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Menlo Park fire chief returns home after crippling fall

By Sandy Brundage
Almanac Staff Writer

A twisting ladder broke Harold Schapelhouman's body, but not his heart.

"There is the irony of falling off a ladder in your own backyard," he said.

After three decades in a career that saw him deployed for 9/11, the Oklahoma City bombing, Katrina and local emergencies too numerous to count, the fire chief of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District is used to saving lives rather than being saved.

"You wonder why things happen. I used to say 'life isn't fair.' It's easier to say when it isn't you," Chief Schapelhouman said. Life as a firefighter offers ample examples of bad things happening to good people. "Something bad happened to me."

When the Almanac talked to the chief at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose on July 16, he was looking forward to going home the next day, knowing a different kind of life was waiting there.

"I'm OK. I'm just broken."



2011 file photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac
Chief Harold Schapelhouman: "You learn how strong you can be, how weak you can be, how emotional you can be."

immediately hand off control of the fire district.

He praised the San Jose firefighters who arrived at the scene — "they were incredible" — and the medical personnel who have guided him through the long days since the May 11 accident. Used to leaving patients in the emergency room, he's found "a

bed, took hours of painstaking work and drew upon the creativity exercised by firefighters in the field.

"They've learned a few things from me here," he said with a grin. That overflow slot in the sink, for instance, turns out to work great for holding a toothbrush.

The doctors estimate it'll take up to two years before they know whether he'll improve. He eschews painkillers and antidepressants.

Lada, his wife, attends her own training sessions at the hospital, learning how to provide care for a husband who wishes she didn't have to.

"I have to get over it. But she's my partner, not my caregiver," the chief said. After a pause, he added, "It's one thing to do something to yourself. It's another to do something to your family. That's worse."

His hospital roommate, coincidentally a man he's known for 10 years, arrived at the hospital the same day. Their arrival delivered two spinal traumas to a unit that hadn't seen any for six months.

Through the hospital's rehabilitation program he's met other firefighters with broken backs, a judge, a SLAC engineer ("He cheated at cards," the chief said; the group played poker to develop their fine motor skills). A 20-year-old girl.

"Everyone has bad days here. But there are benefits, as crazy as that sounds," he said. "It's not easy. You learn how strong you can be, how weak you can be, how emotional you can be. I've cried more in this place — not always in a negative way. My roommate is the most inappropriately funny guy, like Patch Adams."

The road ahead

He and Lada had already been talking about retirement. The chief decided he wanted seven

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'I knew it was bad'

The weight of a set of extendable yard clippers yanked him off balance and off the twisting ladder "like a guy on a tight-rope," he said. The chief fell and blacked out, then came to still clutching the tool like firefighters are trained to do.

He was lying in a pool of blood on the ground. "I knew it was bad."

A neighbor, Dustin Yoder, called over a fence to see if all was OK. Hearing a "no" he started gathering the cavalry, following the chief's instructions along the way.

"Apparently I started telling everybody what to do after that," Chief Schapelhouman said. "Which is scary because I don't remember what I said." Duty still came first; he's grateful he was cognizant enough to

'I'm OK. I'm just broken.'

FIRE CHIEF HAROLD SCHAPELHOUMAN

whole different level of respect" for what happens after the first responders leave.

Chief Schapelhouman said he's gone for "the full hospital experience," with complication after complication requiring multiple surgeries. The physical fitness that served him well at work presents a danger now: When your blood pressure is normally low, even a small drop — a common complication with spinal cord injuries — carries potentially lethal consequences.

His right hand works; the left, not so much. He can't walk. Re-learning how to handle daily life, starting with getting out of

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Police chief ushers in new public transparency

■ Menlo Park police to release data about complaints against officers.

By **Sandy Brundage**
Almanac Staff Writer

Robert Jonsen, Menlo Park's new police chief, is bringing a touch of Los Angeles sunshine to his post: The department will begin releasing annual reports with statistical data regarding complaints made against officers, and the outcomes, available to the public.

Prompted by records requests from the Almanac asking for data on complaints made dur-

ing the past five years, Chief Jonsen set out to compile the statistics, only to find the task nowhere near as straightforward as expected: Throughout the department's history, the criteria for what constituted a complaint shifted, and discerning outcomes proved equally difficult.

That's no longer the case. "From now on, a complaint is a complaint," Chief Jonsen told the Almanac. As of July 1 (the start of the fiscal year) the

department started tracking complaints and will release an annual report of statistics indicating how many complaints

were made (both founded and unfounded), the geographic distribution by police beat, and the outcome — whether resolved, unresolved or resolved through mediation. The reports will not include identifying information such as names. The process is similar to that used by depart-

ments in other jurisdictions where he's worked, such as Los Angeles.

The lack of historical data may be due to the Menlo Park department, like many small police departments, having few complaints to begin with. The chief hopes the new annual report will demonstrate the overall exemplary work performed by his officers.

The city's two police unions are "extremely supportive" of

the move, he said. "We're doing good work; why wouldn't we want to show those numbers?" Chief Jonsen asked. "The message is 'the future is up to you' if we want to keep those numbers low."

Menlo Park council members applauded the initiative. "Quite often people don't realize we do take these things seriously," Councilwoman Catherine Carlton said, and added that she hopes the reports will give "a little background to explain the outcome."

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The police department also has formed a citizen advisory committee.

Warring Louise St. factions may reach a compromise

By **Sandy Brundage**
Almanac Staff Writer

The expected showdown over the fate of an approximately 53-by-60-foot tangle of greenery on Louise Street did not come to pass on July 16. Moments before the Menlo Park City Council opened the public hearing, City Attorney Bill McClure announced that both sides were now talking to each other and asking to delay the hearing until Aug. 20. The council concurred.

What revived the possibility of a compromise between developer Sam Sinnott's team and Louise Street residents, who had described themselves as implacable in their resistance, after months of acrimony that has included everything from dueling lawyers to police monitoring of yard-

work, remains a mystery.

The developer has hired a landscape architect, according to the city attorney, but representatives of both sides declined to shed any light on the latest developments, saying they had "no information to report at this time."

Mr. McClure said he was "cautiously optimistic" that the parties could come to an acceptable agreement.

Mr. Sinnott and investment partner Mircea Voskerician have been trying to build a paved driveway exiting on

Louise Street from a property at 1825 Santa Cruz Ave. that they purchased for redevelopment. The exit would cross over some of the green space in the public right-of-way, and possibly bolster the developer's case for switch-

Developer and neighbors ask to delay council ruling.

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Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

A new approach

Sharon Heights Shopping Center, at 325 Sharon Park Drive in Menlo Park, now has an attractive new entrance, the first major improvement in the center since it was built in the 1960s. The new stonework is accented with trees, plants and flowers. The entry is also now safer and more accessible for shoppers, says Tom Scott of Cambridge Management. The entrance was completed in July after several weeks of construction.

Portola Valley school board names new superintendent

By **Renee Batti**
Almanac News Editor

Lisa Gonzales, an administrator with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, is the Portola Valley School District board's top choice for superintendent. The board approved her hiring at its July 17 meeting.

Ms. Gonzales has most recently served as director of

the STEAM program — science, technology, engineering, arts and math — at the county office of education, according to a statement released by the district. Her emphasis was on the visual and performing arts. In her position, she has helped support numerous school districts with implementation of the state's new common core standards.

Ms. Gonzales, who replaces Carol Piraino, begins work in the district on Aug. 2. She signed a two-year contract, ending in June 2015. Her salary for the first year will be \$170,207; in the following school year, she will earn \$183,000.

The new superintendent received a doctorate in education from the University of La Verne in Southern California,

according to her LinkedIn page.

Before holding her current position, Ms. Gonzales worked as curriculum developer and teacher trainer at the NASA Ames Research Center, according to her LinkedIn page.

She began her career as a middle school math and science teacher in Daly City, and has served as a middle school assistant principal,

Lisa Gonzales directed the STEAM program (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) at the county office of education



high school learning director, and elementary school principal in the Bay Area, the district announcement said.

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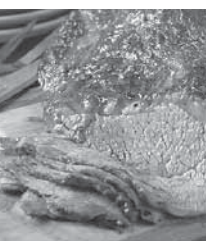
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Man arrested in hit-and-run in downtown Menlo Park

Menlo Park police arrested and booked into county jail Michael Ford, 38, of Palo Alto on felony charges of leaving the scene of an accident after colliding with two vehicles and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Driving a white 2011 Volkswagen Jetta around 5:55 p.m. on Friday, July 12, Mr. Ford allegedly rear-ended a blue 2013 Ford Escape at the intersection of El Camino Real and Santa Cruz Avenue, got out of his car to exchange information with the other driver, but then got back into his car and drove away, Menlo Park police said.

As he drove off, he collided

with a tan Nissan Altima but did not stop, police said. There was damage done to all of the vehicles, police said.

Using the Jetta's license plate number, police went to Mr. Ford's home in Palo Alto, took note of the damage to his car and made an arrest at about 6:15 p.m. that evening, police said.

Other than a complaint of pain by the driver of the Ford Escape, there were no injuries, police said. A 35-year-old woman from the University Heights neighborhood of unincorporated Menlo Park drove the Ford. Driving the Nissan was a 56-year-old man from San Mateo, police said.

Menlo Park girl wins fencing championship

Maia Chan Chamberlain of Menlo Park won the gold at the USA Fencing Summer National Championship in Columbus Ohio, on July 5.

With the win, she finished as the top-ranked sabre fencer in the Youth 14 age group for the 2012-13 season. She competed against 108 fencers who had qualified for the event.

Maia started fencing six years ago with Eric Dew from First Place Fencing in San

Carlos.

She has been training for the last three years under Sasha Lepianshinski, a coach with Stanford University at Cardinal Fencing Club.

She is a student at Sequoia High School in Redwood City.



Maia Chan Chamberlain

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more years, to get to 40 years of service.

That hasn't changed. He plans on coming back to work, although when remains uncertain. "I don't want this to be the way I go out."

That's not to say that 66 days in the hospital, with plenty of time to think, hasn't raised doubts. "Is this my ego? Is it just what I want? Those are the questions I ask myself," he said.

It'll be harder, he knows that, but "usually I'm out at

the scene talking to you guys" rather than working alongside the emergency crew. Other opportunities beckon on the horizon, perhaps politics, or another type of community service.

"Just because I'm in a wheelchair doesn't mean I can't run an organization. Leadership's a big word. I think I still have the capacity to provide that. If I thought I couldn't do it, I'd step away."

He grinned. "(But) I may be a little bit shorter."

Yet Harold Schapelhouman, sitting in a wheelchair, stands taller than he ever has. ▀


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Police plan to expand surveillance

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

■ BRIEFS

Four surveillance cameras will be added to the Menlo Park Police Department's arsenal if city officials agree. The cameras would be mounted at intersections not yet determined, Police Chief Robert Jonsen told the council during a presentation on July 16.

The police department is also testing automated license plate readers borrowed from other jurisdiction while developing a privacy and data retention policy in conjunction with city staff and council members.

During their July 16 meeting, council members discussed best practices for data retention, and

asked for a representative of the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center, which will store the license plate data, to give a presentation regarding its privacy policies.

Already underway is a pilot program to arm seven officers with Tasers. Menlo Park was one of only two cities in San Mateo County that didn't use the devices. In 2011 the San Mateo County grand jury recommended their implementation.

According to Chief Jonsen, the officers will log every time a Taser is removed from its holster, whether it's fired or not. He expects Tasers may save the city

money. From 2010 to 2012, the police department had 13 claims filed for injuries sustained while subduing suspects and the equivalent of 150 work days lost, costing Menlo Park at least \$68,708.

Three seats open on transportation panel

Three seats will be open this year on the Menlo Park Transportation Commission. The summer application deadline is July 31 and the fall deadline Sept. 27.

Go to tinyurl.com/aq6e2q to download an application (PDF) or contact acting City Clerk Pam Aguilar at 330-6620 or piaguilar@menlopark.org for more information. ■

'Good Samaritan' killed on I-280 in Woodside

A man who was killed on Interstate 280 in Woodside on Sunday morning, July 21, had likely stopped to help victims of a crash, the California Highway Patrol said.

The man has been identified by the San Mateo County Coroner's Office as Kirk Michael Peterson, 32, of Redwood City.

Officers responded to reports of a crash involving multiple vehicles on southbound I-280 north of Woodside Road at about 2:40 a.m., CHP Officer

Art Montiel said.

A preliminary investigation revealed that the 25-year-old driver of a black Honda allowed his car to clip the rear of a Toyota SUV, causing the Toyota to lose control and strike the center divide, Mr. Montiel said. Two people in the SUV suffered minor injuries.

Immediately after the crash, a witness in a Jeep pulled over on the right shoulder and got out of his vehicle, apparently to assist the crash victims, Mr.

Montiel said. As the man crossed the freeway, he was struck by an oncoming Infiniti SUV and killed, according to the CHP.

I-280 was closed for around three hours. The driver of the Honda, who was later identified as Charles Miranda, of Vallejo, was arrested by the CHP for suspected drunk driving.

Authorities ask anyone who witnessed the incident to call the CHP at (650) 369-6261.

— Bay City News Service

Election 2013: Atherton council race is on

By Renee Batti

Almanac News Editor

Atherton voters will choose their new council member after all: The City Council reaffirmed on July 17 an earlier vote to call an election rather than appoint someone to the vacant seat.

The four council members had voted unanimously on July 11 to allow voters to fill the seat left open by Jerry Carlson's July 1 resignation, but only after failing to agree on one of seven residents who applied to serve out the term, which ends in December 2014. The council was facing a critical deadline: If an election were to be called for November, paperwork had to be filed with the county by July 15.

With the option to appoint

someone and cancel the election still open, however, the council discussed possibilities at last week's meeting, but ultimately opted to follow the advice first voiced by Councilman Cary Wiest on July 11: Let Atherton residents decide at the ballot box.

Councilman Bill Widmer urged the council to hold open the option to appoint, even as potential candidates for the November election take out papers to run. Because the council could legally appoint someone until Aug. 30 — 60 days after Mr. Carlson's resignation — why not keep options open?

Mr. Wiest and Councilman Jim Dobbie argued that the council should stick with its earlier decision. Calling the uncertainty

"agonizing" for potential candidates, Mr. Wiest said that "it seems unfair to any of the applicants" to drag out the matter.

Mr. Widmer and Mayor Elizabeth Lewis discussed the possibility of keeping the option to appoint open until just before the filing period for the November election closes on Aug. 9, then make a firm decision on appointment versus election. But ultimately, Ms. Lewis agreed that it would be best to end the uncertainty for residents who might be considering running in November.

On a 3-1 vote, with Mr. Widmer dissenting, the council stated it would no longer consider appointing a fifth council member and would let the election proceed. ■



REAL ESTATE TRENDS

by Samia Cullen

Finding Your Dream Home

Every house hunter has a vision of their dream house. However, budgetary constraints often make concessions necessary. It is important for buyers to be prepared to make concessions that they will not regret later. Balancing wants and needs is crucial. Acknowledging that there is no perfect house, how should buyers approach their search for a home?

Size: The optimal house varies with family size and needs. An undersized home is uncomfortable and among other things can contribute to clutter and tension among family members. But an oversized home can be a major drain of time, energy and cash when you consider what is required to purchase, furnish, heat, cool, clean and maintain the home. Buyers should be looking at a home that is not too big or too small for their anticipated needs for the next 5 to 7 years.

Lifestyle Needs: This will vary depending on who lives in the house - for example, good schools for a family with kids, one-story home

for a retired couple, a separate in-law unit for buyers with older parents etc. Buyers should avoid buying a home that requires major work to satisfy their basic needs.

House with a Vision: An alternative to finding that dream house is to find a house with the potential to become that house within a reasonable budget. Having a vision before start your home search will prove helpful in finding the right house.

Staying Power: Given today's real estate market and the high prices buyers are paying, it's important that your home be one you can see yourself living in and being comfortable with for at least 5 to 7 years. If another recession hits and prices fall, you may need to stay in that house longer than anticipated.

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MPPD to release data on complaints filed against police officers

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Mediation option

Chief Jonsen is also working toward implementing a mediation option for conflict resolution if the unions will agree. The mediation would give those who filed complaints a chance to meet with the officers involved, and provide everyone with an opportunity to describe their perspectives of the incident.

“People want to be heard. If everyone walks out feeling heard, that would be a successful conflict resolution,” he said.

Last but definitely not least, the police department has formed a new citizen advisory committee. Its 20 members include at least one representative from every Menlo Park neighborhood, according to the chief, and will meet on a monthly basis.

NAACP

Residents and officials alike have been taking stock of Menlo Park’s new police chief, the fifth hired during the past eight years. Recently it was the NAACP’s turn to sit down to discuss the past and look to the future of the police department’s historically troubled relationship with some segments of the community.

On May 29 the San Jose-Silicon Valley chapter of the organization sent a letter to Chief Jonsen asking that the department develop a relationship of mutual respect with residents, as well as strengthen its communication, transparency and accountability.

The chief provided a copy of the letter to the Almanac: “A few residents have expressed their concerns regarding police stops, contacts and use of excessive force, and general police attitudes,” wrote Rev. Jethroe Moore, president of the local NAACP. Some officers “have been accused of abusive and a racist sarcastic manner, when dealing with the public, and have shown a recurring pattern of discourtesy and detachment.”

Traffic stops were also a concern; the NAACP called for the Menlo Park police department to collect data on all stops that included the location and time, the justification, the outcome, whether photos were taken or searches performed or other suspect information recorded.

The letter did not name specific officers or incidents. It concluded by asking the chief to

commit to changing the current climate of the police department.

Representatives of the NAACP did not respond to questions regarding what specific incidents, if any, had prompted the letter. A records search of courthouse files did not shed any light on the matter.

According to Chief Jonsen, the Rev. Moore and two constituents followed up the letter with a meeting, which the chief described as focused on concerns the NAACP has had with the police department in the past, and how to build a better relationship going forward.

“I can’t go back and change things,” Chief Jonsen said.

Increasing accessibility, ensuring that residents are treated with respect and expanding police presence through technology and the new Belle Haven substation will be key, according to the chief.

Substation

Menlo Park spent nearly 10 years trying to open a new substation in that neighborhood; the effort stalled due to disputes between the city and the developer. But once police identified a promising location in a strip mall at 871 Hamilton Ave. off Willow Road, Facebook volunteered to help fund it, guaranteeing to cover \$2,750 in monthly rent and to pay for renovations.

In contrast to the old facility on Newbridge Street — a dour, forbidding building with barred windows — the new substation will look less like a bunker and more like a place people want to drop by, the chief said.

“We’re the police. We can’t take the bars down? What message does that send?” he said.

After opening, the substation will launch a six-month staffing trial with a community service officer and a code enforcement officer, keeping someone available at the facility Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A Spanish speaker will be on hand Wednesday through Saturday.

Services will include code enforcement, filing police reports, purchasing overnight parking permits and signing off on equipment violations. A small conference room will be dedicated for community meetings, and the department is also going to work on establishing a neighborhood watch program. ■

Mentoring food entrepreneurs

Woodside’s Chris Cornyn mentors contestants on new TV show

By Jane Knoerle

Almanac Lifestyles Editor

Have what it takes to be the next Mrs. Fields or Orville Redenbacher? Then you may be a Supermarket Superstar. That’s the premise of Lifetime television’s new competition show appearing for the next nine weeks at 10 p.m. Monday nights.

“Supermarket Superstar” premiered July 22, with Chris Cornyn of Woodside as one of three mentors helping home chefs prepare their products for mass production. Celebrity chef Michael Chiarello and cookie mogul Debbi Fields of Mrs. Fields Cookies are the other mentors. Actress and model Stacy Keibler is host.

Each one-hour episode of “Supermarket Superstar” follows three home chefs as they pitch their product idea. After one contestant is eliminated, the remaining two go before a supermarket buyer for the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P), who determines the winner of each episode.

The winner receives \$10,000 in prize money and \$100,000 worth of product development advice from Mr. Cornyn’s food marketing company, called DINE.

On the show’s finale, three winners from the season will be invited back to compete for the grand prize by presenting their product to A&P CEO Sam Martin, with the winner securing a place on the supermarkets’ shelves.

Mr. Cornyn was recruited for the show in May 2012



Chris Cornyn takes his place at the mentors’ table for a new TV show on the Lifetime channel.

by its producers, the Weinstein Company (“Project Runway”) and All3Media America (“Undercover Boss”). “I just got a phone call one day,” he says. “I think they found me on Google.”

A food-branding executive, Mr. Cornyn is the founder of DINE, a food and drink marketing and advertising agency. In 2011, he sold the company to Mattson, known for creating new food products, but continues as DINE’s president. He commutes from his home in Woodside to Foster City.

Shooting for the TV show took place in January 2013. “We filmed for more than three weeks, working from 6 a.m. to midnight,” he says. All the action took place on sets constructed in the studio. There was “great chemistry” between the participants and very little of the dialogue was scripted, he says.

Of course, he knows who the

final winner is, but it’s a deep, dark secret until the last show airs.

The would-be food entrepreneurs were recruited through casting calls throughout the country. Candidates turned out to be “everybody from grandmas to college-age kids passionate about their product,” he says. Each episode featured a single category, such as cakes, ethnic food, or barbecue.

The first show category was cakes. Three products were featured: a “buzz-cake” containing alcohol, a cookie-cup-cake, and peach cobbler. After hearing the critics’ opinion of his product, the “buzz-cake” candidate decided to drop out. Of the remaining two, the A&P buyer chose peach cobbler as the winning product. On the mentors’ advice, it was changed from a shelf to a frozen item.

“We really did try to mentor these people,” says Mr. Cornyn. “We wanted to give them the tools to go into business.” He sees the program appealing to a large audience. “After all, everybody goes to the supermarket, but they don’t know how those products get there.”

The average supermarket carries 50,000 items; however, nine out of 10 new products fail, even if they make it to the shelf, he says.

Back home in Woodside with his wife, Robyn, and kids Kate, 8, and Shay, 6, Mr. Cornyn reflects on his foray into show business. “I consider it a great experience,” he says. “I learned so much.” ■

LOUISE STREET

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ing the address from Santa Cruz Avenue to Louise Street, which city staff doesn’t support.

While staff initially granted a permit for the driveway, the council voted 3-1 to revoke it after Louise Street residents protested.

SUPERINTENDENT

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Ms. Gonzales is vice president of legislative action for the Association of California School Administrators. The American Association of School Administrators honored her with a national Women in School

The residents then asked the city to turn over the public right-of-way to adjoining homeowners — a process called abandonment — with plans to preserve it as green space in perpetuity with easements for pedestrian access. The council was expected to decide whether to proceed with the abandonment or grant Mr.

Sinnott’s appeal of the driveway permit revocation during Tuesday night’s meeting.

Planning commissioners determined on a 4-2 vote last month that the abandonment would be consistent with the city’s general plan, but noted that they were not voting on the abandonment request itself. ■

Leadership Award in 2012.

In her spare time, Ms. Gonzales is a marathon coach for the San Francisco Marathon Run365 training program, and serves on the board of Kristi Yamaguchi’s Always Dream Foundation, according to the district. She and her husband have 8-year old twin girls who

attend public schools.

In the district announcement, board President Jocelyn Swisher praised Ms. Gonzales as “a dynamic, collaborative leader with strong interpersonal skills (who) is proficient with the leading-edge educational practices and technologies.” ■

Connoisseurs' Marketplace

Simran Patel, 5, has her face painted by Kristina Bond at the Creative Faces for Kids booth at the Connoisseurs' Marketplace street festival in Menlo Park on July 20.



Photo by Magali Gauthier/The Almanac

Next steps for downtown plan?

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

WOODSIDE

Downtown Woodside can be a tough place to find a parking spot, make your way around town, have a picnic, or put on an art exhibit. These and other concerns have been grist for some recent brainstorming by a task force of 30 residents, half of them volunteers in town government and half citizens at large.

With some 15 months of work ahead in this effort to update the Town Center Area Plan, the Town Council planned to meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, in Independence Hall to discuss a schedule and the preliminary steps of hiring a facilitator for this collaborative community effort.

(Visit AlmanacNews.com for updates. This story went to press prior to the meeting.)

Task force members have been asking questions that, for the moment anyway, do not have answers: Should there be buildings downtown that combine commercial and residential purposes? Should there be

bicycle parking and restrooms for the public? Should parking be eliminated along Mountain Home Road in front of Roberts Market? Should the town consider adjusting the geometry of where Woodside, Mountain Home and Canada roads meet to remove the quiriness of the intersection? What should be the scope of the task force's mission?

The primary concerns for downtown — the area between Whiskey Hill and Canada roads — are parking and getting around, or circulating, according to a staff report. Merchants have reported seeing potential customers drive away after a fruitless search for a parking spot. Circulation issues directly affect the interests of motorists, equestrians, cyclists and pedestrians, including children getting to and from school.

A May 28 staff report proposes a schedule for the task force through the fall that includes three facilitated charrettes — workshops that are collabora-

tive, time-limited and highly structured — so as to move beyond brainstorming and consider possible plans. Illustrations of the proposed plans would follow in early 2014, with the whole process punctuated along the way by public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Town Council.

"An established schedule would not only result in a product at the end of the process, but can also assist in maintaining momentum and interest," Planning Director Jackie Young says in the report. Some may complain that a schedule moves things along too fast, but "advantages usually far outweigh the disadvantages," Ms. Young says. "The schedule should be presented to the Task Force participants for their review and modification, so that they are actively involved with consenting and committing themselves to a schedule and the process of working toward consensus at the outset."

The town may engage consultants for technical studies to address traffic and environmental issues, Ms. Young says. ■

Woodside, Portola Valley incumbents seek re-election

The three incumbents on the seven-member Woodside Town Council — Deborah C. Gordon, Mayor Anne Kasten and Dave Tanner — have taken out papers to run for re-election in November.

In Portola Valley, incumbents Maryann Moise Derwin and John Richards have taken out papers, Town Clerk Sharon Hanlon said. Incumbent Ted Driscoll told the Almanac that

he had not yet decided whether to run again. Craig Hughes, a member of the Architectural and Site Control Commission since 2009, also took out papers for this council race, which involves three seats on the five-member council.

In the Sequoia Union High School District, two seats are open on the five-member governing board. The two incumbents — Alan Sarver and

Chris Thomsen — have taken out papers, as has challenger Georgia Jack of Redwood City, according to the county registrar of voters.

The registrar's data shows no activity yet for the one open seat on the three-member governing board of the Woodside Fire Protection District. The board member whose term expires in December is Peter Berger.



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Portola Valley to weigh future of farmers' market

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

To say that the new Portola Valley farmers' market has been popular hardly does justice to what has become a Thursday afternoon phenomenon in the parking lot of the Historic Schoolhouse. The first market, on June 13, all but sold out. Of 30 email messages included in a recent staff report to the Town Council, all but one spoke well and enthusiastically of the market, particularly as a way to strengthen the community.

The council in April approved a six-week trial for the market. On Wednesday, July 24, the council meets to consider extending the trial for a year. (The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.) Among the issues: effects on local restaurants and grocery stores, and whether food trucks and hot-food carts should be allowed.

Food trucks and food carts could ameliorate the conflict between planning family dinner for Thursday evenings and socializing and shopping at the market late on Thursday afternoons, said town sustainability coordinator Brandi de Garmaux in the staff report. Emails show support for the trucks.

As for the merchants, management at Portola Cafe Deli at the intersection of Alpine and Portola roads is "concerned about the

potential impact of the addition of food trucks on their business," the report said. Food trucks, if allowed, should be barred from serving pizza out of concern for competition with local pizza outlets, the report said.

Roberts Market and Parkside Grille and the deli are not opposed to the sale of fresh produce at the farmers' market, the report said. Someone from Roberts is expected to be at the council meeting.

Also on the agenda:

Among the issues: effects on local restaurants and grocery stores.

■ The council will consider new language for the ballot measure to renew for four years the 4.5 percent utility users tax (UUT). This measure will not be an up-or-down vote on the tax. Voting yes continues the current 4.5 percent rate; voting no would allow the rate to rise to 5.5 percent.

■ A proposal by the advisory Cable & Utilities Undergrounding Committee would divert a significant portion of UUT revenues to pay for burying utility lines along Alpine and Portola roads, the town's scenic corridors. The town's general plan calls for burying the lines, but with the reserve growing by about \$15,000 a year and the cost of undergrounding currently set at about \$2.5 million per mile, completing the job would take more than 600 years, the committee said. ■

Parcel tax renewal heads for ballot

By Renee Batti
Almanac News Editor

■ **ATHERTON**

With the clock ticking on the lifespan of Atherton's current parcel tax, which raises about \$1.86 million annual for police services and public works projects, the City Council voted on July 17 to ask voters to renew the tax for four more years.

The tax rate, the council decided, should not change, with one exception: Under the ordinance passed last week, the Menlo Circus Club's rate would rise 150 percent: from \$10,000 to \$25,000 a year.

The council voted to place the renewal measure on the November ballot, which will also include a race for the seat left open by the July 1 resignation of Jerry Carlson. The current tax expires at the end of June 2014.

The rate hike for the Circus Club was suggested by Councilman Jim Dobbie, and orally supported by Councilman Bill Widmer. After some post-meeting public criticism about the rate increase, particularly in light of its approval without public notice or discussion, Mayor Elizabeth Lewis said she is asking for a reconsideration of the tax measure at the council's Aug. 7 study session. City Attorney Bill Connors said the council can make changes to the measure it approved last week up to Aug. 9.

Under the existing tax, most property owners with a house

on their land pay \$750 annually per parcel, falling into the category of having a home on a parcel between half an acre and less than two acres. But there are a small number of homes on parcels under a half-acre, and owners of those parcels pay less.

Mayor asks council to reconsider 150% tax hike for Menlo Circus Club.

Councilman Dobbie argued for a flat rate, a concept supported by Councilman Widmer. But a town-commissioned survey of likely voters indicated that residents are overwhelmingly supportive of renewing the tax, as is. The survey didn't seek opinions about a potential increase.

Mayor Lewis and Councilman Cary Wiest argued that trying to increase the rate, even for a small number of residents now paying below \$750, might jeopardize the chances for the tax's renewal, an argument ultimately convincing Mr. Widmer to vote for the tax altered only to increase the Menlo Circus Club's annual rate.

Councilman Dobbie continued to argue for a flat rate of \$750 for any parcel with a house on it. Although Mayor

Lewis urged the council to back the measure unanimously, saying council members should be united in their support to boost the measure's chances for passing, Mr. Dobbie voted against it.

Split decision

Mr. Dobbie's vote appeared to stun a few people, including Mayor Lewis, who made the original motion to approve the tax renewal measure for the ballot with no changes to the rates. Following her motion, though, Councilman Widmer moved to amend it to include the tax rate hike for the Circus Club, with Mr. Dobbie seconding it.

After Mr. Dobbie cast his vote against the entire motion, Ms. Lewis urged him to reconsider, to no avail.

After the meeting, Mayor Lewis said her decision to support the Circus Club amendment was a "split decision," and that she was blindsided by the proposal to increase the tax to \$25,000. But "I saw the opportunity to have unanimity" in the voting, she added.

In addition, she said, councilmen Dobbie's and Widmer's statements that the Circus Club's rate hadn't been raised in 20 years wasn't accurate. According to the city manager and city clerk, the annual rate had been increased from \$3,825 to \$10,000 in 2001, she said.

She is calling for reconsideration because "I don't think we discussed it enough." ■

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Grand jury: Give county 'unhindered' authority to outsource

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The discretion available to corporate managers — the ability to hire contractors to address short- or longer-term needs — was once available to the San Mateo County manager, and that discretion should be restored, according to a new report by the county grand jury.

A provision in the county charter, removed around 1978, invested the county manager with the duty to employ “experts and consultants to perform work and advise, in connection with any of the functions of the county, when economically advantageous,” the grand jury report says. The report recommends amending the charter to restore the manager’s options for “unhindered outsourcing,” including the

hiring of private contractors.

Contractors can bring a set of skills that “are crucial to the success of any business, whether public or private,” the report says. “Because technology is seemingly out of date by the time it is installed and workloads in many departments can fluctuate significantly, the County should have the legal right that it once had, which is to utilize outside contractors when the County Manager deems it economically and/or operationally necessary,” the grand jury report says. “As such, the Board should submit for voter approval a Charter provision granting the County an unrestricted right to outsource.”

The grand jury report did not come out of the blue. County management set the context in February with the release

There are lessons to be learned from the private sector, says county manager John Maltbie.

of a 35-page staff report on ways to move county government toward becoming an “agile organization (with a) more flexible workforce, one designed in significant part to expand the use of fixed-term employees and outside contractors.”

In March, the Board of Supervisors gave County Manager John Maltbie a green light to try out some of his recommendations, including launching pilot programs, county spokesperson Marshall Wilson said in an email.

There is opposition from the unions that represent county employees: the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). While the unions do not oppose using contractors for expertise not available in-house, they oppose contracting for services provided by “dedicated county employees,” the grand jury report says.

The local chapter of the AFSCME did not respond to an interview request.

Staying current

In a March 12 presentation introducing the staff report to the supervisors, Mr. Maltbie argued that county government is being left behind by technology, that citizens’ appreciation and understanding of government is lower while their expectations are higher, and that the state and federal governments are shifting responsibilities to local government. There are lessons to be learned from the private sector, Mr. Maltbie said.

With an ongoing deficit and now-routine drawing from county reserves, taxpayers approved a new 10-year half-cent sales tax in November 2012 that is expected to bring in \$60 million annually. The county evidently has taxpayer support and “10 years to right the ship,” Mr. Maltbie said. “We now have a real obligation, I think, to create an organization that is financially stable and sustainable and able to deliver quality services to meet the rapidly changing community needs and revitalize the ideals of democracy and community.”

Mr. Maltbie said he expects

the county government’s permanent staff to shrink by 10 percent to 15 percent in coming years. Hiring contract workers would reduce liability costs in that contractors don’t receive health care and pension benefits, the staff report says. As for other sources of periodic help, the report recommends temporary employees, volunteers, interns, citizens helping themselves through organizations such as a neighborhood watch, and a sharing of facilities and resources by all public agencies in the county.

County management, the staff report says, should engage the labor unions as full partners, implement a private-sector-like pension plan, invest in employee training, take steps to attract a multi-generational workforce, and invest in new technology and the infrastructure needed to support it.

The county charter would need amending to implement the staff report’s recommendations, the staff report says, an idea that has the support of the county grand jury. While the opinions of a civilian grand jury do not have the force of law, the 19 county residents who sit on it are intended to be “a voice of the people and conscience of the community,” according to a mission statement on the grand jury’s website.

Grand juries originated in England in the 12th century, were first empaneled in North America in 1635 in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and are a feature of self-government in 42 states, the website says.

Go to tinyurl.com/Jury-321 for the grand jury report (PDF may take time to load).

Go to tinyurl.com/agile-321 for the staff report (PDF) on agile organizations. ■



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Break in trial of former probation chief

The prosecution rested July 17 in its third day of a jury trial against a former San Mateo County chief probation officer facing two charges of possessing child pornography.

Stuart Forrest was arrested in December 2012 after being named in a complaint by the U.S. postal inspector that alleged he possessed child pornography on his personal computer. He was placed on formal administrative leave on Dec. 21 and retired 10 days later on Dec. 31.

According to San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe, the trial will resume at 9 a.m. July 24, following a week-long break due to defense witness issues.

On July 16, the prosecution evidence was completed and six witnesses testified.

Mr. Wagstaffe said that defense attorney Jaime Leanos has stated that Forrest will take the stand in his defense to testify and tell the jury that he had child pornography for business purposes.

Mr. Forrest had worked for the county’s probation department since 1977 and was appointed chief in 2009. He remains out of custody on a \$100,000 bail bond.

The trial will resume in Department 43, San Mateo County Superior Court in Redwood City, with visiting Judge Robert Attack presiding.

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Reflections on the world

Story by Renee Batti
Photos by Michelle Le

Sometime between nightfall on Halloween and sunrise on the Day of the Dead, the tree fell. A majestic old heritage oak, it had enchanted artists-in-residence and visitors to the Djerassi artists' compound in the hills above Woodside for decades — outwardly healthy but unbeknownst to its admirers, rotting away at its core.

Can anything be salvaged from those sad, broken remains of bark and branches? Enter artistic inspiration — and Drue Kataoka, who first laid eyes on the fallen hulk early this year while hiking the grounds with fellow Djerassi artists-in-residence. Though many saw wreckage where once there was arboreal splendor, Ms. Kataoka saw her next art project — one that would allow the viewer as well as the surrounding trees, shrubs, birds and sky to become part of the artwork.

Using shards of mirror purposefully shaped and arranged on 27 surfaces from the fallen oak, Ms. Kataoka created “After the Celestial Axe,” which she describes as “a living organism ... living with and feeding off of the energy of the environment and the people around it.”

“The viewer changes the work by shifting position,” she said during an interview at the site of the glittering artwork. And because the colors and tones of the reflected images change with the time of day and weather con-

ditions, the piece “has its own emotional tenor.”

Ms. Kataoka worked countless hours with Djerassi facilities manager Skip Gianocca to arrange the tree fragments on the hill near the trunk, sanding them to smooth the surfaces so the mirror fragments would adhere. The project took longer than her residency, and she had to return to the site for an additional week to complete the work, she says.

Just as she created a work of art out of a mysteriously toppled tree, Ms. Kataoka also imagined the story of its night-shrouded fall, writing a poem, “The Legend of the Fallen Axe,” that begins:

*I saw the flash of a blade —
many mountains wide
that sent the sky careening sideways.*

When the Djerassi Resident Artists Program hosts its annual open house and open studio event on Sunday, July 28, “After the Celestial Axe” will be the featured art attraction as the public gets its first chance to view the work. Margot Knight, Djerassi program executive director, said that Ms. Kataoka’s piece will be one of three sculptures introduced to the public, but hers is “by far the most ambitious,” as well as the largest and most dramatic.

“We proudly work with remarkable artists from around the world,” Ms. Knight said. “It’s a special pleasure to feature Drue, an international talent, who has chosen to live and work right in our own backyard.”



Shards of mirror purposefully arranged on the remains of a fallen oak allow the viewer of “After the Celestial Axe” to experience shifting images by shifting position. Artist Drue Kataoka, shown in photos, created the work as a Djerassi Resident Artists Program participant earlier this year.

Djerassi open house

The public can see “After the Celestial Axe” by Drue Kataoka, in addition to the artworks of many other current and past Djerassi program artists-in-residence, at an open house and open studio at the artists’ camp on Sunday, July 28. The event is from 1 to 5 p.m. at the 580-acre ranch in the Santa Cruz Mountains, above Woodside. Admission is \$35 per person, and reservations are required. Call 747-1250, or go to djerassi.org for information and reservations.

Early start

Born in Tokyo, where she lived until age 6, Ms. Kataoka spent much of her childhood in Menlo Park, graduating from Sacred Heart Prep in Atherton before heading for Stanford University. She now lives in Palo Alto.

As a teenager and young adult, Ms. Kataoka gained considerable attention locally as a skilled flutist and a practitioner of Japanese brush painting, known as *sumi-e*. Her reputation has grown to international status, and she receives numerous commissions for original works.

Ms. Kataoka was invited to attend the World Economic Forum’s annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland, in 2011, where she would talk about her art, and contribute to panels on art and technology — an area she has focused on intensively for many years. She was obviously well-received: She was invited back for the 2012 and 2013 sessions, and asked to present a solo exhibition of her artwork last year.

She was also named a WEF Cultural Leader, and last year was chosen to be a WEF Young Global Leader for a five-year term.

Expanding art forms

“After the Celestial Axe” isn’t the only work in which Ms. Kataoka uses mirrors. For the last few years, she has explored making those surfaces an integral part of a new form she has developed — what she calls Magic Boxes.

In these works, a viewer sees images inside of a box by looking through a small porthole in the front of the piece. But in fact, the viewer’s gaze is directed at mirror fragments on the box’s wall facing him or her, and therefore is seeing only reflections of the artwork Ms. Kataoka has painted on the opposite wall.

The viewer “can never see the art in its entirety at once,” she said in an email. “This is designed to mimic the natural cognitive process, where an individual unites more, or less, faded memories with vibrant immediate past experiences to patch together the canvas of knowledge.”

One example of a Magic Box, “Let Us Out,” is “about the one-way street of human existence.” In building it, Ms. Kataoka asked more than 40 people from many walks of life — a doctor, engineers, a prisoner and a war veteran, for example — to write out phrases she constructed beginning with the words “Let us out.” She then meticulously reproduced the phrases, painting them out in reverse so that they would be readable when reflected by the mirror fragments.

She also found handwriting samples of people whose “voices” she wanted to include, such as Einstein, Freud, Thomas Mann, and Pushkin.

The front of the box is emblazoned with a large “no entry” symbol. The voices are, in effect, trapped inside of the box. “Let Us Out” is one of several works displayed at the Mountain View offices of Fenwick & West, at 801 California St. (The public can view the work, on the first floor, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through August.)

Another innovative new medium Ms. Kataoka has explored: brainwaves. Long

interested in cognitive science, she and a Young Global Leader colleague who works in the field gathered the brainwaves of a range of chosen leaders in business, academia, science and politics, worldwide, Ms. Kataoka explains. The participants were asked to visualize being involved in activities they were passionate about as their brainwaves were recorded.

The aggregated brainwaves were manipulated in such a way to alter a piece of electrochromic glass that is controlled by electric signals. The glass is one piece of a structure — a triangular prism — in which a small tree is contained. As individual brainwave samples rotate from “chorus” to “soloist” in the art installation, the overall intensity of the brainwaves changes, and that changes the transparency of the glass. When the work is on display, there is also equipment available for viewers to alter the glass with their own brainwaves.

“The more intense the brainwaves are, the more transparent the glass becomes, allowing more light to reach the tree — empowering photosynthesis, and life,” Ms. Kataoka explains. “It is a commentary on the simultaneous fragility and elevating power of human thought.”

Ms. Kataoka painted three other sides of the installation piece, which she calls “The Tree of Pascal” — inspired by Blaise Pascal’s statement: “Man is but a reed, the most feeble thing in nature; but he is a thinking reed.”

Tear down that wall

As she explores new ways to express her artistic vision, Ms. Kataoka also advocates a more sympathetic relationship between the arts and the sciences. “There’s an unnatural wall — a Berlin Wall — between them,” she laments.

“There’s a lot of talk in the media about the need for better STEM education (science, technology, engineering and math). Instead we need STEAM (STEM plus art).”

“I see two major problems with a purely STEM approach. First, our young people need the ability to understand other cultures, not to mention their own, in order to lead in a globalized world — and art education is necessary for this. Secondly, technological and scientific skills need to be augmented with creativity. While the arts don’t hold a monopoly on human creativity and imagination, they are the most effective way for developing it.

“Creativity is an infinite resource, but you have to mine it — you have to cultivate it.”

Ms. Kataoka participates in panels and other means of spreading that message. She also has worked with young people to try to develop their interests in the arts.

In 2001, she established through the Rotary Club of Menlo Park a scholarship fund for students interested in pursuing an arts career, donating the proceeds of a single, limited-edition *sumi-e* painting to create an endowment. As of this year, 15 students have received a scholarship, she says.

Ms. Kataoka’s artwork can be found at Drue.net. ■

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Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES FROM PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. EDITED BY TOM GIBBONEY

A breath of fresh air at the MPPD

In another sign that the Menlo Park Police Department is stepping away from its past practices of keeping virtually all internal records secret, Chief Robert Jonsen has implemented a new policy that will make public an annual compilation of reports, including statistical data, of complaints made against the department's officers, and the outcomes.

It is a welcome change and we hope it won't be the last that Chief Jonsen brings to the department. After all, the public surely has a right to know if members of its police department are generating numerous complaints. Although the reports will not contain any identifying information, the statistics alone should help smoke out a problem officer who is generating an inordinate number of complaints. The chief, who credited the Almanac as a catalyst for the new policy, said he found that the secret complaint records from prior years were difficult to compile, due to the various ways of logging a complaint.

His solution: throw out the old system and begin anew by logging all complaints in the same way. "A complaint is a complaint," he decided. It is a simple but important step in bringing the MPPD out of the Dark Ages and into the realm of modern police departments like those in San Jose and other large cities.

The now-public records will provide a wealth of information, including how many complaints were made, the geographic distribution by police beat, founded or unfounded and the outcome, and whether the complaint was resolved or not or went to mediation. And, significantly, the city's two police unions are behind the effort, which the chief said he firmly believes will show that "We're doing good work; why wouldn't we want to show the numbers?"

Another major push toward more transparency is the chief's decision to form a 20-member citizen advisory committee, with

representatives from every major neighborhood in Menlo Park. It will meet once a month with the chief to discuss neighborhood concerns.

Perhaps as part of his new transparency policy, Chief Jonsen shared correspondence with the Almanac from the San Jose chapter of the NAACP written by the chapter president, the Rev. Jethroe Moore. The letter said a few residents are concerned about police stops, use of excessive force and police attitudes, and went on to ask the department to collect information on all traffic stops, including location and time, justification, the outcome, and whether photos were taken or searches performed or information on the suspect recorded.

Chief Jonsen said he met with the NAACP officials to discuss the concerns raised in the letter and noted that he could not address matters from the past but that he was very interested in improving relations with the NAACP and their constituents.

One thing the chief has in his favor is a new police substation at a Belle Haven strip mall that will open soon, after a 10-year effort by prior chiefs was stymied by disputes with the developer. The new substation will be located at Hamilton Avenue and Willow Road and provide a home for officers to write reports and perform other police assignments. A Neighborhood Watch program could also be based there, the chief said. And the best part of all is that nearby Facebook has agreed to help fund the \$2,750 monthly rental of the new station.

These initiatives give us reason to be cautiously optimistic that Chief Jonsen will live up to his promises and lead the Menlo Park Police Department into a new era of transparency. His constituents, and the department, will benefit by forming a tighter bond with the residents of Menlo Park.

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

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Our readers write

A call for Mayor Ohtaki's resignation

Editor:

What does Menlo Park Mayor Peter Ohtaki do when faced with hundreds of requests from Menlo Park residents to review the specific plan?

He, instead, puts a review of Stanford's El Camino Real development on the council agenda, barely giving lip service to the flaws in the specific plan that allow for such a huge development with no public benefit.

Why? Because on June 6 of last year when the City Council voted on the specific plan, Mayor Ohtaki removed the requirement for any public benefit from anything under the outrageous 84 percent increase in square footage the specific plan allows. Presumably the mayor and council are here to serve the will of the residents who elected them. Clearly, Mayor Ohtaki is not.

Elizabeth Houck
Middle Avenue, Menlo Park



Atherton Heritage Association

Our Regional Heritage

An unusual feature of early Atherton was the combined facilities of the police department and the library. This 1946 photo shows the dual use of a Town Hall room now occupied by the Atherton Heritage Association.

Could a number halt gun deaths?

Editor:

When Joe DiMaggio was having his 56-game hitting

streak, the New York Times printed the number on its front page.

Each day the number was printed on the front page. No story, just the number

growing larger each day. But, everyone knew what it meant. It brought a huge amount of attention to Joe, his baseball

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LETTERS

Our readers write

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record, and to baseball.

Today, we have another record situation that demands attention — the number of people killed in the country by guns. If the number were printed each day, growing larger each day, what a statement this would make. No story, just the number. Each day. We need this, our country

needs this attention to this problem. Please do it, and ask other papers to do the same. Few things, maybe nothing else, can do more to make this much-needed statement more prominent. Maybe, just maybe, this would help rid our country of this scourge.

*Robert Rutherford
Portola Road, Portola Valley*

The Editor responds:
Perhaps the New York Times would be a better bet, or why not write to members of Congress, who passed up the chance to take action?



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3 Vacancies

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- The coordination of motor vehicle, bicycle, mass transit, and pedestrian traffic facilities
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- Coordination with regional transportation systems
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Child-porn sentencing delayed

Portola Valley resident Stephen Wolf, who in March pleaded no contest to possession of child pornography, was to be sentenced July 19, but with attorneys arguing over how many times Mr. Wolf allegedly downloaded the pornography, the judge delayed sentencing by eight weeks to allow computer forensic examiners to weigh in, according to prosecutors.

Mr. Wolf's attorney claimed: there was a one-time download that lasted less than 10 minutes, and that consisted of both legal pornography and child pornography; and that his receipt of the child porn was inadvertent, Chief Deputy District Attorney Karen Guidotti said.

Prosecutors "absolutely object" to the claim of a single download and allege multiple downloads, Ms. Guidotti said.

Mr. Wolf's attorney Jonathan

McDougall, did not respond to requests for an interview. Mr. Wolf is out of custody on \$10,000 bail.

In delaying sentencing until Sept. 13, Superior Court Judge Jonathan Karesh said that the number of downloads would be of significant influence to him in determining the length of the sentence, Ms. Guidotti said.

In the plea bargain, Mr. Wolf, 65, agreed to a sentence of up to one year in jail on condition that he not be sent to prison. Prosecutors had been seeking up to 16 months in prison, but the judge rejected it. Prosecutors did succeed in parrying the defense's bid to have the offense reclassified as a misdemeanor, Ms. Guidotti said. Mr. Wolf will have to register as a sex offender, prosecutors said.

It's standard practice for San Mateo County prosecutors to ask for a prison option for "people who are fascinated by child pornography," and common practice for judges to reject that option when the defendant has no history of actual sex offenses, as was the case this time, District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe has said.

CALENDAR

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Special Events

Menlo Park Summer Concert Series July 24: The Hot Rods perform rock-n-roll music, 6:30-8 p.m. Fremont Park, University & Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Aug. 7: Tom Rigney and Flambeau perform Cajun/Zydeco/Blues music Aug. 7, same time and place. July 31: Jessica Johnson performs soul and jazz music, same time and place. Bring a picnic basket and blanket for the outdoor performance. Call 330-2220 for more information.

Talks/Authors

'California Apricots: The Lost Orchards of Silicon Valley' Author Robin Chapman. July 30, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/robin-chapman

Ivy Pochoda: 'Visitation Street' Ivy Pochoda discusses her new novel, 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. Call 650-324-4321.

Classes/Workshops

'Four-Week Baby Boomer Blast' LuAnne Kalman shares her weights, balls, tubing, etc., for a class to help women stay healthy as they approach and continue through menopausal years. Tuesday and Thursdays, July 30-August 22, 11:30 a.m.-

POLICE CALLS

ATHERTON

Residential burglary report: Someone forced open a window screen to a student's room on the first floor of a dormitory at Menlo College at 1000 El Camino Real and stole \$500 in cash, an Apple iPad and a pair of black Maui Jim sunglasses valued at \$250, July 14.

12:45 p.m. \$125 for residents. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-1700 ext. 200. www.portolavalley.net/index.aspx?page=435

Family and Kids

Animals of the World with Wild Things, Inc. Meet animals from five continents, including a kangaroo and an African Vervet monkey. For ages 3 and up. July 29, 3-4 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Sing-along Bonnie Lockhart performs a sing-along, move-along family concert. July 25, 10-11 a.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. www.smcl.org

Live Music

Music@Menlo Carte Blanche Concert III: 'Cello Evolutions I' Cellist Colin Carr performs the third and fifth suites of the Bach Suites as part of Music@Menlo. July 28, 10:30 a.m. \$75 full price; \$35 under age 30. Stent Family Hall, Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. For other Music@Menlo programs, go to www.musicatmenlo.org

Wayne Wallace Latin Jazz Quintet Portola Vineyards' annual concert series continues. The vineyard will serve its Santa Cruz Mountains pinot and invites attendees to bring a picnic. July 28, 5:30-7 p.m. \$8 adults, \$4 children, plus ticketing fee. Portola Vineyards, 850 Los Trancos Road, Portola Valley. www.eventbrite.com/event/6216574943?ref=ebtnetbct

Benefit Concert with Joan Baez, Emmylou Harris & Jackson Browne A benefit concert with Joan Baez, Jackson

At Kepler's

Journalist Katie Hafner, in conversation with author Abraham Verghese, will discuss and sign her new memoir, "Mother Daughter Me,"



Photo by Jessica Raimi

at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. The memoir reflects on the complex relationship between mothers and daughters and explores the year she and her mother spent working through a lifetime of unresolved emotions. Physician-author Abraham Verghese is a professor of medicine at Stanford.

Browne and Emmylou Harris will support the Downtown Streets Team, a nonprofit that works to end homelessness. Tickets are available online. July 27, 7-9:30 p.m. Tickets: \$65-\$250. San Jose Civic, 135 San Carlos St., San Jose. Call 650-305-1174. www.streetsteam.org



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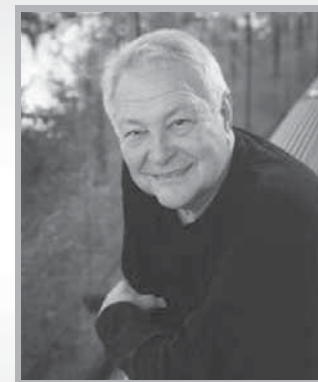
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A fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law.
This statement was filed with MARK CHURCH, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder, San Mateo County on June 19, 2013.
MARK CHURCH, COUNTY CLERK
By: VERONICA MADRID, Deputy Clerk
(ALM July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013)

SYNTH DYNAMICS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 256459
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Synth Dynamics, located at 325 Sharon Park Drive #612, Menlo Park, California, 94025, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following 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 following 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 following owner(s):
LYNDA VOORHEES
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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)

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MR. CHIMNEY & DRYER VENTS R'US
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 256616
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
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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)

WILBUR WILDCAT '63
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 256743
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Wilbur Wildcat '63, located at 220

Hedge Road, Menlo Park CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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Menlo Park, CA 94025
CAROL PAOLUCCI
7066 Mesa Dr.
Aptos, CA 95003
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 7/11/13. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 11, 2013. (ALM July 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14, 2013)

SOL@F.B.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 256552
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Sol@F.B., located at 1601 Willow Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County; Mailing address: 2020 West El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040.
Registered owner(s):
HECTOR SOL
311 Monroe Drive
Mountain View, CA 94040
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 26, 2013. (ALM July 24, 31, Aug. 2, 9, 2013)

MIER'S DRYWALL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 256549
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
SUGEY M MIER

2252 Poplar Ave.
E. Palo Alto, CA 94303
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 26, 2013. (ALM July 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14, 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 scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition 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.
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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 scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition 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 of general circulation, printed in this county:
THE ALMANAC
Date: June 10, 2013
/s/ Joseph C. Scott
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM July 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 2013)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to sections 21700 - 21716 of the California Business and Professions Code, known as the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act, that the undersigned, ALL ABOARD MINI STORAGE will sell at public auction on AUGUST 28, 2013 at 11:00 AM. at 1520 WILLOW RD., MENLO PARK, CA 94025 the following personal property, household goods, business property and/or vehicle to wit:

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aka Christa Padmore King, aka Christa Monique, aka Christa Padmore- 15 Bags, Lamps, Speakers, Clothing, Shoes, Bike, Toys, suitcases.
#379 Irene Louise Flury, aka Irene Flury- wheelchair, Stools, 12 Boxes, Silk Plants, Suitcases.
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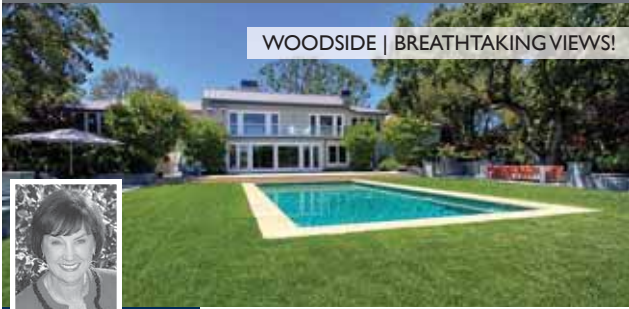
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