

Beale makes short list for possible future home of small spy planes

Beale Air Force Base has made the short list of candidates to be considered as the permanent home of the Air Force's MC-12 Liberty program.

Beale has been the temporary home of the surveillance plane program, but the planes actually have been deployed since the inception of the program 18 months ago at training bases in Georgia and Mississippi and on location in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Landing the program at Beale could mean landing up to 700 jobs that come with the unit, bolstering the local economy.

The other bases being considered are: Altus Air Force Base in Oklahoma, Key Field Air Guard Station in Mississippi, Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, Robins Air Force Base in Georgia and Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.

The Air Force will now perform environmental reports on each location.

The MC-12 program involves modified King Air 350 commercial prop planes. There are about 12 planes currently in the program, but that number is expected to reach 42.

Pillow talk helps screenplay

The Michel(l)es' run of good fortune continues.

Michelle Gamble-Risley and Michele Smith, local business partners in M

Communications and 3L Publishing, have gotten the attention of actors Rita Wilson and husband Tom Hanks. Or at least their screenplay has.

"C-ASS," the screenplay, satires bad behaviors at trade shows through the romantic story of heroine Amelie and her love interest, Wayne.

Wilson and Hanks read the Michel(l)es' screenplay while in bed last week. Just the fact that two respected actors and producers read their work is enough to make Gamble-Risley and Smith giddy. But now an eight-figure deal is being suggested by the woman whose connections got the screenplay into the hands of Wilson and Hanks.

This Bay Area woman, whom the Michel(l)es are calling Hollywood Fairy Godmother, or HFG, and is now their talent manager, has been following their blogs since meeting the women at an eWomenNetwork event a year ago. HFG passed along a copy of "C-ASS" to Drew Barrymore's business partner, who

passed it along to Wilson.

Gamble-Risley has been away from the screenplay business for a while, but she sold a couple screenplays some years back, including one that was made into the 1998 Showtime movie "Virtual Seduction."

CB Richard Ellis loses another one

Another top producer at the region's largest commercial real estate brokerage, CB Richard Ellis, is departing.

Kevin Sheehan worked in CB's Roseville office for 22 years, according to his company bio, but several sources confirmed he is leaving to take on a leadership role with Voit Real Estate Services of Newport Beach, and will run that company's Northern California office. Voit has a prominent presence in the Southern California commercial real estate market.

Sheehan could not be reached for comment about the move. He is the third principal of a team of CB brokers

assembled last year that has since disbanded with the departures of fellow principals Ken Turton and Greg Levi.

Dave Brennan, who oversees the Central Valley and northern Nevada offices of CB Richard Ellis, could not be reached for comment.

Bike lanes cause hubbub

Known as the Bicycle Capital of the United States, the city of Davis is inching ahead with a controversial plan to convert an 11-block stretch of Fifth Street, the city's main thoroughfare, from four lanes to two with bike lanes and left-turn pockets.

The City Council in September endorsed the project, which would convert a stretch of road between A and L streets. In February, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments approved a community design grant of \$836,000 for the first phase for fiscal year 2014, and the city is now working with SACOG to see if the funding could be advanced.

On Tuesday, the council directed staff to proceed with an environmental assessment and to consult with advisory commissions and neighborhood and business interests on evaluating impacts the change would have on traffic loads, for example, on Fifth Street.

While cyclists are big advocates of the project, some business owners are concerned the change might create congestion and deter people from coming downtown.

The entire project, including planned lighting, landscaping and signals, would cost about \$1.8 million.



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An MC-12 rolls down the runway last month at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

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