by using less than their allocation is no longer on the bill, Ms. Smithson said. While no new units are being banked, those previously saved are still being tracked by CalWater, and can be viewed usage.calwater.com/account online.

Ms. Smithson was asked by Atherton City Councilman Bill Widmer what effect regional growth has on the water supply. She said that if all the land in the Bear Gulch district was developed to its capacity (which is beyond what current zoning allows), it would "result in mandatory conservation."

"If we are building to the capacity of this area, and everybody keeps using the same amount of water" there's not enough to go around, she said.

With conservation by all, however, the water supply should be adequate, she said. ■

GOLDEN ACORN

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Menlo Park, was resurrected this year after a four-year hiatus. This year's award winners are:

■ Public Service: Menlo Park Police Chief Robert Jonsen.

■ Community Service: Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation, which raises funds for the Menlo Park City School District.

■ Innovation & Technology: Women's Startup Lab in Menlo Park.

■ Business Excellence: Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, a Menlo Park venture capital firm.

Keynote speaker Sheryl Sandberg made note of the city's "very strong sense of community." For her and her late husband, Dave Goldberg, who died unexpectedly in May 2015, the choice to move to Menlo Park was a careful and conscious one. "This community meant so much to him, as it does to me," she said.

It was also a careful choice to move Facebook to Menlo Park, she said. "It's a larger company than the city has had before," she acknowledged. (Facebook

currently has plans to build nearly a million square feet of additional office space and a 200-room hotel on its property in eastern Menlo Park.)

"We believed in what the community could bring to Facebook," she added. "We believed we could give back to the community." She cited several examples of Facebook's community-serving initiatives, such as its internship program with local teens, and discussed her own involvement with local nonprofit Second Harvest Food Bank.

"When we volunteer, we connect to the community and the best parts of who we are," she said.

Ms. Sandberg announced the Innovation and Technology award winner: Women's Startup Lab. "I believe there's an entrepreneur in all of us," she said.

The award was accepted by Deanna Kosaraju. "Supporting female founders is not just the right thing to do. It makes business sense," she said.

Ted Schlein of Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers accepted the Business Excellence award on behalf of the venture capital firm. He said he personally has been a Menlo Park resident

since 1990 and sent his children to Menlo Park schools. The venture capital firm has enabled him to work with entrepreneurs, build companies and create jobs.

"We've had the fortune to work with great entrepreneurs around the world," he said. "It's so rewarding."

Menlo Park Police Chief Bob Jonsen, who received the Public Service award, joked, "Police officers don't like to say a lot: license, registration, proof of insurance." He managed, however, to gather a few more words for the occasion: "I accept this acorn on behalf of everyone," he said. "I do believe that one day we can make this the safest city in America."

Susannah Hill, who accepted the Community Service award on behalf of the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation, gave thanks to the organization's volunteers, local parents and the school board.

"We'd also like to thank everybody who supports public schools, whichever district you're in," she told the audience.

The event was hosted by the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by a number of local businesses. ■

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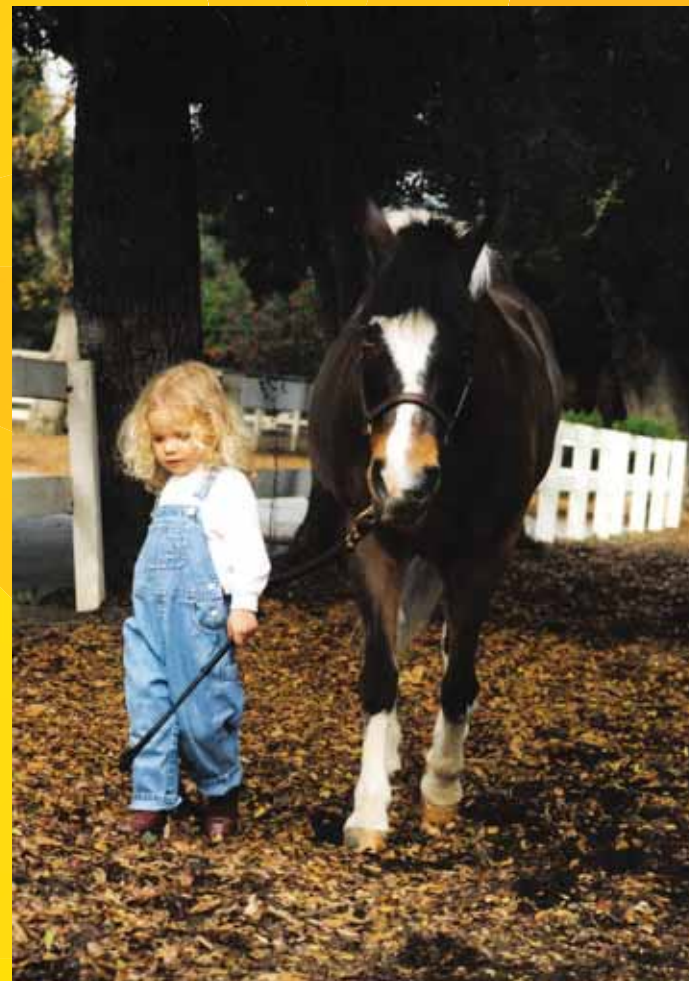


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Robotics pioneer Victor Scheinman dies

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Victor David Scheinman, a pioneer in industrial robotics and a longtime Woodside resident, died Tuesday, Sept. 20, of complications of heart disease. He was 73.

Mr. Scheinman, starting as a graduate student at Stanford University, developed a robotic arm that allowed the use of robotics in industry to leap forward. A version of the arm, called the Scheinman Arm, was used for research in dozens of research labs, inspiring a generation of robotics engineers.

Stanford professor Bernie Roth, who was at first Mr. Scheinman's adviser at Stanford and later his close friend, said that Mr. Scheinman's robotic arm was unique because it included sensors that gave feedback to the computer controlling it.

Professor Roth said Mr. Scheinman was "tenacious and very active," always trying to figure out how things worked and fixing anything that was broken. "He was a very hands-on person," Mr. Roth said.

"He was one of those people who was larger than life in a way," he said, and was "encyclopedic in his knowledge."

Walt Conti, a student of Mr. Scheinman as well as his friend and Woodside neighbor, said he was inspired by Mr. Scheinman to found Edge Innovations, a company that creates robotic characters for Hollywood films, including the Orca star of "Free Willy."

Mr. Scheinman was "an incredibly curious people person and understood the need for a humanistic element to technology," he said. He was "so unselfish in his support of so many people, not asking or taking any credit for doing it — just the love of curiosity and tackling a challenge."

Joe Ben Bevirt, founder of Joby Aviation in Santa Cruz, which develops electric VTOL (vertical takeoff and landing) aircraft, met Mr. Scheinman 22 years ago when studying mechanical engineering at Stanford University.

Mr. Bevirt says he considered Mr. Scheinman "a mentor and friend" who shared "good times, advice, encouragement, and love" with him. "He inspired me, encouraged me, and taught me," Mr. Bevirt said. Mr. Scheinman was "a font of knowledge and an engineer to the core. He made an indelible contribution to the world," he said.

Victor Scheinman was born in 1942, in Augusta, Georgia. His parents, Dr. Leonard Scheinman

OBITUARIES

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

and Serah Mani Scheinman, later moved the family to Brooklyn and then to Riverdale in the Bronx. His father was a psychiatry professor at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and had a private practice in Manhattan, and his mother was a pianist and Hebrew teacher.

After developing a childhood interest in science and winning many science fair awards, Vic Scheinman went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at age 16. He received a bachelor's degree in Course 16 aeronautics and astronautics from MIT, a master's and engineer degree in mechanical engineering from Stanford University and a certificate from the Von Karman Institute for Fluid Dynamics in Brussels, Belgium.

In 1986 he won the Robotics Industries Association's Joseph F. Engelberger Award for technology, considered the world's most prestigious robotics honor.

In 1990 Mr. Scheinman was given the Leonardo da Vinci award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineering, its top award in product design and invention.

Mr. Scheinman married his first wife, Bonnie Sabrina Scheinman Pospisil, in 1978, and they had two children, Tenaya and David. They were divorced in 1988, but continued to live a few houses apart on the same street in Woodside and jointly raise their children.

Ms. Pospisil said Mr. Scheinman was "self-effacing. He didn't try to make himself big or important at all. He just enjoyed knowing how things work." He liked to fix things and was known for offering to repair almost anything for friends, neighbors and family, she and others said.

His children were important to him, and as they grew up "it was like we had one long hallway that was two doors down, with the kids and dog going back and forth," she said. "He was a really dedicated and invested father their whole life."

Mr. Scheinman had a quintuple bypass heart surgery two decades ago, but remained very active and healthy, going on weekly bike rides with friends and pushing his doctor to allow him to do strenuous activities such as mountain climbing.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Jean Auerback, whom he married in 2006; former wife Bonnie Sabrina Schein-



Photo courtesy Scheinman family

Vic Scheinman was known for mentoring and teaching others, including, here, his grandnephew Bellamy.

man Pospisil of Woodside; his children, David Scheinman of Menlo Park and Tenaya Scheinman of Seattle; and brother, Dr. Richard Scheinman of Petrolia, California.

Details on a memorial service will be published later. Updated information on the memorial can be found and memories, photos, and thoughts can be shared on Facebook at vicarm.com or by emailing memorial@vicarm.com.

Robert Hockey

Farmer, entrepreneur and benefactor

A celebration of the life of Robert (Bob) Hockey is planned for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Menlo Church at 950 Santa Cruz Ave. in Menlo Park. Mr. Hockey, a Central Valley farmer and a Peninsula entrepreneur, died Sept. 5 at his home with his wife Cynthia at his side.

Mr. Hockey was a native of Hinsdale, Illinois. He graduated from San Jose State University in 1952 and served in the U. S. Navy for two years. He founded an accounting firm in Palo Alto in 1959 and spent six years at real estate firm Fox & Carskadon as a vice president and co-owner. In 1973, he co-founded the Hockey-Meier Company, a real estate firm based in Atherton.

Mr. Hockey directed and managed a farming operation of 10,000 acres, starting in 1974, when he established Westward Farms in the Central Valley. A year later, Westward purchased Rayo Ranch, "at the time the largest navel orange ranch in the United States," relatives said. Mr. Hockey also had interests in the water marketing business.

He was "a self-made man" who believed in giving back, relatives said. He served on the Board of

Overseers at the Hoover Institution, as board president of the Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Palo Alto (and Santa Cruz), and as board president of the Mid-Peninsula YMCA. He co-founded Vintage Affaire, a Silicon Valley wine auction.

Mr. Hockey's avocations included playing bridge and dominoes, fly fishing, traveling, USC football and wine. Mr. Hockey was known for his sense of humor and his loyalty to his friends and his country. As a farm manager, he was considered progressive and someone who "cared deeply" about the farm workers who worked for him.

He is survived by his wife Cynthia, sister Alyce Adams, daughter Susan Shooter, son Bill, stepsons Brad and Scott, five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Hoover Institution or to the Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Malcolm McGinnis

Researcher, co-founder of Atria Genetics

Malcolm McGinnis of Menlo Park, a researcher, triathlete and, in recent years, head brewer and co-owner of Freewheel Brewing Company, died Sept. 13, surrounded by family and friends. He was 57, and the cause of death was pancreatic cancer.

Born in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, on April 17, 1959, Mr. McGinnis came to the U.S. in

1977 to study at Johns Hopkins University, from which he received a bachelor's degree in biology. After getting a master's degree in forensic health at the University of Pittsburgh, he moved to California to attend UC Berkeley, where he received a master's in public health and a doctorate in biochemistry.

Mr. McGinnis' professional career centered on research into histocompatibility testing. He co-founded Atria Genetics with Pete Krausa. The company developed groundbreaking genetic tests which greatly increased the accuracy of tissue typing and consequently improved the survival rates following bone marrow transplantation. His work and that of the company's was globally admired, becoming the gold standard technology for hospitals and research centers for many years.

Shortly after selling, and then retiring from, Atria, Mr. McGinnis lived with his family in Paris before being diagnosed with bile duct cancer. Returning to the States, he was successfully treated at Stanford Medicine Cancer Institute. He was still cancer free last fall, six years after treatment; the new cancer was diagnosed last March.

A long-time home brewer, he started formulating the idea of a local brewery along with former colleague Pete Krausa and fellow Menlo Park residents Gary Waymire and Larry Bucka. Freewheel Brewing Company opened in January 2013 at Marsh Manor, and soon became a popular community gathering spot. It often hosted charity fundraising events along with photography exhibits. On the night following



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Harriet Meyer Quarre

March 4, 1927-September 9, 2016

The light of San Francisco dimmed a bit on September 9th when Harriet Meyer Quarré passed away peacefully at her home at the age of 89. The youngest child of Wilson and Mabel (Mimi) Meyer, Harriet is predeceased by her brothers, George Wilson Meyer, who died serving his country in 1945, and Jeffery Wilson Meyer, who died in 2006 after a life devoted to music, the natural sciences and managing the family firm, Wilson George Meyer & Co., and sister-in-law, Janet Busse Meyer (deceased 2016). A sixth generation Californian and San Francisco native, Harriet inherited a love for the city, an enthusiasm for philanthropy, and a love of life and friends.



She attended San Francisco's Katherine Delmar Burke School, where she collected lifelong friends, and Scripps College, where she studied with famed artist Millard Sheets, deepening an interest in the arts she acquired from her parents. In 1949, Harriet married another San Francisco native, Charles Mohun Quarré (deceased 2004) and moved to Bakersfield, CA to pursue his career in the cattle business. There she raised four children (Catherine, Wilson, Simone and Marianne) and lived a life filled with volunteerism and adventure. She participated in founding Bakersfield's Junior League and Melrose School and led the children of Stockdale in horseback adventures, river floating and skiing trips to Yosemite.

Returning to San Francisco in 1974, she took up her father's passionate support of the San Francisco Opera, serving on the Opera Board for over three decades, chairing the Spring Opera program, founding the Medallion Society, and bringing an enthusiasm and charm that made her, according to the Nob Hill Gazette, "probably the only person able to convince Placido Domingo to ride a horse in a parade." She brought similar enthusiasm and lifelong devotion to the World Affairs Council, International Host Committee, The Hoover Institution, and The Society of California Pioneers. She was also a longtime member of the California Tennis Club, Francisca Club, and San Francisco Junior League.

A cowgirl at heart, Harriet loved horses and even more, her "horse people," joining them in globe-spanning rides with the Cabalgata Riders, trail rides in Woodside with the Shack Riders, and on ranches throughout California with the Los Viajeros Riding Club and Las Estrellas Riders. She won her first equestrian medals as a child at the Menlo Circus Club, where she continued to ride throughout her life. She won her last equestrian medals driving carriage horses last year at age 88.

She was as comfortable and happy in the company of working cowboys and Argentine gauchos as the stars of the opera or San Francisco civic leaders. Harriet's style, intelligence, humor, and graciousness to people of all lifestyles was her hallmark. Harriet's inclusive personality brought many fascinating people together, enriching all who knew her.

Harriet is survived by her four children: Cathy Q. Alexander (Scott), Wilson C. Quarré (Peggy), Simone Marie Quarré (Bruce W. Hyman) and Marianne Q. Dean (George "Jay") as well as six grandchildren: John Alexander (Kristi), Sara Vanis (Mark), Amy Bellomy (John), Thomas Quarré, Charlotte Dean and George "Mac" Dean, five great grandchildren: Mimi Vanis, Scott Alexander, Hayden Alexander, Mark Vanis and Mary Catherine Vanis, two nieces: Betsy Yawn (Jim) and Pamela Ringler (Fritz), three grandnephews: Jeffery McLaughlin (Karen), Nathaniel McLaughlin (Areena), Clifford Jorgensen, one grandniece Carrie Topoian (Nick) and brother-in-law Peter Quarre' (Rita) of Kirkland, WA and their family.

Services scheduled on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, CA at 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Harriet Meyer Quarré's memory should be made to:

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his passing, it was at Freewheel that people gathered to remember Malcolm.

Mr. McGinnis had been an All-American swimmer at Hopkins, was a triathlete, and played hockey as an adult. He was also an ardent follower of the San Jose Sharks and a beloved coach of Menlo-Atherton High School lacrosse.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Searles, who is a contributing photographer to InMenlo.com; his son Duncan and daughter Lauren McGinnis; parents Arthur (Bud) and Gladys McGinnis; sisters Brenda Reid and Heather Screaton; a brother, Cameron McGinnis; and many nieces and nephews, all residents of Canada.

A celebration of life will occur later this fall.

Memorial gifts can be made in honor of Malcolm McGinnis to Stanford University. Gifts will

support Dr. Brendan Visser and Dr. George Fisher for their continued work in cancer research and patient care. Checks should be made payable to Stanford University. Indicate "In memory of Malcolm McGinnis" on the memo line. If you would like acknowledgments sent to the family, please indicate your desire on a separate note. Mail to Stanford University, c/o Ruth Vera-Cedro, 3172 Porter Drive, Suite 210, Palo Alto, CA 94304.

This information was provided by Mr. McGinnis' friend, Linda Hubbard, who posted a longer obituary on InMenlo.com. (tinyurl.com/InMenlo-Malcolm).

Robert 'Clark' Atkinson

Man of many talents, interests

Services for Robert "Clark" Atkinson III are set for 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at 2200 Ralston in Hillsborough. Mr. Atkinson died unexpectedly on Sept. 15 while tending his prize-winning

fuchsias in Woodside. The cause was a heart attack; he was 72.

His fellow Elks Lodge members are also honoring Mr. Atkinson with a memorial service at the Palo Alto Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, at 1 p.m. Oct. 6, with a reception to follow. The public is welcome at both services.

Mr. Atkinson was born on Oct. 1, 1943, in San Francisco. The family moved to Menlo Park, where Bob developed a cul-de-sac near Hillview School called Atkinson Lane. Also living on the street were Clark's grandparents, so for many years, Menlo Park was the residence of three generations of Atkinsons.

He went to the Palo Alto Military Academy rather than Menlo Park schools and attended both Menlo-Atherton and Woodside high schools. As a young adult, he went to work as an optician in his grandfather's optometry business in San Francisco.

Later, he worked for Hewlett Marine & Industrial Supply in San Francisco, a company that supplied heavy marine equipment to waterfront projects around the world. When owner Ralph Hewett retired in 2003, Mr. Atkinson took over the company.

Known as a bon vivant, Mr. Atkinson cultivated fuchsias, serving as president of the San Mateo Branch of the American Fuchsia Society. He was an accomplished craftsman who transformed homes he resided in with skill and imagination. His affinity for tools was well known, as was his propensity for building bird houses.

He was a photographer and an avid car collector — he owned as many as six Corvettes at one point in his life — and was relentless in his pursuit of adventure.

Following in his father's footsteps, he was initiated an Elk in 1967 at Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471, and served as exalted ruler from 2012 to 2013.

A lifelong golfer, he belonged to the Peninsula Golf & Country Club in San Mateo. Recently he joined the Italian-American Social Club in Menlo Park.

Mr. Atkinson is survived by a sister, Mary Jane Atkinson, and a brother, Bill Atkinson, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, both related and "adopted."

For those who wish to make a donation in Mr. Atkinson's memory, the family suggests the Palo Alto Elks Lodge Charity Fund (4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 94306) or a charity of your choice.

This information was provided by Mr. Atkinson's friend, Linda Hubbard, who posted a longer obituary on InMenlo.com. (tinyurl.com/InMenlo-Clark16).

Robert (Bob) Hockey

1928—2016

Robert Hockey of Menlo Park passed away peacefully at home on September 5 with his wife Cynthia at his side. Born in Hinsdale, Illinois, Bob lived on the San Francisco Peninsula for the past 75 years.

After graduating from San Jose State University in 1952 and serving in the Navy for 2 years, Bob started his own CPA firm in Palo Alto in 1959. Later he worked at Fox & Carskadon for 6 years as Vice-President and part-owner. In 1973 he co-founded Hockey-Meier Company.

In 1974 he formed Westward Farms devoted to agriculture in the Central Valley, where he directed and managed a 10,000 acre farming operation. In 1975 the organization purchased Rayo Ranch, at the time the largest navel orange ranch in the United States. A visionary who believed water would some day be as valuable as oil in California, Bob formulated and executed a marketing plan for water, a first in California.

Bob loved bridge, fly-fishing on the McKenzie River, dominos with his many Palo Alto Club friends and his ventures in Tomales Bay, California and Baja, Mexico. A world traveller, devout Anglophile, devoted fan of USC football, wine connoisseur and gracious host, Bob was known for his sense of humor and loyalty to friends and country. He was a progressive boss who cared deeply about the farm workers and was never happier than when surrounded by ducks, dogs and "watchdog geese" at the Visalia farm.

A self-made man, Bob believed in giving back. He served as an Overseer of Hoover Institution, Board President of Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Co-Founder of Vintage Affaire, and board member of the Mid-Peninsula YMCA. Bob is survived by his devoted wife Cynthia, sister Alyce Adams, daughter Susan Shooter (Donald), grandchildren Elisabeth, Rachael and DJ, son Bill (Shase), grandchildren Shalyn and William, 10 great-grandchildren, niece Kathy Iwashima, step-sons Brad (Susan), Scott (Carol) Toussaint and step-grandchildren Zack, Jonathan, Isaac and Priscilla.

Special thanks to Bob's caregivers Rose Velez, Stephanie Munez, Angelica Contreras, David Maldonado, and Olivia Rodriguez.

A celebration of life will be held Thursday, September 29 at 1:30 at Menlo Church, Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hoover Institution or Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

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Retirement celebration for Martha of Martha's Pastries



Photo by Alainah McDonald/Shady Lane

Martha Merz, who started Menlo Park bakery Martha's Pastries, is retiring after 28 years in business. Mark and Jan Sweyer, owners of the Woodside Bakery, have opened their business at the location.

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Martha Merz, recognized by locals as the Martha of Martha's Pastries, is retiring after spending the past 28 years running her Sharon Heights bakery.

A community event in her honor will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Sharon Heights Shopping Center courtyard at 325 Sharon Park Drive. Visitors are encouraged to bring photos of events featuring confections from the bakery, and to record memories in Ms. Merz's retirement book. Complimentary refreshments and gifts will be offered, as supplies last.

Ms. Merz will be saying goodbye to many longtime customers. "A number of customers have

been with us the whole time," Ms. Merz said. "There was one customer who told me I was her first friend when she moved in across the street years ago and would stop by in the mornings."

She ran the bakery with her husband, and all five of her children were known to help out at the shop.

Before starting Martha's Pastries, Ms. Merz began her career at the Woodside Bakery with its original owner. Her connection to the Woodside Bakery comes full circle as she retires: She has sold her business to the owners of the Woodside Bakery & Cafe, Mark and Jan Sweyer. That bakery was forced to vacate its previous location in Woodside in March 2016.

Favorite delicacies of Martha's Pastries included old-fashioned European tarts, cinnamon bread,

challah bread, cakes and tea cookies. However, as Ms. Merz retires, not all of those treats will be lost. She is spending a month informing the new pastry chef on her methods for making some of her most popular items, including challah, cinnamon bread, tarts, cookies and Palmier puff pastry.

This year, the pastry shop won the Almanac's 2016 Reader's Choice Award for Best Bakery.

The Oct. 1 event will be sponsored by Shady Lane, a neighboring gift shop in the shopping center. Shady Lane will also host an event that day called "Celebrating with Gratitude" from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., where artisans will be present and visitors can enjoy refreshments and enter to win free gift cards, according to Alice Deutscher of Shady Lane.

Council reconsiders license-plate-reading cameras Wednesday

In the wake of a home-invasion robbery in central Portola Valley in June, followed by a public forum with Sheriff's Office deputies, a neighborhood-watch seminar and an increased presence of deputies in town, the Town Council is revisiting the question of whether to allow automatic

license-plate-reading cameras in town.

The council meets at 7 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Community Hall at 765 Portola Road. The license-plate camera topic is the only agenda item.

The Sheriff's Office in 2014 had expressed interest placing a few fixed, always-on cameras in

town. Town officials met with law enforcement and arranged a presentation from a regional intelligence center.

After two community meetings early last year, the council opted to wait and see the effect of increased patrols and the results of other communities' use of such cameras.

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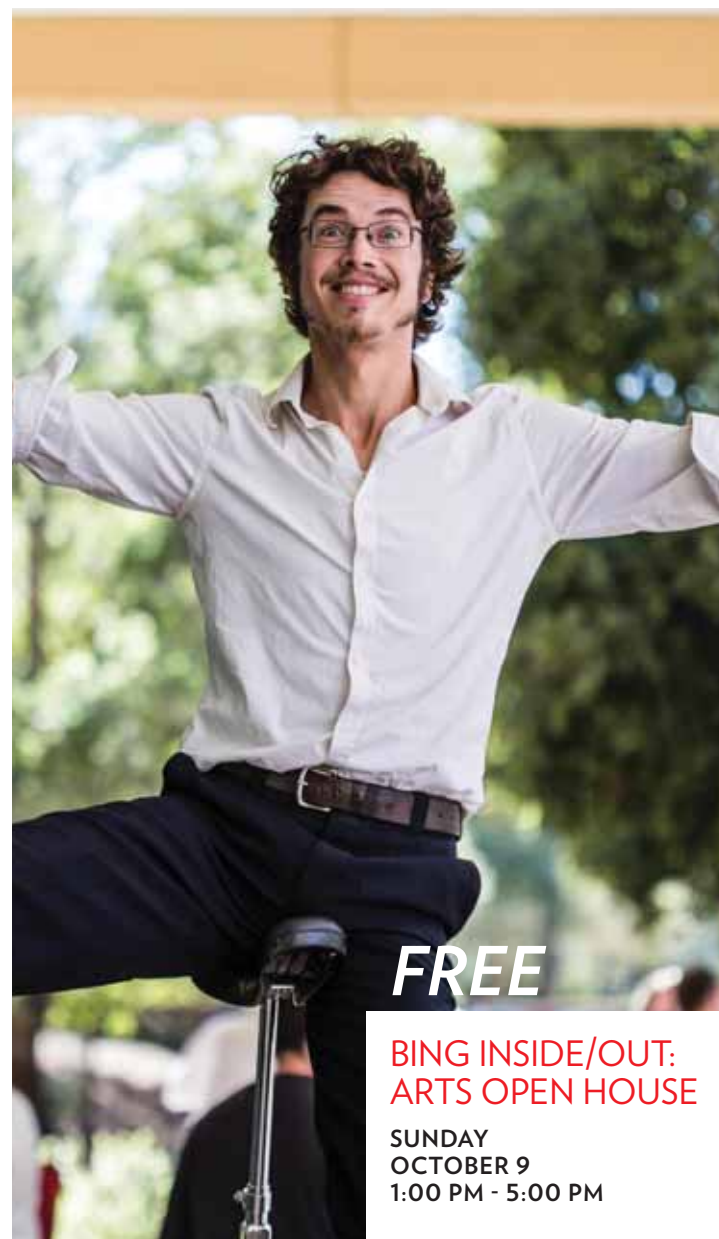
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RENO TAINI'S TIME MACHINE

Woodside resident devotes decades to restoring World War II command vehicle



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

If this vehicle could talk, it would probably have something positive to say about Woodside resident Reno Taini, who returned it to its U. S. Army-green glory as a vehicle for taking commanding officers to the fight. **On the cover:** Mr. Taini in his driveway at the wheel of the World War II U.S. Army command car he restored over a period of 40 years.

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Woodside resident Reno Taini has created a kind of time machine, a vehicle of war equipped with bare essentials considered fitting for a general leading an army from 70 years ago.

There are weapons on Mr. Taini's restored World War II-era WC 56 command car, but they're few and hand-held (and nonlethal). There is a roof on this extended, 5,000-pound Jeep-like vehicle, but it's optional and canvas. With a flathead six-cylinder under the hood, the vehicle can reach 45 mph. The rear bench seat, reserved for officers, is upright and narrow. It looks uncomfortable. There is no heater.

As one would expect for a command car, the officers' area in the back includes a map case, a fold-out map table and room to stand up and survey the scene.

Thrills and therapy

The rapidity with which these vehicles were disappearing in the 1960s inspired Mr. Taini to buy his own in the early 1970s. "It thrilled people," he said. "It thrilled me. There was always an opportunity to make it better. It was kind of like a therapeutic kind of thing."

World War II was also a topic of interest to him when he was younger. The vehicle became a magnet. "It was kind of like an interesting thing to have and people would tell me their sto-

ries," he said. "It sort of made sense of it all to me. It continues to."

People have talked to him about it, written letters, sent emails, he said. "It just kept me in the game — and I had a place to keep it," he said. "I was inspired by others to keep it. A lot of my friends wish they had had them now. It fascinated me more and more and more as time went on. The mysteries kept me going, too."

Asked for an example, he noted the history of the vehicle's dusty green color, referred to officially as olive drab. First referred to as Lustreless Olive Drab Enamel in 1940, over the decades the name of the paint became a number, then several numbers, then even more numbers, according to the website olive-drab.com. A page at the site includes a history of the paint's evolution in color and identification, but notes that the history comes from multiple sources and that "controversy continues."

WWII passenger

On July 4 this year, Mr. Taini's command car had a distinguished passenger sitting in back as Mr. Taini piloted his vehicle through the parade in Redwood City: Ralph Rush, a lead scout for General George S. Patton in Europe.

"What a gentleman," Mr. Taini said of Mr. Rush. "What a great guy."

Mr. Taini says he tried to include Francis Sanza of Napa, General Patton's former driver,



National Archives and Records Administration

General George S. Patton Jr. on parade in Los Angeles on June 9, 1945, and eschewing the officer's seat in the back of the command car, as was his preference, according to one of his drivers.

to sit with Mr. Rush in the parade, but it didn't work out.

According to a 2011 story in *The Press Democrat*, a Sonoma County newspaper, the general never called Mr. Sanza by name, but referred to him only as "soldier."

As for the back seat, that upright narrow bench, the general never rode in back, Mr. Sanza said in the story.

Four wheeling

About 250,000 Dodge WC-model military vehicles were

made, including about 18,000 WC 56 command cars, Mr. Taini says. The WC undercarriage also worked for ambulances and weapons carriers, he says.

After the war, WC models "were everywhere," Mr. Taini says, on farms and as tow-trucks, but WC 56s were not common at all.

He bought his in Los Angeles for \$700 — in nonoperable condition and in need of four new tires. The restored result involved 40 years of "scratching around and tinkering and explo-

ration," he says.

Mr. Taini, now 75, taught biological science in the Jefferson Union High School District in north San Mateo County, and later took on troubled youth in an alternative program of education through experience. He would bring his vehicle to school on the anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944, when the allies opened up a second front in Western Europe. (Soviet troops had long been engaging German forces from the East.)

His work in experiential edu-

cation took him to refugee camps in the Philippines and Thailand for Amerasian children and boat people from Vietnam, Hmong from Laos, and Khmer from Cambodia. He also worked for a while on the Thailand/Burma border with the Karen people.

While abroad, he says, he

noticed Dodge WC models converted for civilian uses, including rice harvesting and public transport, often decorated with colorful alternatives to olive-drab.

Mr. Taini says he's taken his command vehicle into the Eldorado National Forest on the Rubicon overland trail to

participate in a boulder-strewn endurance race through mountainous back country to South Lake Tahoe. Four-wheel drive is a must.

In Northern California, he has heard of them used to plow snow and haul wood out of a forest.

"It's kind of like hanging on to a dinosaur," he said. ▣



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Reno Taini says of his restored command car: "It was ... an interesting thing to have and people would tell me their stories."

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LifeMoves benefit Oct. 6

LifeMoves, formerly Invision Shelter Network, will host its annual breakfast fundraiser on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Burlingame. The nonprofit provides services and programs for people without homes.

The event will be emceed by Ted Robinson, “voice

of the 49ers,” and feature speeches by LifeMoves CEO Bruce Ives, a LifeMoves client, and keynotes by Sarah Rosenkrantz and Sam Greenberg, former LifeMoves interns and co-founders of Y2Y Harvard Square, a student-run homeless shelter for young adults.

Go to lifemoves.org/breakfast for more information.

■ POLICE CALLS

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

MENLO PARK

Residential burglary: Someone kicked in the front door of a home on Euclid Avenue and stole a laptop computer. Estimated loss: \$1,500. Sept. 23.

Thefts:

■ A thief stole a bike from a bike rack in front of Burgess public swimming pool in Burgess Park. Estimated loss: \$400. Sept. 22.

■ A man was seen walking out of the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real with 22 packs of batteries that he

hadn't paid for, then fleeing the scene before police arrived. Estimated loss: \$335. Sept. 21.

■ Someone took a coin purse and the contents of a purse, including \$40 in cash, a debit card and insurance cards, from a room at the Atherton Regency rehabilitation center on Crane Street. Sept. 20.

■ A woman entered the Beverages and More liquor store at 700 El Camino Real, picked up four bottles of bitters from a shelf and attempted to “return” them for a refund. After she was denied a refund, she left the store with the bottles of bitters but without having paid for them. Estimated loss: \$30. Sept. 22.

■ A man prepared himself a bowl of hot soup with a bread roll to accompany it at the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real, then “walked by all points of sale” and left the store without having paid for the food. He fled on foot. Estimated loss: \$4.50. Sept. 20.

■ A man walked out of Draeger’s Market on University Drive with several bottles of alcoholic beverages, but was stopped, cited by police and released. No loss. Sept. 16.

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'Skate Jam' returns to Menlo Park

Valparaiso Avenue from Altschul Avenue to Hallmark Circle will be closed to car traffic

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

What's more fun to do at the Sharon Hills Park than fulfilling your masochistic fitness needs sweating your way up the steep incline? For some, the answer is easy: bombing down the same hill on a longboard at insane speeds.

At least, that's what the competitors at Menlo Park's fifth "Skate Jam," set for Saturday, Oct. 1, have planned: a day of speeding down "Valpo Hill," as it's affectionately called by local longboarders, showing off tricks before sponsors and spectators.

The hill on Valparaiso Avenue from Altschul Avenue to Hallmark Circle will be closed to car traffic for the event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be two levels of com-

petition: the "grom" division, for kids and less-experienced skaters, and an open/pro division for the more competitive skaters, said Chuck Melber of Black Diamond Sports, the Palo Alto-based skate shop hosting the event.

The grom, or under-18, competition is tentatively set to begin at 11 a.m., and the open/pro competition at 12:30 p.m., he said. The competition will be judged by three longboard industry professionals. A separate competition for "longest slide," will begin

at 2 p.m. and an awards ceremony is set for 4 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for top competitors, and there will be a "gnarliest spill" consolation prize for whoever falls the

hardest, Mr. Melber said.

As far as safety measures go, he said, there will be professional medical support on hand. Plus,

competitors must wear protective gear. Hay bales will be set up as a buffer for careening competitors.

"We view it as an opportunity for riders to get together, hang out and test their skills on a closed road," he said.

It's also a chance for the representatives of 15 to 20 skateboard brands expected to be there to discover new talent and scout out new competitors to sponsor, he added. Among the brands

scheduled to be represented: Volcom, Nixon, Sector9 and Boosted Boards, an electric skateboard startup, Mr. Melber said.

This will be the fifth such competition hosted in Menlo Park, though the event did not happen last year, Mr. Melber said. It's the only permitted closed-road event in Northern California, though other skate brands may host others events, he said.

So far, about 100 competitors

have signed up, he said, with about two-thirds registered to compete in the open/pro bracket. Most are from the Bay Area and West Coast, though in past years, he said, competitors have come from as far as the East Coast, Canada, or in one case, the Philippines.

People can still register for \$50.

Go to tinyurl.com/skate407 for more information.

The event will be free for the public to watch. People who plan to attend should bring lawn chairs and prepare to see "people going really fast downhill on skateboards," said Mr. Melber. ▀

'We view it as an opportunity for riders to get together ... test their skills on a closed road.'

CHUCK MELBER

League hosts forums beginning this week

The candidates for the Menlo Park City Council, incumbents Catherine Carlton and Ray Mueller, and challenger Cecilia Taylor, are scheduled to participate in a forum hosted by the League of Women Voters on Monday, Oct. 10, at the Menlo Park City Council Chambers at 701 Laurel St. in the Civic Center.

According to Ellen Hope, president of the League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County, the forum will be moderated by the league, but attendees from the public can submit written questions. Candidates will give opening and closing statements, and each candidate will be given the chance to answer each question, Ms. Hope said. The event will be recorded by the MidPen Media Center.

Other forums will be hosted as follows:

■ Menlo Park City School District. 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Hillview Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1100 Elder Ave. Menlo Park.

■ Ravenswood City School District. 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, in the district board room at 2120 Euclid Ave. in East Palo Alto.

■ East Palo Alto City Council. 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the East Palo Alto Council Chambers at 2415 University Ave. in East Palo Alto.

A look at the ballot measures

A presentation by the League of

BRIEFS

Women Voters on the pros and cons of the upcoming election's ballot measures will be given on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Menlo Park Library downstairs program room.

The presentations will present opposing perspectives on the issues and offer nonpartisan information for voters.

Refreshments will be provided, courtesy of Friends of the Menlo Park Library.

Another presentation will be held Thursday, Oct. 6, at 1:30 p.m. at the Little House Activity Center at 800 Middle Ave. in Menlo Park.

Junior League grants

The Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula, based in Menlo Park, has given grants to three nonprofits that focus on promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education for girls.

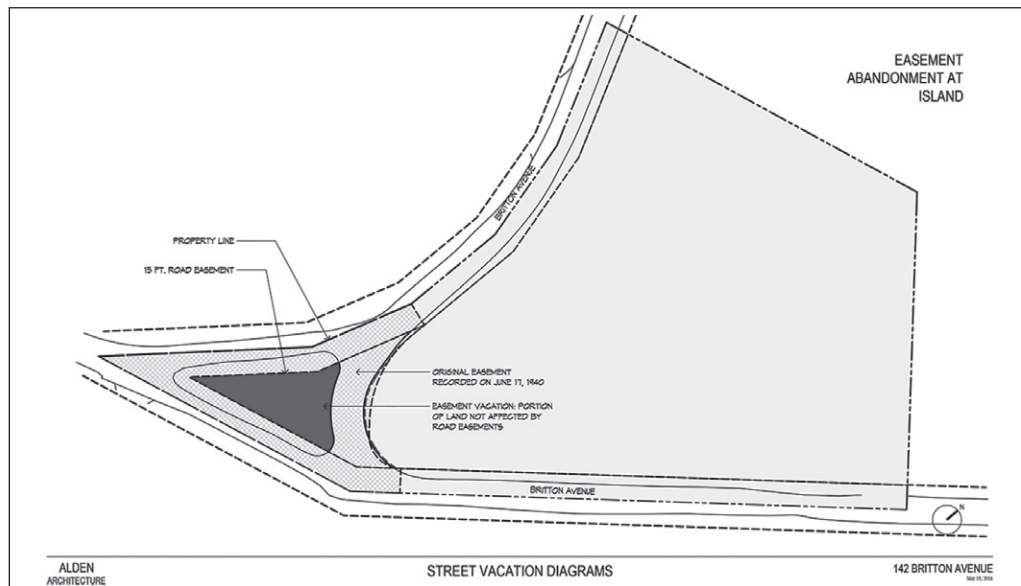
They are: \$11,000 for the Charlie Cart Project, to help students at Encinal Elementary learn math and science through food and cooking; \$10,000 for The Mouse Squad, to pay for more than 100 7-10th grade girls to attend an Oracle digital conference in February 2017; and \$10,000 for The Tech Museum, to assemble a toolkit for parents who want to promote STEM learning for their daughters.



TOWN OF ATHERTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton City Council will hold a public hearing to review an application for a Street Vacation pursuant to the California Streets and Highway Code Sections 8320-8325.

Description: An application for a Street Vacation to allow for a portion of an existing public, roadway easement to be abandoned and revert back to the property at 142 Britton Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Number 070-213-030). The portion of the existing public roadway easement to be abandoned is shown on the following figure. Part of the application are associated improvements to the existing portion of the roadway at Britton Avenue abutting the subject property and a new public Emergency Vehicle Access (EVA) easement created.



The proposal has been determined to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Sections 15301; which includes the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use, including existing highways, streets and other similar facilities.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said application is set for hearing by the City Council at its regular meeting on October 19, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall of the Town of Atherton, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the Street Vacation should or should not be approved.

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For further particulars, reference is made to the application materials on file.

Any attendee who wishes accommodation for a disability should contact the City Clerk at (650) 752-0529 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Stephanie Bertollo Davis, Senior Planner at (650) 773-7249 or sbertollo-davis@ci.atherton.ca.us.

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PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Third Study Session: Maximum Allowable Main Residence Size**
Town-wide Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director


This third study session will consider the direction to staff received from the Town Council on May 24, 2016, during its third study session on maximum allowable residence size: to increase maximum residence size Town-wide, while keeping the allowable Total Floor Area unchanged.

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

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Concerts

'Outside the Lines: Not the Usual Repertoire' The New Millennium Chamber Orchestra will perform "Outside the Lines: Not the Usual Repertoire." Fiddle champion Colyn Fischer plays Mark O'Connor's "The Fiddle Concerto" for violin and orchestra. Drawing on classical influences and fiddling traditions from the U.S. and abroad, this piece premiered in 1992. Oct. 1, 8-10 p.m. \$8-\$23; school-age children free with ticket holder. Woodside HS Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave., Woodside. nmchamberorchestra.org

Music

'Grease' (1978) Sing-along "Grease" fans are invited to sing along, act along and laugh along to the beloved 1978 American musical. There will be a costume contest with a chance to win prizes. Oct. 1, 3 p.m. \$5. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. menlopark.org/Calendar

Sounding the Shofar The healing sounds of the shofar will fill the Stanford Hospital Atrium to usher in the Jewish New Year. This program includes music, reflections on the Jewish New Year and a chorus of shofars (ram's horns). A snack of apples and honey follows the program. Sept. 29, noon-1 p.m. Free. Stanford Hospital Atrium, 300 Pasteur Drive, Stanford.

Festivals & Fairs

Menlo Park Skate Jam The Skate Jam will showcase skaters pushing the limits of what can be done on four wheels as they fly, slide and speed their way down a closed road section of Valo reaching speeds of up to 30 miles per hour. The event will feature a number of ramps and jumps as well as amateur and pro divisions. Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Valparaiso Avenue in Sharon Heights, Valparaiso Avenue and Altschul Avenue, West Menlo Park. blackdiamondsports.com/menlo-skate-jam-2016

Sidewalk Fine Arts & Crafts Fall Fest This art-filled family event will give visitors the opportunity to browse and shop among the many one-of-a-kind creations displayed in downtown Menlo Park by a variety of artists. It will feature an array of original works by more than 90 artists and craft makers including paintings, jewelry, photography, wood items, clothing, accessories, toys and much more. Sept. 30, 10 p.m. Free. Downtown, Menlo Park. business.menloparkchamber.com/events

Talks & Lectures

2nd Annual Duchenne Family Meeting at Stanford Stanford's 2nd Annual DMD Meeting will explore topics related to the newest research, cutting edge technologies, pulmonary care, transitions, physical therapy and more. There will be an audience Q&A session with a panel of Duchenne experts and a lunch. Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Stanford Neuroscience Health Center, 213 Quarry Road, Palo Alto. conventionpower.com/event

Atlas Obscura with Dylan Thurais This will be an evening of exploration into the strangest and most curious places in the world. Inspiring equal parts wonder and wanderlust, the Obscura Society revels in the weird, the unexpected, the overlooked, the hidden and the mysterious. Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m. \$45 premier, includes book; \$20 general; \$10 student. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com/event

Ballot Pros & Cons The Menlo Park Library is inviting the public to an informational discussion about November's ballot issues, in a presentation by the South San Mateo County League of Women Voters Association. They will provide a nonpartisan overview of state measures on the upcoming ballot. Oct. 1, 1-2 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/Calendar

The Best American Science Fiction & Fantasy 2016 Attendants will have a chance to go back to the future with the premier annual showcase for the country's finest science fiction and fantasy when the editors and authors included in this year's "Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy" visit Kepler's Books. Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. \$20 premier, includes book; \$10 general. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com/event

The Bright Award for Environmental Sustainability The Bright Award recognizes an individual who has made unheralded contributions to environmental sustainability. Each year, Stanford Law School will give the Bright Award to an individual working in a specific region of the world. The award winner receives \$100,000 and delivers a public lecture at Stanford University. This year's

recipient is Tom Lalampaa, Chief Programmes Officer at Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT) in Kenya. Sept. 28, 4:30 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Colum McCann Reading, Lane Lecture Series As part of the Lane Lecture Series, Colum McCann will give a reading. He is the author of six novels and three collections of short stories. Born and raised in Dublin, Ireland, he has been the recipient of many international honors, including the National Book Award, the International Dublin Impac Prize, a Chevalier des Arts et Lettres from the French government, election to the Irish Arts Academy, several European awards, the 2010 Best Foreign Novel Award in China and an Oscar nomination. Oct. 3, 8 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events

Presentation: Day of the Dead The San Mateo County History Museum will present Tammie Pereira and Carol Berregan of Casa Circulo Cultural, who will describe the traditions surrounding the Mexican holiday "Dia de los Muertos." Oct. 1, 1 p.m. \$4 children and seniors are; \$6 adults. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City.

Professor Alexander Nemerov on 'Soulmaker: The Times of Lewis Hine' Stanford University professor Alexander Nemerov will give a lecture about the American photographer Lewis Hine, who took a number of memorable pictures of child workers. The talk is given in tandem with the Cantor Arts Center exhibition "Soulmaker: The Times of Lewis Hine." Oct. 5, 6 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Ridley Pearson: 'Lock and Key: The Initiation' The New York Times bestselling author of the Peter and the Starcatchers and Kingdom Keepers series, Ridley Pearson, will discuss his new work which tells the riveting tale of the origins of the rivalry between literature's most famous enemies: Sherlock Holmes and James Moriarty, told from the perspective of James's observant little sister, Moria. Oct. 1, 2-3 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com/event

Sir Roger Penrose in conversation with Dr. Roger Blandford What can fashionable ideas, blind faith or pure fantasy possibly have to do with the scientific quest to understand the universe? In his new book, acclaimed physicist Roger Penrose argues that researchers working at the extreme frontiers of physics are just as susceptible to these forces. Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com/event

USGS Evening Public Lecture Series The special showing of the NOVA film "In the Path of a Killer Volcano" is 60 minutes and follows USGS scientists as they work with local agencies to monitor the restless volcano Mount Pinatubo and forecast its eruption. USGS Geologist John Ewert, featured in the film, will introduce it and be on hand to answer questions afterwards. Sept. 29, 7-8 p.m. Free. U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar

Computation + Journalism Symposium This two-day conference at Stanford will explore the interface between journalism and computing. It will be a venue to seed new collaborations between journalists and computer and data scientists. Speakers and presenters include experts from all across the academic and media worlds including Stanford, The New York Times, University of British Columbia, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Science Magazine and more. Sept. 30-Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. \$25. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events

Family

Lisa McMann: 'Going Wild' Spider-Man meets Animorphs in this middle-grade series from Lisa McMann, New York Times bestselling author of the "Unwanted" series. Newbery Medal-winning author Katherine Applegate calls "Going Wild" gripping, action-packed and filled with humor and heart. Sept. 28, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Galleries

Portola Art Gallery Presents Marsha Heimbecker's 'Sunshine' The Portola Art Gallery presents "Sunshine," expressive oil paintings by award-winning artist Marsha Heimbecker of San Mateo. This latest collection of work, inspired by the orphaned elephants of Tsavo, hopes to capture the essence of these magnificent creatures. Oct. 1-31, Monday-Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

We need a path to education equity

By Victoria Tregoning

I appreciate the very good article, "Proposal aims to narrow the wide gap in educational equity at local schools" by Barbara Wood, that appeared in the Aug. 17 Almanac. It does a good job of attempting to explain how de facto segregation and the huge disparity in Menlo Park schools came about and has persisted for decades. It's possible that most Menlo Park residents have been unaware of the extent of this reality.

Although I moved to Menlo Park over half a century ago, I didn't become aware of the extent of the disparity myself until about 25 years ago, when my sister was a teacher at Willow School and employed by the Ravenswood City School District. (She had also been a student at Willow School in the 1950s, and was probably the only student at Willow School who also became a teacher there later in life.)

I was helping to care for her young son, who was just beginning his education at Laurel School. We live on Berkeley Avenue, in the Flood Park Triangle — half way between each school — less than a half-mile away. Having a child at Laurel and a sister teaching at Willow presented us with daily opportunities to see and experience the wide gap in educational equity on many levels in our community, within a few blocks.

I found it hard to believe at first. My sister acquired a Costco card so that she could purchase quantities of basic school supplies, insufficiently provided by her district — things like notebooks, copy paper and pencils, totaling around \$1,000 each year out of her own pocket for her kids. She said that



many other teachers at Willow did the same thing just so that they could function, not able to wait six weeks for a purchase order to clear for something they needed.

My sister cared deeply about Willow School, her hundreds of students over the years, and their families. She would have appreciated Barbara's article and possibly

Barbara's article and possibly have written a thank-you, herself. Sadly, she died of brain cancer the year before she was to retire after nearly two decades of teaching at Willow School.

We need to find a better way toward sustainable equity in education and resources for our children. I'm not sure about the idea of a regional agency and the long, drawn-out process of creating other layers of bureaucracy. It reminds me of the idea of the California lottery to fund education — most who voted for it didn't realize that in addition to the winning tickets, the lottery promoters, ticket sellers and managers would be the biggest winners (with unknown social costs to the public). Gov. Dukemejian was right — getting into the gambling business is not the way for California to teach its children.

The use of public benefit negotiations often seems to be a euphemism for ignoring planning limits and giving developers what they want (no matter what the potential long-term costs), in exchange for a few crumbs tossed in a do-gooder direction in the short term. These ideas can result in huge disparities in how much and who actually benefits, in some ways perpetuating the very conditions they were supposedly conceived to change.

It's complicated. I look forward to its evolution and reading about it in the Almanac.

LETTER

Our readers write

Going all out for clean energy

Editor:

As global temperatures continue to break records, I feel the urgency to move away from fossil fuels in our home. I checked into solar panels, but our roof is not suited to them. So I was thrilled to learn that San Mateo County is switching to a cleaner source of electricity.

Starting in October, instead of PG&E, a local provider called Peninsula Clean Energy will procure electricity for homes and businesses in the county. PG&E will still maintain the power lines, deliver the electricity, and do the billing. The only change we will see is a line item

on our PG&E bill for electricity generation charges.

If we don't do anything, we'll be defaulted into the 50 percent clean option. That's more clean power than the 30 percent PG&E provides. And it'll be cheaper than PG&E. According to the online rate calculator on the Peninsula Clean Energy website, it'll cost our family about \$3/month less than PG&E.

So now we have three choices. First, we can do nothing, and get 50 percent clean power for cheaper. Second, if for some bizarre reason we want dirtier power for a higher rate, we can opt back into PG&E. Third, we can opt up to 100 percent clean power — that is, 100 percent of our electricity from renewable sources like solar, wind, geothermal and hydropower.

For our family's home, opting up to 100 percent clean power would cost about \$3/month

more than the PG&E rate — the price of a cup of coffee.

To me, the choice was clear. I opted up. It took 5 minutes on the Peninsula Clean Energy website. For my friends' upcoming birthdays (spoiler alert), I'm paying for them to opt up to 100 percent clean electricity for a year. I've been encouraging local businesses to opt up too — they'll gain my loyalty by doing so.

Clean electricity is the first step to getting our home off of fossil fuels. The second is making everything electric — our dryer, HVAC, water heater, and eventually, somehow, the stovetop. There is still much to do, but this seems like a good start.

Thanks to our county for giving residents and businesses a chance to get cleaner electricity.

Janelle London
Sharon Court, Menlo Park

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

LABS ON CALL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270559

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Labs on Call, located at 401 Burgess Dr., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

PHELAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATES

401 Burgess Dr.

Menlo Park, CA 94025

California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

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 August 29, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016)

MACRINA'S HOUSE CLEANING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270556

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Macrina's House Cleaning, located at 1928 Cooley Ave., #59, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

MACRINA LASCAREZ

1928 Cooley Ave. #59

East Palo Alto, CA 94303

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3-05-16.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 29, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016)

GALATA BISTRO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270574

The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Galata Bistro, located at 827 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

MACU LLC

827 Santa Cruz Ave.

Menlo Park, CA 94025-9402

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

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 August 30, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016)

BURI BURI PLUMBING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270564

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Buri Buri Plumbing, located at 494 Alhambra Rd., South San Francisco, CA 94080, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

RICHARD R. CAMPOS

494 Alhambra Rd.

South San Francisco, CA 94080

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 August 29, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016)

KINGS MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270597

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Kings Mountain Vineyards, located at 187 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County; Mailing address: PO Box 620170, Woodside, CA 94062.

Registered owner(s):

KINGS MOUNTAIN WINERY LLC

187 Kings Mountain Road

Woodside, CA 94062

California

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/1/2011.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 1, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 2016)

DONATO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270568

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Donato, located at 1041 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

SPIGA LLC

1041 Middlefield Rd.

Redwood City, CA 94063

California

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

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 August 30, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 2016)

WOODSIDE BAKERY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270697

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Woodside Bakery, located at 104 Constitution Drive, #3, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

WHISKEY HILL ENTERPRISES INC.

104 Constitution Dr., #3

Menlo Park, CA 94025

Calif.

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03-16-16.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 9, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 2016)

WOODSIDE BAKERY & CAFE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270698

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Woodside Bakery & Cafe, located at 325 Sharon Park Drive, D-1, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

WHISKEY HILL ENTERPRISES II INC.

325 Sharon Park Drive, D-1

California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03-16-16.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 13, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 2016)

Menlo Park, CA 94025

California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03-16-16.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 9, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 2016)

BLOOM FLORAL DESIGN FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270787

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Bloom Floral Design, located at 3110 Woodside Rd., Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

FIONA MARGARET RYAN

3110 Woodside Rd.

Woodside, CA 94062

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 September 15, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 2016)

File No. 270721 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Kindred at Home, 355 Gellert Blvd., Suite 110, Daly City, CA 94015, County of San Mateo

Registered Owner(s): NP Plus, LLC, 680 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40202, Delaware

This business is conducted by: a limited liability company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signature of Registrant: Joseph Landenwich

Print name of person signing. If corporation, also print corporate title of officer: JOSEPH LANDENWICH

General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN MATEO COUNTY on September 13, 2016.

Notice - In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. Except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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BY: ANSHU NAND, Deputy Clerk

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AIDA MAKEUP DESIGN STUDIO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270647

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Aida Makeup Design Studio, located at 1146 Chestnut Lane, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

AIDA MORANO

2160 Santa Cruz Ave. Unit 9

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 August 2, 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 6, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 2016)

ART | TML FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270738

The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ART | TML, located at 455 Yale Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

TATIANA MARATCHI LEGRAIN

455 Yale Road

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 September 15, 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 14, 2016.

(ALM Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 2016)

997 All Other Legals

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