

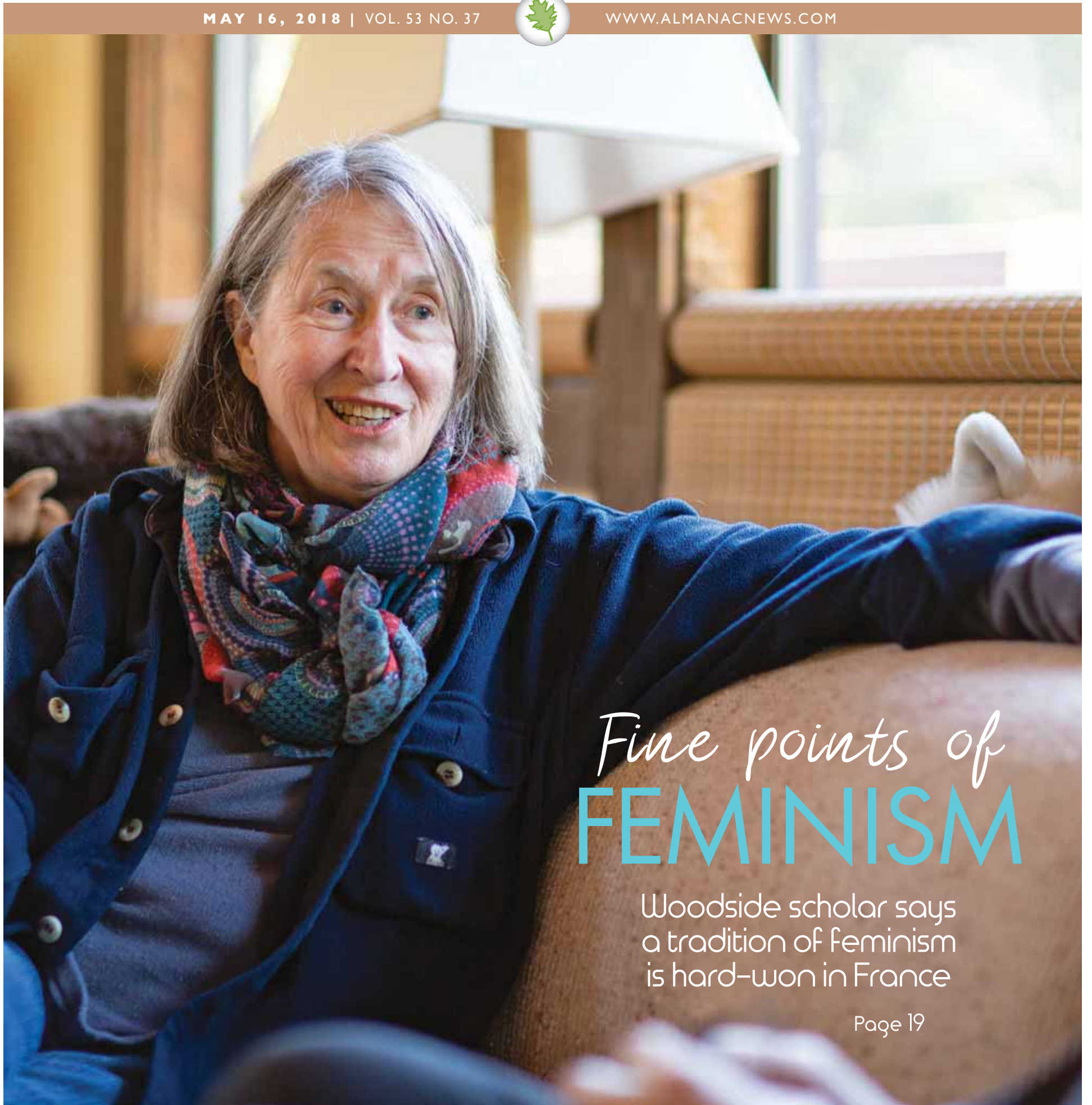
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(20 days)**

Project Title: 740 and 742 West Glen Way Lot Line Adjustment Project

Project Description: The project includes a Lot Line Adjustment (LLAJ) to make changes to the lot lines of three existing parcels of record: 740 West Glen Way (068-241-280), and 742 West Glen Way (068-241-150, 068-241-250, and 068-241-260 (068-241-250 and 068-241-260 were already merged)). The proposed project would reduce the number of parcels from three to two. Under the current and proposed configuration, each parcel could continue to be developed with one single-family residence and associated accessory structures, outbuildings and utilities. No site improvements are proposed as part of this application.

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Public Hearings: The Woodside Planning Commission meeting to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration is scheduled for **June 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Independence Hall located at 2955 Woodside Road.** The Planning Commission public hearing has also been advertised in a newspaper of local circulation. Notice of the Planning Commission meeting will be provided to neighbors within 300 feet of the project, to all organizations or individuals who have previously requested such notice in writing, and will be advertised in a newspaper of local circulation.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration, Project Plans, and referenced documents are available for review during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Woodside Town Hall located at 2955 Woodside Road in Woodside, California 94062. The Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available on the Woodside website: www.woodsidetown.org.

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Council opts for Ravenswood Avenue-only rail separation

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

When pressed to make a decision — since allocated consultant funding has dried up and then some — Menlo Park's City Council finally bit the proverbial bullet of pragmatism and picked a favored option to separate the Caltrain rails from city roads, even while advising staff to research better options.

The council voted 3-1-1, with members Ray Mueller opposed and Catherine Carlton abstaining, to move forward with Option A: a proposal to build a single underpass for vehicles at Ravenswood Avenue, tunneling the road 22 feet below the train tracks and restricting access to Alma Street, estimated to cost up to \$200 million. Next, the city will work with consultants to develop plans that now are considered "15 percent" complete for the project.

The decision came with assurances that the council could still change plans, should a better alternative emerge.

More than anything, the council's action ruled out the second of the two options staff and AECOM consultants had

proposed, Option C: raise the Caltrain tracks up to about 12 feet and lower the roads at Ravenswood, Oak Grove, and Glenwood avenues. This proposal came with some serious downsides: a price tag of about \$390 million, a berm across much of the city, and an estimated construction duration of nearly five years, during which time traffic could dwindle to a single lane at the affected east-west thoroughfares.

The option was met with staunch opposition from a group of residents in northern Menlo Park, specifically the Felton Gables neighborhood, who rejected any plans to elevate rail lines, saying it would create negative visual and auditory impacts through their neighborhood and the city.

According to staff, the majority of the east-west traffic carried on those roads comes through Ravenswood Avenue, with about 24,000 trips a day. Oak Grove Avenue carries about 11,000 trips per day; Glenwood Avenue, 6,000; and Encinal Avenue, about 5,000.

Felton Gables resident Marcy Abramowitz calculated the cost per vehicle trip per day, breaking down options A and C and



Image courtesy city of Menlo Park/AECOM

A rendering of the "preferred" option to separate Ravenswood Avenue only from the Caltrain line by excavating the road below the rails.

arguing that Glenwood Avenue came at a much higher cost per car trip generated and advising against installing a grade separation there.

Developer Steve Pierce of Greenheart Land Co. added that Option C would have major adverse impacts to the Station 1300 development under construction now. Grade separation construction for that option would cut off access to the development's underground garages on Garwood Way, funneling all traffic through the already log-jammed El Camino Real, and

a berm would visually separate the planned retail on Oak Grove Avenue from El Camino Real, making it harder to draw customers, he said.

Better alternatives?

Loath to relinquish dreams of a multi-jurisdictional train trench or tunnel without due diligence, council members also advised staff to follow in the footsteps of Palo Alto and pursue a financial analysis of what it might cost to dig a trench or tunnel to lower or bury the rail line.

Palo Alto's recent white paper analysis priced a trench or tunnel through that city at between \$2.4 and \$4 billion, depending on the design — so expensive it was described as "practically unworkable," politically and financially.

"I think it's fair to say we haven't looked at data on it," said Councilman Ray Mueller. "I'm not prepared to pick an alternative this evening."

Councilwoman Kirsten Keith said the city may as well work up

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Affordable housing fees from Stanford could raise \$156 million

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Santa Clara County could collect at least \$156 million in affordable housing dollars from Stanford University in the coming years if the university opts to build out all the new space it plans for, based on a fee supervisors approved on May 8.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to nearly double the affordable housing fees that Stanford currently pays — and halve the maximum amount it could require — to address the affordable housing needs Stanford's ever-expanding campus generates.

With the vote, the supervisors raised the per-square-foot affordable housing fee for new nonresidential development on Stanford's campus to a floor of \$68.50, up from the current \$35 per square foot. They also agreed to refer future policy points for review to the county's Housing, Land Use,

Environment and Transportation Committee (HLUET) and some matters to the Finance and Government Operations Committee (FGOC).

The university is seeking permission from Santa Clara County to build 2.275 million square feet of new academic space and 3,150 new housing units or dorm rooms on its campus between 2018 and 2035.

Where and how that money will be spent is still a big question, as the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has expressed a keen interest in ensuring that "an appropriate portion" of the fees cross Santa Clara County's northern border to address the university's housing impacts felt in southern San Mateo County.

Nonresidential fee

Setting the fee at \$68.50 per square foot means potentially giving up roughly half of the "maximum" supportable amount of \$143.10 that a nexus study by Keyser Marston

Associates found would be needed to fully mitigate the demand for below-market-rate housing triggered by the university's planned expansion of its academic spaces.

At that rate, the fees would be intended to cover the housing needs for households making up to 80 percent of the area's median, or \$84,900 for a family of four in the county, instead of the full below-market-rate housing needs of people making up to 120 percent of the area median income (\$135,950 for a family of four in Santa Clara County).

At Supervisor David Cortese's recommendation, the board agreed to use the figure as a floor, while the \$143.10 per square foot would be a maximum.

Supervisor Cindy Chavez said that continued housing growth without requisite housing expansion has resulted in a "crisis that's frankly untenable. ... We need service workers in this county." The \$68.50-per-square-foot fee factored in average housing costs

in the broader region, not just within six miles of the Stanford campus, she noted.

Residential fee

The nexus study also found that the university's proposed 3,150 new units of housing would, in turn, create more housing demand. The concept is that new residents in the area increase the demand for services, thereby generating jobs. The people working those new jobs, in turn, generate more demand for housing — especially affordable housing. The study determined that charging \$69.10 per square foot of new housing would cover the subsidies needed to help meet the affordable housing demand from new workers earning up to 120 percent of the area's median income.

But some questioned the logic of levying fees on the university for building housing that it already subsidizes.

In public comment, Matt Regan, senior vice president

for the policy advocacy group Bay Area Council, said the group generally supports the creation of affordable housing but opposes taxing housing to pay for housing.

The notion of imposing new housing taxes on an institution like Stanford, which already subsidizes the bulk of its housing, he said, is "a circular firing squad with flamethrowers of a public policy idea."

For now, the supervisors decided to consider instead addressing the housing demand new housing creates through a different policy: inclusionary housing. Such a policy would require new housing to come with a per-square-foot fee to go toward funding affordable housing, or require that a certain percentage of the new housing be dedicated to affordable housing.

The supervisors opted to hold off on determining what fees should be for residential and commercial development in other parts of unincorporated Santa Clara County until 2019. ■

Some Willows residents alarmed by proposed new office building

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

The Willows Market in Menlo Park could get a new neighbor.

A proposal to build a new single-story, 3,584-square-foot nonmedical office building was scheduled for review by the Menlo Park Planning Commission at its meeting on Monday, May 14, after The Almanac went to press.

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The developer, an LLC called “NMSBPCLSDHB” affiliated with Los Gatos-based real estate company Granum Partners, is proposing to offer 12 parking spaces — 10 fewer parking spots than what city zoning typically requires.

The project architect is Redwood City-based Hayes Group Architects.

The office building would likely operate between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The project is expected to

generate 11 morning and evening peak-hour trips, and the developer proposes to encourage people to take alternative routes to work, rather than driving solo, by installing bike parking and showers, creating a guaranteed ride home program, participation in programs through commute.org and an information kiosk for commuters to learn about other options.

The developer also proposes to plant some trees and install raised planters.

Response

According to a staff report, the city has received at least 57 emails expressing opposition to the project. Most, the report summarizes, indicate people are worried about the parking reduction request, congestion, safety for cyclists and vehicle circulation.

Staff is recommending the commission require the developer to stick to the 12-space parking requirement and not use any neighborhood or nearby parking lots. That would likely prevent the office from being used as a health care office or tech company, which tend to have more clients coming through or “a greater density of employees,

respectively,” the report says.

Joanie Giraud said in an email that it is already “nearly impossible” to access the market from Middlefield coming south or to turn into the Willows neighborhood. “Traffic would be even more unsafe at that intersection than it is now. It would be so clogged we likely wouldn’t be able to make a left out of our neighborhood to head into Palo Alto either,” she wrote.

Nick Sharma of the Willow’s Market said in an email that “this area is already gridlocked and this developer asking for a compromise on the parking is absolutely the last thing that should be allowed.” ■

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a financial white paper on the trench and tunnel option.

“I don’t think we’ll ever be able to put this to bed if we don’t,” she said.

Councilman Rich Cline, who has spoken in favor working with other cities to dig a tunnel or trench for the rail line, told attendees, “You will regret not tunneling the tracks. ... It’s not beyond our ability. The only thing that keeps us from doing it is a natural inclination to eye roll, like it’s re-creating life all over again. It’s not. It’s just tunneling.”

He continued, “I guess I’ll just be that crazy tunnel guy.”

The council agreed to send one more round of letters to neighbors Atherton and Palo Alto to gauge interest in a multi-jurisdictional trench or tunnel.

Another group of residents, including Housing Commissioner Henry Riggs, former councilwoman Mickie Winkler and residents Adrian Brandt and Verle Aebi, had a different solution in mind. In public comments, they spoke in favor of building a viaduct, or fully elevating the rail tracks above the roads, along Ravenswood, Oak Grove and Glenwood avenues. They argued that there are designs that are not ugly, concrete structures; that viaducts can create safe pedestrian and bike passage beneath them; and that the noise impacts could be mitigated. Compared with Caltrain’s current horn blares, the sound of an actual train traveling overhead — sans horns — might actually be quieter, Riggs said. The option, at the very least, deserves further study, they insisted.

Staff said that the construction process, while it might not require changing road elevations, would likely be

similarly extensive because it would require a “shoofly” — setting up a temporary set of parallel Caltrain tracks — while it’s being built. And stacking 30-foot electrification poles atop a roughly 22-foot elevated rail line would yield very tall structures very quickly, they said.

Unresolved questions

Even as several council members voted for the Ravenswood Avenue-only underpass, they acknowledged its drawbacks.

Mayor Peter Ohtaki summarized his decision in favor of the Ravenswood option: “I don’t want to be the council that could have gotten something.”

“I have concerns about (option A) that are not resolved,” said Councilwoman Cat Carlton. “I am deeply concerned A is going to create traffic problems.” Traffic is like water, she said, and if the only way to easily traverse the city from east to west and vice versa becomes Ravenswood Avenue, the street will only draw more traffic.

Keith added, “If we only do A, we will not have addressed all the safety issues.” “If you don’t (install grade separations) you will have collisions.”

Mueller pitched another idea that the council agreed to inquire about. Would Caltrain be open to allowing a bike and pedestrian route along its right-of-way as part of grade separation plans? Doing so could provide a safer north-south bike route to connect to neighboring cities than the installation of bike lanes on El Camino Real through the city the council has discussed, he said.

The council agreed to dedicate about \$85,000 more in funding for consultants to follow through with the additional research. (About \$31,000 of that has already been spent on researching the viaduct and trench or tunnel alternatives, staff said.) ■



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Proxy recount yields win for water company board incumbents

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac staff writer

In a hotly contested process that logged more than 32 hours over three consecutive days in East Palo Alto, the board incumbents of the Palo Alto Park Mutual Water Company on May 10 were declared the winners in an election battle with a resident coalition called Neighbors for Better Water.

Beginning on May 8, the water company board, shareholders and attorneys spent three tense days counting, re-counting and contesting the validity of two inches-thick binders of paper proxies that finally culminated in a vote at 10 p.m. on May 10.

The results: a surprise upset over the previous day's proxy count, indicating 835.87 shares for the incumbents compared with the challengers' slate of 307.58 shares.

The previous day, at a May 9 meeting that ran past midnight, the proxy count looked quite different the challengers to the board were reported to hold 821.739 shares, while the company was reported to have only 114.893 shares, according to Ramiro Macias, an appointed witness to the process and a challenging board candidate. Those findings were validated by two of three witnesses to the process, Macias said.

(Each side appointed two inspectors for the election.)

The proxy count changed between the two days, at least in part, because the board secretary decided on the third day that proxies collected after Sept. 20 of last year by Neighbors for Better Water would not be counted.

Neighbors for Better Water, a group of water company shareholders who want new leadership on the board, has sought since September to hold an election in an attempt to vote in a new slate of board members. The board oversees the company, which distributes groundwater to a little under 700 households, mainly in East Palo Alto and a number in Menlo Park.

In March, Irene Laudeman, a shareholder in the water company and supporter of Neighbors for Better Water, filed a lawsuit after the group's request for an election for all five board

members was not addressed at the water company shareholders' annual meeting last September.

Whether or not it was legally permissible for the board secretary to discount the proxies signed after Sept. 20 is likely to be contested in court.

Two attorneys from the law firm of Mayer Brown, Cristina Henriquez and Jennifer Carlson, have actively advised their clients from the Neighbors for Better Water group throughout the process.

At different points during the three-day election proceedings, the attorneys for Neighbors for Better Water raised questions about the legality of the board's election process.

"I suggest you advise your client on what the law is," Carlson said at one point to an attorney for the incumbents' side, James Cai.

"We'll let the court decide," Henriquez said to the board at another point.

Members cite concerns about water quality, difficulty in receiving responses to their questions and impact fees as their main reasons for seeking new leadership on the board. The group put forth a new slate of resident-shareholders to serve on the board: Shannon Pekary, Delphine Hill, Norm Picker, Kumar Chaudhari and Ramiro Macias.

In response to the lawsuit, the San Mateo County Superior Court ordered that a shareholders meeting be held to host an election by May 11.

The private water company, which was established in the 1920s and predates the city of East Palo Alto and U.S. 101, gives shares and voting power to homeowners based on the square footage of their land holdings. Water is distributed based on a flat monthly fee and is not metered.

One of the concerns with the water company among supporters of Neighbors for Better Water is the company's practice of assessing impact fees. Several water company shareholders told The Almanac they felt they had been unfairly hit with fees of thousands of dollars for real or perceived modifications to their homes and were unable to receive explanations for the

impact fees.

Incumbent board member Jacqueline Lewis said that all water customers receive information about impact fees on a customer rate sheet.

Invalidated proxies

After the May 9 deliberations, the board reconvened Thursday for a re-count.

Water company general manager and sitting board chair Niambi Lincoln asked to review original copies of all of the Neighbors for Better Water proxies signed after Sept. 20, 2017.

Previously, Neighbors for Better Water had gathered proxies in advance of the board's annual scheduled board meeting on Sept. 23, 2017. On the forms, they had requested that shareholders return the forms by Sept. 20 in advance of that meeting. The requested election to fill all five board seats was not held on that date, so the group continued to collect proxies and filed a lawsuit. Eventually, it received a court order for a shareholders' meeting to take place.

According to water company bylaws, the official person to determine election results is the board secretary — in this case, Alberta Mitchell, said former water company manager Katherine Loudd. Loudd is the current board treasurer and the mother of the new company manager, Niambi Lincoln.

Mitchell, in comments before the May 10 recount, made a personal statement: "I feel like the election was unfair," she said, referring to the previous day's proxy count that showed the coalition's slate ahead. "I came into this naive, trying to do what the court had ordered."

She said she was "tired" and "disgusted" and that the board's opponents, the neighbor coalition, were seeking to "win by any means necessary."

Attorney for the incumbent board Vikram Subramanian said that the deadline request listed on the Neighbors for Better Water proxy form invalidated any proxies received after that date according to contract law, but didn't cite a specific code.

"It's a technicality," he said, but added: "They drafted the

proxy, not us."

While both the current board and Neighbors for Better Water group campaigned to collect proxy signatures since the September board meeting, only those collected by the current board were counted.

In some cases, Neighbors for Better Water supporters said, people had signed forms for both sides.

More than once throughout the counting process, the board and water company management went into closed-door discussions for at least an hour.

Water quality questions

As the tense proxy-counting process was unfolding, the water company was sent a strongly worded letter by the California State Water Resources Control Board regarding concerns with its water quality reporting.

A May 9 letter was sent to water company board President Fidel Alas as a follow-up to a reported Jan. 16 violation of the state's "secondary minimum contaminant level" for iron. The water resources control board requested daily reports of the water company's chlorine residual levels, but some of those reports contained data that the state's Division of Drinking Water "could not decipher," the letter said. It also said the water control board "found several incomplete reports." Requests by the division for clarification "did not receive a response," writes Eric Lacy, district engineer with the state division of

drinking water at the water resources control board.

"The incomplete reports and noncompliant values recorded by operations staff signifies a lack of understanding of, or a disregard to, the water system's regulatory compliance and operating requirements," he wrote. "In addition, PAMWVC's delayed response or unresponsiveness to the Division's inquiries regarding the performance and operation of the water system raises significant concerns regarding your actions to potential system failures. This also reflects the level of service the water system provides to your community and your response to customer complaints."

The letter demanded that the water company by May 14 take a number of steps to record and verify the status of a new system that "monitors and operates the wells, boosters and chlorine injection system," which was replaced about two months ago and, Lacy reports, has not been confirmed with the state to be "recording accurately or functioning properly."

The water resources board has demanded that the water company submit a set of schedules, plans and procedures for its operations and maintenance by June 15.

The Almanac is awaiting comment on the election outcome from the coalition's attorneys from Mayer Brown, and did not receive an immediate response from Subramanian of SAC Attorneys, representing the water company. ■

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by Monica Corman



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Council sticks with election to fill seat

The Woodside Town Council, normally a governing body of seven members, is now at six, where it has been since early March and where it is likely to remain until the election in November.

The council on May 8 did not vote on whether to appoint someone to fill the seat left empty after longtime member Peter Mason resigned, but the members made their opinions known. And those

opinions echoed a vote taken on the question in April: five opposed to making an appointment and one in favor.

Read the story online at tinyurl.com/y9s8uj8t. ■

Las Lomitas school district voters to decide on \$70 million bond

By **Barbara Wood**
Almanac Staff Writer

The Las Lomitas Elementary School District is asking voters to approve Measure R, a \$70 million bond measure that would add about \$300 per \$1 million of the assessed value of property in the district to annual property tax bills until the bond is paid off.

Backers of the measure, which needs the approval of at least 55 percent of those voting, say the money is needed to complete district construction plans that were part of a facilities master plan approved by the school board in 2013.

After that plan was adopted in 2013, the district's voters approved a \$60 million bond measure, which also added about \$300 per \$1 million of assessed valuation to property tax bills. Both measures asked for approval of the maximum-sized bond the district is legally allowed to put on the ballot under Proposition 39, which was passed in 2000 and reduced the margin needed for school bond

approvals from two-thirds to 55 percent.

The assessed valuation of a property is not its current value, but is based on the purchase price and improvements made to a property; it is allowed to increase by 2 percent or the state's cost of living increase each year, whichever is less.

In February, when the Las Lomitas board unanimously approved putting this bond measure on the ballot, the school board agenda said: "To address the long term facility needs, the District worked with parents, community members, staff, and administration, in addition to architectural and engineering professionals, to develop a Facilities Master Plan that would meet the immediate and future facility needs." The agenda said the bond measure was needed "in order to continue the district's program."

The "Yes on R" committee's website says the district's facilities master plan called for two phases of work. That master plan, however, cannot be found



Photo by Natalia Nazarova

Jack Earnhardt, II, came with his father, Las Lomitas School District Board President John Earnhardt to a phone bank event during which voters were asked to approve a \$70 million bond measure on the June ballot.

on the district's website, and when asked for an electronic copy, district Bond Projects Director Eric Holm said one does not exist.

Holm said the school board never actually adopted anything

but a draft master plan, which became obsolete soon after adoption when the district purchased a 1-acre property next door to Las Lomitas Elementary School for \$3 million in 2014. The draft, he said, was

never made public because it contained pictures of students the district had not obtained permission to use.

Revisions to the master plan

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Candidates cite traffic and housing as priorities in District 3 race

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

Dan Stegink, a Pacifica resident challenging incumbent Don Horsley in the June 5 primary election to represent District 3 on the county Board of Supervisors, says he's running because of inaction on the part of San Mateo County government: on reducing spending and traffic congestion, and on increasing affordable housing and help for the homeless.

Horsley says his motivation for seeking re-election is about unfinished business, including pushing for action on some of those same concerns: to help nonprofits that build affordable housing to build more of it; to look at lowering rents for second units; to improve traffic flow by increasing the number of trains; by restoring the Dumbarton rail line to Fremont; and by advocating for the half-cent transportation-oriented sales tax likely to be on the November ballot.

Bridget Duffy, also of Pacifica, is running for supervisor as well as governor, superintendent of public instruction, and the seats of Congresswoman Jackie Speier, D-Hillsborough, and Assemblyman Kevin Mullin, who represents the 22nd Assembly District in San Mateo County. She has not responded to a request for comment.

District 3 straddles the coastal range and includes the communities of Atherton, Half Moon Bay, parts of Menlo Park, Princeton, Portola Valley, San Gregorio, Ladera, Los Trancos Woods, La Honda, Woodside, Skyllonda, Pacifica, Vista Verde, Menlo Oaks and West Menlo Park.

Horsley, a former county sheriff, is running for his third four-year term on the board. Stegink said he serves on the Pacifica Planning Commission and the board of Shark Stewards, an advocate for the well being of sharks. In a 2016 election record from smartvoter.org, Duffy described herself as a homemaker.

Incumbent's plans

A traffic signal at Alpine Road and Interstate 280 is an item on Horsley's list of unfinished business, one of several projects he would like to conclude during another term. "The cohort of traffic that comes in (along Alpine Road)," he said, "you never get a break."

A crosswalk across Alpine at Piers Lane — the Dish parking

area — could be another item, he said.

Further east, the Y intersection where Santa Cruz Avenue meets Alameda de las Pulgas should be made safer for pedestrians and cyclists, probably through road engineering, Horsley said. "Just lowering the speed limit will never do it," he said. Neighbor participation would be essential, he added.

For Caltrain, grade separations — rail bridges over roadways, or tunnels under train tracks, or a combination of the two — will be vital for high-speed rail, Horsley said. "You're not going to be able to maximize the system unless you have grade separations," he said.

Supervisors participate in grade separation decisions in that they must approve the county transit authority's plans for the railroad, Horsley said.

A renewed Dumbarton rail line across the bay "would be a real boon," Horsley said. "I think we have a real possibility of a public/private partnership with Facebook and others. ... We could take a lot of traffic off bridges and ultimately off our freeways."

East Bay traffic has a presence here. For 70 percent of the members of the San Mateo County Credit Union — which has a current membership of 82,000, the credit union website says — home is the East Bay, Horsley said. Of the 300,000 jobs in the

county, 62 percent are held by people who don't live here, he said.

Sites for affordable housing are hard to come by because developers buy the desirable sites, Horsley said. The county, since the voters approved Measures A and K, has allocated \$45 million in sales tax revenues to nonprofits that build affordable housing, he said.

Building housing affordable to people with low to moderate incomes is a priority in that without that housing, "we're going to have nobody (working) in our stores, nobody in our restaurants, nobody in our hospitals," Horsley said. "We're even going to have trouble recruiting doctors."

Challenger's concerns

Stegink's priorities would have him hitting the ground running, according to his email to The Almanac. He outlined 100-day agendas for traffic, housing and senior citizens.

On traffic, Stegink said he would push to "remove all constraints on traffic including tollbooths," ban nonlocal commercial vehicles on feeder roads during commute hours, and bring underground trains to Menlo Park and elevated trains to Half Moon Bay. "We need to make public transportation an attractive alternative to driving," he said.

Stegink said he would advocate increasing the speed limit in freeway carpool lanes by 10 mph, make more vehicles eligible for those lanes, and put artificial-intelligence-controlled traffic signals on congested roadways in the county's jurisdiction.

He would push to have the county assist the growth of housing at "job-density hotspots" and allow "micro-apartments" of 200 square feet to 250 square feet. He would also expedite permits for people wanting to add floor area to single-family homes if the expansion is less than 50 percent of the existing floor area, he said.

He would advocate automatically exempting from new parcel taxes all properties owned by seniors, he said. The current system requires seniors to apply for the exemption.

As for the homeless, "We need a strong intervention from the county and an ironclad commitment not to simply move homeless around from unincorporated county land to our cities, which has happened all over District 3," Stegink said.

He said he would advocate for capping overtime for county employees at \$100,000 per year and total compensation at \$400,000, and lower that cap to \$300,000 for new hires and require five more years of employment to receive a pension. ■



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were never approved, he said. "We never approved an official document," he said, and changes are continually being made to the master plan. "It's a living, breathing document that keeps changing," he said.

Holm provided The Almanac with this list of projects that the board referred to when deciding on the size of the bond:

- Las Lomas School administration and parking lot modifications. Includes new administration building, flex classroom building and reconfiguration of existing parking lot and campus drop-off area.

- Repair/replace outdated building systems. Strategically planned as needed. Scope includes replacing obsolete systems including roofs, electrical infrastructure, security and fire alarm head ends, public address system and telephones, roof-mounted heating, ventilation and air conditioning units, exterior lighting and energy management. Allowances for: dry rot, seismic upgrades, Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades, code-required toilet upgrades, fiber modifications, repainting and fencing.

- Convert classrooms to

science room. Includes reconfiguration of existing space to create a science classroom and science storage.

- Demolition of portables. Demolition of existing portables and utilities and repaving of blacktop surrounding them at Las Lomas. Includes asphalt, striping, garbage cans, basketball standards, T-ball standard and miscellaneous site furniture. La Entrada Middle School scope includes pavement demolition, but field restoration is part of a separate cost.

- Las Lomas north sidewalk along bus drop-off. Demolish and replace sidewalk and blacktop along existing drop-off lane.

- La Entrada parking lot reconfiguration. Improvements to increase on-campus queue, add parking and improve student safety.

- Replace play structures at both sites, including play surface and equipment designed for accessible needs.

- Restore fields. Las Lomas scope includes modest regrading and reseeding. La Entrada scope includes regrading field for proper drainage, installing a running path, new irrigation and new sod over entire field area.

Three other bond measures totaling \$84 million have been

passed since 1999.

Unlike parcel taxes, a senior exemption is not available for bond measures.

The two-school Las Lomas district is currently working on major construction projects on both its campuses using the proceeds of the November 2013 bond. District officials say a 2013 master plan identified \$120 million in needs for its schools: kindergarten through third-grade Las Lomas and fourth- through eighth-grade La Entrada Middle.

The school district includes parts of Atherton, Menlo Park, Woodside and the Ladera neighborhood of unincorporated Portola Valley. Most of the district is west of Alameda de las Pulgas, but it also contains a few blocks on the east side of Alameda and a larger stretch of Atherton bounded by Stockbridge and Atherton avenues and Selby Lane.

At is.gd/ll_map find a map of the district.

The resolution authorizing the bond election is a long list of projects the bond revenue could be used for, including: demolition and construction of new classrooms, technology upgrades, energy-efficiency upgrades, playgrounds and equipment, multipurpose

rooms, security and safety systems, school offices, and "furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program management (and) staff training."

One difference from the district's situation in 2013 is that the district was then planning to increase capacity for more than 100 additional students at each school. However, since the 2012-13 school year the district's enrollment has fallen from a high of 1,419 to the current 1,360.

Superintendent Lisa Cesario said the district had "a bubble" of students going through the school, with one grade level reaching 180 students. The district's smallest class now has 120 students and the district believes grade levels will stabilize with between 120 and 140 students, she said.

The district worked to make its plans flexible to prepare for more or fewer students, she said. "What's the biggest we could be, what's the smallest we could be?" she said. The district is currently reducing the number of teachers by attrition, she said.

If the bond measure passes, it will put the tax rate per \$1 million of assessed valuation at the highest of any neighboring district, but three districts in San

Mateo County would remain at higher levels. According to a report prepared by the Portola Valley School District by Keygent Advisors, if the new bond measure passes, Las Lomas would have a tax rate of \$652 per \$1 million; Portola Valley School District would have a rate of \$543 if a maximum-sized bond of about \$42 million is passed (one is being considered but has not yet been approved for the ballot); Woodside Elementary School District has a rate of \$418; Redwood City School District, \$412; Menlo Park City School District, \$385; and Ravenswood City School District, \$352. Belmont-Redwood Shores, Burlingame Elementary and Jefferson Elementary would have higher tax rates.

District officials say that construction costs are high now, but will only get higher if the bond is not approved and necessary repairs are not made.

"If we don't do this now, we're going to be dealing with an emergency situation — it's just going to be more expensive," said school board President John Earnhardt, who is chairing the campaign committee for the bond measure.

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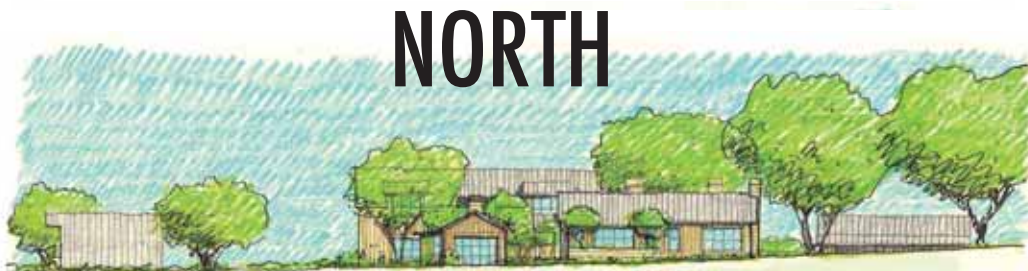
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Local leaders split over regional transportation ballot Measure 3

By Gennady Sheyner
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Few would dispute that the Bay Area urgently needs relief from the traffic jams plaguing area bridges, highways and expressways.

But reasonable people are finding much to disagree about when it comes to Regional Measure 3 (RM3), a proposal to raise \$4.5 billion for transportation improvements by gradually raising tolls at seven Bay Area bridges by \$3 over the next six years, to an \$8 toll. If approved by the voters of nine counties, including San Mateo and Santa Clara, RM3 would fund 35 capital projects — among them the extension of Caltrain to downtown San Francisco, expansion of BART to San Jose and Santa Clara and new express lanes, buses and ferries throughout the chronically congested region.

The measure, which originated as state Sen. Jim Beall's Senate Bill 595, has plenty of local champions, including state Sen. Jerry Hill and state Assemblyman Marc Berman, who see it as a sorely needed investment in the region's transportation system.

Yet the measure also has some prominent Democratic detractors, including Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian and Mountain View Mayor Lenny Siegel. Simitian sees the measure as too punitive toward Bay Area drivers, noting that the toll hike could cost a regular bridge commuter an additional \$750 annually. For Siegel, the measure doesn't go far enough in addressing congestion on the Midpeninsula, particularly around the State Route 85 corridor.

If approved, RM3 would authorize three \$1 increases at the seven state-owned toll bridges: Antioch, Benicia-Martinez, Carquinez, Dumbarton, Richmond-San Rafael, San Mateo-Hayward and the Bay Bridge (the Golden Gate is operated by its own district). The toll hikes would kick in on Jan. 1, 2019, on Jan. 1, 2022, and on Jan. 1, 2025. The series of increases would ultimately raise the bridge tolls from \$5 to \$8, with discounts for those commuters who cross more than one bridge during their commutes.

The regional measure has two precedents: a 1988 measure that standardized fees at state bridges at \$1, and a 2004 measure that added another \$1 to the tolls. The state Legislature also approved a pair of \$1 increases in 1997 and 2007 and the Bay Area Toll Authority added

another \$1 in 2010.

But while each of the prior two regional measures called for a \$1 toll increase, the latest proposal would authorize three such hikes. For some critics of RM3, that's excessive. Simitian noted that a \$3 toll increase for the daily commuter translates to an extra \$15 per week and over the course of a year, more than \$750 extra.

"That's pretty steep, and it's regressive, and it hits people who don't have choices, many of whom live in the East Bay and are trying to get to work in San Francisco or in Silicon Valley," he said. "They certainly don't have the option to move here given what our rents and mortgages are, and transit options are still limited and imperfect at best."

Supporters of RM3 counter that while bridge commuters, like much of the population, understandably dislike toll hikes, most hate traffic even more. RM3 would fund 35 projects, many of which cross county lines. In the Midpeninsula area, this would include \$130 million for Dumbarton Corridor improvements — which could result in added bus service across the bridge, bus-only lanes on Bayfront Expressway, an Amtrak extension to Redwood City, and improved BART connections in the East Bay, among other potential projects; and \$50 million for ramp improvements at the U.S. Highway 101 and State Route 92 interchange. (The exact projects that would be funded have not been decided upon.)

The Dumbarton Bridge Corridor, which would receive \$130 million of the \$4.45 billion dollars collected.

The exact list of projects is not spelled out in the measure, but according to a Metropolitan Transportation Commission report, eligible projects would be drawn in part from the 2017 Dumbarton Corridor Transportation Study by SamTrans, which includes plans in the near term to add bus service from the East Bay to Menlo Park and Redwood City, bus-only lanes on Bayfront Expressway, an extension of the Amtrak Capitol Corridor service to Redwood City, and various road configurations and signal changes to speed public transit.

Carl Guardino, president of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, didn't dispute Simitian's characterization of the measure as "regressive" but noted that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission has tried to

offset that by giving 50 percent discounts to drivers who cross two state-owned bridges (which would largely apply to Solano County commuters). The organization is also in the process of developing a program to reduce transit fares by 30 to 50 percent for low-income individuals.

Guardino, whose group is advocating for RM3's passage, said the \$4.5 billion is a crucial tier in a layer-cake of funding sources that also includes county, state and federal (admittedly, the last of these is now crumbling). Sacramento lawmakers helped address the state layer last year, when they passed Senate Bill 1, a transportation bill that includes more than \$50 billion for transportation improvements.

The state bill is a critical revenue source, said Guardino, who also serves on the California Transportation Commission, which is charged with allocating SB1 money for transit improvements, highway upgrades and other transportation projects. But the SB1 funds fall well short of what's needed to solve the Bay Area's transportation problems, Guardino said. RM3 supplements these funds by focusing on projects that "almost entirely cross county lines," he said.

Sen. Hill said he decided to support the bill because he approved of the way the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) developed its list of projects — through its staff. He said he made it clear to the agency that he doesn't want to see politics involved in the decision making, with commissioners trying to get the most for their particular cities.

"These are not politically motivated," Hill said. "They are the ones most ready to build. Best bang for the buck; not best for a certain area."

But from Siegel's perspective, the commission's failure to get feedback from his city and others in the area is one of the reasons he does not support RM3. Siegel, who serves on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA's) Policy Advisory Committee, said he was surprised that his committee — which includes local officials from cities throughout the county — never had a chance to offer its feedback on the list of projects.

Assemblyman Berman, an avid supporter of RM3, argued that many projects would directly help his constituents in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

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Genevieve Lynch "Jeanne" passed away at Stanford Hospital on April 27th, 2018 surrounded by family. Jeanne was born in Seattle, Washington to Eugene and Genevieve Olwell. Her family moved to Atherton during high school and she attended Convent of the Sacred Heart (now Sacred Heart Preparatory). She returned to the Northwest and attended the University of Washington where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. After graduation in 1954, she moved



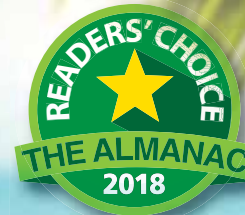
to San Francisco and began a career in advertising, working for the Wall Street Journal and then for Dick Schutte. She met her future husband, Tom Lynch, in 1964 and they were married in 1966. They had one daughter and in 1971 they made their home in Menlo Park. Jeanne became a lifelong volunteer. She was very involved with both Nativity School and Parish. She was head of the Parent Board and, along with two others, started the Nativity Antique Show. She was head of the Parent Association at Sacred Heart when her only child, Molly, was a student there. Her favorite role was as a member of the Woodside-Atherton Auxiliary to Packard Hospital. She worked daily at the Traditional Shop at Allied Arts Guild as a merchandise buyer for twenty years. Here she met many of her closest friends. She had a very strong faith and attended Mass daily at Nativity Church. In her later years she found great joy spending time with her two granddaughters- attending their school activities and sporting events. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom and her sister Geraldine Myers. She is survived by her daughter, Molly Lynch Gibbons (Ned) and two grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held at Nativity Church in Menlo Park on Monday, May 14th at 10:00am. A private burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park.

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■ POLICE CALLS

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MENLO OAKS

Fraud: A stranger called a resident of Ringwood Avenue, told her that her computer had been hacked and directed her to buy Apple and Google gift cards to improve her computer security and to provide the card serial numbers to the

caller. Estimated loss: \$5,300. May 3.

MENLO PARK

Fraud: A resident of O'Connor Street, after being informed by a stranger that her computer may have a virus, bought a \$100 Apple gift card and gave the card's information to the stranger over the phone. She then gave the stranger access to her computer, with which the stranger "somehow" gained access to her bank account and made four withdrawals adding up to \$304. May 6.

Residential burglary: Police arrested and booked a Menlo Park man on

suspicion of attempted burglary after the owner of a home on Henderson Avenue allegedly confronted him as he was attempting to break the glass of the home's back door. The man fled, jumping over a fence, but dropped his cellphone. Police used the phone to locate the man at his home, where he was taken into custody. May 9.

Auto burglary: Police in Burlingame arrested and booked into jail two East Bay men on suspicion of burglary and conspiracy to commit a crime after witnesses at Bedwell Bayfront Park at 1600 Marsh Road in Menlo Park had taken a photo

of a car in which the suspected burglars were traveling. The men, ages 21 and 25, allegedly smashed a window of a parked vehicle at the park and stole a purse from inside. A countywide alert went out to police to be on the lookout for a dark-colored BMW 3 series car with yellow dealer plates. Burlingame police confirmed that the vehicle was the one in question, and that the stolen purse was inside. May 2.

Thefts:

■ A thief stole power tools from an unlocked truck parked at Constitution Drive and Chrysler Drive. Taken were a generator, two rotor hammers, a

power-combo toolkit, a Sawzall, a rotary saw and a third saw. Estimated loss: \$3,000. May 9.

■ A thief stole several rose bushes from in front of a home on Seminary Drive. Estimated loss: \$600. May 4.

■ Someone stole a backpack that had been left unattended on an outdoor dining table at the Una Mas restaurant on Santa Cruz Avenue. The restaurant was closed at the time, and the backpack's owner had been away for less than two minutes, police said. In the backpack were bicycle-related tools and equipment and a cellphone. Estimated loss: \$335. April 30.

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The funding for the Dumbarton Corridor is particularly critical, he said, because it will address the congested approaches to the corridor and create more efficient ways, especially for public transit, to get around.

"This will have a huge impact on traffic along the corridor, right through north Palo Alto," Berman said, noting the heavy


congestion that Crescent Park neighborhood residents experience every day as the commuter caravan makes its way east along University Avenue toward Dumbarton in the evening.

Berman said he worked with Hill and state Assemblyman Kevin Mullin to raise the allocation for the Dumbarton corridor from \$100 million to \$130 million and to ensure that \$50 million was carved out specifically for the U.S. Highway 101-State

Route 92 interchange.

"When you're looking for a win-win it means everyone will feel like they lost a little," Berman said. "And when you're trying to create a nine-county transportation measure, no one will get everything they wanted. But I think every city and county will benefit from the overall package, which is just one tool in our toolshed for trying to address our transportation-congestion crisis." ■

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A Stroke of Good Luck—Young Woman Survives Massive Stroke as a Result of Stanford Stroke Study

On the night of April 23, 2017, Cindi, a 46-year-old graphic designer who lives in Salinas, California, went to bed around 10:30pm, anticipating a 5:00am wake-up from her husband, as she was scheduled for outpatient surgery at Stanford. She did arrive at Stanford the next morning—not as an outpatient, but as the victim of a massive ischemic stroke.

“My husband woke me up at 5 o’clock as planned, and when I started to speak to him, I couldn’t talk. I knew what I was trying to say in my mind, but it had nothing to do with the sounds that were coming out of my mouth,” Cindi said. Her left side was also paralyzed.

Her husband called 911. An ambulance rushed Cindi to Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. But because she’d had the stroke while asleep, the “clock” determining whether she could be administered a clot-busting medication or undergo a clot-removing surgery had already started ticking. For stroke patients, the clock starts at the last time they are seen well, and for Cindi, that was 10:30 the previous night. It was already too late for either of these treatments, the attending physicians explained.



But an emergency room doctor told her husband about an ongoing study at Stanford, and coordinated her transfer. Within 30 to 45 minutes, a helicopter operated by Stanford Health Care was on the scene to whisk Cindi to Stanford Hospital. By the time Cindi’s husband and son arrived, she was already out of surgery. Seven days later she was discharged.

Cindi was treated at Stanford as part of a 38-center clinical trial sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, and led by researchers at the Stanford

University School of Medicine. Brain-imaging software developed at Stanford identified that she could benefit from a surgical procedure called a thrombectomy to remove the clot in her brain, despite the number of hours that had elapsed since she suffered the stroke. The Stanford stroke study has shown that far more people than previously thought can benefit from an emergency procedure for acute ischemic stroke.

“Nearly half of all patients treated between six and 16 hours after the onset of their symptoms were largely spared from the consequences of their stroke,” said the trial’s principal investigator, Gregory Albers, MD, the Coyote Foundation Endowed Professor of Neurology and Neurological Science and the director of the Stanford Stroke Center. The number of stroke patients who died or were confined to nursing homes was nearly cut in half, the biggest improvement seen in any stroke-related trial to date.

Key to the study’s findings is a growing understanding that strokes spread through individual brain tissue at different rates, Albers said. It is not so much the amount of time elapsed since a stroke began as the amount of remaining at-risk, but salvageable brain tissue that determines who will benefit from stroke therapy, he said.

At a follow-up appointment at Stanford Health Care, Cindi’s doctors showed her ‘before and after’ images of her brain. “Before the thrombectomy, it looked like half of my brain was gone. There was no blood supply whatsoever,” she said. “After, it looked like a tree of life. My brain lit up with veins and arteries. I wouldn’t have survived without the treatment.”

Ischemic strokes account for about 85 percent of the roughly 750,000 strokes suffered annually in the United States. They occur when blood supply to part of the brain is cut off by a clot in a blood vessel in the brain. The resulting lack of oxygen and glucose quickly kills brain tissue in the immediate vicinity, and the affected area continues to expand until blood supply is restored.

While Cindi immediately regained some use of her arms, hands and feet after her thrombectomy, her recovery did not happen overnight. After a week in the hospital, Cindi was moved to an inpatient rehab facility in Santa Clara. She arrived in a wheelchair, unable to do anything for herself. “It was a huge frustration,” said Cindi, who was determined to walk again. Four weeks later, she was able to go home. This time, on her own two feet. But her work was not done. She continued daily occupational, physical and speech therapy.

“I have been working on my recovery every day since I had my stroke,” said Cindi. After more than a year of intensive rehabilitation, she has returned to work part time, and is talking, walking and driving as before. Her weekends are spent hiking in Big Sur with her husband, and she has started to swim and ride a bicycle again.

“By the grace of God I was chosen for the Stanford study,” said Cindi. “I am literally standing on this Earth as a wife and a mother because of that procedure. It saved my life.”



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Fine points of Feminism

Woodside scholar says a tradition
of feminism is hard-won in France

Story by Dave Boyce | Photos by Natalia Nazarova

Few could argue that women seeking to obtain for themselves the rights and privileges enjoyed by men have been engaged in an effort that has been ongoing for a very long time. Their efforts have drawn the disdain and repudiation of powerful men, and the campaign is hardly over, as demonstrated most recently by revelations that launched the #MeToo and Time's Up movements.

A public campaign in print has been going on for centuries in France, according to two new books by Woodside resident and feminism scholar Karen Offen.

In her latest books — “The Woman Question in France, 1400-1870” and “Debating the Woman Question in the French Third Republic, 1870-1920,” published by Cambridge University Press — Offen examines an influential 500-year public debate in which French women and their advocates take on the struggle for women’s rights of liberty and equality, and for equality while recognizing their differences from men.

“No one has done more over the past forty years to establish women’s history in the scholarship of the French Third Republic than Karen Offen,” says emeritus professor Steven C. Hause of Washington University, St. Louis, and University of Missouri, St. Louis, about “Debating the Woman Question in the French Third Republic.” “It was worth the wait: a deeply thought-out analysis of many sides of the ‘woman question’ from maternity through education to religion and economics. It is a must-read for anyone interested in modern France.”

Bonnie G. Smith, a Board of Governors distinguished emeritus professor of history at Rutgers University, lauded Offen’s latest work. “The rich debate plus the engaging

cast of characters should finally discredit the cliché that French women thinkers and activists were less evolved than feminist activists elsewhere,” she says in a statement. “Given the widening interest in feminism today, Offen’s incomparable scholarship is a foundational resource.”

The Almanac met with Offen at her home and at a debut for her new books at the Cecil H. Green Library on the Stanford University campus.

Offen proposed two types of feminism in a 1988 journal article, and noted her preference for “relational feminism,” an argument influential in France that embraces women’s acquisition of their rights “as women (and) defined principally by their childbearing and/or nurturing capacities ... in relation to men.”

By contrast, the “individualist feminist tradition,” Offen says in that article, celebrates “the quest for personal independence (or autonomy) in all aspects of life, while downplaying, deprecating, or dismissing as insignificant all socially defined roles and minimizing discussion of sex-linked qualities or contributions, including childbearing and its attendant responsibilities.”

Relational feminism in the French sense encompasses motherhood, fatherhood and all of what is essential to maintaining a society that values those attributes, she says. And she found it to be widely understood. “What I found when I talked to people in France was that it was perfectly natural to have relational feminism,” she says. “People in other countries, South America, Africa, you name it, they all understood relational feminism. They’d say ‘Oh yeah. Oh yeah. We get that.’”

But in the United States, “they didn’t want that to be called feminism,” Offen says. When she made clear her distinctions between the two concepts and her belief that playing them out may lead to differing social structures, “the U.S. feminist communities were freaking out, (saying) ‘Our individualist feminism is the only thing that is feminism.’”

The debate

The 500-year public debate in France, according to Offen, addressed matters such as the influence of women, their intellectual capacities, whether they should be educated, the sexual politics of knowledge, and whether women could occupy positions of authority.

Among their travails, women endured discrimination in the labor market, a double standard on sexual morality, government-regulated prostitution and trafficking in women and children, Offen says.

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Karen Offen, noted historian of feminism and women’s rights, relaxes at home in Woodside. She recently debuted two new books that, together, explore the evolution of feminism in France from 1400 to 1920.

On the cover: Woodside resident and historian Karen Offen met with The Almanac recently to discuss her two new books on the history of feminism in France.

FINE POINTS

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She discovered records of this extended public conversation, and that they had never been translated, while planning her book on feminism in France's Third Republic — between 1870 and 1945. She noticed that the questions being asked were not new, and research led her all the way back to 1400, she says.

"We forget sometimes that France was the most populous country in Europe in the 18th century," Offen says. "French was the language of culture, of diplomacy. People everywhere who were in the upper classes or educated spoke French as well as whatever other language."

The debate put "an enormous emphasis" on the education of women, including their need for marketable skills, Offen says. But though their power and influence were "very considerable" in France, women had no authority, she says. This practice was and is not uncommon in other cultures, but in France it was codified, she says. "Exclusion from political authority ran all the way down through the culture," she says.

The Salic Law, which became public in France in the late 16th century, specifically excluded women from positions of authority, Offen says, adding that French women were barred from practicing law and medicine.

She also noted that the Napoleonic Code, adopted in the late 18th century, was not completely abolished until the mid-1960s. The Encyclopaedia Britannica explains that the code "subordinated women to their fathers and husbands, who controlled all family property, determined the fate of children, and were favoured in divorce proceedings."

Inequality in the workplace took off after the Industrial Revolution, she says, when people no longer led subsistence lives and had to find work. After mechanization, "it gets very very bad (for women), especially in France," Offen says, because France led Europe in the number

of women in its labor force.

"It's not even clear that (men) thought this economy was in their favor," she says. Their driving belief was, "This is how things should be," she adds.

In writing about the public debate of those times, Offen includes comments by men and French women that seem to indicate how unfair it all was.

"If we had permitted our women to make laws and to make History, what tragic and hideous narratives women would have been able to write about the unmentionable wickedness of their unworthy males," wrote Henri Corneille Agrippa de Nettesheim, who, the Library of Congress says, was a 15th century German philosopher of the occult.

Sixteenth century Scottish theologian John Knox, in his pamphlet "The first blast of the trumpet against the monstrous regiment of women," wrote, "To promote a woman to bear rule, superiority, dominion, or empire above any realm, nation, or city, is repugnant to nature; contumely [*an insult*] to God, a thing most contrary to his revealed will and approved ordinance; and finally, it is the subversion of good order, of all equity and justice."

Women rebelled, evidence for which Offen drew from the record in print. (The invention of the printing press was a major factor in the progress of this debate, Offen says.)

"If I wore chains that could be broken, they would have been broken long ago," wrote Madeleine de Scudery, a 17th century novelist. "Under what conditions can liberty be found? From birth we are not only the slaves of parents but of custom and fashion. ... We are not given even the freedom to choose our masters, since we are often married against our inclination. ... Ambition is useless to us and our heritage is obedience."

"Little girls are brought up in foolishness and are expressly disarmed so that men can deceive them more easily," wrote 19th century revolutionary Louise Michel. "That is what men



The Cecil H. Green library on the Stanford campus served as the venue for the recent launch of two books by historian Karen Offen on the evolution of feminism over five centuries in France.

want. It is precisely as if someone threw you into the water after having forbidden you to learn to swim or even after having tied your arms and legs."

"Please, Gentlemen beaux esprits," wrote Madame de Beau-mur, editor of the "Journal des Dames" in 18th century Paris, "mind your own business and let us write in a manner worthy of our sex; I love this sex, I am jealous to uphold its honor and its rights. If we have not been raised up in the sciences as you have, it is you who are the guilty ones; for have you not always abused, if I may say so, the bodily strength that nature has given you? Have you not used it to annihilate our capacities..."

They were not without allies of the male variety.

Francois Poullain de la Barre, a 17th century writer and philosopher, wrote that men agreed to educate women to purposely "abase their courage, darken their mind, and to fill it only with vanity, and fopperies; there to stifle all the seeds of Vertue, and Knowledge, to render useless all the dispositions which they might have to great things, and to take from them the desire of perfecting themselves, as well as we by depriving them of the means."

Alfred de Vigny, a 19th century French poet, wrote: "After having reflected a great deal on the destiny of women in all times and in every nation, I have come to the conclusion that every man ought to say to every woman, instead of *bonjour* — *Pardon!* for the strongest have made the laws."

Scholar and lecturer

Karen Offen is a celebrated scholar on the subject of women's history and forms of feminism. She recently received a lifetime achievement award from Who's

Who, whose publisher has previously included her as a notable person among American women and in American education.

Offen has a bachelor's degree and an honorary doctorate from the University of Idaho, was a Fulbright fellow in France, and obtained her master's degree and doctorate from Stanford University, where she has been an independent scholar affiliated with the Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Research since 1977.

She has had fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation, and has directed summer seminars for post-doctoral students for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Offen is well-published and has lectured around the world, including in Germany and Hungary for several months at a time, and at Santa Clara University, the University of San Francisco, and Stanford. Her research activities have taken her to libraries in France, Belgium and Switzerland.

She is married to George Offen, a member of Woodside's committee to protect the environment. He recently retired from the Electric Power Research Institute in Palo Alto, where he worked on ways to prevent pollution from coal-fired power plants, his wife says.

The Offens have two daughters, both of whom were enthusiastic athletes and married coaches, their mother says. One daughter works as a manager on a dude ranch in Colorado, and the other is a nonpracticing licensed social worker teaching health at a university in Southern California.

'It's about us'

The basis for individualistic feminism, is "it's about me," Offen says. "In relational feminism, it's all about us."

If that is the guiding principle, men of today interested in joining long-ago advocates Poullain de la Barre and de Vigny in advancing relational feminism may wonder how to participate.

"Just be aware," Offen says. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you" applies to men and women as well as to men and men and women and women. Just operating on that principle, I think, is very sound. ... It's very simple and it's very profound."

Behaviors that Offen says men should avoid include taking up more physical space than you need, appropriating women's suggestions, not paying attention when women are speaking, taking for granted that women are going to serve food and drink, not helping with the housework, and assuming that you're going to drive the car.

"Little things like that, and there's still a lot of it," she says.

Offen notes that men's careers are structured to be "nonstop all the way through," and thus not always workable for women in their childbearing years who want to have families. That's a socio-political problem, she says.

"It's really either/or" for those women, she says, "or they push, push, push, push, they get to (age) 38 and then they can't conceive. You're between a rock and a hard place."

People don't have to do everything all at the same time, she says. "There should be sequence. There should be sequence for men, too," she says. "That kind of lifestyle pattern is not good for anybody." ■



Karen Offen's new books are available at the Stanford bookstore and from Amazon.com. These two books represent more than 40 years of work, Offen told The Almanac.

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Local young men earn Scout honors

Several members of local Boy Scout Troop 206 have in recent months earned the honor of Eagle Scout, the highest rank that the Boy Scouts offer, attained by only 3 to 4 percent of members.

Recent members from Menlo Park to earn the honor are Michael Landolfi, Timothy McBirney, Spencer Montoya and Alex Collyer.

Landolfi, son of Michelle and Nick Landolfi, earned 33 merit badges and served Troop 206 as a senior patrol leader, patrol leader, troop guide, and den chief. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

For his Eagle project, Landolfi built and installed a hexagonal picnic table and three planter boxes at Menlo-Atheron High School. He's a 2017 M-A

graduate and now attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

McBirney, a graduate of The King's Academy, was a patrol leader, instructor and troop guide. The son of Scott and Lisa McBirney, he built two picnic tables and accompanying benches at Seminary Oaks Park in Menlo Park, providing a great improvement to the park and service to the community, according to Brian Henry, director of Menlo Park's public works division.

He is a student at Santa Barbara City College and hopes to transfer to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to study biology.

Montoya's Eagle project was a mobile sports cart for Ronald McDonald House in Palo Alto. On his path to Eagle Scout, he

completed two 70-plus-mile treks at Philmont Scout Camp in Cimarron, New Mexico.

The son of Beth and Robert Montoya and an M-A graduate, Montoya plans to pursue his interests in environmental sciences in college.

For his Eagle project, Collyer designed and coordinated the building of a dog kennel for the Peninsula Open Space District's Skyline Outpost. He also completed two treks at Philmont, as well as other 50-mile treks, and served the troop as senior patrol leader.

An M-A graduate, he is studying environmental sciences and political science in college. He is the son of Ramona Murray and Richard Collyer, who also earned his Eagle rank with Troop 206 and is now troop scoutmaster.

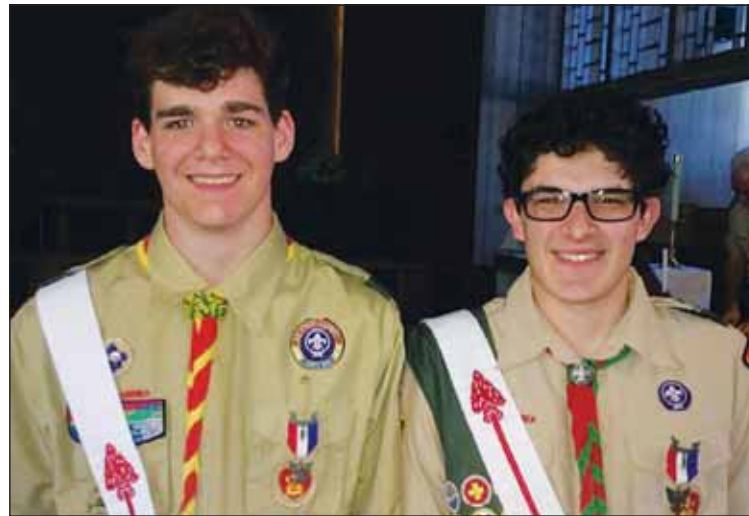


Photo courtesy of Troop 206

Alex Collyer and Spencer Montoya, from left, were among the four Menlo Park Scouts who recently earned Eagle Scout honors.

Other Troop 206 Scouts earning the rank of Eagle in recent months are Derek Ronan Smith of Emerald Hills, a student at Woodside High; Nathan Van Dell of Redwood City, a

Junipero Serra High School student; and Trevor Lance Collet of Redwood City, and Woodside High student. ■

Contributed by Lovinda Beal Blohm for Troop 206

Polo match benefits teams, animal therapy

By Kate Daly
Special to the Almanac

Get ready for fast-flying hooves, sticks and divots at Menlo Circus Club in Atherton on Sunday, May 20, when Stanford and

Cornell alumni polo players compete in the Inaugural Jordan Cup.

Named after David Starr Jordan, who went to Cornell and became the first president of Stanford, the benefit match will help support the universities'

current teams as well as a local animal therapy program.

Stanford's student-run club team was founded in 1923. Polo originated at Cornell in 1919, and has evolved to men's and women's varsity, junior varsity and first-year teams

that compete domestically and abroad.

Stanford's polo ponies live at Webb Ranch, just down the road from Jasper Ridge Farm, which offers animal interaction for children and adults, including veterans, facing physical and emotional challenges.

The benefit will begin at 11

a.m. with a meet-and-greet with Jasper Ridge Farm animals, a silent auction, photo booth, divot stomp, and best hat contest. The match will start at noon.

Go to jordancup.org to buy tickets: \$25 for general admission, \$10 for children and students, and \$75 for a table spot and catered lunch. ■



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Saturday, May 19, 2018 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Belmont Public Library
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Saturday, June 23, 2018 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
HEAL Project Farm, 500 Bridgeport Drive, Half Moon Bay

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Fixit Clinic Bike Edition

Sunday, May 6, 2018 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Belmont Public Library, 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas



Get your bike ready for Bike Month in May! Join us for a hands-on bike-themed Fixit Clinic where REI bike technicians and Fixit Coaches will help you assess and troubleshoot broken bicycles, electronics, appliances, toys, fabric items, etc. Learn skills to prolong the life of your belongings and reduce waste. Cables, chains, bike tubes, cable housing, tube patches, and specialty tools provided to help fix your items. First-time Fixit coaches welcome. No experience necessary!

How to Grow & Use Herbs at Home

Saturday, June 2, 2018 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Collective Roots, 1785 Woodland Avenue, East Palo Alto CA

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ACADEMICS

Harker Summer Programs

San Jose

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www.harker.org/summer (408) 553-5737

i2 Camp at Castilleja School

Palo Alto

i2 Camp offers week-long immersion programs that engage middle school girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The fun and intimate hands-on activities of the courses strive to excite and inspire participants about STEM, creating enthusiasm that will hopefully spill over to their schoolwork and school choices in future years.
www.castilleja.org/i2camp (650) 470-7833

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Stanford/Bay Area

The world's #1 summer STEM program held at Stanford, Palo Alto High School, and 150+ locations nationwide. With innovative courses in coding, game development, robotics, and design, our programs instill in-demand skills that embolden students to shape the future. iD Tech Camps (weeklong, 7-17), Alexa Café (weeklong, all-girls, 10-15), iD Tech Academies (2-week, 13-18).
iDTechCamps.com (844) 788-1858

KCI Summer Camp

Los Altos Hills

Students ages 11-16 discover endless possibilities as they design and engineer their own projects. Hands-on learning of latest technologies including virtual reality, 3D printing, video production, and more in KCI's new makerspace.
bit.ly/kcisummerncamp (650) 949-7614

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Stanford

EXPLORE biomedical science at Stanford. Stanford EXPLORE offers high school students the unique opportunity to learn from Stanford professors and graduate students about diverse topics in biomedical science, including bioengineering, neurobiology, immunology and many others.
explore.stanford.edu explore-series@stanford.edu

Summer at Sand Hill School

Palo Alto

June 26 to July 20; If you're looking for a great summer learning plus fun option for your child and you want them to be ready for fall, please join us at Sand Hill. The morning Literacy Program (8:30 to noon) provides structured, systematic instruction for students with learning challenges entering grades 1-8 in the fall. The afternoon Enrichment Camp (Noon to 4) focuses on performing arts, social skills and fun. Choose morning, afternoon or full day. Visit www.sandhillschool.org for more details and application.
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Palo Alto

Summer Writing Camps

Pleasanton

Improve your student's writing skills this summer at Emerson School of Palo Alto and Hacienda School of Pleasanton. Courses this year are Expository Writing, Creative Writing and Presentation Techniques.
headsop.org Emerson: (650) 424-1267
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ARTS, CULTURE, OTHER CAMPS

Art and Soul Camp

Palo Alto

Art, cooking, tinkering, yoga and mindfulness. We celebrate multiple perspectives and recognize the many ways for our children to interpret their world. Summer Unplugged! is appropriate for ages 5-13 years. Located at Walter Hays School.
www.artandsoulpa.com (650) 269-0423

Castilleja Summer Camp for Girls

Palo Alto

Castilleja Summer Camp for Girls Palo Alto Casti Camp offers girls entering gr. 2-6 a range of age-appropriate activities including athletics, art, science, computers, writing, crafts, cooking, drama and music classes each day along with weekly field trips. Leadership program available for girls entering gr. 7-9.
www.castilleja.org/summerncamp (650) 470-7833

City of Mountain View

Recreation

Come have a blast with us this summer! We have something for everyone: Recreation Camps, Specialty Camps, Sports Camps, Swim Lessons, and more! Programs begin June 4 – register early!
www.mountainview.gov/register (650) 903-6331

Community School of Music

Mountain View

Community School of Mountain View Music and Arts (CSMA) Mountain View 50+ creative camps for Gr. K-8! Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Musical Theater, Summer Music Workshops, more! One and two-week sessions; full and half-day enrollment. Extended care from 8:30am-5:30pm. Financial aid offered.
www.arts4all.org (650) 917-6800 ext. 0

Let's Go Crafting

Palo Alto

Let's Go Crafting's Studio is where your child will have fun while learning many different fiber related arts. We teach sewing, knitting, crochet, weaving and jewelry making to children ages 8 years to 15 years. AM or PM camps \$275/week. Full day camps \$550/week. 5 student minimum for all sessions; 10 student maximum. Contact Connie Butner at letsgocrafting@gmail.com.
letsgocrafting.wordpress.com (650) 814-4183

Palo Alto Community

Child Care (PACCC)

Palo Alto

PACCC summer camps offer campers, grades 1st to 6th, a wide variety of fun opportunities. We are excited to announce all of your returning favorites: Leaders in Training (L.I.T.), PACCC Special Interest Units (S.I.U.), F.A.M.E. (Fine Arts, Music and Entertainment), J.V. Sports and Operation: Chef! Periodic field trips, special visitors and many engaging camp activities, songs and skits round out the fun offerings of PACCC Summer Camps. Open to campers from all communities. Register online.
www.paccc.org (650) 493-2361

Palo Alto School of Chamber Music

Palo Alto

If you are a violinist, violist, cellist, pianist or wind player and interested in playing chamber music, we are offering three one-week long summer sessions, M-F from 9:30-12:30. There will be chamber music coaching by professional Palo Alto musicians at the First Lutheran Church at 600 Homer Ave., Palo Alto, culminating in three concerts held on Fridays June 8th, 15th and 22nd at 11:30am. These concerts are open to the public. Program is open to children and adults. Cost is \$400 per week. We hope that you can join us. This is a wonderful and greatly satisfying program for all! Please call if you have any questions.
www.schoolofchambermusic.com (650) 766-5084

Stanford Jazz Workshop

Stanford

On campus of Stanford University, Week-long jazz immersion programs for young musicians in middle school (starts July 9), high school (July 15 and July 22), and college, as well as adults (July 29). All instruments and vocals.
stanfordjazz.org (650) 736-0324

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theatreworks.org/youth-programs/for-youth (650) 463-7146

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Palo Alto

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www.usssportscamps.com (800) 645-3226

Run for Fun Camps

Palo Alto/La Honda

Run for Fun's mission is to provide creative and engaging play for all youth by getting kids active in an inclusive community centered around outdoor fun! We pride ourselves on hiring an enthusiastic, highly trained staff who love what they do. Summer 2018 features four weeks of Adventure Day Camp and two weeks of Overnight Camp High Five. Adventure Day Camp is a new discovery every day filled with sports, crafts and nature, including explorations to Camp Jones Gulch, Capitola Beach, Foothills Park, Shoreline Lake and Great America. Camp High Five is six days and five nights of traditional overnight camp mixed with challenge-by-choice activities, campfires, friendships and lots of laughter.
www.runforfuncamps.com/summer-camps-and-school-holiday-camps/camp-overview (650) 823-5167

Spartans Sports Camp

Mountain View

Spartans Sports Camp offers multi-sport, week-long sessions for boys and girls in grades 1-7, sport-specific sessions for grades 2-9, color guard camp for grades 3-9, and cheerleading camp for grades pre-K – 8. We also offer a hip hop dance camp for grades 1-7. Camp dates are June 4 through July 27 at Mountain View High School. The camp is run by MVHS coaches and student-athletes and all proceeds benefit the MVHS Athletic Department. Lunch and extended care are available.
www.spartanssportscamp.com (650) 479-5906

Stanford Baseball Camps

Stanford

At Sunken Diamond on the campus of Stanford University. Four or five day camps where the morning session includes instruction in several baseball skills, fundamentals, and team concepts. The afternoon session will be dedicated to playing coach pitched games and hitting in the batting cages. Session 1: June 18 - 22 Session 2: June 25-29 Session 3: July 16-20
www.stanfordbaseballcamp.com (650) 725-2054

Stanford Water Polo Camps

Stanford

New to water polo or have experience, we have a camp for you. Half-day or full-day options for boys and girls ages 7 and up. All camps provide fundamental skills, scrimmages and games.
www.stanfordwaterpolocamps.com (650) 725-9016

Wheel Kids Bike Camps

Palo Alto

At Addison Elem. Adventure Riding Camp for grades 1 - 8, Two Wheelers Club for grades K - 3. Week long programs from 8:30 - 4, starting June 4th. Join us as we embark on bicycling adventures for the more experienced rider or help those just learning to ride.
wheelkids.com/palo-alto (650) 646-5435

YMCA of Silicon Valley Summer Camps

Silicon Valley

At the Y, children and teens of all abilities acquire new skills, make friends, and feel that they belong. With hundreds of Summer Day Camps plus Overnight Camps, you will find a camp that's right for your family. Financial assistance is available.
www.ymcasv.org (408) 351-6473

Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Submitting items for the Calendar

Go to AlmanacNews.com and see the Community Calendar module at the top right side of the page. Click on "Add your event." If the event is of interest to a large number of people, also e-mail a press release to Editor@AlmanacNews.com.

Visit AlmanacNews.com/calendar to see more calendar listings

Opera

Opera: 'Carmen' "Carmen," a free spirit, pays for her freedom with her life. The quintessential French opera by Georges Bizet about love and death, is presented fully staged, with orchestra, chorus and elaborate sets and costumes. May 25 and June 2, 8 p.m.; May 27 and June 3, 2 p.m. \$35-\$85; senior, student and group discounts. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. wbopera.org

Theater

Don Quixote by Ramon Moreno School of Ballet This ballet performance will feature the story of Don Quixote as he, along with his trusty squire Sancho Panza, pursues his dream of Dulcinea. May 19, 2-4 p.m. \$20. Woodside High School Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave., Woodside. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

'Pear Slices 2018' The 15th annual Pear Slices is a collection of original, short plays — written by members of the Pear Playwrights Guild — that are brought to life by a single cast. Through May 20, Thursdays through Sundays, times vary. \$10-\$35, with discounts for seniors/students. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. thepear.org

Stories From the Soul A performance will feature memoirs told by people with diverse experiences. May 21, 7:30-9 p.m. \$5-\$10. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

Music

Frost Music & Arts Festival featuring Glass Animals Glass Animals will be this year's headliner for the seventh annual Frost Music and Arts Festival. Additionally, Ravyn Lenae and Monte Booker will be performing a special collaboration together. Student performers open the festival and student artists will be featured throughout the venue. May 19, 5:30 p.m. \$24-\$43. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Go to events.stanford.edu for more info.

Trace Repeat Live Music Trace Repeat, an Oakland-based eight-piece soul and funk band, will perform with their own takes on Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye. May 18, 7-9 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. Go to events.stanford.edu for more info.

Concerts

Noon Concert: Harpsichord Studio of Elaine Thornburgh Harpsichord students of Elaine Thornburgh will be featured in this noontime recital. May 25, 12:30 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Palo Alto Philharmonic Family Concert 'Humor in Music' Palo Alto Philharmonic Family Concert will present "Humor in Music." Selections from works by Haydn, Mozart, Prokofiev, R. Strauss, Schickele and Palo Alto Philharmonic's own Lee Actor will demonstrate how composers express humor in music. May 20, 3-5 p.m. \$5-\$10. Cubberly Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paphil.org/performances

Schola Cantorum Celebrates American Folk Music In honor of the different folkloric influences on the music of the nation, Schola Cantorum Silicon Valley will present, "Celebrating American Folk Songs." Selections include a commissioned suite for chorus and brass by Brian Holmes, accompanied by the Oxford Street Brass. May 19, 7:30 p.m. \$28. First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. scholacantorum.org

Stanford Symphonic Chorus The Stanford Symphonic Chorus, under the baton of Stephen M. Sano, will offer Franz Joseph Haydn's *Missa Sancti Bernardi von Offida* ("Heiligmesse"), a piece dating from the composer's late period. Also on the program is Haydn's rarely heard Violin Concerto No. 4 in G major (Hob. Vlla:4), featuring faculty soloist Joo-Mee Lee. May 18, 8 p.m. \$10-\$20. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Festivals & Fairs

Los Altos Rotary's 'Fine Art in the Park' The Rotary Club of Los Altos will present the

43rd "Fine Art in the Park" event. The Rotary's annual fundraiser will feature more than 165 fine artists and craftworkers. There will be live music, food and drinks. May 19, 10 a.m. Free. Lincoln Park, just across Foothill Expressway from downtown Los Altos, Los Altos. business.menloparkchamber.com/events

Comic Con at the Library The Menlo Park Library's third Comic Con will feature live music, costumed characters, artists and vendors, tabletop game zones, a free photo booth and a hands-on art fair with the Charles M. Schulz Museum. May 19, 3-7 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/comiccon

Talks & Lectures

Kids Love Science with Jack Challoner Meet science educator Jack Challoner as he discusses Maker Lab Outdoors, which focuses on projects that can be done outside, or that emphasize the earth and environment. Jack will lead a series of experiments for attendees and answer science questions. May 16, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Jaron Lanier Philosopher and scientist Jaron Lanier will discuss the digital age and his new book, "The Dawn of the New Everything." May 17, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Simon Winchester Historian and writer Simon Winchester dives into the concept of precision, the component crucial to advancement, and the scientific minds that helped usher in modern production. May 21, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15-\$50. 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

The Blue Trees Artist Talk & Reception To celebrate The Blue Trees, members of the public are invited to attend an artist talk and panel discussion with artist Konstantin Dimopoulos, Canopy's Elise Willis and Palo Alto Urban forester Walter Passmore. Panelists will discuss local and regional forestry issues and initiatives. May 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. King Plaza: City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto.

Presentation: 'California and the Civil War' Author Richard Hurley will present a multimedia show called "California and the Civil War" and discuss California's position in the Civil War. May 19, 1-2 p.m. \$4-\$6. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. historysmc.org/courthouse-docket

James Hatch on Combat Recovery James Hatch tells his story of his struggle and recovery in "Touching the Dragon, And Other Techniques for Surviving Life's Wars." A "This is Now" with Angie Coiro program at Kepler's bookstore. May 22, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, RSVP appreciated. 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

SRI Organon Toastmasters SRI Organon Toastmasters helps community members become better public speakers and leaders by providing a supportive, positive environment for practicing communication and leadership skills. Guests are welcome to visit and join. Tuesdays, year-round. Free. First Baptist Church, 1100 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. sriorganon.com

Museums & Exhibits

'Ink Worlds: Contemporary Chinese Painting from the Collection of Akiko Yamazaki and Jerry Yang' Ink Worlds considers ink painting from the 1960s through the present, examining salient visual features and international connections, as well as the ongoing impact of historical techniques, materials and themes. May 25, 11 a.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Betray the Secret: Humanity in the Age of 'Frankenstein' Marking the 200th anniversary of the publication of Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein," or "The Modern Prometheus," Stanford University is organizing gallery talks and public tours related to the literary work. May 16, 2 p.m.; May 30, 2 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

'The Dancing Sowe: Performing Beauty in Sierra Leone' This exhibition focuses on one spectacular work in the Cantor's collection — a sowe mask, used by the women-only

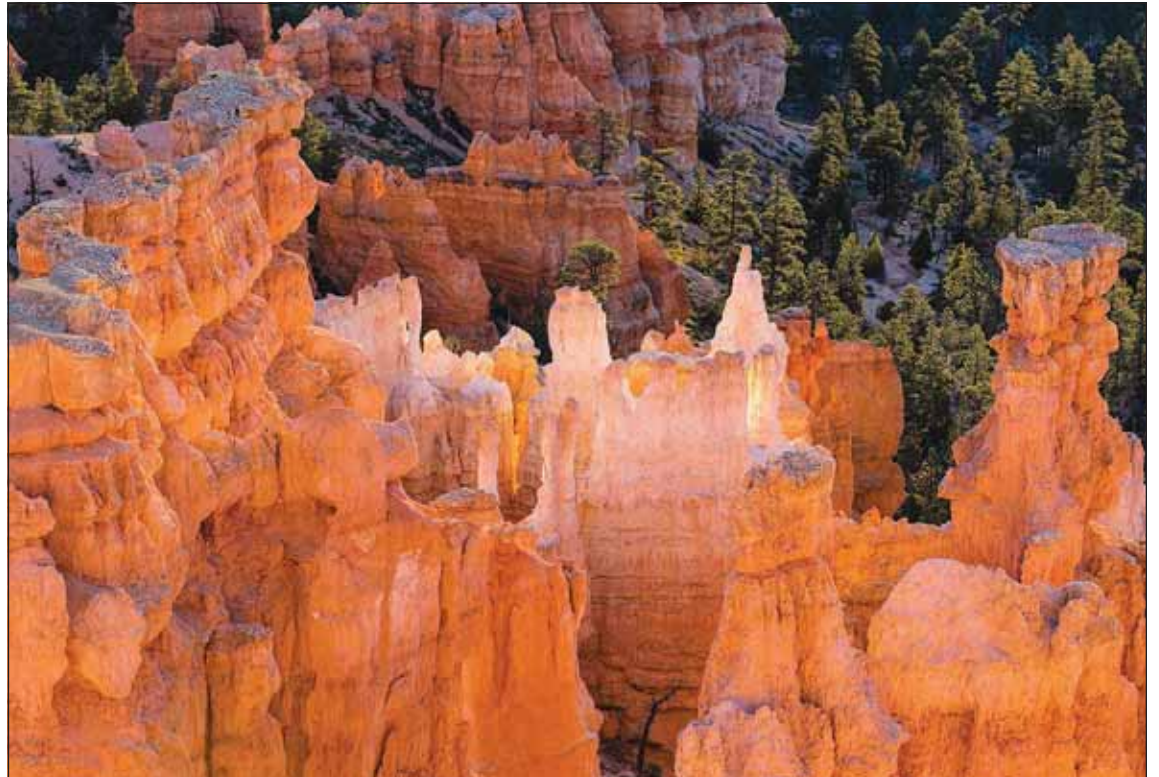


Photo courtesy of the artist

"Bryce Canyon, Sunrise" by Larry Calof is part of the photography exhibit at Portola Art Gallery at Allied Arts Guild.

Atherton photographer's work on exhibit at Portola Art Gallery

A collection of photographs by Atherton resident Larry Calof capturing sunrises and sunsets, primarily around the West and Southwest, is on exhibit through the month of May at the Portola Art Gallery, located at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park.

The solo exhibit features images printed on both traditional archival paper and on

aluminum.

"I love using natural light and high-quality digital equipment to capture wildlife and landscape images in distinct manners that illuminate their unique characteristics," Calof said in a statement provided by the gallery. "In my landscape photography, I look for light and angles to add magical or

mystical perspectives to my images."

Calof's work has been featured at Filoli, the Pacific Art League, and the California Land Trust Gallery.

The Portola Art Gallery and Allied Arts Guild are at 75 Arbor Road. More information, including gallery hours, can be found at portolaartgallery.com. ▣

Casting call for 'My Fair Lady' set for May 20, 21 in Woodside

By Kate Daly

Special to the Almanac

Attention all potential Eliza Doolittles and Professor Henry Higginses: Woodside Community Theatre is casting "My Fair Lady," holding auditions for all parts on May 20 and 21 for the group's annual fall musical.

Auditions will take place at

Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road in Woodside from 6:30 to 10 p.m. both nights, with callbacks scheduled for May 29 and 30 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Performers are asked to sign up for a time slot in advance, and come prepared to sing a Broadway tune. Producers say teenagers who can play up in age are welcome to try out in May,

but only a few children's roles will be available in the ensemble, and those parts will be filled this summer.

Go to woodsidetheatre.com/auditions for more information.

Rehearsals will start in mid-August. The show will run Oct. 26 to Nov. 4 at Woodside High School Performing Arts Center. ▣

Food & Drink

Clay and Chardonnay Participants will be taken on a step-by-step lesson on creating a clay masterpiece while drinking wine. Supplies, aprons and wine are all included. May 22, 6-8 p.m. \$25-\$30. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. penvol.org/littlehouse

Monday Night Pub Quiz The event will feature a trivia contest along with food, drinks and prizes. May 21, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Free. Freewheel

Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. freewheelbrewing.com

Outdoor Recreation

Specialty Hikes and Tours These 90-minute specialty hikes and tours will run from through May 20. Explore Filoli's Nature Preserve, tour Filoli's historic greenhouses with a Filoli docent or discover how the families used the Estate and Nature Preserve. Specialty tours will focus on a variety of components of the Filoli property. \$10. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

No on Regional Measure 3

When Bay Area cities, especially San Francisco and those on the Peninsula, approve massive additional office development without housing to accommodate all the new workers, the natural result is longer commutes and unbearable traffic.

That is why Bay Area corporate leaders, state legislators and regional and local officials keep turning to voters for money to add highway lanes, extend BART to downtown San Jose, extend Caltrain to downtown San Francisco, improve bus service, and implement other measures to address transportation problems.

Now along comes Regional Measure 3, which asks voters in nine Bay Area counties to approve three successive \$1 increases in bridge tolls on all Bay Area bridges except the Golden Gate Bridge. The new tolls will increase the cost of crossing a bridge from the current \$5 to \$8 by 2025, and will thereafter be increased with the rise of the Consumer Price Index. The new tolls are expected to generate about \$4.5 billion for transportation capital projects throughout the Bay Area. To pass, a majority of voters in each county must approve the measure.

Supporters, which include major business groups and most Bay Area elected officials, consider toll increases to be a way other than tax increases to generate more funding for the 35 identified transportation improvements located in each of the nine counties.

The projects identified that could most directly impact the Midpeninsula would be designed to improve the Dumbarton Bridge corridor, which would receive \$130 million. These could include improved bus service, bus-only lanes on the Bayfront Expressway in Menlo Park and new connecting bus service with Amtrak and BART in the East Bay. Measure 3 proceeds would not fund improvements to the bridge itself.

We join with Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian in opposing Regional Measure 3.

Bridge tolls are a regressive tax that inappropriately target lower-paid service workers who can't afford housing on the Peninsula (or in San Francisco) but commute here to jobs at restaurants, retail stores, schools, nursing homes and other non-tech small businesses. These commuters, who must pay for their gas and bridge tolls in after-tax dollars, will face the

need to make an extra \$1,000 a year to pay, after taxes, just for the increase in bridge tolls.

Funding important regional transportation infrastructure projects should ideally come through state tax revenues, which are progressive in their distribution of the tax burden. That is exactly what was achieved with the passage of SB1 last year by the California Legislature, which will fund more than \$50 billion in transit improvements.

RM3's toll increases, along with the implementation of inflation escalators, ask for too much and attempt to leverage the public's frustration over bad traffic to disproportionately penalize bridge commuters — a small fraction of voters and therefore an easy target.

Bay Area business leaders and their advocacy organizations such as Silicon Valley Leadership Group need to work more on the root cause of our transportation problems — the continued approvals of new commercial development on the Peninsula without the housing needed to accommodate the employees. Until that becomes their priority, taxpayers will continue to be pressured to pay for transportation improvements that seek the impossible: the accommodation of the ever-increasing number of workers commuting long distances from affordable housing. ▣

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LETTERS

Our readers write

Giving women a seat at government tables

Editor:

The latest news is that many more women are running for office than in years past. I'd like to comment on why many of us women feel it is important that women have a seat at government tables.

It is not that we think women are better than men. It is not because we think there should be 50/50 parity. It is because women govern differently than men.

Studies show that women are more collaborative, less partisan and more goal-oriented than men. In other words, women get things done. This is important in today's world where the word "government" is often synonymous with "gridlock."

A new local volunteer nonpartisan organization called WIRE for Women has been formed to help elect and appoint women to local nonpartisan offices. These are the women who will help get things done when given a chance to sit at the tables where decisions are made.

Carol Mayer Marshall
President, WIRE for Women
Menlo Park

Concerns with bicyclists on Old La Honda Road

Editor:

Cyclists, nowadays, are oblivious not only to the rules and courtesies necessary in shared roads, but are blatantly reckless. Since 1970 I have been running and cycling up Old La Honda Road — from Sand Hill to the Sayler place at 736. I was the first woman and USA Olympian to make that training run/ride.

No longer able to run, I now rely on the bicycling that has taken me thousands of miles over the years. Unfortunately, because of the overwhelming number of cyclists that now invade Old La Honda on weekends and Wednesdays, I do not dare to ride, or even walk, on this narrow three-mile road that is one blind curve after another.

Driving down from my friends' is even more harrowing. One recent week, I was terrorized when a pack of cyclists, who were racing downhill, passed my car and cut in front, causing me to swerve into a ditch. With near-misses unnerving motorists, residents and their visitors on a daily basis, common sense now makes it necessary to restrict bicycling. A compromise could require bicyclists to get a permit and sign an acknowledgment of enforced rules, as well as a waiver of liability to motorists. If not entirely restricted, there

should be a limit of two early morning hours.

Further, when bikers reach the intersection at Skyline Boulevard, they brazenly congregate on both sides and on the road itself, all while talking on their phones, drinking, texting, and checking the stats of their rides. For a motorist making a left turn from the southbound lane of Skyline onto Old La Honda, where cyclists have congregated, it is more frightening than being chased on a bike by a pack of wild, rabid dogs. The motorist's choice is: Do I take out these bikers or get broadsided by a northbound car coming around the curve on Skyline?

Also discouraging is the rudeness I have encountered when I ask bikers for compliance to road-use regulations. To further neglect this problem is asking for continued tragedies, lower property values, and loss of the rights of life, liberty, and happiness of Woodside residents and their guests — including delivery and emergency vehicles!

Pat Winslow Connolly
Three Time Olympian:
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A grand small town time

Editor:

If Almanac readers want an easy break from the busyness of the days, consider a walk at

Burgess Park. I just completed one under blue skies and bright sunshine.

I was taken by the number using the park, and their friendliness. It was a grand "small town" time. There should be many more afternoons like this.

Bill Russ
Cotton Street, Menlo Park

Population growth and the changing environment

Editor:

There were two articles in the April 18 issue of The Almanac that caught my attention: "What's happening on the city's development front" by Kate Bradshaw, and "Sea level rise

could cost area billions, county study finds," also by Kate Bradshaw.

What I got from the articles is that many of our Bay Area cities are contributing to climate change and rising tides by building, building and more building, even if affordable housing is included in these projects. This definitely is not meeting the need. Cut back on bringing in more people for jobs (hire people in the community); population will naturally decrease and so will the cost of housing and living, and people's attitudes may even be uplifted.

Jackie Leonard-Dimmick
Walnut Avenue, Atherton

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