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Marisa Martinez, left, walks with her daughter Zamora Martinez-Lusinchi, 8, and friend Vashti Ferguson to the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy in San Francisco on Oct. 16

Zamora and family to go to England for clinical trial

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Eight-year-old Zamora Moon Martinez-Lusinchi of Woodside, who in July was diagnosed with an up-to-now untreatable and always fatal brain tumor, has been accepted into a clinical trial in Bristol, England, where chemotherapy drugs will be injected directly into the tumor via a micro-catheter that will be robotically implanted in her skull.

Zamora's mother, Marisa Martinez, said the family is working to raise the \$93,000 cost of the treatment, which the family must pay because the procedure is experimental. The family will have to travel back and forth to Bristol at least six times for treatments, she said, so could also use donated air miles.

GoFundMe.com/zkx7fb39s has an account where donations can be made to Zamora's family.

Supporters have already raised more than \$37,000 toward the cost, and have had accommodations for their first trip donated,

Ms. Martinez said. The date of the first treatment has not yet been confirmed, but it may be as soon as Oct. 27, she said.

Zamora has a tumor called a diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, known as DIPG. According to the DIPG Registry website, the tumor grows out into healthy brain tissue, making it "impossible to surgically remove

Supporters have raised more than \$33,000 toward the cost of the clinical trial.

DIPG tumors without damaging healthy tissue." It grows near where the spinal cord joins the brain, in the part of brain that regulates, among other things, breathing, balance, bladder control and sleep.

Treatment is difficult because the brain protects itself against intrusion from outside agents through what is called the "blood/brain barrier," meaning most drugs never reach the tumor.

Tests on a biopsied sample of Zamora's tumor showed which drugs should be effective. In Bristol those drugs will be infused via the micro-catheter, Ms. Martinez said.

Ms. Martinez said that after the Almanac ran a story about the family, who live in the Kings Mountain neighborhood off Skyline Boulevard, they were contacted by a doctor who shared an unconventional medical treatment with them that has kept Zamora's tumor from growing. She has also received radiation and is taking steroids.

Zamora has good and bad days, her mother said. "She has her ups and downs," she said.

Some days, her mother said, Zamora is able to attend school at the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy in San Francisco's Castro District, where Ms. Martinez is on leave from her job as a kindergarten teacher.

"The next day she won't be able to walk or talk," she said.

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Preparing for El Nino: Rolling out storm plans

By Sue Dremann
Palo Alto Weekly

Warning that rainwater might not be contained if the predicted El Nino storms hit the Bay Area this winter, local officials said they are making a number of efforts to reduce hazards to homes and residents if the volatile San Francisquito Creek surges out of its banks.

Standing on a dike where the creek jumped its banks and flooded an East Palo Alto neighborhood in December 2012, city and county officials discussed their efforts during a joint press conference on Oct. 14.

Those efforts include clearing the creek of debris and vegetation that impede water from flowing to San Francisco Bay, a new website that will give residents in flood-prone areas a two-hour warning, adding berms and retaining walls in troublesome areas, and coordinating disaster and emergency response.

This winter's rainfall could be equal or exceed that of 1998, when 70 homes in East Palo Alto and Palo Alto flooded, Palo Alto Mayor Karen Holman said. About 200 people were evacuated, and 1,500 properties were affected.

"While we can't control how much rain falls, we are committed to proactively doing everything possible to reduce the risks of flooding, supporting our communities and working with our neighborhoods to be prepared," Holman said. "Our first priority remains the safety of our communities and the protection of homes."

The broad collaboration is thought to be the first of its kind for reducing flood risks, San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine said.

"Hopefully, these efforts will make us all better off and protect our residents," said East Palo Alto Mayor Lisa Gauthier, whose home is in the Gardens neighborhood, which flooded in 2012. Although her home was not damaged, those of her neighbors two blocks away were, she said.

Since then, a 1 1/2-foot-tall berm made of concrete and sandbags has been added along 400 feet of the creek bank at the spot of the 2012 overflow, and another 600 feet of berm closer to the bay will be completed by Nov. 1, East Palo Alto City Engineer Kamal Fallaha said.

Another 2-foot-tall retaining wall will be constructed in the coming weeks along a section of creek on Woodland Avenue near University Avenue in East Palo Alto that will match the height of an existing wall on the Palo Alto side.

Palo Alto and Menlo Park officials have also shored up the area near the Pope-Chaucer Bridge with berms. The bridge is a bottleneck for debris, and plans are in the works to modify and widen it as part of a broader flood-control project through the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority.

Caltrans has been working this summer on a new, wider bridge over the creek that goes under U.S. 101, which will improve creek flow. That work won't be completed by this winter, but a retaining

Efforts include clearing creek of debris, building berms, and launching new flood-warning website.

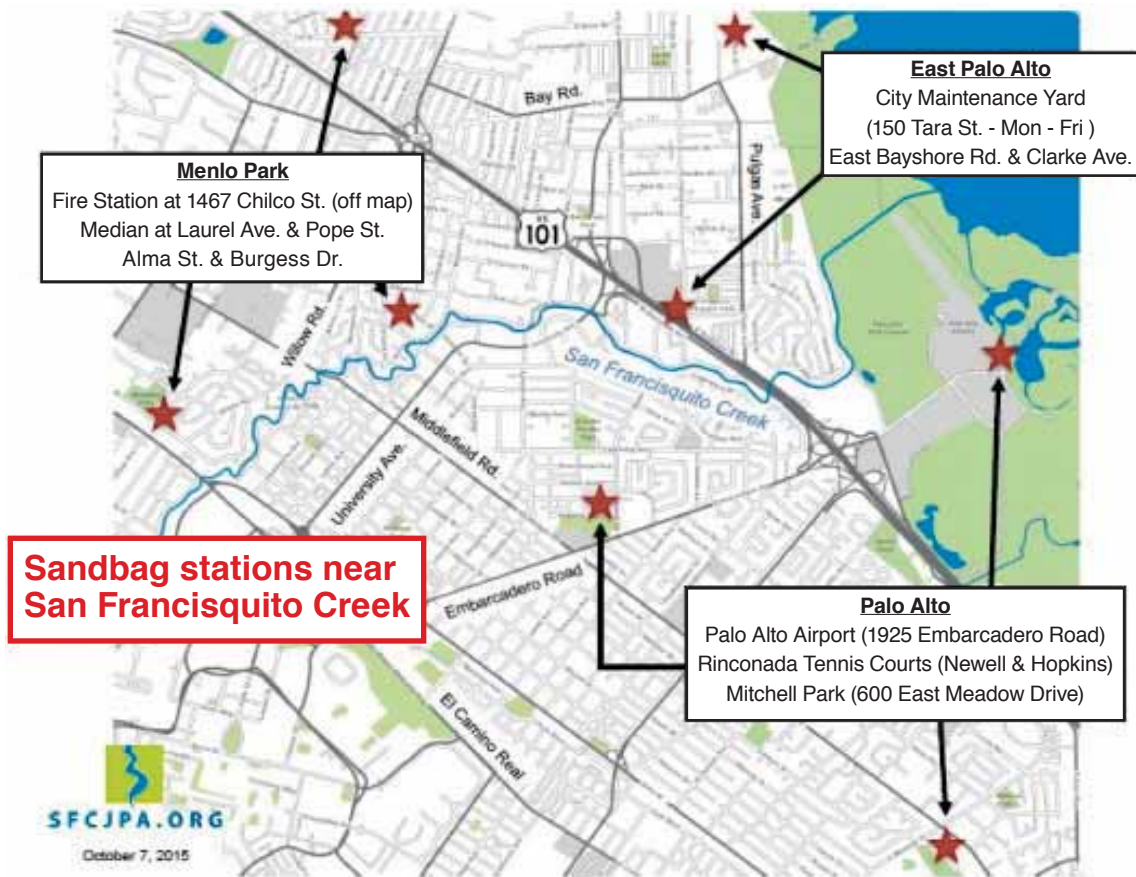


Image courtesy of San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

Sandbag locations are being coordinated by multiple cities to prepare for 2015-16 winter storms.

wall that currently keeps water from entering the work site will be removed this month so water can flow unimpeded during the rainy season, officials said.

Joe Teresi, a Palo Alto senior engineer, said a pump station built in 2004 is in place to move water faster away from Palo Alto. But the pump's action could result in water flowing more quickly toward East Palo Alto, so the pumps will be turned off when the water reaches a critical level, he said.

Crews walked the creek in August to identify potential blockage areas and have taken out vegetation and debris.

"Our city crews removed 2,700 pounds of trash and 750 pound of recyclables from Menlo Park's 1.3 miles of creek," Menlo Park City Manager Alex McIntyre said.

Additional sandbag locations are also being set up, and Santa Clara Valley Water District officials are looking at funding crews to help seniors and other residents with filling and delivering sandbags to their homes, board Chairman Gary Kremen said.

East Palo Alto will host a sandbag-filling event on Oct. 24 at the Tara Road municipal yard from 9 a.m. to noon. The city has 133 volunteer emergency workers at the ready and has conducted drills

to aid residents should flooding occur and in the event of evacuations, Gauthier said.

The JPA also debuted a new website at sfcjpa.org/floodwarning, which displays a color-coded map showing the likelihood of flooding at key points along the creek and in specific neighborhoods.

"The site provides a two-hour warning where we can now anticipate points where the creek levels will over-top. The site also makes rain and creek-flow data during major storms both useful and user friendly," Len Materman, the creek authority's executive director, said. ■

Menlo Park may extend free parking time in downtown area

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Visitors to Menlo Park's downtown area may no longer have to race against the clock to complete their business before their parking time runs out.

The Menlo Park City Council considered Oct. 20 a six-month trial program that would increase to three hours the free parking time in the city's eight

parking plazas. The current limit is two hours. On-street free parking time downtown would be doubled to two hours, from the current one-hour limit.

Merchants and shoppers have been calling for the higher limits.

Two of the parking plazas offer an option to pay to extend parking time. The city is looking at a way to offer such an option at the other six plazas.

The six-month pilot pro-

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gram is expected to cost about \$10,300. If the council decides to make the longer free parking

time permanent, the city would pay about \$64,000 for 60 signs to be replaced in the parking plazas and 215 to be replaced along downtown streets, according to a staff report prepared by Kevin Chen, assistant engineer of transportation.

The cost of installing a pay system option at the six lots that don't currently offer it is estimated at \$210,000, using the system now in use at the other two plazas, the report says.

However, with the council's authorization, the staff could dive into a cost-benefit analysis of newer technologies that may offer a less costly method of monitoring and collecting parking payments.

If approved, the pilot program would begin in January 2016. Results and recommendations about whether those changes should be made permanent would be presented to the City Council in July 2016. ■

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Reform of architectural review process may start soon

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

WOODSIDE

The ways and means of Woodside's Architectural & Site Review Board (ASRB) are headed for change. By consensus, the Town Council agreed to consider an ordinance soon that could shrink the board to five members (from seven) and engage a consulting architect to help applicants prepare their projects to avoid rejection by the ASRB.

The Oct. 13 draft ordinance, by Town Manager Kevin Bryant, would also have created an administrative position to remove from the ASRB the review of projects and landscaping plans involving 2,000 square feet or less, or less than 30 percent of a property's land area if in the scenic corridor or Western hills. All accessory-living-quarters projects as well as fences, gates and outdoor lighting would receive administrative review. The reviews would be held as

public meetings.

The ASRB's charter requires members to review projects and make recommendations to the planning director with an eye to consistency with the town's rural character as outlined in the general plan and residential design guidelines. But the ASRB has been under very harsh criticism for years, along with the town's planning and building

departments, by residents who complain about too much attention to detail and not enough of a welcoming attitude to residents with visions for their homes. Council meetings have been a venue for this anger.

The council sent the draft ordinance back to the staff to have the administrative review element removed for later consideration. A vote on the smaller membership and consulting-architect elements could happen soon.

As for the timing of this ordinance, Town Manager Kevin Bryant said in a report that it had been two years since the design review process was last changed. "It is an appropriate time to evaluate the process and to determine if there are changes that would make the ASRB and the Design Review process more valuable to the Town and applicants," he said.

ASRB comment

There was blow back on the administrative review element of the ordinance. ASRB members and several members of the public confronted the council about the possibility of acting on such a significant change without involving ASRB members in a dialogue.

That the council could have implemented such a shortcut was offensive, member Nancy Reyerer said. "The Town Council have denigrated the work of the ASRB," she said. "The ASRB is being reasonable to ask for a seat at the table."

The ASRB is being publicly accused of being "the worst problem the town has," member Maggie Mah said.

The result of deliberations without ASRB participation, said ASRB member Thalia Lubin, will be "half baked" and have unintended consequences. Ms. Lubin's husband, Steve, said complaints about the ASRB are not the fault of the ASRB, and he called out people who "don't like or agree with the residential design guidelines."

The ASRB was asked to comment on the draft proposals — after they had been drafted. A majority did not

The ASRB has been criticized for years by those who complain of too much nitpicking in review of residential projects.

support creating the administrative role, a staff report said. Majorities did support administrative review of accessory-living quarters and projects of

1,000-square-foot or less, the report said. Ms. Reyerer and Ms. Mah were in the minority in each case, saying they preferred a 600-square-foot limit.

The ASRB did support shrinking the board to five members, and engaging a consulting architect.

Seeking help

Woodside government is done in large part by volunteers — on the Town Council, on the Planning Commission, on the Architectural & Site Review Board (ASRB) and on the 11 council advisory committees that think about matters such as open space, arts and culture, emergency preparedness and traveling efficiently and safely on the busy streets of this small town.

The council is seeking the public's comment and participation to try to address the polarization over ASRB processes, Councilwoman Deborah Gordon said. With meetings that can go on and on, the council has had trouble finding willing volunteers to sit on the board. "We should not have to require that our ASRB members give up their lives," Ms. Gordon said.

"There's a real problem in getting people to do this work," Councilwoman Anne Kasten said. "We all care about this town and in order to (act on that), you've got to show up."

"We need to keep talking about this," Councilman Dave Tanner said. ■



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Rural character and freedom to build clash in council election

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

WOODSIDE

With just two weeks remaining in the fall election, Woodside voters suddenly have a choice of candidates in the race for one of four open seats on the Town Council. The choice is also shaping up as a contest over the character of the town.

Chris Shaw, a newcomer to Woodside civic activism, qualified Oct. 15 as a write-in candidate to challenge Nancy Reyerer, a member of the Architectural & Site Review Board (ASRB). Ms. Reyerer has been unopposed since August.

They are running for the seat now held by Tom Shanahan in District 3, which includes the neighborhoods between Mountain Home Road and Woodside Road, then south to the Portola Valley border.

Woodside has seven electoral districts. Council candidates must live in the districts they represent, but are elected by all the voters. Councilmen Ron Romines of District 1 and Dave Burow of District 5 are not running for re-election; running unopposed for their

The choice is shaping up as a contest over the character of the town.

seats are former planning commissioner Daniel Yost and ASRB member Tom Livermore. Incumbent Councilman Peter Mason is running unopposed for re-election to District 7.

Ms. Reyerer, 60, is a member of the Open Space Committee and a five-year member of the ASRB.

The ASRB makes recommendations to the planning director on projects it reviews for consistency with the town's rural character as outlined in the general plan and residential design guidelines. The board and the planning and building departments have been subject to harsh criticism by residents who complain about too much attention to detail and not enough of a welcoming attitude to residents with visions for their homes.

A survey is being planned to gauge the depth and breadth of community animosity.

Mr. Shaw is 52 and the chief executive of H2ORS, a maker of products related to cancer treatment. He has not served on town committees, but said that over the last six years

he attended various meetings, including Town Council, ASRB and Circulation Committee meetings.

Mr. Shaw said he decided to run on Oct. 12 after discussions with residents "over the course of a couple of weeks." He said he is dissatisfied with Ms. Reyerer's ASRB record, and with elections in which candidates run unopposed. "It's time for my generation to step up and take action," he said.

"I think (Nancy) is an incredibly polarizing individual," he said. Government is about trying to do what's best for everyone, he said, adding: "If you stake out too extreme a position, it's not in the long term interests of the greater Woodside community."

Asked to respond, Ms. Reyerer said: "I have always sought consensus in my extensive efforts for the community of Woodside over the last five years. Woodside is a small community. We need individuals who can work together, and have the experience to maintain a degree of professionalism. Unsubstantiated and vague accusations speak to my opponent's inexperience in matters of town governance, and serve to emphasize why this election is about selecting a qualified and experienced candidate."

In response, Mr. Shaw drew attention to Ms. Reyerer's participation in a council meeting in July 2014 over an Open Space Committee proposal to require that brand new fences along property lines be rail fences so as to respect wildlife's needs to move about.

More than 20 people spoke, most in opposition. They cited dangers for residents and pets from factors such as ticks, wild animals and criminals — all arguable points, committee members said.

"I think there is no better example of a polarizing event than what she created with the fencing debate," Mr. Shaw said. "I think that I am much more a voice of moderation, much less polarizing and I think I represent a relatively young generation who needs to start taking on the role of government."



Nancy Reyerer and Chris Shaw

Ms. Reyerer noted her advantages from her years of service: She knows key players, has good relations with staff and knows the weaknesses in town government, particularly in planning and building, she said.

"All that experience has brought me to a place where the next step is to serve on the Town Council," she said. "I'm confident that I'm the most experienced and qualified candidate. My opponent even endorses me. I thank him for that," she said, referring to a comment by Mr. Shaw that she is "absolutely 100 percent passionate and committed to the town, the community and the environment in Woodside."

Her priorities: Maintain Woodside's "unique rustic charm"; streamline planning and building processes, particularly for smaller and medium-sized projects; create a more open culture between the council, residents and volunteers.

Mr. Shaw said he values "calm, rational civic discourse ... (to) make sure that everyone can be part of the community. It is not easy."

As a cyclist and parent, his priorities would include safety on the streets — "It's hair-raising," he said — infrastructure upkeep and generally bringing "common sense to things."

Endorsements

Mr. Shaw is backed by councilmen Dave Tanner, Dave Burow and Tom Shanahan. All said they value his stance on individual property rights. Mr. Tanner said he considers Mr. Shaw a "good man," while Mr. Burow sees him as "a much more balanced person."

In a statement provided by Ms. Reyerer, Councilman Ron Romines cited the importance of Ms. Reyerer's participation on the general-plan task force, the ASRB and the Open Space Committee.

Council members Anne Kasten and Peter Mason said they're not making endorsements; Deborah Gordon did not respond to a request for comment. ■

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Getting Your House on the Market Fast

Dear Monica: We fell in love with the perfect "move down" house last weekend, so we made an offer on it, and it was accepted. We are in shock, not in the least because we now have to get our current house on the market as soon as possible. Where do we start getting out from under many years of accumulating "stuff" in order to make our home presentable to buyers? Please advise. Bob T.

Dear Bob: Congratulations on getting into contract on a new home. If you weren't ready to sell your current home, you will need lots of help. First, you need to list the home with a good realtor who will also connect you with painters, stagers, landscapers, and contractors, if needed. Your realtor will also connect you with home organizers who will help you sort through your household goods and

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The most important thing is to get your house on the market without delay so that you won't have to carry two homes for very long. You will need to manage the financial part of the purchase and this may mean getting a "bridge" loan on your current house in order to buy the new house without first selling your current one. Whatever you need, rest assured that there are fabulous resources available to help you.

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Public school heads offer update on state of education

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

More than 130 people gathered in the theater at Canada College on Oct. 13 to hear the latest on K-12 public education from those who should know: State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools Anne Campbell and Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools Jon Gundry.

State Sen. Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, organized the public forum and asked the three educators questions submitted by the audience.

"We are at an exciting time in education," Superintendent Torlakson said. "I think it's the most transformative time that I've ever seen or heard of."

There are new school funding formulas as well as the new rigorous Common Core standards and testing, he said.

Education in California is "going away from rote memorization, it's going towards helping our students really be able to compete in a global economy," Mr. Torlakson said. Students are being taught critical thinking skills and analytical skills, he said. "This

is what we want, teamwork and good communication skills," he said.

With digital learning, students can work in small groups or in teams, he said. It fosters individualized instruction, which helps by "empowering those who get it, who are proficient, to move higher, faster, farther," he said, while also making sure those who are behind get lessons at their level.

Mr. Torlakson said the California Legislature has prioritized education through its budget, including \$1.25 billion put into technology and professional development.

The state made a big push to make sure all of the more than 10,000 public schools in the state

had the Internet access needed to take the new computerized adaptive assessment tests. "The initiative I have in this area is called no child left offline," Superintendent Torlakson joked.

The results weren't a joke, though. When the new tests were given to 3.2 million California students, only 900 students had to take it offline because they did not have Internet access, he said.

Career and vocational education is also something the state

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TOM TORLAKSON, STATE
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
INSTRUCTION



Photo by Barbara Wood/The Almanac

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools Anne Campbell answer audience questions at the Town Hall Meeting on Education held Oct. 13 at Canada College in Woodside.

is investing in, he said, with \$1 billion statewide going into programs that are considered career pathways. That education, he said, answers the question: "How do we prepare students for careers in the regional economy near where they live?"

Superintendent Campbell answered a question about why California needs the new assessment tests, known as Smarter Balanced. "One of the real beauties," of the new tests, she said, "is that it's a computer-adapted test." If students are getting answers right, they get harder questions; if wrong, they get easier and easier,

she said. The tests show just what a student knows or does not know.

"That's incredibly important to our teachers, because they can then target teaching to the particular needs of that student," she said.

Mr. Torlakson said the Smarter Balanced tests are "the modern, right direction to go." Students are tested multiple times during the year. "We can redirect teaching and learning in a way that gets those students on-board, excited, moving forward," he said.

Superintendent Gundry cautioned that the tests may need some fine tuning. "It's very

important to us to get the assessment system right," he said, to "make sure it's measuring what our kids need to know."

Superintendent Campbell said San Mateo County schools face a number of issues, including rapid growth. When she began her job five years ago, enrollment in the county was 90,000. Last fall it hit 95,000 and is still growing, she said.

While San Mateo County is one of the wealthiest in the country, it still has 30 percent of students who qualify for free and reduced price lunches, Superintendent Campbell said. Students who have a language other than English as their first language make up 25 percent of the students, she said and speak 44 different languages.

All that diversity leads to a "wonderfully collaborative culture ... in San Mateo County, Superintendent Campbell said. Education, county and local government and philanthropic groups all work together on projects such as the county's early childhood education program, the Big Lift.

She said that the Stanford Business School recently created a model of a return on investment for the Big Lift program. "They are finding an 11-1 return on investment," Superintendent Campbell said, meaning that for every dollar invested, \$11 is returned in savings or taxes because children don't need social services, and don't end up in the criminal justice system. ■

OBITUARIES

Jean Camp, local volunteer

Jean Camp died peacefully at her home in Menlo Park on Aug. 27. She was 95.

Ms. Camp and her twin sister, Jewell, were born near Orcutt, California. She graduated from Santa Maria High School in 1938. That same year she met and married Ed Camp and moved to San Francisco. The family later moved to Menlo Park, where they lived for the rest of their lives.

Ms. Camp was an accomplished seamstress and dedicated volunteer, say family members. She loved teaching her great-granddaughters how to sew and crochet.

She was a member of the St. Bede's Episcopal Church and a member of the Altar Guild. She was active with the Menerton Thrift Shop and for years managed the gift shop at Little House in Menlo Park.

In 2010 she was formally recognized by the California State Legislature and the Junior League of San Jose for her service.

For many years she enjoyed the companionship of fellow Little House member



Jean Camp

Harry Harrison, who died in 2012, say family members.

She is survived by her daughter, Jean; her son Jim; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed, and twin sister Jewell.

The family also wishes to thank Almaz for her special care and caregivers Helen, Elizabeth and Ken of Pathways Home and Hospice.

Robert M. Huff, home builder

Robert Milton Huff, who built many custom homes in Atherton, died Oct. 2 at the age of 94.

Mr. Huff was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and attended Stanford University. As a building contractor, Mr. Huff had a long working relationship with well-known landscape architects Thomas Church and Jack Stafford.

After his building career, he sold real estate with his wife, Beverly. They loved to travel and spent every Christmas in Hawaii and made many trips to the family's avocado ranch in Carpinteria. They lived for a year in France and Spain.

Mr. Huff was a member of the Menlo Circus Club and the Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club, where he played golf and tennis.

He is survived by his children, Martha Smiland, Melissa Tereshchuk, and Philip Huff; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Emery Rogers, Meredith Callahan, Anne Wager and their families.

Donabelle Wedding, former teacher

A memorial service for Donabelle Wedding will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. Ms. Wedding, a 58 year resident of Atherton, died Oct. 10 at the age of 91.

Ms. Wedding was born in Fresno and was a graduate of Fresno State University, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She taught kindergarten and primary grades until retiring after 32 years in the Los Altos School District.

She was a member of AAUW, the Atherton Dames and Peninsula Volunteers.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda Bonini of San Pedro, Rosemary Wedding of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Cindy Keitel of Camarillo. She was preceded in death by her husband, Damon Wedding.

A reception will be held at the Garden Court Hotel immediately after the service.

Paul Bancroft, former resident

Paul Olin Bancroft, who lived in Portola Valley in the 1960s, died peacefully in Reno on Oct. 2 at the age of 92.

Mr. Bancroft was born in Brooklyn but was proud to call himself a Vermonter, where he lived throughout his childhood.

He was a World War II veteran, serving as a paratrooper and first lieutenant in the 17th Airborne Division. He graduated from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont.

With a career in marketing, Mr. Bancroft worked for General Electric and Warner Lambert. In 1962 he became associated with Syntex Laboratories and moved his family to Portola Valley. He and his wife eventually moved to Rancho Santa Fe and he became an estate sales agent for Coldwell Banker.

He was an avid golfer and skier and enjoyed writing, dancing and being with family and friends.

He is survived by his daughters, Judy Congdon of Menlo Park and Janet Bertram of McCormick, South Carolina; son Paul Bancroft of Tahoe City; six grandsons; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Jean Rinear Bancroft.

Donations may be made to Summit View Hospice in Reno.

Alameda de las Pulgas traffic, safety issues topic of meeting

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Community members concerned with traffic, safe routes to school, and sidewalks along Alameda de las Pulgas will have a chance to share their concerns with local and state officials at a town hall meeting on Monday, Nov. 2. The event will take place at 7 p.m. at Cano Hall at Las Lomitas School, 299 Alameda de las Pulgas in Atherton.

Representatives from the Menlo Park Police Department, the Menlo Park Transportation

Department, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, the county Public Works Department, and the California Highway Patrol will be there, said Menlo Park Councilman Ray Mueller, who will be hosting the meeting with county Supervisor Don Horsley.

The meeting was set up in response to concerns raised by local parents about safe pedestrian routes for children to walk to school, Mr. Mueller said.

Although parts of Alameda de las Pulgas in southern San Mateo County are in unincorporated areas, many of the traffic prob-

lems are connected to streets that feed into it, including those in Atherton and Menlo Park.

Among the concerns are streets without sidewalks, increased car speeds, cut-through traffic, few stop signs, poor bike lane connections, and unsafe pedestrian and bike crossings, Mr. Mueller said.

The meeting's goal is to identify problems and determine next steps. Residents are encouraged to attend and provide feedback. "It's a rare opportunity to have so many stakeholders together to listen to the public," Mr. Mueller said. ▀

Menlo Park Halloween Hoopla for kids

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A Halloween parade, magic show and trick-or-treating are on tap for downtown Menlo Park on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Led by music students from La Entrada and Hillview middle schools, the parade starts at 11:45 a.m. in the Maloney Street parking lot off of Santa Cruz Avenue. The parade ends at Fremont Park, where Marshall Magoon will perform a magic show and children can pick up free trick-or-treat bags. Local merchants open their doors to trick-or-treaters between 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Science night for kids

The Chabot Space & Science Center will set up an inflatable indoor planetarium, or "Cosmic Ray Planetary Theater," at a science night event for children on Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Menlo Park Library.

At the event, which runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Marine Science Institute will invite guests to see and touch tide pool specimens and TechyKids will show off a Thymio robot, a child-friendly educational tool.

The library is at 800 Alma St. in

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the Menlo Park Civic Center. Call 330-2501 for more information.

Housing project gets permits

Developer Greystar has received building permits for Elan Menlo Park, a housing development made up of six buildings containing 146 units at 3645 Haven Ave., near Bedwell Bayfront Park, in Menlo Park.

The project, which covers 4.89 acres, will contain 74 one-bedroom units, 66 two-bedroom units, and six three-bedroom units. None has been categorized as affordable housing units. The project is expected to be completed toward the end of 2016.

Book giveaway

More than 100 families attended a book giveaway at the Belle Haven Community Garden, hosted Oct. 10 by the Rotary Club of Menlo Park and Facebook. More than 2,000 books were gathered, according to Rotary Club president Michelle Tsui.

All the books that were not given away will be brought to the

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, the Ravenswood Elementary School District and the East Palo Alto Academy High School.

"This is truly a community collaboration," Ms. Tsui said. "It was especially great to see the children so excited about getting books."

SRI International names education researcher

SRI International in Menlo Park has named Howard T. Everson co-director for assessment research in education.

He will work with Geneva Haertel, assessment research director, to design and develop technology-based student assessments for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects. Among his responsibilities, he will help lead studies of the validity of learning assessments within online games and other digital learning environments, SRI said.

Mr. Everson directed research for the College Board and the National Assessment of Educational Progress Statistical Services Institute. He has been a psychology professor and director of the Center of Advanced Study in Education at the City University of New York. ▀

City manager raise among items on Atherton agenda

A light agenda is on tap for the Atherton City Council when it meets Wednesday, Oct. 21, starting at 7 p.m. in the town's council chambers, 94 Ashfield Road.

The council will discuss giving city manager George Rodericks the same 2 percent raise that other non-union employees received, upping his annual salary to \$203,592. In addition, the

proposal negotiated by Mayor Rick DeGolia and Vice Mayor Elizabeth Lewis would give Mr. Rodericks a \$400 monthly auto allowance and a \$3,000 annual personal technology allowance.

The council will also vote on setting local speed limits, which the town is required to do periodically. All the speed limits would remain exactly as they

are currently if the proposal is adopted.

The agenda also contains considerations to revisions of the town's caps on purchases that can be made without bids. The changes match changes in the state's Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures, which the town follows.

The revisions allow purchases of up to \$5,000 and contracts for professional services of up to \$30,000 to be made without bids.

— Barbara Wood



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Chip Taylor named assistant city manager

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Charles "Chip" Taylor, former Menlo Park public works director, will return to Menlo Park as the city's new assistant city manager after leaving in June 2014 to work as Millbrae's assistant city manager.

Mr. Taylor took the helm as Menlo Park's public works director in 2011 after serving as the city's transportation manager; he had worked for the city since 2005.

When he took on the assistant city manager role in Millbrae last year, his salary was \$173,904. Now, thanks to changes made to the assistant city manager position by the City Council in September, his new salary in Menlo Park will be \$199,623.

In accordance with changes

in the position's job description, he will manage the public works and community development departments, according to City Manager Alex McIntyre.

He will "oversee some of the council's key goals for the next couple of years, dealing with development and capital projects," Mr. McIntyre said.

The position was vacated at the end of July with Starla Jerome-Robinson's retirement.

Formerly, the assistant city manager managed administrative services and special projects. Elements of that role have been temporarily filled by interim administrative services director Nick Pegueros. ■



Charles "Chip" Taylor

Mother tells her story of rescuing her son from drug addiction

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Parents concerned about teens and drug addiction will have an opportunity on Thursday morning, Oct. 22, to hear the inside story about one young man's fall and eventual rise from the perspective of his mother, Menlo-Atherton High School graduate D'Anne Burwell.

The morning coffee event, part of the M-A Parent Education Series, will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the M-A Performing Arts Center at 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton. It's free and open to the public.

Ms. Burwell's 2015 book, "Sav-

ing Jake: When Addiction Hits Home," tells the story of her son, who had abused the painkiller Oxycontin as a teen, moved on to heroin, and was homeless in Boulder, Colorado, after having dropped out of college.

When she took on the campaign to rescue Jake, Ms. Burwell discovered conflicting feelings in herself as well as a crisis within her family. She learned of the links between abuse of prescription drugs and heroin.

"He was so thin I wanted to cry, his skin so pale it seemed translucent," she writes on her blog. "His cough would raise the hair on any mother's head. I felt torn between cradling him in my arms and kicking him

out the door. I didn't yet understand that addiction is a disease. I hadn't yet learned to step back and let my child fight for his own soul."

Ms. Burwell, an advocate for families of addicts, has given radio commentaries for the Perspectives series on KQED radio. She is married, has two adult children, and lives in Silicon Valley.

She blogs at: askforfamilyrecovery.com.

Go to tinyurl.com/or45s3 to register. ■



D'Anne Burwell

SRI gets \$100 million contract

One hundred million dollars over five years. That's how much the SRI International biosciences division is being awarded as part of a contract to research and develop products to address the effects of radiation exposure.

The multi-year contract

was awarded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, part of the National Institutes of Health.

The principal investigator for the contract will be Polly Chang, senior director of molecular and genetic

toxicology at SRI Biosciences. The award will support work related to developing medical "countermeasures" to address the effects of radiation and nuclear exposure.

SRI International is based in Menlo Park.

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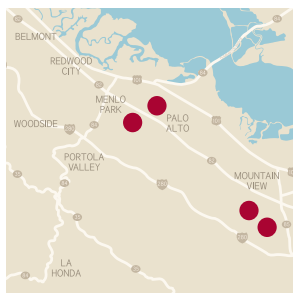


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Venture capitalist John Doerr honored

By Jane Knoerle

Venture capital leader and philanthropist John Doerr of Woodside will be honored at the 11th annual "Pioneers & Purpose" dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View.

Sponsored by the Silicon Valley Education Foundation, the event will run from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The museum is at 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd, in Mountain View.

Mr. Doerr, a partner at Kleiner Perkins Caulfield & Byers, will be named the 2015 Pioneer Business Leader for his contributions to education.

Since 1980, when Mr. Doerr joined Kleiner Perkins, he and his firm have backed such entrepreneurs as Larry Page and Sergey Brin of Google, Jeff Bezos of Amazon.com, and Scott Cook and Bill Campbell of Intuit.

Mr. Doerr, who led Kleiner Perkins' investment in Twitter, serves on the boards of Amyris, Google,



John Doerr

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Zynga and several private technology companies.

Outside of Kleiner Perkins, he supports entrepreneurs focused on the environment, public education and alleviating global poverty, including NewSchools.org, TechNet.org, the Climate Reality Project and ONE.org.

Mr. Doerr has bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Rice University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He is a member of President Barack Obama's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness.

Individual tickets to the dinner are \$500 each with \$7.95 processing fee. For more information, call 408-790-9525.

Free folksinger concert

Singer/songwriter Michael McNevin will present a free concert at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St. in Menlo Park. A veteran of the folk scene, Mr. McNevin has written more than 150 songs and logged more than 20 years of concerts across the country.

The free concert is presented

by the Friends of the Menlo Park Library. Refreshments will be served. No reservations are needed to attend.

Day of the Dead

There will be music, traditional food, a procession, and a Festival of Altars at the Day of the Dead to be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at the San Mateo County History Museum. Children's crafts will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The museum is located at 2200 Broadway in downtown Redwood City.

Visit historysmc.org or call (650) 299-0104 for more information.

Talk on Julia Morgan

Karen McNeill will give a talk about "Julia Morgan in San Mateo County" at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway in Redwood City. She will focus on the handful of buildings Ms. Morgan designed on the Peninsula.

Ms. McNeill has published many articles on Julia Morgan and is writing a biography of the architect. The program is free with the price of admission to the museum (\$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students.)

POLICE CALLS

This information is based on reports from the Menlo Park Police Department. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglaries:

■ Two TVs and two tablet computers were stolen from an apartment in the 1200 block of Willow Road. It's not clear how the thief entered the apartment. Estimated loss: \$2,000. Oct. 11.

■ Someone entered a home on Terminal Avenue through an unlocked front door and stole \$1,100 in cash. Oct. 9.

Auto burglaries:

■ A man had his wallet stolen from his locked vehicle parked at the eastern end of Marsh Road. Estimated loss: \$400. Oct. 15.

■ A vehicle parked in the 2800 block of

Sand Hill Road was found with the left rear window broken and a backpack and duffel bag stolen. In the bags were a laptop computer, an iPad and keys. Estimated loss: \$3,326. Oct. 15.

Thefts:

■ Three watches are believed to have been stolen from a home on Rose Avenue. Estimated loss: \$27,000. Oct. 9.

■ Someone stole a purse containing a cellphone, wallet and \$600 in cash from an unlocked vehicle parked at the eastern end of Marsh Road. Estimated loss: \$1,300. Oct. 13.

■ It's not clear how a thief entered a vehicle on Berkeley Avenue and stole \$33 in cash. Oct. 15.

■ Someone stole an old GPS device from an unlocked vehicle parked on Bay Road. Estimated loss: \$20. Oct. 15.

■ A bag of loose change was stolen from the center console of an unlocked vehicle parked on Henderson Avenue. Estimated loss: \$10. Oct. 15.

Docent orientation

The San Mateo County Historical Association is looking for volunteer docents. A docent orientation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 7, at the San Mateo County History Museum, housed in the county's old courthouse at 2200 Broadway in downtown Redwood City.

Go to education@historysmc.org or call (650) 299-0104, ext. 231, to register.

Rosener House raises funds

Peninsula Volunteers Rosener House in Menlo Park raised nearly \$50,000 in the Alzheimer Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's, held Sept. 19 in San Francisco. Rosener House raised more than any of the other 350 teams taking part throughout the state. As a nonprofit partner, Rosener House receives 60 percent of team proceeds to offer assistance to individuals and their families living with dementia. ■

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'Best-Looking' pumpkin comes to Menlo Park

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park's own pumpkin patch on El Camino Real at Valparaiso Avenue, owned by Ronald Pantano of San Mateo, just got 390 pounds of pure gourded beauty delivered to its grounds. This hefty attraction comes in the form of the pumpkin awarded the "best-looking" prize at the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival on Oct. 12.

Mr. Pantano acquired the pumpkin from its grower, Eric Carlson of Portola Valley, and says the pumpkin will be for sale. Mr. Carlson is a longtime pumpkin grower who won the best-looking pumpkin award from the Half Moon Bay pumpkin festival for the fifth time this year, and whose biggest pumpkin was grown last year and weighed in at 1,637 pounds. He won the state

record for biggest pumpkin in 1994.

According to Mr. Carlson, the pumpkin was grown at the Portola Pastures horse ranch and was only 60 days old when it was harvested. The secret to growing good-looking pumpkins, he said, is to make sure it grows "Cinderella style" — with the stem pointing up.

Mr. Pantano's pumpkin patch, which has committed to giving 10 percent of its proceeds back to local schools through the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation and a Menlo-Atherton High School scholarship fund, is a one-year venture that will convert to a Christmas tree farm for the holidays and then into a Super Bowl merchandise vendor before the area is developed into a hotel, he said. ■



Photo by Mindy Catlin

Ron Pantano, left, owner and operator of the Menlo Park pumpkin patch, and **Eric Carlson**, longtime pumpkin grower and record holder, pose with the 2015 winner of the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival's "Best Looking" pumpkin award.

Atherton gets permit for new stoplight

Atherton has finally received the encroachment permit it has been waiting for from Caltrans to install a pedestrian-activated stoplight on El Camino Real at Alameda Avenue, Community Services Michael Kashiwagi said.

Mr. Kashiwagi said bids for the work are scheduled to be opened Nov. 10. Construction should start by next March and be completed by the end of May, he said.

The board of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District will pay half the approximately \$330,000 cost of the stoplight, which will remain dark unless activated by a pedestrian or bicyclist, or remotely by a fire vehicle. Once activated it will go through a yellow and red cycle just as conventional signals do.

The city decided to install the stoplight on its own after 32-year-old Atherton resident Shahriar Rahimzadeh was fatally injured in July 2014, crossing El Camino at Alameda. Caltrans had previously agreed to install two similar stoplights on El Camino at Isabella and Alejandra avenues, sites of other serious and fatal accidents. However, despite political pressure from the town, Caltrans does not plan to install the stoplights until sometime in 2017.



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Born in Iron Mountain, MI, she attended Brownell in Omaha and Mills College in Oakland. She married George S. Coblentz, Jr. June 8, 1942. During her married life, she lived in Oakland, Utah, Alaska, Australia, Slovenia, and Paris. She has lived in Menlo Park since 1965.

She married her second husband August 23, 1991. In June, she retired after 50 years of volunteer service at Menlo-Atherton High School. She also served in multiple positions in AAUW, Atherlons, United Menlo Park Homeowner's Association and the Alumnae Association of Mills College. She successfully led two bond measures for Sequoia High School District. She is survived by Bruce (Linda), Nancy, Daughter-in-law Debbie, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Services will be held November 7th, at 2pm at Trinity Church, 330 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park. Donations in her memory to the American Heart Association.

PAID OBITUARY

Donabelle Wedding

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Donabelle Wedding, a 58 year Atherton resident has passed away at the age of 91. Survivors are her three daughters—Linda Bonini of San Pedro, CA, Rosemary Wedding of Scottsdale, AZ, Cindy Keitel, of Camarillo, CA, Eric Keitel—a son-in-law, a grandson Chris Keitel, and a nephew Albert Newlin, of the Netherlands. Preceding her in death were her sister Alice Newlin of Frazier Park, CA and her loving husband Damon of 60 years.



Donabelle was born in Fresno, CA in 1924. She was a graduate of Fresno State University with a degree in elementary education. She did graduate work at U.S.C., Boston University, and U.C.L.A. She had a lifetime goal of wanting to be a teacher, even planning this when she was in kindergarten. Her first teaching assignments were kindergarten in Los Angeles schools, and first grade in Fresno. While in Fresno she met her husband to be, Damon Wedding. They were married in 1949 in Fresno. Damon was with the Pontiac Division of General Motors. Soon after their marriage, they were transferred to Omaha, NE., and seven years later moved to Atherton, CA. Donabelle again resumed her teaching career. She taught kindergarten at Roy Cloud in Redwood City, kindergarten at Van Auken in Palo Alto—kindergarten, first and second grades in Los Altos. She retired from teaching in 1991. Her retirement didn't last long because of her great interest in staying involved in early childhood education. She decided to return to teaching as a substitute teacher in Los Altos, Palo Alto, Redwood City, and Menlo Park school districts.

Donabelle was a member of the CA Teacher's Association, Los Altos Teacher's Association, Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, American Association of University Women, Atherton Dames, Atherlons and Peninsula Volunteers.

Donabelle's greatest interests were strong family ties to her husband and daughters, her home, and her devotion to teaching. She was a very generous, friendly, loving person, and will be missed by all who knew her.

Her favorite vacation destinations were the Hawaiian Islands, Lake Tahoe, and a family summer home at Camp Sierra near Huntington Lake, CA.

A memorial service is planned for Tuesday, October 27th at 2:00 pm at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church located at 950 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park, CA, 650-323-8600. Everyone is invited to join us for a reception in Garden Court, immediately following the service. Spangler Mortuary, Menlo Park assisting family.

PAID OBITUARY



Photo by Michelle Le/The

Show and tell

During a fire safety show-and-tell Oct. 15 at Belle Haven Library, Menlo Park firefighter-paramedic Mick Hughes crawls on the floor to emulate what it is like to look for people in a fire.

Recording shows how traffic slowed emergency response

Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman has released a nine-minute audio recording of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's response to a Sept. 22 collision on U.S. 101 in East Palo Alto that left a motorcyclist dead.

Chief Schapelhouman said the incident was an example of how emergency crews are delayed by heavy traffic, particularly during commute hours. In the recording, firefighters can be heard in a complex orchestration to redirect their colleagues through and around freeway congestion.

"My goal is to show and tell the public what we are up against daily in terms of traffic congestion, and how it challenges and slows our ability to quickly respond to emergencies

where people's well-being, their property and lives hang in the balance," he said. "We can and will be paying more attention to these problems."

The Tuesday crash was reported at 5:46 p.m. on southbound 101 just north of Embarcadero Road. Firefighters arrived on the scene at 5:56 p.m., 10 minutes after receiving the call, Chief Schapelhouman said. The Menlo Park district's goal is to arrive on the scene within seven minutes.

The California Highway Patrol said the motorcyclist's death was reported to dispatchers just before 6 p.m.

While acknowledging that in this incident, an earlier arrival might not have saved the motor-

cyclist's life, it could make a difference in another incident, he said.

"I'm proud of how creative our field commanders and personnel are when it comes to trying to save a life," the chief said. "Our job is often a race against time. We can't always prevent the loss of a life, but we need to do everything in our power to speak up about what can be done to improve our response times."

The San Mateo County Coroner's Office identified the motorcyclist as Ronald Barbaran Garcia, 27, of Union City.

Go to tinyurl.com/vr9e8 to hear the recording.

Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

East Coast-style pizza comes to Ladera

By Elena Kadwany

Ladera Country Shopper in Ladera will soon be home to Rusty's Roadside Grill, an East Coast-style pizzeria from the owner of Old Port Lobster Shack.

Owner Russell Deutsch, who describes himself as an East Coast "exile," opened his first New England-style seafood restaurant (Old Port Lobster Shack) in Redwood City in 2006. Two other locations followed in subsequent years: One at the Ladera shopping center at 3130 Alpine Road, and another in San Jose.

Now, missing another East

Coast culinary specialty — thin crust pizza — he is opening this month Rusty's Roadside Grill, which will serve pizza made in an Italian stone-fired conveyor oven.

Rusty's will also serve burgers and milkshakes, because "I love milkshakes and burgers are good, too, so what the heck," he said.

He kept mum on any menu particulars, but photos posted on the Rusty's Facebook page show a burger with tater tots on the side and a slice of pizza with potato, bacon and green onion.

Rusty's will open a few doors down from the Old Port Lobster Shack location. Mr. Deutsch

took over last year Suite 240, a 1,300-square-foot space formerly occupied by Round Table Pizza.

Rusty's will also deliver pizza to Portola Valley, Woodside and Los Altos Hills in a special van that he purchased at a pizza show in Las Vegas. The van has an oven in the back that is heated by the car engine and holds 62 pizzas.

Mr. Deutsch is in the midst of expanding the Old Port Lobster Shack brand, with three new locations set to open next year in Los Altos, Roseville and Portland, Maine. The original Redwood City location will be closing in 2016 to make way for a new apartment complex. ■



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Helping animal victims of Lake County wildfire

By Jane Knoerle
Special to the Almanac

When Joanne Klebe learned of the many animals who perished in September's Valley wildfire in Lake County, she says: "It hit me to the core. I live in the wonderful community of Portola Valley, which is horse country and realized this could happen in my own backyard."

Her first thought was to send \$100 to an organization that would help feed the surviving animals, then she started asking friends, hoping to raise \$2,000.

"The money started coming in and I started getting better at asking," she says in a thank-you letter to those who contributed to Wine Country Animal Lovers, Middletown Animal Hospital, and the American Red Cross.

Her "bit of fundraising" now amounts to more than \$11,000 in cash and enough livestock feed — plus dog and cat food

— to fit in an equine trailer, which was donated by Gary Hanes.

"Well. We couldn't take the trailer up empty, so Gary and I thought we would go to Costco and buy a few bags of dog and cat food," she says.

Asking for donations of feed, they ended up with the trailer and a truck filled with 80 50-pound bags of horse feed, chicken feed, dog and cat food and medical supplies, which they gave to the Middletown Animal Hospital.

The hospital is offering all its services free to fire victims. The fire came up to the hospital driveway, says Ms. Klebe.

"We could not have pulled this off without the help of all of you. You opened your hearts and your pocketbooks to support us. You have made a difference in the lives of the people of the Valley Wildfires," she says in her thank-you letter.

"You have made a difference in my life, too," she adds. ■



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Garden festival

Above: Woodside Elementary School third-grade teacher Lisa White and her assistant, Jillian (in red), help Colt and Morgan (right) pick out plants to take home Oct. 14 at Woodside's Elementary School's annual Garden Festival, which raises money for the school's garden. Students made garden-themed crafts and sold garden produce (such as pumpkins), honey, homemade soup and caramel apples. Fifth-graders made cider from apples donated by local residents and parents brought in baked goods.

Right: Chelsea ponders her warty pumpkin purchased at the festival.



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A troubling trend in employment contracts

The school community may never know the details behind the agreement between the Portola Valley School District and its superintendent, Lisa Gonzales, to part ways earlier this month. But that's not necessarily a problem: Voters elect school board members to hire and fire the district's top administrator, and not all choices for that important position work out. What is a problem, however, is the lack of openness and public disclosure about the nature of a top leader's departure, even when a large sum of taxpayer dollars is involved — an increasingly common situation, thanks to a growing trend in writing employment contracts and separation agreements.

When the district announced Ms. Gonzales' departure in a written statement released on her last day of employment, the cagily worded release said she was "resigning to take on a greater leadership role" in the Association of California School Administrators.

It didn't say, however, that the district would be writing her a check for six months' salary, amounting to \$91,500 — a payout required under terms of her contract only if she were fired without cause.

In the "mutual separation agreement," which the Almanac was provided upon request, it's clear that her work with the state association was not the prompt for her exit from the district. But point 5 of the agreement requires the district to specifically use that blatant deception in explaining Ms. Gonzales' departure, and forbids the district and Ms. Gonzales from making any statements "by which one of the parties disparages the other or has the effect of damaging in any way the reputation of, or otherwise working in any way to the detriment of, the other party."

The agreement is, sadly, reflective of a growing trend that places more importance on protecting the reputation — and by extension, the future marketability — of a top public administrator than on the public interest. While a degree of protection for employees is justified, the total suppression

of information that might shed light on systemic problems in a public agency, or help another public agency determine whether a job candidate should be hired, doesn't serve the public well.

Another example of this trend was the amendment written into former Portola Valley town manager Nick Pegueros' contract just months before his "involuntary resignation" in August. The amendment banned the council, Mr. Pegueros and town staff from talking to the public, the press or other town employees about what might

have led to his termination. And he, too, walked away with a hefty pay-out: about \$100,000. He now is working in a high-level, high-paying interim position with the city of Menlo Park, with residents and fellow staff members in the dark about why he was shown the door in Portola Valley.

There's an interesting discussion on the Almanac's Town Square forum about Ms. Gonzales' separation-agreement provisions that require silence on the circumstances of her departure. One poster had an idea worth considering: the inclusion in high-level public employee contracts of a provision requiring "full public disclosure of the circumstances surrounding departure or termination" if the departing administrator is to receive a severance pay-out. Another poster dismissed this idea, saying that the terms in the separation agreement are consistent with "well-established best practices" in such employment and separation proceedings.

Perhaps that assertion accurately reflects conventional thinking in this area. But we challenge its validity by asking: Best practices for whom? Who is served by such provisions? The departing employee, yes, but certainly not the school community, or the taxpayers, or a future employer. The integrity of the democratic process thrives only when the public and public officials have access to the information needed to make smart and responsible decisions. Provisions that deprive us of such information have no place in high-level administrators' contracts and separation agreements. **A**

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

End the Caltrain-rail authority alliance

By Morris Brown

Time moves on and it has become obvious that the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the High-Speed Rail Authority and Caltrain is no longer viable.

Since the two systems agreed to the MOU, circumstances and conditions have changed dramatically. Back then, in exchange for Caltrain allowing the high-speed rail project to use Caltrain's right-of-way, the rail authority was to fund and construct its own dedicated tracks. In exchange for access to this right-of-way, the authority was going to fund the electrification of Caltrain's existing separate tracks. All the tracks would have all road

crossings grade-separated, and this funding would also come from Proposition 1A bond funds.

With the huge cost escalation of the high-speed rail project, a new plan was conceived. No longer would Caltrain and the high-speed rail run on separate tracks. Rather, they would share a two-track roadbed — an idea dubbed the "blended plan."

Funds for grade-separating the road crossings now are no longer available. The latest plan shows Caltrain would run six trains in each direction at peak times, and high-speed rail, four trains in each

direction. Thus during peak travel times, a total of 40 times each hour, the crossing gates would come down. The gridlock and congestion to our cities thus produced is simply not acceptable.

Adding on to this is the major upsurge in passenger traffic on Caltrain. It is obvious that in the near future, six trains per hour in each direction for Caltrain will not be sufficient.

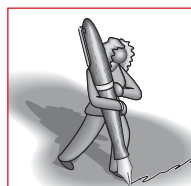
The Peninsula communities have been unanimous that four tracks along the Peninsula corridor are simply not acceptable. The blended plan is simply not adequate so long

as high-speed rail is allowed on the corridor.

It is time for the Peninsula communities to step up and demand that Caltrain dissolve its alliance with the High-Speed Rail Authority. Caltrain will need the full passenger-carrying capacity provided by the two-track "blended system" for its own use.

Yes, this will mean the loss of around \$600 million that the high-speed rail project was going to provide to Caltrain for its electrification project. New sources for this funding must simply be found elsewhere.

Morris Brown is a longtime resident of Stone Pine Lane in Menlo Park.



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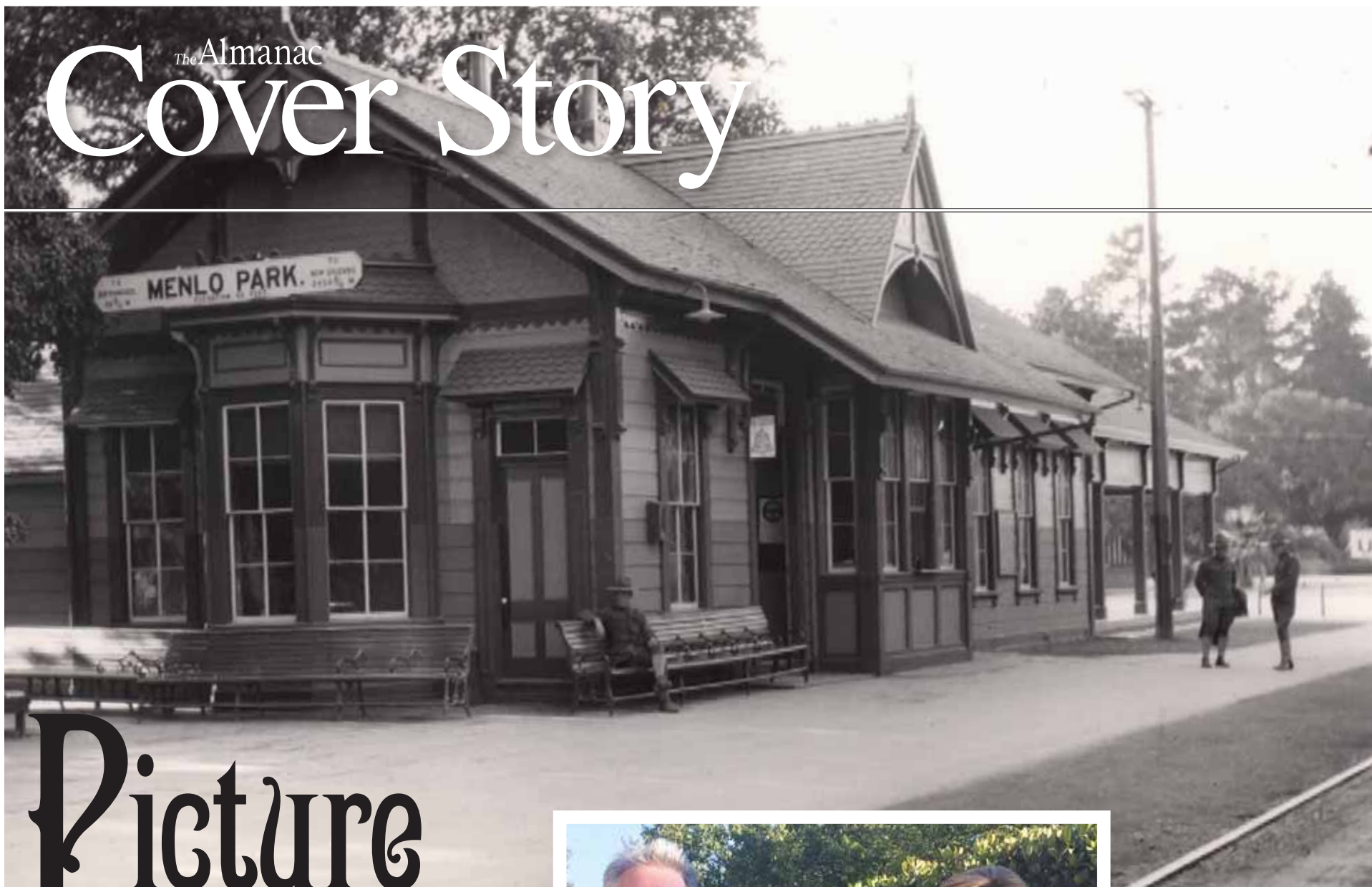
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Picture this

New book offers glimpse into Menlo Park's past

Story by Kate Bradshaw
Photos courtesy of the Menlo Park Historical Association

Two years ago, Fran Dehn, president of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, saw a gap in books about Menlo Park history. Yes, there was a big, text-heavy tome on Menlo Park's history — “Beyond the Gates,” by Michael Svanevik and Shirley Burgett (2000). But what about a book that just had photos and a little bit of context about the people and places that made Menlo Park unique? A book people could give as gifts to showcase their town's history?

Ms. Dehn said she was familiar with Arcadia Publishing, a press that works with local authors to create books of photographs focusing on a local area or topic as part of its “Images of America” series. She had seen some of these books in nearby towns.

“I thought it was remiss that Menlo Park didn't have one,” Ms. Dehn said.

During the hubbub of Menlo



Park's celebration of the 150th anniversary of Caltrain in October 2013, she approached two local authors: Janet McGovern



Top: The Menlo Park railroad station in 1917. The station was completed in 1885 and remodeled in 1890 in advance of the opening of Stanford University in 1891. **Left:** Authors of the book are, from left: Nick Veronico, Janet McGovern and Betty Veronico. **Below:** In the 1930s, two-bedroom homes in Belle Haven could be bought for a \$300 down payment and monthly payments of \$19.40. The 540-acre area was developed by David D. Bohannon.

The two accepted the challenge, enlisting the collaboration of their respective journalistic spouses, Reg McGovern, longtime photographer for the Redwood City Tribune, and Betty Veronico, senior property manager at Hudson Pacific Properties and author of an “Images of America” book called “Lighthouses of the Bay Area” (2008, \$21.99).

The four were not new to the collaborative art of crafting these concise, image-rich books, which, due to tight word limits for captions, is a bit “like writing a haiku,” according to Ms. McGovern.

Prior to embarking on their

and Nick Veronico. Ms. McGovern had worked as a reporter for the Redwood City Tribune and in communications at Caltrain,

and Mr. Veronico has authored or coauthored more than 35 books on transportation, the military and local history.

project to capture the photographic history of Menlo Park, the four had written books with Arcadia Publishing about Redwood City, titled “Redwood City” (2008, \$21.99) and “Redwood City: Then and Now” (2010, \$21.99). Nick and Betty Veronico had compiled “San Carlos” (2007, \$21.99), and Janet McGovern had written one on her own titled “Caltrain and the Peninsula Commute Service” (2012, \$21.99), drawing upon her time working in Caltrain’s marketing department and covering the commuter rail line as a reporter for the Redwood City Tribune. Many of Mr. McGovern’s photographs were used in the Caltrain book.

Mr. Veronico said the team worked hard to gather photos from all over the community. The Menlo Park Historical Association agreed that the authors could use photos in the association’s archives for free, according to Jym Clendenin, president of the association. The authors also went door-to-door, visiting churches, businesses and organizations across Menlo Park to track down old photographs.

“It’s easy to go to just one source but I think that would be pretty transparent,” Mr. Veronico said.

The team divided the work by their interests: Ms. Veronico wrote the chapters on the early history of Menlo Park, Ms. McGovern wrote about schools and churches, and Mr. Veronico wrote about infrastructure, technology and military history.

Reg McGovern, the fourth collaborator on the project, died on Aug. 5. Many of the photographs in the book were his.

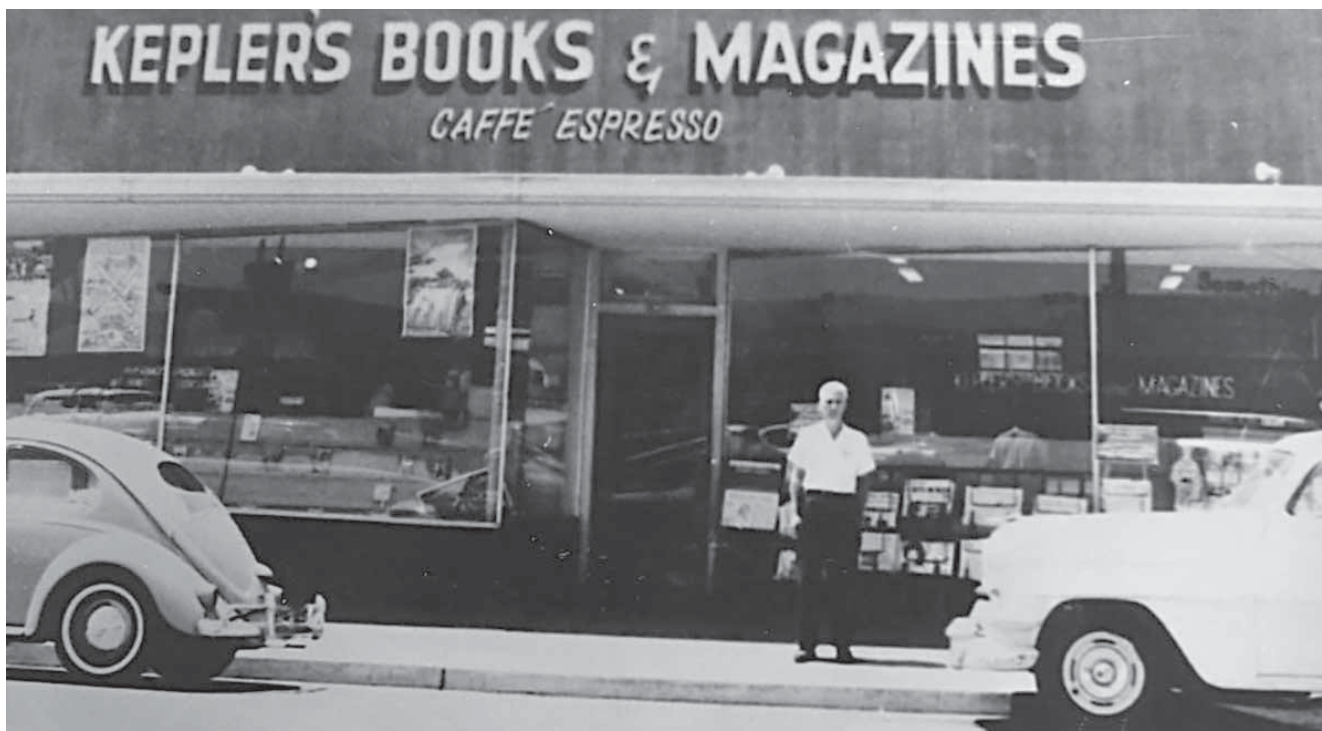
One surprising finding — and a recurring theme — of the research was the longevity of small family businesses, Ms. McGovern said. Citing local “institutions” such as Beltramo’s, Ann’s Coffee Shop, Draeger’s, and Hoot & Toot Cleaners, she noted that many small family businesses in operation today have lasted for generations.

Betty Veronico agreed. “As big as it has grown, I think it’s still a mom and pop kind of town,” she said.

Since the book’s publication, Ms. McGovern said, new stores have opened and others have closed, already making the book outdated.

“History is happening right around us all the time,” she said. ▣

“Images of America: Menlo Park” (2015, \$21.99) is available for purchase at the Menlo Park Historical Association, Kepler’s Books, and Village Stationers, or from online book vendors.



Top: The first Menlo Park City Hall, shown here, was located between Santa Cruz and Menlo avenues at 1036 Doyle St. The site is now the Bank of America parking lot. In 1939, City Hall moved to the building now known as the British Bankers Club at 1090 El Camino Real. In 1948, it moved to the Menlo Park Civic Center. **Right:** This palatial country estate of silver king James Clair Flood along Middlefield Road was completed in 1878. Known as Linden Towers, it was the site for many lavish parties for wealthy families that had built summer homes in the area. **Below:** When Roy Kepler opened Kepler’s Books & Magazines in 1955, it was located next to the Guild Theater at 959 El Camino Real. It now resides at 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Center.

On the cover: The famed Menlo Park gate, erected in the 1850s by Dennis J. Oliver and Daniel C. McGlynn, immigrants from Menlough, County Galway in Ireland, was destroyed by a speeding car in 1922. The two purchased 1,700 acres in an area on the Peninsula that later became known as Menlo Park.

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Community Events

Rosener House Open House Rosener House Adult Day Services — which is celebrating 37 years of care for adults with challenges including Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's and other conditions — will hold an open house with staff-led classes and info sessions with its social work staff, registered nurse and therapists. Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Rosener House Adult Day Services, 500 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.penvol.org

Concerts

Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble This group of London chamber players from the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields orchestra will perform an eclectic program of music for strings and horns by Rossini, Mozart and Schubert. Oct. 25, 2:30 p.m. \$15-\$78. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. live.stanford.edu

Halloween Concert: Stanford Symphony Orchestra and Stanford Wind Ensemble join forces for annual Halloween-themed concert, with selections from "Phantom of the Opera," "West Side Story" and "The Wizard of Oz," among other works. There is a costume contest; winner gets to conduct orchestra. Oct. 31, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15 general; \$10 student, senior; free for Stanford students with ID. Din-

elspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. Call 650-725-ARTS. tickets.stanford.edu

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Kids & Families

Halloween Hoopla 2015 City of Menlo Park celebrates Halloween with annual parade to Fremont Park, beginning at the Maloney Street parking lot off of Santa Cruz Avenue. Families can trick-or-treat at participating downtown businesses (those displaying trick-or-treat signs), and there will be entertainment starting at noon at Fremont Park. Oct. 31, 11:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Downtown Menlo Park and Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2223. www.menlo-park.org/halloweenhoopla

'Zoppé, An Italian Family Circus' One-ring circus with Nino the clown, acrobatic feats, comedic elements. Matinees on weekends. See website for times, pricing. Tuesday-Sunday, Oct. 9-25. Red Morton Park, Circus Tent, 1455 Madison Ave., Redwood City. www.redwoodcity.org/residents/redwood-city-events/zoppe-italian-family-circus

Preschool Storytime for children ages 2.5 to 5 years old. Fridays, Oct. 9-30, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

Read for the Record The Menlo Park Library will host story-time events with book giveaways as part of a national effort to break the record for the most people reading the same book on the same day. The event will be repeated at 11:15 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Main Library (800 Alma St.), and at noon at the Belle Haven Branch (413 Ivy Drive). Oct. 22, 11:45 a.m., noon and 4 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, Main Library and Belle Haven Branch, Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2530. menlopark.org/library

Redwood Symphony: Halloween Family Concert Family program starts with a tour of the orchestra, during which the musicians will introduce themselves and demonstrate their instruments. The orchestra will then perform works by Danny Elfman, John Williams and Edward Grieg. At the conclusion, 10 lucky children will get to lead the orchestra. Oct. 25, 3-5 p.m. \$10-\$25. Cañada College, Main Theatre, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City. www.redwoodsymphony.org/concerts/2015-16/concert2_2015.html

Scare on the Square Family Halloween event includes costume parade, carved pumpkin contest, a 3D light show, classic trick-or-treating and a concert by Andy Z and the Andyland Band. Oct. 29, 5-8 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. www.redwoodcity.org

Tricycle Music Fest: The Not-Its Presented by San Francisco Public Library and San Mateo County Library, the seventh annual Tricycle Music Fest offers performance by The Not-Its. Oct. 24, 10-11 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

Film

UNAFF International Documentary Film Festival Documentary films dealing with human rights issues, the environment, racism, women's issues, education, war and peace. This year's theme: "Running out of Time." See website for details. Oct. 15-25. \$10 one film session (2-3 hours). Various local venues, East Palo Alto, Palo Alto and Stanford. www.unaff.org

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Portola Valley Farmers' Market Thursdays, year-round, 3-7 p.m. (summer hours). Free. 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. pvfarmersmarket.com

On Stage

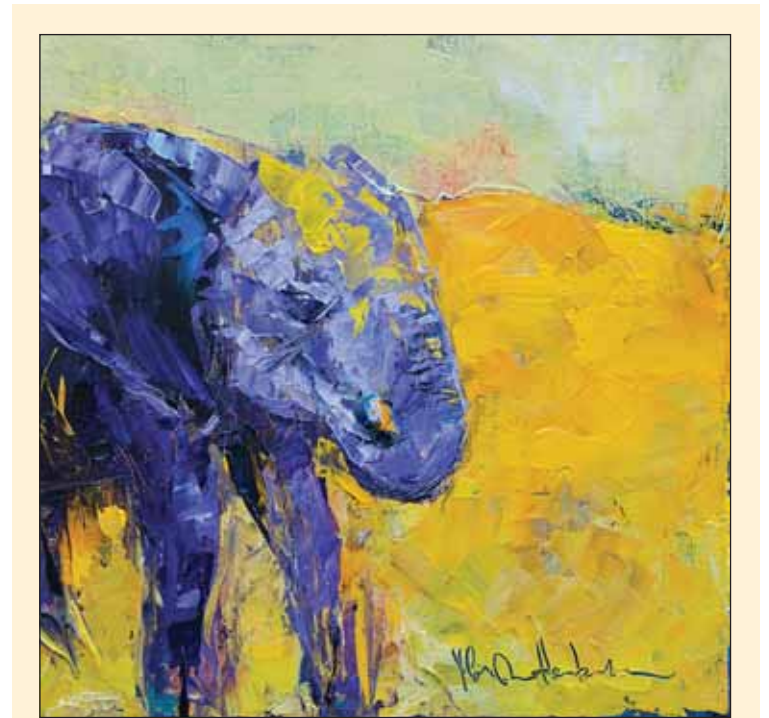
Woodside Community Theatre: 'Chicago' Classic Kander and Ebb musical "Chicago," a tale focusing on two female murderers that satirizes the justice system of the 1920s. Oct. 16, 17 and 24, 8 p.m.; Oct. 18 and 25, 2 p.m.; Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. \$15-\$28. Woodside Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave., Woodside. Call 650-575-2247. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1777962

'Or' Liz Duffy Adams' "Or," a fictional spin on the true story of Aphra Behn, a spy of England's Restoration era and a trailblazing female playwright. Oct. 2-25, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$35 general; \$27 senior, student. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway, Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

West Bay Opera: Verdi's 'Rigoletto' by Giuseppe Verdi, a tragic story about a court jester who seeks revenge after his daughter is caught up in debauchery at the court of Mantua. Performance fully staged, with chorus and orchestra. Oct. 24, 8 p.m.; Oct. 18 and 25, 2 p.m. \$40-\$83. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9999. www.wbopera.org

Religion/Spirituality

Compline: Valley Presbyterian Church On select Sundays, Stanford and local choral ensembles will sing a reflective 30-minute service of hymns, anthems and chant in the candlelit setting of Memorial Church. This evening's choir will be Valley Presbyterian Church. All are welcome. Nov. 1, 9-9:30 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stan-



'In a beautiful world'

Oil paintings by Marsha Heimbecker, inspired by the orphaned elephants of Tsavo, will be on display at the Portola Art Gallery through October. The artist's paintings are known for their bold brushwork and color. The gallery is located in the historic Allied Arts complex at 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park.

ford. Call 650-723-1762. events.stanford.edu/events/533/53377/

Sports

Jerry Rice book signing for '50 Years, 50 Moments' Famed football player Jerry Rice will make a stop at Kepler's Books to sign his book "50 Years, 50 Moments: The Most Unforgettable Plays in Super Bowl History," in which he breaks down the most iconic, strategic and record-breaking moments of the championship as it approaches its 50th anniversary. Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m. \$32.69 (includes a copy of the book). Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/jerry-rice-book-signing

Lectures & Talks

'Creating a Solution for Overweight Kids' Joanna Strober, founder and CEO of Kurbo Health, will participate in a Curious Conversation event, discussing Kurbo's tool that puts the power to develop healthy eating and exercise habits into the hands of teens and kids. Oct. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Curious.com Headquarters, 100 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. curious.com/conversations/creating-a-solution-for-overweight-kids

'Drawn to Build: Architectural Representation in the Digital Age' Sergei Tchoban and Andrew Zago will discuss the role of the architectural drawing — both analog and digital — as a tool in the design process and an object worth collecting and putting on display. The panel is part of the programming for the Cantor Arts Center's exhibition, "Piranesi's Paestum: Master Drawings Uncovered." Oct. 28, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

'Essential Knowledge for Transition' (Part 3) Fulbright Scholar Marco Vangelisti will continue his lecture series examining the current economic and monetary system. The third part, looking at "Our financial system," will discuss why financial capital is divorced from productive activity; what can be done about it; and how communities are making investment more local, democratic and productive. Oct. 25, noon-2 p.m. \$10 donation requested. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City, 2124 Brewster Ave., Redwood City. Call 650-759-5060. bit.ly/EK4Transition

'Slow Flowers' presentation with Debra Prinzing, author and outdoor living advo-

cate. She explores "slow-flower" concept, discussing local, seasonal and sustainable ways to use flowers. She will discuss personal projects from her book, "Slow Flowers." A book sale and signing will follow. Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m.-noon. \$50. Filoli, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside. www.filoli.org

Author Frances Dinkelspiel chats with Meg Waite Clayton about Dinkelspiel's new nonfiction book, "Tangled Vines: Greed, Murder, Obsession, and an Arsonist in the Vineyards of California," which examines an enormous wine arson that occurred a decade ago. Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2182086

Author Geraldine Brooks on 'The Secret Chord' Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks chats with Lalita Tademay about Brooks' new novel, "The Secret Chord," which depicts the rich and enigmatic figure of King David. Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m. \$20 general. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1692244

Author Kristin Schreier Lyseggen will discuss her book "The Women of San Quentin," which exposes the inhumane treatment of women incarcerated in male U.S. prisons. Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2185109

Author Mark Coggins on 'No Hard Feelings' Menlo Park Library Mystery Readers Group hosts book talk and signing with author Mark Coggins, who will discuss his latest work featuring private investigator August Riordan. Oct. 21, 7:15-8:15 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-325-4048. menlopark.org/library

Artist Belinda Chlouber discusses poetry and paintings that capture relationships between humans, other animals and the earth. Her paintings are on display at Little House. Oct. 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025 ext. 242. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

USGS Public Lecture Jon E. Keeley, a U.S. Geological Survey research scientist, gives talk on "Fire-climate Relationships in the Sierra Nevada: Surprises relevant to future fire regime forecasts." Oct. 22, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-329-4390. online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/



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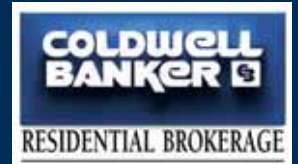
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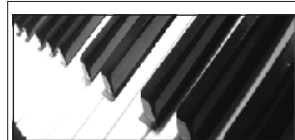
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

LEXAM RESEARCH
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 266659
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Lexam Research, located at 10 Black Fox,
Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo
County.

Registered owner(s):
JEFFREY MICHAEL NEILSON
10 Black Fox
Redwood City, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: An
Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on September 11, 2015.
(ALM Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 2015)

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM
A PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER A
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File Number: 243732

The person(s) listed below has/have
VALERIE SUZANNE PEOPLES withdrawn
as a general partner(s) from the part-
nership operating under the Fictitious
Business Name of:

LEXAM RESEARCH
10 Black Fox Way,
Redwood City, CA 94062
The Fictitious Business Name Statement
for the partnership was filed on: 3/18/11
in the County of San Mateo.

The full name and residence of the
person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s):
Valerie Suzanne Peoples
10 Black Fox Way
Redwood City, CA 94062

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo
County on September 14, 2015.
(ALM Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 2015)

FABULOUS NAILS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: M-266940
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:

Fabulous Nails, located at 2519 El
Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94061,
San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
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1163 Morely Ct.
San Jose, CA 95122

VANG VAN HO
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This business is conducted by: A General
Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact
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This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on October 8, 2015.
(ALM Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 2015)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:
PAUL N. FULTON, a/k/a PAUL FULTON,
a/k/a PAUL NATHAN FULTON, a/k/a PAUL
N. P. FULTON
Case No.: 94779

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors, and persons who
may otherwise be interested in the will
or estate, or both, of PAUL N. FULTON,
a/k/a PAUL FULTON, a/k/a PAUL NATHAN
FULTON, a/k/a PAUL N. P. FULTON.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by:
LYNN D. KURN and DAVID STIEFEL in the
Superior Court of California, County of
SAN MATEO.

The Petition for Probate requests that:
LYNN D. KURN and DAVID STIEFEL be
appointed as personal representative to
administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's
will and codicils, if any, be admitted to
probate. The will and any codicils are
available for examination in the file kept
by the court.

The petition requests authority to
administer the estate under the
Independent Administration of
Estates Act. (This authority will allow
the personal representative to take
many actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain very
important actions, however, the per-
sonal representative will be required to
give notice to interested persons unless
they have waived notice or consented
to the proposed action.) The indepen-

dent administration authority will be
granted unless an interested person files
an objection to the petition and shows
good cause why the court should not
grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be
held on October 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
in Dept.: 28 of the Superior Court of
California, County of San Mateo, located
at 400 County Center, Redwood City,
CA 94063.

If you object to the granting of the peti-
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and state your objections or file written
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person or by your attorney.

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your claim with the court and mail a
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appointed by the court within the later
of either (1) four months from the date
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able in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the
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the estate, you may file with the court
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appraisal of estate assets or of any peti-
tion or account as provided in Probate
Code section 1250.
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available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Eiko Itoh
400 Main Street, Suite 250
Los Altos, CA 94022
(650)327-4200
(ALM Oct. 7, 14, 21, 2015)

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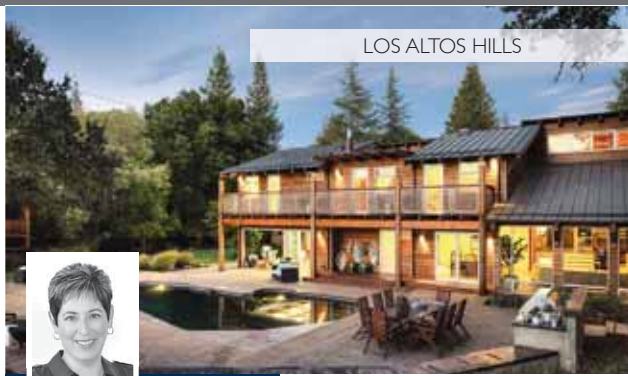


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MENLO PARK



HOSSEIN JALALI
650.740.2233
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CalBRE #01215831

865 MIDDLE AVE \$3,275,000
Beautifully designed and built, this sun drenched home features quality craftsmanship inside and out with exquisite architectural design details.



PALO ALTO



LEA NILSSON
650.218.9896
CalBRE #00699379

1453 KINGS LANE \$2,800,000
Great opportunity to remodel/develop. Cul-de-sac. One of the most desirable neighborhoods in Palo Alto.



WOODSIDE | OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4



JANIS FRIEDENBERG GRUBE
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316 BLAKEWOOD WY \$1,450,000
Remodeled & beautiful on 1/2 ac. Excellent option on the fast-paced Peninsula. Close to Palo Alto or the beach & 1/2 mi to Alice's Restaurant. 3BD/2BA



REDWOOD CITY



PAUL SKRABO
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1336 HANCOCK ST \$788,000
Well located commercial/residential zoned. Many permitted uses for this property. Existing home in poor condition.



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