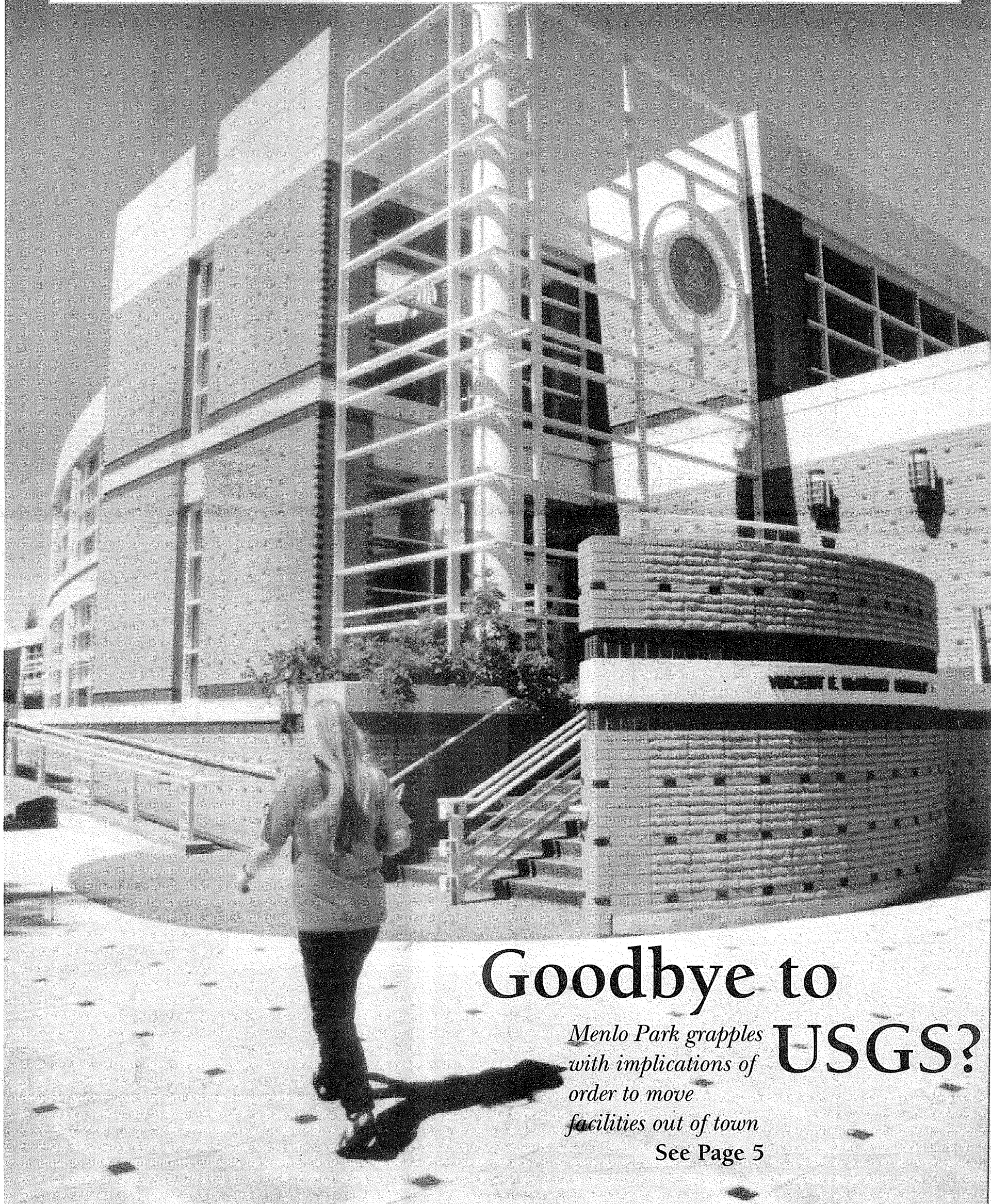


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Money Bags. That's the name of a local investment club, started by 20 women 30 years ago, and they are proud of it. They should be. Starting with a pot of \$50 each, plus \$15 a month, the women have amassed \$111,000 in securities, even after making many payouts to members over the years, says Carolyn Scholtes of Menlo Park, one of nine original members who are still with the club. Those securities cost the club \$60,000, so the profit is \$51,000, she says. The club meets monthly in members' homes, usually in the Menlo Park area. Its adviser is Richard Meredith, broker at Dean Witter in Menlo Park.

Unenlightened. Menlo Park police tried to stop a man around 11:15 p.m. Aug. 29 in East Palo Alto who was riding his bicycle without a light — and ended up arresting him on a litany of charges.

For starters, Terrell J. Comeaux, 25, of East Palo Alto, was riding his bicycle on the sidewalk. And he had also brought some crack cocaine along for the ride, said Menlo Park Police Sgt. Chris Boyd.

Mr. Comeaux fled, and police finally stopped him at E. O'Keefe Street and Euclid Avenue, where he struggled to keep from being arrested, Sgt. Boyd said.

He was booked into San Mateo County Jail on charges of resisting arrest, attempting to destroy evidence, assaulting an officer, possessing narcotics for sale, riding a bicycle without a light, riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, and a warrant charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Milestone party. Age has its rewards; in this case, a big party. The Senior Center of Palo Alto is calling all Midpeninsula nonagenarians — those in their 90s in 1997 — and their families for a Ninety-Plus in '97 party on Saturday, Sept. 13. Festivities run from 1 to 3 p.m. at the center at 450 Bryant St. in Palo Alto, and will include cake, ice cream and prizes. For invitations or more details, call 327-2811, extension 14. Guests will also be welcomed without a formal invitation.

No charge. The ability to read and the desire to help change a person's life are the qualifications needed to be a Project Read volunteer tutor. Project Read-Menlo Park, which teaches adults to read for no charge, has scheduled a four-day training session for much-needed new tutors this month. Classes are held at the Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St. For information, call 321-8818.



Photo by Laura Hester

Will the door close for good at the USGS campus?

Goodbye to USGS?

Scientists say research will suffer if geological center moves out of area

By MARION SOFTKY and ANDREA GEMMET

The other shoe has dropped for the Western Regional Headquarters of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Menlo Park.

The world's premiere geologic research organization was still reeling from a reorganization and layoffs two years ago, when it received news last week of an eviction notice from its boss, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt: Find cheaper quarters outside of Menlo Park and the Bay Area.

The Survey's earthquake center, which does research to protect the fault-laced Bay Area, was directed

to prepare plans within a month to move out of its leased buildings at 275 Middlefield Road by Sept. 30, 1998.

The rest of the Western Regional headquarters on federal land at 345 Middlefield Road was told to prepare plans to be out within five years — vacating the 16-acre campus it has occupied since 1955. This includes the new 96,700-square-foot federal building just completed last summer for \$42 million, which houses the Survey's 300,000 volume library, the largest earth science library in the western United States.

The move will affect all 810 em-
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Is this move necessary?

The issue of moving USGS was studied in the 1980s, but times have changed

By ANDREA GEMMET and MARION SOFTKY

"Here we go again," said Carroll Ann Hodges of Woodside, who was chief geologist for the Menlo Park-based Western Region from 1984 to 1988.

The issue of whether the Survey should move from Menlo Park, she said, was repeatedly raised and studied during the 1980s, and resolved — she hoped finally — in favor of remaining in Menlo Park.

"The advantages outweighed the disadvantages," she said. "The economies of scale far outweighed the advantages of dispersal — both economically and scientifically. The cost of relocating the people is mind-boggling."

Dr. Hodges is currently unemployed, due to a 1995 reduction in force, and is one of dozens still appealing her dismissal.

She noted that in 1989 then-Chief Geologist Ben Morgan proclaimed the Menlo Park campus the archetype of a successful research center, and it would stay. On the basis of that conclusion, the Survey went ahead with plans for a new building and reconstruction of Building 3. "I thought it had been laid to rest,

particularly after the new building was completed," she added.

George Hargrove, who is the Western Division chief of program support, said that the cost of moving will not be insignificant. Moving the Survey's headquarters will trigger a relocation payment of \$115,000 to \$125,000 to each employee who owns a home in the area. "If you assumed that all 800 employees owned residences and they all moved, that's in excess of \$80 million," he said.

The total cost of relocation, he said, has been estimated to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Pat Jorgenson, USGS commu-

nity outreach coordinator, agreed that the move would eat up vast amounts of time and money. "Planning and executing the move will take the place of science. It will become the major work of the Survey," she said.

Because of the tight time frame to submit plans, some people question whether the move is feasible or will actually happen. Ms. Jorgenson noted it will also require an act of Congress to appropriate additional funds, because there is not enough money in the Survey's budget to pay for the move.

While Mr. Hargrove acknowledged that moving would be hard

on employees, he said it will enhance the Survey's scientific pursuits.

"Over the last decade, rent has been something of a burning issue," he said. "Our budget is relatively flat, and the rents are going up. The overhead eats into the science budgets."

The high cost of office space in Menlo Park is directly impacting the USGS's scientific research funds, according to Mr. Hargrove. The USGS pays about \$14 million in annual rent for its Menlo Park headquarters, which comes out of its total budget of \$80 million.

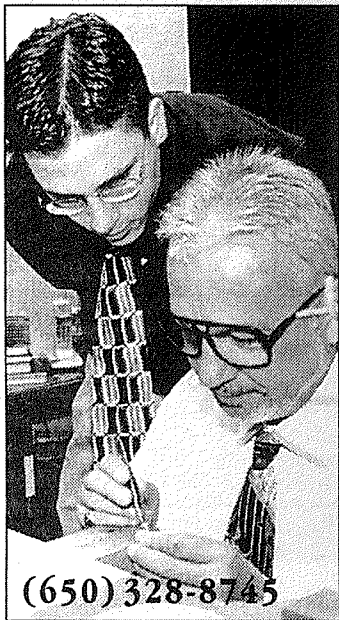
Another \$50 million goes into payroll for the 810 employees. The privately owned buildings 7 and 8 alone, which house the seismology division, cost about \$2.5 million a year in rent for the 93,000 square foot space.

Palo Alto-based WSJ Properties, which handles the lease, is asking for a hefty increase, and lease negotiations with the Government Service Agency, which manages federal real estate, have stalled over the cost.

USGS Director Gordon Eaton's memo singles out the relocation of
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employees on the Menlo Park campus. Two years ago, about 1,100 people worked there.

The earthquake center was due to move onto the USGS campus anyway because of soaring rents for its leased 93,000-square-foot building at 275 Middlefield Road, according to USGS spokeswoman Pat Jorgenson.

Scientists contacted by the Almanac agreed the effects on science of leaving the Bay Area would be devastating. They cited the collegiality of a central research agency with many areas of expertise, the importance of maintaining earthquake research in the earthquake-prone Bay Area, and fruitful ties with researchers at Berkeley and Stanford.

"The planned move could destroy the tradition of scientific excellence and creativity that has been achieved almost magically here in Menlo Park," said Dr. Robert Wallace of Portola Valley, a 55-year veteran of the Survey who is the leading authority on the San Andreas Fault and has known eight directors of the Survey. "The interaction of world-class scientists at the center here has had a profound impact on the earth sciences worldwide."

The Western Region headquarters in Menlo Park manages research at 127 offices, laboratories and observatories, employing 2,600 people in nine western states.

News leaked

The news that rocked the local Survey was not formally announced. It was contained in an Aug. 22 memo from Gordon Eaton, director of the national USGS in Reston, Va., to Thomas Casadevall, regional director for the Western Region in Menlo Park. The memo trickled down through the survey staff and by last Tuesday reached the press.

The memo started, "Pursuant to

specific instructions from the Secretary..." It then directed Dr. Casadevall to present an action plan by Sept. 25, 1997, for "objective alternatives" to move the occupants of the two leased buildings housing the earthquake center within a year and the entire Menlo Park operation within five years.

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, D-Atherton, expressed shock at the directive from Secretary Babbitt and the one-month time allowed to study the move. "I'm deeply concerned that a rushed review will not be accurate and could then be used to justify a decision already made to go ahead with relocation," she wrote in a letter to Mr. Babbitt.

The USGS has "distinguished itself as the preeminent center" in the world for earthquake study, said Rep. Eshoo, who asked that the quality of service rendered by the

***'I'm concerned that
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not be accurate.'***

— Rep. Ann Eshoo

Survey be balanced against cost considerations. "Taxpayers care enormously about their safety," she said. "I depend on them (USGS) as much as you do and the next person does."

Senator Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., expressed strong support for keeping USGS in the Bay Area, said spokesman David Sandretti.

USGS reactions

Reactions from people on the USGS campus ranged from it's-not-going-to-happen disbelief, to resignation and various degrees of anger. Ms. Jorgenson said she views the threat as serious because it was authorized by the Secretary of the Interior. "There is only one person above Babbitt," she said, referring to President Clinton.

None of the principals was available for questioning. Secretary Babbitt is vacationing in Europe, and Director Eaton and Regional Director Casadevall were on a USGS tour somewhere between Montana and Sioux Falls.

No matter what their take on the move, scientists feared the quality of science would suffer if the Menlo Park campus closes and its groups are dispersed around the West.

Dr. Wallace, the grand old man of earthquake science who first joined the Survey in 1942, goes so far as to call the reorganization, layoffs and planned closure part of a vendetta by Director Eaton against science at USGS in general and geology in particular.

"This seems to be a personal vendetta (by Director Eaton) against science in the Geological Survey," he told the Almanac. "So many great things in science were developed and happened at the Geological Survey in Menlo Park. And that initiative is being destroyed."

High costs

Officially, the driving force behind the move is money: stratospheric rents in the Bay Area; extra costs of paying staff in one of the highest cost-of-living areas in the country; and the difficulty of recruiting and keeping young scientists.

"It is an economic problem, and it is hitting us from two directions," said Ms. Jorgenson. "The rent has gone up and up, and our budget has been going down or been static."

Dr. Mary Lou Zoback, a mid-career geophysicist and the only member of the prestigious National Academy of Science remaining on campus, urged careful study before such a major decision is made. "There is a high probability of an earthquake of magnitude 7 along the Hayward Fault (in the East Bay)," she said. "It is critically important that USGS have a presence in the Bay Area. It may be cheaper in Willits, but that's not where the people and problems are."

Dr. Zoback, who is studying the origins of the 1906 earthquake off the Golden Gate, is also one of those who would quit rather than move. Her husband Mark Zoback is professor of geophysics at Stanford, and her children attend school in Palo Alto. "I would leave the Survey; there's no doubt about it," she said.

Is this move necessary?

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seismology from buildings 7 and 8 as the top priority, and has given the Survey one year to accomplish the move.

Some scientists admit the need for moving. "This was inevitable; it's very difficult to find housing," said Ken Lajoie of Menlo Park, a 27-year veteran of earthquake studies who wouldn't be able to afford the modest house he lives in at today's prices. "If professional people can't find housing, there's not much

***Loss of USGS could put a
prime piece of property on
the market. See Page 9.***

future for the organization. It would just wither away."

Construction

The directive to move stands in high contrast with the level of construction at the Survey, where workers are busy gutting and renovating Building 3, familiar to many as the former home of map sales and the monthly USGS lectures. The \$6 million project began last winter and is scheduled to be completed in January.

Mr. Hargrove noted that the re-

construction of Building 3 and construction of the \$42 million state-of-the-art Vincent E. McKelvey Federal Building, which opened last year, were authorized on the basis of studies performed during the 1980s. If anyone could have predicted 10 years ago what the local real estate market would be like, he said, the construction projects probably would not have gone forward.

Just the same, Mr. Hargrove said he didn't think the buildings were a waste of money. "If the government ends up selling those buildings to private owners to recoup those costs, I think the government would be making money on the taxpayers' behalf," he said.

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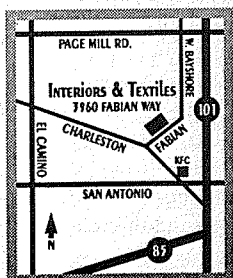
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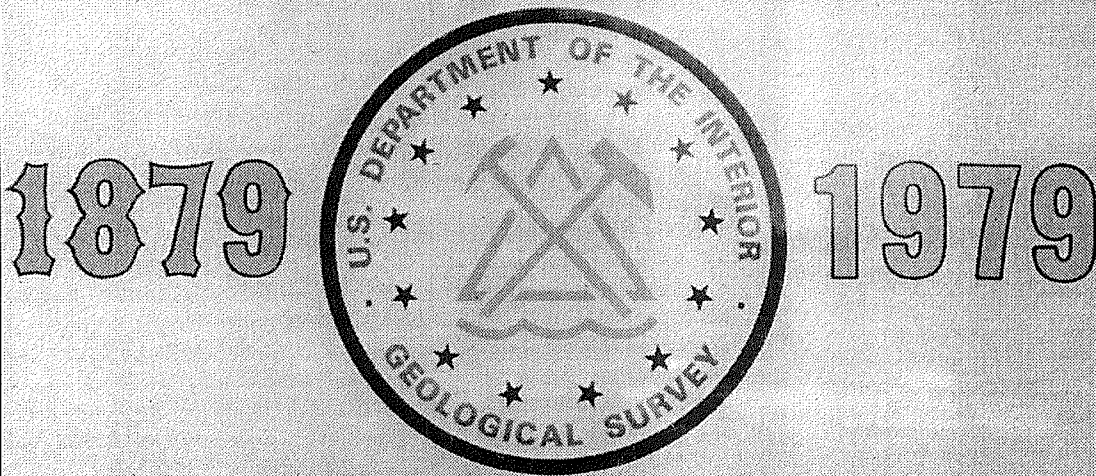
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What will happen to science and service if USGS moves?

By MARION SOFTKY

At stake in the classic cost-versus-quality debate about breaking up and scattering Menlo Park's USGS operation is how and whether one of the world's preeminent scientific research institutions can continue its historic mission of promoting "Earth Science in the Public Service."

When Gordon Eaton became director of the U.S. Geological Survey in 1994, he took over an agency that was already shrinking during combative political times. The proud and unusual agency founded 119 years ago by the visionary Capt. John Wesley Powell, has contributed hugely to our knowledge of the Earth and its neighbors.

Groundbreaking research

Scientists from the Geologic Division in Menlo Park have made earth-shaking discoveries about earthquakes and volcanoes, lucrative minerals, undersea geothermal vents harboring weird forms of life, and evidence of water and life on Mars.

A modest tar-paper shack, once the laundry for Dibble General Hospital, has been named a National Historic Landmark, because it held the Rock Magnetism Laboratory where the late Alan Cox and his colleagues sorted tons of rocks from all over the world for their magnetic direction. Their tedious, painstaking research helped confirm the theory of plate tectonics and continental drift, the basis of modern understanding of the Earth.

Since becoming director in Reston, Va., in 1994, Dr. Eaton has fought off a Republican attempt to dissolve USGS completely, and

presided over a major re-organization away from "curiosity-driven research" toward a more service-oriented model.

A major re-organization coupled with layoffs in 1995 hit Menlo Park particularly hard. Almost a third of employees in the Geologic Division, which does basic research on earthquakes, landslides, volcanoes, minerals, oceans and planets, either lost their jobs or were demoted or shifted. A few have been reinstated — leading to more layoffs; dozens more are still appealing their cases through the long and expensive federal appeals process.

"Isn't it great we knew the Geological Survey in its best years?" said Dr. Robert Wallace of Portola Valley, the grand old man of earthquake science who still goes to his office at the Survey every day after being retired for 10 years. "It took decades to build the program and to build the mystical feel of loyalty and great accomplishment," he added. "That's being destroyed, and you don't bring it back quickly."

Compelling reasons

Dr. Mary Lou Zoback, who is working on what happened off the Golden Gate in 1906 as a possible model for another large earthquake on the San Andreas Fault, argued that the major population in the Bay Area, the high-tech centers of Silicon Valley, and the concentration of seismic hazards "are all



Bob Wallace

compelling reasons we should have the USGS here."

Amos Nur, chairman of Stanford's geophysics department, called the impending relocation of USGS out of the Bay Area very bad news for Stanford scientists and students alike. The two institutions collaborate closely on joint research projects, he said. USGS provides massive amounts of data to Stanford, and its scientists serve as consulting professors at Stanford, while Stanford graduate students run projects at USGS. "It doesn't have to end, but it will be much more difficult," he said.

This collaboration is particularly important in the field of earthquake studies, especially earthquake prediction, he added. "If it's important to predict earthquakes, we need to make sure the best scientists are available," he said. "It's very important for the public, especially in California, which is the state most vulnerable to earthquakes."

Dr. Lajoie also values the "critical mass" of scientists who work together at the Survey. "I can walk down the hall and talk to the world's expert in any field of earth science," he said. "If we are split up to the four winds, we lose that kind of interaction. We would lose effectiveness."

Dr. Zoback disagreed with another of Director Eaton's priorities: to move USGS close to sister bureaus of the Interior Department (possibly in Sacramento) "in order to better meet their science needs."

She said, "USGS has a broader mandate to serve the country as a whole, not just sister agencies."

Andrea Gemmet contributed to this report.

Real Estate

by Gloria Darke



Tenant-Occupied House Can Be A Difficult Sale

Q. We've decided to sell one of our rental properties. Are there possible problems we need to know, before we inform the tenants? -R.K.

A. Sometimes, your once cooperative tenant can suddenly turn into your worst enemy, after they learn about your intentions to sell "their" house. A difficult tenant can make a home sale drag on far beyond your expectations.

Problems arise when a tenant makes showing difficult, by not cooperating with real estate agents. Also, unkind remarks about their landlord (you) and the property don't help the situation either. To make mat-

ters worse, the tenant can suddenly let the property run down.

Keep in mind tenants have their rights too, they can usually demand a 24 hour notice before the property is shown. The best strategy is to offer your tenants an incentive for their inconvenience and their cooperation.

Tip of the week: You can gain your tenants' help by offering a rent reduction, while the property is on the market. Another strategy is to offer a bonus at the close of escrow, based on the number of showings. The more showings the tenant cooperates with, the bigger the bonus.

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P.S. Some programmable hearing instruments also have memories that store frequency-amplification configurations for different situations.

Loss of USGS could put prime property on market in Menlo

By ANDREA GEMMET

Menlo Park has two distinct areas of interest when it comes to the USGS being relocated out of the Bay Area.

There's the sadness at the thought of losing a valuable scientific resource, as well as the people who play a key role in the local scientific and intellectual community.

"It harms not only the community but the region and the state of California," said David Wheaton, Menlo Park's assistant city manager.

And then there's the prospect of 16 acres of prime Menlo Park real estate coming up for sale. Most people predict the government will sell or lease the property to recoup the cost of relocating the Survey's headquarters. If it sells, for people familiar with the local super-hot market,

the mind simply boggles.

Sean Foley, from the Menlo Park Coldwell Banker office, professed to have no idea what the site might be worth.

"It's so rare to see something that size," he said. "It's like, what if St. Joe's or Sacred Heart went belly-up and decided to sell. Who knows?"

USGS open house still goes on

The U.S. Geological Survey will still hold its triennial open house Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 and 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its Western Region Center at 345 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park.

Plans to share its extraordinary range of earth-related activities with the public are going forward despite

He estimates that the dirt alone on the prime, Middlefield Road site would be worth \$35 to \$40 a square foot — more than \$1.5 million an acre. With the buildings, the value rises considerably.

Don de la Pena, Menlo Park's community development director, also declined to speculate about the site's worth. But he acknowledged that if the site becomes privately owned, it would mean a boost to the city's property tax revenues.

"If it came on at current value, it would be a significant amount of money," Mr. de la Pena said. "It's a beautiful site, and it's in an area where there's generally high demand for office space."

last week's surprise announcement that the Menlo Park campus may have to move out within five years.

Science buffs and their kids can talk to scientists and see displays about earthquakes and volcanoes, fossils, water resources, undersea geology, minerals, and planets. They can see the footprint of a tyrannosaurus rex, make a personal globe out of an old tennis ball, or buy maps.

Outreach coordinator Pat Jorgenson urges any and all to come to learn science and not get hung up on politics. "We want people to come for the same reason they've always come — to learn science," she said.

For more information, call 329-4390.

Man is killed in motorcycle crash

A 35-year-old man was killed Aug. 24 when his motorcycle collided with another near Woodside, the California Department of Forestry reported. The San Mateo County Coroner's Office has identified the man as Mark Wu of Saratoga.

Mr. Wu was riding his motorcycle eastbound up a hilly stretch of Highway 84 about halfway between Highway 35 and La Honda around 1:20 p.m. when the motorcycle slid out from under him during a turn, said Steve Biechman of CDF.

He then crossed over to the other side of the road and collided with another motorcyclist who was driving westbound at about 40 miles an hour, Mr. Biechman said. Mr. Wu was killed instantly, Mr. Biechman said.

The other motorcyclist was taken to Stanford Hospital with what appeared to be minor hip injuries, Mr. Biechman said.

Cartoonist sketches life with Disney

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Hilberman has had a rich career in film production and animation locally, nationally and internationally.

The Sept. 6 program will be held in the downstairs meeting room at the library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Menlo Park senior citizens and disabled residents may reserve free van service by calling 858-3468.

West Menlo road repair: County sets priority list

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors recently approved a priority list of about five miles of roads in West Menlo Park to be upgraded. The construction is scheduled to begin next spring.

The improvements don't mean that the sidewalks, wide streets and parking lanes typical of city streets are coming to West Menlo, but it should mean the end of a lot of potholes. The minimum

standard adopted by the board calls for 22-foot-wide paved roads with 3-foot-wide rolled curb and gutters. The improvements are expected to cost \$6.2 million and will be financed through the county's road fund budget, not through property owner assessments.

The following is the list of roads to be upgraded, in the order of priority:

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4.	Sterling Ave.	Altschul Ave.	Cloud Ave.
5.	Oakley Ave.	Cloud Ave.	Alameda de las Pulgas
6.	Manzanita Ave.	Altschul Ave.	Barney Ave.
7.	Camino a los Cerros	Alameda de las Pulgas	Patterson Ave.
8.	Ashton Ave.	Altschul Ave.	Cloud Ave.
9.	Cedar Ave.	Altschul Ave.	Barney Ave.
10.	Barney Ave.	Valparaiso Ave.	Camino al Lago
11.	Camino de los Robles	Altschul Ave.	Alameda de las Pulgas
12.	Monterey Ave.	Altschul Ave.	Alameda de las Pulgas
13.	Altschul Ave.	Camino de los Robles	Camino a los Cerros
14.	Mills Ave.	Barney Ave.	end
15.	Sharon Road	Alameda de las Pulgas	Cloud Ave.
16.	Franks Lane	Camino de los Robles	Valparaiso Ave.
17.	Camino de los Robles	Barney Ave.	Camino por los Arboles
18.	Valparaiso Ave.	Altschul Ave.	Alameda de las Pulgas
19.	Lucky Ave.	Liberty Park Ave.	Sharon Road
20.	Liberty Park Ave.	Alameda de las Pulgas	Cloud Ave.
21.	Stanford Ave.	Palo Alto Way	Sand Hill Road
22.	Palo Alto Way	Leland Ave.	Santa Cruz Ave.
23.	Leland Ave.	Palo Alto Way	Sand Hill Road
24.	Croner Ave.	Orange Ave.	unincorporated limits
25.	Vine St.	Leland Ave.	Sand Hill Road
26.	Camino al Lago	Alameda de las Pulgas	Barney Ave.
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.53 ct.	Round	G	VVS1	GIA	3,000.00	2,241.00
.53 ct.	Round	D	IF	GIA	6,000.00	3,000.00
.77 ct.	Emerald Cut	F	VVS1	EGL	5,000.00	3,522.00

All of the above diamonds range from well cut to ideal cut. these are just a sampling of our stock.

Colored Stone Specials

Type	Shape	Origin	Color	Weight	Regular Price	SALE
Sapphire	Oval	Ceylon	Rich Pure Blue	3.65 cts.	\$20,000.00	\$13,500.00
Sapphire	Pear	Thai	Rich Blue	2.66 cts.	3,000.00	2,000.00
Sapphire	Oval	Ceylon	Rich Blue	1.12 cts.	1,400.00	850.00
Sapphire	Oval	African	Deep Purple	1.48 cts.	2,000.00	650.00
Sapphire	Oval	Ceylon	Violet Pink	2.19 cts.	2,000.00	1,500.00
Emerald	Oval	African	Medium Green	.80 cts.	2,800.00	1,600.00
Ruby	Oval	Burma	Vivid Red	1.05 cts.	3,500.00	2,500.00
Ruby	Oval	Burma	Vivid Red	1.02 cts.	3,300.00	2,300.00
Ruby	Pear	Burma	Vivid Red	1.17 cts.	4,500.00	3,000.00

All of these colored stones have exceptional clarity, are very well cut, and have elegant colors. We have many more shapes and sizes available.



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