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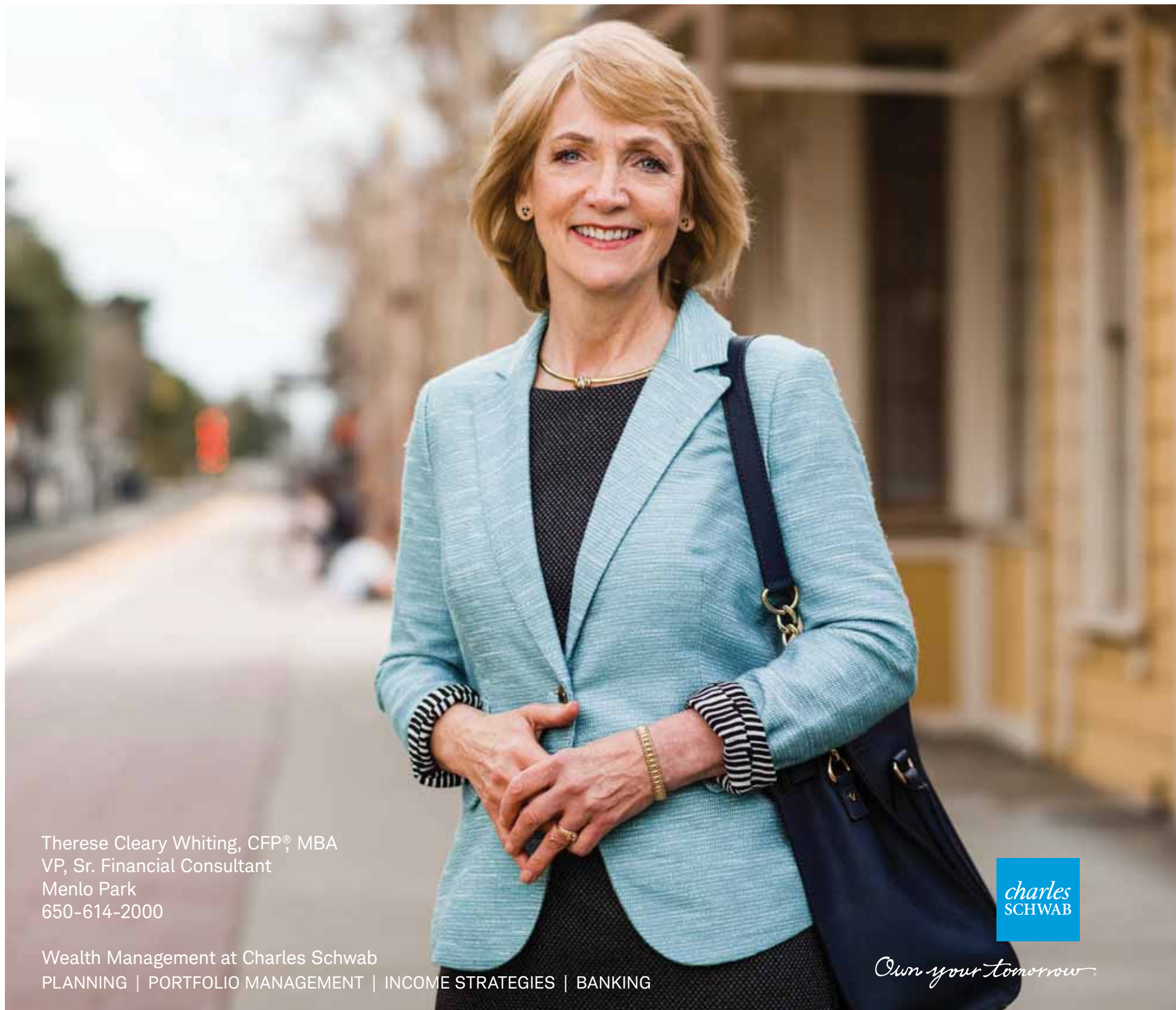
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Fire officials: Lessons from North Bay fires

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

During wildfire season on the Peninsula, when the temperature is high and the humidity low, firefighters are advising residents of Woodside, Portola Valley and nearby unincorporated communities to keep their smart phones near their beds at night — particularly if the weather forecast includes wind.

That's one of the lessons from the recent and devastating wildfires in the North Bay, according to Woodside Fire Protection District officials. In a community meeting in Portola Valley on Nov. 15, district officials presented what they'd learned so far. Also discussed: the mid-September Skeggs Fire in the forested hills above Woodside.

Fire Marshal Denise Enea, Deputy Fire Chief Rob Lindner and Selena Brown, the public education officer for the

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district's citizens emergency preparedness group, met with about 150 people in Portola Valley's Community Hall. The same officials met the previous evening with the Woodside community, and on the following night with the Emerald Hills community.

These meetings are just a first installment on the North Bay fires, Ms. Brown said. When fire investigators know more about what happened, Woodside fire officials will be traveling north to hear about it and returning to hold another round of community meetings, she said.

Good practices

In addition to having your phone on and handy, fire officials discussed these good practices:

■ If wildfire seems to be threatening your home and you find yourself wondering if you should evacuate, you should probably already be gone, Mr. Lindner said. "If you're thinking about it, do it," he said.

Keep your smart phones on, and near your bed, fire officials advise.

■ When it comes to evacuation, it's critical to be familiar with the routes, Ms. Brown said. Having alternate routes is crucial, she said, as is getting to know those routes and the vegetation alongside, noting whether it's beginning to intrude into the roadway.

■ Sign up for SMC Alert — an email and phone alert system operated by the San Mateo County Office of Emergency

Services. First responders in the county have settled on SMC Alert as their primary means of communicating in emergencies, Ms. Brown said. Revisit your SMC Alert account if you haven't done so over the past year, she added.

■ Make an evacuation plan that includes considerations on how to evacuate relatives, children, domestic animals and people with disabilities.

■ Have a "go kit" on hand containing essentials such as medicines, spare eyeglasses and thumb drives loaded with important photos and documents. Evacuation can elicit panic, which can inhibit your ability to think clearly about what to take with you, Ms. Brown said.

■ Get serious about ignition-resistance at home. An ember that makes it through an unsafe vent can burn down a house

in a matter of hours, Ms. Enea said. While embers are also a threat to shake roofs and siding, probably the greatest source of ignition is power lines fallen upon by trees and vegetation, including trees owned by homeowners, she said.

A responsible homeowner is cognizant of both the value of a beautiful home and its resistance to ignition, Ms. Enea said. "We all want our houses to be beautiful," she said. "Do we put in enough time and effort to be sure our homes are fire resistant? ... We have to be smarter. We have to work together."

The officials mentioned sirens. Chief Ghiorso is talking with a vendor, Mr. Lindner said, adding that the district would need 37 individual sirens, each 50 feet high, with many of them on residential roofs. "Is that the right way?" he asked. "We're still looking into it." ■

Woman trapped in vehicle draped with live wire

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

A traffic accident on La Honda Road about 1 mile west of Skyline Boulevard on the evening of Nov. 16 left a motorist inside a wrecked vehicle that was draped with at least one live electrical wire — and staying safe thanks in part to bystanders' advice.

The driver had attempted to pass a slower vehicle, lost control and collided with a power pole, according to an account from a firefighter called to the scene.

First responders did not immediately get to the driver, a woman, but later determined that she had suffered "very minor injuries" to her wrist, Battalion Chief Kevin Butler of the Woodside Fire Protection District told the Almanac.

After the accident, the driver stayed inside the wrecked vehicle on advice yelled to her by people on the scene, Mr. Butler said. Firefighters, when they arrived, kept their distance and yelled the same advice to the driver.

The Woodside fire district had received a 911 call at 5:37 p.m. Woodside firefighters were second on the scene, Mr. Butler said, after a crew arrived from

PG&E says to those who find themselves inside a vehicle in contact with downed wires: Stay inside. 'The fire department, police and PG&E workers will tell you when it is safe to get out of the vehicle.'

the California Department of Forestry and Fire, which has a station in Sky Londa.

Firefighters called Pacific Gas & Electric company requesting that the power be shut down, and a crew arrived 40 minutes later, Mr. Butler said. PG&E, in a statement, claims its crews were on the scene "within 34 minutes."

"At the request of first responders, crews safely de-energized power lines to make the area safe," the statement says.

With the electricity off, firefighters moved in to help the driver out of the vehicle.

Mr. Butler did not have information to further identify the



Photo by local resident

The driver of this wrecked vehicle remained inside until crews shut down power to the wires. Witnesses and the first responders who eventually rescued the driver had been yelling to her to stay inside.

driver, such as her name, age and town of residence. In a brief comment, Officer Art Montiel of the California Highway Patrol, which has jurisdiction over traffic accidents on unincorporated San Mateo County roads, referred to it as a minor injury collision and confirmed Mr. Butler's account, but did not provide additional information.

Along with Woodside Fire, Cal Fire, the CHP and PG&E, the agencies responding to the

accident were the La Honda Fire Brigade, the Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Brigade, and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, Mr. Butler said.

La Honda Road was closed to traffic in both directions while repairs were underway, and traffic was rerouted to state Highway 92, the Office of Emergency Services reported.

The incident affected about 248 PG&E customers, including 53 who had no power while the crews

replaced the damaged pole and the downed wires, PG&E said.

Woodside firefighters left the scene at 9:32 p.m., Mr. Butler said.

PG&E had a message for people who find themselves inside a vehicle in contact with downed wires: Stay inside. The wires could energize the ground around the vehicle, the statement says, adding: "The fire department, police and PG&E workers will tell you when it is safe to get out of the vehicle." ■

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How firefighters detected and fought local wildfire

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Early on the evening of Sept. 11, with lightning strikes in the forecast for the Bay Area at the end of a long dry summer, an airplane carrying an observer from the California Department of Forestry and Fire took off from a Ukiah airport and headed down the coast to look for smoke.

Smoke was seen in the hills west of Woodside and east of Skeggs Point along Skyline Boulevard and the latitude and longitude were passed to the fire district, Deputy Fire Chief Rob Lindner of the Woodside Fire Protection District told a Portola Valley audience at a Nov. 15 community meeting about fire safety.

"A series" of lightning strikes led to five other requests for service from the Woodside district that night, Mr. Lindner said, adding that all were controlled "real quickly."

Meanwhile, night was falling, the fire spotted from the air was a mile from the closest road, it was not spreading and the wind was "extremely low," Mr. Lindner said. District officials surrounded the area with firefighting resources and observed the fire's progress overnight, with a plan to dispatch firefighters in

the morning, he said.

"We knew exactly where it was," he said.

By 7 a.m., Calfire, whose jurisdiction borders that of the Woodside district, had firefighting aircraft and 100 firefighters ready to go, including some from Marin County, Mr. Lindner said.

(Chief Dan Ghiorso, in an interview, said that the total air forces fighting this fire consisted of two helicopters, two tanker planes and an air-traffic controller flying above them.)

The fire initially had the potential of burning two acres, but grew during the day to a potential of 10 acres and then to 500 acres, at which point the Woodside district began sending SMC alerts, Mr. Lindner said.

Over the next three days, in low wind conditions, firefighters and hand crews of inmates from around Northern California fought the fire, steadily gaining control and containing it completely on Friday evening, Sept. 15.

The district did not spread the alert on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, NextDoor or PV Forum. Why? To avoid a mixed message, Mr. Lindner said. If people are going to post an SMC alert on one of these other platforms, it's critical that they copy and paste without any editing, he said. ■

Once again, school board will appoint new member

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

It may seem like deja vu, but Portola Valley's school board voted Nov. 15 to make an appointment to fill a vacancy on the five-member board.

The board of the Portola Valley School District will be filling a vacancy left by the resignation of Jeff Klugman, who himself was appointed just last month to a vacancy created when board member Jennifer Youstra resigned Sept. 8 with more than two years left in her term.

Mr. Klugman had to resign from the appointed two-year term because he was elected to fill a three-year term on Nov. 7.

Deadline to file for the open position is Thursday, Nov. 30.

At pvsd_open find the application and more information on the district's website.

The appointment will be made on Dec. 6, which is also when newly elected board members Karyn Bechtel, Mike

Maffia and Mr. Klugman will be sworn in, and will be effective immediately.

Candidates will be interviewed in public at the meeting. The appointee will serve the remainder of Ms. Youstra's term.

Under state law, a school board member must live in the district, be a registered voter, and not be a current school district employee.

The board usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month, with the open session starting at 6 p.m. in Room 201 of Corte Madera School, 4575 Alpine Road in Portola Valley.

District officials said candidates who applied for the position in October must apply again if still interested. Candidates will be given an advance set of questions that will be posed at the meeting, but the questions will be different than those posed in October, so second-time applicants will not have an advantage. ■

Council reverses approval of Stanford project

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

Claiming inaccuracies and omissions in Stanford's traffic projections for its current and future developments, the Menlo Park City Council voted unanimously Nov. 14 for two actions meant to halt approval of two Stanford developments until the city receives better traffic data.

The council reversed its recent approval of a 40,000-square-foot office building along Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park, and voted to more forcefully express opposition to another Stanford development to be built at 453 Quarry Road, near Arboretum Road. That project came before the Santa Clara County Planning Commission on Nov. 16.

Despite Menlo Park's written protestations, the commission voted 6-0-1 on that date, with commissioner Aaron Resendez absent, to approve the Quarry Road project.

The crux of the council's opposition to the two projects is that Stanford's traffic studies appear to diverge from what real traffic conditions will be like on local roads once the university's non-campus development projects are built.

The studies use data from 2016 for the baseline traffic levels, and indicate Stanford-related traffic is less than what was allowed and expected under the university's 2000 general use permit.

But, Councilman Ray Mueller noted, those numbers describe unrealistic conditions for what local roads will be like in the imminent future: Stanford's projects to expand Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and rebuild Stanford Hospital aren't done yet, and are expected to add 248 new hospital beds, combined.

A 2008 study by Fehr & Peers predicted that the hospitals will add 701 net new trips during the morning peak hour and 693 net new trips during the evening peak hour.

The Stanford analysis also didn't factor in the added traffic of the university's mixed-use "Middle Plaza" development on El Camino Real in Menlo Park, which the council approved in September, Mr. Mueller said.

Add up those developments, Mr. Mueller said, and a different picture emerges of the university's local traffic contributions than its "no net new trips" commitment made in 2000. That commitment applies to the university campus only, but not off-campus buildings such as Stanford's 500 El Camino Real project (approved by the city) and 2131 Sand Hill Road projects. The city has negotiated with Stanford for other traffic-reduction plans for those developments.

Kirk Girard, Santa Clara County director of planning and development, told the Almanac that the county Planning Commission took the Menlo Park letter into account, and analyzed cumulative traffic impacts with the two new hospitals. The traffic projections, he said, were comfortably beneath projected traffic volumes estimated in 2000. "This project wasn't making things worse," he said.

Sand Hill office

The Menlo Park City Council recently approved Stanford's plan to build a new office building at 2131 Sand Hill Road. The city agreed to annex about 16 acres of university land currently in unincorporated San Mateo County on the south side of Sand Hill

Road, stretching from Sharon Park Drive to Alpine Road.

But the last-minute revelation of Stanford's Quarry Road development, which will be located nearer to Menlo Park than originally planned, convinced Councilwoman Catherine Carlton, who previously voted in favor of the Sand Hill Road project, to reconsider the matter.

Ms. Carlton said she and the rest of the council didn't have the full picture of the university's plans and of how the traffic will be impacted when she made her decision on the Sand Hill Road project. (The council had approved that project on a 3-2 vote, with council members Ray Mueller and Kirsten Keith opposed.)

The council has a 30-day window during which it can legally reverse a decision, according to City Attorney Bill McClure. In other words, if the council had

not acted on Nov. 14 to revoke its approval, the approval would have been irrevocable.

The council agreed that the matter may be brought back for approval after it gets more information about the total traffic impacts of all current and imminent Stanford developments, not just what the current traffic conditions are.

Quarry Road office

The 155,000-square-foot building would function as office space for medical school faculty and researchers and would be located near the intersection of Quarry and Arboretum roads. The project would have parking for 800 vehicles, 600 more than are there now, but within the amount of allowed vehicles permitted in 2000.

In the letter submitted to the Santa Clara County Planning Commission, which was revised

by Mayor Keith and Councilman Mueller, Ms. Keith asked the commission to re-evaluate the expected traffic impacts of the project.

She also called for the removal of the Palo Alto barriers that keep people on Alma Street in Palo Alto from crossing El Camino Real onto Sand Hill Road, and vice versa. The barriers force vehicles headed eastbound on Sand Hill Road to turn north into Menlo Park and then U-turn at Cambridge Avenue or cut through the city's Allied Arts neighborhood.

Acknowledging that the barriers are the city of Palo Alto's doing and not in the county Planning Commission's jurisdiction, she noted that Stanford is a "major contributor" to that traffic pattern and that it should be mitigated "prior to additional development being considered." ■

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Left: Fire destroyed this U.S. Postal Service truck, charred some of the mail inside and interrupted mail service, but no one was injured **Above: The charred** remains of the contents of a mail truck that caught fire in the Suburban Park neighborhood of Menlo Park. The postal service will be contacting customers about damaged and destroyed mail, the fire chief said.

Mail truck fire disrupts postal service

The unofficial motto of the U.S. Postal Service declares that “neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.” Heat did stay a courier’s rounds in the Suburban Park neighborhood of Menlo Park shortly after

noon on Friday, Nov. 17, but the problem was not a sweltering day.

A fire on board a mail delivery truck at 251 Oakhurst Place left the truck destroyed, the mail inside charred, and mail service temporarily disrupted for 300 to 400 customers, according to a statement

from Chief Harold Schapelhouman of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

Firefighters took about 15 minutes to put out the fire, exercising caution because they didn’t know whether something in the mail collection had been the source of ignition, the chief said.

No one was injured.

Responding to a 911 call at 12:09 p.m., a

fire engine and crew arrived at the scene at 12:14 p.m., the chief said. Firefighters stayed until the mail had been transferred to another vehicle, he said.

“The Postal Service will be conducting an investigation of the fire but also addressing the damaged and destroyed mail with their customers on this route,” the chief said.

Park plan would add ranger, accessible trails

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Under a 25-year master plan for Bedwell Bayfront Park, unanimously approved Nov. 14 by the Menlo Park City Council, the city plans to invest in a park ranger, more accessible trails, park infrastructure, and educational spaces and programs.

A few ideas to expand the range of allowed activities at the 160-acre park were rejected. Among them: installing a kayak launch, adding an off-leash dog-run area, and allowing hobbyists to fly a certain type of remote-controlled airplanes.

Those hobbyists were less than thrilled with the council’s decision. Five of them spoke at the council meeting.

An outdoor “classroom” area with seating for two classes of students did receive council approval.

Improvements at the park, located at the bayside terminus of Marsh Road, are estimated to cost \$9 million over 25 years. The master plan was developed by consultants from Callander & Associates in response to community outreach events and surveys.

Gliders

About a year ago, the council approved a ban on drones and

all remote-controlled aircraft. The matter was slated for reconsideration during the park’s master plan process.

Multiple flyers defended their hobby, arguing that the gliders can be no worse for the nerves of local avian life than a 46-foot-long kite that the city endorses at its annual kite day at the park. (In previous discussions

of the topic, bird defenders argued that large airborne objects can look like predators and may scare away nesting birds.)

“I’ve always loved and respected birds,” said hobbyist Ed Canty, prefacing his remarks. Like the Great Spirit Trail at the park, he said, “There are spirit trails in the sky above the park,” referring to the thermal routes that birds, and his airplanes, ride upward in the sky.

Finding those thermals with his plane, he said, gives him the “same spiritual exhilaration” as others may feel walking and reading about the spirit trail on the ground. Plus, he noted, “the sky is enormous,” and “I couldn’t catch a hawk if I tried.”

Councilwoman Catherine

Carlton and Councilman Peter Ohtaki suggested a one-year trial during which gliders would be allowed. “We’ve had gliders there for 30 years and still have enough birds,” Ms. Carlton said, noting that she’d support it only with “severe rules.”

Councilman Rich Cline asked what mitigation measures had been considered and assessment conducted.

Mayor Kirsten Keith told attendees, “I like what you do, but I don’t want it done at Bedwell Bayfront Park.”

Councilman Ray Mueller said he supports the ban because allowing them is a liability issue. “I want to vote for you, but with two air-

ports this close I just can’t go there,” he said.

The park is within five miles of the Palo Alto and San Carlos airports that require people flying hobby aircraft to alert the Federal Aviation Administration and keep the machines from flying above a certain height.

No kayak launch

Davena Gentry, who kayaks in the Bay, said the park’s Flood Slough isn’t a great place for launching kayaks. You have to travel far to get through the marshes and into the Bay, and, she added, there’s a good chance

it would be impassable at low tide. There are kayak launches in Redwood City and Palo Alto.

Mayor Keith said she didn’t see support for adding an off-leash dog park. People are permitted to walk dogs on-leash there.

Phased changes

Changes at the park would be done in three phases:

■ In the next five years: Deal with deferred maintenance; improve access to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; install a ranger’s office; add seating, dog bag dispensers and bike racks; upgrade the gas and leachate collection system; and expand the fire-suppression system.

■ In five to 10 years: Install an automatic gate and entrance system; make some areas of the

park more wheelchair-accessible by paving some paths with asphalt and others with a resin-based pavement; replace the bathrooms; add fitness stations; and prepare for a foot of sea level rise.

■ In 10 to 25 years: Prepare for another foot of sea level rise; and renovate the park’s “Great Spirit Path” art.

By the end of the first phase, annual operations and maintenance costs are expected to rise from \$110,000 to \$330,000 a year. By the end of the third phase, those costs could rise to \$480,000 a year.

These estimates assume the addition of a park ranger and would cover costs for capital repairs, maintenance, utilities and contingencies. ■

City wants to do something about newspaper boxes

Menlo Park wants to do something about the proliferation of newspaper boxes downtown, many of which are seen as unsightly and an obstacle to people using the sidewalks.

Publishers’ representatives and some community members met with city staff Oct. 25 at the Arrillaga Recreation Center in Menlo Park to discuss options for regulating the boxes. Many other cities have ordinances governing such

boxes, city analyst Meghan Revolinsky said.

The city wants to replace the large green newspaper boxes in downtown Menlo Park and set maintenance and placement regulations for all the boxes, said Jim Cogan, the city’s economic development manager.

Some attendees recommended putting together a stakeholder subcommittee to try to resolve the problem before adopting an ordinance.

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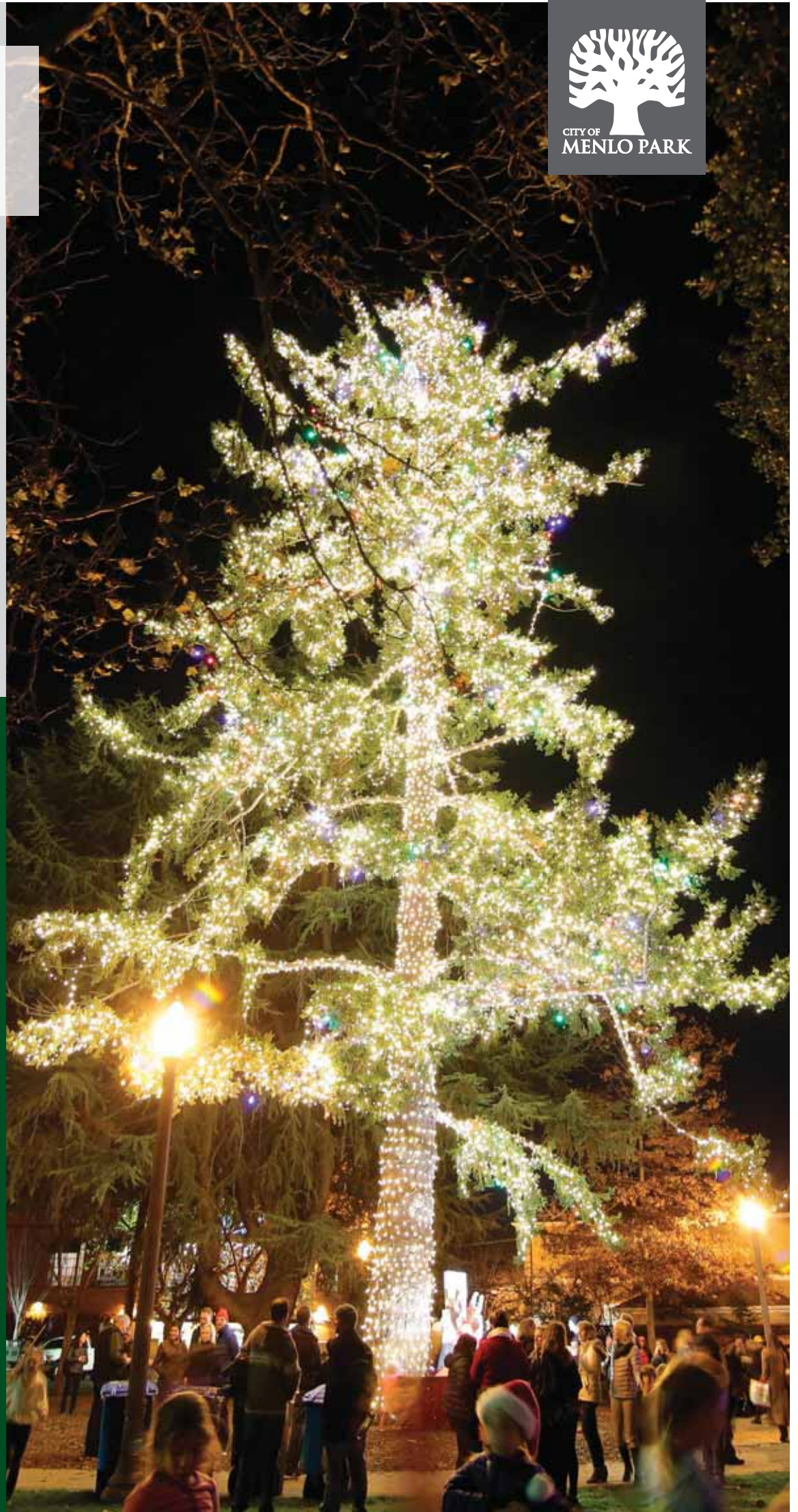
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Willows traffic: 'No Thru Traffic' signs up

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

In response to what one local has termed “carmageddon,” the Menlo Park City Council authorized “No Thru Traffic” signs to be installed throughout the city’s Willows Neighborhood on Nov. 15. The jury’s still out on whether the signs are helping.

On Nov. 20, Willows resident Amar Murugan said the signs’ installation appears to be helping with traffic on Baywood Avenue, while Brian Gilmer of O’Keefe Street said he thinks it’s still too early to tell. Ana Uribe-Ruiz of Arnold Way said that traffic has not improved because the signs are not enforced and the new signals on Willow Road are not sufficiently coordinated to allow traffic flow.

If the signs are working, it may be a glimmer of good news for local residents. But others fear the congestion will become the neighborhood’s “new normal.”

Mr. Gilmer has told the council the traffic snarl creates a big safety hazard. There are many children who live in the neighborhood, and people don’t drive carefully when they’re angry at being stuck trying to get home, he said.

“Someone’s going to get hit,” he said. “It’s not an if, it’s a when.” When that happens, he said, emergency vehicles won’t be able to get to the scene because the roads are so congested.

Reports of drastically worsened traffic conditions there spiked the week starting Nov. 6 after new signals were installed at the Willow Road/U.S. 101 interchange. Residents on cross-streets near Willow Road said they were trapped in their driveways for hours.

The new traffic signals are part

of the next phase of a project to rebuild the interchange, which requires taking out two highway ramps. That reduces the number of cars that can fit into the interchange, according to Jeff Weiss, spokesman for Caltrans. “There’s no way to avoid that,” he said. Even after people adjust to the new traffic conditions, there’s not enough capacity at the interchange to rebuild it without causing delays in the interim, he said.

Caltrans just started Phase 2 of a four-phase project to rebuild the Willow Road/U.S. 101 interchange. Construction phases 2 and 3 are expected to worsen traffic; they will take a year to complete, according to Menlo Park Transportation Engineer Angela Obeso.

Signs

Following the spike in traffic complaints on and near Willow Road, the Menlo Park City Council voted 4-0, with Councilwoman Kirsten Keith absent, to post “No Thru Traffic” signs as soon as possible, leaving it up to staff to decide where and how many should be installed.

In addition, electronic signs will be added at Middlefield Road near Willow Road and along Bayfront Expressway to alert drivers and recommend they use other routes. At the Willow Road/U.S. 101 interchange, pavement paint and signs will be added to better direct traffic during construction, according to Ms. Obeso. Traffic signals along Willow Road from Durham Street to Newbridge Street will be coordinated so that the traffic can flow



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

New traffic signals at the Willow Road/U.S. 101 interchange in Menlo Park have created major delays for commuters. Many are seeking shortcuts through residential streets in the city’s Willows neighborhood.

through the interchange more smoothly, she added. The Menlo Park Police Department also plans to send more officers and trained volunteers to help with traffic enforcement.

Staff installed temporary black-and-yellow “No Thru Traffic” signs within a day of the council’s approval, because the city had some already in stock, Assistant City Manager Chip Taylor said. Signs in black-and-white or red-and-white have been ordered.

The signs’ colors are a bit confusing. Unlike yellow road signs, which serve as roadway advisories, the other color schemes usually signal legal enforceability.

However, “No Thru Traffic” signs can’t be legally enforced. By state law, public roadways can’t be restricted to only a portion of drivers who happen to live or

have business there, Menlo Park Police Commander Dave Bertini told the council.

The misleading coloring of the signs may create false expectations for residents that the police will be able to enforce such measures, he said.

Such signs may also be official enough for apps like Waze to stop routing commuters through those neighborhoods, argued Mr. Taylor.

Other options

The council asked staff to study right-turn restrictions for traffic turning onto Willow Road from residential side streets. Such restrictions would be legally enforceable.

Council members asked that Caltrans help bear some of the burden. Four Caltrans

representatives were at the meeting. Councilman Ray Mueller asked that Caltrans consider designating the entire Willows neighborhood as a construction zone.

He pointed to a program that was implemented earlier this year in Atherton during a construction project to replace the drainage culvert along Marsh Road and install a steel barrier. During construction, residents and local businesses were given placards to grant them access but other traffic was prohibited.

The Willows, Ms. Obeso noted, is a much larger neighborhood with more entrances, and the project has a much longer duration than the Atherton project. Implementing such a program would likely be expensive, she said. ■

The jury’s still out on whether the signs are helping.

Menlo residents can expect higher trash pickup rates

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Trash pickup rates in Menlo Park will rise over the next three years, some by as steeply as 63 percent.

The Menlo Park City Council approved the rate hikes Nov. 14. The rate formula is complicated and varies based on a number of factors. Here are examples of rate increases for single-family homes:

■ For a 20-gallon garbage container, the rate will rise 63 percent over three years, from the current \$13.99 a month to \$16.97 in 2018; \$19.90 in 2019;

and \$22.81 in 2020.

■ For a 32-gallon garbage container, the rate will rise 33 percent over three years, from the current \$23.40 to \$26.03 in 2018; \$28.60 in 2019; and \$31.14 in 2020.

The city contracts with Recology and, in the past, has given customers a reduced rate for recycling and compost bins as an incentive to dispose of their waste in a more environmentally safe way. (The bundled waste pickup service includes recycling and compost bins.)

As a result of the incentives, many people have switched to composting and recycling and

have downsized their trash containers, Recology officials say.

The agency is no longer recovering the costs it incurs to pick up the compost and recycling bins and has experienced shortfalls in the last couple of years.

According to a staff report, following the outcome of a 2015 appellate court decision (Capistrano Taxpayers Association, Inc. v. City of San Juan Capistrano) the city could be liable to litigation if it does not restructure its fees to better reflect service costs.

Go to is.gd/waste485 to access the staff report. ■

City extends cannabis moratorium

The Menlo Park City Council has extended by 22.5 months the citywide ban on marijuana-related businesses and outdoor cultivation. The original moratorium was 45 days.

Under state law, people are still allowed to grow up to six cannabis plants. Medical marijuana delivery services are also allowed.

Menlo Park joins Millbrae, San Mateo and Foster City in such bans, according to a staff report.

Other nearby jurisdictions have taken different approaches. The San Mateo County

Board of Supervisors is scheduled to review an ordinance that could allow indoor commercial cultivation in unincorporated areas zoned for agricultural use.

Palo Alto has banned commercial cannabis uses, but will allow outdoor personal cultivation as long as it’s out of public view or access.

Redwood City has a draft ordinance that would allow cannabis deliveries and outdoor cultivation. That city is looking at putting a marijuana excise tax on the November 2018 ballot and allowing marijuana retail services in 2019.

Park named for WWII hero

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Karl Clark, a Menlo Park resident and World War II hero who died in March at age 100, is at last getting the prompt recognition he was denied when he was alive.

The Menlo Park City Council voted unanimously Nov. 14 to rename “Market Place Park” in Belle Haven after him and install an informational plaque in the park about his story.

His heroic deeds, in response to the May 3, 1945, attack on the USS Aaron Ward, were not recognized until January 2012, when he was awarded a Commendation Medal with the Combat Distinguishing Device. He was not recognized earlier “because he was black,” said Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, who worked for two years to secure these military honors.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac.

Karl Clark during a commendation ceremony in 2012.

at an early age — “all while living in a country that did not like him based on his skin color.

“We owe it to my uncle to show how proud we are to have him as a piece of our community,” he said.

In its approval decision, the council waived a practice of

naming city facilities only after people who have been dead for at least five years. Exceptions have been made, most recently in adding the Arrillaga name to the city’s recreation center, gymnastics center and gymnasium in recognition of the donations of the still living John Arrillaga. ■

‘We all need to be inspired by something. This park does that.’

CECILIA TAYLOR

On that day in 1945, his ship — a destroyer — was hit by six kamikaze planes. The sole survivor of his eight-person damage-control unit, Mr. Clark put out a fire in the ship’s ammunition locker and carried injured survivors to safety — doing so despite having a broken collarbone and no shoes or helmet.

The park

Market Place Park occupies about an acre across the street from the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula clubhouse at 313 Market Place in Menlo Park’s Belle Haven neighborhood.

Credit for the renaming idea goes to Cecilia Taylor, former City Council candidate and founder of the resident advocacy group Belle Haven Action.

She said she was struck with the renaming idea while attending Mr. Clark’s funeral in March. She and Julie Shanson, communications manager of Belle Haven Action, circulated a petition that received about 115 signatures in favor of renaming the park. The group brought the idea to the Parks & Recreation Commission more than once and helped rally supporters.

Mr. Clark was a mentor to youth and formed a neighborhood group that supported single parents, she said.

William Casper, Mr. Clark’s nephew, told the City Council that his uncle was not only a war hero, but an active member of the community who lost his parents

Sidney A. Self

April 16, 1928 – November 5, 2017

Sidney Self, 89, a retired Stanford engineering professor, passed away on November 5, 2017.

Sidney grew up in a working-class family in East London, where educational opportunities were limited. World War II brought major social changes to England and, at the end of the war, merit-based scholarships became available. Sidney received a scholarship to the University of Exeter, where he studied physics.

After graduating, Sidney worked at a UK government research lab on microwaves, plasmas and lasers. There he met his wife, Beryl (nee Hackett). They purchased a building comprised of three abandoned farm worker cottages in a village near the lab. Being hardworking and resourceful, Sidney and Beryl toiled to transform them into a single, renovated home. There, they had their first child, Joanna.

In 1962, Sidney took a visiting position at Stanford University for two years, and in 1965 the family moved permanently to California where Sidney joined the Stanford faculty. Their second child, Matthew, was born and they purchased a home in the community of Ladera, where they lived for many years.

Sidney had a long career at Stanford, where he did research on plasmas, magnetohydrodynamics and electrostatic precipitation in the Mechanical Engineering department. He authored over 150 publications and received two lifetime achievement awards. Sidney thrived, advising a large number of graduate students with whom he remained in close contact over the years.

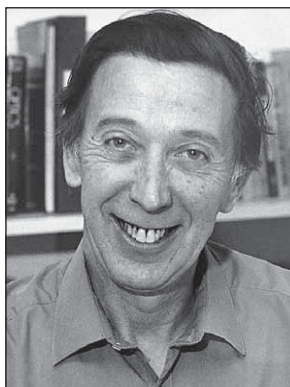
In 1980, Sidney and Beryl purchased a lot in Butano canyon, near Pescadero. Continuing the home building tradition, the family built a small vacation house there -- again using their own labor and skills. When the community needed to upgrade their water system, Sidney volunteered to research, design and oversee the construction of the entire system, building the water treatment facility himself.

In 1989 Sidney and Beryl moved to Menlo Park. After retiring from Stanford, they enjoyed traveling together and making friends on many Elderhostel trips (now Road Scholar).

Beryl passed away in 2016 and Sidney is survived by his two children, Joanna and Matthew, Matthew’s wife Natasha Skok, and his granddaughters, Julie and Nika.

A gathering to celebrate Sidney’s life will be held early next year.

In lieu of gifts, please make a donation to the American Association for the Advancement of Science: <https://www.aaas.org>



Bruce C. Allen

May 21, 1952 - November 9, 2017

Bruce Allen passed away on November 9, 2017, after a brief battle with cancer. Gentle and happy, he was always willing to lend a hand to someone in need of help.

He was born in Redwood City to Grover and Andree Allen and attended San Carlos High School, Class of 1970. He was a 35-year member of Local Union 467.

He grew up in Redwood City and later enjoyed motorcycle trips with Linda on his Harley from the redwoods of Northern California to the southern deserts.

He is survived by his loving wife Linda, sister Cheryl Basin, and two brothers Keith (Sharon) and Ron (Donna) Allen and nieces Megan Allen-Bowen and Jennifer Allen, DVM.

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, Valley Humane Society, Pleasanton

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Mary E. Schroeder

Mary Enneking Schroeder died peacefully at home in Sunnyvale on November 1, 2017 at the age of 95.

Her husband of 62 years, Donald W. Schroeder, predeceased her in 2013. She is survived by three sons, William [Wendy] of Fort Myers, Florida, David [Carmen Sofia] of Menlo Park, California, and Stephen of Carson City, Nevada. Twin sons, Mark and Thomas, predeceased her in infancy.

Other survivors include two grandsons, John Henry and Christian, and three granddaughters, Susan, Baylee and Charlotte.

Mary was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 2, 1922. A few years later, her family moved to Madison, Wisconsin, where they settled on the beautiful shores of Lake Mendota. She attended Derham Hall, a private school in St. Paul, Minnesota, for her high school education. She then entered the University of Wisconsin on the Madison campus where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She was active socially and academically, graduating in 1944 with a degree in economics and accounting.

Upon graduation Mary took a position in Chicago on the audit staff of Price Waterhouse, where she served many Midwestern clients. While at PW she met another staff member, Don Schroeder, a University of Wisconsin graduate, and they were married in Madison, Wisconsin in 1951. Don and Mary lived for several years in Appleton, Wisconsin, until they struck out for the Golden State, where Don joined the San Francisco office of Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, which is now part of Price Waterhouse Coopers. They lived in Atherton for almost 50 years until moving to a townhome in Sharon Heights approximately 15 years ago.

Mary dedicated herself to raising and caring for her five boys, and always held them to a very high standard. She was an active member of the St. Pius Catholic Church in Redwood City, where her boys attended elementary school, and in her later years the St. Denis Catholic Church in Sharon Heights. Mary loved to catch big game fish, ride horses, tend her garden, and play cards, board games and all types of sports. She also enjoyed spending time at the family vacation houses in Yachats, Oregon and Palm Springs, California. She always caught the biggest muskie on the annual pilgrimage to Northern Wisconsin.

Mary suffered from dementia in recent years. She resided during her last five years at the Belmont Village assisted living community in Sunnyvale, where the staff took great care of her. She was also assisted during the last few years by a team of kindly caregivers from HomeCare Professionals.

A memorial mass for Mary will be held on Saturday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Denis Catholic Church in Sharon Heights, following a private burial ceremony.

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LifeMoves: Helping the kids most in need

By Dan Schmid of LifeMoves, the homeless-services nonprofit.

During this holiday season, as we continue to witness the presence of homelessness in Silicon Valley, it's more important than ever to remember the plight of the homeless children.

When 9-year-old Maria walked into a family shelter at LifeMoves last June, she was stone-faced, not making eye contact with anyone besides her mother, and even avoiding the other kids.

Like all children who enter a LifeMoves shelter, Maria was immediately screened for special needs. Since it did not appear that Maria had any, it was determined that the trauma of homelessness had likely caused her withdrawal.

LifeMoves services include no-cost mental health counseling that is overseen by a licensed psychologist. Maria and her therapist started a weekly play therapy treatment, designed to make her comfortable in her new surroundings, to help her learn to interact with people, and to deal with the trauma of homelessness.

When Maria entered the LifeMoves program, the first day of school was months away. Summer is a particularly hard time for homeless children, because, with school out of session, they are forced to spend their days either on the streets or in a shelter.

This is why the LifeMoves Children's Program includes STEAM (Science, Technology,

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Engineering, Arts, and Math) Summer Adventure Camp.

The goal of our annual summer camp is to inspire and empower homeless children and young adults toward academic achievement — while also giving them a joy-filled summer they will never forget.

This year's camp, offered from June 20 to Aug. 3, served 150 children from age 5 to 14. The STEAM-based program provided academic and enrichment activities for youth at our family shelters.

Maria was thrilled to spend a week visiting horses at Jasper Ridge Farm in Woodside. She and the other campers took riding lessons and rode horses every day around the scenic grounds.

They also groomed their horses and played with goats and rabbits. Maria really enjoyed caring for the animals and she began to open up to the other kids.

By the end of the week, the campers not only had camping adventures to tell for the rest of their lives, they had gained practical knowledge of caring for farm animals, learned a little more about the role humans have in nature, and had fun interacting with other children.

After several weeks of on-site art therapy, and two weeks in



LifeMoves staff

Homeless youth enjoy a summer of adventure and learning at LifeMoves' summer.

Summer Adventure Camp, Maria could be seen playing with her new friends at the shelter and quite often her smile lit up the room. She was an entirely different person.

For all of us at LifeMoves, the holidays are about love, family, friends, and seeing traumatized children like Maria smile.

Last year, with the support of 16,000 dedicated volunteers, LifeMoves assisted 10,045 homeless individuals, including

families with children, providing approximately 260,703 nights of shelter, nutritious food, and clothing, combined with intensive support services for the whole family, including case management, job counseling, psychotherapy, and education.

Most important, last year, 93 percent of families and 72 percent of individuals completing the LifeMoves program returned to stable housing, equipped with life skills and

competencies needed to maintain long-term self-sufficiency.

Go to is.gd/camp22 to learn more about the fun activities and programs offered by LifeMoves STEAM Adventure Camp this past summer, and to see it in pictures. ■

About the cover: A LifeMoves client smiles wide during Summer Adventure Camp at Jasper Ridge Farm in Woodside. (LifeMoves staff photo.)

Health Center invests in patients' experiences

By Rachel Tarantino, development associate, Ravenswood Family Health Center.

At Ravenswood Family Health Center (RFHC), our patients' health is our first priority.

Since we opened the doors of our new state-of-the-art facility in May 2015, Ravenswood has offered new services — including imaging, optometry, an optical shop, labs, and pharmacy — to an increasing number of

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patients.

However, Ravenswood's impact can be measured by more than just the variety of health care services we offer to improve patients' physical

health. Patients' experience is an equally important part of their well-being.

When Sinai discovered a lump in her breast, she was anxious to find answers. She contacted several health centers for assistance, and found that Ravenswood Family Health Center stood out to her more than any other. Through her research, she learned that many of our staff speak Tongan, her native language.

During her first visit to Ravenswood, Sinai met with physician assistant Brad



Rachel Tarantino and Virginia Wang

Sinai receives a blood-pressure check from Brad Hamann, a physician assistant, at Ravenswood Family Health Center in East Palo Alto.

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Contributions to the Holiday Fund go directly to programs that benefit Peninsula residents. Last year, Almanac readers and foundations contributed \$174,000 from more than 150 donors for the 10 agencies that feed the hungry, house the homeless and provide numerous other services to those in need.

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Boys & Girls Clubs

Provides after-school academic support, enrichment, and mentoring for 1,800 low-income K-12 youth at nine locations across Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and the North Fair Oaks neighborhood of Redwood City.

Ecumenical Hunger Program

Provides emergency food, clothing, household essentials, and sometimes financial assistance to families in need, regardless of religious preference, including Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for more than 2,000 households.

Second Harvest Food Bank

The largest collector and distributor of food on the Peninsula, Second Harvest Food Bank distributed 52 million pounds of food last year. It gathers donations from individuals and businesses and distributes food to more than 250,000 people each month through more than 770 agencies and distribution sites in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

LifeMoves

Provides shelter/housing and supportive services across 18 sites in Silicon Valley and the Peninsula. Serves thousands of homeless families and individuals annually on their path back to permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

Project Read

Provides free literacy services to adults in the Menlo Park area. Trained volunteers work one-on-one to help adults improve reading, writing and English language skills so they can function more effectively at home, at work and in the community. Basic English classes, weekly conversation clubs and volunteer-led computer enrichment are also offered.

Ravenswood Family Health Center

Provides primary medical and preventive health care for all ages at its clinic in East Palo Alto. Of the more than 17,000 registered patients, most are low-income and uninsured and live in the ethnically diverse East Palo Alto, Belle Haven, and North Fair Oaks areas.

Upward Scholars

Sequoia Upward Scholars empowers low-income adults by providing them with financial support, tutoring, and other assistance so they can continue their education, get higher paying jobs, and serve as role models and advocates for their children.

St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room

Serves hundreds of hot meals six days a week to people in need who walk through the doors. Funded by voluntary contributions and community grants, St. Anthony's is the largest dining room for the needy between San Francisco and San Jose. It also offers take-home bags of food, as well as emergency food and clothing assistance.

Fair Oaks Community Center

This multi-service facility, serving the broader Redwood City community, provides assistance with child care, senior programs, citizenship and immigration, housing and employment, and crisis intervention. Programs are available in Spanish and English.

StarVista

Serves more than 32,000 people throughout San Mateo County, including children, young people, families with counseling, prevention, early intervention, education, and residential programs. StarVista also provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services including a 24-hour suicide crisis hotline, an alcohol and drug helpline, and a parent support hotline.

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Boys & Girls Clubs boost efforts for students

By John Straubel, tutor and Program Committee member, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula has grown to serve 2,500 K-12 students at three clubhouses and nine school campuses in eastern Menlo Park, Redwood City, and East Palo Alto.

Now the organization is adding more individualized resources to help students graduate from high school with a plan for college or a career.

"We increased the personalization of our programs so that we can meet our students where they are," said BGCP Executive Director Peter Fortenbaugh. "More than 80 percent of our members are English language learners, 40 percent are homeless or in foster care, 70 percent are reading below their grade level."

Research has revealed specific criteria that are likely to determine school and post-secondary

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success. For elementary students, reading at grade level proficiency by the end of third grade is a reliable indicator of future school success. For middle school students, socio-emotional skills levels can be either a protective factor or a barrier to overall academic success.

Students benefit from BGCP's new Intensive Services that provide two- or three-year "boosters" at critical points to get students on track for high school graduation. The intervention is built into BGCP's program for all students and consists of personalized blended learning in math and/or reading,

homework help, and small-group, targeted skill building.

That's followed by hands-on activities like arts, science and coding, complemented with socio-emotional learning workshops.

BGCP provides members with more than 700 extra learning hours each year — a 60 percent increase over the school day.

Another recent move offers more specialized services for older students. BGCP last year launched a clubhouse dedicated solely to high school students in Redwood City. At the now-popular Forest High School Center, older students participate in college success programs, enrichment, community leadership projects, tutoring, and hands-on career exposure. The teens eat a hot meal together every evening prepared by BGCP's culinary



Photo by John Straubel

Ariel Ajagu, right, manager of high school programs, mentors students Lindsey Pulido and Cristian Cisneros at the Redwood City clubhouse of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, renovated last year to serve older members.

arts students.

Brigette Ochoa, a current sophomore and first-generation college student at San Jose State, joined BGCP when she was 11 years old.

This past summer she participated in the club's apprenticeship program, where she worked at YouTube analyzing help center articles and attended a luncheon with YouTube

CEO Susan Wojcicki.

The program aims to open students' eyes to professional pathways. Says Brigitte: "I never thought that I could be a person who could work at a big professional company like this. This experience was amazing and opened doors to new opportunities for me." ■

Go to bgcp.org for more information.

A new start for a family in crisis

By Jessica Harders, manager of individual giving at StarVista.

With three children, an eviction order, and little hope of a light at the end of the tunnel, Justine felt hopeless.

Forced to move from her home and unable to provide steady food and shelter for her children, Justine focused all of her energy on keeping her family together.

Mother and children would alternate sleeping on friend's couches, staying in local churches, and when neither option was available, the family of four slept in Justine's car.

Wanting to believe that things could get better, Justine was at a loss for where to turn when she heard about StarVista. Through a referral from her daughter's school counselor, Justine began to take steps to rebuild her family's life.

She enrolled her two oldest children in StarVista's Your House South program, a temporary residential home for homeless youth, while she and her youngest child continued to live out of her car.

HOLIDAY FUND

Gifts to the Almanac's Holiday Fund benefit StarVista, which provides mental health and support services to families and individuals in crisis.

Your House South staff then connected Justine to a StarVista case-management service for families that need extra support, such as referrals to resource centers and in-home therapy. Through this program, Justine met Cheryl, the case manager who would become Justine's pillar of support as she worked to reclaim her life.

"When I met Cheryl, I was feeling very alone, very depressed, and very hopeless," Justine says. "I was worried it would get to be too much and I would just collapse."

Acknowledging Justine's anxiety over being apart from her oldest children, her case worker immediately helped Justine look for a new home where the family could be reunited, ensuring her every step of the way that this was a journey she did not have to embark on alone.

The case worker became Justine's mental and emotional support, always listening to her sadness, frustrations, and everyday worries. Over time, Justine was able to secure employment and a new home, where she now lives with her three children.

"Thanks to Cheryl I was able to get this apartment I live in, I am working two jobs when I was unemployed just a few months ago, I am opening up a bank account, I am signing up to take ESL classes, but most importantly, I am home with my children," Justine says. "The connection I made with Cheryl made this possible."

Through counseling, skill development, and crisis prevention, StarVista serves more than 41,000 children, youth, adults, and families throughout San Mateo County each year.

Visit star-vista.org for more information. Or call (650) 591-9623. Address: StarVista, 610 Elm St., Suite 212, San Carlos, CA 94070. ■

Names of individuals have been changed to protect confidentiality.

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Hamann who ordered a mammogram for her. Although she was nervous about her condition, Sinai was comforted by Mr. Hamann's skill and compassion throughout her examination.

"Mr. Hamann is wonderful," Sinai said. She explained that although it was her first time meeting with Mr. Hamann, he was friendly and treated her with kindness, as though they had known each other for a long time.

After receiving Sinai's results, Mr. Hamann met with her to discuss her diagnosis and treatment, and answered all of her questions. Mr. Hamann also encouraged her to meet with a Ravenswood counselor if she began to feel overwhelmed.

Sinai was impressed by Mr. Hamann's swift action to ensure that she would receive the care and information she needed to confront her diagnosis. She was overjoyed to learn that she would be treated at Stanford and would still be able to meet with Mr. Hamann for routine care at

Ravenswood. "This is too good to be true!" she laughed.

Relationships between patients and providers are essential to good health. If a patient is not comfortable with the clinician treating them, making progress toward a good health trajectory can be slow.

Patients who are fortunate enough to have experienced the nurturing atmosphere of Ravenswood Family Health Center report that this is as essential to their well-being as any medical treatment.

"You can feel the friendliness, the warmth, and the welcome at Ravenswood," Sinai said. "I am very happy, and I want to continue to come here!"

You can help more patients like Sinai experience the quality and compassionate care of Ravenswood. Your support will enable us to continue treating and caring for the most underserved individuals and families in our community.

Visit ravenswoodfhc.org to learn more about Ravenswood Family Health Center, or email us at development@ravenswoodfhc.org. ■

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Woodside agrees to settle case involving ethics-code complaint

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A workshop could begin in January to revisit the ethics code that, since 1994, has governed the behavior of Woodside's Town Hall employees and the town's elected and appointed officials, according to Mayor Tom Livermore.

The workshop — a process to evaluate and make recommendations to improve the town's ethics guidelines and procedures — was part of a settlement between the town and longtime volunteer Nancy Reyerling.

She had filed a complaint against the town over how she was treated in a months-long investigation of an alleged ethics-code violation involving an email she sent as a member of the town's architectural review board.

In the settlement, which the Town Council approved unanimously Nov. 14, the town agrees to pay Ms. Reyerling \$35,000 “for the legal expenses she has incurred as a good faith gesture and to avoid future litigation costs.”

That payment, when added to the estimated \$33,384 cost for the investigation, brings the town's total cost for this matter to at least \$68,384.

Mayor Livermore and council members Anne Kasten, Dave Tanner and Daniel Yost voted for the settlement, the mayor said. Councilmen Peter Mason and Chris Shaw recused themselves and Councilwoman Deborah Gordon was absent, Mr. Livermore said.

The settlement prohibits all parties from discussing it further.

The council also appointed a group of resident volunteers who offered to participate in the ethics code workshop.

The volunteers are: Dave Burow, Roy Crawford, Virginia Dare, Dave Eichler, Elizabeth Ferguson, Thomas Johnson, Thalia Lubin, Declan McCullagh, George Offen, Ron Romines, Emerson “Chip” Swan, Marilyn Voelke, Marty Walker and John MacDonald, according to a list provided by the town clerk's office.

A federal case

In the wake of the investigation of Ms. Reyerling and the council's decision to take no action on the ethics case, Ms. Reyerling's complaint threatened a federal lawsuit that

named the town, Mayor Livermore and his predecessor, Ms. Gordon, as defendants, claiming violations of her constitutional rights to free speech.

The constitutional issue and the town's investigation centered on comments Ms. Reyerling made as a member of the town's architectural review board to the planning director and other board members concerning a residential design project that was coming before the board.

The town agrees to hold a workshop to evaluate the town's ethics code.

Ms. Reyerling had noted in a May 2016 email that the project's architect was Mr. Mason, a member of the council, and said the applicant should refrain from the common practice of asking for exceptions to regulations and design guidelines in light of Mr. Mason's role in forming those regulations and guidelines.

Ms. Reyerling's email led former mayor Dave Burow to, eventually, file an ethics complaint against her, leading to an investigation by the outside attorney at a cost to the town of at least \$33,384, according to one of Ms. Reyerling's attorneys.

The investigation included a recommendation that five of nine allegations against Ms. Reyerling be sustained: unequal treatment of Mr. Mason, personally attacking Mr. Mason, reaching a conclusion about a project before hearing testimony and before a public meeting had been held, and failing to maintain “a positive and constructive working environment,” as the code requires.

Facing a hearing before the council, which the current ethics code requires to determine whether violations had occurred, Ms. Reyerling allowed her term on the board to expire in February 2017 and informed the mayor that she would not apply for reappointment.

The council, rather than determining whether violations had occurred, voted 4-0 to follow a recommendation by Mayor Livermore to take “no further action.” Council members Mason, Dave Tanner and Anne Kasten were absent.

Free speech rights

In her claim, Ms. Reyerling's attorney, Scott Emblidge, commented on a provision in the ethics code requiring officials to “refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges or verbal attacks upon the character, motives, ethics or morals of members of the Town Council, other appointed officials, Town employees, or members of the public.”

“While the town's emphasis on civility may be admirable,” Mr. Emblidge wrote, “it infringes on a speaker's right to engage in uninhibited, robust debate on public issues, including negative criticism — and even very sharp attacks — of public officials.”

“On its face,” he continued, “it would prohibit a town official from remarking on questionable campaign contributions taken by another official (and) would bar council member Jones from suggesting that council member Smith be prohibited from voting on a matter in which council member Smith has a financial interest. ... (It) creates an unacceptable risk of the suppression of ideas that are protected as part of a vibrant public discourse.”

Mr. Emblidge also took issue with the code's provision on maintaining “a positive and constructive working environment.” The town, through its investigator, found Ms. Reyerling in violation by “raising concerns about a council member's possible conflicts of interest,” he wrote. “Anyone with even a passing understanding of the First Amendment would know that it is unlawful to discipline someone for raising concerns about an elected official's possible conflicts of interest, even if that speech somehow detracted from a ‘positive environment.’”

Mr. Emblidge asserted that mayors Livermore and Gordon, while required to undertake an investigation, “unlawfully” enforced a code that “violated clearly established constitutional free speech rights of which a reasonable person would have known.”

In the vote on the settlement, Mr. Shaw, who was not a party to the ethics code matter, also recused himself. He had run a write-in campaign in the fall of 2015 contesting Ms. Reyerling's uncontested bid for a seat on the Town Council and won with 53.1 percent of the vote.

Mr. Burow, a council member during that campaign, contributed about \$960 toward a mass mailing in support of Mr. Shaw. ■



Photo by Andrea Gemmet

Building up

A construction crew lowers a steel girder at this construction site at 1010 Alma St., near Ravenswood Avenue and the Menlo Park Caltrain station. The three-story, 25,000-square-foot office building is slated to serve as the headquarters and family office for the Eric and Wendy Schmidt Foundation.

Lucille Lanza Hagstrum of Atherton dies at 89

Lucille Lanza Hagstrum, a longtime resident of Atherton, art-lover and Stanford Museum volunteer, died on Oct. 10 at the age of 89.

The granddaughter of Italian immigrants from Campania, Italy, she was raised in Greenwich Village, New York. In 1953 she married a returning soldier from World War II who was a fellow Italian-American, Vince Lanza.

The Lanzas moved to Atherton in 1959 to be part of a new startup company, Raychem. Mr. Lanza was killed in a plane crash in 1972 while traveling on Raychem business.

In 1977 Ms. Hagstrum married Paul Hagstrum and moved to Minnesota with him for three years before returning to Atherton in 1980. He died in 1981.

Ms. Hagstrum was a lover of art. She and her best friend, Dorothy Gravelle, studied metalsmithing

in San Francisco. Ms. Hagstrum spent decades as a volunteer at the Stanford Museum.

She was a board member of the Committee for Art, a founder of the Contemporary Collectors Circle, and on the Treasure Market Committee. She conceived of and put on the first Rodin by Moonlight fundraising event in the 1980s.

She also traveled with her fellow volunteers to see museums and private art collections around the world.

Ms. Hagstrum is survived by her children, Doug (Anne) Lanza of San Francisco, Drew (Jane) Lanza of Portola Valley, and Ellie (Richard) Ronzetti of Garden City, New York; stepchildren Marilyn (Les) Sharp and Paul (Leda) Hagstrum, all of Minneapolis; her sister Rosie (Rocky); and her sisters-in-law Susie and Darlene. She had 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Go to is.gd/Hagstrum for more information from the family and to post remembrances on the Almanac's Lasting Memories page.



Lucille Hagstrum

Community

STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

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

Theater

Comedian and actor Bill Murray teams up with German cellist Jan Vogler for a one-night-only evening of classical music and literature. Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/Events/bill-murray-and-jan-vogler

TheatreWorks: 'Around the World in 80 Days' A story set in the 1870s centered around adventurer Phileas Fogg and his valet. Nov. 29-Dec. 31, times vary. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org/201718-season/201718-season/around-the-world-in-80-days/

TheatreWorks: 'The Santaland Diaries' A show based on an essay by David Sedaris on his time working as Christmas elf in "Santaland" at a Macy's department store. Dec. 5-23, times vary. \$20-\$45; savings available for students and subscribers. Lohman Theatre, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. theatreworks.org/201718-season/201718-season/santaland-diaries/

Concerts

California Bach Society: Christmas in Poland & the Baltics From a 17th century "Magnificat" for three choirs to lively works from the 20th century. Dec. 2, 8-10 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. calbach.org/#christmas-in-poland

Music

Ragazzi Boys Chorus Presents 'Ubi Caritas: Where There is Love' A holiday concert celebrating the universal power of love. Dec. 2, 5 p.m. \$12-\$32. First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. ragazzi.org/performances/archive/ubi-caritas/

Sukay in Concert Oshman Family Jewish Community Center will present traditional Andean music directed by Bolivian composer and two-time Grammy nominee, Eddy Navia, as a part of their "Music at Noon for Community Tuesdays -- Lunch and Concert" series. Nov. 28, 12-1:30 p.m. \$20 or two punches of the Community Tuesdays Punch Card. Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/sukay

The Terrible Adult Chamber Orchestra launches its eighth season for musicians of all levels of experience. Includes a

holiday community singalong. Nov. 26, 4-5 p.m. Free; Sing-a-Long; \$10, musicians to participate. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. tacosv.com

Victoria Hanna Stanford Live will host Victoria Hanna, an artist who combines traditional Middle Eastern sounds with contemporary music genres in her interpretation of Hebrew and Aramaic texts. Nov. 29, 7-8:30 p.m. \$10, Stanford student (with ID); \$30, regular. Bing Concert Hall Studio, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Talks & Lectures

Mary Otto with Angie Coiro: Dentistry and the broken healthcare system Kepler's Literary Foundation will host veteran health journalist Mary Otto and Angie Coiro for an evening addressing the links tying dental hygiene to a person's job prospects, social mobility, and education. Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. Free, RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

Modern Day Spies: Daniel Golden with Angie Coiro Award-winning journalist Angie Coiro sits down with Daniel Golden for an hour to expose what spies today really look like and what secrets countries like the United States, China, Iran and more are desperate to keep secret. Nov. 29, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

Soviet Political Posters Gallery Talk Bertrand Patenaude, research fellow, Hoover Institution Library & Archives, highlights how the new Soviet regime pioneered the political propaganda poster. Dec. 2, noon. Cantor Arts Center. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Dr., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Family

Harry Potter Trivia Night Open to teens and adults. Individuals will be placed in a team if they don't come with one. Space is limited. Nov. 30, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Library -Rinconada, 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=4098

Film

Movie Night: "Arranged" Award-winning film about two young women of different religions who, as they become friends, discover that they are both going through arranged marriages. Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park.



Photo by Fred Nchoko

Maasai people are intrigued by Samantha Andre's camera.

Film: Rescuing Kenyan girls

By Kate Daly

Special to the Almanac

For documentary filmmaker Samantha Andre, who was raised in Woodside, the fight to end female genital mutilation and child marriage has become a passion project.

Right now she is living at home in Woodside, showing her latest work to raise funds for a girls' rescue center in Kenya, but come December she is headed back to Africa to do more filming about one woman's efforts to stop female genital mutilation and early forced marriage in her Maasai tribe.

Activist Lucy Itore is the subject of "Maasai Sisters," the 30-minute documentary the two will be showing and discussing at local screenings starting Nov. 22.

Ms. Itore "was forcibly circumcised when she was in middle school; it was really traumatic for her and she almost died from how much blood she lost," Ms. Andre said.

When she learned her father was going to marry her off to an older man, she ran away in the middle of the night. She went to live with her uncle and was able to receive an education.

Today Ms. Itore is a mother

Screenings

The film will be shown for free at The Village Hub, 3154 Woodside Road in Woodside, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Go to bit.ly/MaasaiWoodside to RSVP.

A second free screening and talk will take place at Landmark Aquarius Theatre, 430 Emerson St. in Palo Alto, at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27.

Go to bit.ly/MaasaiPaloAlto to RSVP.

of three and assistant principal and teacher at Ilbissil Primary Boarding School in the Kajiado district in the Rift Valley province of Kenya. There she has brought more than 200 girls she has rescued from a tradition that was banned in 2011, but still practiced — cutting female genitals and forcing girls to marry.

According to Ms. Andre, the girls are "usually circumcised between 9 and 14, and married off any time after that."

Ms. Itore works with local police and other activists to take the girl and bring her to the school. "The goal is to reconcile a girl back to her community and family," but when police arrest parents, and court cases result, there can be "repercussions," Ms. Andre said.

With the school at capacity, the new goal is to set up a home and educational center for the girls.

Ms. Itore and Ms. Andre are

making fundraising appearances in Seattle, the Bay Area and Southern California, showing the documentary and collecting donations for their nonprofit organization of the same name, Maasai Sisters.

Born in Paris and raised in Woodside, Ms. Andre attended Corte Madera School and St. Francis before going on to major in documentary filmmaking at Chapman University in Orange, California.

She graduated in 2014 and said she is grateful for the professor who connected her to a documentary project for an NGO because that experience led her to filming Ms. Itore's missions over the past several years.

In December, the two will fly back to Kenya to capture more footage for Ms. Andre's upcoming full-length documentary on the subject, "Cutting Season." ■

Children's Holiday Tea in Atherton

The annual Children's Holiday Tea in Atherton's Holbrook-Palmer Park is Sunday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with reservations due by Sunday, Nov. 26.

Sponsored by the Friends of Holbrook-Palmer Park, the event at Jennings Pavilion, 150 Watkins Ave., features a visit from Santa, a puppet show, raffle prizes and children's holiday crafts. Proceeds benefit the preservation of Holbrook-Palmer Park.

Santa will visit from 11 to 11:30 a.m. and participants are invited to bring their own cameras. The puppet show is from 11:30 to noon, with the holiday tea and crafts from noon to 1 p.m. The menu features mini sandwiches, fruit and treats, plus a coffee and hot chocolate cart.

Holidaytea.org has tickets: \$45 each for children and adults, or \$425 for a table of 10. Children under 2 and sitting on a lap are free with a paying adult.

Participants are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots.

Email holidaytea@friendsofholbrookpalmer.org for more information.

Tree lighting

Menlo Park's annual holiday tree lighting ceremony — accompanied by live entertainment, free cocoa and an appearance by Santa — is scheduled to start 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at Fremont Park, on Santa Cruz Avenue at University Drive in downtown Menlo Park.

Menlo Park businesses are invited to participate in a holiday display contest for the most festive storefront, lobby or window display.

Public voting starts Friday, Dec. 1, and ends Monday, Dec. 18. The competition is sponsored by the city and the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce.

Go to is.gd/holiday473 to register for the contest.

Atherton coffee with Marc Berman and Mike Lempres

California state Assemblyman Marc Berman, D-Palo Alto, and Atherton Mayor Mike Lempres will meet with constituents over coffee to discuss community matters and state legislation on Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the Atherton council

chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

Coffee is provided at no cost to taxpayers, and no RSVP is necessary. Call Mr. Berman's district office at (650) 691-2121 with questions.

Then on Tuesday, Nov. 30, Mr. Berman and Assembly

Speaker Pro Tem Kevin Mullin, D-San Mateo, will hold a community coffee from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the FG Bakery Cafe, 2561 El Camino Real in Redwood City. Again, the coffee is free and the event is open to the public.

Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

Safety is first priority even with parcel tax-revenue loss

By Elizabeth Lewis

With the defeat of the parcel tax on Nov. 7, the Atherton City Council will have to make strategic and tough financial decisions. I have the utmost confidence in this council to make the right choices for our town. Every member of this council is committed to putting the safety and security of our residents first and foremost.

Police services for public safety, traffic and schools are our top priority. Also at the top of the list are critical repairs for facilities, road, and flood systems; and disaster preparedness programs.

This council will find a way to balance the competing priorities and fiscal commitments to complete the town center project *and* continue to provide our residents with the safety and security they expect and deserve.

There may be some belt-tightening on capital projects that are nonessential. Projects that are merely “enhancements” to our town’s overall well-being, such as some bicycle and pedestrian

projects, and park projects that are more amenities than immediate needs, can be pared down and balanced against available resources and higher priorities.

We will find ways to reduce the costs of the town center

project, if necessary, by either eliminating some of its community amenity features or by delaying portions of the project through phasing.

This collegial and collaborative City Council is up to the task. We work well together, and we are committed to doing the right thing for all Atherton residents.

I believe that the City Council made the right decision to go out to the voters to renew the long-standing parcel tax this November, just as every other council had since 1978.

The revenue from the parcel tax provided restricted funds for police



Elizabeth Lewis has been on the Atherton City Council since 2008, serving as mayor in 2013 and 2016. She has worked on the town's parcel tax campaigns since 2005.

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services and critical public works projects. The dedicated parcel tax revenue also allowed the town to use other, ad hoc revenue, as it became available, to address other priorities such as long-term debt, reserves, and one-

time capital needs. These are all priorities in a solid financial future for the town.

But times have changed. The town’s revenue stream from secured property taxes has clearly increased over the years. It is my personal opinion that going out again next June to ask voters to renew the parcel tax does not make good sense. The results of the November election indicate to me that most residents fundamentally believe that the town has sufficient revenue to address not only the town center project, but also public safety and capital projects without the parcel tax.

This is possible only if the town once again becomes dependent on ERAF funds from the state to bridge the gap. Several years ago the council made the wise decision to become non-dependent on state revenues that could be significantly reduced or eliminated in any given year. ERAF funds were removed from the operational revenue budget and committed solely as surplus funds for one-time capital projects, long-term liabilities, or reserves.

We are now in the midst of completing the largest and most important capital improvement project in our history — the rebuilding of our town center. In June of this year, over 60 percent of the residents who voted approved the prudent use of existing surplus general funds to supplement the generous private donations received to build our new town center. This will be done with thoughtful planning and execution.

You can be assured that I will continue to do my very best for everyone in the town, and I wholeheartedly believe that all of the other council members will do the same.

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Application materials may be found on the Governing Board section of the PVSD web site www.pvsd.net or by calling 851-1777, ext. 2562. Completed applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2017, and should be sent to:

Eric Hartwig
Superintendent
Portola Valley School District
4575 Alpine Road
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ROMA DELI
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275188
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Roma Deli, located at 424 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
JIN SOO KANG
5 Fairview Ave.
Daly City, CA 94015
HEE SOO KANG
5 Fairview Ave.
Daly City, CA 94015
This business is conducted by: Married Couple.
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 October 3, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

GREEN GARDENS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275395
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Green Gardens, located at 325 Rosilie St., San Mateo, CA 94403-4907, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
RAMIREZ-GREEN GARDENS, INC.
325 Rosilie St.
San Mateo, CA 94403-4907
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/27/2002.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 23, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

EL GRULLENSE GRILL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275358
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
El Grullense Grill, located at 2525 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
TEG- CKD, INC.
513 Hurlingame Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94063
#4062628
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2014.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 19, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

TACOS EL GRULLENSE #1
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275360
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Tacos El Grullense #1, located at 1243 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
TEG- CKD, INC.
513 Hurlingame Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94063
California (Corp. #4062628)
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 6, 2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 19, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

RAMEN SARYO HACHI
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275231
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Ramen Saryo Hachi, located at 1861 El Camino Real, Burlingame, CA 94010, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
KYOFUJI CORPORATION
1861 El Camino Real
Burlingame, CA 94010
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 October 5, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

LOWKEY LIFESTYLE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275376
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Lowkey Lifestyle, located at 1596 Hawes Court, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ISAIHAH LABELLE
1596 Hawes Court
Redwood City, CA 94061
DINO ANDRIGHETTO
2670 Ohio Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/20/17.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 20, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

BAY AREA COMPUTER REPAIRS CO.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275468
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Bay Area Computer Repairs Co., located at 824 El Camino Real #1, San Bruno, CA 94066, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
RANILESH R. PRASAD
824 El Camino Real #1
San Bruno, CA 94066
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/30/2017.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 30, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

R+M DEVELOPMENT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275305
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
R+M Development located at 58 North Gate Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
DENIS MORRISSEY
58 North Gate
Atherton, CA 94027
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/1995.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 13, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

EXCELPRO HANDYMAN
EXCELPRO ENTERPRISES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275547
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) ExcelPro Handyman, 2.) ExcelPro Enterprises located at 1021 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA 94402, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
EDGAR NELMIDA
816 Peninsula Ave. Apt. A
Burlingame, CA 94010
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on November 03, 2017.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on 11/03/2017.
(ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

RG CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275343
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
RG California Construction, located at 730 Barron Ave., Spc. 42, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
RIGOBERTO APARICIO
730 Barron Ave. Spc., 42
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/18/2017.
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File No. 275473
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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Mailing address if different: One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895
Registered Owner(s): Garfield Beach CVS, L.L.C., One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895, CA
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: 12/15/2016.
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: Melanie K. Luker
Print name of person signing. If corporation, also print corporate title of officer: Melanie K. Luker, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN MATEO COUNTY on October 30, 2017.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275485
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BT Properties, located at 800 W. El Camino Real, Ste., 180, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
Registered owner(s):
BAY AREA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC.
800 W. El Camino Real, Ste. 180
Mountain View, CA 94040
a California Corporation
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 1, 2016.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 30, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. M-270893
The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s).
MARY ANN KANYAL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
1.) BT PROPERTIES - Management & Investment Services, 2.) BT PROPERTIES
800 W. El Camino Real, Suite 180
Mountain View, CA 94040
FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON:
September 22, 2016
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
BAY AREA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC.
800 W. El Camino Real, Suite 180
Mountain View, CA 94040
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:
Corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County on October 30, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

ROBINSON & COMPANY, REALTORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275564
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Robinson & Company, Realtors, located at 3603 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Menlo Park, CA, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):

ROBINSON FINANCIAL CORP.
3603 Alameda De Las Pulgas
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 7/1/1980.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 6, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

EVOLVE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275625
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Evolve, located at 8 Crocus Ct., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
YVONNE FULCHIRON SCHMIDT
8 Crocus Ct.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
BRIAN CHARLES SCHMIDT
8 Crocus Ct.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: Married Couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/13/17.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 13, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 22, 29; Dec. 6, 13, 2017)

SARA'S MASSAGE THERAPY, INC.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275581
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Sara's Massage Therapy, Inc., located at 1285 Bay Laurel Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
SARA'S MASSAGE THERAPY, INC.
1285 Bay Laurel Drive
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 2/20/15.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 7, 2017.
(ALM Nov. 22, 29; Dec. 6, 13, 2017)

SULTANA
SULTANA MEDITERRANEAN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275633
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Sultana, 2.) Sultana Mediterranean, located at 1149 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
MENMET KARACUBAN
1851 Idyllwild Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An

Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12-27-2005.
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