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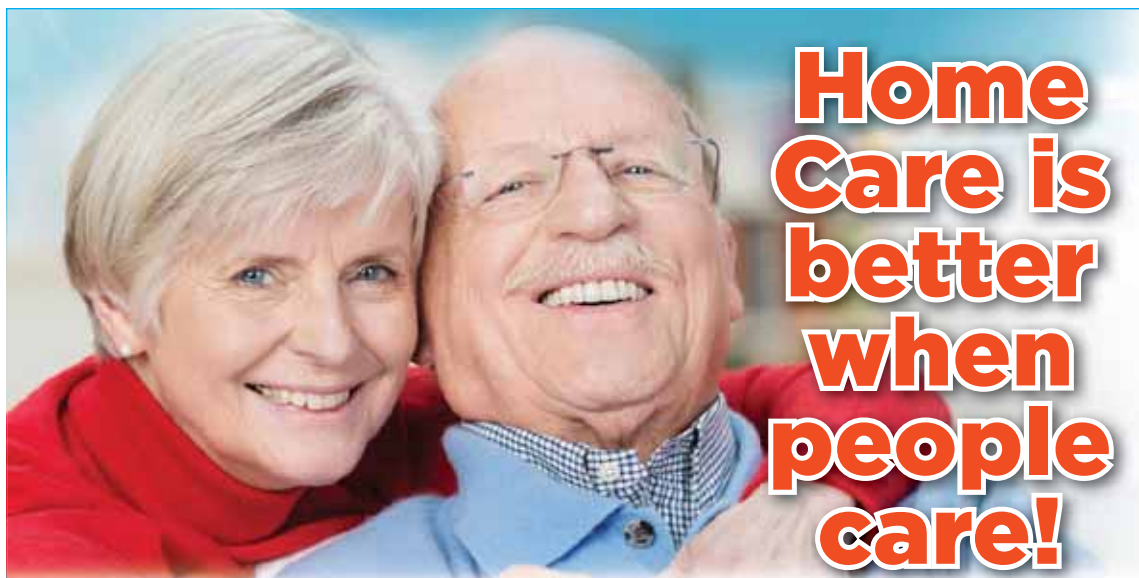
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New findings on combating sudden oak death

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

In a breakthrough in the study of sudden oak death, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley now have reliable guidelines on inhibiting the spread of the disease.

After a seven-year test involving 128 locations in Santa Cruz County woodlands, the scientists determined that creating an area around the oak tree that is free of bay laurel trees, a prominent host of the pathogen, can be effective in preventing infection.

And in a bid to enlist more citizen scientists in the battle against sudden oak death, a free application was created for tablet computers and iPhone and Android smart phones. The SODmap Mobile App shows users the locations of infected oak trees and provides estimates on the risk of infection to nearby vulnerable oaks.

These recent developments came to the attention of the Almanac in connection with a hike arranged by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for a group of about 80 scientists from around the world who were in the Bay Area for a sudden-oak-death symposium at UC Berkeley.

Organizing the symposium was a UC Berkeley scientist well known to Woodside and Portola Valley participants in sudden oak death tree-sampling weekends, or blitzes: Matteo Garbelotto, an adjunct professor in environmental science and a specialist in forest pathology and the study of fungi.

This reporter accompanied Dr. Garbelotto, employees from the open space district, and symposium scientists who had traveled by bus to the Los Trancos Open Space Preserve in the hills above Palo Alto. After a brief hike into the woods and an hour or so of talk about the status of the fight against the disease in the presence of the upright remains of an oak that the disease killed, the group decamped for a visit to the forests associated with the Crystal Springs Reservoir.

Caring for oaks

Scientists first detected sudden oak death in California in 1995, and since then the pathogen that carries the dis-

ease has killed millions of trees. Among the vulnerable species are California coast live oaks, canyon live oaks, black oaks, and tanoaks.

The effort by scientists to determine exactly what leads to a tree becoming infected has taken some time. The experiment was “quite complex,” Dr. Garbelotto said. In a nutshell, he said, over seven years, scientists monitored events that could lead to infection and learned that it is “extremely rare” in dry years, that it can be more frequent in wet years, and that it depends on the density of bay laurel trees in the immediate vicinity of the oak and on how much rain falls over the three weeks prior to the organism arriving at the oak.

The upshot for communities where sudden oak death is a threat, including Woodside, Portola Valley and Atherton, is a straightforward set of recommended steps:

- For oaks with diameters of 3 inches to 32 inches at 4 feet above ground, remove all small and medium-sized bay laurels within 30 feet of the oak’s trunk.

- For oaks with diameters larger than 32 inches at 4 feet, extend the bay-free buffer zone to between 50 feet and 65 feet.

- If a large bay tree is present in the area, it “may be useful” to prune branches that are within the 30-foot buffer zone.

This information was won in the field. “This research was hard to perform,” Dr. Garbelotto said, “because we first had to determine how many spores are necessary to infect oaks, and then monitor all the times when we could find that number of spores in water (samples).”

Reducing bay density led to “a very large drop” in the frequency of circumstances in which enough spores accumulated to create a potential for infection, he said.

Once an oak is infected, it may not show visible signs of the disease for up to two years, whereas on a bay, it’s just a matter of weeks before infected leaves show signs at the tip, where water tends to collect. The tip turns gray or brown and acquires an outline of yellow, according to the website of the California Oak Mortality Task Force.

While there are technically other carriers of the disease,



File photo by Dave Boyce/The Almanac

The dark wound on this Portola Valley oak (photographed in 2007) was a late symptom of sudden oak death disease carried by a nearby bay laurel tree on which leaf tips had turned brown, an indicator that the disease is present. After seven years of research on oaks in Santa Cruz County, scientists now have specific recommendations on removing bay laurels from the vicinity of vulnerable oaks.

ornamental plants in particular, plant inspections have made such occurrences “very rare,” Dr. Garbelotto said. The focus now should be on infestations from nearby bay trees, he said.

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The spores travel in water droplets blown around on rainy days from infected trees. The risks of infection are higher if the oak happens to be budding at the time a sufficient number of spores arrive, and lower if the budding occurred earlier or later than the storm, Dr. Garbelotto said. Once the pathogen is on the oak’s bark, it needs 12 to 24 hours to find its way in. If the surface dries before 12 hours, the infection will likely be unsuccessful, he said.

In some species, the oak produces an antibiotic to fight the pathogen, but in amounts that are inadequate to do the job, he said. Treatments can boost the

tree’s production of the antibiotic, Dr. Garbelotto said.

Using the app

With the SODmap smart phone application, an oak tree owner can connect to an automatically updated database for Northern California that shows views, either by standard map or a hybrid map that includes satellite images, major streets and community names. Colored icons identify oaks that laboratory tests have shown to be either healthy (green) or infected (red).

As is the case with most map-based applications, the number of sites in a given geographical area becomes more evident as you zoom in on the map.

Go to the iTunes or Google Play websites to download the app appropriate for your phone.

“Without the application, you wouldn’t really know the risk,” Dr. Garbelotto said. “We want people to really start using this.” Of the data available through the app, 50 percent comes from the weekend blitzes, he said. Volunteers are “critical” to the mapping of infected trees at a fine scale, he said.

The app provides access to plenty of data, including when testing of a particular tree was done, tests relative to periods of

drought — dry weather hampers the spread of the disease — and how many trees were tested within 1,000 yards of the smart phone’s current location.

The app also calculates the risk of infection at a location. The more trees tested in an area, the higher the confidence in the risk assessment, according to the UC Berkeley Forest and Mycology Lab website.

Open Space district

It’s been 16 years since sudden oak death showed up in the forests of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, according to a summary of the district’s approach to the problem.

A 10-year, \$350,000 effort that just ended focused on protecting 460 individual and prominent trees by removing bays and applying fungicide, on identifying individual tanoaks that show genetic resistance to the disease, and discovering that canyon live oaks are also susceptible to the disease, district officials said.

The district recently committed another \$524,000 over another 10-year period to continue research and to manage the disease on the Midpeninsula, including investigating the presence of soil-based disease in native plant nurseries in California. ■

Menlo Park says ‘no thanks’ to state affordable housing bill

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park “agrees that California is facing a housing affordability crisis; however, this is not the solution.”

That sentence summed up a letter the Menlo Park City Council unanimously agreed to send to California Gov. Jerry Brown on June 21. Signed by Mayor Rich Cline, the letter objects to a proposal by Gov. Brown that would force cities across the state to approve affordable housing developments if those proposals meet certain requirements, instead of allowing cities to grant building privileges at their own discretion.

According to Gov. Brown’s proposal, new multi-family affordable housing proposals could skip the local review process if they meet city development rules and are being built in an area already zoned for housing.

Any multi-family housing project with 20 percent or more of its units dedicated for lower-income occupants would be eligible, and in areas near public transportation, that number would drop to a minimum of 10 percent of housing units for “low-income” occupants or 5 percent for those who are “very low income.”

One of the largest and costliest hurdles for a development — evaluation of how it could affect the environment, under the California Environmental Quality Act — could be skipped.

Currently, the state’s approved budget has \$400 million set aside for affordable housing that can’t be spent until the affordable housing bill is passed in some form, according to California Finance Department spokesperson H.D. Palmer.

Menlo Park’s letter points out two problems the city finds with the legislation: It takes away local power and it doesn’t come with sufficient funds.

“Eliminating opportunities

for public review of these major development projects goes against the principles of local democracy and public engagement,” Mayor Cline writes.

He argues that public hearings help to guarantee that “property rights will not be impacted without due process,” even if it “may be frustrating for some developers to address neighborhood concerns about traffic (or) parking.”

That process, while painstaking, can lead to buildings that are a better fit with local preferences, he argues.

Furthermore, he says, the bill doesn’t address what some in Menlo Park see as a major contributing cause of the affordable housing shortage: a major cut in state and federal funding for affordable housing in the last decade.

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According to Menlo Park City Councilwoman Kirsten Keith, the measure would “limit public engagement, design and environmental review over these development projects” while allocating only \$400 million statewide to fund affordable housing. Prior to the statewide dissolution of redevelopment agencies in 2011, she said, the state budget for affordable housing was over \$1 billion per year. Funding from the last state housing bond measure in 2006 has been completely drained, she said.

Assembly Democrats this year asked to have \$1.3 billion in the budget for affordable housing, but only the \$400 million was approved.

By contrast, Santa Clara County just put a \$950 million

affordable housing bond measure on the November ballot.

According to a report by state legislative analyst Mac Taylor, local communities in California, particularly those near the coast, have built too little housing than is optimal at a “state and regional level.” One reason for this, the report says, is that in California, cities can often get more tax money and fewer obligations from commercial spaces or hotels than for residential areas, so there is less incentive for building housing.

Another reason, according to the report, is that the local review process — which can involve months and even years of public hearings, planning commission and possibly other commission review, and in some cases, an environmental impact report — can still conclude with the denial of a project even if it complies with the city’s existing general plan and zoning requirements. Residents opposed to developments can take environmental impact review findings to court or seek voter approval by the initiative and referendum processes, thereby blocking projects.

Menlo Park has a checkered history of meeting a state requirement specifying the number of housing units it needs to allow for, through its zoning laws, in the city. It was sued in 2012 by Peninsula Interfaith Action and other affordable-housing agencies when it was learned that the city’s housing element had not been updated since 1992. State mandates say it should be updated every seven years.

Its new requirement, according to regionwide planning agencies, should be to have zoning set up to build 505 housing units in the very low-, the low-, and the moderate-income levels by 2022.

In 2015, the city granted permits for 135 affordable housing units, including 90 for very low-income seniors, according to a displacement analysis by Keyser Marston Associates. ■

that an arts education is fundamental to the development of creativity, critical thinking, self-expression and cultural awareness. The Art in Action program now serves more than 220 schools and nearly 55,000 children a year.

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Art in Action offering scholarships

Aug. 15 is the deadline for schools to apply for a new need-based scholarship from the Menlo Park nonprofit, Art in Action, which offers visual arts programs in elementary and middle schools. The scholarship will pay for art training, curriculum, materials and sustainability planning.

Schools must not already be

in the Art in Action program and must either be designated Title 1 or be able to demonstrate financial need.

The scholarship fund is named after Judy Sleeth, who founded Art in Action in 1982. The organization says the scholarship honors Ms. Sleeth’s passion to make an arts education accessible to all.

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Anyone wishing to address the District Board concerning these matters may do so in writing at or before the date of the Public Hearing or may be heard at the time of the Board’s meeting.

Dated: June 8, 2016

/s/ Phil Scott
Phil Scott
District Manager

How Facebook's expansion might affect local traffic

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

While there is debate about how much Facebook's expansion plans will impact housing in Menlo Park, since only about 4 percent of Facebook employees live in the city, that very fact suggests that the impact on traffic could be considerable.

If Facebook builds its two large office buildings and a hotel as proposed, an estimated 14,000 people could be commuting to and from its Menlo Park campus each day, 6,550 of whom would be new employees, according to the draft of an environmental impact report on Facebook's proposed expansion. That's about 40 percent of Menlo Park's total current population.

As might be expected, despite Facebook's efforts to keep people from driving single-occupancy cars to work, those new people would add to the clogged roadways in and around Menlo Park, the draft EIR says.

To limit the effect the additional employees would have on local roads, Facebook would set a maximum number of trips for all vehicles coming and going from the proposed buildings and many of its existing ones, which could create further pressure for current employees to find a way other than driving alone to get to work.

The cap would limit the number of trips allowed during peak traffic hours, and add further restrictions to driving allowances at many of Facebook's existing office buildings. In all, the cap would cut by 28 percent the number of vehicles that would otherwise be allowed to enter or leave the campus during peak traffic hours. It would reduce the net increase in the number of peak-hour trips in the morning by 76 percent and 91 percent in the evening, adding 438 additional rush-hour morning trips and 123 rush-hour evening trips.

Today, only about half of Facebook's employees drive to work, while the rest use forms of transportation such as a bike, Caltrain or a shuttle bus.

Intersections in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto that are still expected to be impacted by traffic resulting from the new buildings in a "significant, unavoidable" way are:

- Willow Road and Hamilton Avenue
- Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road

- Bayfront Expressway and University Avenue

- University Avenue and Adams Drive

- Chilco Street and Hamilton Avenue

- Bayfront Expressway and the Facebook entrances for Buildings 20 and 21.

The draft EIR says that traffic is expected to worsen at those locations, and any measures designed to try to keep traffic wait times from increasing past a certain level are not feasible or not effective enough to prevent added delays.

The report contains ideas by consultants to deal with the traffic at a number of intersections, some addressed below, but

the consultants note that some of the ideas may have limited feasibility.

Minimizing traffic

To help with car traffic, adding through-lanes or turning lanes was recommended at several locations on Chilco Street, along with a traffic signal at the Chilco Street and Constitution Drive intersection.

Changes that could be made to Bayfront Expressway and its connecting intersections would have limited impacts, the report says. About 70 percent of all cars that cross the Dumbarton Bridge cross the Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road intersection. During the morn-

John Tower Churchill

October 25, 1967 – June 26, 2016

John Tower Churchill was born on October 25, 1967, in Evanston, Illinois, and died on June 26, 2016, in Menlo Park after a courageous battle with cancer. He attended schools on the North Shore of Chicago, including Sunset Ridge School, and graduated from New Trier High School.

He attended the University of Arizona, where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Upon graduation, he moved to Hollywood with the intention of working for esteemed director David Lynch. Within six months he had secured a position as Mr. Lynch's driver and, ultimately, worked with Mr. Lynch on several films, including the award-winning *THE STRAIGHT STORY* and *MULHOLLAND DR.* John rose to First Assistant Director (AD) on Mr. Lynch's *INLAND EMPIRE*, a movie about filmmaking, in which John appears on screen, as well as *MY SON, MY SON, WHAT HAVE YE DONE*, directed by Werner Herzog. Over the course of his career, John worked with many other notable directors and became a proud member of the Directors' Guild of America. He was a highly sought-after and respected AD on numerous television commercials, including those for Apple Computer, Target, Revlon, GM, Kohl's, Marshall's, Home Depot, and Puma.

John married Elizabeth Day on June 19, 1999, and started a family in Los Angeles. The couple then moved to Menlo Park, where John took a position with Apple, traveling around the world to film various projects. An active father who was dedicated to the Menlo Park community, John coached his children's Little League and basketball teams.

He leaves his wife Elizabeth, sons Frederick (13) and Robert (11), and daughter Lucy (7). He is also survived by his parents, Barbara and John A. Churchill, his sisters Anne Churchill Coffey and Elizabeth Churchill Cattan, and in-laws, nieces, nephews, and many other cousins and relatives.

The Memorial Service for John will be held on Saturday, July 9th at 1 p.m. at St. Bede's Episcopal Church in Menlo Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Churchill Family Support Fund at gofundme.com/ChurchillFamFund



ing commute hour, Facebook's expansion could increase wait times at that intersection by 80 seconds, and in the evening, by more than 20 seconds. Consultants said Facebook could be required to build a longer eastbound right-turn lane and a receiving lane to turn onto Bayfront Expressway going northbound.

At the Bayfront Expressway and University Avenue intersection, building a grade separation could help with traffic, consultants say, but the power to do that belongs to Caltrans,

not Menlo Park.

Adding signals at several intersections was discussed, but where those are in Belle Haven residential areas, such as at Chilco Street and Hamilton Avenue, and University and Woodland avenues, doing so is not being recommended because consultants say that it could encourage cut-through traffic there.

Bikes and pedestrians

With a large number of employees who don't drive to

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Joseph S. Shakes

April 16, 1935 – June 11, 2016

Joe passed away at age 81 in the presence of his family on June 11, 2016 in Walnut Creek, CA. He was a resident of Menlo Park and Palo Alto for over 5 decades.

Joe was born in Gary, Indiana to steel workers descended from Lithuanian immigrant coal miners. Joe was the first in his family to attend college, receiving a B.A. in Music Education from Oberlin College in 1957.

During summer breaks, he worked in the Gary steel mills and played gigs with his dance band. During the school year Joe was the head waiter for the student cafeteria, operated by newly-formed Saga Food Service. He caught the attention of co-founder Harry Anderson and was recruited to join Saga's management training program. He married fellow Oberlin grad, Shirley Almanrode and started his family. His Saga career ran 22 years, rising from Food Service Manager at Lewis & Clark College to Executive Director of Corporate Relations for Saga at their headquarters on Sand Hill Road. After working full days, he attended school nights and earned a MBA from the University of Santa Clara in 1968. He also taught evening business classes at Canada College for over 20 years.

In the late 1980's, Joe began a 2nd career as Executive Search Consultant for Fell & Nicholson and served the recruiting needs of many start-ups in Silicon Valley. He was a "people person" and wise counselor who loved fostering talent and growth in those he placed in satisfying new livelihoods. Joe relocated from Ladera to downtown Palo Alto. There he met his 2nd wife Harriette Glaze, a notable Palo Alto educator who later became a highly sought graphic designer. Together they were a dynamic duo who helped many a Palo Alto mayor, City Council member, School Board officer, and Santa Clara County Supervisor to win elections in the 1990's and 2000's.

While his talents included jazz piano, saxophone, classical bassoon, and a strong baritone voice, he was known by friends for his warm smile and generous hospitality, and infamous among grandkids for his puns and silly humor. Joe might yet be the only man who has ever jogged on Pajaro Dunes in wing-tipped shoes. He ordered his coffee black, and enjoyed fountain pens, stylish stationery, Apple products, and vacations at Drakesbad Guest Ranch. He missed reading Herb Caen's column, and avidly devoured the New Yorker magazine.

In July 2015 Joe was preceded in death by his beloved wife Harriette. He is survived by his sisters Bea French of Boulder, CO and Kathy Fehrman of Anderson, IN; 4 children Dave, Diane, and Jonathan Shakes, step-daughter Amy Glaze Hedayatpour; and 3 grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held July 30, 2016 11 a.m. at Portola Valley Town Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Joe's memory to the MSA Coalition (multiplesystematrophy.org).



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County attempts to take on housing crisis

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

It's pretty hard to miss the fact that the Bay Area is having a housing crisis.

Employers are losing workers to other states or other parts of California, workers are accepting longer and longer commutes, and young people are either ganging together to rent bedrooms (or shared bedrooms) in single-family homes or moving in with their parents.

Home prices and rents are skyrocketing, the homeless population is growing and many families who had been living on the edge are finding themselves edged out of the Bay Area altogether.

San Mateo County is attempting to fight back, and on multiple fronts:

■ On June 28, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a new fund that will provide loans to those willing to purchase existing affordable multi-family rental housing with the promise to keep existing tenants and retain affordable rents for at least 30 years. The supervisors had earlier budgeted \$10 million for the fund.

■ The supervisors also heard a report June 28 from a task force made up of a diverse group of government, business and community representatives from throughout the county that has been meeting for the past nine months to find ways to close the gap between new jobs and new housing in the county.

■ On June 29, county officials met with representatives of local apartment building owners to work toward a cooperative solution to another problem: many of those who have federal Section 8 vouchers to subsidize their rent can't find landlords who will take their vouchers.

■ The supervisors talked about how to fund the housing initiatives. At their July 12 meeting, the supervisors are expected to consider possible funding measures that could be put on the November ballot, including a housing bond measure or an extension of the county's existing sales tax.

■ Another measure that the county figures will contribute \$1.2 million a year toward affordable housing is a newly passed affordable housing impact fee that will apply to most new construction in San Mateo County starting July 7.

"Housing has really reached a crisis level not only in our county but in the entire Bay Area," said

Supervisor Don Horsley at the June 28 Board of Supervisors meeting. Between 2010 and 2014, 55,000 new jobs were created in the county but only 2,000 new housing units were built, meaning there were 26 new jobs for every new unit, he said.

Last year the county helped MidPen Housing acquire and preserve nine units of housing in Pacifica and helped HIP Housing purchase a 16-unit building in San Mateo. This year, a report from Ken Cole, head of the county's housing department, said the county hopes to help save between 40 and 100 affordable units with the newly approved program.

"It's an important first step," Mr. Cole said. "This does prevent displacement."

Task force

The fund was one of the ideas that came out of the Closing the Jobs/Housing Gap Task Force that the county put together last year.

The task force's 55 members include representatives of every San Mateo County town and city, business organizations and employers, housing developers (for-profit and nonprofit), community organizations providing housing services, community advocates and legal aid organizations, labor organizations, the community college district and the county office of education.

The group has been meeting since November and came up with a plan that includes a "Home for All - San Mateo County" website with a "housing toolkit" with ideas for local government, the public and businesses, and information on adding second housing units to single-family homes.

Every council and board participating in the task force will be asked to approve a resolution committing to working on housing and on the task force's action plan. The plan envisions all the county's cities and towns cooperating to provide more housing, including lobbying Sacramento for legislation allowing cities to pool their affordable housing funds in joint projects.

Communities that don't have impact fees charging new development to pay toward affordable housing will be encouraged to develop them.

The task force also recommended working to diffuse any community opposition to new affordable housing projects by setting up community meetings even before proposals go to local bodies for approval.

"There's a lot of good that could



The new affordable housing complex on the Menlo Park Veterans Affairs campus.

come from this," said Supervisor Dave Pine. He advocated housing being built on public land, including land owned by school districts as well as cities.

"I know we can't solve this problem alone, and it's going to be incremental in nature," board president Warren Slocum said.



Graphic courtesy San Mateo County

"Home for All San Mateo County" is the slogan adopted for the new countywide program to help address the county's gap between new jobs and new housing.

"We've all heard horror stories about teachers" living in cars or classrooms, he said. "I'd really like to see us take some bold action ... in regards to teacher and employee housing."

Mr. Slocum said he'd also like to see more county funding of legal programs that represent tenants who are losing their housing.

"I totally agree we need to continue to keep people in their homes," Supervisor Adrienne Tissier said.

Section 8

Under the Section 8 housing voucher program, the federal government pays part of the rent for very low-income families, the elderly and the disabled. When county officials learned that nearly 400 San Mateo County households with Section 8 housing vouchers don't use them because they can't find a landlord willing to participate in the program, the officials vowed to do something about it.

On June 29 owners or property managers representing an estimated 5,600 units of San Mateo County rental housing met to talk about the problem. The county asked those who weren't already in the Section 8 program to take at least one tenant with a voucher, and those already participating to add one more Section 8 tenant.

Mr. Horsley said the county's goal was within four months to recruit enough landlords to participate in the Section 8 program that all the vouchers would be used.

Paying for it

The supervisors acknowledge that their \$10 million investment in affordable housing "is a drop in the bucket" when it comes to solving the county's housing problems.

But on the heels of the news that two major housing bond measures will be the November ballot — \$950 million in Santa Clara County and \$580 million in Alameda County — and San Francisco's passage of a \$310 million housing bond measure last year, the supervisors say the time may be right to ask taxpay-

ers for funds for housing in San Mateo County.

The supervisors don't have much time to meet the Aug. 12 deadline for getting a measure on the November ballot. A ballot measure option will probably be on the supervisors' agenda when they meet July 12.

"I definitely am leaning toward the bond," Supervisor Slocum said. Stories about county residents facing evictions "are just heart-wrenching," he said. "If we were to do a bond measure, that would, in fact, be transformative. There are so many people out there who are hurting."

Many of those in the audience at the June 28 meeting agreed.

Christin Evans, one of the owners of Kepler's Books, said that her business is losing employees who no longer can afford to live in the area. "I know our bookstore's not alone," she said. "We're all experiencing it."

Ms. Evans told about one employee whose entire family had been evicted after his mother died.

Leora Tanjuatco said that she and others who are in their 30s are finding their fundamental life choices, such as whether or not to have children, impacted by the price of housing. "Please approve funding for affordable housing," she said.

East Palo Alto City Councilman Carlos Romero urged the supervisors to support a \$500 million bond measure for housing. "Come forward with part of a solution so folks are not displaced, so tenants can remain," he said. ■

Ormondale Principal Kevin Keegan leaving district

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Kevin Keegan, the principal of Ormondale School for three years, has accepted the job of assistant superintendent for human resources for the Santa Clara Unified School District, close to his home in Santa Clara.

His new position was approved by the Santa Clara district's board on June 30.

"This is a really exciting opportunity in an area I'm interested in," he said after his position had been approved. "It's the community I live in."

However, he said, there was a lot

he is going to miss about Ormondale. "I absolutely loved my three years at Ormondale," he said. "It's just a magical community."

He said he enjoyed working with the parents, kids and staff at the school. "That whole PVSD learning community is pretty special in my opinion," he said. "I'll miss it all."

The Ormondale staff accomplished a lot during his time there, including transitioning to the new Common Core curriculum. "They're a hard working team," he said.

What Mr. Keegan probably won't miss is the commute. He said he had spent as much as two hours a day getting to and from

work; now he's 10 minutes from his new office.

His three children, ages 9, 6 and 4 are also happy to have dad closer to home, he said.

Mr. Keegan will be returning to a district he worked in for 12 years as a teacher and principal. "They're excited to have me back," he said.

Portola Valley School District officials announced Mr. Keegan's departure in a letter to district staff June 27.

"Kevin has made tremendous contributions to Ormondale, the community, and the district, and he will be truly missed," the letter from Interim Superintendent Eric Hartwig

and school board member Tim McAdam said.

The letter credited Mr. Keegan with imbuing "a positive and growth oriented mindset on the Ormondale campus, which we are certain will live on after his departure."

While the district conducts a search for Mr. Keegan's replacement, retired Las Lomas School principal Sue Sartor will fill in.

Mr. Hartwig worked with Ms. Sartor when he headed the Las

Lomas District "and has the highest regard for her talents and judgment," the letter said. "Her presence will enable us to take the time necessary to field a thorough and inclusive search for a new principal."

Ms. Sartor will begin working at Ormondale on July 21.

The district, which will hire a search firm to help find a new principal, said it hoped to identify a finalist for the job by the end of September. ■

Two arrested following armed robbery, wild chase across Dumbarton Bridge

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park police arrested a man and a woman June 28 following an armed robbery and a wild chase across the Dumbarton Bridge and into the East Bay.

Around 4:30 p.m. June 28, Menlo Park police received a report of an armed robbery near the Ravenswood fishing pier just south of the Dumbarton Bridge on the Peninsula side. A bus driver said a man with a handgun had forced him to hand over his iPad.

Police arrived at the Ravenswood Pier area and said they found a suspect and another person in a parked vehicle. The driver took off and a chase ensued over the Dumbarton Bridge and along Highway 84 into the East Bay, police said. As the fleeing vehicle

approached Interstate 880, it struck another vehicle and later a center divider, according to police.

The vehicle continued east on Decoto Road and as it approached Alvarado-Niles Road, swerved into the oncoming lanes of traffic. At that point, Menlo Park police abandoned the chase due to safety concerns.

About 30 minutes later, Union City police received a report of a possible carjacking in progress on Alvarado-Niles Road, about a mile north of Decoto Road. Officers responded, and found the suspects fleeing on foot nearby, police said. Menlo Park police arrived and identified the suspects as those involved in the chase over the bridge, police said. The abandoned vehicle was found in a nearby parking lot.

Richard Joseph Espinoza, 39, of Bay Point, was arrested and

booked on suspicion of armed robbery, felony evading, felony hit-and-run, felony DUI and resisting arrest.

Rayna Renteria Slone, 38, of Pittsburg, was booked on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance and resisting arrest.

The iPad was recovered, but the handgun has not yet been found, police said.

Police ask that anyone with information about this incident to call Menlo Park Police Corporal Luevano at (650) 330-6843 or the Menlo Park police anonymous tip hotline at (650) 330-6395. ■

Menlo Park city staff cuts costs with San Francisco park retreat

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Twenty-one members of the city of Menlo Park's management staff attended a retreat June 23 at San Francisco's Mission Creek Park Pavilion, located near the 4th and King St. Caltrain station.

There, they discussed how to be more efficient at tackling the City Council's 72-item work plan for the year, according to Assistant City Manager Chip Taylor.

In all, the retreat cost about \$6,400, which included the

cost for a facilitator, San Jose State communications professor Shawn Spano, who has worked with city staff previously, Mr. Taylor said.

The expenditure was less than what the city had budgeted, he said. In 2013, the city spent \$11,412 on a two-day staff retreat to Half Moon Bay, according to an Almanac blog.

Staff members took advantage of their Caltrain passes to get to the retreat site. All city staff now have unlimited Caltrain passes since the city paid about \$35,000 to join the Caltrain GO pass program in March. ■

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Parents hire after-school driving help by app

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

While the parental headache of juggling kids between soccer practices, orthodontist appointments and piano lessons has been outsourced by many families to babysitters and nannies, there's now an app for kid transport.

Or rather, multiple apps: kid-transport startups Boost and Zum are based locally, and Hop-SkipRide is in the Los Angeles area. Shuddle, which billed itself as "Uber for kids," closed permanently in mid-April.

We spoke with parents who use each of these services.

Uber

News articles across the U.S. report families use Uber to shuttle their kids. Uber's pricing is based on a formula of a base rate plus time plus distance, and at high demand times uses "surge pricing" as a rate multiplier. However, according to Uber's terms of use conditions, drivers are not supposed to transport unaccompanied minors, and minors are not permitted to create Uber accounts.

For Venetia Riso, a Menlo Park resident and parent of three kids, enlisting Uber has been helpful for transporting her 16-year-old son. As a safety measure, she always asks him to send her the in-app link showing the driver's name and license plate number, and she tracks the ride in real time on her smartphone.

Those features give her more ease as a parent than she'd feel if she had just called a cab, she said. For her 11- and 13-year-old girls, she said she's not ready to use Uber yet, and is exploring options for when they need to be in different places at the same time.

Paying for an Uber in her case, she said, can be cost-effective compared to the lost income of leaving work early to drive children to their various activities.

Boost

Lesley Robertson, a parent who lives in Stanford, said that she uses Boost, which transports kids ages 5 to 18. Boost was developed by Mercedes-Benz Research and Development North America. The Boost service uses Mercedes-Benz sprinter vans to transport kids, with two adults present: one to drive and one to babysit.

Rides must be scheduled 48 hours in advance. A one-way ride costs \$22, and rides can be purchased in bundles for up to 20 percent off. The shuttle service operates in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Los Altos, Mountain View and Atherton, its website says.

Ms. Robertson said she is not regular customer, but does use Boost occasionally to transport her 9-year-old daughter to after-school care. "It's been a game changer for our family, and makes it possible for me to be a more effective professional," she said.

Zum

Zum (pronounced "zoom") is a San Mateo-based service,



Photo courtesy of Zum

A Zum driver opens the door for a child in San Mateo County after driving him home.

officially launched in January, that combines transport for kids with an optional childcare component. It currently serves families in six Bay Area counties.

Transportation services are priced by distance, with a \$16 minimum, and babysitting services are priced at \$6 per 15 minutes. Carpools between two or three families can also be set up, and the app will split the costs automatically, said Zum CEO Ritu Narayan.

To allay distrust parents might have about sending their kid in a car with strangers, people who drive and babysit for Zum are vetted for clear

driving records and previous childcare experience, said Erica Zeidenberg, a spokesperson for Zum. So far, she said, all of the company's independent contractors are female.

With the service, each family gets a maximum of five driver-babysitters who transport children, so children don't have to adjust to new faces each time they use the service. Drivers are instructed to never leave a child unless there has been a "handoff" to another pre-approved adult.

Allison Kugler, a faculty lecturer at Stanford Business School and a Menlo Park resident, said she has known the

CEO of Zum, Ritu Narayan, for several years and is on the advisory board of the company.

The Zum program offers flexibility, Ms. Kugler said. For instance, drivers can stay with kids during their after-school activities, and can incorporate stops along the way to pick up other kids or grab snacks if the kids get hungry.

According to Ms. Narayan, 90 percent of users so far use Zum every week and 40 percent use it every day. "We're working really hard to build trust (by) getting kids where they need to be when they need to be there," she said. ▀

Budget surplus doubles with payment of tree-cutting fine

The \$209,000 budget surplus for the town of Woodside has more than doubled with the cashing of a check for \$212,500, delivered to Town Hall by hand on June 22.

The Town Council on June 14 assessed the \$212,500 fine against Rudolph Koppl, the former owner of an undeveloped property at 205 Mountain Wood Lane, for the felling of 22 significant trees on his property at without having first obtained a permit.

Mr. Koppl no longer owns the property but admitted, through his attorney, that he was the owner when the trees were felled and that he violated the town's municipal code. He appealed the fine to the council, which upheld the penalty.

Town Manager Kevin Bryant confirmed receipt of the check, that the money goes to the town's general fund, and that it doubles the surplus projected for the 2016-17 budget year.

At the end of the June 28 council meeting, Councilwoman Anne Kasten raised a question for later discussion: taking money acquired in defending the town's core values — in this case, respect for the environment, for the structure of the town and for its trees — and using it for "something that would be really special for the town, that reflects the values of the town."

Improving safety for pedestrians would be an example, she said.

JobTrain raises nearly \$365K

"Nothing worth having and achieving comes easy," Renel Brooks-Moon, a public address announcer for the San Francisco Giants, told the audience at the Santa Clara Convention Center on June 3 as she received the Role Model

Award at JobTrain's 32nd annual Breakfast of Champions fundraiser.

The event raised almost \$365,000 for JobTrain, a Menlo Park-based nonprofit that provides vocational training to adults and youth, according

to Neha Gupta, a JobTrain spokesperson.

Ms. Brooks-Moon said her father had served on the board of directors in JobTrain's early days and her mother had taught typing classes there.

Facebook and Google sponsored the event, and Facebook CFO David Wehner also spoke.

— Kate Bradshaw

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work, demand for safe biking and pedestrian facilities could increase. Consultants said that Facebook could build sidewalks along one side of Constitution Drive between Chilco Street and Chrysler Drive, and add pedestrian crosswalks and curb ramps at the intersections of Chilco Street and Constitution Drive and at Jefferson Drive and Constitution Drive.

A bike boulevard could be

built on Hamilton Avenue between Chilco Street and the U.S. 101 bike/pedestrian overcrossing. A crossing of Willow Road for northbound bikes could also be built and a left-turn box for bikers added.

Comment deadline

The deadline to submit comments on the draft environmental impact report is Monday, July 11, at 5:30 p.m. Comments may be submitted to Kyle Perata, city senior planner, by email (ktperata@menlo-

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Local resident aims to give everyone lobbying power

By **Barbara Wood**
Almanac Staff Writer

As the first vice president of business development and marketing at eBay, Atherton resident John Thibault helped build a business where the power of the internet gave ordinary people access to an international market that previously had only been available to large companies.

Earlier in his career, working in government affairs for the entertainment giant Universal Studios, MCA, Mr. Thibault had seen first-hand how a huge corporation could use lobbying power and personal relationships to influence laws and regulations.

Mr. Thibault combined those two ideas into iLobby, a website that he says is designed to give ordinary people access to politi-

cians and the power of lobbying usually only available to the wealthy and powerful.

Now Mr. Thibault has written a book explaining how his website works. "How to Change a Law" is a slim 105-page book that tells how anyone can use his website to change a law in seven simple steps. The book, he says, is for frustrated voters who want to become better policy advocates.

The website (which can be found at iLobby.co — not .com) allows users to post debates on issues they care about. Other users can then vote on the debates, and pledge virtual money to support them. Registered users can post up to three arguments for or against any proposal.

Mr. Thibault said that once the website has more users, he plans to make the funding aspect real,

not virtual, so those who support an issue could crowd-fund the hiring of professional lobbyists.

While the website currently has no income, it is a for-profit company and Mr. Thibault envisions someday taking a cut of the money raised on the site like other sites such as Kickstarter do.

Donors' credit cards would not be charged until a minimum threshold was met. Then iLobby would provide a list of public policy firms and lobbyists who could be hired to help with the issue.

The website, and the book, urges users to post links both supporting and opposing an issue, just as, he says, a politician would want to know both sides of an issue brought to her attention by a constituent.

Mr. Thibault, who has lived in



Photo courtesy John Thibault

Atherton's John Thibault has written a book explaining how his iLobby website can be used by ordinary people to help them change laws by joining forces with like-minded individuals.

Atherton since 1999, runs the private family Thibault Foundation with his wife Debbie. The foundation supports charitable efforts focusing primarily on children's health, entrepreneurial financial literacy, education and self-sufficiency. They have

three teenage children.

He serves on the town of Atherton's technical subcommittee, has helped run campaigns for two successful local property tax measures, and has served as a campaign adviser to five successful local candidates. ■

July 9: Bike 4 Breath ride starts, ends in Atherton

Bike 4 Breath, a bike ride to support clean air and lung health, will start and end at Encinal Elementary School in Atherton on Saturday, July 9.

After the ride, a festival will start at 2 p.m. on the school grounds, at 195 Encinal Ave., with a kids zone, music, games, and free bike inspections.

This is the 25th anniversary of the ride, a fundraiser for the nonprofit organization, Breathe California Golden Gate Public Health Partnership, whose mis-

sion is to fight lung disease and advocate for clean air.

There are three route options: a 10-mile family ride, a 30-mile intermediate ride, and a 64-mile advanced ride. Registration is at 6:30 a.m. and the ride start times

are staged from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

There will be complimentary breakfast, lunch, and snacks for participants.

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— Jackie Gerson



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Lutticken's team members, back row, from left, Susie Eisenstat (coach), Tyler Flynn, Griffin Williams, Treythan Krieger, Aidan Gillett, Noah Palmer (behind the catcher is Michael Newman; coach), Tommy Eisenstat and John Lopez (coach); front row, from left, Ryan Peters, Zach Witeck, Wil Thomson, Matt Lopez, Tucker Clague and Austin Newman.



Sharon Heights Shells team members, back row, from left: Manager Brian Roberts, Sawyer Jones, Alessandro Shinn, Samuel Judas, Brady Young, Matt Haven, Theron Bergeron, John Quinlan and Coach Justin Young; front row, from left: Coach Mike Haven, James Roberts, Eric Yun, Sam Bergeron, Alec Martin, Colton Carr, Andre Winslow and Coach Joe Winslow.

Little League: Lutticken's claims city championship

By Jackie Gerson
Special to the Almanac

The Lutticken's Little League team edged the Sharon Heights Shells 2-1 on June 11 to claim the Menlo Park city championship for the second straight year.

The game is an annual showdown between teams that finish first in their respective leagues. This year it was Lutticken's in the Alpine-West Menlo Little League and Sharon Heights Shells in the Menlo-Atherton Little League.

It was a scoreless pitcher's duel until the top of the fourth, when Lutticken's Tyler Flynn doubled and Tommy Eisenstat hit a home run, putting Lutticken's in the lead, 2-0.

The Shells came back with a run in the bottom of the sixth, when Sawyer Jones walked against Tommy Eisenstat. Tyler Flynn came in to pitch for the Lutticken's and Theron Bergeron walked, putting

runners on first and second. When Jones attempted to steal third, the ball got away from the third baseman and Jones scored.

Tommy Eisenstat, who struck out 13, was the winning pitcher for Lutticken's.

"The pitchers were at the top of their game," Lutticken's head coach John Lopez said.

Despite that, Lutticken's assistant coach Susie Eisenstat said a key to the team's success was a focus on batting practice. "Usually for three-fourths of practice the boys would be hitting," she said.

The Shells kept it close and committed no errors in the field. Brady Young threw a complete game for the Shells and struck out seven.

"As a younger team with mostly 11-year-olds and only three 12-year-olds, we are generally smaller," Shells team manager Brian Roberts said. Despite this disadvantage, the team kept it close by focusing on its strengths — "that we are fast and have good defense," he said. ▣

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Pig scrambles: Residents, veterinarians debate issue

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

A brief and extemporaneous debate on the values of the Old West took shape on Tuesday, June 28, at the Woodside Town Council meeting as members of the public disputed the character of a July fourth junior rodeo event in which screaming children chase and subdue small pigs, also screaming, in a dusty arena on the grounds of the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County.

The “pig scramble” had not been placed on the council’s agenda, so the council members were not allowed to discuss it or take action, so the arguments from the public were over ideas.

“The pig scramble is wholesome, a part of Western tradition that’s being lost in this country,” said Terry Welcome, captain of the Mounted Patrol. “That tradition is not one of shooting and killing people, cattle rustling and hangings, but one of independence, hard work, responsibility, compassion for animals that help to do much of the ranch work, and camaraderie.”

“Banning the pig scramble is to deny 250 willing children and parents who desire to have their children have the experience of attempting to catch a pig under strict supervising individuals,” Mr. Welcome said.

Resident Steve Hope had a different take. “We have a long cultural history of casual cruelty for sport, right? And when you really think about it, that’s all this (pig scramble) is,” he said. “There’s a lot of stuff in Western cultural history — of Western Europe, of the U.S., of the Western U.S. — where we do things like this and we are hopefully moving towards a world where we do fewer and fewer of those. ... I just don’t understand why it’s OK to do that to baby pigs for fun.”

Mayor Deborah Gordon asked staff to work with her or perhaps Councilman Tom Livermore, the mayor pro tem, to determine an appropriate course of action or conduct research, perhaps with the help of a summer intern. If the matter were to be placed on an agenda, advance notice would

be important so as to represent all points of view in the discussion, she added.

Veterinary views

The public comment included remarks by two veterinarians, one who communicated via a letter read to the council and the other who spoke in person.

“I ... urge you to not allow this exploitation and demonstrate that our community is aware of and values the importance of animal protection rather than animal abuse,” wrote Woodside resident Dr. Bonnie Yoffe, veterinarian for the city of Palo Alto and a former medical chief of staff for the Peninsula Humane Society and SPCA, in a letter read by Woodside resident Jennifer Gonzales.

The pigs may have their limbs pulled out from under them and be dragged, Dr. Yoffe wrote. “This is a painful, terrifying, and dangerous ordeal for the pigs, who can sustain severe injuries such as broken limbs and backs, as well as muscle trauma and joint dislocations,” she wrote.

The anatomy of a pig’s front legs is unique, she wrote. “Lifting and pulling by their front legs is painful and can result in injury. ... Clearly this is abuse, bullying, and terrorizing of a defenseless animal.”

Dr. Yoffe quoted Temple Grandin, a noted authority on farm-animal husbandry, saying that fear-based stress in animals “should be considered as important as suffering induced by pain” and “very detrimental to (their) welfare.”

Veterinarian Bill Bentham, a member of the Mounted Patrol and a pig-scramble patron, told the council that pig anatomy is “identical to every other animal.” He said he’s been coming to Mounted Patrol rodeos since the early 1990s. “I’ve seen the pigs,” he said. “I look at them rather closely and I have seen no injuries throughout the course of this time.”

Resident Grace Welcome told the council that the pigs are treated well, including being fed by hand, and that “from their point of view, (the scramble) is like pig playtime.”

Pigs are prey animals and con-

‘I have seen no injuries throughout the course of this time.’

VETERINARIAN BILL BENTHAM

PIG SCRAMBLE

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sider being chased an existential threat, Dr. Nedim C. Buyukmihci, an emeritus professor of veterinary medicine at the University of California at Davis, said in an email. “Being chased by screaming people, regardless of age, will cause extreme stress for the pigs. ... Further, restraining or suspending pigs by their legs is not only painful in itself, it can lead to dislocation of joints which adds to the pain and suffering endured.

“Treating pigs in this manner is undoubtedly cruel,” Dr. Buyukmihci said. “The people involved as well as the audience may be ‘enjoying’ themselves, but at great cost to the

pigs. Allowing such treatment teaches children and others, by example, that it is acceptable to use nonhuman animals in general and pigs in particular for any human purpose, regardless how trivial and even when such use is potentially dangerous to the animals. Our society desperately needs to foster a greater respect for the other creatures with whom we share this planet. Pig ‘scrambles’ are antithetical to that aspiration.”

Woodside Planning Commissioner Aydan Kutay, speaking as a private citizen, told the council of text messages related to the pig scramble that are helping to generate bad publicity for Woodside, characterizing the town as “really backward.” ■



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Transforming school library

Volunteer Sara Siggelkow of AbbVie Biotherapeutics Corp. in Redwood City stocks books in the renovated library at Garfield Community School at 3600 Middlefield Road in the Redwood City School District. As part of a company community service drive, employees of AbbVie gave the library a one-day makeover June 23 that included a new design and layout, plus new furniture, books and technology.

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■ Jessica Pulido and Miguel Niebla, a daughter, June 2, Sequoia Hospital.
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Menlo Park hosts mayor of sister city: Galway

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Frank Fahy wears a shiny golden chain with multiple loops around his neck. It's called the "Chain of Office," and each link represents a previous mayor of Galway, Ireland, the city he now serves as mayor. There are about 130 golden links.

Over the course of a brief visit on June 3 and 4, Menlo Park hosted Mr. Fahy, mayor of Menlo Park's first sister city. The sister city agreement with Galway, Ireland, was signed on May 19 when Menlo Park Mayor Rich Cline visited Galway.

The two cities have long-standing ties. Menlo Park got its name from two Irish immigrant brothers who hailed from Menlough, a village that Mr. Fahy said is a suburb of Galway, Ireland. The brothers had a cattle ranch near where El Camino Real is now. In 1854 or 1855 they erected a gate at the entrance of their ranch with the words "Menlo Park" in honor of their hometown, according to the Menlo Park Historical Association.

While Galway is Menlo Park's first sister city, Menlo Park is Galway's ninth. Others include St. Louis, Milwaukee, Seattle and Chicago. Previ-

ously, Galway had opted to not take on any more sister cities, so the partnership started off as a "friendship agreement," Mr. Fahy said.

"Menlo Park is our newest sister, but the first with a historical connection," said Mr. Fahy.

Mr. Fahy speaks Gaelic, hails from the village of Menlough, and says his family has been there since the 1600s.

When asked what the residents of Menlo Park should know about Galway, Mr. Fahy responded that on one hand, Galway is an old city. Its charter began in 1484, he said. In other ways, though, it's a young city, he said, because it has a university, the National University of Ireland Galway, and attracts young people. Like Menlo Park, he said, it has become a hub for the medical technology industry.

Galway is also a festival city, he said. The city has festivals for arts, poetry, food and even oysters.

During his tour of Menlo Park, he visited Oak Knoll School and toured Facebook. "I'm an avid Facebooker," he said.

Later, a reception was held at LB Steak restaurant in downtown Menlo Park, where the two mayors exchanged gifts and again signed the sister city agreement. ▀

Menlo School graduates 144

The 144 members of Menlo School's Class of 2016 received their diplomas June 9 in an outdoor ceremony that included welcoming remarks from Director of Upper School John Schafer.

Commencement speakers were Connie Wolf, then director of the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford (she subsequently resigned), Menlo history teacher and alumnus Charles Wetherell of the class of 2005, and senior class president, George Tamer of Hillsborough.

Menlo School's Chorus and Chamber Orchestra provided music.

Menlo School Board Chair Larry Frye assisted John Schafer and Head of School Than Healy in conferring high school degrees upon the graduates.

Established in 1915, the private Menlo School enrolls 795 students from around the Bay Area in grades 6 through 12.

The graduates

A-B: Faraz Abbasi, James Elliott Adler, Shayanna Ahuja, Leslie Cynthia Akin, Katelyn Ann Aoyama, Elena Stephanie Ariza, Harrison Louis Armsby, Andrew Scott Arnold, Ronjoseph J. Babiera, Lily Bigley Barnett, William Theodore Eliopoulos Bleicher, James Taggart Bonham, Emma Nicole Brady, Mason Lane Brady, Alli Anne Britts, Erin Fiona Broderick, Kelly Lynn Buck, Madeline Laura Buxton

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E-G: Avalon Rose Edwards, Zoe Ann Enright, Hutchinson Christopher Fann, David Andrew Farnham, Taylor Kristen Felt, Polly Haniman Finch, Kaitlin Vaughan



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Senior class president George Tamer greets classmates at the Menlo School commencement.

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Q-S: Michael Alexander Quezada, Sarah Kathryn Rantz, John Moore Reinstra, Meghana Renavikar, Davis Rich, Jessie Rong, Charles Andrew Roth, David Whitehurst Roy, Connor Scranton Ryland, Nathan Aldredge Safran, Chelsea Renee Sahami, Kylee Tiger Santos, Jada Jinhi Scacco, Eleanor MH Schley, Kian Seddigh-nezhad, Jephtha Cabot Sedgwick, Raphael Colin Serrano, Michael Morris Shames, Ryan James Shanley, Shannon Shih, Benjamin Kibrik Simon, Lauren Kathleen Smith, Daria Barbara Inez Sprague, Scott Richard Stevens, Madeleine Cole Stewart, Kira Donohue Sze

T-X: George Tamer, James Allan Thygesen, Schuyler Anne Tilney-Volk, Melissa Tran, Falahola O 'Eniketi Vaka, Maya Varma, Benjamin Kai Werdegar, Claire Alice Wilson, Christopher Weiping Xi.

Cyclists invited to ride with Tour de France veteran

Peninsula bicycle riders are invited to meet and ride with Tour de France veteran "Fast Freddie" Rodriguez on Saturday, July 9, at the Whole Foods Market in Redwood City.

Mr. Rodriguez will lead a free training ride starting at 8:30 a.m. from the store at 1250 Jefferson Ave. The event includes a free lunch for the first 25 riders and a free T-shirt for anyone signing up for Tour de Menlo, which will be held Aug. 20 this year and is sponsored by the Almanac Holiday Fund and the Rotary Club of Menlo Park.

Reservations for the Whole Foods event are not necessary.

When they return from the training ride of approximately two hours, riders are invited to a lunch at the store's snack bar (with wine and hors d'oeuvres) and hear Mr. Rodriguez's commentary on this year's Tour de France coverage, which will be

carried on large flat screen television monitors.

Similar training rides will be held July 23 at the Palo Alto Whole Foods with Olympian Dr. Christine Thorburn and Aug. 6 at Whole Foods, San Mateo, with Bernard van Elden, a former pro cyclist with the Jelly Belly team.

Mr. Rodriguez will also appear at the Tour de Menlo, which begins Aug. 20 at Menlo-Atherton High School. The Tour, in

its 15th year, offers 65-, 45- and 35-mile routes on the back roads of the Midpeninsula. Register at TourdeMenlo.com.

Proceeds from the ride benefit need-based college scholarships for local students and 10 non-profit agencies supported by the Almanac's Holiday Fund, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room and Second Harvest Food Bank.

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Notice is hereby given that the preliminary budget of Woodside Fire Protection District, for the FY 2016-2017 has been adopted by the Directors of said District, and is available at the Fire Department, 3111 Woodside Road in Woodside for inspection during the week commencing Tuesday, June 28, 2016. That on Monday, August 29, 2016 at 7 o'clock p.m. of said day at the Woodside Fire Station in Woodside, the Board of Directors will meet for the purpose of finalizing the final budget, and any person may appear and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item of the budget, or for the inclusion of any addition items.

Woodside Fire Protection District
by Fire Chief Daniel J. Ghiorso

College graduates

Here is news about recent college graduates:

■ Wyatt Burnett, a graduate of Menlo-Atherton High School, was awarded a bachelor of science degree at Wagner College's spring commencement program. Wagner College is located in

Staten Island, New York.

■ Two Menlo Park residents recently graduated from Boston University. Blair L. Woods received a bachelor of arts in international relations, cum laude, and Taryn P. Thiele-Sardina received a bachelor of arts in anthropology and political science.

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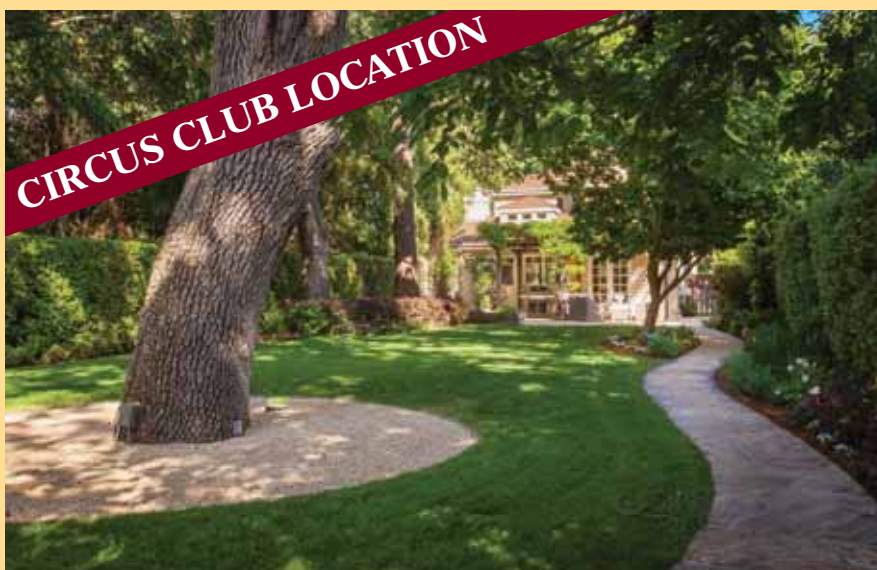
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A long and happy life

Remembering Bob 'Boots' O'Neil (Feb. 23, 1924-March 5, 2016)

By Maggie Mah of Woodside, who knew Bob O'Neil as a friend, neighbor, fellow horse person and member of the board of directors of the Woodside Trail Club.

Bob O'Neil moved on to his final reward recently at the age of 92.

He attributed his health and longevity to being happy. "I have everything I want," he would say, echoing the Irish blessing, "May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live."

Family and friends miss this man who had a twinkle in his eye and a smile for everyone. His warmth, generosity and devotion to the horse community will be remembered for a long time to come.

Robert Francis O'Neil was born Feb. 23, 1924, and raised in San Mateo at a time when horses were still very much a part of the landscape.

Bob watched as Bay Meadows Race Track was being built near his boyhood home. It opened in 1934 at the height

of horse racing's popularity. The place would prove to be an irresistible and enduring attraction — the setting for a large portion of Bob's life and the foundation of a lifelong passion for horses.

His first visits to the track were clandestine with 10 year-old Bob finding ways to sneak onto the grounds to breathe in the exciting atmosphere. "This place used to vibrate, it just pulsed when you had great horses here," he recalled in a 2008 interview. "You could feel the whole world shake."

Bob acquired legitimate access after he got a job walking horses for a quarter each. As time went on, he spent more and more time at the track. When he wasn't in school, his parents knew where he was but Bob said they didn't worry.

"They knew I wasn't smoking, drinking or raising hell with girls," he told a reporter. "I was with the horses all the time."

He was there to see history being made with the races of

legendary horses like Seabiscuit and Citation and Racing Hall of Fame jockeys Willie Shoemaker and Woodside resident Russell Baze.

Proud of his Irish heritage and blessed with "The Gift of Gab," it didn't take much coaxing to get Bob O'Neil to tell a story. When the opportunity arose, his eyes would twinkle and with a voice crackling with energy, the tale was launched.

One of his favorites had to do with his time in the military during World War II. Having enlisted in the Navy, he was trained as an aerographer's mate and sent to the Pacific theater to monitor and forecast weather conditions critical to naval operations. It was a long way from Bay Meadows but a shoebox of horse manure was sent by a friend to remind him of what he was missing back home.

Completing college after the war at San Jose State and UC Santa Barbara, Bob gravitated

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Photo by David Wolfgang

Bob O'Neil walking the course for the annual Spring Los Altos Hunt Race Meet at the Bird Rock course in Pebble Beach in 1969.



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Remembering Woodside's Bob O'Neil

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back to Bay Meadows and started his career as a pari-mutuel clerk, a job he would continue to hold even after the track closed in 2008.

He was known as the "Dean" of this profession and would often remark that he loved what he did and couldn't imagine doing anything else. He outlived the place that had had such a profound impact

on his life and been his home away from home. As it was closing and about to be demolished, Bob reflected, "It's like a death."

It was during his early years in pari-mutuel that Bob acquired the nickname, "Boots." There are two (possibly more) versions of how the name came about. One that is often told is that it was bestowed on him by a supervisor who, managing six people,

three of whom were named "Bob," looked down at Mr. O'Neil's shiny cowboy boots and christened him "Boots."

Another has it that Bob's winning smile was like that of William Holden in the 1952 movie, "Boots Malone."

As to which one is the real story, its up to the reader to decide. Either way, "Boots" would go along with whichever one was being told at the time. And both are good so it doesn't

matter.

His long association with the track and voluble personality made him a great resource and subject for several documentary films including "Seabiscuit: The Story Begins in San Francisco" and "The Last Days at Bay Meadows."

After moving to Woodside in 1967, Bob and his best gal, Katy Farquharson, started raising and breeding Thoroughbreds on his property. Many of them would go on to race and win at Bay Meadows and elsewhere.

Bob studied bloodlines carefully, looking for specific traits that might create a great racehorse. Regardless of how they were to turn out, Bob delighted in the arrival of a new foal and clucked over each of them like a mother hen. About being able to live where he had his horses, he said: "I can hear them running at night. That's a beautiful sound."

Bob and his Quarter Horse, Delta, became stalwart members of what was then the Los Altos Hunt (now "Hounds") and hauled to the hunt meets with an ancient International van christened "The Green Machine."

Recalling those early days, longtime friend and former hunt member Joan Wolfgang said: "Bob was a delightful leprechaun and very generous. When I was without a horse to hunt, he loaned me Delta — such a pleasure, unlike the hotheads I usually rode."

Bob's interest in horses extended beyond what they could do in terms of performance or utility. He would consider things from the animal's perspective and speculate about what it was like to do the things that humans asked of them. Once, while doing me the favor of trailering my horse, he asked if I had ever ridden "back there." No, I hadn't, to which he replied, "It's a wonder they ever go in."

Woodside's unique and wonderful trails were a special area of Bob's interest to which he devoted countless hours. After joining The Woodside

Trail Club in 1967, he served as treasurer and membership chair for nearly 50 years. Since Trail Club board meetings were often held at his home, Bob participated while one of several contented felines occupied his lap.

He welcomed new members into the club by way of "Meet and Greet" breakfasts at Buck's, Bob's favorite spot for morning coffee.

His interest in preserving and enhancing the trails was tempered with pragmatism. "Don't build a trail just to build it," he remarked about a proposed section. "It has to be connected and go somewhere."

Riding his horse, Rusty, Bob was featured with his friend and fellow trail champion, the late Howard Boone, in an episode of the TV show "Bay Area Back Roads" that focused on Woodside's extensive network of equestrian trails.

Bob supported a wide range of activities in the Woodside area with energy and enthusiasm for the equestrian life. He loved being surrounded by horses and people, especially people who loved horses.

"Bob always had fun," recalled Kay Hitch, a longtime friend and fellow equestrian. Whether he was announcing entrants and winners at local horse shows, working a ride stop on Day of the Horse, heading up the snack bar crew at Mounted Patrol, or serving as jump judge at Guernsey Field (now The Horse Park), he was having a good time doing it.

Bob's many contributions have been recognized by the town of Woodside with the 2009 Trails Legacy Award and in 2012 by the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County with the Outstanding Horseperson-Citizen Award. Plans to dedicate a section of trail in Bob's honor within the town of Woodside's trail network are in progress.

Bob O'Neil lived a long and happy life and made other people's lives happier on his journey. He will live on in the good work he did for the community and remembered always by everyone whose lives he touched.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

ARTICLE 1 INVITATION TO BID

1.1 Notice Inviting Bids: Owner will receive sealed Bids at the **Town Hall**, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until **2:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 14th, 2016** for the following public work:

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

2016 Storm Drain Improvement Project - Rebid Various Locations in the Town of Woodside, CA

1.2 Project Description: The work will include the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary or required to rehabilitate storm drains with cured in place pipe (CIPP), grout headwalls, install new inlets, remove and install new storm drain, install new headwalls, and place rock rip rap. All work shall be completed within **90 calendar days** from Notice to Proceed.

1.3 Procurement of Bidding Documents: Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. Bidders may examine a complete hard-copy set of the Bidding Documents at the Town's Public Works Department, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062. Bidders may download a complete set of Bidding Documents at <http://www.woodsidetown.org/rfps> at no cost. Bidder is responsible for printing any and all of Bidding Documents.

1.4 Instructions: Bidders shall refer to Document 002113 (Instructions to Bidders) for required documents and items to be submitted in a sealed envelope for deposit into the Bid Box in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 no later than the time and date set forth in Paragraph 1.01 above.

1.5 N/A

1.6 Bid Preparation Cost: Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their Bids.

1.7 Reservation of Rights: Owner specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, to re-bid, or to waive inconsequential defects in bidding not involving time, price or quality of the work. Owner may reject any and all Bids and waive any minor irregularities in the Bids.

ARTICLE 2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

2.01 Required Contractor's License(s): A California "A" contractor's license is required to bid this contract. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract.

2.02 Required Contractor and Subcontractor Registration

- A. Owner shall accept Bids only from Bidders that (along with all Subcontractors listed in Document 004330, Subcontractor List) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.
- B. Subject to Labor Code Sections 1771.1(c) and (d), any Bid not complying with paragraph Above shall be returned and not considered; provided that if Bidder is a joint venture (Business & Professions Code Section 7029.1) or if federal funds are involved in the Contract (Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)), Owner may accept a non-complying Bid provided that Bidder and all listed Subcontractors are registered at the time of Contract award.

2.03 N/A

2.04 N/A

2.05 Substitution of Securities: Owner will permit the successful bidder to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract, as set forth in Document 006290 Escrow Agreement For Security Deposits In Lieu Of Retention and incorporated herein in full by this reference, in accordance with Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code.

2.06 Prevailing Wage Laws: The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents. Copies of the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the Contract, as determined by Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, are on file at the Town's Public Works Department, may be obtained from the California Department of Industrial Relations website [<http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.htm>] and are deemed included in the Bidding Documents. Upon request, Owner will make available copies to any interested party. Also, the successful Bidder shall post the applicable prevailing wage rates at the Site.

2.07 Prevailing Wage Monitoring: This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

■ POLICE CALLS

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

WOODSIDE

Mountain lion sighting: After a resident of the 700 block of Patrol Road let her dog out to relieve itself, she heard noises implying that her dog was being chased. She looked out and saw, at the bottom of her stairs, an adult mountain lion about 8 feet long and weighing about 150 pounds, deputies said. There were no injuries and no apparent risks of injury. June 16.

Vandalism:

■ Someone vandalized and opened residential mailboxes on Eleanor Drive. It's not clear if they took any mail. June 11.

■ After a man reported the theft of an indoor ceiling fan from a house on Woodside Drive, a deputy investigated and "observed a hole in the ceiling with two exposed wires," deputies said. A search around the building's exterior showed no signs of forced entry. June 7.

Possessing marijuana while driving:

■ A deputy encountered a male youth smoking marijuana in a vehicle parked with the lights off at Cinabar and Crest roads. The deputy confiscated the marijuana and a digital scale and released the youth after citing him. June 6.

■ During a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation at Canada Road and Godetia Drive, a deputy smelled marijuana coming from inside the vehicle, investigated and cited the driver for possession while driving along with the code violations. June 7.

■ A deputy investigated a vehicle parked with its lights off on Glencrag Way and discovered the driver smoking marijuana. The driver claimed he had a marijuana card, but that it was at home, deputies said. He was cited for vehicle code violations and possession of marijuana while driving and released after promising to appear in court. June 11.

PORTOLA VALLEY

Residential burglaries:

■ A burglar smashed glass in the front door of a house in the 4500 block of Alpine Road, entered through the hole in the glass and stole two tablet computers, a laptop computer and \$300 in cash. June 9.

■ Someone removed the screen from an open window at the rear of a house on Shawnee Pass, entered the house, went into the garage and stole cash from wallets found inside two unlocked vehicles. Estimated loss: \$500. June 14.

WEST MENLO PARK

Stolen vehicle: A surveillance camera captured a video of a man checking the doors of a van parked behind a restaurant in the 3500 block of Alameda de las Pulgas.

The van doors were unlocked and the keys were inside, so the man loaded his bike into the van and drove off, deputies said. June 18.

ATHERTON

Thefts:

■ Someone stole a white cruiser bike from the driveway of a house on Douglas Way. June 24

■ A thief entered an open garage of a house on Douglas Way and stole, from two unlocked vehicles, about \$10 in coins, a \$50 bill and \$50 in pre-purchased movie tickets. June 24

Stolen vehicle: A white 2001 Toyota Tacoma was reported stolen from in front of a house on Lloyd Drive. June 24.

MENLO PARK

Commercial burglary: Someone opened locked storage containers by means unknown in a closed construction zone on Independence Drive and stole two theodolite surveying tools, an air compressor, a generator, a ground pounder, a laser level, a tablet computer and other tools. Estimated loss: \$80,400. June 24.

Residential burglaries:

■ Someone removed a screen from a bedroom window of house on Ringwood Avenue, entered the house and stole a laptop computer. Estimated loss: \$1,200. June 20.

■ Ammunition and firearms were stolen from a house "intentionally left unlocked" while the resident was away on vacation, deputies said. No estimate on losses or identifying information for the stolen firearms. June 28.

Auto burglaries:

■ After entering a locked vehicle parked on Sonoma Drive by means unknown, someone stole a backpack containing, among other items, three pairs of sunglasses. Estimated loss: \$786. June 22.

■ A thief stole a debit card, sunglasses and coins from three unlocked vehicles in the driveway of a house on Hermosa Way. Estimated loss: \$292.

Thefts:

■ Someone stole a laptop computer from an unlocked vehicle parked on East Creek Drive. Estimated loss: \$2,000. June 22.

■ After cutting the lock on a trailer parked on Campbell Avenue with landscaping equipment inside, someone stole a lawnmower. Estimated loss: \$1,190. June 20.

■ An unlocked bike was stolen from the patio of a house on Waverley Street. Estimated loss: \$1,000. June 20.

■ A woman entered the CVS pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real, walked over to the cosmetics aisle, put several cosmetics into her large black purse/tote bag and walked out without having paid for them. Estimated loss: \$1,000. June 25.

■ Someone took a cellphone while on the campus of Hillview School. The phone was later found on the campus, but damaged. Estimated loss: \$600. June 20.

■ A bike was stolen from the fenced backyard of a house on Central Avenue. Estimated loss: \$500. June 29.

See **POLICE CALLS**, page 30



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Theater

TheatreWorks: 'Confederates' To begin its 2016-17 season, TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents world premiere of political drama "Confederates," a timely look at the 24-7 media that focuses on a presidential candidate, his daughter, desperate reporters and the unfolding of a Confederate flag. See website for details. July 13-Aug. 7. \$19-\$80. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.theatreworks.org/shows/1617-season/confederates2016

Concerts

'Celebrating Ella Fitzgerald Songbook' Stanford Jazz Festival concert bring together vocalists Kenny Washington, Bobbe Norris and Alex Brandenburg; pianist Larry Dunlap; woodwind expert Noel Jewkies; and others for a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald. July 10, 2-4 p.m. \$15-\$35. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. stanfordjazz.org

Pianist Dick Hyman and woodwind master Ken Peplowski perform in this Stanford Jazz Festival show. July 8, 8-10 p.m. \$50 general; \$15 student, youth age 17 or under. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. stanfordjazz.org

Music@Menlo Chamber Music Festival, entitled "Russian Reflections," includes free afternoon performances, master classes, lectures and concerts by world-renowned performers. Visit website for details. July 15-Aug. 6. Prices vary. Menlo-Atherton High School, Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. www.musicatmenlo.org

Music

Menlo Summerfest: 'Hot Fun In The Summertime' Two stages with live music, arts and crafts, food trucks, cocktails, craft beer and premium wine, and many amusements and rides for kids. Family Fun Run & Walk on Sunday organized by Fleet Feet Menlo Park. July 16-17, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Downtown Menlo Park, 730 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. bit.ly/Menlo-Summerfest

Orquesta La Moderna Tradición performs Afro-Cuban music. Wine tasting and bottles for purchase. July 10, 6-7:30 p.m. \$20 adult; \$10 child (plus ticketing fee). Portola Vineyards, 850 Los Trancos Road, Portola Valley. www.eventbrite.com/e/orquesta-la-moderna-tradicion-tickets-24273920951?ref=ebtnebtckt

Summer Concert Series: Long Train Runnin' performs songs by Doobie Brothers. Attendees encouraged to bring a picnic blanket and dinner. Room to dance up front. July 13, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive, Menlo Park. www.menlopark.org/241/Special-Events

Talks & Lectures

Author Bill Lascher discusses his latest book, "Eve of a Hundred Midnights: The Star-Crossed Love Story of Two WWII Correspondents and Their Epic Escape Across the Pacific." July 12, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.keplers.com/event/bill-lascher

Author Cara Mangini, executive chef and owner of a produce-inspired restaurant in Ohio, discusses her book "The Vegetable Butcher: How to Select, Prep, Slice, Dice, and Masterfully Cook Vegetables from Artichokes to Zucchini." July 13, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.keplers.com/event/cara-mangini

'Legal Options for Undocumented Community Members' Sara Matlin, chair of local chapter of the ACLU, and Mariam Kelly, senior immigration attorney at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, discuss legal aspects of immigration, and how community members can help. July 6, 7-9 p.m. Free. Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road, Redwood City. www.smcdfa.org/calendar

'Home Improvement Contracts: What to Know' Attorney Richard Pierce provides guidance on selecting and negotiating with a licensed contractor, and how to resolve disputes. July 14, noon-1 p.m. Free. San Mateo County Law Library, 710 Hamilton St., Redwood City. www.smclawlibrary.org

Family

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time Events for infants up to 18 months old include singing, dancing, reading and playing. Older children welcome, too. Mondays, July 11-25, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. smcl.org

Family Hike with the Friends Two-hour, two-mile hike for children age 5 and older will teach attendees about the basics of the mixed redwood forest. Families will look for banana slugs, turret spider nests, woodrat nests, giant redwood trees and rattlesnake grass. Not suitable for jogging strollers. July 17, 2-4 p.m. Free; \$6 parking. Huddart Park, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside. huddartwunderlichfriends.org

MaryLee Sunseri: Songs & Tales of the Sea Best suited for ages 3 and up. July 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Toddler Early Learning Developmentally appropriate fun and early literacy practices — including reading, singing, talking, writing, moving and playing — for toddlers. Programs focus on interactions between parent/caregiver and child. July 5, 12 and 26, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. smcl.org

Museums & Exhibits

Art++ Technology and Art Lab In this exhibit, Cantor Art Center visitors will be able to use Art++, a new augmented reality application that provides history and context to selected artworks by overlaying content on a tablet viewfinder. Among other things, the related content will include exploratory historic photos and 3D panoramas. Wednesday-Monday, July 13-Sept. 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Thursday till 8 p.m.). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

'California: The Art of Water' More than 50 works from last two centuries portraying the state's critical resource of water. Work by eminent artists and photographers, including Ansel Adams and Albert Bierstadt. Wednesday-Monday, July 13-Nov. 28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Thursday till 8 p.m.). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Galleries

The Main Gallery: 'Connecting Points' Mixed-media artwork of Shirley Bunker and Natalie Ciccoricco, artists with different aesthetic approaches but both make use of vintage paper, photographs and thread. On July 10, 1-4 p.m., there will be a reception with the artists. Wednesday-Sunday, June 29-July 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. The Main Gallery, 1018 Main St., Redwood City. www.themaingallery.org

Portola Art Gallery: 'Peaceable Kingdom' Exhibit of animal watercolor paintings by Belmont resident Teresa Silvestri. Monday-Saturday, July 1-30, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Community Groups

Menlo Park Kiwanis Club The Menlo Park Kiwanis Club — which through fundraising supports many local programs and organizations — holds meetings each Tuesday at the Allied Arts Center. Visitors are invited to attend and should contact the Kiwanis Club. Tuesdays, ongoing, noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Allied Arts Center, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.menloparkkiwanisclub.org/meetings-programs-2/

SRI Organon Toastmasters SRI Organon Toastmasters helps community members become better public speakers and leaders by providing a fun, supportive environment for practicing communication and leadership skills. Guests are welcome to visit and join. Tuesdays, ongoing, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. SRI International, Building G, Laurel Street at Melke Drive, Menlo Park. www.sriorganon.com

Et Alia

Lifetree Cafe: 'The Art of Loss - How Tragedy Can Transform Your Perspective' Program includes filmed interviews with two people who used art to cope with the loss of a loved one. July 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; July 7, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. www.bethany-mp.org

Atherton looks at regulating drones

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

The idea of video-equipped drones flying over homes and backyards has some local residents worried about their privacy, so Atherton's City Council will explore how it can regulate drones when it meets in a study session on Wednesday, July 6, starting at 3 p.m. in the town's council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

A report from Atherton City Attorney Bill Conners says the Federal Aviation Administration has the primary authority to regulate small unmanned aircraft systems, or drones, but does allow local governments

to develop regulations that address privacy concerns.

The council will also discuss a proposal by the San Mateo County Library System to keep some of the library tax dollars that now go to Atherton.

The library system has an agreement with its member towns and cities about how the libraries are funded and operated. The library system's governing board has proposed changing that agreement to give half the funds from cities that generate more library tax revenues than they spend to other county libraries.

That money now goes into a special fund for the city or

town that generated it, and can be used only for library-related expenses. Atherton plans to use its fund to build a new library, as Portola Valley did. Woodside remodeled its library with its funds. No other cities in the system generate more library tax money than they spend.

A third item on the agenda is discussion of changes to the town's business license tax that could raise the town's annual business tax receipts by more than \$700,000 a year. The tax would require voter approval, and the council is scheduled to vote whether to put a measure on the November ballot at its July 20 meeting. ■

Rampaging tailgater sentenced to jail

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

After pleading no contest to felony assault with a vehicle and misdemeanor drunken driving, Victor Manuel Jop, 39, was sentenced June 22 to six months of county jail time and three years of probation, and will have his driver's license revoked for life.

Mr. Jop tailgated, yelled profanities at, and then twice used the car he was driving to run

into the vehicle of a woman driving with her 8- and 9-year-old children in Menlo Park on July 23, 2015, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's office.

The incident started on El Camino Real and ended at the University Drive and Menlo Avenue intersection, according to the DA.

After ramming the woman's car, Mr. Jop also punched a man who witnessed the event in a nearby parking lot,

according to the DA's office. He was then arrested by Menlo Park police on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, the DA said.

After receiving his sentence, Mr. Jop went immediately into custody. Under the sentence, he will be expected to abstain from alcohol and drugs and agree to chemical testing, searches and seizures, the DA said. He will also have to pay restitution to the woman, and the man he punched. ■

Road work to partially close Alameda de las Pulgas

One lane on a section of Alameda de las Pulgas in Atherton will be closed and several other Atherton streets will be partially or completely closed Thursday and Friday, July 7 and 8, as a slurry seal is applied.

A statement from the town of

Atherton says the project will affect Alameda from Camino al Lago to Stockbridge Avenue, Camino al Lago and the bulb out adjacent to 98 Faxon Road.

Homeowners and visitors may not be able to get in and out of these streets after 8 a.m. on these days, and should park

their cars on adjacent streets, the town advises.

Garbage pickup may also be earlier than usual on the streets for those two days.

For information, contact Atherton's public works department at (650) 752-0555. ■

— Barbara Wood

POLICE CALLS

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■ A thief entered an unlocked vehicle parked in the 800 block of Alma Street and stole a video recorder. Estimated loss: \$450. June 26.

■ A locked bike was stolen from an open carport on Roble Avenue. Estimated loss: \$400. June 20.

■ Several items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the first block of Willow Road. Estimated loss: \$305. June 17.

■ A thief cut the lock and stole a bike locked to a bike rack at Burgess pool. Estimated loss: \$250. June 26.

■ Someone stole an unlocked bike from in front of a patio in the 100 block of Santa Cruz Avenue. Estimated loss: \$200. June 17.

■ A resident of White Oak Drive told police that someone had opened a birthday card she received in the mail and stolen \$100 from inside. June 25.

■ A thief made off with bike locked to a bike rack in front of the public library. Estimated loss: \$50. June 25.

■ A man stole a beer from the 7-Eleven convenience store on Oak Grove Avenue. The man left the clerk \$1.43, but the price of the beer was \$3.80. June 26.

Suspicious circumstances: A pedestrian walking along San Francisquito Creek noticed a safe dumped in the creek bed. Police booked the safe as property, saying that it had been pried open and was empty. June 24.

Fraud: Someone created fraudulent checks through unauthorized access to a bank account, forged the account owner's signature on seven checks written for a total of \$6,266, and managed to cash three of the checks before stop-payment orders were issued. No estimate on losses. June 23.

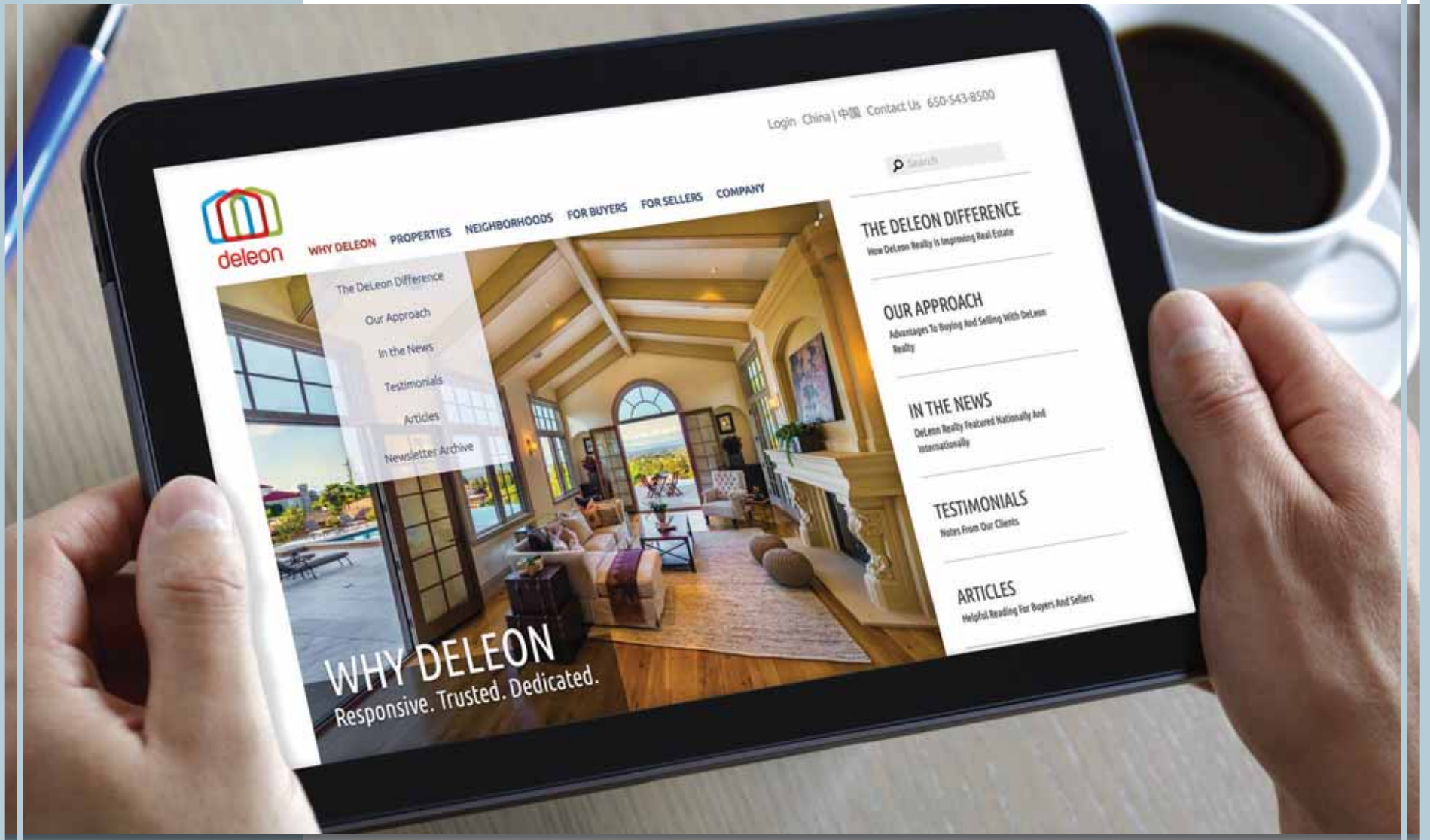
Hit-and-run incidents: ■ A man walking north on El Camino Real was allegedly struck by a silver

Porsche Cayenne driving out of a parking lot in the 500 block. The car allegedly ran over the man's feet, causing him to hit his head on the car as the driver continued out into the street and drove south. The man had "no visible sign of injury, bruising or swelling," but was taken to the hospital with a complaint of pain to his head. June 29.

■ A vehicle allegedly struck a man walking in the roadway on Haven Avenue, then left the scene. The vehicle's description was not available and though the man complained of minor injuries, he refused transport to a hospital. June 26.

■ A driver in a maroon four-door sedan leaving a parking lot in the 1100 block of El Camino Real left the scene after he allegedly struck a bicyclist riding on the sidewalk in a direction against traffic. The cyclist suffered minor injuries and was taken to the hospital. June 26.

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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

WELCOMEMAT SERVICES OF SILICON VALLEY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 269391

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Welcomemat Services of Silicon Valley, located at 433 Sixth Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
LYNX MARKETING
433 Sixth Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
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.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 24, 2016.
(ALM June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 2016)

Kirsten Cooper, LAC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 269623

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Kirsten Cooper, LAC, located at 214 De Anza Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
KIRSTEN ALENA COOPER
1119 Colorado Ave.
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 June 13, 2016.
(ALM June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2016)

SHOLD INTERIORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 269719

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
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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.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 21, 2016.
(ALM July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016)

LATU PARKVIEW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
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PARKVIEW PROPERTY REAL ESTATE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 269841

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
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(ALM July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 269826

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This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on April 1, 2015.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 29, 2016.
(ALM July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016)

997 All Other Legals

AMENDED
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF
JOANN FERGUSON
CASE NO. 127058

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JOANN FERGUSON A Petition for Probate has been filed by Joseph Domenick Montalbo in the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo.
The Petition for Probate requests that Joseph Domenick Montalbo 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 personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent 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 in this court on 7/12/2016 at 9am in Dept. 28 located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063, Probate Division.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Kristin R. Wu, 550 Hamilton Ave., Ste. 100, Palo Alto, CA 94301, Telephone: (650) 321-5005 6/22, 6/29, 7/6/16
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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.: CIV538971

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: VAN TRAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

VAN K. TRAN to VAN TRAN KWOK
VAN THAI TRAN to VAN TRAN KWOK
KATELYN VAN TRAN to VAN TRAN KWOK
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: July 27, 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: June 14, 2016
/s/ John L. Grandsaert
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2016)

APN: 083-105-090 & 083-105-100 TS
No: CA08006705-14-1 TO No: 95306800
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT IRWIN KRUEGER, SR. CASE NO. 16PRO00010

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Robert Irwin Krueger, Sr. aka Robert I. Krueger, Sr. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Robert Krueger, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo. The Petition for Probate requests that Robert Krueger, Jr. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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 personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent 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 in this court on July 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. Probate/28 located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, California 94063. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Rebecca B. Miller Lakin Spears, LLP, 2400 Geng Road, Suite 100, Palo Alto, CA 94303, Telephone: 650-328-7000 7/6, 7/13, 7/20/16
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