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Application Forms may be obtained at <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/bids.aspx> at no cost.



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'Clee' Webster's legacy: role model for youth

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Bridget Matheson, the city of Menlo Park's recreation program coordinator, began 2016 with a staff in mourning. Nobody could think about anything but the loss of their co-worker, Clee Webster, a Menlo Park resident who had recently been promoted to program assistant at the city's after-school program in Belle Haven.

He was about to start working there full time in January after years of part-time and summer employment, but lupus, the chronic autoimmune disease he had been battling for a decade, had other dark plans.

Clarence "Clee" Edward Webster Jr. died Dec. 23 from a strep pneumonia infection exacerbated by his struggle with lupus. He was 28. He is survived by his fiancée, Cynta Williams, and their son, Julyen, age 5.

Mr. Webster grew up in Menlo Park, where he often played basketball at the Onetta Harris Community Center, said Ms. Matheson, his former supervisor.

He later attended Eastside College Preparatory School, where he met English teacher Amy Reilly, who was a new teacher then. She taught Mr. Webster during his freshman, sophomore and junior years.

"He was very outspoken and energetic and curious," Ms. Reilly said. Over those three years they forged a friendship that lasted, she said.

Mr. Webster regularly called her on her birthday and on Mother's Day, and proudly sent her his report cards, said Ms. Williams.

Ms. Reilly "saw potential (in Clee) even when he didn't see it in himself," said Ms. Williams, his fiancée and high school sweetheart.

They grew up a block away from each other, Ms. Williams said — one living on Henderson Avenue, the other on Windermere Avenue.

Then, at the end of his high school years, Mr. Webster was diagnosed with lupus.

After-school program staffer, 28, dies of complications from lupus.

He struggled with the disease for a decade, Ms. Williams said, including a dangerous surgery in 2010 only six weeks after their son Julyen was born. Doctors said he might not make it, but Clee surprised them with a speedy recovery from septic shock. "From then on," Ms. Williams said, "he's always known what he wanted to do."

Role model

Clee "had a passion for early childhood education," said Ms. Matheson, the recreation program coordinator.

He began working at the Belle Haven summer program in 2009, then moved on to the after-school program, too. Soon, he fell into a rigorous daily routine, said Ms. Williams, which he maintained for years. He worked from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Willow Oaks School, switched to the Belle Haven After School Program

from 3:30 to 6 p.m., and then attended college classes from 6 to 10 p.m., Ms. Williams said, all while fighting a chronic disease and being a father.

Ms. Matheson said she saw Mr. Webster mature over the years. The pair worked together to launch a program called "Sky's the Limit," a youth leadership summer program for middle school students.

"He would have done great things in that program," she said. "It breaks my heart."

Sometimes, Ms. Matheson said, Clee would show concern about kids in the community who didn't have a mentor or a person to guide them.

"He was that (mentor) to a lot of kids in the community," she said.

Ms. Williams said that Mr. Webster saw himself as a role model for the youth he spent his days working with and for his own son. One of his biggest motivations to attend college, she said, was to set an example for young Julyen. She recalled that he once asked her, "How am I going to tell my son, 'You need to go to college,' if I don't go?"

That motivation drove him to complete his associate degree in early childhood education from Canada College. Later, he was accepted to Menlo College, and received a financial aid package that would enable the family to pay. In December 2015, he had just made honor roll during his first semester there. He was planning to major in business.

Celebrating Clee

Recognizing that both she and her staff were struggling to simultaneously grieve and



Photo: City of Menlo Park

Clarence "Clee" Edward Webster Jr., who had a passion for early childhood education, worked with Menlo Park youth.

work, Ms. Matheson in January decided to talk about it.

Staff members who had worked with him said they hoped to carry on the things he stood for.

Some of those things were: "Don't give up on people. Be compassionate. And don't give up when something gets challenging," Ms. Matheson said. "We want to continue with his legacy. He's going to be remembered and never forgotten."

"He definitely was one hell of

a man," Ms. Williams said.

A memorial service for him was held Jan. 11 at the Jerusalem Baptist church in Palo Alto. An online GoFundMe campaign, intended to help Ms. Williams and the Webster family cover medical expenses and service costs, had raised \$21,834 as of Jan. 29. Additional funding received will go to an education fund for Julyen.

Go to tinyurl.com/webster248 for more information. ■

School board places two parcel tax measures on May ballot

By **Barbara Wood**
Almanac Staff Writer

It's official. On Feb. 1, the governing board of the Menlo Park City School District voted unanimously to put two parcel tax measures on a special May 3 mail-in ballot. The measure will require approval by two-thirds of voters to pass.

The district says that without the new parcel taxes, it will soon spend down its

reserves. Enrollment is projected to continue increasing in the district through 2025, but because Menlo Park is a "community funded" district receiving most of its income from property taxes, it does not receive more funds when more students enroll.

Measure A is identical to an existing parcel tax set to expire in 2017 and Measure B is tied to increases in student enrollment. Both would take effect July 1, 2016, and be permanent,

The maximum tax if both measures are approved would be \$1,320.20 per parcel per year.

with no expiration dates.

The maximum tax if both measures are approved would be \$1,320.20 per parcel per year, adjusted for any inflation.

This year, property owners

in the district pay a total of \$851.60 in parcel taxes to the district, in four separate parcel taxes, which appear as one on the tax bill.

Three of the parcel taxes are permanent and one will expire at the end of June 2017. If the two new measures are approved, property owners will pay five separate parcel taxes, all of them permanent. (If Measure A passes, the current tax would expire when Measure A is put into place.)

The parcel tax due to expire is currently \$201.38 and provides about \$1.58 million annually to the district. Measure A would make the expiring \$201.38 tax permanent.

Measure B proposes a \$2.20 per parcel tax for each student who enrolls beyond the district's current 2,938 students. If the student count in the district rose by 71 students, the increase predicted for next

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school year, the tax would be \$156.20. The measure has a cap of 213 additional students, or \$468.60, adjusted for inflation.

Because the second measure is totally dependent on enrollment, the parcel tax total could vary year to year. If the 71 student prediction is correct, and both measures are approved, the 2016-17 tax bill per parcel would be \$1,007.80.

By comparison, few other neighboring school districts have permanent parcel taxes, and none are as high as either Menlo Park's current parcel tax total or the total if the two measures pass.

The rates, term and date of passage of other nearby district parcel taxes, from state figures compiled on EdData.com, are:

- Palo Alto Unified School District, \$589 a year for six years, passed in May 2010. (On the May 2016 ballot will be a measure to adopt a \$758 annual parcel tax for six years).

- Portola Valley School District, \$581 for eight years, passed May 2013.

- Las Lomas Elementary School District, \$311 permanent tax, passed March 2007.

- Woodside Elementary School District, \$242 for eight years, passed May 2009.

- Ravenswood City School District, \$196 for seven years, passed May 2011.

- San Carlos Elementary School District, \$110.60 for eight years, passed May 2011.

- Redwood City Elementary School District, \$67 for five years, passed June 2012.

Most of the districts have cost-of-living increases built into their parcel taxes, so the current tax may be slightly higher than the approved amounts.

The proposal by the Menlo Park City School District allows those 65 and older to apply for an exemption from the tax. The new taxes could increase annually with increases in the consumer price index, as the existing taxes do.

Alex Evans from EMC Research, a consultant the district hired to help craft the ballot measures, said his firm found that the district is seen positively by voters who participated in three focus groups.

"There's high satisfaction with Menlo Park in general," he said, and schools are seen as "a major contributor to the quality of life in Menlo Park."

That opinion, he said, leaves voters willing to give the district the benefit of the doubt. "They start out saying, I'm probably going to say yes," he said.

"You're going to voters from a really good position about your brand," he said.

Only one member of the public spoke at the Feb. 1 meeting. The speaker, who identified himself only as Steve, from Delfino Way, asked why the district makes seniors apply each year for their exemption from the parcel taxes.

If the measures pass, property owners will pay five parcel taxes, all of them permanent.

"A lot of your seniors are 80 and 90. Some have dementia," he said. "It seems like a somewhat harsh way of doing it."

Board members said they would look into how other districts handle the senior exemption and consider changing the application process.

The speaker also asked if commercial properties could be charged more than residential properties. Board members said that legal cases have shown that parcel taxes must be the same for each parcel and cannot differentiate between types of property.

Now that the district board has approved the parcel tax measures, all campaigning must be done privately and paid for with private funding. Jody Buckley and Scott Hinshaw are heading the citizen's committee that will campaign for the parcel tax measures.

The district, like the Las Lomas, Woodside and Portola Valley districts, is funded almost entirely from local sources, including property taxes, parcel taxes and donations. Such schools used to be called "basic aid" districts but are now labeled "community funded."

Community funded districts do not get more money when they get more students. In the Menlo Park district, enrollment has grown 38 percent since 2005, when the district had 2,133 students. This year the district has 2,940 students. A consultant recently projected that the district will have 3,151 students in 2020 and 3,280 in 2025. ■



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Among the features of the new 13,000 square-foot home planned for this property in Atherton are seven bedrooms and 10 bathrooms on three levels, a full basement with bar, wine cellar, exercise room, movie theater and game room, a master suite with a lounge, a bocce ball court, guest house, swimming pool and full outdoor kitchen. The owners say they plan to list the property for \$27 million.

Builders pay \$10.5 million for one-acre lot with teardown

■ They plan to replace the teardown with a “spec” house and list it for \$27M.

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

■ ATHERTON

It's a sign of the times. A one-acre lot on Faxon Road in Atherton recently sold for \$10.5 million to builders who say they plan to replace the 1950s ranch-style home on the property with a “spec” house (that as of now has no buyer) and list it for \$27 million.

Realtor Matt Skrabo, who grew up in Portola Valley and is the third generation in his family to go into real estate, said he represented buyers Bob and Shawn Owen of Owen Signature Homes in the sale. The sale was “off-market,” meaning the property had not been listed for sale. Mr. Skrabo

lives in Palo Alto and works for Keller Williams Realty in Palo Alto and Menlo Park.

Now on the property, which is on a short dead-end road near the Circus Club, is a not-quite 3,000 square-foot, four-bedroom and 2.5-bathroom home built in 1951, with a pool and attached garage.

The new home, Mr. Skrabo said, will have seven bedrooms with eight full bathrooms and two half-bathrooms on three levels totaling 13,000 square feet. There will be a full basement with bar, wine cellar, exercise room, movie theater and game room. A private master suite with a lounge,

chef's kitchen, a bocce ball court, guest house, swimming pool, full outdoor kitchen and fire pit are also planned.

He said the Owens are willing to sell the home before it's built and customize some of the finishes to please the new buyer.

Why \$10.5 million for a teardown, which Mr. Skrabo said he thinks is a record for land value in Atherton? “This is a very special lot and location,” Mr. Skrabo said. “It's the most coveted street in Atherton.”

As a cul-de-sac, Faxon Road is private with little traffic, but is near the Circus Club, Sacred Heart Prep and Menlo School, as well as downtown Menlo Park, Mr. Skrabo said. ■



Courtesy Matt Skrabo/Keller Williams

The existing house, built in 1951, is about 3,000 square feet, with four bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms.

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Accepting an Offer in Second Position

Dear Monica: I made an offer on a property but the seller accepted another offer. However the seller wants to accept my offer as a “back up contract” in second position. There is a short contingency on the first contract and if it is not removed I will move into first position. Should I agree to this?

Anne D.

Dear Anne: Yes, you should. You have nothing to lose by accepting the offer to be in “back up” position and in a few days, you may move into first position if the buyer on the first contract does not remove their contingency. If you are in back up, you can cancel at any time if there is another property you want to make an offer on. I would encourage you to accept this and you may end up the winner.

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State Extends Mandatory Water-Use Reductions.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State) has extended its mandatory water-use reductions and restrictions through October.

What does this mean for California Water Service (Cal Water) customers?

Current water budgets and banking will continue for now. The State will review water supply conditions after the April 1 snowpack assessment, and may decide to modify drought regulations then. Cal Water will notify customers of any changes in their water-use reduction targets at that time.

We thank our customers for your commitment to water conservation, which has helped to reduce water use by **28.6%** systemwide from June through December 2015 compared to the last half of 2013.

Please visit www.calwater.com/conservation for information on Cal Water programs available to help meet the State's targets.

Atherton: Super Bowl party draws hundreds

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Nearly 500 people, including a number of sports stars and celebrities, attended the “Big Game Big Give” party in Atherton Saturday night, Feb. 6, raising what event organizers say was close to \$1 million for charities.

The party also triggered Atherton’s special permit process, town officials say. That means that the hosts will have to repay the town for all special services it provided, including police and traffic direction. Police say there were no complaints and no problems.

The party was at the Atherton home of venture capitalist Jillian Manus, who has hosted a number of large charity events in the past.

Among the attendees were former 49er Joe Montana, former Giant Matt Williams and Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom (all honorary co-chairs), and former talk show host Jay Leno as emcee. Guests also included Keena Turner, Jim and Sarah Harbaugh and DeMarco Murray.

Michael Franti, a rapper, poet and musician who often speaks out on peace and social justice

Organizers say close to \$1 million was raised for charity.

issues, provided acoustic entertainment.

Atherton Police Chief Ed Flint said that Ms. Manus worked closely with the town before the event to ensure neighbors were not inconvenienced by traffic, parking or excessive noise. Atherton police officers monitored noise levels with a decibel meter. Event organizers paid three Atherton police officers to attend and provided private security, Chief Flint said.

Ms. Manus emptied out her home to set up nine separate parties within, following a California theme. Guests entered through a giant football helmet leading to the Laguna Seca Raceway, aka the Manus driveway. Outside the door, a “Seal Rock” had live seals. Left Bank chef Roland Passot led a team of eight Bay Area chefs.

The host committee included Melissa Badger, Rob Chesnut, Jeff and Suzette Clarke, Nobuko Cleary, Ron Conway, Leland and



Photo by Drew Altizer Photography/Courtesy Giving Back Fund

Joe and Jennifer Montana share a kiss with seals at the “Big Game Big Give” party in Atherton Feb. 6.

Susan Faust, Mary Gullixson, Elizabeth Holmes, JT Holmes, Naveen and Anu Jain, Damir Jandricek, Martin and Kelly Katz, Chris Kelly, Andrew and Kira Kosove, Jeff and Missy Morris, Alan Salzman, Stephan Silver, Trevor Traina, Andy Won, Elaine Wynn, and Brad

and Sarah Yonover.

The event benefited the Stanford Cancer Institute, the Four Rings Montana Family Foundation and the Giving Back Fund, a national nonprofit umbrella organization.

Atherton’s special events ordinance, updated by the council in

July 2015, requires a permit for any special event “that requires the assistance of the town for traffic control, public safety services, extraordinary parking control measures, waiver of any local, state, or federal ordinance, or other mitigation measures arising from the special event.”

POST wants to protect 1,000 acres of farmland

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

The Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) announced Feb. 4 that the organization is working to conserve more than a thousand acres of farmland on the San Mateo County coastside over the coming decade, tripling the amount of protected farmland.

The \$25 million program, Farmland Futures Initiative, seeks to stem the loss of local farmland that has threatened the future of Bay Area farming and the livelihood of local farmers. The program will use the funds to acquire land and agricultural conservation easements.

Since the 1980s, nearly 200,000 acres of Bay Area agricultural land have been converted to other uses, with San Mateo County losing 35 percent of its farmland, POST said.

“Protecting local working land matters to our environment, our farmers and our community,” said POST President Walter Moore. “Farms are vital to the health of our local ecosystems, waterways and the region’s over-



Photo courtesy POST

Jesse Ziff Cool, chef and owner of the Flea Street Cafe in West Menlo Park, was on hand in Moss Beach for the Feb. 4 POST announcement.

all food system, growing the farm-fresh foods that we as a society value and cherish.”

POST has raised \$7.5 million toward the \$25 million it wants to invest in the program, with lead support from Diane Greene and Mendel Rosenblum, the Leslie Family Foundation, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, the Sand Hill Foundation, Sandra and John Thompson and Karie and David Thomson.

Go to openspacetrust.org for more information. ■

Hillary Clinton due in Atherton Feb. 21

■ Democratic presidential candidate is here for a campaign fundraiser

February is proving to be a busy month for high-profile visitors to Atherton: the star-studded Super Bowl party of Feb. 6, a political fundraising visit from President Barack Obama on Feb. 11, and, on Feb. 21, a visit by Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton for a campaign fundraiser billed as a “Conversation with Hillary for Young Leaders and Women in Tech.”

Revisions made last year to Atherton’s special events permit process mean the hosts, not

the taxpayers, are responsible for paying for special services police or other town departments provide for the events.

The event for Ms. Clinton will be at the home of Sukhinder Singh Cassidy, founder and CEO of Joyus, an online retailer.

An email invitation to the event says it will be “for a conversation on issues that women face in the Silicon Valley and business around the country.”

Tickets, at tinyurl.com/HillTix range from \$500 for those under



Hillary Clinton

35 and \$1,000 for those over (for the general reception) to \$27,000 for hosts of the event. ■

—Barbara Wood

Kate Laubscher in Jeopardy semifinals

■ BRIEFS

Belle Haven

The Belle Haven Mini Grants program offers small grants for local projects and events that benefit the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park.

Assistance in writing proposals for grants will be offered on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Onetta Harris Community Center Computer Lab, 100 Terminal

Ave. in Menlo Park. Call (650) 450-5484 to make an appointment.

More information sessions and workshops will be held in coming months, with the next at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Onetta Harris Community Center. The deadline for proposal submission is 6 p.m. on April 5.

Go to tinyurl.com/bhmg16 or email BelleHavenMiniGrant@gmail.com for more information. ■

Caltrans will consider alternatives to spraying weeds with herbicides

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Herbicide spraying opponents say they are “cautiously optimistic” about news from Caltrans that it is considering alternatives to broadcast spraying herbicides along the roadsides of San Mateo County’s state highways.

In October, responding to requests from a wide array of groups, individuals and public officials asking Caltrans to stop using herbicides along county highways, the agency promised to make some changes, starting with a pilot program on Highway 84 between Portola Road in Woodside and the coast.

Caltrans said the pilot program, consisting of spraying herbicides on the westbound side of Hwy. 84 while mowing and using other manual weed control, including mulching, on the eastbound side, would start in fall 2015.

Some residents responded that alternatives to broadcast spraying herbicides are well-known, making the pilot program unnecessary, and again asked Caltrans to stop spraying.

Caltrans delayed the pilot program, and on Jan. 19 announced: “We are further assessing our operations to figure out what changes we can implement. As of this time, there is no set date for further spraying. In the event spraying is to occur on State Route 84, we will provide timely advance notice to all interested parties.”

Caltrans spokeswoman Gidget Navarro said Caltrans is considering alternatives to herbicides throughout San Mateo County. However, she said, the consideration was not due to public pressure but that “this is always part of our Integrated Pest Management Policy ... to look at all alternatives for weed abatement.”

She also said at that time that Caltrans would continue with the pilot program, including spraying.

Now, however, Caltrans says the department “is examining several options that might allow a reduction in the amount of spraying within the pilot program.”

“Caltrans will probably do some spot spraying soon but no broadcast spraying,” Ms. Navarro said. Spot spraying, she explained, is done on isolated small areas or at the base of plants that have been removed to prevent re-sprouting, using sprayers mounted on backpacks or all-terrain vehicles.

Broadcast spraying, which local residents want Caltrans to elimi-

nate, consists of “applying a spray solution uniformly over an entire treated area,” she said, and is used to treat roadsides and fields.

Sen. Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, was among those asking Caltrans to stop spraying. The pilot program was announced at a Sept. 14 meeting organized by Sen. Hill that included Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi, other Caltrans senior staff, San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley, staff for state assembly members Kevin Mullen and Rich Gordon; Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition board member Peter Ingram and Lennie Roberts, a Ladera resident and Committee for Green Foothills legislative advocate.

Since then, Sen. Hill said he and his staff have learned that there are areas in Marin County and elsewhere where Caltrans doesn’t spray herbicides. “They have made the decision elsewhere to discontinue spraying,” he said. “We raised the idea: Why is this different?”

“They can’t really justify using the spraying when there are alternatives available,” he said. “I think they are listening. I hope this is an indication of that.”

Sen. Hill said his goal is “that we can put an end to (herbicide spraying), if possible.”

“This is a big state,” and each county is different, he said. Caltrans needs “to be sensitive to those differences,” he said. “I think in our area we have a very strong environmental consciousness.”

Patty Mayall of La Honda, director of Protect Our Watershed San Mateo County, said she is “encouraged” by the Caltrans announcement.

“I’m grateful for any consideration of ... leaving herbicide spraying in the past,” Ms. Mayall said. She said she hopes Caltrans will allow the local community to help “with the mowing, with removing invasive plant species and possibly planting native plants that require less mowing.”

However, she said, “we still don’t know when, where or what” herbicides Caltrans uses. “I think it is an issue of public health and safety and protecting our environment,” she said.

Ms. Mayall said herbicide spraying is common at this time of year and people should watch for, and report, any public agencies spraying herbicides. Signs a roadside has been sprayed, she said, include “noticeably, completely brown, dead vegetation in a three-foot, or larger, path along the roadside” three to five days after application.

She invites people to report incident of spraying by using the contact form on ProtectOurWatershed.org.

In 2012 San Mateo County banned broadcast herbicide spraying everywhere except at its two airports. The ban only applies to county agencies, however, and not to city and town governments within the county or to Caltrans. ■

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M-A High enrollment appears to be growing as predicted

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

In an apparent confirmation of projections that the number of students at Menlo-Atherton High School would begin to rise significantly with the 2015-16 school year, enrollment is up about 6 percent from a year ago.

While the total fluctuates from month to month, M-A's enrollment in January 2016 was 2,290 students compared to 2,154 a

year earlier, Principal Simone Rick-Kennel told the Almanac.

A 2013 demographic study predicted that Sequoia Union High School District enrollment would grow at least 22 percent by the 2020-21 school year.

The study predicted the greatest impact in high schools that serve the Menlo Park and Las Lomas elementary districts and districts in San Carlos and Belmont-Redwood Shores, with enrollment at M-A expected to

grow by at least 25 percent.

The study had also predicted around 19 percent enrollment growth at Woodside High, but that prediction seems not to be panning out. Enrollment grew 2 percent in 2014-15, but leveled out for 2015-16, according to state and Sequoia district data.

Woodside High Principal Diane Burbank attributed the trend to the high cost of living pushing families away from Redwood City to lower cost areas, and to the recent reassignment to M-A of all students from

the Ravenswood City School District in East Palo Alto. Some Ravenswood students had been assigned to Woodside since the 1980s.

Also headed in opposite directions at the two schools is participation in the federal free-or-reduced-price-lunch program. At Woodside, participation in the 2015-16 school year dropped to 40 percent of students from 50 percent a year ago, Ms. Burbank said.

But at M-A, participation in the lunch program grew to 37

percent of students in the 2015-16 school year, up from 36 percent a year ago, Ms. Rick-Kennel said.

With the M-A enrollment surge in mind, the Sequoia district is building a new magnet school for 300 to 400 students and located in the industrial area of Menlo Park east of U.S. 101.

A second magnet school was planned for San Carlos, but a new study shows a "more stable picture" for enrollment in the northern end of the district, leading district officials to delay a decision on that school. ■

Franklin P. Sebastian, Jr.

May 4, 1923 – January 22, 2016

Franklin P. Sebastian was born in Dallas, Texas on May 4, 1923 and died after a short illness in Atherton, California on January 22, 2016, at the age of 92. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in mechanical engineering. He attended Officers' training school at Cornell University in Ithaca NY followed by service at the Bremerton Naval Base in Washington during WWII.



After the war he attended the Stanford Graduate School of Business, class of 1948. He was VP of Manufacturing at Shopsmith (Magna Engineering Corp). He was President and Director of BSP Corporation, a San Francisco-based municipal sewage company. He held senior executive positions in Pacific Metals Co, Dalton Controls Co, and Yuba Consolidated Industries. He was co-founder and CEO of Envirotech, a NYSE listed environmental technology company based on Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park (sold to Baker Hughes). As part of his business Frank was key in getting the Clean Water Act passed in the 1970s and was at the White House for the signing of the law. He served on several US Government committees, primarily focusing on international environmental issues. He held a number of directorships, including Chairman of the Environmental Industry Council and President of the Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association. After his retirement Frank consulted with companies based in China and Russia on emerging technologies. He is in the Engineering Hall of Fame at the University of Texas and was on the Advisory and Editorial Board of the Stanford GSB.

Frank married the love of his life, Barbara Taylor (Barrie) in 1950. Together they enjoyed a life of work and travel for almost sixty years, until Barrie died in 2010. Frank and Barrie were in the first group of Americans visiting China after President Nixon's trip there in 1972 and revisited many times. They made numerous trips to the USSR (Frank was the environmental representative on the first Commerce Department Executive Level Trade Mission in 1973) and entertained several Soviet delegations in their home in Atherton. After his retirement Frank and Barrie traveled extensively throughout Europe, Eastern Europe, Australasia, Asia, South America, and North Africa.

Frank was a devoted and much-loved father and an inspiration to all the generations of his family. He leaves behind a son, Alex (Kristin Sebastian), a daughter, Sheilaugh (Joshua Sommer), and three grandchildren, Andrew Damele, Julia Sebastian, and Laurel Sebastian.

The family is very grateful to Monte and Kathy Fau who provided dedicated and loving care in the last months of his life.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) or another environmental charity.

PAID OBITUARY

Portola Valley signs up for greener energy

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The Portola Valley Town Council recently took action on two environmental fronts — irrigation efficiency and options for greener sources of electricity.

On a unanimous 4-0 vote, with Councilman Craig Hughes absent, the council on Jan. 27 updated its 2010 landscape watering efficiency ordinance to comply with recent and more restrictive state rules on conserving irrigation water.

The new rules do not apply to existing landscaping or to simple replacement of existing landscaping. They also do not apply if the landscaping is new but less than 500 square feet.

The rules do apply if the landscaping is new and 500 square feet or larger and, if a replacement, is 1,000 square feet or larger and involves significant grading or the need for a permit or review from Town Hall.

Also on a 4-0 vote, the council joined Peninsula Clean Energy, a collective that would give electricity users in town alternatives to PG&E that provide more energy from renewable sources.

Greener electricity

Membership in Peninsula Clean Energy is open to every city and town in San Mateo County. If the collective

Town also adopts landscape ordinance to reduce water use.

begins operations in October 2015 as planned, it would purchase electricity on the open market, with a preference for renewable sources and a goal of reducing member communities' greenhouse gas emissions while not raising rates significantly.

Joining the collective at this early stage gives a community a seat on the governing board. Councilman Jeff Aalfs will represent Portola Valley, interim town manager Debbie Pedro told the Almanac. Already included on the board: the cities of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto and the towns of Atherton and Woodside.

Water efficiency

About half the water used in urban California goes to landscape irrigation, according to the state's Department of Water Resources. In a bid to cut water use on landscaping by 20 percent, and water use on commercial landscapes by 35 percent, the department revised its water-efficient landscaping rules as of December 2015.

The revision includes incentives to limit the portion of landscapes planted with high-

water-use vegetation and the capture of rainwater, and sets new standards for irrigation-system efficiency.

The Portola Valley council was required to revise its regulations following the state's revisions, but had an option to be more restrictive, which is what it did. The council adopted the somewhat tougher ordinance prepared by the regional Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency.

Under the new rules, water-efficiency measures must be taken for new residential, commercial, industrial and institutional landscaping projects of 500 square feet or more and that require a permit, plan check or design review. Regulations also apply to rehabilitated landscaping projects of more than 1,000 square feet that require a permit, plan check, or design review.

The new rules do not apply if irrigation is needed only to get the new vegetation established.

The ordinance requires covers for new pools and spas.

If the landscape does not include lawns or high-water-use plants, and if the vegetation planted is 80 percent native low-water-use species, the ordinance relaxes the requirement for drafting a water budget.

Go to tinyurl.com/PV4644 and turn to Page 39 for the full staff report. ■

County office open Sunday for Valentine weddings

The San Mateo County Clerk's office will have special hours, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 14, for those wanting a Valentine's Day wedding. "Valentine's Day is the most popular wedding day of the year," said Mark Church, San Mateo County's clerk-recorder.

Chapel reservations are rec-

ommended to secure a spot on the busiest wedding day of the year. The chapel at 555 County Center in Redwood City can be reserved for a 25-minute ceremony for \$65. For an extra \$50, the chapel will provide an electronic invitation to guests and an Internet broadcast so the ceremony can be viewed by friends and family anywhere

in the world.

Couples are reminded that weddings cannot be performed without a wedding license. The license costs \$78, plus \$15 for a certified copy.

Go to tinyurl.com/wed214 for information on applying for a wedding license. To contact the county clerk's office, call (650) 363-4500, option 2.

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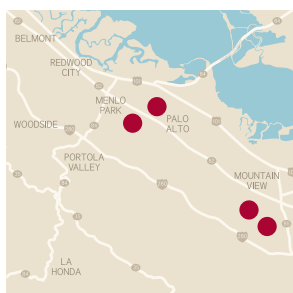


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Greenheart to offer free Caltrain passes to residents, workers at its new complex

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

If Greenheart Land Co. gets city approval to build a 420,000-square-foot office and housing complex on El Camino Real in Menlo Park, residents and employees there can expect to receive free, unlimited Caltrain passes, the com-

pany says on a new website, station1300.com.

The complex would be built at 1300 El Camino Real between the Residence Inn hotel and Oak Grove Avenue, about a block from the Caltrain station.

All residents and employees at the complex, which Greenheart is calling Station 1300, will receive free, unlimited Caltrain

Greenheart proposes to build 182 rental apartments plus offices.

passes, according to the website.

Greenheart says the office buildings will be constructed to operate on “net zero energy,” meaning they will create as

much energy as they use. The buildings would have solar panels and a cooling and heating system using recirculated water, the website says.

The website was created in advance of the release of the project’s environmental review document, expected later this month, said Steve Pierce, principal at Greenheart Land Co.

Renderings and more information about the proposed complex are on the website. Greenheart proposes to build 182 rental apartments (10 are planned to be below market rate), between 188,900 and 199,300 square feet of office space, and between 18,600 square feet to 29,000 square feet of space for “community serving businesses,” such as retail, restaurants, or personal services.

The website has a petition that visitors can sign and comment on. ■

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Review and approval/denial of a proposed Setback Exception to reduce the required front yard setback from 50 feet to 45 feet for the construction of a new attached garage. The proposal requires Planning Commission consideration of a Setback Exception pursuant to WMC 153.062.

The Setback Exception is a component of a larger proposal to demolish an existing barn; renovate and construct additions to an existing single-family residence; demolish and rebuild two nonconforming structures located in the required building setbacks pursuant to WMC 153.301; construct a new swimming pool; and install other site and landscape improvements.

All application materials are available for public review at the Woodside Planning and Building Counter, Woodside Town Hall, weekdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Woodside Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.

Dr. George Hogle, 100, advocate for peace

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

On April 14, 2015, the Woodside Town Council issued a proclamation to honor 50-year resident Dr. George Hollister Hogle, a psychiatrist, world traveler and advocate for peace and against nuclear weapons, in celebration of his recent 100th birthday. Dr. Hogle died on Nov. 28, 2015, at home in the company of his family.

He attended St. Paul’s, a boarding school in New Hampshire, and graduated from Yale University, where he majored in engineering but developed an interest in liberal arts and politics.

He worked as an assayer for a gold mine and at the New York Stock Exchange. When World War II broke out in Europe, he joined the Quakers and the War Resisters League and became a conscientious objector.

The government assigned him to relief work in France but that program was canceled and he was reassigned to a Massachusetts hospital as a test subject to determine the toxicity of new anti-malarial drugs. He felt rewarded by his participation in this program and the experience led him to an interest in medicine, relatives said.

After the war, as a member of the American Friends Service Committee, he did relief work in Koblenz, Germany. While in Europe, he developed an interest in psychiatry after meeting with noted psychoanalyst Carl Jung.

Back the United States, Mr. Hogle earned a medical degree from Columbia University and met his future wife, Lois Crozier, with whom he had three children. The family moved to England, where Dr. Hogle studied



Dr. George Hogle

OBITUARY

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

with Jungian analyst Gerhard Adler.

When the family relocated to California, Dr. Hogle associated himself with Stanford University Medical School and the C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, where he served for a time as president. He began a private practice in Palo Alto and, in 1974, became an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Stanford.

Dr. Hogle divorced in 1965 and in 1966 married Ann Meistrup Raymond. The couple was jailed briefly in Santa Rita in 1967 in connection with a Vietnam War protest. Writing in 2006, Dr. Hogle noted his increasing skepticism of powerful men in connection with the advent of the nuclear bomb. “I submit that more and more women in leadership roles everywhere could benefit the world more than anyone could imagine,” he wrote.

The couple traveled the world with their combined family of six children, including a trip on a Russian icebreaker. Dr. Hogle was an active skier into his 80s, learned to use a computer and a smart phone in his 90s, loved classical music and opera, and words — whether playing Scrabble or reading the newspaper. He was a fan of the San Francisco Giants and dark chocolate.

Dr. Hogle is survived by his wife Ann; children Allan, Steve and Francie; step-children T.M. Raymond, Megan Aguilar and Kit Colman; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Utah’s Hogle Zoo (www.hogle-zoo.org) or Commonweal (www.commonweal.org). ■

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Constituent ideas become bills in California Senate

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

California state Sen. Jerry Hill, whose district includes the Almanac area, said of nine bills he's introduced recently, three are based on ideas from constituents who participated in the senator's "Oughta Be a Law ... Or Not" contest in 2015.

Senate Bill 678 was proposed by a nun, Sister Christina Heltsley of the Saint Francis Center, a nonprofit organization in Redwood City that works to help low-income families. The bill would reduce the amount of property taxes that nonprofit providers of low-income housing would pay for land used for affordable housing.

Senate Bill 814, proposed by a San Mateo resident, would require water districts to fine households that use excessive amounts of water each month.

Senate Bill 681, proposed by John Dillon of San Bruno, would cut in half the base fine amount for right-turn-on-red traffic violations. The fine would be about \$250. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,

less than 0.04 percent of crashes nationwide involve right-on-red turns, yet the offense is currently fined at the same level as more dangerous driving offenses, like driving 25 mph over the speed limit or not yielding to an emergency vehicle.

Other bills that Sen. Hill introduced would improve state inspections of tour buses; prohibit state Board of Equalization members from accepting monetary contributions from companies that have businesses on the board; require schools and local governments to consider alternatives to recycled tires when making new artificial fields; increase transparency at the Public Utilities Commission; increase oversight at underground utility excavation sites; and finalize a Joint Powers Authority between San Mateo, Foster City and Belmont that would allow fire service providers in those cities to retain their benefits packages.

Sen. Hill plans to introduce legislation requiring all DUI offenders to install ignition interlock devices on their vehicles, according to his spokesperson, Leslie Guevarra. ■

Gary Riekes wins Jefferson Award

Gary Riekes, founder of the Riekes Center for Human Enhancement in North Fair Oaks, is a winner of a regional Jefferson Award for Public Service.

Mr. Riekes started the center in 1974 to offer students fitness, creative arts, nature awareness and other services that help them develop skills, self-reliance and self-esteem.

The services are provided regardless of the student's ability to pay or perform, the organization says. Thirty percent of students receive scholarships.

New director

Jennifer Thompson, who has 20 years of experience working with nonprofit organizations, is the new executive director of Sustainable Silicon Valley.

A former executive producer for the Lucile Packard Foundation's Fellowship Program for Science and Engineering, she has worked for six years as associate director of Sustainable Silicon

■ BRIEFS

Valley with outgoing executive director Marianna Grossman.

'Miles for Smiles'

Menlo Park dentist Jan Gabus raised more than \$15,000 from his ride last year in the Des Moines Register newspaper's annual "Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa." The seven-day ride winds through small towns and cornfields for 468 miles from Sioux City to Davenport.

"I did this ride in 1994, 1995, 2011 and this year. I'm originally from Nebraska and it's a nostalgic return to my Midwestern roots," he said.

During the past eight years, he has raised more than \$92,000 for the Mid-Peninsula Dental Health Foundation, which provides dental care for the working poor who do not have dental insurance or government assistance.

Library news

The Menlo Park Library is expanding its book-sorting room this month, with the intent to increase book-sorting efficiency by 30 percent.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

The Woodside Library is undergoing a \$2.8 million renovation, including a complete remodeling of its 5,000-square-foot interior.

Library remodeling on schedule

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

■ WOODSIDE

Work on the \$2.8 million remodeling of the Woodside Library is on schedule and is expected to be completed by the end of March, according to Woodside Town Manager Kevin Bryant.

A grand reopening is planned for mid-April. The library originally opened in 1968.

The exterior part of the remodeling and seismic strengthening is complete, Mr. Bryant said. Work on the interior is beginning.

The single-story building has a new roof and the inside has been cleared of obstruc-

tions and is now "a big space," he said.

Plans for the 5,000-square-foot interior include a new floor plan with gathering spaces for children and teens, more capacity for digital materials, more light, and lower energy bills.

The restrooms will be new and the library will have new accessibility features required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The building will have renewed insulation, framing, electrical, data and fire-suppression systems as well as a new storm-water runoff system.

Funds for the remodeling

A grand reopening is planned for mid-April.

were drawn from accumulated Woodside property-tax revenue dedicated for library purposes.

During remodeling, patrons are advised to go to the Portola Valley Library at 765 Portola Road. Children's programs were moved to Woodside's Independence Hall. Complaints about the changes, if any, "have not found their way to my desk," Mr. Bryant said.

Go to woodsidesidtown.org and the link "Library Remodel in Progress" for photos and more information. ■

County offers outdoor trivia challenge

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Guess which Menlo Park matches this clue: Formerly known as Amigos Park, this park is now named after a Menlo Park police officer who was killed while on duty in 1960. This is a park where many children and their "amigos" enjoy playing in the field and playground.

If you think you know the answer, a countywide campaign called "Passport to Parks" is encour-



Courtesy of Menlo Park

Go to this sign at one of Menlo Park's parks for another clue.

aging you to walk, bike, scooter, or otherwise meander with your family to pick up the next

clue, located on one of the park's signs.

It's part of a yearlong effort by the County of San Mateo Health System, the city of Menlo Park and the Active Access Collaborative to get locals out and about while learning more about nearby parks. The program will run until April 2016.

There are three clues located around the parks of Menlo Park, and at the final stop, there is a QR code that can be scanned with a smart phone that opens up an electronic survey (a paper version of the survey is also available). Participants can then enter a quarterly drawing to win a prize.

Go to tinyurl.com/p2pmp3 for more information. ■



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Genealogy classes help participants research ancestors. Jan. 14-March 3, 10 a.m.-noon. \$15 drop in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025 ext. 242.

Lifetree Cafe: 'Conquering Conflict' Hour-long conversations on handling disagreements to improve marriages, other relationships. Feb. 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Feb. 18, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-854-5897. facebook.com/LTCMenloPark

Tai chi in Portola Valley Tai chi instructor Ben Dineen leads weekly 60-minute class for all abilities. Fridays, Feb. 5-26, 10-11 a.m. Free. Redwood Grove, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

Lifetree Cafe: 'The Witch Next Door' Hour-long conversations on the appeal of Wicca, paganism and witchcraft. Feb. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Feb. 11, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-854-5897. facebook.com/LTCMenloPark

Community Events

Chinese New Year celebration Live entertainment by U.S. Chinese Dance Association. Feb. 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto. www.simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/

Tours of Ronald McDonald House Ronald McDonald House at Stanford holds pre-opening tours of new 52,000-square foot facility. In partnership with San Francisco Design Center, 48 designers have transformed the space for families with critically ill children. Thursday-Monday, Feb. 13-28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$35 single ticket; \$10 children's donation. Ronald McDonald House at Stanford, 510 Sand Hill Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-470-6037. rmhstanford.ejoinme.org/DesignTour

On Stage

'Eugene Onegin' preview with piano West Bay Opera shares highlights from upcoming production of "Eugene Onegin." Feb. 11, 8-9 p.m. Free. Lucie Stern Ballroom, 221 Lambert Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9999. www.westbayopera.org

'U.S. Drag' Black comedy about two young women in Manhattan navigating life after college and their attempts to claim the reward money for information about a serial attacker. Feb. 4-28, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$30 general; \$25 senior, student. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-493-2006 ext. 2. www.dragon-productions.net

West Bay Opera: 'Eugene Onegin' Pushkin's timeless story of love unfulfilled, performed in Russian with English titles. Presented in collaboration with Mark Foehringer's Dance Project[SF, the opera will include a chorus and orchestra. Feb. 19 and 27, 8 p.m.; Feb. 21 and 28, 2 p.m. \$45-\$83. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9999. www.westbayopera.org

Seniors

Jym Marks In a presentation called "Living Your Best Life at Any Age," Menlo Park's Jym Marks shares his personal journey, poetry and insights. Feb. 18, 1:30 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. www.penvol.org/littlehouse/lectures.cfm

Stepping On: Building Confidence and Reducing Falls Seven-week program covers simple balance and strength exercises, how medications contribute to falls and more. Fridays, Feb. 5-March 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025 ext. 242. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

Lectures & Talks

'Celebrating Founders' Stanford University's 125th Anniversary Symposia series continues with conversation called "Celebrating Founders," an event including founders that exemplify university's passion for pursuing big ideas. Founders from Instagram, Kiva,

Netflix, Sirum and Walker & Company will be represented. Feb. 24, 6-9 p.m. \$20. Cemex Auditorium, 6455 Knight Way, Stanford. Call 650-725-3330. 125.stanford.edu/event/celebrating-founders/

'Tracking a Lost Voice: The Chinese Workers on the Transcontinental Railroad' At this Stanford Historical Society event, Stanford University professors Gordon H. Chang and Shelly Fisher Fishkin discuss the Chinese Railroad Workers Project, which aims to document and share the history of Chinese migrants involved in constructing the Transcontinental Railroad, including both Chinese and U.S. perspectives. Feb. 18, 5-6:30 p.m. Free. Jordan Hall, Room 40, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. historicalsociety.stanford.edu

Author Ethan Canin on 'A Doubter's Almanac' A former figure in the Bay Area literary scene, Ethan Canin will share his latest novel, "A Doubter's Almanac," which explores the realm of higher mathematics and family legacy across multiple generations. Canin will be in conversation with Anthony Marra, a Stegner Fellow at Stanford University and Canin's former student. Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2445498

Author Yann Martel, author of "Life of Pi," discusses "The High Mountains of Portugal" — a story spanning the 20th century that fuses a quest narrative, ghost story and contemporary fable. Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m. \$20 general; \$8 student; \$40 premier (includes book). Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2463336

Jackson Katz, gender issues and sexual assault expert, gives talk called "More Than a Few Good Men: American Manhood and Violence Against Women." Feb. 18, 7 p.m. Free. Cemex Auditorium, 655 Knight Way, Stanford. gender.stanford.edu

Et Alia

Valentine's Day Dance Little House holds evening of fine dining and dancing in celebration of Valentine's Day. Live music by Bob Gutierrez Band and Menlo-Atherton Jazz Ensemble. Dinner served between 5:30 and



Diana Jaye exhibit

"Jug Handle Cove" is one of the new works by Diana Jaye of Menlo Park that will be on display at Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St. in Los Altos, during February. Ms. Jaye's work covers a wide range of oil paintings including those of Noyo Harbor, Big River and Jug Handle State Reserve, produced on a recent trip to Mendocino. The artist's attraction to charming cottages is shown in paintings of houses in Pescadero and Colfax. Visit dianajaye.com to learn more about the artist.

6:30 p.m.; dancing begins at 7 p.m. Singles welcome. RSVP in advance. Feb. 11, 5-9:30 p.m. \$12. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025. squareup.com/store/peninsula-volunteers-inc/

Library, Feb. 13, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Menlo Park City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2501. menlopark.org/library

Redwood Symphony performs Chabrier's Suite Pastorale, Lutoslawski's Paganini Variations, Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor and Strauss' "Dance of the Seven Veils." Feb. 20, 8-10 p.m. \$10-\$15; free for accompanied children under age 18. Cañada College Main Theatre, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Woodside. www.redwoodsmyphony.org/concerts/2015-16/concert4_2015.html

Health

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Philippe Cohen of Menlo Park, executive director of the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, inspects lichens on an oak tree at the preserve.



Preserving Jasper Ridge

Longtime head of biological research center steps down after 22 years

Story by Kate Daly | Photos by Michelle Le

Philippe Cohen of Menlo Park literally took it as a sign that after serving more than 22 years as executive director of Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, it's time to retire.

Standing on the edge of what was called Searsville Lake, he points to a tree where the bark has almost completely grown over a metal sign warning: "No swimming allowed except at the beach."

Once a popular recreational area, this part of Woodside was closed off to the public in 1975. Stanford University has owned the land dating back to 1892, and has run scientific experiments on the 1,189-acre preserve for decades.

When Mr. Cohen arrived as the second person ever to run the biological field station there, he promised himself he would leave when the old sign disappeared. His last day on the job will be Feb. 19.

Mr. Cohen has seen lots of growth over the years. When he started he was the only full-time employee, with a budget of \$186,000. Now he oversees a budget of about \$1 million and a staff of eight.

"My job is to make sure everybody can do their research and classes can do their work," he says, listing his duties as a mix of managing land, raising funds, review-

ing proposals and overseeing staff scientists. Classes range from East Side Prep to Stanford students.

"I much prefer being out on the trail," he says, gladly setting off for a hike in the rain from his office overlooking Searsville Reservoir.

His office is located in the Leslie Shao-ming Sun Field Station, one of his proudest achievements. Completed in 2002, the building has earned awards for being a model of sustainability and energy efficiency.

Before the hike he forewarned, "My philosophy about weather and hiking is there is no bad weather, just bad dressing," so his rain jacket, cargo pants, hat, hiking boots and camera come as no surprise.

What did, though, is the thundering volume of murky water flowing over the Searsville Dam and plummeting 65 feet to meet the San Francisquito Creek downstream.

He stops to take pictures to document the dramatic scene, and talks about what has become a controversial topic — what to do with the reservoir. It's "filling in so rapidly with sediment, right now it has maybe 100 acre-feet of water ... and there are lots of questions about the future of steelhead trout downstream."

Mr. Cohen explains after sever-

al years of studies, Stanford is looking "to poke a hole in the bottom of the dam and allow a lot of the sediment through," but there are federal and state agencies involved in the permitting process and other factors to weigh in — such as water rights, endangered species, flooding, wetland habitats — "so it's a really complicated issue."

After crossing the dam he takes the trail that encircles the reservoir, halting occasionally to provide details about the 65 to 75 research projects going on at any given time in the preserve.

Approximately two-thirds of them are linked to Stanford, but then there's the Australian who has shown up each spring for 35 years to study fluctuations in a serpentine grassland habitat.

On this wintery day a Stanford student and professor follow the same path and get drawn into Mr. Cohen's description of how dusky-footed woodrats live in nests divided into sophisticated honeycombs of rooms where the rodents store what they collect.

The subject switches quickly to an examination of coyote scat, a deer carcass, and this season's explosion of ramalina, the green lace lichen growing in oak



woodland forests that is often mistakenly called Spanish Moss.

Mr. Cohen is equally comfortable discussing the sticky monkey flower and hummingbird experiment on plant-pollinator-microbe interactions that has become part of the core curriculum for an undergraduate biology course.

He mentions another experiment, a bat monitoring system to test if their sonar systems interfere with each other. So far 13 species of bats have been detected in the preserve.

Annual bird counts have turned up 178 species. Mr. Cohen wonders out loud why lately he has seen thousands of robins flocking at sunrise.

He ends his hike at the site of the Jasper Ridge Global Change Experiment, "one of the longest continuing studies in the world of climate change and ecosystem response," Mr. Cohen says.

In 18 years, more than 20 national and international institutions have participated in measuring changes in annual grasslands based on CO₂, temperature, precipitation and nitrogen deposition — all on the same 2.5-acre plot.

"In some respects it's one of the best studied landscapes in the world and it's amazing how much

we still don't know," he says.

Each year thousands of people visit the preserve for educational purposes. Docents lead small group tours from October to May. Stanford students come through on a regular basis, as do hundreds of local middle and high school students.

Mr. Cohen majored in environmental studies at Pitzer College, then earned his Ph.D. in geography at the University of Minnesota. He managed a field station in the East Mojave Desert for seven and a half years before coming to Stanford.

As for his career, "I've loved every minute of it," he says, but is retiring at 65 because "there are lot of things I want to do in the next five years." (The search is ongoing for a new executive director.)

His wife, Cindy Stead, retired last June from her reading specialist position at Oak Knoll Elementary. In mid-March they are embarking on a six-week camping trip "chasing desert wild flower blooms" in California, Arizona and Nevada.

After that they want to volunteer to do research in "some remote place" in Costa Rica, Ecuador, South Africa, or possibly all three. ■

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HEALTH CARE

Officials: County most vulnerable to sea level rise

■ BRIEFS

State Sen. Jerry Hill, Assemblyman Rich Gordon and county supervisors Dave Pine and Don Horsley spoke of the importance of preparing San Mateo County for sea level rise at a public event on Jan. 30 at the Genentech headquarters in South San Francisco.

According to Hilary Papendick, county climate resiliency specialist, the Bay Area is one of the top 10 most vulnerable areas to sea level rise in the country, and San Mateo County is the most vulnerable area in the state.

The county is currently conducting a vulnerability assessment to see just how severe the damage could be, in situations of gradual sea level rise and in "worst case scenario" disaster conditions, combining the effects of sea level rise with El Nino patterns and a 100-year storm.

Setting priorities

Menlo Park's City Council and city staff department heads met Jan. 29 to hash out the city's "work plan," setting city priorities for the new year. A list of 70 tasks were discussed and ranked into "Extremely Important," "Very Important" and "Important."

Topping the extremely important list were: complete the

general plan update, process complex development projects, prioritize transit improvement projects, implement housing element programs, prepare for community disasters, enhance infrastructure and facilities, and improve efficiency in city services.

City staff will finalize the draft and present it to the City Council for approval in February.

Women's art show

The San Mateo County Arts Commission is accepting art submissions by women artists who live in or are employed by the county of San Mateo.

Submissions are limited to two two-dimensional artworks and photographs that "exemplify personal views of the world." Each work has a \$10 submission fee.

The art will be exhibited in the Caldwell and Community Galleries at 400 County Center in Redwood City from March 2 to April 28, in recognition of Women's History Month in March.

Contact Boris Koodrin, curator for the San Mateo County Arts Commission, at boriskoodrin@gmail.com, for entry forms and rules.

■ POLICE CALLS

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

MENLO PARK

Residential burglaries:

■ Someone pried open a window at a home on Central Avenue and, once inside, stole \$30 from a wallet and \$40 from some mason jars. Feb. 4.

■ Someone now at large attempted, unsuccessfully, to enter a Madera Avenue home by way of a window. Feb. 5.

■ **Auto burglary:** Apparently by prying open a window, a thief entered a locked vehicle parked in the 1100 block of Willow Road and stole tools. Estimated loss: \$1,450. Feb. 4.

Thefts:

■ Two locked bicycles were stolen from a garage on O'Keefe Street. Estimated loss: \$10,000. Feb. 2.

■ A laptop was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 2100 block of Santa Cruz Avenue. Estimated loss: \$2,500. Feb. 4.

■ Someone stole an unlocked bicycle from in front of a home on Santa Margarita Avenue. Estimated loss: \$770. Feb. 3.

■ A woman told police that her cellphone had been stolen after she inadvertently left it in a store or restaurant in the vicinity of Santa Cruz Avenue and El Camino Real. Estimated loss: \$600. Feb. 2.

■ A woman walked away from an ATM without picking up the \$500 she had with-

drawn from her account. A witness saw someone take the money from the machine and leave the area in a Nissan Frontier. An investigation is underway. Jan. 29.

■ Someone stole tools from an unlocked storage locker in a garage in the 2100 block of Santa Cruz Avenue. Estimated loss: \$375. Feb. 2.

■ A car cover was stolen from a vehicle parked in the 10 block of Alma Street. No estimate of losses. Feb. 2.

■ A Redwood City woman was arrested, cited and released in connection with the theft of two sleeping bags and a beanie from the Big 5 sporting goods store at 700 E Camino Real. The stolen goods were returned. Jan. 30.

■ **Ammunition turned in:** A woman brought police a dozen .22 caliber tear-gas cartridges for destruction. The cartridges belonged to her late husband. Jan. 20.

Fraud:

■ A woman, following instructions from someone unknown, deposited a fraudulent check for \$2,850.90, withdrew the money and re-deposited it in another account at Wells Fargo bank. The bank informed the woman that her account would be debited for the amount. Feb. 3.

■ Police are investigating an allegation by a family trust of wrongful transfer of ownership of a car belonging to a deceased resident of Ivy Drive to the decedent's live-in caregiver. Feb. 4.

ATHERTON

■ **Theft:** A white Samsung Galaxy X4 cellphone was stolen from the vicinity of the swimming pool at Menlo-Atherton High School. Estimated loss: \$300. Feb. 2.

Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

Why is Caltrans still spraying toxics alongside?

Opponents of roadside herbicide spraying in San Mateo County are watching closely as Caltrans reviews its weed-removal policies affecting the county's state highways, including Highway 84. What the state transportation agency is actually up to with its weed-abatement program is unclear at this point, but there appears to be some movement on Caltrans' part to ease away from its controversial program of "broadcast" spraying toxic chemicals to kill weeds—a practice that carries potential risk to people, wildlife and the watershed.

The practice has been banned in a number of counties—including San Mateo County—but the ban applies only to areas directly under the counties' jurisdiction. Although Caltrans has honored the wishes of other counties and is using alternative weed-control methods, the agency, for reasons it has not made clear, hasn't halted the practice locally.

After announcing last year that it would conduct a pilot program in which it would spray herbicides on one side of Highway 84 between Portola Road in

Woodside and the coast, and mow, mulch or otherwise mechanically remove weeds on the other side, Caltrans delayed the program, and now, according to an agency spokeswoman, it is "examining several options that might allow a reduction in the amount of spraying within the pilot program."

Some herbicide-spraying opponents say they are "cautiously optimistic" that Caltrans is considering other means of weed abatement. But many are also frustrated over the agency's heel-dragging in responding decisively to the call to stop a practice that threatens public health. The county's supervisors acted in 2012 to ban spraying, citing the risk to human health and the environment; a grassroots citizens group, Protect Our Watershed, has been fighting the practice. What is behind Caltrans' resistance?

That question cries out for an answer, particularly given that the agency has been using alternative methods in other counties, such as Marin, with success. As state Sen. Jerry Hill puts it, Caltrans has

"made the decision elsewhere to discontinue spraying. We raised the idea—why is this different? They can't really justify using the spraying when there are alternatives available."

Weed-control methods that don't include spraying toxics into the public space include mulching, mowing, and revegetating with native plants. Patty Mayall of Protect Our Watershed noted that the community affected by Highway 84 spraying can offer help with removing invasive plant species and helping to replace them with native plants that will crowd out invasive weeds.

All eyes are on Caltrans now as the agency rethinks its weed-control methods in the county. A Caltrans spokeswoman told the Almanac that the agency's current review of its practices wasn't a result of public pressure—a statement that smacks of arrogance but is hard to take seriously. Public pressure must continue. Caltrans should be pressed to answer why, if it continues to spray toxic chemicals in the public space, it is doing so when alternative methods of controlling weeds are available. ■

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

LETTERS

Our readers write

Dropping Sellman name is 'a rotten idea'

Editor:

George Sellman was superintendent and principal of Woodside Elementary School when we first moved to Woodside in 1973. I found a man who was a dedicated educator and obviously loved children. I also found a man who through no fault of his own, was beset by a financial crisis caused by exogenous factors originating in the Serrano decision and the subsequent SB90 that changed how public schools were financed in California.

As a one-school district with declining enrollment and a teaching staff largely at the top of the pay scale, there was a real possibility that Woodside Elementary School would no longer be viable as a stand-alone school.

George enlisted the help of the community. And as a result,

founded what was, if not the first, certainly one of the first, private foundations to supplement state funds. It was the precursor of today's very successful foundation.

Meanwhile, George was able to devote his energies to improving the school's academic program. Within a few years, Woodside was out of the financial hole, enrollment was increasing and Woodside Elementary School was no longer in a precarious position. It is not an exaggeration to say that George Sellman saved Woodside Elementary School, and allowed it to develop into the award-winning school it is today.

Therefore, I think that removing George Sellman's name from the rebuilt auditorium is a rotten idea. Instead, the board should be thinking of hanging a portrait of George inside to remind the students that this was a man whom they never knew, but who made an invaluable contribution to their education.

Harvey Popell

Olive Hill Lane, Woodside



Menlo Park Historical Association

Looking back

The original Menlo Park Hardware store was at the corner of Santa Cruz Avenue, facing El Camino Real, and "catered to building and farming needs of the community," according to "Menlo Park—Beyond the Gate" by historians Michael Svanevik and Shirley Burgett. The store was founded by J. William Ryan and opened June 15, 1924; in 1928, younger brother Dominic Ryan joined the business as a partner, they write. The brothers are shown in this 1929 photo. The store, which as time moved on was run by a new generation of the family, eventually moved to 700 Santa Cruz Ave., where it remains today under new ownership.

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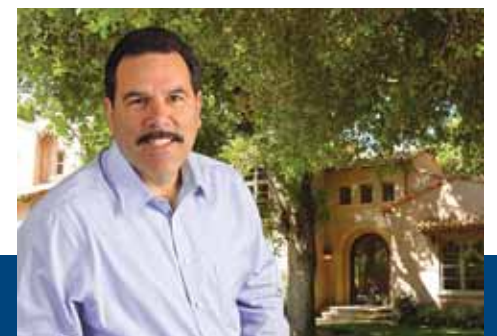
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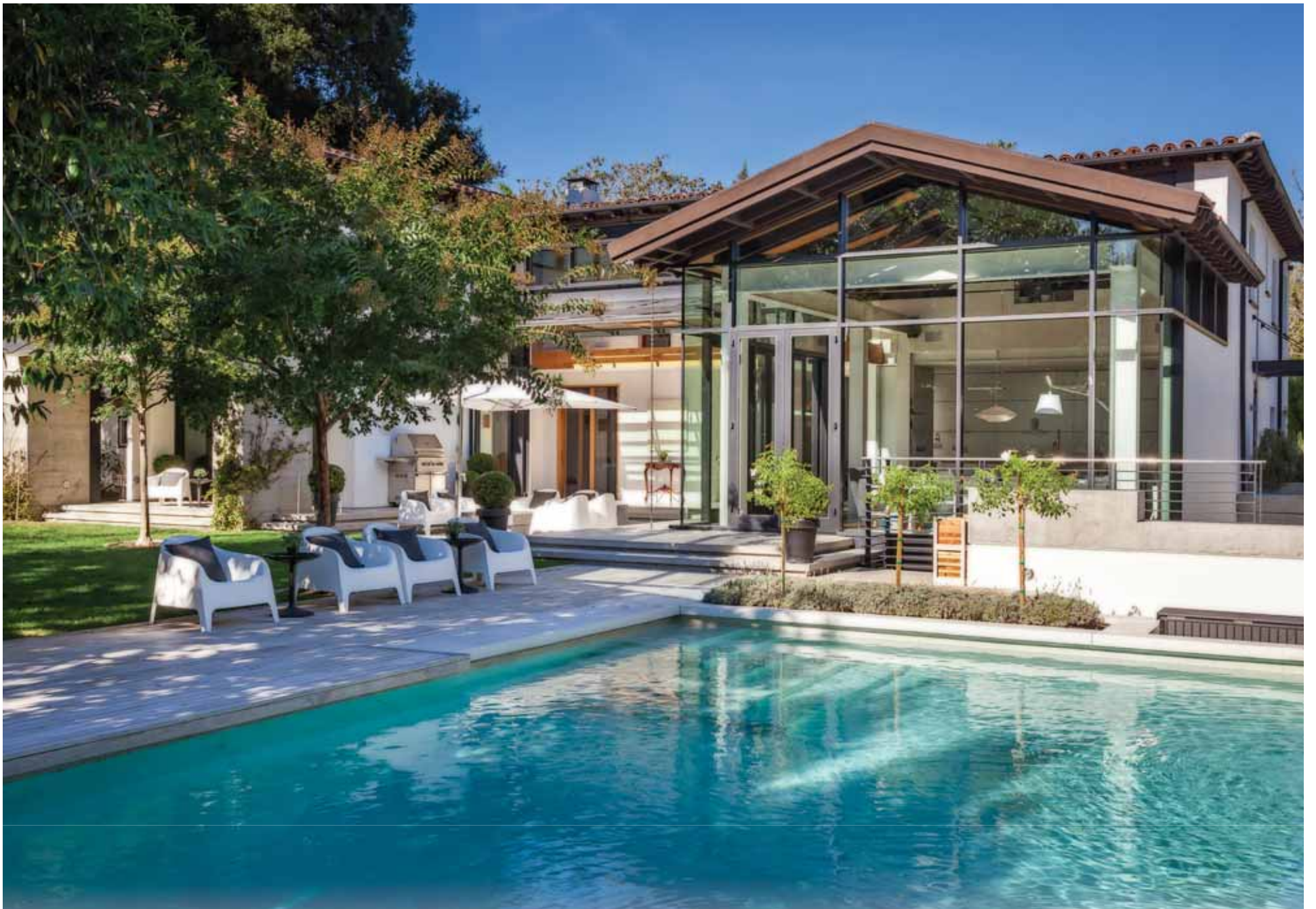
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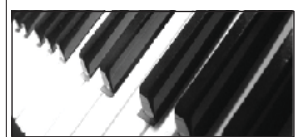
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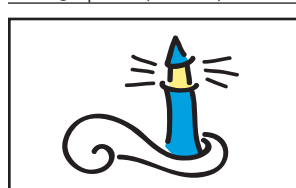
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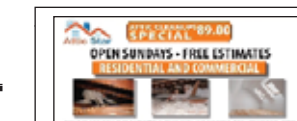
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

CAVE COLLAR POPPING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267756

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Cave Collar Popping, located at 1664 Tulane Ave., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
ALICIA R. SLEDGE

1664 Tulane 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 above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 11, 2016.

(ALM Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 2016)

SUPPLY CHAIN ADVISORY GROUP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: M-267747

The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Supply Chain Advisory Group, located at 1402 Chelsea Way, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

MUNISH GUPTA

1402 Chelsea Way

Redwood City, CA 94061-5624

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/10/2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 11, 2016.

(ALM Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 2016)

CRANE STREET SALON
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267755

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Crane Street Salon, located at 1110 Crane Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

DOROTHY STELLA JANNINK

2041 Sharon Rd.

Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

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LADERA GARDEN AND GIFTS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267762

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Ladera Garden and Gifts, located at 3130 Alpine Road, Suite 380, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

POIREE ENTERISES INC.

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California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

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LADERA GARDEN AND GIFTS AT
CARLMONT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267763

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Ladera Garden and Gifts at Carlmont, located at 2029 Ralston Ave., Belmont, CA 94002, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

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This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

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FERRO PACIFIC ERECTORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: M-267809

The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

JESUS ENRIQUE PEREZ GOMEZ

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East Palo Alto, CA 94303-2507

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NERD BEAUTIFUL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267759

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

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Registered owner(s):

LYNSEY HEMSTREET

228 Marmona Dr.

Menlo Park, CA 94025

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JUSTINE FORD & ASSOCIATES
REFERRALS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267901

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Justine Ford & Associates Referrals, located at 50 Buck Court, Woodside, CA, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

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Woodside, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4-6-1984.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 25, 2016.

(ALM Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 267801

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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Registered owner(s):

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618 Santa Cruz Ave.

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California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

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566 Emerson St.

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This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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(ALM Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016)

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.: CIV536691

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: SIMRAN KASHYAP filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

SIMRAN KASHYAP TO SIMRAN CHAWLA.

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: Fri. February 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D 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:

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Date: December 28, 2015

/s/ John L. Grandsaert

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(ALM Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: CIV536692

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: SONIA CHAWLA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ISHAN KRISHAN KASHYAP TO ISHAN KRISHAN CHAWLA.

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.

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(ALM Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: CIV536693

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: SONIA CHAWLA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

ISHAN KRISHAN KASHYAP TO ISHAN KRISHAN CHAWLA.

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.

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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-15-658663-JP Order No.: 11-0115443

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/2/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on

the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): FREDERICK L PIERCE JR, AN UNMARRIED MAN Recorded: 11/14/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-198082 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California; Date of Sale: 2/17/2016 at 12:30PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records located at 400 County Center Redwood City, California 94063 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$356,008.56 The purported property address is: 1232 SEVIER AVENUE, MENLO PARK, CA 94025-1510 Assessor's Parcel No.: 062-101-090 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 888-988-6736 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-15-658663-JP. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 888-988-6736 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-15-658663-JP IDSPub #0100204 1/27/2016 2/3/2016 2/10/2016

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: CIV536877

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: COLBY MICHAEL DE ROXAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

COLBY MICHAEL DE ROXAS TO COLBY MICHAEL SIEGFRIED.

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: March 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D 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: January 15, 2016

/s/ John L. Grandsaert

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(ALM Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Case No.: CIV536856

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: GUILLERMINA MICHEL - MOLINA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

GUILLERMINA MICHEL - MOLINA to GUILLERMINA MICHEL.

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.

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T.S. No. 023739-CA APN: 063-061-260-4

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 1/26/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 3/2/2016 at 12:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 1/31/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-014580, Rerecorded on 04/13/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-054183, The subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded as Instrument 2008-134901 and recorded on 12/16/2008. of Official Records in the office of



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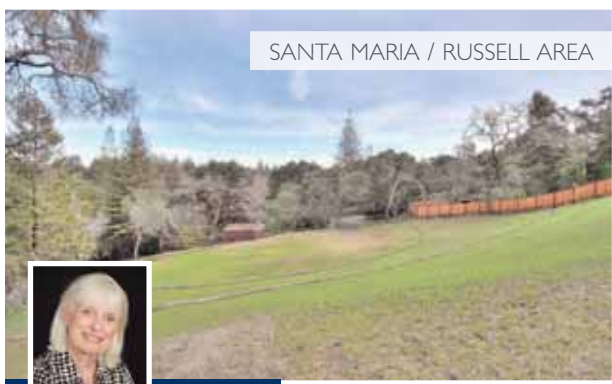


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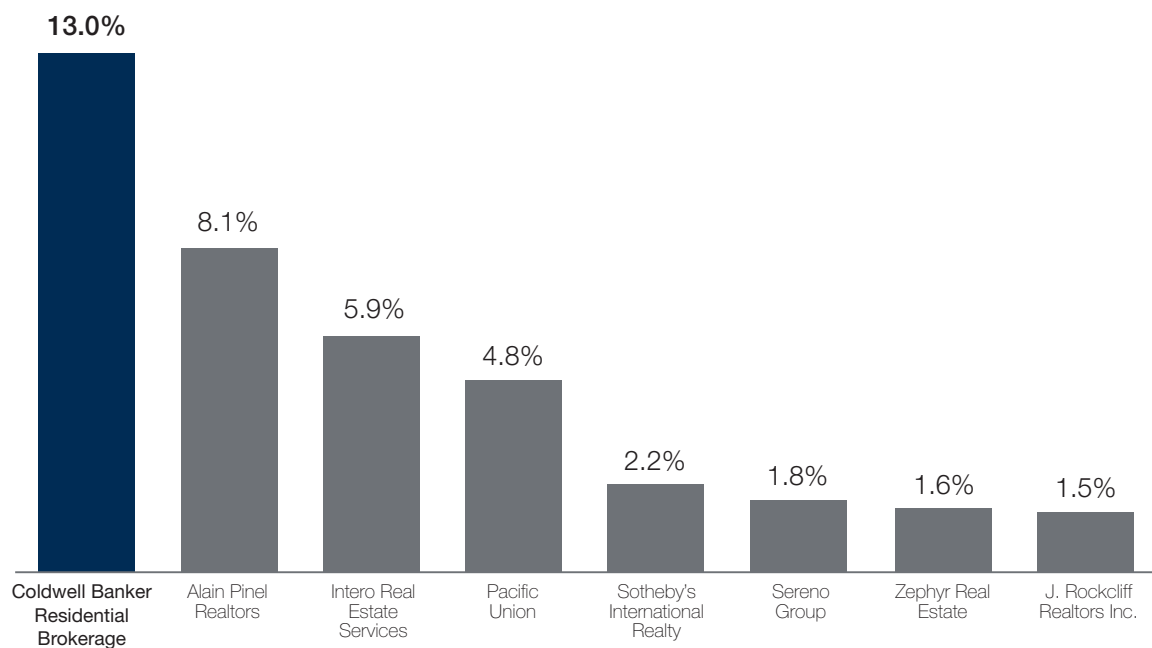


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