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*Ruskin: "No Sense in Prologing the Anxiety"*

## Recycled Water Use Will Not Be Mandatory

Seven months of brewing concerns about the safety of recycled water were taken off the burner last night, as the City Council voted 5-2 not to require the mandatory use of recycled water for residential or home owner association landscaping.

While the policy will go into effect citywide, the immediate impact will be in Redwood Shores, where pilot projects using recycled water from the SBSA plant on City landscaping have been run for the past few years. New development will be excluded from this policy.

A plan to expand the use of recycled to common areas in home owner association common areas in the Shores has generated a good deal of opposition from home owner repre-

sentatives who cited health and safety concerns. A community forum on recycled water issues was held in the Shores last year, and the Council was slated to take up the issue in the next few months, after receiving a report from its Utilities Committee.

Presenting the proposed policy was Councilmember Colleen Jordan, a Shores resident, who focused her concerns on equitability. She noted that "it was not fair to make one segment of the population carry the burden of a potential drought by forcing the use of recycled water close to homes, children, and pets."

Some 15 speakers, including two presidents of home owners associations who favor the use of recycled water, shared their views with the Council. The ma-

jority of speakers supported Jordan's proposal for nonmandatory use.

Joining Jordan were Vice Mayor Jeff Ira, and Councilmembers Ira Ruskin, Diane Howard, and Jim Hartnett.

A supporter of recycled water use, Hartnett felt "we

are not going to have a mandatory program; the anxiety level is not mandatory."

Mayor Dick Claire voted in opposition, stating, "I have no figures, no facts, nothing tonight on which to base my opinion." Also in opposition was Councilmember Barbara Pierce.

## POA/PSA Leaders Speak Out On Escobedo Case

*(Editor's Note: The following joint statement from the Redwood City Police Officers Association and the Redwood City Police Sergeants Association was read into the City Council record last night by POA President Ray Fowler.)*

The Redwood City Police Officer's Association and Redwood City Police Sergeants Association support the officers and sergeants named as involved parties in the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of Ricky Escobedo.

Is this position at odds with the wishes of the Escobedo family? Simply put, no. The family wants answers. The Police Officer's Association, Police Sergeants Association, and everyone connected with the events currently being scrutinized by county investigators are waiting for those

same answers. A January 24, 2003, Daily News editorial advised the public "to push for answers but not jump to conclusions." That's good advice.

Some commentary in the press has suggested the officers and sergeants acted improperly. This is not the case. The Chief of Police requested the assistance of the District Attorney on the day of the incident and then asked for the county to conduct a separate investigation even though the law does not require such an inquiry. There has been no

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## POA/PSA

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finding that the officers and sergeants acted outside the scope of their duties. The coroner indicated in December that he was hopeful the involved officers would be available for interviews. The officers agreed before the end of the month to meet with the coroner and answer his questions. Other commentary has claimed that the officers are "misleading the press" and conspiring to cover up the use of excessive force. Reports submitted by the officers are part of the official records being examined by the county along with the officers' statements to the coroner. The involved sergeants voluntarily provided infor-

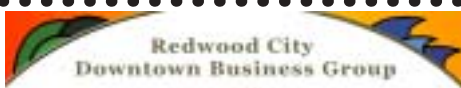
mation to District Attorney investigators. Claims of a police cover-up are untrue. Yes, the Police Officer's Association and Police Sergeants Association support the involved officers and sergeants. We also extend our sympathies to Ricky Escobedo's family in their time of loss. Although peace officers of every stripe routinely face dangerous situations that may threaten their lives, no one could foresee the outcome of the November 17 call for help at 531 Woodside Road. It is equally true that none of the officers or sergeants acted in a manner to purposefully cause Ricky Escobedo's death.

—Ray Fowler  
President

Redwood City Police Officers Association

—Paul Sheffield  
President

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## Express Calendar

### Today, February 4

Downtown Business Group, 5:30 p.m., Little Fox, 2209 Broadway

Project READ Tutor Training; 6 p.m.-9 p.m.; Main Library Community Room  
Neighborhood Co-Chair Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall  
No Planning Commission meeting tonight

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### Wednesday, February 5

Pride & Beautification Committee, 7:30 a.m., City Hall

"Rocks and Pools" exhibit opens at The Main Gallery, 1018 Main Street

Sequoia High School District Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Woodside High  
RCSB Board of Trustees Special Meeting, 7 p.m., Board Room, 750 Bradford

"There's Something Happening Here," 1;15 p.m. and 7 p.m., John Gill School

Centennial Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Redwood High School, 1985 Old County Road

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### Thursday, February 6

Civic Cultural Commission, 7 p.m., Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt

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### Friday, February 7

Wake the Dead, 9 p.m., Little Fox, 2209 Broadway

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### Saturday, February 8

Breakfast with Sasha Fernandes on "The Art and Mystique of Aromatherapy"; 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Veterans Memorial Senior Center; 1455 Madison

Camellia Show; 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; free; Community Activities Building; 1400 Roosevelt Avenue

Best of San Francisco Comedy Competition, 8 p.m., Little Fox

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### Sunday, February 9

Camellia Show; 12 p.m.-4 p.m.; free; Community Activities Building; 1400 Roosevelt Avenue

"Rocks and Pools" artist reception, 4 p.m., The Main Gallery, 1018 Main Street

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### Monday, February 10

City Council, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall

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Joan Baez

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# EXPRESS AROUND TOWN



## New Water Consevation Program Launched

The City will take its aggressive water conservation efforts to some of the biggest landscape irrigators starting this month, a roster ranging from Sequoia High School to Seaport Center to Electronic Arts.

Businesses and public entities that use the most water for landscape irrigation will be offered ways to reduce water use by up to 20% while still maintaining healthy lawns and landscapes. The City's own park sites and medians also will be targeted.

The consulting firm of BMP 5 Services will audit 509 dedicated irrigation meters at 380 sites. During the next few weeks, the largest irrigators will be receiving

by mail "customized water budgets" for their site. The water budgets will compare how much water their landscape is actually using now with what the water industry calls a "scientifically derived optimum," i.e., how much water their landscaping requires. Some sites will also be eligible to have an irrigation expert visit the site, free of charge, to evaluate and recommend changes in sprinkler performance and scheduling.

The city currently uses about 1,000 acre-feet a year more than allocated in its agreement with Hetch Hetchy, which will be a problem when the next drought occurs. Redwood Shores accounts for two-thirds of the city's irrigation

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## Community Forum #4 Coming to Redwood Shores

During the last three months, three public forums have been held to discuss the need and desire for a branch library in Redwood Shores. A fourth community forum has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sandpiper Community Center, 797 Redwood Shores Parkway.

At this meeting the consulting architect will present some conceptual designs

of the possible branch library and community space. These conceptual designs are based on the public input received over the last three months, and from staff input. Diagrams of floor spaces, building profiles, and the overall site layout will help attendees to visualize the proposed library, and the services it could provide to the community.

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## Cherokee Corner

### Senior of the Week

Our Senior of the Week is spirited Jill Hogan. Hogan is an honor student athlete and spirited leader at Sequoia. She is 17 years old, and she plans to attend college locally as her sister Sara is doing. Jill has been an active leader in water polo for three years, a competitive swimmer and on the swim team for the last four years and on the dance team at Sequoia for the last four years. Jill works at PCC here in Redwood City and is a life guard at the pool in the summer. She is very involved in clubs at lunch and can be seen everywhere getting fellow students to participate in activities. Her parents are also very active as they both are teachers at the College of San Mateo. Jill also has a younger brother, Brian, who is active in local sports. Jill and her family are strong supporters of Sequoia activities, and her father is the President of the Booster and Spirit Club. Recently Jill's father, John Hogan, received an Parent Spirit Award and a ride around the track in the back of a purple truck in the Homecoming Parade at Sequoia. Jill and her parents organize all the barbeques and sales for the Booster Parents at the football and bas-

ketball home games. One of the important things Jill and her family did four



years ago was to get the ball rolling on the SCRIPT Program at Sequoia which now pays for all the sport teams to be bussed to any and all away games, so no student has to drive his own car—which is a big safety issue for all parents of sports athletes at Sequoia.

Jill and sister Sara are very active in the community and the Humane Society. On any given day, year round, at the Hogan home you will find three to four orphaned kittens running around as they learn good cat manners and wait for adoption.

Yes, Jill has a full schedule of sports activities and community spirit, and we thank you from Sequoia. Good luck in college next year!

Your Sequoia student writers,  
—Whitney Mariucci  
—Ben Southward

## Chamber Honors Leaders

The 105th Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet held January 29 at the Hotel Sofitel recognized those people who made possible a very successful year for the 1400 member organization under the leadership of its 2002 Chairman of the Board, Jim Hartnett, Hartnett, Smith & Associates.

Highlights of the evening featured the presentation of the Athena Businesswoman Of the Year Award to Rosanne Foust, Executive Vice President of Alsace Development International and Hartnett's selection for his Chamber Person of the Year presented to Chamber Vice Chairman John Adams, Executive Vice President, Wells Fargo Bank. Adams and Wells Fargo were also selected, along with Provident Credit Union to receive the Chamber's Golden Apple Awards for

their contributions to education.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Alyn Beals, Beals Martin, Inc., also a Chamber Past Chairman.



Hartnett took time to specifically recognize not only his Executive Officers and key event and department heads, but also eight past chairmen. He said, "The chamber is unique in that it not only continues to grow in size and influence but those who pass through its chairs stay involved at the highest level."

The evening ended with Hartnett passing the gavel to 2003 Chairman of the Board Rosanne Foust. Foust said it was important "that the Chamber continue to grow and become even more effective in its advocacy role, growing the Chamber and building a strong communications link to our members."

## Water

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water use. The conservation plan could save between 120 and 160 acre-feet a year, according to Public Works Services Director Peter Ingram.

Similar programs are in use elsewhere in the state, but Redwood City is the first of 29 member agencies of the Bay Area Water Users Association to participate in this program.

## Forum

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Following this community forum, the City will proceed with developing a grant proposal to obtain funding from 2000's Statewide Library Bond Act. If successful, the grant will provide two-thirds of the cost of a new branch library in Redwood Shores. For more information, contact Yvonne Chen, Library Director, at (650) 780-7045.

# TANK PARK TIMES

## The Finish Line

Seven brave souls expected to find loved ones and colleagues waiting for them as they crossed the finish line in the warm Florida sun this past Saturday morning.

Instead, they crossed the ultimate finish line some 16 minutes earlier than planned, leaving grieving family members and an equally grieving nation wondering why.

And as investigations commence and the shock sets in, we must not shy away from future races.

We must not turn away from life, hoping that if we don't get involved, if we play it safe and don't take risks, we'll be protected from the pain and hurt of just plain living.

Let's resolve to keep on running, to take the risks,

to cross a finish line and move on to the next one.

Could tragedy strike at any moment?

Absolutely.

Should we live our lives in fear?

Are you kidding?

Life is meant to be lived, to be savored, to be completely enjoyed, with all its pain and pleasures.

Hiding from life won't make the pain go away.

Striving to chase those dreams, and crossing each finish line as you catch them, is what makes it all worth the glorious experience called living.

I trust those seven brave souls knew all that, and I hope they are now celebrating the victory that they so richly deserve.

## Preschool Preview Night 2/11

Redwood City and Bay Area Parent Magazine will team up for the eighth annual "Preschool Preview Night" on Tuesday, February 11, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue.

Representatives from early care and programs will be

available to talk with parents about their organizations and answer questions about family child care homes, State licensing, in-home care, quality indicators, accreditation.

For more information, contact Bruce Utecht at (650) 780-7341.

## Quote of the Week

**Skepticism, like chastity, should not be relinquished too readily.**

—George Santayana

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## IT IS TO LAUGH!

### How the World Works

Let's see if I understand how the world works lately . . .

If a man cuts his finger off while slicing salami at work he blames the restaurant.

If you smoke three packs a day for 40 years and die of lung cancer, your family blames the tobacco company.

If your neighbor crashes into a tree while driving home drunk, he blames the bartender.

If your grandchildren are brats without manners, you blame television.

If your friend is shot by a deranged madman, you blame the gun manufacturer..

I must have lived too long to understand the world as it is anymore.

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While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his five-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: "Glory be unto the Faaaather. And unto the Soonnn . . . and into the hole he gooooes."

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