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The historic **Kepler's Books and Magazines** in Menlo Park has found a new lease on life as a for-profit community bookstore coupled with nonprofit events. The store's inventory, now at about 43,000, is on target to reach 60,000 titles by the end of summer.

Kepler's reboot enters second year

By **Sandy Brundage**

Almanac Staff Writer

Kepler's, the "Silicon Valley bookstore that keeps reinventing itself," appears to be enjoying a new lease on life after 57 years in business, albeit not without a lot of elbow grease on the part of management and staff.

"This has been hard," said Praveen Madan. "It's a complete reboot of the business. It's complex, there are a lot of moving parts."

The effort appears to be paying off. The store is currently experiencing "Christmas in summer," with families buying stacks of books for summer reading and vacation entertainment.

When it opened in 1955, Roy Kepler's bookstore was one of three in the Bay Area delivering paperbacks for the first time to the masses. Decades later, the store, along with City Lights in San Francisco and Cody's Books in Berkeley, struggled to adapt to a marketplace turned on its ear by the Internet. Kepler's, by then under the stewardship of Roy's son Clark, temporarily closed six years ago; Cody's Books actually

did, permanently, in 2008.

When a group of Kepler's devotees that included Mr. Madan and wife Christin Evans assumed stewardship in 2012, they cut the business in two, coupling a for-profit community bookstore with nonprofit events. The couple divides their time between Kepler's and their other ventures — the Booksmith in San Francisco and Berkeley Arts and Letters; Ms. Evans splits her efforts about "50-50" while her husband stays focused on the Menlo Park business.

Slowly the new Kepler's has taken shape. More books crowd the shelves, but fewer knickknacks. A redesign injected a 1960s vibe into everything from the linoleum to sign fonts to take the store back to its radical roots.

No Kepler works at Kepler's now, but the family hasn't disappeared from the bookstore. Volunteer Dawn Kepler, Clark's sister, manages the store's Facebook page. The new team has been known to call Clark Kepler for advice, and he's been known

to drop by.

He said it feels very different to be an observer now. "I love bookselling, the bookstore and the community it serves, and the memories of more than 30 years at Kepler's," Clark said. "I did experience mixed feelings initially during the transition, like seeing a child leave the home — happy, relieved and sad."

Independent stores in New York and Santa Barbara are following in the footsteps of Kepler's business model.

But he's happy to see the family legacy thrive.

"Times change and the new version of the bookstore reflects that."

The hybrid business model gets a thumbs up for carrying on the bookstore's original mission of bringing people together and fostering intellectual discourse and civic engagement in the

community. Clark would like to see even more collaborations along the lines of this year's partnership with the Fox Theatre in Redwood City and National Geographic Live Speaker series, perhaps reaching different venues along the Peninsula.

The store's redesign also got a nod of approval for incorporating his father's image and the spirit of his times.

Is there anything he doesn't like? "Hey, like I said, times change, but what's not to like about a bookstore?"

The future is now

Last year Kepler's held an event to figure out where it was going. "Future Search really created the blueprint of the plan," Mr. Madan said. Participants said Kepler's should refocus on the community while grounding the bookstore in its social history. The store also needed to get comfortable with technology, they suggested, and — the most frequent request — add a cocktail bar.

Well, there's still no bar at Kepler's. But drinks do appear

during book-swap events, Ms. Evans said. The price of admission includes beverages and food.

Still on the "to do" list: Building the new team, and creating governing boards for both the profit and nonprofit arms of Kepler's. "It takes time to get the right people in the right place," Ms. Evans noted. They're still recruiting for frontline booksellers, a manager for the kids section, and an events director for the nonprofit arm of the business.

The store also plans to launch a revamped membership program this fall.

The e-quation

What to do about e-books remains a question with either many answers, none of which may be right, or no answer, or one single answer yet to be determined.

"It'll take years (to figure out)," Mr. Madan said.

The store is testing a partnership with the Kobo e-reader and searching for ways to integrate

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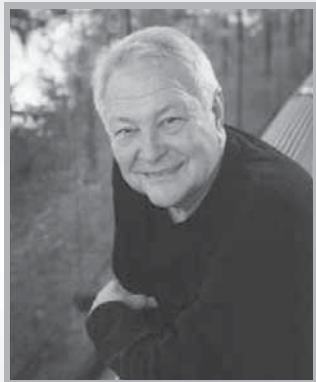
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From left, Sally Chavez, Lori Perkins, Stephanie Wright, Patrick Moran and Teresa McCollough laugh as someone's book gets swiped during a Saturday night book swap event at Kepler's on July 13.

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the technology into the community engagement that's at the heart of the reinvented Kepler's.

E-books remain a thorn in the side of even big bookstore chains. Barnes & Noble recently announced it would stop selling the color version of its e-reader — the Nook — after financial analysis indicated the brick-and-mortar bookstores were essentially subsidizing the chain's e-book business.

The new Kepler's looks at social media as "a way of standing on the rooftops screaming 'This is a great book!'" The non-profit events feed into that, providing a platform for ideas the staff really want to get behind, according to Mr. Madan.

Can you see us now?

Word of the Kepler's revival hasn't reached all ears — some

people still think the store has closed, an error occasionally perpetuated by the vacant space in the portion of the building the bookstore no longer leases. Last year the store shrank from 10,000 to 6,440 square feet to wrestle its rent back in line with its finances.

Manager Amanda North said she got a phone call recently from two teenagers trying to find the new Kepler's. "They said, 'We were told to go to Kepler's for our summer reading, but you're not here!,'" she said. The teens were in the right place, but standing in front of the now-vacant part of the building. Staying on the phone, Ms. North guided them down the sidewalk a couple dozen feet to the store's entrance.

Still, it's a hopeful sign that Kepler's, whose customers once lamented the lack of inventory, is now the go-to location to find

books, and that independent stores in New York and Santa Barbara are following in the footsteps of its business model.

"There's no one silver bullet," Mr. Madan said. "I believe the hybrid model goes a long way towards sustainability."

Woodrow Wilson once said: "Generally young men are regarded as radicals. This is a popular misconception. The most conservative persons I ever met are college undergraduates. The radicals are the men past middle life."

Perhaps that will prove true of middle-aged independent bookstores, too. ■

About the cover

Donna Walker holds her daughter Amelia Azzi, 24 months old, while the pair reads "The Little Engine That Could" at Kepler's Books in Menlo Park. Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac.

A snapshot of what's changed at the reinvented Kepler's

Inventory

Now: 47,000 books in stock. Then: 12,500. Previous management was gradually liquidating its stock in anticipation of closing the store, however. The average inventory of the new Kepler's for the April-June quarter of 2013 was 43,000 books, up from 33,000 in the same quarter of 2012 at the old Kepler's, according to Praveen Madan.

The store hopes to have 60,000 titles by summer's end.

Events

Now: 16 events per month. Then: 12 per month.

The type of events as well as the number has changed, with Kepler's doing more on-stage author interviews, social events such as the book swaps, writing classes, and incorporating technology such as livestreaming the presidential debate.

Bestseller during the past year

"My Beloved World," a memoir by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.



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The reinvented Kepler's brings back a sense of the independent bookstore's radical roots by using fonts and decor from the 1950s and 1960s and incorporating the image of founder Roy Kepler, here seen on a book recommendation note written by staff.

Customers

Most common question: "How can we buy e-books and still support Kepler's?"

Favorite staff anecdotes: A customer wrote a poem for a staff member to thank her for her help in finding a book.

Another customer asked if they could get their Kindle repaired at Kepler's. ■

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Music@Menlo: Bach and beyond

By Rebecca Wallace

Palo Alto Weekly

The string quartet was a futuristic invention that didn't exist when J.S. Bach was alive. The piano trio wasn't much of a thing yet, either. But it's like Herr Bach knew they were coming.

As illustrated in this year's Music@Menlo program, the composer's stamp is everywhere, centuries after his day: on quartets, trios, concertos, preludes, fugues and even French music. This season, concerts and talks explore the question put forth by festival directors David Finckel and Wu Han: How did Bach's works influence so much of music yet to come? Or, as the two ask in a festival booklet, had "Bach's music, through its cosmic logic, simply opened our ears to hearing everything that followed it more clearly and vividly?"

The popular festival founded by cellist Finckel and pianist Wu Han is now in its 11th season. Running July 18 through Aug. 10, it's based at Menlo School in Atherton, with events at Stent Family Hall and Martin Family Hall on campus, and at the Performing Arts Center at Menlo-Atherton High School. Besides hosting concerts with big-name musicians, the festival presents a lecture series and performances by musicians who are studying at the festival's Chamber Music Institute this summer.

Musicians new to the festival this year include the Danish String Quartet and violinist Soovin Kim; returning players include the Orion String Quartet, violinist Jorja Fleezanis, violist Arnaud Sussmann, pianist Gilbert Kalish and cellist Colin Carr.

This year's theme, "From Bach," is the focus of the eight mainstage concerts. The first, "Piano/Piano," looks at Bach's legacy as an organist and how it has inspired piano compositions by master composers in their own right: Schubert, Schumann, Bartok. It will be performed July 19.

On July 21 is "Quartet Dimensions." The Danish String Quartet and other players will explore Bach's influence on the quartet art form, including Mozart's string-quartet takes on Bach's "The Well-Tempered Clavier."

"String Variations," with performances on July 24 and 25, begins with Bach's "Brandenburg" Concerto no. 3 and continues the splendid-strings theme through pieces by Richard Strauss, Shostakovich and Mozart. Wu Han will be featured on harpsichord. On July



Music@Menlo artistic director David Finckel and Wu Han.

27, "Preludes and Fugues" looks at Bach's contrapuntal music and its influence on Haydn, Mendelssohn, Debussy, Gershwin, Britten and others.

Closing out the month is "Trio Transformations," on July 31 and Aug. 1. The program explores how Bach's sonatas led to the more modern piano-trio art form, featuring Jeffrey Kahane playing piano and harpsichord, Joseph Swensen playing violin and Carter Brey playing cello.

Music@Menlo looks at J.S. Bach's expansive influence on music over the centuries.

Bach's "French" Suites showed that the master went far beyond Germanic music, and the Aug. 2-3 program "French Connections" delves into the brightness and romance that later appeared in music by Saint-Saens, Debussy, Tournier and Franck.

On Aug. 6 and 7, many musicians will take on the master's final work, "Die Kunst der Fuge (The Art of Fugue)." Lastly, "The Solo Voice" looks at Bach's music for solo instruments, with his Concerto for Violin and Oboe in c minor, and pieces by Schubert, Mozart and Mendelssohn. Performance dates are Aug. 9 and 10.

Also at Music@Menlo are the Carte Blanche Concerts, which allow individual festival artists to curate their own recitals and single out pieces that have par-

ticular meaning to them.

Percussionists Christopher Froh, Ayano Kataoka and Ian Rosenbaum will be featured on July 20, followed by violinist Soovin Kim the next day. Colin Carr presents "Cello Evolutions I" on July 28; he performed all of Bach's cello suites at the festival in 2004 and will play two of them as part of the new program.

Violinist Jorja Fleezanis will be accompanied by soprano Elizabeth Futral and others in her "Into the Light" program on July 28, looking at how music gives voice to the human condition. Cellist Laurence Lesser follows on Aug. 4.

Meanwhile, classical-music scholars will be presenting "Encounter" lectures. The schedule is: "In the Beginning ... There Was Bach" with Ara Guzelimian on July 18; "Keyboard Evolution: How Bach's Instruments Became the Modern Piano" with Stuart Isacoff on July 26; "The Art of Late Bach: Exploring 'Musical Offering' and 'The Art of Fugue'" with Michael Parloff on Aug. 4; and "The Passion According to Sebastian Bach" with Patrick Castillo on Aug. 8.

Other talks and student-musician concerts, as well as master classes, will be held throughout the festival, with a Music@Menlo open house on July 20. Music-inspired paintings by Sebastian Spreng will be on exhibit.

Tickets for mainstage concerts are \$55-\$77 (\$20-\$35 for those under 30), and Carte Blanche Concert tickets are \$40-\$75 (\$20-\$35 for those under 30). Encounter lectures are \$45 general and \$20 for the under-30s. Performances by musicians in the Chamber Music Institute are free.

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Chase Bank opens second Menlo Park branch

By Sam Borsos

Special to the Almanac

Chase Bank tellers, managers, bankers, community leaders and Menlo Park Councilwoman Catherine Carlton gathered on July 9 to celebrate the opening of a second Menlo Park branch. The new branch is at 3500 Alameda de las Pulgas in West Menlo Park.

Something that customers may find in the new location, but not elsewhere, are services offered in Spanish and Hindi.

"It is unique to this branch," said Eileen Leveckis of Chase media relations. "We try to respond very directly to what the community needs, and we identify the languages that would be beneficial to the community."

The other Chase Bank in Menlo Park is downtown at 650 Santa Cruz Ave. Chase says it has 1,040 locations across California.

"We see a lot of opportunity in the Menlo Park area," said Ms. Leveckis. "We are responding to customers coming in and telling

us what they want. We're really glad to be opening this branch."

The new branch is approximately 2,900 square feet, and employs eight people. The previous tenant of the space moved to a different part of the building. Usually, a new Chase location hires eight to 12 people within a year of opening, so there's potential to hire a few more people, according to Ms. Leveckis.

Chase employees who took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony were Nidhi Manrao (assistant branch manager), Jim Willett Jr. (mortgage banker), Anna Kang (market manager), Avianca Verdugo (district manager), Domingo Huerta (branch manager), Ethan Klein (relationship banker), Sarah McDonnell (teller), Jenny Castillo (teller), Gilbert Tay (private client adviser), Brian Benitez (personal banker).

The new branch includes banking kiosks, ATM, a card-issue terminal and safe-deposit services, she said. ■

Candidate filing period opens

The candidate filing period for the Nov. 5 election is open from July 15 to Aug. 9.

Many seats on local government boards will be up for election, including three seats on both the Portola Valley and Woodside town councils.

Among school districts, both the Portola Valley and Woodside elementary school districts will have three seats up for election. Two seats will be open on the boards of both the Sequoia Union High School District and San Mateo County Community College District.

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District has three seats open, and the Woodside Fire Protection District, one seat.

Among special districts, there are two seats open on the boards of both the Ladera Recreation District and the West Bay Sanitary District. The Los Trancos Water District has three seats open.

All of the elections are for four-year terms on the governing boards.

The candidate filing period opened at 8 a.m. Monday, July 15, and closes at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. For offices without an eligible incumbent seeking reelection, the filing period will be extended another five calendar days and will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14.

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Woodside undecided on fate of Jackling House artifacts

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Noted architect George Washington Smith reportedly designed 54 homes in Santa Barbara and one in Woodside during the first three decades of the 20th century. The Woodside home — the Daniel C. Jackling house — is gone, demolished in 2011 by the late Apple CEO Steve Jobs, but a collection of artifacts from the house are in the hands of the town of Woodside.

The town has a tiny space to display them, but perhaps a resident or two in Santa Barbara might be interested in giving them a home in a house that Mr. Smith designed.

Sending artifacts to Santa Barbara was one of several new ideas aired at the Woodside Town Council meeting on July 9 in response to the persistent question of what to do with what remains of the Jackling House. The council asked the

History Committee to look at this question again and make recommendations, including which artifacts to keep and ideas on how to exhibit them.

The collection was recently appraised at \$30,825 and includes a copper mailbox, parts of a copper-and-iron flagpole and many interior furnishings, including wall sconces, chandeliers and a light for a pool table.

The History Committee, an advisory group to the council, made its selections in 2010 from the entire collection, after which two institutions that have an interest in Mr. Smith's work — the San Mateo County Historical Association and a museum at the University of California at Santa Barbara — made their choices. (The institutions "cherry-picked" the valuable items, Councilman Peter Mason said.) Of Woodside's collection, a few are on display in the tiny Woodside Community Museum, but most are in a weatherproof storage bin.

Woodside residents Qian Su

and Ben Gilad have informed the town that they'd like to restore some of the artifacts for a Smith-inspired home they're planning on Whiskey Hill Road, and the History Committee supports this proposal, Planning Director Jackie Young said. The couple would hold an open house periodically to allow public viewing, Ms. Young said.

Council members expressed wariness about the couple's commitment, musing that they would tire of the artifacts. Councilman Dave Burow proposed that the couple should be required to modify the deed to their home to protect the artifacts in case they sell the house.

A knotty problem

The council returned repeatedly to the point of establishing a collection in the first place: to create a benefit for the public about the history of Woodside. But where? A rotating exhibit would also be costly to maintain.

"If we decided that something is significant enough to save it, and three years later we decide that we're not willing to (spend the money) to display it, we've proven that we do not have the moral fortitude to keep something for a period of time," Mr. Mason said. The town should not just salvage artifacts, but restore them, he added.

The town is not in the restoration business, Councilman Ron Romines said.

There are more items in the collection than could ever fit in the museum, Mayor Anne Kasten said.

Several council members wondered why the History Committee seemed ready to divest the town of artifacts without having expressed a desire to keep some. "The fact that they didn't do that, it contradicts everything I've come to believe about the History Committee," Mr. Burow said.

"The committee hasn't really talked about it. It comes back

to storage space," committee Chair Richard Tagg told the council.

In his staff report, Town Manager Kevin Bryant proposed an auction to dispose of artifacts no one wanted. Council members Tom Shanahan and Mr. Burow suggested that Ms. Su and Mr. Gilad buy the artifacts they want in an auction. "We're not talking about astronomical prices here," Mr. Burow said.

"The town is not in the business of raising money and making that the tail end of this story," Mayor Kasten said. Exhibit them in town or find a way to use them in town, she said.

"I would rather see this stuff in an original George Washington Smith house," said Mr. Mason, who is an architect. Advertise their availability in Santa Barbara where they would be in the company of other "real artifacts," he said. "We know (Santa Barbara owners) are not going to throw them in the junk." ■

Concerts at Portola Vineyards

Portola Vineyards, at 850 Los Trancos Road in Portola Valley, will host a concert featuring the Wayne Wallace Latin Jazz Quintet on Sunday, July 28. Another Latin jazz ensemble, Ray Obiedo & Mistura Fina, will perform Sunday, Aug. 18.

A barn dance, with a caller and live string band, will take place Sunday, Sept. 1. "More than anything, we want people to engage with the place they live in and with the wine they're drinking," says Debbie Lehmann, who manages the family vineyard.

The jazz concerts run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. The barn dance runs from 6 to 8 p.m. with tickets at \$15.

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Junior League holds open houses

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Horse clinic

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Orchards of Silicon Valley' Author Rob-in Chapman. July 30, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321.

Ivy Pochoda discusses her new novel, "Visitation Street," a literary mystery set against the backdrop of the New York waterfront in Red Hook. July 24, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Katie Hafner in conversation with Abraham Verghese about her memoir, "Mother, Daughter, Me." Ms. Hafner was on staff at the New York Times for 10 years. July 25, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Nina Schuyler discusses "The Translator." When translator Hanne Schubert falls down a flight of stairs, she suffers from an unusual but real condition: the loss of her native language. July 18, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Youth Event L. Tam Holland discusses her debut novel, "The Counterfeit Family Tree of Vee Crawford-Wong." A boy has a Chinese-born father and Texas-bred mother who are tight-lipped about his ancestry, so he has to make up his family history for a school assignment. July 23, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Family and Kids

'Families Interested In Private Schools' NextStep hosts an event to help reduce the stress surrounding the competitive private school search and application process. July 18, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Menlo College, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton. Call

330-646-8260.

'Paws for Tales' On the fourth Saturday of each month, children ages 5 and up can sign up to read to a trained service dog. Help improve reading skills and build reading confidence. May 25-October 26, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422.

'Reading Is So Delicious' Woodside Library hosts a reading and snack event with stories and strawberry shortcake with soft ice cream made in a "push the ball around" activity. Sign-up required. Ages 5 to 10; parents welcome to attend with child. July 23, 3-3:45 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Fratello Marionettes Present 'Aladdin' All ages welcome. July 17, 10-11 a.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Bonnie Lockhart performs a sing-along, move-along family concert to celebrate the library's "Reading Is Delicious" program. July 25, 10-11 a.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Summer Reading Program Children, teens and adults can participate in the Summer Reading Program at the Atherton Library. The theme is "Reading is Sooooo Delicious!" Read and participate in raffle drawings. The program is during library hours. June 1-August 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422.

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'The Wolf and the Watchman'

Journalist and former foreign correspondent Scott Johnson will discuss and sign his new memoir, "The Wolf and the Watchman: A Father, a Son, and the CIA," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. The central thread of "The Wolf and the Watchman" is Mr. Johnson's struggle to define himself in opposition to his father, Keith, a career CIA operative.



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Menlo Park Summer Concert Series The Hot Rods will perform rock-n-roll music as part of the 2013 Menlo Park Summer Concert Series in the park. Audience members

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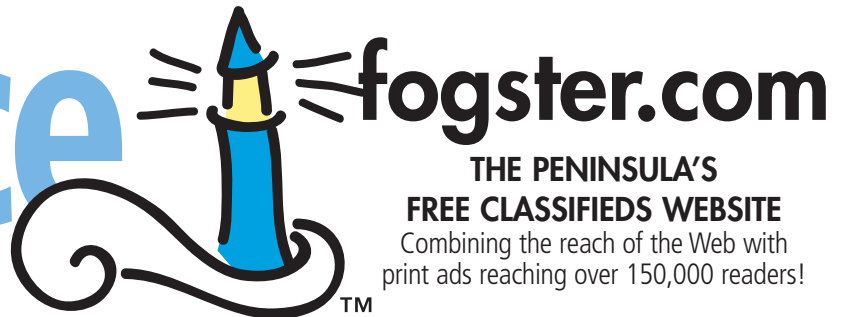
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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STATEMENT
File No.: 256438
The following person (persons) is (are)
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Fierro Metal Fabrication, located at 861
Warrington Ave., Redwood City, CA
94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
DEMIS A. RUEDA
428 Buckeye St.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An
Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on June 19, 2013.
(ALM June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2013)

LUXE LARDER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 256491
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Luxe Larder, located at 511 Fanita
Way, Menlo Park CA 94025, San Mateo
County.
Registered owner(s):
LUXE LARDER LLC
511 Fanita Way
Menlo Park, CA 94025
CA
This business is conducted by: A
Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on 2-15-13.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on June 21, 2013.
(ALM June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2013)

SKYRIDEU
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 256477
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
SkyRideU, located at 2445 Sharon
Oaks, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San
Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
BABAK MASSOUDI
2445 Sharon Oaks
Menlo Park CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An
Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on July 5, 2013.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on June 21, 2013.
(ALM July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013)

File No. 256450
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
TOFANYOU RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY
Located at: 195 State Street, San
Mateo, CA 94401, COUNTY: San Mateo
Is (are) hereby registered by the follow-
ing owner(s): Tofanyou, Inc., 195 State
Street, San Mateo, CA 94401
This business is conducted by: a cor-
poration.
Corporation/LLC: Yes
Organization: DE
LLC: No
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the FBN or names on
N/A

"I declare that all information in this
statement is true" (A registrant who
declares as true information which he
or she know to be false is guilty of a
crime.)
Signature of Registrant: Pratik Patel
Print Name: PRATIK PATEL
Signature MUST be that of an appropri-
ate person, i.e. the individual, one of
the general partners, a trustee or, if a
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This statement was filed with MARK
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(ALM July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 256459
The following Person(s) is (are) doing
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Synth Dynamics, located at 325
Sharon Park Drive #612, Menlo Park,
California, 94025, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the follow-
ing owner(s):
JOHN CONSTANTINE KOCH
289 Camino Al Lago
Atherton, CA 94027
This business is conducted by: An
Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on June 19, 2013.
(ALM July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013)

LP WHOLESALE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 256362
The following Person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
LP Wholesale, located at 1753
Connecticut Dr., Redwood City, CA
94061, USA.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the follow-
ing owner(s):
LUIS ADRIAN PENA
1753 Connecticut Dr.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An
Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on 06/17/2013.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on June 17, 2013.
(ALM July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013)

MENLO MARRIAGE WORKS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 256577
The following Person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
Menlo Marriage Works, located at 1220
University Drive, Suite 102, Menlo Park,
CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the follow-
ing owner(s):
LYNDA VOORHEES
370 Tompkins Court, #D
Gilroy, CA 95020
This business is conducted by: An
Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on 06/19/2013.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on June 28, 2013.
(ALM July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2013)

MR. CHIMNEY
MR. CHIMNEY BUILDER
MR. CHIMNEY BUILDERS
MR. CHIMNEY SWEEP
MR. CHIMNEY & MASON
CONSTRUCTION
MRS. CHIMNEY
MISTER CHIMNEY
MR. CHIMNEY ANY VARIATION OF
MR. CHIMNEY & DRYER VENTS R'US
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 256616
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
1.) Mr. Chimney, 2.) Mr. Chimney
Builder, 3.) Mr. Chimney Builders, 4.)
Mr. Chimney Sweep, 5.) Mr. Chimney &
Mason Construction, 6.) Mrs. Chimney,
7.) Mister Chimney, 8.) Mr. Chimney Any
Variation of, 9.) Mr. Chimney & Dryer
Vents R'us, located at 10157 Alhambra
Ave., Cupertino, CA 95014, Santa Clara
County.
Registered owner(s):
MASON McCARTY
10157 Alhambra Ave.
Cupertino, CA 95014

This business is conducted by:
An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on 4/1/1989.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on July 1, 2013.
(ALM July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2013)

997 All Other Legals
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE
OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: CIV521969
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner DAVID ERIC REINHARDT filed
a petition with this court for a decree
changing names as follows:
DAVID ERIC REINHARDT to DAVID
REINHARDT RAGOUZEOS.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter appear before
this court at the hearing indicated
below to show cause, if any, why the
petition for change of name should not
be granted. Any person objecting to the
name changes described above must
file a written objection that includes the
reasons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is sched-
uled to be heard and must appear at
the hearing to show cause why the peti-
tion should not be granted. If no written
objection is timely filed, the court may
grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: August 1, 2013,
9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, of the Superior
Court of California, County of San
Mateo, located at 400 County Center,
Redwood City, CA 94063.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
shall be published at least once each
week for four successive weeks prior to
the date set for hearing on the petition
in the following newspaper of general
circulation, printed in this county:
THE ALMANAC
Date: June 10, 2013
/s/ Robert Foiles
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE
OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: CIV522022
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: NATALIE MONIQUE GREGORY
filed a petition with this court for a
decree changing names as follows:
NATALIE MONIQUE GREGORY aka
NATALIE M. GREGORY, aka NATALIE
GREGORY to NATALIE MONIQUE LANE.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter appear before
this court at the hearing indicated
below to show cause, if any, why the
petition for change of name should not
be granted. Any person objecting to the
name changes described above must
file a written objection that includes the
reasons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is sched-
uled to be heard and must appear at
the hearing to show cause why the peti-
tion should not be granted. If no written
objection is timely filed, the court may
grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: August 15, 2013,
9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2J of the
Superior Court of California, County of
San Mateo, located at 400 County
Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE shall be published at least once
each week for four successive weeks
prior to the date set for hearing on
the petition in the following newspaper
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Date: June 10, 2013
/s/ Joseph C. Scott
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM July 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 2013)

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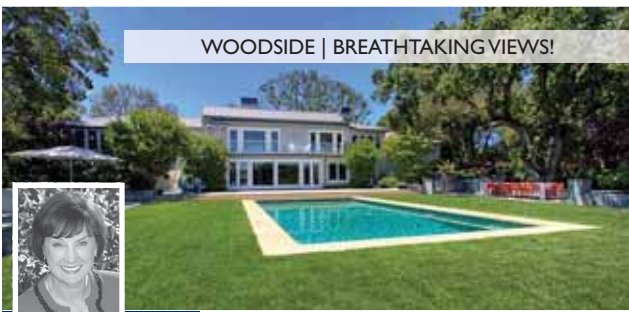


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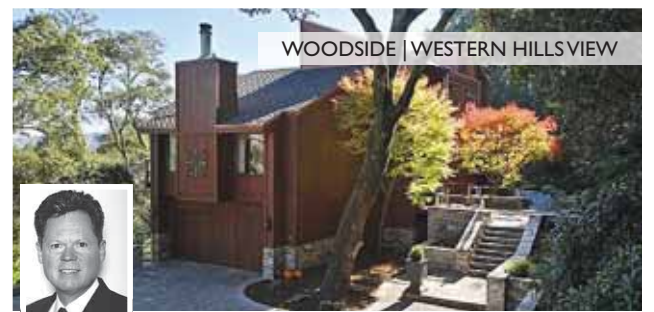


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