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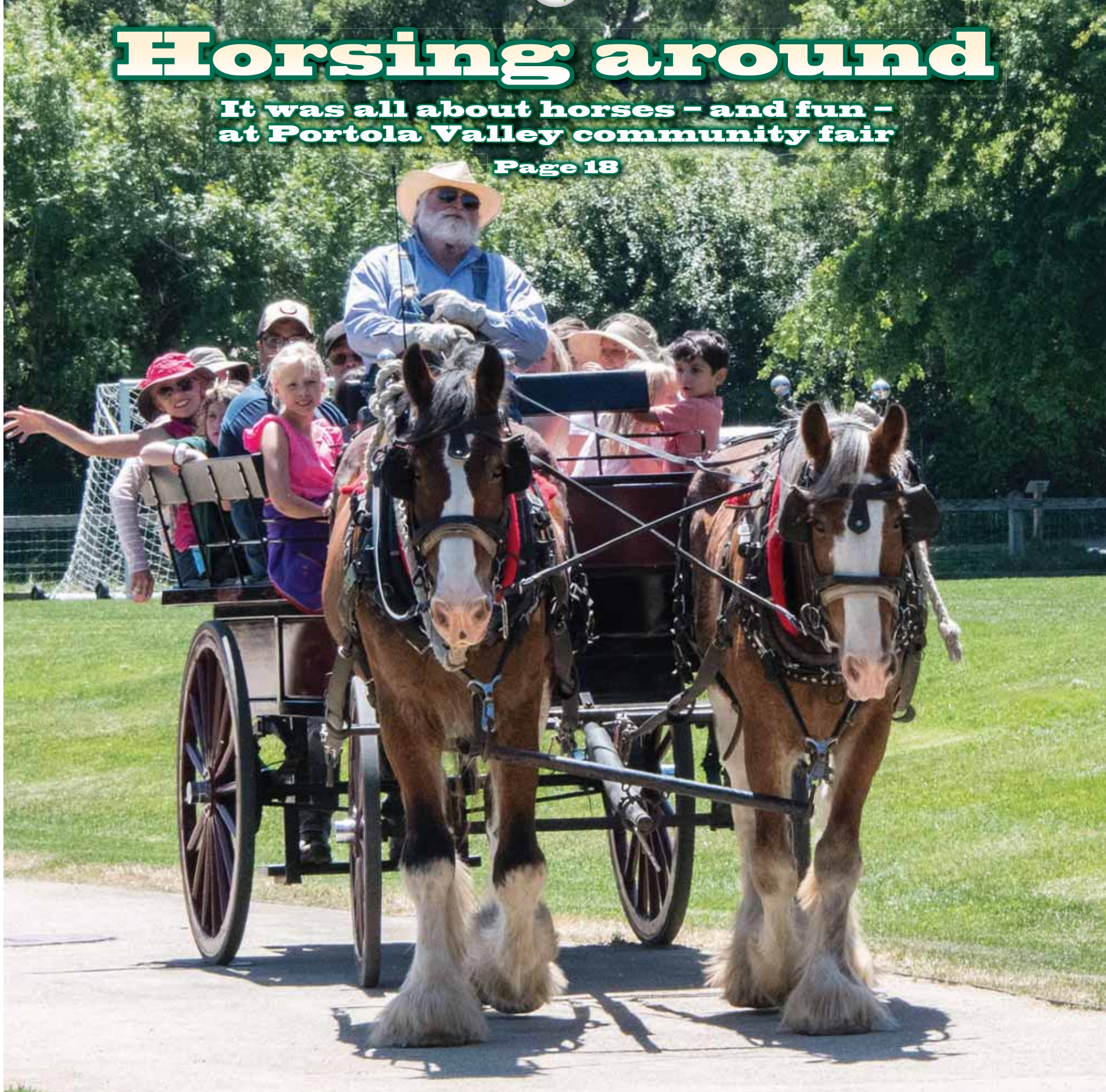


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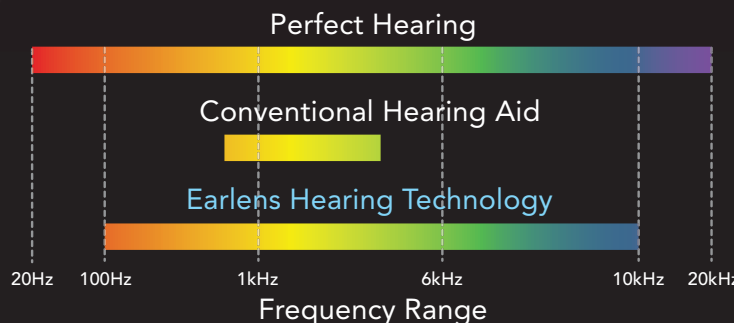
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## Corporation formed in effort to buy Alpine Inn

Three informational meetings planned for this week in the town library

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

The Alpine Inn, a much-loved burger joint and beer garden at 3915 Alpine Road in Portola Valley, is for sale. The business has been listed for about a week with a San Jose broker, according to Vicki Alexander, daughter-in-law of the late owner of the inn, Molly Alexander.

There are several groups of local people expressing interest in buying the business, “including a couple of consortiums,” Alexander said on May 15. “If people are interested, they should get their offers in.”

Lucy Neely, a Portola Valley resident and an Alpine Inn enthusiast, told The Almanac recently that she is seeking investors with the aim of raising enough money to buy the inn.

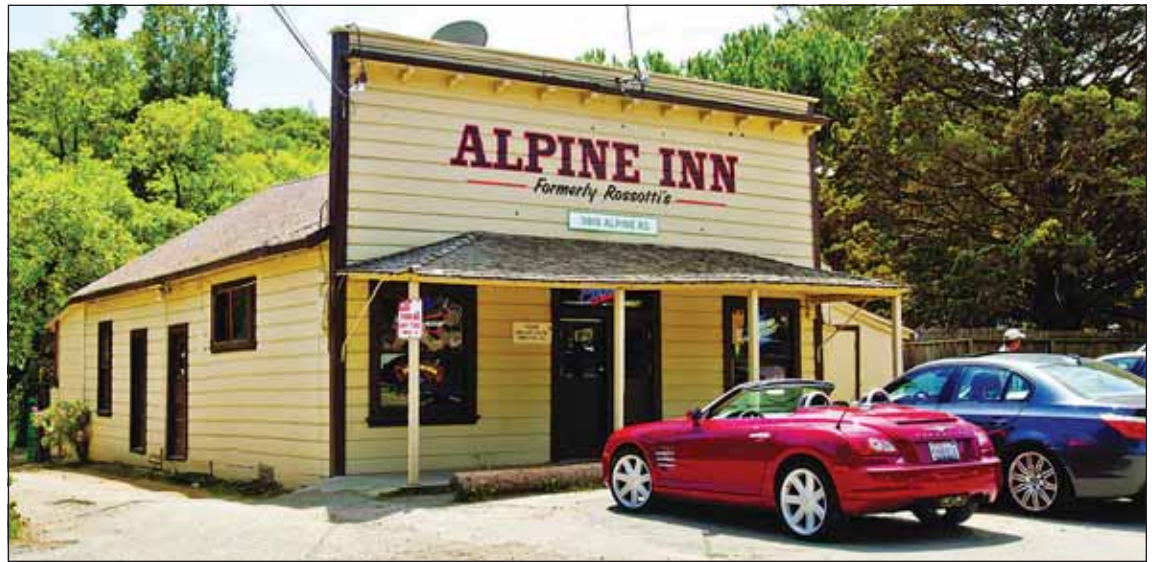
To that end, she has registered “Portola Valley Community

Roadhouse, LLC” as a California corporation. A search of records at the Secretary of State’s office confirms registration of the corporation on April 9.

“Our intention is to create an inclusive, welcoming restaurant that maintains the beloved character of a 156-year-old drinking establishment,” she said in a statement. “We plan to serve delicious food and drink and offer a comfortable and inspirational space that functions as a vibrant community gathering place.”

Neely said she would be announcing her plans on PV Forum, the online gathering place for residents of Portola Valley and nearby unincorporated communities.

She has arranged three informational meetings to be held in the meeting room in the town’s public library at 765 Portola Road. They are set for:



File photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

The Alpine Inn (formerly Rossotti’s) at 3915 Alpine Road in Portola Valley is up for sale, relatives of the former owner said. A town resident has formed a corporation with the intention of raising money from the local community to buy it.

- Tuesday, May 22, at 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 22, at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 23, at 6 p.m.

Asked for an estimate on her fundraising target, Neely said she needs to first determine how

much money might be raised. The target “is definitely in the millions,” she said.

Shares will start at \$10,000 each, she said. The owners will elect a board to run the restaurant in collaboration with

professional management.

For more information, write to her at [pvroadhouse@gmail.com](mailto:pvroadhouse@gmail.com) or call 650-206-3038.

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## Councilwoman held Facebook shares through most of 2017

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Amended state-mandated documents reveal that it took Menlo Park City Council member Catherine Carlton six months to sell Facebook shares after learning her husband owned company stock.

Last month, The Almanac reported that Carlton owned, through her husband’s investment portfolio, Facebook shares when she voted on two major projects that bolstered the tech giant’s development prospects in November 2016, which may be a political ethics violation.

She told The Almanac she didn’t know the shares had been purchased for her husband’s investment portfolio, and learned of the matter only in late March 2017. She said the shares were sold shortly thereafter.

According to documents Carlton filed with the California’s Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), she owned between \$10,001 and \$100,000 in Facebook shares, purchased Sept. 14, 2016. She reported finding that she owned the shares just prior to filing a mandatory form disclosing her economic interests

April 3, 2017.

But according to a recently amended version of that form, filed April 30, 2018, Carlton’s shares were not sold until six months afterward, on Oct. 2, 2017.

Carlton told The Almanac that an independent financial adviser had purchased the stock for her husband’s retirement fund, and she learned she was a shareholder only when she went to file her Form 700, a mandatory document elected officials and government workers fill out to lay out their economic ties and potential sources for conflicts of interest.

In a written statement she sent to The Almanac, Carlton said, “My husband and I gave clear instructions to his financial adviser not to buy any stock related to Menlo Park and he assured us that he knew the rules and would act accordingly. I had no reason to think that he would act differently, and am upset that he made this mistake.”

She said that when she learned the investment manager had bought the stocks, which were held under her husband’s name in a separate account, she asked

the shares to be sold “in March or soon thereafter.”

Later, in July, she said, she followed up with the investment manager’s office, and asked for the date that the shares had been sold. She reported that the office staff told her they’d look into it.

After additional attempts to get that information, she said, she was informed in September that the request to sell the shares had been ignored, because the investment manager “does not typically carry out investment directions from one spouse when an account is held in the other spouse’s name.”

Carlton said her husband then demanded the shares be sold, and they were on Oct. 2, 2017.

During the time her household owned the stock, Facebook’s share value rose by 32.6 percent. From the time she says she was aware of the stocks (April 3, 2017) and the time they were sold, Facebook’s share value rose by 19 percent.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac.  
Catherine Carlton

She reported that her household earned \$5,500 from the shares.

She added in the statement to The Almanac: “I have been careful to recuse myself from participating in any decisions that I knew would have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect on Facebook.”

She said she has self-reported the issue to the FPPC and is “working with them through the process to resolve it all.”

### Facebook entanglements

While the period between April and October 2017 involved little direct council discussion about Facebook, the company’s ties to the city have become so entangled there are some matters that raise questions about whether there is a conflict or not. During the six months Carlton knew about the shares but had not sold them, a number of Facebook-tied projects were brought before the council that she did not recuse herself from.

One of those matters was the creation of a new police unit, which Facebook offered to fund as part of a development agreement with the city for its expansion along Bayfront Expressway.

She voted on Sept. 26 to accept Facebook funding for the initiative of about \$11.2 million over five years on Sept. 26.

Another was a discussion in September of the findings of a Facebook-funded study by SamTrans looking at ways to ease congestion along the Dumbarton corridor. SamTrans has since reported it may enter an exclusive negotiation process with Facebook to try to accelerate the development of improved transportation options along the Dumbarton corridor.

In addition, there were a number of closed-session meetings during which the council discussed litigation between the city and the city of East Palo Alto. The lawsuit arose, in part, due to concerns that Facebook’s proposed “Willow Village” and other development in Menlo Park’s recently upzoned territory in the eastern part of the city would move forward without extensive environmental analysis. That lawsuit was eventually settled last December.

During that time, the council also received informational updates on the company’s expansion plans along Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road. ■

## Menlo Park fire district will become a landlord

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District will soon become a landlord.

On May 15, the district's board voted unanimously to hire a property management firm to rent out a home — purchased by the district in March for \$3.2 million — on the open market.

District Chief Harold Schapelhouman had earlier asked the board to consider renting the house to a fire district employee for a \$3,000-per-month salary reduction, but he told the board that the two district employees who had expressed interest in renting the home are no longer interested.

The board also voted to charge the federal government's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force \$10,000 a month to rent approximately 10,000 square feet of space in a warehouse the district purchased in 2017 for \$5 million. The district has begun to move into the warehouse and has budgeted \$500,000 to making improvements in it.

The task force is currently paying \$4,115 monthly to rent warehouse space from Facebook in Menlo Park, but the space will no longer be available because Facebook plans to develop the property.

Schapelhouman had also asked the board to consider renting out the three-bedroom, two-bathroom house at 2110 Valparaiso Ave., next door to the district's Alameda de las Pulgas fire station, to the town of Atherton. The town has recently been looking for a place for police officers and dispatchers to sleep between 12-hour shifts.

The relationship between Atherton and the fire district has been strained at times during the past several years, since the town began closely examining how much in tax revenue from the town's property owners goes to the fire district and how much the district spends providing service to the town. After a consultant's report showed town taxpayers were contributing nearly twice what their services cost,

Atherton asked for further study of options for separating from the fire district.

However, said Schapelhouman, "I'm sympathetic toward law enforcement's conundrum."

"Let's not lose sight of the fact that we're public safety partners," he said. "Out on the street we all work together, and we work for the same people."

Board member Peter Carpenter, who has been one of the biggest critics of Atherton, said there is nothing to prevent the town from renting the house at fair market value.

The board had originally considered the chief's proposal to rent the house to a district employee in March, but asked for a lot more information before making a decision. After the meeting, the district received some negative feedback about the idea.

"I think we crossed the bridge of using this for any public employee purposes," Carpenter said. "Given what we felt was the heat, the scrutiny, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, we weren't going to do that."

"Having made that decision, I think the only responsible thing for us to do is say, 'OK, until we need the property for expansion of Station 4, we'll rent it out at fair market value.'"

The house had been listed by its previous owners for lease at \$6,000 per month when the district began negotiating for its purchase. The owners had listed it six months earlier for \$7,400 a month. Schapelhouman said the property manager the district has been talking to says he can rent it for between \$5,000 and \$6,000 a month.

Nino Gaetano with Pacific Union International has offered to manage the property for \$325 a month, the chief's report says.

While public entities such as the fire district do not have to pay property taxes on their property, they do have to pay a different tax, called possessory interest tax, if renting it out for nongovernmental purposes. Schapelhouman's report said the district would pay the possessory interest tax of about \$2,680 a month. ■

## PV council considers cannabis permit fees

The Portola Valley Town Council in Portola Valley will consider permit fees for growing marijuana commercially in town on May 23. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Historic Schoolhouse at 765 Portola Road.

A staff report recommends a fee of \$750 to process and route the permit, and an initial

deposit of \$5,000 for review of the application by planning staff.

The council in a 3-2 vote gave its final approval on April 25 to an ordinance that allows up to 12 marijuana plants to be grown for commercial use.

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## Atherton council agrees it wants alternative location for underground water facility

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

It may not have been exactly what Atherton residents protesting the possibility of a massive underground water storage and filtering facility in Holbrook-Palmer Park were looking for, but while City Council members didn't rule out going ahead with the project in the park, they did unanimously agree at their May 16 meeting that they'd prefer another location.

Public Works Director Robert Ovadia and consultants working on the project will check out other possible locations and return the matter to the council. They are also negotiating with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to ease deadlines that could result in the loss of \$13.6 million in funding for the project. Caltrans has offered to pay the entire costs of building the facility, which would filter trash and pollutants out of runoff water on its way to the Bay and provide some flooding protection to the town.

Local residents have protested the project at five public meetings, and did so again on May 16.

"It just doesn't fit" in the park, said Lal Heneghan of Ashfield Road about the proposed project. "It could be done at other places."

Most of the speakers live near the park, and many complained that they also will bear the brunt of the construction of Atherton's new civic center and of Caltrain's electrification project. "You're doing everything to this side of town," Heneghan said.

"We hear you," said Mayor

Cary Wiest. "We've heard the park is not the best location."

But other council members said a lot of misinformation has been spread about the project. "This project does not in any way adversely impact the recreational use of the park," council member Rick DeGolia said, noting that similar facilities have been built under other parks.

Council member Elizabeth Lewis said others have appeared to misunderstand the financing of the project, which is entirely from Caltrans and cannot be spent on other projects.

The project would also affect the use of only about 10 percent of the park during construction, not all of it, she said.

"I just think that some of the fears are overblown, and when it's all said and done, it's not going to be a problem," she said. However, she added, "my preference is not to put it in the park." She said the town is "working diligently" to find an alternative site.

Council member Mike Lempres said he was ready to rule out putting the project in the park, but City Attorney Bill Connors said the council couldn't vote on that subject because it wasn't on the agenda.

"I think there are real benefits to this," Lempres said. "I like the idea of cleaning the Bay whenever we can. I don't think, however, the park is the right location for this."

But council member Bill Widmer said he was "not in favor of eliminating (the park as an option) if it's our only choice." He said he's heard from residents in other parts of Atherton, and they don't understand why

the town wouldn't allow Caltrans to pay for something the town's taxpayers would otherwise have to pay for. "I prefer not to take options off the table," he said.

Because Caltrans is required by the state water board to reduce the amount of pollutants in runoff water near its roadways, it has offered to pay for the facility in Atherton and other locations in the state. The town would be responsible only for future maintenance costs of the huge underground vaults and of any equipment associated with them.

The town, in a 2015 drainage master plan, had identified the need for storm water detention basins to reduce flooding risks.

Atherton also has a state mandate to reduce pollutants flowing to the Bay. The drainage master plan envisions large, slightly depressed grassy areas where water could be diverted in flood conditions. The facility Caltrans has offered to pay for is much more elaborate, diverting the water deep underground, and would require much less above-ground land area.

A report from a Tetra Tech consultant at the meeting said measurements taken during a recent rainfall show the planned facility would be able to control a flood of the size that is projected to occur just once every 25 years downstream of the park. The project would also remove mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in amounts close to what is required of the town, the report says.

Measurements were taken after two rains, but the results of only one were available. **A**

## Commission hits pause on office building

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac staff writer

Plans for a proposed single-story office building expected to house little more than 10 professionals were halted May 14 when the Menlo Park Planning Commission voted 6-0 to continue its review of the project to a time when the developer has more thoroughly addressed neighborhood concerns about the office's expected traffic and parking impacts.

The office building, proposed by an LLC called "NMSBPCLS-DHB," affiliated with Los Gatos-based real estate company Granum Partners, would be built on the site of a former gas station near Middlefield Road and Woodland Avenue next to the Willows Market at the corner of

Middlefield Road and Willow Road; it would be 3,584 square feet — a paltry fraction of the commercial square footage planned and under construction throughout the city.

The developer and project architect, Ken Hayes of Hayes Group Architects, said that the firm did hold a public meeting to provide information about the project, but only three people attended.

The project, vehemently opposed by a number of locals, was criticized for a request by the developer to build only 12 parking spots — 10 fewer than the required 22 spots.

Hayes said that the office would likely be used as a private family foundation or venture capital office, both of which tend to have lower

people-to-square-foot ratios than standard offices.

Louise Selchau-Hansen sent a lengthy email to city staff and the City Council, expressing conviction that venture capitalists would be unlikely to adhere to transportation demand management policies. "If you have been around any of them, I hate to say it, but there's a type," Selchau-Hansen wrote. "It's a hyper-masculine industry and having a car and coming and going when one pleases — and not feeling the least bit like it falls upon their successful rears to save Mother Earth — is the culture of that and other high flying industries. I don't believe for a second that they will manage with the parking

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# Belle Haven group launches school transfer effort

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac staff writer

Weekday mornings, Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood bustles with outbound kids, says Belle Haven Neighborhood Association member Sheryl Bims.

Whether through the Tinsley Voluntary Transfer Program, private schools in the area, or homeschooling, many households in the neighborhood pursue alternatives to attending school in the Ravenswood City School District, she said.

She's a supporter of a petition formulated by the Belle Haven neighborhood association that is calling for the transfer of Belle Haven Elementary from the Ravenswood City School District. As of last week, the petition has received 67 online signatures and more hard-copy signatures.

The petition calls for the school, on Ivy Drive in Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood, to be transferred to the Menlo Park City School District. If it cannot join that district, the petition states, a new district should be formed, which would include the city's Belle Haven neighborhood, the "M-2" area — where the city has zoned for up to 4,500 new housing units to be built — and Haven Avenue, where a combined 540 new apartments have been built.

The petition does not mention the other Menlo Park school in the Ravenswood City School District, Willow Oaks Elementary, at 620 Willow Road.

Neighborhood association president Rachel Bickerstaff summarized: "Too many Belle Haven families are forced to commute throughout the Peninsula on a daily basis because

they cannot send their children to the local public schools."

She pointed to 2017 statewide testing results, contrasting outcomes between the Menlo Park City School District and the Ravenswood City School District. About 81 percent of the students in third through eighth grade in the Menlo Park district met or exceeded math standards, compared with 12.7 percent of the students in third through eighth grades in the Ravenswood district who met or exceeded math standards.

In addition to disparities between the school districts' test scores, Bims said, the school-day exodus of children from the neighborhood raises questions and concerns about the local public school offerings.

Recent tension between the community and the school district over the removal of Belle Haven Elementary School Principal Todd Gaviglio has heightened the neighborhood's concerns with district leadership, as has a "vote of no confidence" in district superintendent Gloria Hernandez-Goff by the district's teachers' union last spring.

Bims called the events "huge red flags." On April 4, nearly half of the students at Belle Haven Elementary boycotted the school in protest of the principal's removal.

"Whatever methodologies are in place aren't properly serving the community," Bims said. "It's time to start addressing the elephant in the neighborhood."

There have been three previous secessions of neighborhoods in Menlo Park from the Ravenswood City School District in the past several decades, transfer proponents said: Menlo Oaks, Suburban Park and the Willows.

Those households took with them their property tax base into the Menlo Park City School District, which is considered a self-sustaining "basic aid" district that generates enough taxes per student to not rely on any state funding.

The Ravenswood district does rely on state funding because its property tax base is not sufficient to meet a certain per-student funding baseline.

Because of the difference in how the schools are funded, it's likely that the amount of the area's property tax base would be a major factor in whether the Menlo Park district would opt to take on the new territory.

Bims challenged residents of the Willows, Suburban Park and Menlo Oaks neighborhoods to return to the Ravenswood district if they feel it's important to not leave that district in the lurch by reducing its property tax base, since the state automatically pays the difference based on the number of children who attend the school.

"I doubt we'll have many takers," she said.

"It shouldn't be on the backs of the Belle Haven neighborhood to say, 'You need to stay behind,'" said Rose Bickerstaff, a member of the homeowners' association. "Did people think about (that) when the Willows, Menlo Oaks and Suburban Park pulled out?"

The Almanac received a written statement from Hernandez-Goff in response to the petition: "To me, there is no doubt that we can and must do better as a district," she wrote. "That's why the reforms that are currently being implemented within our district are necessary to the long-term success of the new Ravenswood. Although I share



Photo by Sue Dremann.

**The Belle Haven neighborhood association** is circulating a petition to move Belle Haven Elementary School in Menlo Park out of the Ravenswood City School District.

the petitioners' frustration, not only regarding Belle Haven, but the entire district, we are working extremely hard to overturn decades of failed policies and practice. I ask the community to work with us as partners as we continue the upward trajectory of our district.

## Changing boundaries

Last September, then-Menlo Park Mayor Kirsten Keith convened a public forum to discuss educational equality in Menlo Park. At the time, Suzanne Carrig, a Santa Clara County education official, gave a presentation about how to change district boundaries.

Carrig told attendees that in San Mateo County, the request for transfer would first go to an 11-member county committee on school district organization, and would be subject to nine criteria that are considered in evaluating the potential impacts of district boundary changes. They

include ascertaining whether the proposed changes would yield an equitable division of property and facilities, promote racial or ethnic segregation, affect educational programs, or increase state costs.

Another criteria: The change can't be made for the sole purpose of increasing property values.

The matter would likely go to the governing boards of the school districts involved and might go to voters, she said.

According to Rose Bickerstaff, the petition needs to be signed by a quarter of the registered voters in the area to move forward.

"Sometimes, to attack a problem, you have to start with a small piece of it," Bims said. "What we're trying to do is save a community school."

"At this point, we're just trying to get through that first hurdle," she said. "We'll see how this journey goes for us." ■

## Menlo Park council endorses charter city vote

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac staff writer

Come November, Menlo Park voters may be asked to decide whether to convert the city from a "general law" city with a standardized constitution, to a "charter" city, with a more customizable one.

The Menlo Park City Council voted 3-2 on May 8, with council members Ray Mueller and Rich Cline opposed, in favor of bringing before voters a 2018 ballot measure to create a "limited charter," with authority to customize election procedures.

Cline said he supports the process but would prefer to see

the city wait until 2020, when new people are on the council, to move forward with it. "I have yet to be convinced of the urgency ... to have a charter put in at the time."

Mueller said he was tired of talking about council procedural matters and noted that the city would still be subject to the California Voting Rights Act as a charter city.

One of the main reasons the council is considering making the switch to a charter is that the change would enable the city to explore alternative voting methods, such as cumulative or ranked-choice voting.

By acclamation, the council

appointed council members Cline and Catherine Carlton to an ad hoc committee to iron out the details of what other pieces could be included as part of a conversion to a charter city, including whether or not to include term limits and to establish a broader city committee to develop further charter policies after 2018.

Mayor Peter Ohtaki recommended that some former council members be appointed to offer their input through this process.

Another advantage of becoming a charter city that the council has discussed is that it could offer the city greater

freedoms to be more selective with its contracting procedures. Carlton said the step might "provide us better services for less money."

Under state law, the city has to accept the lowest bid on projects, but that can mean trouble if the contractor is not adequately qualified or has a history of poor work, explained City Attorney Bill McClure in a previous report. Becoming a charter city would give the city more power to pick contractors, so long as it continues to pay prevailing wage.

"I trust you guys (pointing to the council) and you guys (pointing to the council meeting

audience) much more than I trust the state," said former council member Mickie Winkler. "This is an extraordinary opportunity. Let's put it to the voters this year."

The ad hoc committee was also tasked with considering adding term limits to the charter measure.

Assistant City Attorney Cara Silver said it might be possible to pass a charter that sets term limits but makes them subject to change by the City Council.

"I think really that it's a policy issue about whether to include (term limits) or not," she said. Recently, council members Cline and Mueller made a request that the council consider term limits of three four-year terms. ■



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# Sheriff write-in candidate says he's running to proclaim he has secrets

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Deputy Heinz Puschendorf, at one time the president of the San Mateo County Deputy Sheriff's Association, is running for the top job of sheriff in the June 5 election.

Puschendorf is a write-in candidate, having thrown his hat into the ring, he said, due to his dissatisfaction with the April 25 public forum in which questions were posed to his electoral competitors: appointed incumbent Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos and Deputy Mark D. Melville.

After a series of interviews with The Almanac, Puschendorf's status with the Sheriff's Office is still unclear — although he's still listed on the department roster as a disabled employee.

During the interviews, he made a series of claims about the department, including assertions that he has been persecuted by department higher-ups. The Almanac was unable to confirm these claims, and Puschendorf provided no documentation.

Asked for his priorities if elected, Puschendorf said they include addressing a system of mandatory overtime that he considers abusive, resolving an irregular distribution of detectives that shortchanges property crime investigations, and correcting an unfair system of rotation of detective assignments.

He also wants a competitive election, he said, but expects retribution for being outspoken. "I am the lone voice," Puschendorf said in one interview. "Why do I run? Because I'm the last chance and opportunity for the truth to hopefully get out before it gets smothered," he said. Because "they're going to smother me. They're going to do all the bad stuff, but I'm holding the aces in my hand because I have all the secrets. I know where the bodies are buried."

The "truth" he refers to concerns what happened in April 2007 in Las Vegas, when Bolanos was detained by police along with then-sheriff Greg Munks when FBI agents raided an illegal and run-down brothel in a residential neighborhood.

Puschendorf said his account is based on visiting Las Vegas after the incident and researching the facts as presented by media accounts and talking with people who told him they witnessed the events of that night.

Records of that night have disappeared, he claimed, but he said he has thousands of pages of documents, including emails and depositions, that attest to a story that has not been told. He provided none of this documentation to The Almanac. He asserted that Bolanos has demanded silence from everyone.

His papers and the story they tell, he insisted, "is how I've kept my job. I have everybody with dirty stuff and (dirty) laundry.

They're trying to do all the stuff to get me. ... That's why I had to go public and run for (sheriff). I'm afraid of getting victimized even further."

Puschendorf, 51, has not worked since April 2016 due to an injury incident in 2014 in



Photo by Dave Boyce/  
The Almanac  
**Heinz Puschendorf**

which he was told to subdue an inmate in the jail. But while he is not being paid, his name is still on a roster that he provided to The Almanac. He is listed as disabled, but says he has not received any of the disability pay he's entitled to. His situation has been manipulated, he claimed, to effectively render him a ghost on the roster and prevent him from getting due process.

He provided no documentation of efforts on his part to

receive disability pay, and no explanation as to why he hasn't filed for disability retirement.

Union management does not have his back and is in cahoots with the sheriff, Puschendorf said.

If he doesn't win the election, he said, he'll try for a recall "and do what it takes to take back control from these corrupt politicians and give control back to the good people of San Mateo County." ■

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## Plumbing mishap reportedly sparks Ambar Way house fire

Renee Batti  
Almanac editor

A house fire reportedly caused by a plumbing project mishap broke out on Ambar Way in Menlo Park on the evening of May 19, but was quickly extinguished by firefighters and a handyman who had been on the scene to notice the first signs of the wall and attic blaze.

Menlo Park Fire Protection District firefighters responded to a 5:19 p.m. call within five minutes and took over fighting the blaze, which was sending out smoke from the single-story home's attic vent.

Before firefighters arrived, the handyman, who had earlier soldered a copper pipe in the area of the fire, used a garden hose in an effort to prevent the blaze from spreading, according to a fire district press release issued

Sunday morning.

Fire investigators said the fire had started in the wall "due to the soldering of the pipe," and then spread into the home's attic, according to the district. The homeowners, who live in the house, were in the backyard discussing the plumbing project with the handyman at the time.

The owners of the 2,400-square-foot, 1950s-era home face losses of \$66,000 in contents and an undetermined loss in structural damage, according to the press release.

Five fire engines, one ladder truck and two battalion chiefs responded to the blaze, which was brought under control at 5:44 p.m., according to the district. A fire crew stayed on the scene until almost 9 p.m. to ensure that the fire was completely extinguished, the district said. ■

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# Trailblazing microbiologist Stanley Falkow dies at Portola Valley home

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Stanley Falkow, a resident of Portola Valley, professor emeritus in microbiology and immunology at the Stanford University medical school, and a pioneer in determining how bacteria cause human disease and develop resistance to antibiotics, died May 5. He was 84.

He died at home in the company of his wife, Dr. Lucy Tompkins, who is also a Stanford medical school professor and physician. A friend and a longtime assistant were also present, according to a May 10 statement from Stanford.

Falkow was “a giant in the field of microbiology,” medical school science writer Krista Conger said in the statement. Considered to be the founder of his field of study, Falkow discovered that bacterial species swapped their disease-causing capabilities and their resistance to antibiotics “like trading cards,” the statement said.

Falkow participated in the Food and Drug Administration’s investigation into the routine use of antibiotics in animal feed. With his understanding of the ease with which antibiotic resistance was transferable

between bacterial species, Falkow became a strong advocate against the use of treated feed, the statement said.

As a consequence of his collaboration with the government, including at the local level, Falkow came to the conclusion that, while he did not enjoy testifying, “it is also a scientist’s responsibility to serve the public’s interest,” the Stanford statement said.

**‘I never thought bacteria were that interesting until I heard all the things Stanley told me they could do.’**

DR. MANUEL R. AMIEVA

Falkow grew up in Albany, New York, and Newport, Rhode Island. His interest in microbiology began in a public library with the book “Microbe Hunters,” by Paul de Kruif, published in 1926 by Harvest Books. He acquired a microscope at age 11, and after seeing bacteria swimming in spoiled milk, he decided on a career as a bacteriologist, the statement said.

While enrolled at the University of Maine, it was as a summer

intern in a hospital laboratory in Newport that Falkow “first began to understand the delicate dance between pathogenic bacteria and their human hosts,” the statement said. That dance came to occupy him for the rest of his life, and it became an enthusiasm that he shared with his students.

Falkow completed graduate school and postdoctoral studies at Brown University and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. He came to love fly fishing after taking it up in an attempt to alleviate agoraphobia and anxiety, problems about which he “spoke freely.” He described his scientific and personal lives as being in a kind of cocoon, “always half-afraid and ready at a moment’s notice to run,” the statement said.

It was at Georgetown University that Falkow discovered his love for teaching and mentoring. A mentorship, he wrote in a retrospective, “cannot be a friendship in the usual sense of the word nor can it be paternalistic. ... It requires absolute honesty and trust.”

Dr. Manuel R. Amieva, a physician and associate professor at Stanford medical school, described Falkow in the statement as “incredibly gifted in his ability to bring out the best in

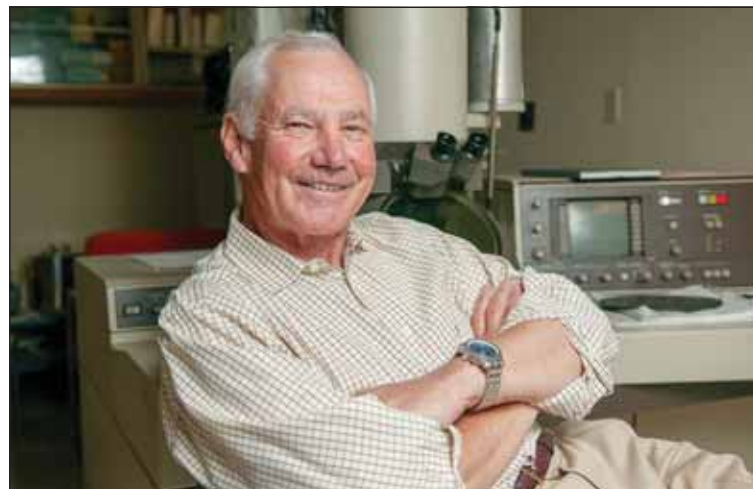


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**Stanley Falkow**, a lifelong student of and champion of bacteria and the discoverer of how bacteria cause disease and resist antibiotics, died May 5 at his home in Portola Valley.

people. I try to think about his generosity to me and emulate that with my students.”

“I never thought bacteria were that interesting until I heard all the things Stanley told me they could do,” Amieva recalled. “He was so charismatic and told all these stories about being on the side of the microbes. Some people say that Stanley himself was infectious — his personality and humor could hook you and draw you in.”

“Bacteria have lost a good friend,” Dr. Marshal Bloom, a senior investigator of tick-borne

viruses at Rocky Mountain Laboratories in Hamilton, Montana, said in the statement. “The reach of his scientific legacy is almost incalculable, and his loss will be felt around the world,” Bloom said.

Falkow is survived by his wife; daughters Jill Brooks and Lynn Short; stepson Christopher Tompkins; sister Jeanette Andriess; and four grandchildren. A celebration of his life is being planned for later in May.

Go to [is.gd/Falkow](https://is.gd/Falkow) for the full statement from the medical school. ▣

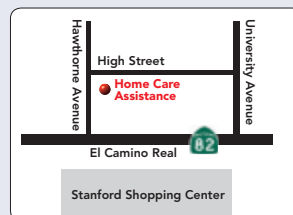
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## Mildred (Millie) Dutra

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Millie Dutra passed peacefully on May 8th. She was a long time resident of Menlo Park. Millie was born in Modesto, CA, married her husband John in 1944, and moved to the Bay Area shortly after. John passed away in 1995.

She enjoyed gardening, baking, church community activities, chatting with friends, and her beloved Carol Burnett Show, not necessarily in that order. She cared for her ailing godmother for many years, and had a special bond and friendship with her.

Millie leaves behind her children: Sharon, Pat, and John. She had one grandchild, Meghan. When traveling in Europe with the family, Meghan and Grandma would be roommates and enjoyed many hours playing cards even while Millie sometimes bent the rules a bit. The family enjoyed many holidays together. She relished in her extended family which most commonly and closely included her niece, Geri and her husband, Albert Nigg.

Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 12pm on Saturday, June 2nd at The Church of the Nativity, 210 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park. Reception to follow at O'Hare Hall on same premises. Interment at Alta Mesa Memorial Park, Palo Alto.

PAID OBITUARY

## Ronald Wayne Braniff

March 6, 1936 – May 6, 2018



Ronald Wayne Braniff, 82, of Rancho Mirage, California, passed away on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at home after a brief illness. Born in Hood River, Oregon to Dorothy Rosella and Hugh Andrew Braniff, he received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Oregon State University. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force in 1956 and began active duty at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, DC working on NASA projects, which further

sparked his engineering interest. After his honorable discharge, Ron earned an offer from IBM for sales training that required him to work in the Pittsburgh, PA office. Ron turned the offer down and instead drove across the country in his Triumph to knock on the doors of IBM in Silicon Valley with a desire to live and work in San Francisco. He was offered an IBM sales training position and began his rewarding corporate career in 1963 as a sales representative in the data processing division, selling IBM punched card accounting machines and 1401 series computers. In 1966, Ron joined Tymshare, a time-sharing company selling computer time and software packages for users on the SDS/XDS 940 computers. He settled in Portola Valley, CA and later Woodside, CA. He spent a total of 18 years at Tymshare as the VP of Sales and Marketing and head of the computer services division. In 1984, Ron became President and CEO of ASK Computer Systems, Inc. where he served until 1992, electing to spend the next 15 years consulting and investing in software start-ups. Ron spent a lifetime enjoying jazz, playing tennis, cooking, traveling and driving his Porsche. He is survived by his wife Carlotta Jane Braniff, his brother Jerry Braniff and sister Patricia Trotman, his children Shannon Braniff of San Rafael, California, Kristin Gettinger (Jon) of Seattle, Washington, and Ryan Braniff (Ali) of Menlo Park, California, his grandchildren Alyssa Mulligan, Simone Gettinger, Johanna Gettinger and Ryder Braniff and his former wife Suzanne Braniff of Half Moon Bay.

Memorial Services will be held in his honor on June 24th at 2:00 pm at Valley Presbyterian Church, 945 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA. Reception to follow at Parkside Grille in Portola Valley.

PAID OBITUARY

## ALPINE INN

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### 'Hue and cry'

Significantly, the Alpine Inn is registered as both a state and a federal landmark. In Portola Valley's general plan, in the chapter on historic resources, the inn is labeled as a structure to be preserved.

A bronze tablet embedded in a boulder outside the inn notes that the building dates from the 1850s, that it was built by one Felix Buelna, and that it served "as a gambling retreat and meeting place for Mexican-Californios."

"It was strategically located on the earliest trail used both by rancheros and American settlers crossing the peninsula to the coast," the tablet continues. "Acquired by an American in 1868, it has continued to serve under various names as a roadhouse and saloon."

Any proposals for altering or remodeling the building would have to take into consideration its history, Town Historian Nancy Lund said. The Town Council might even have to weigh in, she added.

Neely said she's spent months talking with people and looking into who the potential buyers might be and concluded that she "didn't have confidence in any of them."

Lund did not dismiss the possibility of someone with huge

resources buying it, proposing changes that are unacceptable to the town, and taking the town to court.

"How much would the people be willing to pay?" Lund asked. "I hear about deep-pocket people taking things. ... I hope a consortium decides to buy it and keep it as it is" along with seismic improvements, she said.

"I think there would be a hue and cry if it became something other than a restaurant," she said. "My guess is that people wouldn't mind if they had a slightly altered menu."

Alexander said the family is "assuming it would go back to the way it used to be," referring to the menu. Rectangular hamburgers might make a comeback, she said, along with sourdough buns and regular hot dogs. "The fries were absolutely fantastic," she said. "Now they're just ordinary fries. ... Now it's just any old place."

"It's such a wonderful social resource," Neely said. The goal would be "just taking what's great about it and bringing that to the fore and improving it," creating "a community-driven restaurant for Portola Valley and the surrounding community," she said.

Neely is the daughter of Portola Valley residents Dr. Kirk Neely and Holly Myers. She has a bachelor's degree in economics from Bates College and is a manager for the family's wine business. ▣

### 'Our intention is to create an inclusive, welcoming restaurant that maintains the beloved character of a 156-year-old drinking establishment.'

LUCY NEELY,  
IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT

## ■ POLICE CALLS

These reports are from the Menlo Park and Atherton police departments and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.

### ATHERTON

**Theft:** A thief stole a locked bike, a bike helmet and the lock from a bike rack at Menlo-Atherton High School at 555 Middlefield Road. Estimated loss: \$570. May 13.

### PORTOLA VALLEY

**Theft:** Someone stole a sign and sign posts from the front yard of a home on Hillbrook Drive. May 7.

### MENLO PARK

**Commercial burglary:** A thief pried open a door and broke into the commercial storage office of Hurley Construction on Haven Avenue and stole tools. The list of stolen items includes hand and power tools, a vacuum, a water dispenser and office supplies. Estimated loss: \$13,000. May 18.

### Auto burglaries:

■ Someone smashed a window of a vehicle parked in the 500 block of El Camino Real and stole a backpack. Inside was a laptop, a nerve-stimulation device, headphones and prescription medicine. Estimated loss: \$6,785. May 16.

■ After shattering a rear window of a vehicle parked at Bedwell Bayfront Park on Marsh Road, a thief stole a purse containing a wallet and \$20. Estimated loss: \$370. May 18.

### Thefts:

■ Someone stole an electric scooter that was being recharged in a parking plaza in the 700 block of Santa Cruz Avenue. Estimated loss: \$1,000.

■ A thief stole two locked bicycles from the front porch of an apartment complex in the 1300 block of Willow Road. Estimated loss: \$800. May 13.

■ Someone stole a locked bike from beneath the stairs of an apartment on Coleman Place. Estimated loss: \$150. May 16.

■ Responding to a phone call claiming that someone the caller knew had "poured water on him and snatched (approximately \$100) out of his hand," police found the alleged water-pourer, interviewed him, determined that he had no money in his possession and released him at the scene in the 700 block of Menlo Avenue. May 17.

■ A patron of Cafe Borrone told police that someone had stolen her wallet from her purse while she was eating. May 17.

**Stolen vehicle:** A blue-and-white 2006 Suzuki GSXR motorcycle from the 1100 block of Henderson Avenue. May 15.

## OFFICE

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spots laid out in Hayes' plan."

Loretta Lum, the owner of the adjacent property, The Willows Market, told the commission in public comment, "We believe that approval of this variance will have unintended consequences that will affect the entire neighborhood regarding parking and further pedestrian, bike and vehicular congestion at the site."

Commissioners directed the developer to come back with more parking and more outreach to the market and to nearby Applebee Preschool, which uses the Willows Market parking lot. ▣

## Jill Mondry

September 8, 1952 – May 3, 2018

Jill M Mondry, 65, a family law attorney and resident of Menlo Park, transitioned from her body on May 3, 2018, after a long bout with cancer. She was in the company of her long-term partner, Stephen Miller.

Originally from North Dakota, Jill came to California in her twenties and pursued a variety of paths before attending Hastings School of Law, where she obtained her JD in 1991. She established herself in private practice early on in her legal career and was highly respected by her peers, evidenced by her repeated selection as one of the top 50 female attorneys in Northern California. She was a mediator of consummate skill, and well understood the long-term advantages to all concerned of settling family law issues amicably. She also served as a Judge Pro-Tem in San Mateo County.

Jill found great pleasure in creative pursuits, whether it was planting her garden, writing or making art pieces. She derived joy from lighting up the lives of others, which she did in countless ways, helping wherever she saw a need. Her kind, thoughtful and considered words provided guidance and comfort to many. In addition to her partner Stephen, she is survived by her beloved extended family. There are no funeral services planned.



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**Above:** Some animals are just nice to be around and sometimes to ride on, as this little guy discovers.

**Top right:** “If you think this is cool, you should see me when I’m running.”

**Bottom:** As it is with learning to do anything, practice is important when attempting to become proficient with a lariat.

**Below:** The name of this game is balance, and arms outstretched is a well-known technique for maintaining it.

**On the cover:** A Clydesdale team in action is always something to behold, and this team was beheld by visitors, including many young ones, to the annual Portola Valley Horse Fair on May 19.



# HORSING AROUND

Portola Valley celebrates equestrian traditions with community fair

Photos by Robert Most | Story by Dave Boyce

**O**n a recent Saturday in Portola Valley, in a shady and grassy corner of the Town Center, children were having a particularly good time. Particular in that they were celebrating the equestrian aspects of living in a town with a history of equestrian aspects.

What does the skeleton of a horse look like? Easy to answer at the 2018 Horse Fair, held this year on May 12. Almost as good as an X-ray, in a fenced-in area stood a white horse on whose left side the principal bones had been outlined in black and filled in with white paint, water-based of course.

Is horse manure a good thing or a bad thing? It’s definitely an amusing thing and a curiosity to kids of a certain age. A table set up to display it included samples of manure and various foods, including several that were fun to consider but that horses probably don’t eat, like Cheerios. And posters explaining it all.

What does it feel like to run through an obstacle course for a horse — to be like a horse for a few minutes? Opportunity knocked at the fair and the kids took it, whether leaping over a set of crossed poles or a raised 2-by-4. You could test your balance on a barrel meant to simulate standing on a real horse.

There were other activities not so demanding of physicality. Kids could listen to the heartbeat of a horse, could paint a horseshoe, could take a ride (as could the young-at-heart adults with a penchant for wagon rides).

The ponies could not have been more gracious to their young passengers, but the chickens and ducks, and definitely the rabbits, had probably had enough after the first few minutes inside a petting zoo with free-roaming children. The baby goats and baby pigs seemed to love it, though.

The town’s Trails & Paths Committee sponsored the fair. ▣





**Clockwise from top left:** Ponies are the humble and unsung intermediaries to the equestrian lifestyle.  
**Top right:** It would be interesting to try this with four legs, but humans have to make do with two.  
**Above:** He may be lost for the moment, but it looks as if he's in for the duration.  
**Left:** Kids are still playing leapfrog today — and apparently enjoying the ageless game.  
**Above left:** The life of a stuffed animal is not to be envied. She picks one and leaves the other, despite its steady gaze.

# Atherton holds 'active shooter' forum for school officials

Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

With recent local and national incidents fresh in their minds, representatives from most of the nine schools in Atherton got together with members of the Atherton Police Department and other town officials on Tuesday, May 8, to talk about how police would respond to a school shooting.

"Our world is and can be a suddenly violent place," Officer David Gomez told the group of nearly two dozen who attended the school shooter forum. It was one of the meetings the Atherton Police Department holds once or twice a year for officials from the schools within its jurisdiction to promote information-sharing and cooperation.

Gomez, who is Atherton's school resource officer, said the fact that local police might have to respond to such an incident has "always been something that's weighed heavily on my heart."

In such an incident, he said, "The ultimate goal is to make sure everyone gets to go home."

Atherton has a population of about 7,200, but when schools are in session, the town has more than 8,000 students at the nine schools within its boundaries: elementary schools Laurel Lower Campus, Encinal, Las Lomitas and Selby Lane; Sacred Heart (preschool to grade 12); high schools Menlo and Menlo-Atherton; Menlo College; and the Knox Playschool.

"Your children are very important to us," Gomez said.

And in a world that changed in 1999 with the Columbine High School mass shooting, police and school officials must be prepared to respond to such incidents, he said.

Gomez told school officials they can do several things to help the police, including:

- Conduct active shooter, lockdown, fire and bomb threat drills at least once a year. Hold

debriefings that include students after drills to discuss lessons learned.

- Provide police and fire with up-to-date maps of schools. Gomez says he keeps the maps on his phone for easy instant access.

- Have an alternative communication system for school employees, such as walkie-talkies, in case cell phones can't be used.

- Give employees contact lists for classrooms and offices.

- Have a public address system that can be heard inside and outside classrooms.

- Have emergency supplies inside classrooms (including emergency toilets).

- Allow law enforcement to hold drills on campuses.

A representative from one of the schools also recommended a phone app called Share911 that allows employees to instantly contact each other in an emergency.

School officials in attendance said they'd like to improve some things, such as information sharing in an emergency. Linda Creighton, Laurel School's principal, said the lower campus is only a few hundred yards from Menlo-Atherton High School. They learned of the recent lockdown, however, only when students at Menlo-Atherton started texting their parents who work at Laurel.

Police Commander Joe Wade said the department is looking at software that might help improve communication. The issue is vital, he said, to help keep Atherton's police dispatchers from being overwhelmed with calls during an emergency.

"We want you to be able to deploy where you need to deploy," said Creighton. If they can figure out how to get good information to school parents, they could take the pressure off the police dispatchers, she said.

Atherton Detective Jason Bollendorf shared some of his



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

**Atherton School Resource Officer David Gomez** (center, rear) talks to representatives of most of the nine schools in the town and Atherton City Council members at a May 8 live shooter forum in Holbrook-Palmer Park's Jennings Pavilion.

recent firsthand experiences with the group. In the span of less than a week, starting on April 3, Bollendorf responded to the shooting at the YouTube campus in San Bruno, then a campus lockdown at Menlo-Atherton High the following day. He then helped design an April 9 joint active shooter drill for the Atherton Police Department and Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

**'Our world is  
and can be a suddenly  
violent place.'**

ATHERTON POLICE OFFICER  
DAVID GOMEZ

The response to the YouTube shooting — in which a young woman shot and wounded three YouTube employees before dying by suicide — showed how local agencies would respond to a shooting incident at a school or business, he said. At least one representative of every agency in the county arrived on the

scene very quickly, he said. Soon after, representatives of "every three-letter agency" in the federal government also showed up, Bollendorf said.

"Eventually everybody's going to be there" in such an incident, he said. He and other officers checked buildings near the YouTube campus, he said, as well as at YouTube.

Bollendorf said one lesson learned during that incident was that "the persons with the keys" to buildings and offices are critically important to gaining access. "Those people with the keys have to make themselves available to law enforcement," he said.

Sometimes those who are barricaded in classrooms or offices won't open doors to police, because they are not sure who is really at the door, he said, making it necessary to use keys to open doors.

Knowing where surveillance monitoring is and can be viewed is also critical, he said.

School officials also need to make sure that they have multiple

contacts with access to keys and surveillance systems, he said.

The Menlo-Atherton incident — in which the campus was locked down for two and a half hours after someone noticed that a recently expelled student had posted a picture of himself holding a firearm in a bathroom that looked like some on the campus — also taught some lessons. "Very rarely," Bollendorf said, is an incident "exactly the way it's called in to us."

"We have to use our training and experience to try to figure out what is going on," he said. In the M-A incident, he said, it took nearly 50 person-hours of police work to figure out that the selfie was about three weeks old and not taken on the campus, and to locate the juvenile who had posted it.

One thing school employees can do is to think about exactly how they'd respond to incidents they see on television or read about in the news, he said. They can ask themselves: "What am I going to do in that situation?" he said. ■

## Three local high school students win National Merit scholarships

Three local high school students — two from Menlo-Atherton High and one from Woodside High — have been named winners of individual \$2,500 scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corp., a privately funded nonprofit based in Illinois.

The M-A seniors are Christopher S. Iyer of Menlo Park and Maanek S. Sehgal of Woodside, according to a May 9 statement

from National Merit. At Woodside High, the winner is senior Laurel R. Woods of Redwood City.

Iyer is interested in neuroscience as a career, the statement said; Sehgal and Woods are considering the field of computer science.

The 2,500 scholarship winners this year were chosen from a field of more than 15,000 finalists. The nonprofit will

distribute scholarships totaling more than \$31 million when the 2018 program concludes, the statement said.

Scholarship awards are based on an appraisal of a student's academic record, including the difficulty of the subject matter, grades, standardized test scores, leadership in school, community activities and an essay. A recommendation from a high school official is also a factor. ■

## Tax exemption deadline June 1 for Las Lomitas district seniors

Senior citizens who own property in the Las Lomitas School District have until June 1 to apply for an exemption from the district's \$311 parcel tax.

Seniors must be 65 or older by

July 1, 2017, to be eligible. They must also live on the property they own in the district.

To obtain an application form for the exemption, call the district office at 650-854-6311. ■

## Correction

An article in the May 16 edition of The Almanac stated that the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors had approved setting the floor of a per-square-foot fee

at \$68.50 for nonresidential development on Stanford's campus. The supervisors supported the fee but did not approve it. Instead, they recommended that it be vetted through county commissions first. ■

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### Silicon Valley

# Menlo Park school district celebrates science

Not only did four Menlo Park City School District schools hold science-related events during the week of April 23, the district also heard that two students won awards at the state science fair.

The events drew parents, community members, high school volunteers, and representatives of the Lawrence Hall of Science, who joined teachers and staff in offering hundreds of experiments for all ages and levels of students to participate in.

## Oak Knoll

Oak Knoll Elementary School's second annual STEAM on the Knoll evening was April 26. Students collaborated and produced creations using a variety of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics activities.

Participants built Rube Goldberg Machines with the goal of ringing a simple bell; designed, built, and launched parachutes from the second floor classrooms; experimented with chemical reactions by shooting pop-rockets into the air; and enjoyed getting messy with catapult painting.

## Laurel

Laurel Elementary School's upper and lower campuses had their annual STEAM Fair on April 27, lasting all day on both campuses. There were 60 student participation stations with laser mazes, hoverboards, pulley engineering, lemonade science (sweet and sour), owl pellet dissection, the workings of electric guitars, and the perennial favorite: ice cream science with liquid nitrogen.

Principal Linda Creighton even tested out the pulley power zip line, and brave teachers wrapped themselves in snakes.

## Encinal

Encinal Elementary's Science Fair on April 27 featured

workshop stations throughout campus, along with a judged fair of student science projects. In the gym, project topics included finding the best animal habitats, discovering what makes flowers last longest, how colors of paper affect reading speed, understanding the principles behind magnetic levitation, and more.

Parent volunteers helped judge the entries.

Dozens of interactive experiments involved the science of robotics, non-Newtonian fluid, the radiometer, electricity generation, and other scientific subjects. Representatives of UC Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science made their second trip to Encinal this year to host many of the experiments.

The Encinal fair was founded five years ago by school district alumnus and current high school senior, Navya Anne, who had enjoyed participating in Oak Knoll's fair. She launched the Encinal event when she realized that school didn't have a science fair.

Early exposure to science exploration had a profound impact on her, Anne said. "Learning science can make a child more curious about the world around them and provides the opportunity to learn in a fun way through experiments," she said. She was inspired to take advanced STEM classes throughout high school, and hopes to pursue a STEM-related career, she said.

## State science fair winners

During the week of science exploration at the elementary schools, it was also announced that two Hillview Middle School students were among those who received awards for their original research projects at the 67th California State Science and Engineering Fair.

Seventh-grader Jack Liu won honorable mention in computational systems and analysis



Courtesy Menlo Park City School District

**Oak Knoll art teacher Jayd Almquist**, in photo above, teaches students how to make catapults to help create a mural during Oak Knoll's April 26 STEAM on the Knoll event in Menlo Park. At right, fourth-graders at Laurel School Upper Campus in Menlo Park used design thinking to engineer the tallest tower that would hold a single marshmallow.

for "Comparing the Effects of Various Corpora's Qualities on NLG/NLP Systems." Jack said trying to qualify for recognition was really important to him.

"I've always wanted to express my work and put myself out there with others of my age, because it pushes me to do better, more sophisticated work," he said. He learned from others' projects, he said, and found that working on his project led him toward places he hadn't looked at before.

"My inquiry into natural language processing helped me branch out to a new area, cellular automata," he said. "My work on this one topic proved to be a gateway to discovery."

Eighth-grader Caden Annison won second place in physics and astronomy for "Determining if Concrete is a Liable Screen Against Galactic Cosmic Radiation."

Caden said the project was a lot of work, but he got a lot out of it. "I developed skills such as speaking, researching, and outlining.

"I met a lot of really nice people and developed connections with those who shared similar interests in science. You get to go around and see the other projects of students who are just like

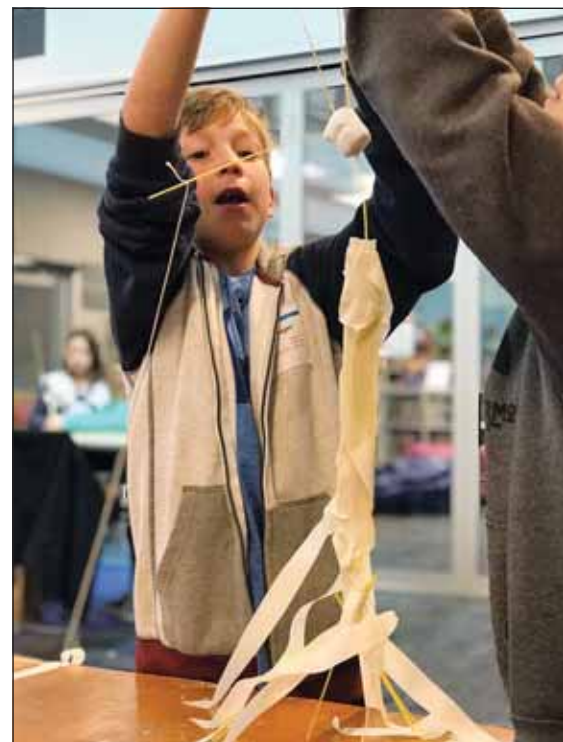
you - they've done something worthy of recognition, which is pretty awesome," he said.

Caden said he appreciated "learning about others' processes and 'tips or tricks,' even if they were in other fields than my own. This experience improved me as a student and a thinker."

## District's emphasis on science

The district's TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment) for math and science, Alicia Payton-Miyazaki, says the district's goal is to "reach all students through their engagement with science." Science is the perfect subject to have families engage in together, she said, with science projects and experiments that have a low entry and high ceiling, so any family member can join in.

"We want to have many opportunities for the whole family to come out and enjoy science together," she said.



Skills practiced in science learning apply across the curriculum, including writing, research, analysis and design, and most importantly, Payton-Miyazaki said, critical thinking.

"We want all students to see themselves as scientists" she said.

In addition to the three events in late April, the district holds an Engineering Day at Encinal, a STEM Friends and Family day at Oak Knoll, a Science Fair and evening celebration at Hillview, and, weather permitting, Astronomy Night.

The district's parent teacher organizations and the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation provide volunteers, supplies and funding. ■

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to see more calendar listings

## Theater

**Fight for 52¢** Howard Petrick will give a solo performance of the play "Fight for 52¢," based on the life of labor activist Vincent Raymond Dunne. May 28, 7:30-9 p.m. \$5-\$10 suggested in donations at the door. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway, Redwood City. dragonproductions.net/box-office

**Musical: 'Pippin'** With music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by Roger O. Hirson, "Pippin" is a musical about a young prince in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. June 3, 3-5 p.m. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org/pippin

**Opera: 'Carmen'** "Carmen," the ultimate free spirit, pays for her freedom with her life. The quintessential French opera about love and death is presented fully-staged, with orchestra, chorus and elaborate sets and costumes. May 25 and June 2, 8-11 p.m.; May 27 and June 3, 2-5 p.m. \$35-\$85; senior, student and group discounts. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. wboopera.org

**Three Days of Rain** The theater will be performing Richard Greenberg's play "Three Days of Rain." May 25-June 17, times vary. \$27-35. The Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway, Redwood City.

**'The World of Extreme Happiness'** The play features a story of Sunny, who is determined to escape her life in rural China and forge a new identity in the city with dreams of reaching America. May 24-26, 8-10 p.m. \$5-\$15. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

## Music

**Mike Galisatus Big Band** Freelance trumpeter Mike Galisatus will perform with vocalist Duane Lawrence. May 27, 7 p.m. \$10-20. Angelicas, 863 Main St., Redwood City.

## Concerts

**Stanford Jazz Combos** Jim Nadel will present a jazz combo showcase, featuring standards and original works by a range of small ensembles. June 1, 7:30 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lausen Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

## Food and Drink

**Portola Valley Farmers' Market** Year-round Thursday farmers' market features fresh fruits and veggies, berries, specialty foods, fresh artisan baked goods, farm meats and eggs, honey, jams, nuts and nut butters, prepared foods, hot Roli Roti Chickens, made-to-order crepes, tamales, crafts and body products. Thursdays, 2-6 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

**Monday Night Pub Quiz** The event will feature an ultimate trivia contest along with food, drinks and prizes. May 28, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. freewheelbrewing.com

**Morning Tea** Drop in for a cup of tea and a treat, and read magazines or gaze out on the native plant garden. May 25, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

**Paella Party at Gamble Garden** Residents can attend a Spanish Paella Party at Gamble Garden catered by Parley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme. Feast on olives, Marcona almonds, sangria, Paella Valencia, Catalan tomato bread salad and rustic bread on communal tables. June 1, 6-9 p.m. \$70. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverly St., Palo Alto.

## Talks & Lectures

**Oliver Freiberger: 'Lines in Water? On Drawing Buddhism's Boundaries in Ancient India'** Professor Oliver Freiberger of the University of Texas at Austin will deliver a talk exploring the ways in which religious agents and modern scholars distinguish religions. May 24, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu

**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

**Learning to Use the iPhone and iPad** This class will teach participants how to use an iPad or an iPhone. Participants are allowed to borrow and take home an iPad for the duration of the course. Weekly; next meeting on May 24, 1-2 p.m. \$5-\$12 per class. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. penvol.org/littlehouse

**Exploring Teen Suicide: A Necessary Conversation** Lifetree Café Menlo Park, a Christian initiative, will be holding a dialogue on teen suicide and its causes. May 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. vimeo.com/262107146

**Lucy Jane Bledsoe with Karen Joy Fowler** Novelists Lucy Jane Bledsoe and Karen Joy Fowler will discuss Bledsoe's new book, "The Evolution of Love." RVSPs are appreciated by the organizers. May 29, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Book Launch with Danielle Teller** Local author Danielle Teller will have a book launch celebrating her debut work of fiction, "All the Ever Afters: The Untold Story of Cinderella's Stepmother." at Palo Alto Books Inc., 74 Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real. May 23, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc, 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event

## 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. Through Sept. 3; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.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 30, 2 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/betray-secret-humanity-age-frankenstein

**'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 Sande Society that is unique to Sierra Leone. Ongoing until December; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

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**Do Ho Suh: The Spaces in Between** In this exhibition, artist Do Ho Suh uses a chandelier, wallpaper and a decorative screen to focus attention on issues of migration and transnational identity. May 23-Feb. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

**The J. Sanford and Vinie Miller Distinguished Lecture Series: Artist Qin Feng** Qin Feng demonstrates the performative aspects of his ink art. Presented in conjunction the exhibition "Ink Worlds: Contemporary Chinese Painting from the Collection of Akiko Yamazaki and Jerry Yang." May 24, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/programs

**'Observer Mechanics' Solo Exhibit by Noa Mendelevitch** The exhibit, 'Observer Mechanics' will feature mixed media paintings created by Noa Mendelevitch at The Main Gallery in Redwood City. The Gallery is located at 1018 Main Street. Through June 17, Wednesdays-Sundays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. The Main Gallery, 1018 Main St., Redwood City. themaingallery.org

**Portola Art Gallery Presents Larry Calof's 'Sunrise, Sunset'** The Portola Art Gallery presents "Sunrise, Sunset," a collection of photographic images of sunrises and sunsets, primarily around the West and Southwest, by Larry Calof of Atherton. The exhibit features images printed on aluminum, as well as pieces printed on traditional archival paper. Through May 31, Mondays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

## Dance

**Bravissimo Dance Studio: Concerto 2018** Students will be performing the French comic ballet "Coppélia." May 26, 4-7 p.m. \$25. Cañada College Main Theatre, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

## Film

**Film Screening: 'Milk'** The Menlo Park Library will present a screening of the documentary Milk, starring Sean Penn as San Francisco City Supervisor Harvey Milk, the first openly-gay person to be elected to public office in California. May 29, 6-8:10 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

## Health & Wellness

**Tai Chi** Ben Dineen teaches tai chi a class open to all ability levels in the library garden. May 25, 10-11 a.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

**Mindfulness and Meditation for Teens** Class The class will introduce young people, ages 12-26, to the basic skills of a mindfulness practice. May 24, 6-7 p.m. Free. SafeSpace Community Engagement Center, 708 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park. eventbrite.com/event/mindfulness-and-meditation-for-teens-tickets-44461265843

## Religion & Spirituality

**God and Gays: An Hour of Civil Conversation** The program will feature the filmed stories of Jeff Chu, author of "Does Jesus Really Love Me? A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America." Attendees will have an opportunity to discuss issues relating to homosexuality and faith in a safe environment. May 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park.



Photo by Drew Altizer

**Part the Cloud Gala** Co-Chairs Ellen Drew, left, and Debbie Robbins, flank event founder "Mikey" Hoag.

## 'Part the Cloud Gala' benefit breaks fundraising record for Alzheimer's research

By **Kate Daly**  
Special to the Almanac

The Part the Cloud Gala held in Menlo Park on April 28 broke its own fundraising record by generating more than \$11 million for Alzheimer's research.

Founded in 2012 by Michaela "Mikey" Hoag of Atherton in association with the Alzheimer's Association, Part the Cloud events have alternated each year between an evening gala and a luncheon, and to date have raised over \$29 million.

The winning fundraising formula consists of pulling together a combination of generous corporate and private sponsors to underwrite the events so all proceeds go toward research.

Hoag spoke to the sellout crowd of over 330 guests attending the most recent gala at the Rosewood Sand Hill, thanking everyone for supporting a cause that started out as personal, but has grown over the years to fund 23 clinical trials across the globe. Hoag's father suffered from Alzheimer's, and now her mother is in the advanced stages of the memory-loss disease.

Hoag announced a new research challenge, which the gala program explained as "Part the Cloud to REStoRE (REverse, reStore, Cease and UndErstand) Brain Cell Degeneration in Alzheimer's ... to accelerate therapeutics and discovery of innovative compounds to be used in early clinical trials."

"Let's hope one day we will have a cure and remember each other," she said.

ESPN commentator Sage Steele acted as emcee for the gala. Alzheimer's is also personal for her — her grandmother had it.

Singer/songwriter Jay Allen and his band performed the song "Blank Stares," which he wrote honoring his mother, who has early onset Alzheimer's.

Tony Award-winning singer Idina Menzel headlined the event, belting out tunes she is known for, such as "Defying Gravity" from the musical "Wicked," and "Let It Go" from the movie "Frozen."

She ended her set with an impromptu duet with guest Victoria Bailey of Woodside, who proclaimed that her lifelong dream was to sing with Menzel.

Turns out Bailey used to be an opera singer, and as Steele said after all the applause quieted down, she "nailed it."

Earlier on in the evening Garth Brooks and Ronnie Lott took the stage, as did gala co-chairs Ellen Drew and Debbie Robbins. The women thanked their Steering Committee members: Melissa Badger, Dana Eckert, Sue Foley, Lulu Frye, Stephanie Harman, Lauren Koenig, Laurie Kraus Lacob, Anne Lawler, Heather Pietsch, Paula Robichaud, Sally Robinson, Mary Stevens and Hilary Valentine.

The night ended on a celebratory note with more music and dancing to David Martin's House Party. ■

## Bizet's colorful 'Carmen' arrives on West Bay Opera stage this weekend

West Bay Opera is closing its season with "Carmen," by Georges Bizet, with performances beginning on Friday, May 25, on the Lucie Stern Theatre stage in Palo Alto.

Other performances are May 27, and June 2 and 3.

The West Bay production is

set in 1930s Seville, during the Spanish Civil War. This affords it "a fascinating backdrop for the exploration of social, political and gender issues that are part of the story," says West Bay General Director Jose Luis Moscovich.

The cast includes mezzo-soprano Nikola Printz in the

title role and tenor Salomone Atti as Don Jose. Baritone Krasen Karagiozov sings the role of Escamillo, and Maria Fernanda Brea, whom Moscovich describes as an "up-and-coming Venezuelan soprano," appears as Micaela.

The production also features members of Ragazzi Boys

chorus. And Kerensa DeMars, who directs the San Francisco Flamenco Dance Company, has come on board "to get our singers to feel the flamenco vibe and deliver something genuine on stage," Moscovich says.

Moscovich conducts, and stage direction is by Richard Harrell.

Tickets are \$40 to \$85, with group discounts given. They can be reserved by calling 650-424-9999, or online at WBOpera.org. More information about the production may be obtained on the website.

The Lucie Stern Theatre is at 1305 Middlefield Road. ■

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Menlo Park City School District will hold two separate public hearings on the proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-19 on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menlo Park City School District Office, TERC Building located at 181 Encinal Avenue, Atherton, California. A copy of the LCAP and the proposed budget will be available for public examination at the above location from June 1, 2018 through June 5, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any stakeholder affected by the LCAP or the Menlo Park City School District budget may appear before the Menlo Park City School District Board of Trustees and speak to the LCAP or the proposed budget or any item therein.

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## Notice of Public Hearings

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# Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

## Finish campus projects; support bond

Voters in the Las Lomitas Elementary School District in 2013 approved a \$60 million bond measure to launch the first phase of a massive capital project that included building more than 30 new classrooms and replacing portable classrooms at its two schools: Las Lomitas in Atherton and La Entrada Middle School in Menlo Park.

With that project nearly completed, district leaders are now asking voters to support Measure R, a \$70 million bond measure on the June ballot that would allow the district to finish the job of repairing and renovating existing buildings, some of which have leaking roofs and outdated electrical and security systems.

If approved by 55 percent of voters, the bond measure would add to property tax bills about \$300 per \$1 million of the assessed value of property in the district. Combined with what they are already paying on the debt from the 2013 Measure S, property owners would pay a total of about \$650 per \$1 million of assessed value of their property if Measure R passes.

Is that a reasonable price to pay for what would

be achieved with the funds? We think it is, considering several key factors: the poor state of a number of aging facilities and systems on the district campuses, including electrical, heating/air conditioning and security systems in serious need of upgrading; the need to get rid of, once and for all, portable classrooms on the La Entrada campus; the need to make all

buildings seismically safe and bring playground equipment up to current health and safety codes; and the indisputable corollary between high property values and good schools with well-maintained campuses.

As any property owner knows, maintenance of structures and infrastructure is expensive, but it only gets more so the longer it's delayed. Las Lomitas district board president John Earnhardt sums it up: "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."

Voters in the Las Lomitas district should allow the district to complete its project to repair existing facilities and upgrade its campuses by supporting Measure R. ▣

### EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

## Unfortunate choices in sheriff's race

Some of the blame must be placed on the trio of county supervisors — Don Horsley, Warren Slocum and Adrienne Tissier — who in 2016 appointed Bolanos, then under-sheriff, to replace Munks after his mid-term retirement, refusing to allow others to apply for the job and ensuring that Bolanos would have an incumbent's advantage in this race.

S an Mateo County voters who want to cast ballots in the race for sheriff have three candidates to choose from. Two are on the ballot: Appointed incumbent Carlos Bolanos and challenger Mark Melville, a county sheriff's deputy on active duty. A third, write-in candidate, Heinz Puschendorf, is also on the Sheriff's Office roster, listed as a deputy, disabled.

Those who remember and continue to be troubled by Bolanos' 2007 escapade in Las Vegas, when he and then-sheriff Greg Munks were detained at an illegal brothel, face a dilemma in this election. Should your vote go to an experienced law enforcement administrator whose generally progressive policies are a good fit for the county, but who has yet to adequately explain just what happened in Las Vegas, or apologize to the public for how the county was ill-represented by his widely reported actions? Or should you support a candidate whose administrative experience is dwarfed, if it exists at all, when what's at stake is the functioning of a multi-million-dollar public safety agency with, according to the Sheriff's Office website, more than 800 sworn and civilian employees?

We are among those who remain disturbed by Bolanos' lack of accountability for the Las Vegas debacle, but see him as the only viable choice among the candidates to run a huge bureaucratic agency whose level of functioning has serious consequences for our communities.

Why were there no better choices in this race?

The slim board majority pushed through Bolanos' appointment despite the urging of community members — including former county supervisors and now congressional representatives Anna Eshoo and Jackie Speier — to conduct an open process and invite applicants for the position.

The two congresswomen wrote at the time: "We do know that there are members of law enforcement who would be willing to compete for an appointment but who feel severely disadvantaged to compete in an election under the present circumstances."

To vote in this race for either of the challengers, whom we find to be unqualified for this important job, would be understandable from the perspective of a desire to vote against Bolanos — wanting to cast a feel-good protest vote. But one only needs to consider the consequences of so many past protest votes, including the instability of governance in Washington, to realize how destructive they can be.

If you vote, cast your vote for Bolanos, and hope that next time we have real choices. ▣

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1969 Tate St. #C301

E. Palo Alto, CA 94303

CECILIA CRUZ

1969 Tate St. #C301

E. Palo Alto, CA 94303

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 277524

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Registered owner(s):

PIVOTING ASPECTS

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File No.: 277488

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Registered owner(s):  
ANDY RAMIREZ RAMIREZ

597 6th. Ave.

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California

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Registered owner(s):

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So. San Francisco, CA 94080

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Registered owner(s):

TONY NGO

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(ALM May 23, 30; June 6, 13, 2018)

## 997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: 18CIV01916

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: JAZMIN VASQUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

DIEGO MANUEL LANDA-VASQUEZ to DIEGO MANUEL LANDA.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: June 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Dept. of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

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