

BARRON PARK ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John W. King, BPA President



The Barron Park community spirit prevailed again back in late July with an impromptu ice cream social event which was attended and enjoyed by dozens of residents. A big thank you to Karen Saxena for coordinating this friendly, sociable event! Watch this space for new and fun activities sponsored by the BPA—better yet, if you have an idea, organize one yourself! Contact me (John W. King, president@bpapaloalto.org) or any Board member to get the ball rolling.

The Barron Park Board has been taking on important subjects in the neighborhood, such as traffic issues, and most recently

formed the new Bol Park Shared Pathway committee. If you are interested in working with a committee and providing input, please contact me or a Board member for more information.

The BPA always welcomes new potential Board members to visit a Board meeting sometime soon. (See schedule later in this Newsletter.) Ours is of course a volunteer organization, and we always need additional support. No time like the present to renew your annual BPA membership, accepted all year round, of course! Just go to www.bpapaloalto.org and use PayPal or the mail-in form, with your check. Thanks!

Babysitters / Childcare and Services / Business Lists!

The BPA needs a volunteer to organize the lists. Interested? Please write with contact info and questions to: bpa.paloalto@gmail.com

Add your local business or service to the BPA Babysitters/Childcare or the Services/Business Lists! Send your information to: barronpark.paloalto@gmail.com



From L. to R., Karen Saxena, John King, David Coale, and Gwen Luce working hard to keep up with the demand for ice cream! Photos: Myrna Rochester

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A New Thriller: *Mississippi Reckoning*

Interview with Local Author Mitchell Zimmerman

Author (and retired intellectual property attorney) Mitchell Zimmerman is a longtime resident of Green Acres 2. His new book *Mississippi Reckoning* (2019) has been called a “riveting” legal thriller that “follows a tortured man’s moral journey” as he seeks vigilante justice in the case of the infamous 1964 murders of civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi. BPA Newsletter editors asked Mitchell a few questions.

EDS: We’re guessing the issues you deal with in the book are important to you. Can you explain a little?

MZ: *Mississippi Reckoning* is both a thriller and a historical novel, and the novel’s big themes—the death penalty and the struggle against white supremacy—have been persistent currents or concerns in my own life.

Gideon Roth, the protagonist, is an attorney whose long-defended client is executed in Chapter One. His life comes apart in the wake of the execution and eventually he takes up a new cause to give his life meaning: He will return to Mississippi, where he was a civil rights worker in his youth, and slay the KKK members who got away with murdering civil rights workers 30 years earlier.

Like Gideon, I was also an attorney who represented a (once) young black man condemned to death; and like Gideon, I was also a civil rights worker in the South in the 1960s.

My connection with my death-row client and his issues became profound over the years—the decades, actually. Likewise, my understanding of the corruption, the racism, the degradation of the death penalty system.

EDS: *Mississippi Reckoning* seems to have many parallels to your own life. How did your life experience influence the writing of this book?

MZ: As mentioned, I was, like the main character, a Silicon Valley lawyer who represented someone on death row as a



Mitchell Zimmerman, author of *Mississippi Reckoning*. Photo: Josefa Zimmerman

pro bono attorney, and a former civil rights worker. In real life I led a team or series of lawyers as we persisted for 22 years, in court after court, until we got our guy off death row. For which California Lawyer magazine honored me an “Attorney of the Year” in 2009.

I began this novel about 15 years into that struggle, partly perhaps as a way to deal with the tension. But mostly I had the hope of getting people to understand—through story-telling—that there are reasons people commit the terrible crimes that land them on death row, and it is not because “Satan” inserted evil into them.

Commonly, a cycle of brutality, violence, and neglect shape and damage children and their parents, who are often the victims of racism. The damage can persist over generations, culminating in the acts of violence for which people end up on death row. So, I decided to tell the stories of a black family and how their horrific experiences of racial abuse and violence ultimately created a damaged young man who did commit a dreadful murder.

Mississippi Reckoning is a novel. But the horrors I write of, and the day-to-day brutality of white supremacy before the movement ended America’s legal apartheid

system, reflect experiences that happened to real people. And I knew about many of these experiences in my work as a civil rights activist more than 50 years ago.

The novel is not an account of the death penalty case that I handled, and it is not an autobiography—well, perhaps it is autobiographical at a few points. But I did draw on my experiences as a death penalty attorney, too, and things I learned in the course of that work. So, while the stories and incidents and legal events that *Mississippi Reckoning* tells are fiction, they are nonetheless deeply truthful.

EDS: In your opinion, who should read *Mississippi Reckoning* and why?

MZ: First and foremost, anyone eager for a suspenseful story. Will this amateur assassin really slay these former KKK members in a small town in Mississippi and get away with it? How is a local police chief to stop Gideon with next to no clues? As we follow Gideon in his road trip across America, we find him meditating on whether he should or should not go through with the assassinations. He explores, too, his own history—and that of the man who will become a killer. It’s a road trip to the past, as well as to the Magnolia State.

Mississippi Reckoning should also be read by anyone who wants to understand the everyday nature of white supremacy in the South of the 1940s and beyond, and the nature of the movement that fought against it.

EDS: What will readers take away after reading *Mississippi Reckoning*?

MZ: Readers will have met and perhaps enjoyed the company of a host of interesting characters, white and black, and lived with the challenges they faced, for better or worse. And they will have learned much about the death penalty and about America’s history of white supremacy.

Readers will also grasp what it was like to be part of the civil rights movement of the 1960s, what it was like to be part of a movement in which ordinary people

became leaders, exhibited extraordinary courage, and fought for justice.

EDS: Do you have some current reading recommendations for us, your neighbors?

MZ: On the heavy side, I just finished reading *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming*, by David Wallace-Wells. It's not written in a difficult style, but the subject is actually even more disturbing than you think you know. If you care about what's going to happen to your children and grandchildren, you need to understand the

world they're going to live in. Read this.

I'm a great reader of police procedurals, and I've enjoyed Mike Craven's *Born in a Burial Gown*. His depressed Detective Inspector reminds me of Martin Beck, the detective in the Sjowall and Wahloo series that I'm always re-reading. That series starts with the novel *Roseanna*.

More seriously, and highly recommended, is Jon McGregor's remarkable novel *Reservoir Thirteen*, which begins with a missing girl in a small village. But it's actually not

that kind of story. The novel evolves into . . . I'm not sure how to explain, but it is the story of the village and all its people. Masterfully conveyed. Evocative of Dylan Thomas's *Under Milkwood*.

You may contact Mitchell at: mitchell@mississippi-reckoning.com

The book has a website: mississippi-reckoning.com and is available at Books Inc. at Town & Country Village in Palo Alto and Books, Inc. on Castro Street in Mountain View, as well as from Amazon and other online sources.

The Future of Voting in California: The Voter's Choice Act

By Jeannie Lythcott, P.A. League of Women Voters

- You choose **WHEN** you vote: Instead of just one day to vote, you can vote in person starting 10 days prior to the election and also on Election Day. This period includes two weekends. By voting early, no one has to miss work or wait in line to vote.

- You choose **HOW** you vote: Whether you use U.S. mail, a Ballot Dropbox, or a Vote Center in your county, you choose the method that works best for you. Voters with disabilities may use their own accessible technology to mark their ballots at home.

- You choose **WHERE** you vote: You can vote from home and mail the paper ballot, you can put your ballot in any Dropbox in the county, or you can go to any Vote Center in Santa Clara County. You get the support you need at any Vote Center.

Why the changes?

The Voter's Choice Act of California, passed in 2016, is designed to make voting more convenient and accessible, with more ways to vote and more days to vote. The State did not require every County to take on the changes all at once; they were allowed to opt in. In 2018, five counties opted in: Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento, and San Mateo. Ten more opted in for both 2020 elections: the March 3 Primary Election and the Presidential Election on November 3. They are: Amador, Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Mariposa, Orange, Santa Clara, and Tuolumne.

What are the changes?

- All ballots are "mail-in" ballots, whether

you requested one or not. All registered voters in Santa Clara County will receive a mail-in ballot a few weeks before the election, to be returned by mail, postage paid.

- There will no longer be any polling places. Instead, there are three choices for how to submit your ballot, *i.e.*, to vote.

a) Vote by Mail. You can mail your ballot by U.S. mail as soon as you receive it and fill it out—no postage needed.

b) Ballot Dropbox. You can drop off your ballot at any one of the secure Ballot Dropboxes scattered around Palo Alto and the county, as soon as you receive it and fill it out. No postage is required at Ballot Dropboxes. You don't have to wait.

c) Vote Centers. A Vote Center is a large space, staffed by Registrar of Voters advisers, where you can get help completing your ballot and ask any questions. Rinconada Library in Palo Alto will be a Vote Center. *It will be open for 10 days before the election and also on Election Day.* Other smaller Vote Centers will be open for three days prior to Election Day and also on Election Day.

The locations of both the Dropboxes and the Vote Centers will be announced well before the March 3, 2020, Primary Election.

To summarize, you may, if you wish:

- go to any Vote Center in the County, for whatever reason. The Registrar of Voters list of registered voters is electronic and is updated immediately with every ballot handed in.

- drop off your mail-in ballot at the Vote Center (if you haven't used U.S. mail or a Dropbox). The Registrar of Voters hopes many voters will vote early to help with the count.

- get a replacement ballot if you made a mistake or misplaced your ballot.

- register and vote the same day, all the way up through Election Day.

- get answers about what ballot you need for the Presidential Primary Election.

- get help and voting materials in multiple languages.

- get help with specialized voting machines if you are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled.

P.S.: For voters who prefer going to a polling place on Election Day—after all, there's a sticker—the Registrar of Voters is working on providing stickers at the Vote Centers.

For confirmation and more information, please go to the Secretary of State's website: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/news-releases-and-advisories/2019/santa-clara-county-adopts-voters-choice-act-2020-elections-nearly-half-california-voters-will-enjoy-more-flexibility-when-where/>

The League of Women Voters is available to answer any questions and concerns.

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LIVING IN BALANCE WITH OUR PLANET:

Barron Park Family Strives to Meet 2050 Climate Targets

By Hilary Glann, BP Cool Block Liaison

Last Fall, Whitsell Avenue residents and Cool Block leaders Dan Adams and Star Teachout decided to see whether their family could meet the 2050 household carbon emission targets today. Although the family had always sought to be conscientious consumers of resources, they weren't sure if meeting the 2050 target would require radical and difficult changes to their existing behaviors.

They were surprised to find that the lifestyle changes have been both liberating and rewarding. By setting an ecological "budget" and tracking consumption, they feel great comfort knowing their impact on the planet is sustainable.

"We identified the 'heavy hitters' in our ecological footprint, so we knew where we needed to make choices and where we needed to change our habits," said Dan. "It is invigorating to know that each choice which reduces our personal impact directly benefits other humans and all other species on the planet."

Rather than feeling they should never drive, for example, they feel OK driving some amount per week knowing the impact is offset by reducing consumption or waste in food, household energy, and discretionary purchases.

Dan believes that most U.S. households can easily, quickly, and very significantly reduce their ecological footprint by reducing consumption and/or waste in these



For Star Teachout, Dan Adams, and family, bikes are the primary mode of transportation. Photo: Felix Adams

"heavy hitter" areas:

- **Reduce your food waste.** Plan before you buy, eat your leftovers, keep your fridge organized, and take a reusable "doggie bag" with you when you go out to eat. "Reducing food waste does not involve any sacrifice," noted Dan.
- **Eat much less red meat (beef and lamb).** It's better for you and for the planet. "We still enjoy a small amount of red meat occasionally—maybe once a month—and we eat fish or chicken a few times a week," said Dan.
- **Reduce your vehicle miles traveled.** Bike and walk when you can, and if you

have to drive, combine/daisy-chain your commute and/or various errands. Data from the 2017 National Household Travel Survey (funded by the Federal Highway Administration) show that 20% of all car trips in the U.S. are under one mile—ideal for walking or biking. Reducing car trips by 20% reduces carbon output that much more. "When you combine your trips, you get a gift of time," noted Dan. Dan also advocates using public transit. Google Maps transit setting makes it easy to plan your trip, and CalTrain is a great transit asset for our community.

- **Reduce your overall waste.** Stop buying single-use items such as plastic water bottles. "In my lifetime we've gone from almost no plastic packaging to plastic garbage choking our oceans," Dan observed.
- **Aggressively reduce air travel.** When you fly, fully offset your emissions by funding meaningful carbon reduction projects via reputable organizations such

as CoolEffect (cooleffect.org) or TerraPass (terrapass.com).

Dan and Star are also phasing out all of their gas-powered appliances as they need replacement. The family recently replaced an old gas-powered tank water heater with a small electric on-demand water heater. This upgrade enabled them to reclaim space in their kitchen and to significantly reduce their gas bill. They plan to supplement their electric water heater with a solar-powered water heater in the near future.

To learn more about Dan and Star's footprint reduction journey visit living2050.com

Second Annual National Night Out Brings Out Barron Park Residents

By Hilary Glann

The Laguna Way and Ilima Way Cool Block teams

both hosted National Night Out events again this year on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, bringing Barron Park neighbors out to meet each other as well as Palo Alto Police and City officials.

Police Chief Robert Jensen, City Manager Ed Shikada, and a number of police officers, along with P.A. City Council Members Greg Tanaka and Lydia Kou, visited our two block events. Neighbors snacked, chatted with each other and with the City visitors, and some even tried on police tactical gear. McGregor and Ilima neighbors learned more about emergency prep from McGregor Way Block Preparedness Coordinator Joanne Barnes. One intrepid neighbor even had her "fix it" ticket signed off by a visiting Palo Alto police officer.



National Night Out: Kids from Laguna Way try out a Palo Alto officer's motorcycle for size. Photo courtesy of the Yang family.

"On Laguna Way, it meant a lot to our attendees, from age 5 to 85, that we could meet and mingle with police officers and City officials," said Gwen Luce, co-organizer of the Laguna Way event which featured pizza and San Pellegrino. "And we used a colorful Zero Waste Party Pack to minimize our garbage!"

The next National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2020.



Ilima Way: National Night Out attendees try on PAPD tactical gear. Photo: Sky Runser

EMAIL LISTS

The Barron Park Association has three email listservs: *bpa-news*, *bpa-issues*, and *bpa-misc*. They are hosted at Google Groups. To join the lists, go to the BPA website, bpapaloalto.org and click on the tab near the top of the home page (under the logo): "BPA Email Lists." The link provides information about each list and an easy way to subscribe to one or more of them.

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Donkey Merchandise and Fundraising!

By Jenny Kiratli

The care and feeding of Jenny and Perry, our Barron Park donkeys, is 100% supported by community financial contributions. In addition to donations, we now have several options for donkey support! You may purchase donkey compost for your yard, donkey notecards (New!), and donkey canvas tote bags (Newest!). Information about these products as well as how to order them is available on our website:

barronparkdonkeys.org

We have launched a Street Competition for Fundraising! Through March 2020, we will

track donations by street. Winning streets will be determined based on total amount raised as well as number of contributors on that street. As a challenge, Orme Street raised \$3,000 in 2017, with 11 of 22 households (50%) contributing. This will be the "Street to Beat!" Winners will be invited for a group photo opp with Perry and Jenny! Watch for more information in upcoming BPA and Nextdoor E-news. We have set a goal to raise \$25,000 in 2019-2020 for sustaining donkey care. Please help us meet this goal by going to the website barronparkdonkeys.org or scanning our QR code (here).



2019 Senior Lunch!

1:00 p.m. Tuesdays *every other month*

December 10 (with music!)

Corner Bakery Café

3375 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

All are welcome to join & enjoy these community get-togethers.

No reservations needed.

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Jenny and Perry tote bags make great gifts!



Beautiful, all-occasion Barron Park Donkey notecards.

Bol Park Native Garden Ready for Fall Planting!

By Richard Elder

You may have noticed that the Bol Park Native Garden and the adjacent Raingarden perked up at the beginning of August. Our group of local volunteers—and new volunteers who signed up through Grassroots Ecology—came together on August 4, 2019, to perform maintenance on the existing garden and prepare for the future. A big thank you to our volunteers!

We completed the sheet mulching of the new area which we will be planting this Fall, extending the current Native Garden to where the path turns by the sandbox. This planting will be mostly native shrubs as would have naturally existed in such a

sunny spot, with some smaller plantings for color in the most visible areas. Grassroots Ecology is using their funding to cover the cost of propagating some of the plants for us. We have also received a generous grant from the Garden Club of Palo Alto to purchase more plants and irrigation components for the extension, and additionally, the Palo Alto Parks Department provides us with initial irrigation to get the plants established. We are very grateful for so much support from local organizations.

Our biggest need is volunteers. We will be announcing at least two Workdays for late this Fall, one to install the irrigation equipment, and one or more days for planting.

If you would like to volunteer, confirm if you are on the volunteer contact list, or have any other questions about the Native Garden, please contact:

Melanie Cross: melanie@pcross.com or Richard Elder: rich.e.elder@gmail.com

You can donate to our Bol Park Native Garden through “Friends of the Palo Alto Parks.” Direct your online donation to the “Bol Park Fund” at friendsofpaparks.org/donations Or by mail or phone to “Friends of the Palo Alto Parks (FOPAP), for the Bol Park Fund,” FOPAP, 425 Grant Ave., Suite 27, Palo Alto, CA 94306; Phone: 650-327-7323.

“BEE A HERO” WALKATHON AT BARRON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

By Jalene N. Salus, BPES Parent

Dear Barron Park Neighbors,

Come join the fun and support a great cause!

We are so excited about this year’s first “Bee a Hero” Walkathon on Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Barron Park Elementary School. This family-friendly event will not only promote health and wellness, but will also create a sense of community for our students as they walk to fundraise for their school. This is a warm and inclusive event open to all ability levels, and to all students at Barron Park Elementary.

Come be a part of lifting our community wellbeing, starting with our neighborhood kids! This is a fun and encouraging way to promote connection within our community in addition to overall wellbeing! Studies in community wellbeing have shown that walking cultivates greater overall quality of life and enhanced mental and physical wellbeing. Getting out to move our bodies and breathe fresh air simply feels good, right? And having fun with community! Barron Park neighbors can join in by sup-



Barron Park Elementary School Walk-a-Thon

porting students if they come to your door requesting donations for laps walked, as well as by simply stopping by the event on October 26 to enjoy treats and visit our Wellness booths. There will be T-shirts and prizes for students participating. And don’t miss the face-painting, the Bounce House, not to mention the Mister Softee and El Grullense food trucks!

We hope to see many of your warm and familiar faces there!

For more information, contact: Chris Gebert-Parikh (chrisparikh@gmail.com) or Scott Anderson (scotterricanderson@gmail.com), Barron Park Elementary School PTA.

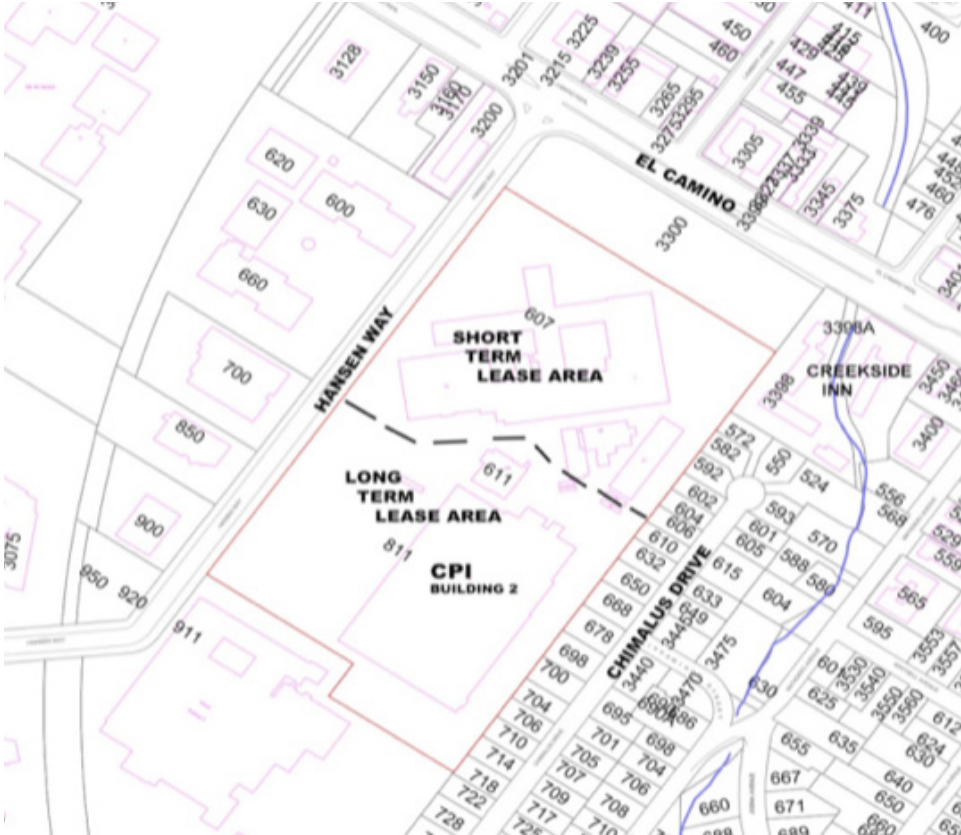
CALL FOR ARTISTS!

Are you a Barron Park artist, photographer, artisan, craftsperson, sculptor, designer, musician, composer, writer, poet...? Do you know one? You and your work can be featured—with samples or as an interview—in a future BPA Newsletter. Please send us your idea with a draft artist’s statement and reproducible samples or a description of your work to mbrbpa@sonic.net or newsletter@bpapaloalto.org

Transition in the Stanford Research Park:

Sand Hill Property Company, the New Neighbor to Barron Park

By Art Liberman



City of Palo Alto Parcel report figure for property at 607 Hansen Way, now divided approximately as shown into Short-Term and Long-Term leased areas. The figure also shows the adjacent Sand Hill property of 3300 El Camino. http://xmap.cityofpaloalto.org/parcelreports/PR_Hansen%20Way_607_142-20-098_.pdf

As a result of an audacious and aggressive buying spree, the Sand Hill Property Company has become the dominant player in the Stanford Research Park's real estate scene. They have been snapping up just about every available lease. Some sites are occupied by high-profile tenants, while others had been vacated, and on some of those, Sand Hill is in the process of building new structures.

For example, Sand Hill is constructing a sprawling four-building office campus at 1050 Page Mill Road. They are also the developers of the office building at 2600 El Camino. And recently, they have become a new neighbor to Barron Park. Sand Hill is building two new office buildings at 3251

Hanover (the former Lockheed laboratories), adjacent to Barron Park. This site also borders a section of the Bol Park pathway from Hanover to Matadero.

Sand Hill Property Buys 3300 El Camino Real

Sand Hill Property recently acquired the leases of several other Stanford Research Park properties:

- 950 Page Mill Road (WilmerHale LLP)
- 3000 Page Mill Road (former HPE corporate office)
- 3175 Hanover St. (Cooley LLP—adjacent to Barron Park)

Sand Hill's purchase of the lease for

the Cooley building at 3175 Hanover in 2016 included a separate parcel, 3330 El Camino. This 2.75-acre site is part of the parking lot in front of what had been the offices of Communications and Power Industries (CPI), adjacent to the Creekside Inn. See the parcel report figure, included here. Sand Hill claims, on its website, http://shpco.com/active_projects/, to have an active office building project underway for the 3300 El Camino parcel, though nothing has been submitted to the Planning Department.

A Sand Hill Affiliate Buys the CPI Property Lease and Reconfigures the CPI Site

In September 2017 a new real estate company—607 Hansen Way, LLC—with Peter Pau as Principal (the same Peter Pau who is the Principal of the Sand Hill Property Company) bought the lease for the entire CPI site, which is adjacent to Barron Park. The buyer, 607 Hansen Way Company, immediately separated the CPI site into two areas with two separate subleases:

- a long-term sublease to CPI for the rear portion, including the building at 811 Hansen Way (also called CPI Building 2), and
- a short-term (two-year) sublease to CPI for the front part of the property, the portion that borders Sand Hill's parcel of 3300 El Camino Real. See the parcel report figure, with dotted lines approximately indicating the two areas of the CPI site.

Why the two-year term of the short-term sublease? It gave CPI enough time to completely terminate its operations in that part of the site. This included shuttering the office building near the corner of Hansen Way and El Camino, formerly CPI's corporate headquarters, along with several associated small buildings. The former CPI office building, which was actually the very first building constructed in the Stanford Industrial Park, now sits vacant.

All the hazardous materials that had been in the short-term sublease area are being moved into the long-term sublease area. A

provision in the long-term lease agreement referred to an area outside of CPI's Building 2, where there is a fire suppression water tank, and proposed reconfiguring this into a hazardous materials storage area. After a critical review, that project was recently approved by the Palo Alto Planning Department (with the concurrence of the Palo Alto Fire Department), but with conditions limiting the kinds of hazardous materials (specifically no toxic materials) that could be stored there.

What about CPI?

The long-term lease area includes the building at 811 Hansen Way that houses CPI's plating shop and its toxic hazardous materials and waste—and also CPI's recently relocated corporate headquarters. Thus, it appears that CPI is not planning to move its Microwave Power Products Division and will continue to manufacture microwave devices in the long-term sublease area until 2031.

The long-term sublease allows CPI to remain until 2050, but CPI has long claimed that it cannot operate its microwave product facility without an in-house captive plating shop. The Amortization and Settlement Agreement, signed by the City of Palo Alto and CPI in 2016, specified that the CPI plating shop, which is in the rear of Building 2, and thus near residences, must be relocated to a distance greater than 300 feet from residences on or before December 31, 2026. But as part of the agreement, the City allowed CPI to keep the plating shop in its current location for another five years, until December 31, 2031, if CPI was to make an irrevocable election by December 31, 2021, to remove it or close it and not relocate it elsewhere on their site. CPI has not informed the City of their decision, but the fact that CPI has sold the lease for the property makes it unlikely they will incur the expense of relocating it elsewhere on the site.

The Future of 3300 El Camino and 607 Hansen Way—Hopefully Housing and Not Offices?

What is going to happen to 3300 El Camino and the adjacent former CPI property in the short-term lease area? It's not clear, but as soon as CPI completely vacates the front part of the 607 Hansen Way parcel, the Sand Hill Company, together with the 607 Hansen Way Company, will be in a position to combine the parcels and

construct an even larger office building than can be accommodated on the 3300 El Camino parcel alone. Hopefully, Peter Pau and the investors in Sand Hill Company understand they have a responsibility to the City's residents not to build yet another office building, but to do something to help remedy the job-housing imbalance by building housing.

Many Barron Park residents on Chimalus Drive who are the immediate neighbors to the CPI property support housing on this site, and it is an excellent location for workforce or affordable housing. The zoning for both parcels is RP (Research Park), which presents a barrier to developing this site for housing. According to the Municipal Code (Section 18.20.010), the RP zoning does not allow for housing.

Creating housing on this site would require the City Council to rezone the property,

which may turn out to be quite a battle. However, such an outcome would provide clarity to residents as to the sincerity of the pro-housing priorities expressed by the Council members. It will also require the advocacy and support of the residents of Barron Park and of Palo Alto.

If you are ready to become involved in the future of this site, to say enough is enough and that what Palo Alto needs is more housing, not more offices, please write directly to Palo Alto City Council members and also urge your neighbors and other members of the BPA to speak up. A great deal of effort is needed now, before proposals are submitted to the City, to lay the groundwork to rezone this property for housing.

If you have comments, ideas, or strategies, please share them with the BPA by writing to John W. King at: president@bpapaloalto.org

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Please consider volunteering time or expertise to the **Bol Park Native Plant Restoration Project**. Contact Rich Elder at rich.e.elder@gmail.com

History of the Barron Park Association—Part Two

By Douglas L. Graham, Barron Park Historian

Recap of Part One

Part One of this article covered the very beginnings of community action in Barron Park, including the protest made in 1932 against the enormous state “borrow pit” dug in the Maybelle [sic] area to provide fill to build the Bayshore Highway (predecessor to the freeway). We also described the 30-year “cold war” with Palo Alto over annexation, the fire protection situation, “do-it-yourself” government, annexations that split the neighborhood, and, in 1964, the birth of the “new”

Barron Park Association with a group of young leaders headed by Dick Placone. Finally, it covered the BPA’s two greatest achievements, the creation of Bol Park in 1973 and a smooth annexation to the City in 1975.

Merger with the Loma Vista Association

The Loma Vista Association (LVA) included a large part of Barron Park as well as the Maybelle Tract. It was created by our neighbors in Green Acres 2 and the cul-de-sacs off Arastradero Road and

Maybell Avenue west of Coulombe and Loma Vista (later renamed Juana Briones) Elementary School, as well the area west of Amaranta Avenue from Maybell Avenue to Los Robles Avenue, and all the cul-de-sacs off of Los Robles Avenue west of Laguna Avenue (See the map, Illustration A). The LVA included most of the residences added to the City in the 1959 “Foothills 2 Annexation.” It worked in concert with the BPA on some issues under the leadership of Laguna Way resident Sam Sparck (See photo, Illustration B). After the bulk of Barron Park annexed in 1975, the two associations merged the next year under the Barron Park Association name, with Sam Sparck serving as President for two years. He remained on the Board until 1994.

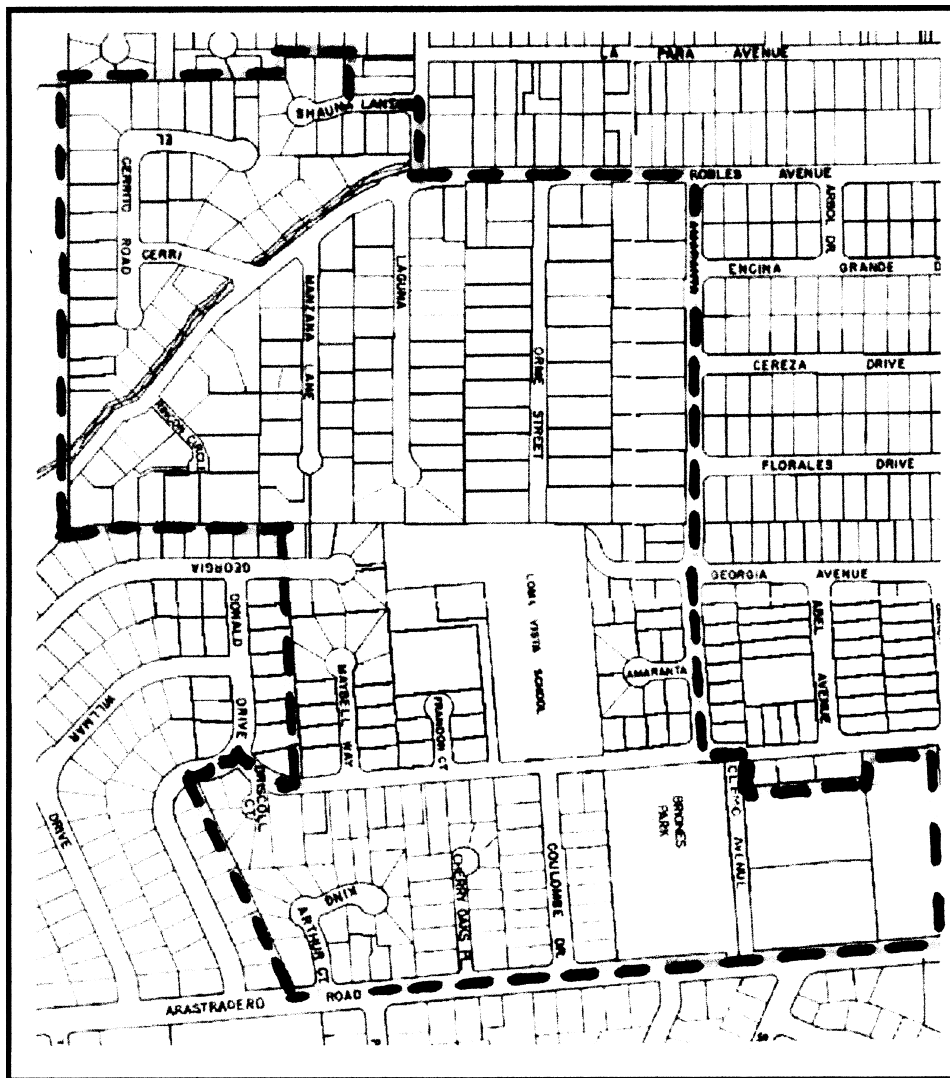


Illustration A: The Loma Vista Association (LVA) represented residents of the map area outlined in a dotted black line. The LVA was created in about 1960 and ended with its merger with the BPA in 1976. It never included Green Acres 2 (closer to Gunn H.S.). Map by Doug Graham.



Illustration B: Sam Sparck, LVA President from about 1965 until 1976, BPA President 1976-1978, and Board Member 1976-1994. Photo: Doug Graham, 1986

Bicentennial Party in the Park

The U.S. Bicentennial was celebrated in the brand-new Cornelis Bol Park on July 4, 1976. It was the first major event held by the community in the new venue, attended by about 200 people and a host of local politicians. Jeff and Janet Rulifson stimulated interest in Barron Park history by setting up a temporary exhibit of newspaper clippings and photographs. Unfortunately, our archive has no memorabilia from the 1976 event, so if any present reader has a photo or a program, please let us know, and we will make copies.



Illustration C: Ken Arutunian, BPA President 1978-1983. Photo from the 1970s; photographer unrecorded.

Bol Park Phase 2

Phase 2 was the addition of the regional pathway along the right-of-way (ROW) of the former railroads (Southern Pacific ["Los Gatos cutoff"] and its subsidiary, the Peninsular Railway (electric inter-urban cars). Obtaining the land for the pathway (now known as the "Bol Park Shared Pathway") turned out to be surprisingly complex. The red tape was finally cut by Dick Placone's personal negotiation with Southern Pacific's president, who arranged a gift of the 1.12 miles of ROW running from the Stanford Research Park to the intersection of Foothill Expressway and Arastradero Road. Bol Park had been owned by the County, with a special district established to manage it. This arrangement was automatically terminated by the annexation, and so the land went ultimately to the City of Palo Alto. Without Dick's personal efforts on behalf of the BPA, it is doubtful whether the land could have been obtained. The railroad ROW added about 11 acres to Bol Park, approximately tripling its size.

The land having been secured, the pathway was quickly designed by Barron Park's premier landscape architect, Ken Arutunian (See photo, Illustration C). The design called for returning the land to something approaching the original contours, before the railroad had nearly

leveled it. For instance, the pathway goes up over "Strawberry Hill," rather than through the deep cut in the hill made for the railroad. Within the confines of the ROW, some gentle curves were introduced.

Construction of Phase 2 proceeded under the direction of City staff, assisted by the BPA's Park Advisory Committee, then headed by Sam Elster (See photo, Illustration D). The committee had originally been appointed by the Santa Clara County Supervisors before annexation to Palo Alto, and was continued under City supervision. Landscaping and paving were completed in early 1978, with the opening and dedication of the completed pathway that April with a glorious display of California poppies along the stretch from Laguna Avenue to the new bridge over Matadero Creek at the donkey pasture. Ken Arutunian became the third President in 1978 and served until about 1983 over a slightly expanded board representing some new interests and projects.



Illustration D: Sam Elster, Bol Park Committee Chair for Phase 2 and 1970s. Elster family photo from 1970s.

Paul Edwards Began the May Fêtes

One of the new Board Members was Paul Edwards (See photo, Illustration E), who planned, organized, and directed the first "official" Barron Park May Fête, complete with Maypole, in Bol Park in 1978. Over the next few years, Paul Edwards developed a large committee to organize and present the May Fête every year. A collapsible "gazebo" was built as a stage



Illustration E: Paul Edwards, May Fête founder, at the Maypole dance. Year and photographer unrecorded.

and focal point for speakers. Although the gazebo was only in use for a few Fêtes, the most important part, the stage, is still in use today.

The BPA Takes Responsibility for the Creeks

Another new board member in 1978 was Doug Graham, who brought into the BPA the 50-member Matadero Creekbank Owners' Committee, which had been working with the Santa Clara Valley Water District since a mini-flood in March 1973. That event had caused severe bank erosion and creek bed downcutting from the pathway bridge downstream to El Camino Real, and the creek had overbanked at the Matadero Avenue bridge. Doug created the Matadero Creekbank Owners' Committee to do something about it. Then he worked with the Water District staff and board from 1973 to 1976 when their board agreed to undertake a large-scale erosion and flood control project to protect the creekbank homeowners, the businesses on El Camino

Real, and Bol Park. During the detailed planning and construction phases in 1977 and 1978, Doug acted as the BPA liaison with the Water District. Anti-erosion structures were built on about a dozen properties on Ilima Way and Matadero Avenue. The Matadero Avenue bridge/culvert was removed and replaced by a much larger structure designed to carry the projected flow of a "hundred-year flood."



Illustration F: Doug Graham, BPA President 1983-1986. At the History Table, May Fête 2007; photographer unrecorded.

Doug Graham and Board Expansion

Doug Graham was the BPA Secretary-Treasurer from 1978, and then became the fourth President in 1983 (See photo, Illustration F). He recruited new Board members, expanded the Board and developed a committee structure to handle many details of BPA business, that remains largely in place today. Doug reorganized the Board's somewhat haphazard method of delivering information leaflets door-to-door, using parcel maps reproduced for each Board member (of course, this was long before email or any of today's social media). At the time, the Association dues were \$1.50 per year, which even then could not support regular mailing campaigns. During Doug's time as President, the BPA began sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 52 as well as a Cub Scout pack.

Bob Moss was recruited to the Board and brought his Barron Creek Committee into

the BPA. He also became Treasurer, holding the position for more than a decade, in addition to establishing and chairing the Zoning and Land Use (ZALU) Committee for many years. See more detail later in this account.

The Barron Park History Project

Inspired by Jeff and Janet Rulifson, Doug Graham quietly began the Barron Park history project in the early 1980s by establishing the archive and expanding the exhibit. Our portable exhibit board was built by a volunteer Barron Park craftsman in 1986. Doug revived the idea of a BPA Newsletter in 1986 and edited the quarterly issues for the first two years. The first history articles were written during that time. In 1986, Doug decided to focus his efforts on the flood control problems and on neighborhood history and resigned as BPA President, encouraging John Joynt to step in as the fifth President.

John Joynt Vigorously Promotes the BPA

John Joynt, who served from 1986 to 1992, was one of our most activist Presidents (See photo, Illustration G). He met repeatedly with City Council members, City staff, our State Senator Becky Morgan, and State Assemblyman Byron Sher, to inform and educate them on Barron Park and issues of importance to us. He raised public recognition of the BPA to a higher level than ever before—or since.

Under John's leadership new committees were founded, including the Traffic and



Illustration G: John Joynt, BPA President 1986-1992. Date and photographer unrecorded.

Streets Committee, Neighborhood Watch, Toxics and Evacuation-Safe, Environmental, and Seniors committees. A major toxic substances evacuation drill was held with the City and largely directed by the BPA (See details below). With the impetus of the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, the BPA helped with citizen-led earthquake readiness and further evacuation preparations.

In 1991, BPA membership subscriptions exceeded 350 for the first time, making the BPA the largest such group in our County. The BPA restarted the May Fêtes after a brief hiatus. A number of ill-considered land use projects on El Camino were halted, and the adult video store at Curtner and El Camino was forced to leave Palo Alto.

An Astonishing Flash Flood in the Middle of the Night

In January 1983, Barron Park was hit by an overnight, unpredicted flash flood that inundated a greater area of the neighborhood than any event since the great "flood of the century" in 1955. Both creeks overbanked: Barron Creek at Laguna and Matadero Creek at the new, enlarged culvert (the Matadero Avenue bridge). Twenty-four streets and 90 acres of land were flooded from 6 inches to 4 feet deep. Ninety homes and 130 garages were flooded; 44 properties had erosion damage. Clearly, the 100-year flood flows at the Matadero Creek bridge/culvert had been poorly estimated, because this storm was a relatively small one (later estimated at about 25% of a 100-year flood). It was also clear to the BPA Board that another project would have to be done—on both creeks.

Fixing the Creeks

Over the next several years, Doug Graham, Bob Moss, and others worked with the Creek Committee, the BPA Board, the City Council and Staff, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District and staff to make sure that the situation would be corrected. As a result of this effort, involving more than 100 people and many public meetings, a large flood control project was conceived and funding provided from a special parcel tax approved by the voters. Doug served on the Water District's Advisory Committee and was appointed to the Board of the Public Facilities Financing Corporation (PFFC), which elected him president. The PFFC floated a successful bond issue that paid for the planned project work. The BPA established a Liaison Committee, headed

initially by Doug Graham, which included Bob Moss, Inge Harding-Barlow, Art Bayce, and Doug Moran, to work with the Water District during final detailed planning and construction phases. The Barron Park segment of the project was built in 1992-1994.

However, the “100-year flood” estimates for bridges below Barron Park were once again found to be too low, and additional flood walls had to be built. In brief, the project was not finished until 2006, when the Barron Creek Diversion-Matadero Creek Bypass was completed to everyone’s satisfaction, 23 years after the 1983 flood. This project was probably the best achievement of the BPA, after Bol Park and the annexation to the City.

Bob Moss—“Watchdog” par excellence

We’ve already mentioned Bob Moss and his community work. But Bob has done much more for Barron Park and the BPA in his long career with the organization (See photo, Illustration H). First and foremost, he has served as an exemplary “watchdog” for the interests of Barron Park by attending countless Palo Alto City Council, Planning Commission, and other meetings to make sure that the BPA and the neighborhood are made aware of any proposed actions that might have negative effects on our “quality of life.” Several outrageous land-use proposals were headed off because Bob was alert and gave us early warning. He has also spent many hours tracking the state of the businesses along our El Camino Real strip and communicat-



Illustration H: Bob Moss, Treasurer and longtime BPA Board Member. Courtesy of the Moss family, 2019.

ing his observations via emails and articles in this Newsletter. He created and chaired the aforementioned ZALU (Zoning and Land Use) Committee for many years.

In addition, Bob has been the leading “creek watcher” for Barron Creek. In the 1970s he organized a force of Barron Park volunteers to keep our stretch of the creek free of vegetation and large rubbish that might block the trash rack at Laguna Avenue and cause or exacerbate overbanking there. This committee worked in concert with the Matadero Creekbank Owners’ Committee mentioned above. Later, when the BPA worked with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and with Palo Alto to get the Diversion and Bypass project built, Bob was one of the most effective BPA Board members in influencing the agencies to take action.

In 1983 Bob volunteered to take over the BPA Treasurer’s responsibilities, diligently managed and grew the Association’s assets and budget for more than a decade, and handed over a very well-organized treasury.

Last but not least, Bob has been for many years a one-person defense force against graffiti in our neighborhood, not only alerting the appropriate government agencies, but also personally painting over hundreds of “tags” on buildings, fences, signs, and flood control structures (creek bridges, etc.). As a result of his activities, Barron Park has been largely spared from the destructive wave of vandalism that has defaced so many surfaces in our County.

Toxics

During the 1980s, the BPA Board gave much attention to environmental incidents and issues threatening our quality of life. Foremost was the threat to groundwater resources revealed by the discovery that various industrial companies in the Stanford Research Park had been polluting deep but widespread aquifers that extend under our neighborhood. Testing of water from various private wells confirmed the pollution, especially by trichloroethylene (TCE) and other halogenated hydrocarbons such as chloroform, tetrachloroethylene, and related compounds, all or most of them recognized carcinogenic. Shallow ground water was found to be polluted, sometimes as close to the surface as 10-12 feet. If not corrected, for example, adding a basement to new construction would be out of the question.



Illustration I: Inge Harding-Barlow, longtime BPA Board Member. Date and photographer unrecorded; courtesy of Inge Harding-Barlow.

The BPA response was to create a Toxics Committee, led and energized by Dr. Inge Harding-Barlow, a highly experienced consulting toxicologist and resident of Laguna Avenue (See photo, Illustration I). Inge organized several public symposia, and John Joynt led several public meetings of Barron Park residents. John also lobbied politicians extensively.

Most of the pollution was coming from the Hillview-Porter area of the Stanford Research Park, and the responsible companies were identified. A plan was developed by the companies and the landowner (Stanford University) and approved by the relevant State and Federal agencies. Purification plants were built and wells bored to tap the contaminated aquifers. For almost two decades, the contaminated water was pumped to the surface, decontaminated, and the purified water was released into Matadero Creek, somewhat augmenting the natural flow. This project, essentially finished after 20 years, had included more than a decade of annual testing. Inge also served as the community representative for District Five (Northern California) at State Toxics Meetings in Sacramento.

The Barron Park Association Foundation (BPAF)

Bob Moss has written that the BPA wanted to be able to evaluate the actual toxic conditions and learn how best to remove them immediately, without having to wait

decades for an effective cleanup. To facilitate this, the BPA Board formed the Barron Park Association Foundation (BPAF) in the 1980s; in order to be able to apply for toxic mitigation grants from agencies like the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Inge Harding-Barlow, Bob Moss, John Joynt, Art Bayce, and Sam Sparck were the first BPAF members. The application was successful and BPAF received grants of more than \$100,000 to oversee toxic mitigation in and near Barron Park, primarily north of Page Mill Road in the Research Park. As a result, the groundwater and aquifer were cleaned up in less than six years, and annual groundwater testing since then has shown that the contamination in that area has not recurred. This contamination was entirely separate from the Hillview-Porter problem.

Evac-Safe

Evac-Safe was another BPA committee, inspired by hazardous material spills in several Stanford Research Park labs close to Barron Park homes that might release toxic clouds affecting Barron Park, especially the residents of Chimalus Drive and Matadero Avenue. In 1987, Inge Harding-Barlow led Barron Park's (and the City's) first evacuation drill, which postulated a major hazardous material spill and resultant toxic cloud requiring evacuation of much of the neighborhood.

Quake-Safe

Quake-Safe was the neighborhood response to the Loma Prieta earthquake of October 1989. The actual damage in Barron Park was relatively light (toppled chimneys, interior damage to bookshelves, and objects falling from shelves and cabinets, etc.), but everyone understood what would happen if a major quake should hit nearby (i.e., on the Hayward Fault). The booklet *Living with Our Faults*, was written by Art Bayce, Katie Edwards, Verna Graham, and one other committee member. It was considered so useful that it was copied by the City and distributed to all Palo Alto residents in 1990 (and later picked up by several other jurisdictions in California).

A Leadership Crisis Hits the Board and Dave Chalton Steps Forward

In 1992, John Joynt resigned as President to refocus his life on professional growth and his family. This left a vacuum which was

very difficult to fill. Dave Chalton volunteered to serve as the sixth President until a replacement could be found. Dave had been and continued to be very involved in community affairs, particularly scouting. However, the BPA Board did not pursue any new initiatives during his tenure of about six months.

Preview of Part Three

Part Three of this article is planned for the Winter 2019 issue of this Newsletter. It will cover BPA activities from the 1990s until the present. Topics will include traffic, streets, curbside recycling, modernization of BPA communications, professionalization of the BPA Newsletter, neighborhood beautification, park renovations, the Matadero Well Site Mini-Park, Stanford Research Park noise and air pollution, diversification on the Board, new community gatherings and activities, pathway issues, the Barron Park donkeys, evacuation preparation, the Cool Block program, and current issues up through mid-2019.

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Winter BPA Newsletter Deadline—Monday, December 2, 2019!

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If your Winter idea is a query (for an article, story, report, update, interview, announcement, review, anecdote, or artist's page...), please contact Myrna in advance. The Winter issue will be mailed in early January 2020, to member households of the Barron Park Association.

Announcements should be for events scheduled *after January 15, 2020*. Please keep this in mind, especially for school activities. Thanks!

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CASSANDRA CHRONES MOORE, 1935–2019

Provided by the Moore Family

Our longtime Barron Park neighbor Cassandra Chrones Moore died Sunday, July 7, 2019, at Stanford Hospital. Her husband, Thomas (Tom) Moore, and her children, Charles and Tonia, were at her side. Hospitalized the previous Friday, she died of aortic valve stenosis, a heart condition that had reduced her strength over time. Cassandra was born in Oneonta in upstate New York. Her mother, Antonia Laskaris, from a Greek family, went back to Greece in the 1920s where she met and married Cassandra's father, Constantine Chrones, known as Gus. Antonia and Gus started their family back in the U.S., where Gus became a successful businessman.

After high school in Oneonta, Cassandra went to Radcliffe College and later earned her master's degree in Romance Languages at Harvard. She spent a year in Paris on a Fulbright Scholarship. She also studied Italian, Spanish, and German. She spent time in Greece and, having heard Greek growing up, quickly mastered it.

Cassandra met Tom Moore in 1958 on board the Greek passenger liner *Olympia* on its third day out from New York. Tom left the ship at Naples, while Cassandra went on to Greece. Tom wrote to her, urging her to join him in Florence. She did go, and there, Tom asked her to marry him. If you have seen the 1985 movie *A Room with a View*, there is a brief glimpse across the river Arno of the loggia where Tom proposed. Tom and Cassandra were married that December in Manhattan, worrying that nobody would come to Oneonta in midwinter. They then returned to the University of Chicago, where Tom was a graduate student in economics. Cassandra quickly found a teaching job at a local Catholic school. A year and a half later, they moved to Manhattan, where they stayed with Cassandra's aunt and where their son Charles was born. After a time on Staten Island, they moved to Pittsburgh. Arriving in the city, Cassandra wept at the sight of the abandoned steel mills, but she also cried three years later when they left. During their time in Pittsburgh, Cassandra taught at Duquesne University and gave birth to their daughter Antonia (Tonia).

In 1965, Tom became an associate profes-



Cassandra and Tom Moore. Courtesy of the Moore Family.

sor at Michigan State in East Lansing. Cassandra also taught French there, but soon started commuting to the University of Michigan to earn her PhD, completed in 1975, while the family was settling into their new home in Palo Alto. Her dissertation traced the development of the "romantic triangle" in Italian and French literature from the Italian works of Giovanni Boccaccio in the 14th century to the French novels of Madame de La Fayette in the 17th. Academic jobs in her field were scarce in the '70s, but Cassandra was always proud of her degree, saying she did it "for love."

A strong-willed person, she earned her real estate and broker's licenses. Operating on the policy of "good Greeks do not work for someone else," she opened her own firm, Windsor Properties, and ran a successful business. In 1985, Tom was appointed to a position in the Reagan administration in Washington, DC. After a few months, Cassandra closed her business and joined him in DC, working with the National Association of Realtors. (She was the only person in that office who had ever sold a house.)

Returning to Palo Alto in 1989, she decided not to restart her business. She developed an urge to travel and started her first trip around the world. She and Tom went to Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Greece, and then London. In the next few years, she traveled

to Antarctica, South Africa, and Argentina, among other places. She went around the world four times and found that it really is round! In the '90s, Cassandra was affiliated with the CATO Institute in Washington, DC. Her book, *Haunted Housing* (1997), concerned radon, lead, asbestos, and electromagnetic fields in the home.

In 2003, while jogging in Barron Park, Cassandra was the victim of a hit-and-run. A neighbor saw the incident and the driver was arrested. She never jogged again and in recent years had difficulty walking. Her knee had been shattered and she suffered much pain. However, she and Tom went back to Paris in June 2019. They were to continue on to the mountain village in Greece where she owned a small house built by her grandfather that she had carefully tended and modernized. But after a few days in the summer heat of Paris, she was not feeling well, so she and Tom decided to come home. Nine days after she returned, she had two bad falls and wound up in the hospital.

Cassandra will be remembered with great love and missed dearly by many friends and especially by her devoted husband Tom, her two children, her two grandchildren, and her daughter-in-law. She was a strong woman who never questioned her ability to accomplish any endeavor, who cared deeply about social justice, and who loved her family fiercely.

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