

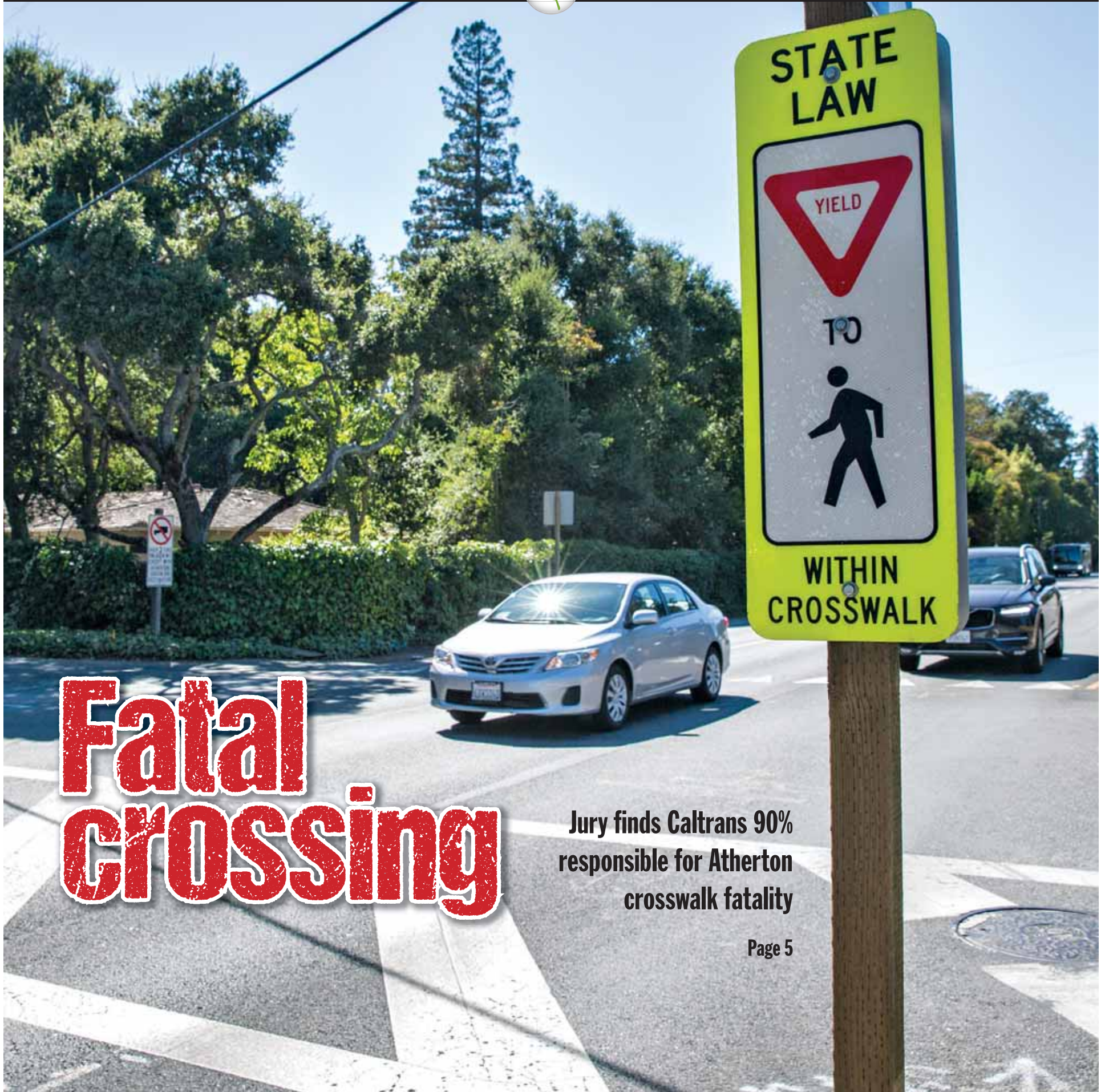
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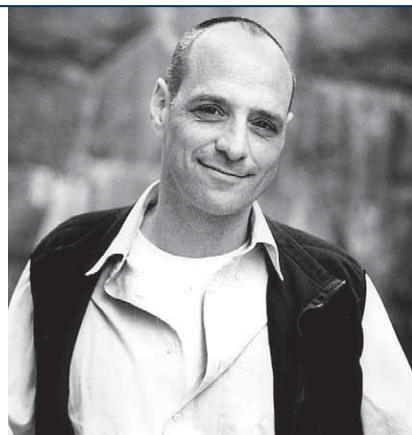
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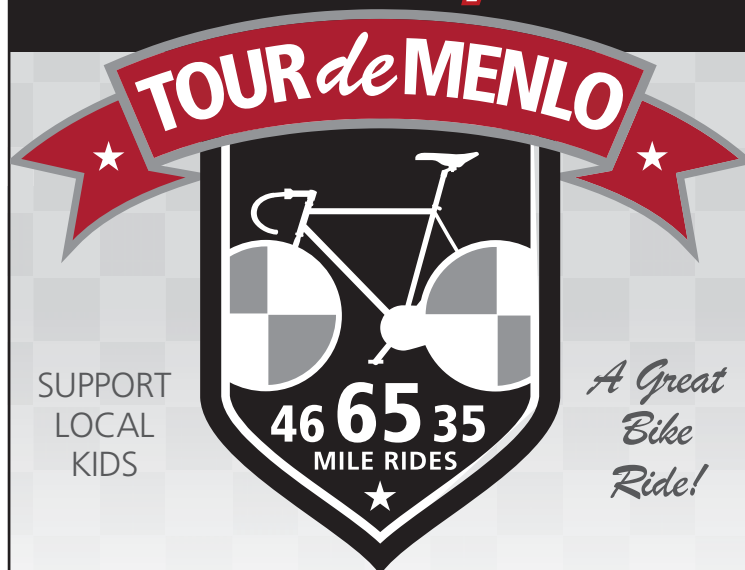
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## Jury: Caltrans 90 percent responsible for Atherton crosswalk fatality

■ Family awarded damages of \$9.5 million.

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

A jury has found the California Department of Transportation 90 percent responsible for the 2010 death of a 62-year-old man who was struck by a car in an El Camino Real crosswalk in Atherton.

After a two-week trial in San Mateo County Superior Court, the jury on July 25 awarded the family of Chris Chandler \$9.5 million in damages.

The jury found the driver, Matthew Simon, who was 69 and lived at Stanford at the time of the accident, 10 percent responsible in the death of Mr. Chandler.

Mr. Chandler, a resident of the unincorporated area between Atherton and Redwood City off Stockbridge Avenue, was struck in the El Camino crosswalk at Isabella Avenue on Sept. 30, 2010.

The jury awarded \$2 million in damages to each of Mr. Chandler's three daughters, Brittany,

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Tyler and Courtney, and \$3.5 million to his widow, Jan.

Jan and Courtney both teach dance at Menlo School in Atherton.

The crosswalk in which Mr. Chandler was killed is one of two in Atherton where Caltrans promised in 2012, after two women were seriously injured in the same crosswalk, to install pedestrian-activated stoplights. The lights have not yet been installed.

Woodside attorney Mike Danko and Clair Choo of the Redwood Shores law firm Danko Meredith represented the family.

Mr. Danko said Chris Chan-



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

**This El Camino Real crosswalk** at Isabella Avenue in Atherton, which crosses seven lanes of traffic, is where Chris Chandler was killed in 2010. His family's attorneys argued Caltrans did nothing to improve conditions, even though it knew marked crosswalks without stoplights are actually more dangerous than unmarked crosswalks, perhaps because they give pedestrians a false of security.

Chandler had just brought water and supplies to his wife's dance class and was walking his bike across the street in the crosswalk when he was struck and killed. According to police reports, the accident occurred about 10:30 a.m.

The attorneys for the Chandler family argued that Caltrans knew that marked crosswalks without stoplights are actually more dangerous for pedestrians than unmarked crosswalks, yet did nothing to improve the conditions.

Three months before Mr. Chandler was killed, Caltrans was ordered by the court to pay \$8 million to the family of Emily Liou, a 17-year-old who was struck in a similar crosswalk on

See **VERDICT**, page 20

## Atherton repeatedly asked Caltrans to make crossings safer

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

For a long time, Atherton has been asking the California Department of Transportation to make crossing El Camino Real, which Caltrans controls because it is a state highway, safer for bicyclists and pedestrians, adding pressure as more and more deaths and serious injuries occur.

Here is a timeline:

### 2010

After Chris Chandler died in 2010, followed a little more than two weeks later by the death of Honofre Mendoza, 55, as he was crossing El Camino, the town contacted Caltrans and asked it to "identify any factors ... that need to be addressed in order to improve traffic safety," according to an Oct. 18, 2010, Almanac story.

### ■ INFORMATION

State Highway 82, El Camino Real, runs from San Francisco to San Jose. Atherton's 1.6 miles carry more than 30,000 cars a day, the town says, with one stoplight and five marked crosswalks. Most of the Atherton stretch is six lanes wide, with turning lanes adding a seventh lane in some places.

Both deaths took place months after a jury had found Caltrans 50 percent at fault in a 2006 collision that left a 17-year-old girl in a coma after she was hit by a car in an El Camino crosswalk in Millbrae. Caltrans eventually paid her family \$8 million.

Attorneys in that case argued that Caltrans knew that marked crosswalks not protected by

lights or stop signs were dangerous, but did nothing.

### 2012

In 2012, after two women were hit and seriously injured by a speeding car in the same crosswalk where Mr. Chandler had been killed, Atherton tried again.

On Oct. 1, 2012, then-Mayor Bill Widmer wrote to Caltrans director Malcolm Dougherty, insisting "that improved safety measures (be) taken on Atherton's El Camino corridor."

"Your traffic and safety engineers can best tell you what is necessary to establish safe passage over six lanes of traffic," Mayor Widmer wrote. "I can tell you the urgency, and it is immediate."

Caltrans' response was to offer to pay for part of a traffic signal at Selby Lane. The state agency

said it also had plans to install a pedestrian-activated light at an Atherton crosswalk some time in 2017-18.

Unhappy with the response, Atherton officials tried recruiting help from state and federal politicians and their staffs, including Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (D-Menlo Park), state Assemblyman Rich Gordon (D-Menlo Park) and state Sen. Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo), to see if they could pressure Caltrans.

Emails were exchanged, meetings were held, and Atherton unsuccessfully applied for a grant in April 2013 to study reducing the number of lanes on El Camino.

### 2014

In July 2014 another pedestrian, 32-year-old Atherton resident Shahriar Rahimzadeh,

was fatally injured crossing El Camino at Almendral Avenue.

In September and October of 2014, Atherton unsuccessfully applied for two more grants to study ways to improve safety on El Camino Real.

Late that year, Caltrans announced a plan to install 17 pedestrian-activated crosswalk stoplights in San Mateo County, with two planned in Atherton, at Isabella and Alejandra avenues. Work would start in 2016 and was scheduled for completion in 2017. (The attorneys for Mr. Chandler say Caltrans officials testified at the trial that it has 29 marked and unprotected crosswalks on El Camino in San Mateo County.)

In January 2015, Atherton asked "if we could take over the (Atherton crossing light)

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# Jan Chandler: The verdict doesn't bring Chris back

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Chris Chandler's first granddaughter, who turns 1 this month, has a happy, outgoing personality much like her grandfather's.

Chris Chandler, though, never had a chance to see his granddaughter's infectious smile.

He also wasn't there to walk his oldest daughter down the aisle at her wedding, and he's been missed at birthdays, graduations and holiday celebrations since he was killed crossing El Camino in Atherton on Sept. 30, 2010, at the age of 62.

Last week a San Mateo County Superior Court jury awarded Mr. Chandler's family \$9.5 million in a wrongful death lawsuit, saying Caltrans was 90 percent responsible for his death. The attorneys for the Chandler family argued that Caltrans knew the crosswalk, which crosses seven lanes of traffic at Isabella Avenue, was unsafe but didn't do anything about it.

"Chris would have been a great grandfather," says Jan Chandler, Chris' wife, sitting at the kitchen table in the family's home in the unincorporated area between Atherton and Redwood City off Stockbridge Avenue. From the table you can see the backyard garden that Mr. Chandler loved to work in. Jan Chandler says it was the typical manicured suburban backyard when they moved in. Chris, with her help, transformed it into a lush green oasis.

"We're not the formal type," says Jan Chandler, who still forgets and speaks of her husband as if he were there nearly six years after his death.

Jan Chandler says her husband, who grew up in the Westridge neighborhood of Portola Valley and graduated from Woodside High School, was her "best friend."

"He was kind of a combination of that playful boy and a first responder," she says, and he loved being a father to three daughters.

Mike Danko, one of the lawyers who represented the Chandler family, says Mr. Chandler was the type of dad who would drop everything and drive to San Diego where one of his daughters was in college, if he thought she needed help.

Chris Chandler also, Mr. Danko says, brought his wife flowers every Sunday.

It wasn't only his family who received Chris Chandler's attention, Mr. Danko says, adding that his good deeds included pulling a woman out of a burning car.

At Menlo School, when Mr. Chandler overheard that no one but parents ever went to the girls' volleyball games, he became a devoted fan. "So then I had to go," too, says Jan Chandler.

After the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, which hit when he was in the East Bay on business, he made sure his family was OK and then loaded up a truck with food from National Semiconductor (where he then worked in food services) and drove it to San Francisco. "That's just the kind of guy he was," Jan Chandler says.

"There were no emergencies he couldn't handle."

Chris Chandler graduated in 1968 from Woodside High School, where he was the school's first male cheerleader. He served



Photo courtesy Danko Meredith

**The Chandler family** vacationed in Italy in 2006, four years before Chris was killed in an Atherton crosswalk. From left, they are Chris, his daughters Brittany, Tyler and Courtney, and his wife Jan Chandler.

in Vietnam, and later received an MBA from Golden Gate University. He ran his own catering company for many years.

The money from the settlement, Jan Chandler says, is not what she really wants. "It doesn't bring him back."

"I'd like to have Chris back," she says.

She hopes, however, that the verdict will get Caltrans' attention. "The whole reason we did this is to get Caltrans to start listening to people and not pretend they have to wait" to make safety

improvements. "In 2010 Chris was hit and killed there, and they still don't have a light," she says.

She also hopes that drivers will be more aware and maybe not drive quite so fast. "You can't see most of these crosswalks," she says. ■

## Political leaders call for Caltrans to act on El Camino hazards

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

After hearing of the verdict assigning the California Department of Transportation most of the blame for a 2010 death in a crosswalk on El Camino Real in Atherton, local political leaders have vowed to work to make sure Caltrans gives priority to improving El Camino's safety.

Here's what three of them have to say:

### Jerry Hill

State Sen. Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo) said he finds the history of Caltrans' lack of action on safety problems on El Camino "very troubling." The state

transportation agency is a massive bureaucracy when it needs to be more like a "nimble Silicon Valley enterprise," he said. "This bureaucracy is just shameful in this day and age."

"To me, it gets down to prioritization and making safety a significant issue," he said. "We haven't seen that."

Budget and procedures manuals shouldn't take precedence, he said. "Safety needs to pre-empt those things," Sen. Hill said.

He vowed to work for a change.

"I think it's important for me as a legislator to ask the questions and get actively involved in trying to change the culture" in Caltrans, he said.

Multi-million-dollar jury ver-

dicts are "not money well spent," he said. "You can excuse it once, but you can't excuse it twice, multiple times."

Sen. Hill said that he will work with state Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose), the chair of the Transportation and Housing Committee, to hold hearings or take other actions to change the Caltrans culture. "I'm hoping that we can see quicker action," he said.

The problem, Sen. Hill said, goes far beyond Atherton. "If you look statewide, how many other locations around the state are of a similar nature?" he said.

Caltrans, he says, seems to be acting as if deaths and serious injuries on its roads are "the cost of doing business." "They're act-

ing like we see in some corporations," Sen. Hill said.

"If this is the cost of doing business, that is unacceptable," he said.

### Bill Widmer

"Caltrans has been very slow to react up and down the Peninsula," Atherton Councilman Bill Widmer said. "There have been problems in almost every city."

"The state needs to find a way to make El Camino safer and they need to be able to react a little faster when their own studies show" the need for safety improvements, Mr. Widmer said.

"The state and their processes put people at risk," he said. "It's our residents' lives that are at

risk."

"A way for them to react faster or give more options is really what is needed."

Mr. Widmer crossed Atherton's stretch of El Camino multiple times on foot while campaigning for re-election in 2012, when a major part of his platform was improving safety on El Camino.

"I'd look and there's no cars, you'd think 'Hey, I can make it,'" he said. "You'd just barely make it. It's scary."

"I can imagine if someone has mobility issues, or isn't paying attention," it's even more dangerous, he said.

Dealing with Caltrans, he

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# Nearby cities criticize Facebook expansion study

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

What do Menlo Park's neighbors think about Facebook's expansion plans? East Palo Alto, Palo Alto and Atherton have all written letters to Menlo Park, raising questions about the draft environmental impact report for the expansion project and asserting that the draft does not include sufficient analysis of how such changes could impact their cities.

Facebook plans to add 6,500 employees and build two office buildings totaling 962,400 square feet, plus a 200-room hotel in eastern Menlo Park.

## East Palo Alto

East Palo Alto's letter to Menlo Park blasted the city for being part of the cause of the affordable housing crisis.

"The regional housing crisis exists because cities like Menlo Park willfully and systematically develop more jobs than housing units," said the letter, signed by East Palo Alto Mayor Donna Rutherford. "East Palo Alto and the region cannot afford to continue to bear the negative social, fiscal and environmental externalities of a project that assumes that other cities are going to house 95 percent of the employees of new development in Menlo Park."

(A recent report on the potential displacement threat from Facebook's expansion says there are 1,380 housing units under construction or in planning in Menlo Park. Of those 1,182 are expected to be market rate units, and 198 below market rate.)

Mayor Rutherford also expressed concerns that increased traffic from Facebook's expansion could negatively affect local air quality. According to an analysis of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the portion of East Palo Alto bounded roughly by Willow Road, Coolley Avenue, U.S. 101 and Bay Road is "disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution."

In her letter, the mayor also said Facebook's plan to curb solo driver trips is "unrealistically optimistic." The company plans to add 6,500 employees to its Menlo Park campus, but allow only an additional 438 vehicle trips during the morn-

ing rush hour and 123 in the evening.

## Atherton

Atherton expressed concern about the traffic impacts on its residents. In a letter signed by City Manager George Rodericks, Atherton questioned the accuracy of Menlo Park's traffic projections, and criticized the omission from the study of some Atherton intersections on Middlefield Road and El Camino Real.

The letter came with a list of demands for numerous traffic-mitigation projects expected to cost a total of about \$6.04 million. Those projects include the addition of bike lanes on El Camino Real on one side from Atherton Avenue to Encinal Avenue, and on the other side from Selby Lane to Watkins Avenue, along with a sidewalk on El Camino Real from Encinal Avenue to Valparaiso Avenue.

Mr. Rodericks also asked for 1.6 miles of pedestrian walkway along the entirety of Middlefield Road's west side within Atherton boundaries and a 10-foot wide paved bike path on Middlefield Road from Marsh Road to Watkins Avenue.

"We believe that further studies and documentation are required before the draft can become a usable environmental document," he said.

## Palo Alto

Palo Alto's four-page letter said the estimated job growth Facebook would generate is far above the job growth projected for Menlo Park by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Palo Alto asked that Facebook be required to build the recycled water system it has proposed, recommended Facebook cover its parking lots with solar panels, requested further study on the risks of placing 75-foot-tall buildings only 2.4 miles away from the Palo Alto airport, and asked for further clarification on the traffic analysis methodology in the report.

## ACLU

In addition to comments by neighboring cities, the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, with Public Advocates and a number of advocacy organizations, weighed in on the project, echoing some of the cities' concerns. "It is ... implausible to conclude

that adding an army of new employees amounting to one-fifth of the existing workforce (in Menlo Park) would have no growth-inducing impact," the letter said.

The ACLU cited a displacement study by consultants that said that adding 6,550 employees translates to demand for an additional 3,638 households in the region. That number is likely an understatement, two professors

of urban development said in a separate letter, since it assumes many of the new Facebook employees will move in together, without bringing households of their own to the region.

Still, the ACLU letter says, 3,638 households is a lot: it translates to roughly 45 percent of the total number of housing units that were built across San Mateo County between 2007 and 2014.

## What's next

Following the July 11 deadline for such letters, the city of Menlo Park will release its responses to the issues raised when it releases its final environmental impact report. That document is expected to be released around Sept. 15, according to a timeline by city staff. ■



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# A WAR HERO TURNS 100

By Renee Batti  
Almanac Associate Editor

You don't have to be a hero to live 100 years. But when a hero turns 100, it's party time on a royal scale.

Carl Clark of Menlo Park, who was finally recognized in 2012 for heroism aboard a U.S. Navy ship struck by six kamikaze planes in May 1945, was honored by friends, family and neighbors on July 30, the day he reached the century mark.

"It was wonderful to see him holding court for his gathered retinue — adoring people, people who mean everything to him," said Sheila Dunec, a writing teacher who led the two-year effort to secure the commendation medal awarded to Mr. Clark — 66 years after his heroic actions prevented the USS Aaron Ward from total destruction after the kamikaze attack.

That award was decades late in coming because of an ugly reality: Blacks in the military, like him, fought and sacrificed alongside their white comrades but, in Mr. Clark's words, "got very little recognition for what they did."

The Saturday celebration was held in the backyard of Mr. Clark's Belle Haven neighborhood home. In attendance was his only living sibling, Korea Strowder, 96, of Washington, D.C., and her two daughters. Mr. Clark's daughter, Karen Collins, oversaw the festivities, although Carl clearly ruled the day.

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, who has attended most of Mr.

Clark's birthday celebrations of the last few years, sent her regrets and her well-wishes — she had commitments on the East Coast in the aftermath of the Democratic National Convention, Ms. Dunec was told.

It was Rep. Eshoo who led the charge in Washington, D.C., to secure Mr. Clark's medal, which was presented to him by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus in a ceremony at Moffett Field on Jan. 17, 2012.

Ms. Dunec had sent a letter of appeal for the award to Rep. Eshoo's office in 2009, and submitted "stacks of evidence" of Mr. Clark's heroism. She learned of his actions in the late 1990s when he participated in one of her "life stories" classes at the Menlo Park Library — this one focusing on World War II stories.

Mr. Clark's story was a compelling one: He was part of an eight-man damage-control unit on board the USS Aaron Ward; when the first Japanese plane hit, the other seven men were killed. Mr. Clark was flung up against an overhead structure, the blast tearing off his shoes and the impact breaking his collarbone. Ignoring his injuries, he worked through the night to extinguish the fires resulting from the six plane hits, sometimes manning a fire hose by himself that typically requires multiple people to control.

"I put out every fire on that ship," he recalled during a recent interview at his home. "I took control," he said, and after the fires were extinguished, "I



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

Carl Clark greets a well-wisher at his 100th birthday celebration on July 30.

picked up wounded men" and took them to the infirmary. "But ships were almost like a Southern state" during that time, he said. He and the few other blacks on board were called "boys," and he was told that he was belligerent when he looked an officer in the eye.

Although Mr. Clark had given up all hope of ever receiving the medal he was promised by the ship's captain shortly after the ship was saved, "I wasn't going to let go of this," Ms. Dunec said.

Rep. Eshoo responded enthusiastically to the appeal, and went to work on what was to be a long process. When word arrived just before Christmas in 2011 that formal recognition from the U.S. government was finally going to happen, she called Mr. Clark with the news.

In a written statement, she said: "His courage stands as a symbol of the greatness of our nation, and this award ... calls out Mr. Clark as a true American hero."

So the "adoring people" at Mr. Clark's birthday party had much to honor the centenarian for. After Salena Dixon, in flowing white dress, performed a "praise dance" in honor of Mr. Clark, Alesia Stokes, a sailor stationed in Southern California, gave a particularly moving speech as she stood next to the honoree.

She said she was determined to meet Mr. Clark after seeing a report about his heroism on television news several years ago, and with a friend traveled north to shake his hand and thank him for what he did. Mr. Clark was an inspiration to her

— a black woman serving in the United States Naval Construction Forces, known as the Seabees.

She told the party-goers that she now has achieved a rank of note: the first black female senior chief equipment operator. "He made a way for me to do that," she said.

Ms. Stokes notched up another success: Determined that Mr. Clark would receive more than the correspondence from the White House that people turning 100 typically receive, she managed to secure a special certificate, signed by President Obama, acknowledging Mr. Clark's bravery in wartime service to the country. The framed document was on display at the party.

Also in attendance was New York Times writer Scott James, who took on a key role in securing Mr. Clark's medal in 2012. It was Mr. James who, learning of Ms. Dunec's efforts, found and interviewed the few living witnesses who were on the ship with Mr. Clark when it was attacked.

And Rita Williams of Portola Valley was also there. Before retiring from a long career as a journalist at television station Channel 2, Ms. Williams had learned about Mr. Clark from an article in the Almanac, sought him out for an interview, and reported on his heroism and belated recognition.

Ms. Williams said she came to the party after having attended an altogether different kind of event: the funeral of a young man, a former Portola Valley resident. The chance to celebrate a life, she said, was a welcome turn. ■



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

Alesia Stokes kisses Mr. Clark after speaking during his party.



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

Salena Dixon honored Carl Clark in a "praise dance."

# County puts sales tax on November ballot

By **Barbara Wood**  
Almanac Staff Writer

A measure to add 20 years to the remaining six years of a half-cent county sales tax approved by voters in 2012 will be on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously July 26 to place the measure on the ballot.

The tax is considered a general tax, which means the revenues can be used for any county expense and it can pass with just a simple majority (one more than 50 percent) of voters.

The supervisors say they hope the tax will help the county fund projects that would increase the supply of affordable housing.

Supervisor Don Horsley said the sales tax funds have so far been “transformational,” funding projects such as student literacy, transit for those with disabilities, a response to sea level rise, health care for farm laborers, paying down the

county’s retirement liabilities and improvements in police and fire dispatch facilities.

The sales tax money has allowed the county “to do so many things that we otherwise would not have been able to do,” he said.

Other supervisors said the sales tax money has been used for enhancing parks and libraries and providing mental health services for students.

Board President Warren Slocum said extending the tax “provides a predictable revenue stream for San Mateo County” so it can continue to fund the types of projects that the tax has so far been used for.

The board had initially explored putting a \$500 million housing bond measure on the ballot, or adding a new sales tax. Polling said a bond measure, even at a reduced amount, had little chance of passing. Research showed a new sales tax isn’t possible because the county’s sales tax rate is currently at the maximum allowed by the state. ■

# West Nile virus found in Atherton mosquitoes

Mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus were found in Atherton on July 28, prompting the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District to schedule fogging to kill mosquitoes in parts of Atherton and Redwood City early Saturday morning, July 30.

Seven dead birds infected with West Nile virus had been found in the nearby area between July 6 and July 20.

“Given the number of infected birds and mosquitoes found in this area, it’s very important that we act quickly,” said Megan Caldwell, the district’s public health education and outreach officer. “We know the virus is circulating and there is an immediate risk of human infection.”

Brian Weber, the district’s assistant manager, said the district is “very concerned about the risk of human West Nile virus infection in this area.” Residents are strongly encouraged to avoid mosquito bites by wearing insect repellent or staying indoors around dusk and dawn.

While infected adult mosquitoes are capable of transmitting West Nile virus to humans, many of those infected show no

symptoms, Ms. Caldwell said. Adults over age 50 are at higher risk of severe illness if infected.

The primary hosts of West Nile virus are birds, but humans, horses and other animals can get the disease if bitten by an infected mosquito. It cannot be spread from person to person.

District technicians will be in the area this week, finding and treating or eliminating any standing water to prevent more mosquitoes from hatching.

Mosquitoes will be collected in the area after the treatment is complete. If post-treatment mosquito samples are carrying West Nile virus, additional adult mosquito control treatments may be necessary, the district says.

Residents can report dead birds or squirrels, an early indication that West Nile virus is circulating in the environment, to the West Nile virus hotline, online at [westnile.ca.gov](http://westnile.ca.gov) or by phone at 877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473).

For more information or assistance with a mosquito problem, call the district at (650) 344-8592, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or check [smcmvcd.org](http://smcmvcd.org). ■

— Barbara Wood

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# Tarlton plans rooftop pool on remodeled building

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

Instead of a mid-day coffee break, people who work at a the Menlo Business Park on O'Brien Drive in eastern Menlo Park may soon be opting for a quick dive at the office cluster's employee-only rooftop pool.

On July 25, the Menlo Park Planning Commission approved a proposal by Tarlton Properties to build a rooftop pool, fitness center, yoga studio area and cafe at an office building at 1430 O'Brien Drive in the city's M-2 area east of U.S. 101.

Tarlton Properties plans to remodel the 66,000-square-foot, two-story structure, built in the 1980s, and expand it by 19,000 square feet, according to Susan Eschweiler, principal architect at DES, the architectural firm designing the project.

A 47-foot-tall tower for stairs and an elevator will also be installed.

The building is an office and research and development space for Tarlton Properties' "Menlo Park Labs," which



Courtesy city of Menlo Park, DES, Tarlton Properties

**A rendering of a planned expansion of an office building at 1430 O'Brien Drive, which houses life science tech startups.**

houses life science tech startups that have outgrown smaller work spaces, Ms. Eschweiler said.

The project includes a "below market rate" housing payment of \$228,070 to the city, and involves removal of two heritage pear trees.

The expansion adds square footage without adding on-site

parking, creating a potential parking crunch that could be "problematic," Planning Commissioner John Onken said.

A traffic-reduction program, which includes shuttle service, bike storage and subsidized transit, could cut the daily trip count to the building by 16 trips in the morning and 13 in the afternoon, according to the staff report.

The fitness center will be available only to employees of the business park, but the cafe will be open to the public and only serve lunch.

Both will mostly be used by employees at nearby offices who likely wouldn't drive there, according to city staff, and people would travel there at times that differ from regular

office hours, thereby reducing the potential increase in parking demand.

"I love this project," Commissioner Andrew Barnes said. "I think it's a great vision for what this area is wanting to become."

"I don't think it's going to be easy," he added. "I hope you get it right." ■

## Smooth surface just one bonus from repaving 12 miles of Woodside Road

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

Travel on state Highway 84 (Woodside Road) over the 12 miles between Interstate 280 and Friars Lane will be one-lane at times in August and September as crews repair and repave damaged asphalt.

A new feature will come with the new surface: an overlay of rubberized asphalt concrete, with benefits that include less noise by passing vehicles, greater skid resistance, and the recycling of old tires that would otherwise go to a landfill.

Road crews will start preparing the road for repaving in the first week of August, and the actual paving should begin a week or two later, California Department of Transportation spokeswoman Gidget Navarro said.

Work in the vicinity of Woodside Elementary School, which reopens Aug. 23, is expected to take one day and "should be completed by start of school," Ms. Navarro said. If not, she added, the crews would work at night, reopening the lane under repair before the school day begins.

### ■ WOODSIDE

Weekdays work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be no weekend work, but nighttime work, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., may occur occasionally along Woodside Road between Canada Road and I-280, Ms. Navarro said.

Caltrans is asking drivers to proceed with caution through construction zones.

Chances of Woodside Road

**Caltrans: Rubberized asphalt surface improves the ride and extends the road's service life.**

being closed are nil, Ms. Navarro said. Flaggers will be on hand to control traffic. The work is not expected to impact weekend bicyclists and beach-goers, and pedestrians and equestrians in general, she said.

There may be more noise as a work shift gets going, particularly from grinding and pav-

ing machines and "mandatory" backup alarms, she said.

### Riding on rubber

A rubberized asphalt surface improves the ride and extends the road's service life, Ms. Navarro said. It's also cheaper for the state, according to a discussion of the technology on the website of the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery.

While rubberized asphalt is more expensive per ton, tests have shown that the thickness of the surface can be reduced by half. Repaving with a 4-inch layer of ordinary asphalt is 81 percent more costly than doing the same thing with a two-inch layer of rubberized asphalt, the department says.

In addition to skid resistance, noise reduction and the tire recycling aspect, the benefits of rubberized asphalt include a harder surface than ordinary asphalt, and less spray when driving over water on the road, which can improve visibility, the department says. Noise-reduction effects start off strong, but fade over time, they say. ■



Courtesy Shady Lane

### Shady Lane artisans

In the July 20 issue of the Almanac, in the Readers' Choice Awards section, there was an error in the caption with a photo of artisans who work with the Shady Lane shop in Menlo Park, which won in three categories: favorite boutique, gift and jewelry shop. Artisan Ashley Dodge of Palo Alto, and formerly Portola Valley, was in the photo but left out of the caption. She is shown here in the back row at left, with Abby Rae (Shady Lane's store dog) on her shoulder. Next to Ms. Dodge in the back row is Diane Peterson, also of Portola Valley. The three in front are, from left, Lauren Eichler and Judi Eichler, both of Menlo Park, and Celia Moreno of Los Altos.

# Jazz book preserves ‘the memory of all that’

‘Jazz on My Mind’ ensures Herb Wong’s insights, passion and memories live on

By Renee Batti  
Almanac Associate Editor

Marilyn Wong recalls the day her husband, jazz educator and concert producer Herb Wong, returned from the doctor with the news that no family wants to hear: The troubling symptoms he’d been experiencing were the result of terminal cancer.

Trying to sound a hopeful note at a time hope seemed a cruel joke, Ms. Wong asked her devastated husband, “What is it you want to do in the time you have left?”

It didn’t take long for him to reply. “He told me, ‘I want to do my jazz book,’” Ms. Wong said during a recent interview in the Menlo Oaks home she and Herb shared until his death in April 2014.

But Herb — known in the jazz world as Dr. Wong — was ill, and his strength was fading. Taking on a project to compile his decades of writings, interviews, and lively memories of friendships and professional relationships with scores of musicians seemed a daunting task. He needed help.

Ms. Wong got on the phone, she said, and called Paul Simeon Fingerote, the marketing director of the Monterey Jazz Festival who had known Herb since 1981. Mr. Fingerote agreed to steer the project that would result in “Jazz on My Mind: Liner Notes, Anecdotes and Conversations from the 1940s to the 2000s.”

Dr. Wong and the recently released “Jazz on My Mind” will be celebrated at an event this Sunday, Aug. 7, at Kepler’s Books in Menlo Park. The free event begins at 2 p.m., and features a

## ■ IF YOU GO

**“A Jazzy Afternoon at Kepler’s: Celebrating the Life of Dr. Herb Wong and the Launch of ‘Jazz on My Mind’”** begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. The event is free.

multi-media presentation by Mr. Fingerote, and performances by student musicians Julian Lopez on keyboard and vocalist Jamie Zimmer.

The book includes articles and recording liner notes by Dr. Wong, and eight interviews, or conversations, with jazz greats, including Dave Brubeck, Terence Blanchard, Phil Woods, Joshua Redman and Marian McPartland.

Other artists featured in the book include Menlo Park native Taylor Eigsti, a star pianist and composer who has called Dr. Wong “one of the most important influences on my whole life.”

In all, the book touches on the music and memories of 58 artists. The range is great, and represents some of the biggest names of mid- to late-20th century jazz and beyond: from Duke Ellington, Woody Herman and Stan Kenton to Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Stan Getz and Dizzy Gillespie. Singers include Billie Holiday, Mel Torme, Nat King Cole and Carmen McRae.

Mr. Fingerote said that Dr. Wong chose the best of his liner notes, articles and conversations for the book. “Herb’s job was not as easy as it sounds,” he said in an email. “Herb’s ‘Record Room’ ... was a former two-car garage, filled wall to wall, floor to ceiling with LPs, CDs, albums, sheet music, photos,



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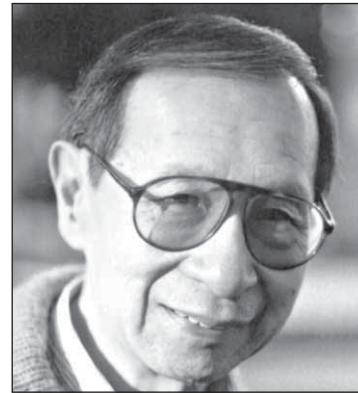
**Marilyn Wong** sits in her Menlo Park home with a copy of “Jazz on My Mind,” by her late husband, Herb, and Paul Fingerote. On the wall are a selection of the many photos Mr. Wong accumulated over the years of some of the greatest jazz musicians of the time.

books ... and more and more jazz.”

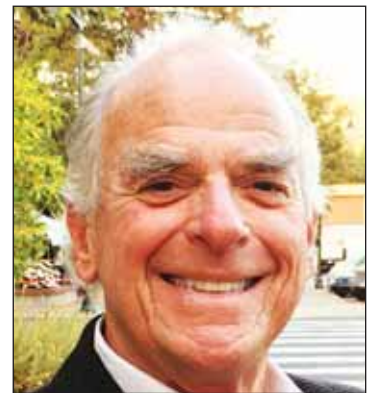
As co-author and collaborator, Mr. Fingerote said a big part of his role was “sitting down with Herb and interviewing him about the artists, the instruments, his anecdotes, and jazz,” then weaving the material into the various sections of the book.

Mr. Fingerote’s job continued for two years after his friend and collaborator died, and entailed transcribing his interviews with Dr. Wong — which produced far more material than what could be included in the book — transcribing recorded conversations between Dr. Wong and musicians, and scanning liner notes.

The collection that was created from these efforts, combined with



**Herb Wong**, jazz producer, writer, educator, and for 30 years a DJ on the now-defunct KJAZ.



**Paul Fingerote**, who co-authored “Jazz on My Mind.”

those of Marilyn Wong and others who worked on the project, honors a man who, though no longer physically present in the

world, has left behind a treasure of knowledge and memories — “the memory of all that,” to borrow from the tune “They Can’t Take That Away From Me.” ■

## Menlo Oaks: County stops short of tree removal moratorium

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

A group trying to preserve its neighborhood’s tree canopy won a partial victory July 26 as the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors agreed to fast-track major changes to the laws that protect trees in unincorporated county areas. The supervisors, however, stopped short of passing the emergency ordinance that had been asked for.

Residents of Menlo Oaks, an unincorporated Menlo Park neighborhood east of Middlefield Road and north of Willow Road, say their neighborhood’s namesake oaks have been disap-

pearing at an alarming rate.

All five of the supervisors agreed something should be done. But, after hearing from Steve Monowitz, director of the county’s planning and building department, that a moratorium on removing trees in the Menlo Oaks neighborhood would tie the county’s hands in issuing permits for projects in the area, the supervisors instead asked for some “fast-track” changes in the tree regulations.

Supervisor Dave Pine suggested fines be increased to be closer to those in towns such as Woodside. “Once a tree is down, that’s a big problem,” he said. “A hundred-year (old) tree, you can’t really replace it.”

“I think we need to hire an arborist,” Supervisor Carole Groom said. “If we hire our own, he has to follow our rules because he works for us,” she said, adding that the arborist could well be a “she.”

Supervisor Warren Slocum suggested the county might look into fining the companies that cut down trees without permits instead of the property owner.

Supervisor Don Horsley suggested the county solicit the help of the Sheriff’s Office to respond to complaints on weekends. “We do get reports,” he said. “They can hear chainsaws going on a Saturday — the tree is gone.”

Neighbors at the meeting continued to urge immediate

action. Janet Weisman-Goff said that there are several properties in the neighborhood that have recently been sold, including one with a grove of large redwood trees, that could soon be developed. “We need protection now,” she said.

County attorney John Beiers said proposed ordinance changes could be brought back to the board in September.

County Manager John Maltbie said the position of a county arborist, that might be shared between the parks and planning and building departments, can be included in the September budget discussions as well.

After the meeting, Judy Horst, one of the Menlo Oaks neighbors

who has led the efforts to preserve the neighborhood’s tree canopy, said that while the neighbors would have preferred changes that went into effect immediately, “we like the new more environmentally sound and community-sensitive direction the county is moving in.”

Mr. Monowitz said the county is also working on other changes in the tree ordinance that will be brought back later, including streamlining the process for removing non-native invasive tree species. The complete revamping of the tree regulations will probably take a year, he said, and involve residents of many of the unincorporated neighborhoods. ■



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**Gordon Covell,  
Insurance broker**

Gordon Sidney Covell of Portola Valley died July 8 after a brief illness. He was 95.

Born in San Francisco, he graduated from Burlingame High School and attended junior college prior to entering Stanford University.

After service in the U.S. Marines during World War II, he graduated from Stanford in 1947. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

He spent his business life as an

**OBITUARIES**

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

insurance broker, starting out at Cosgrove and Company in San Francisco before setting up a partnership with Frank Olmo in San Jose. Ultimately, he had his own company based in Menlo Park.

In his younger days, he enjoyed golf and tennis, flyfishing trips and fine woodworking.

He is survived by his children, Christine of Santa Rosa, Catherine of Fremont, and Gordon

Jr. of Los Altos Hills; four grandchildren; and special friend, Anne Molles. His wife of 49 years, Elsa Anderson Covell, died in 2000.

Donations in his name may be made to: Abilities Unlimited, 3864 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 94303.

**Rosemarie Luce,  
active in community**

A three-hour gathering and memorial celebration for friends and relatives of active and engaged Portola Valley resident Rosemarie Luce is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, at a private home in town. (Call 650-888-8829 for information on the celebration.)

Ms. Luce died July 12 at her home at the age of 81.

The daughter of Italian immigrants Salvatore and Rose Magnasco, she was a native of San Jose and grew up on a family farm with an orchard, where she helped pick fruit.

She graduated from Campbell High School and attended San Jose State University, where she majored in occupational therapy. She left college to marry Ted Luce.

Once in the Bay Area, the couple lived in San Francisco and Palo Alto before moving to Portola Valley, where they lived for 50 years and raised three children.

She found work as an administrative assistant, and performed on local stages as a singer and actor and on the piano, which she also taught. She volunteered with the Peninsula Children's Theater Association and the

Peninsula Children's Center.

At various points, she was a member of the town's Parks & Recreation Committee and a president of the PTA, and was a regular at town picnics with "pots of chili, stacks of ribs and mounds of potato salad," her family said.

At home, she pickled, canned and baked, sewed, painted and drew, and as she got older, played bridge, worked puzzles and watched old classic movies. Outdoors, she played paddle tennis, tennis, golf and softball.

Ms. Luce is survived by her husband Ted; brother Robert Magnasco; sons Kevin Luce of Missoula, Montana, and Timothy Luce of Van Nuys, California; and daughter Cynthia Luce of Portola Valley.

Ms. Luce donated her remains to the medical school at the University of California at San Francisco.

**Elaine Faulstich,  
surgical nurse**

A memorial service will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Carriage House at Holbrook-Palmer Park, in Atherton for Elaine Rose Faulstich of Menlo Park. Ms. Faulstich, 73, died June 26 at Stanford Hospital of complications following cardiac arrest.

A resident of Menlo Park for more than 30 years, she was a surgical nurse at Kaiser and

Sequoia hospitals in Redwood City. After retiring, she traveled the world and pursued her love of art, crafts and music, say family members.

She is survived by her children, Amy and David; step-mother Edith; and six siblings. Donations may be made to the Women and Gender Studies Program at San Francisco State University.

**Michael O'Connell,  
airline machinist**

An Irish wake for Woodside Glens resident Michael Dan O'Connell is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society in Half Moon Bay.

Mr. O'Connell, a career machinist, an elementary school basketball coach and a bird-watcher and backpacker in the Sierra Nevada, died in his sleep on July 18. He was 85.

A native of Texas, he grew up in Wyoming as the son of a driller for oil and uranium. He was married three times. His 33-year career as a machinist with United Airlines began in Los Angeles, where he moved in hopes of playing saxophone in a jazz band.

After relocating to the Bay Area, he avidly followed local major league sports and coached basketball at Woodside Elementary School. His major accomplishments include a well-restored 1965 Austin Healey, and his home, which he built "mostly by himself," his family said.

"His humor and his presence was always special," his family said. "People would say he was the coolest guy they ever met, and he was."

Mr. O'Connell is survived by his wife Julia O'Connell; former wives Marilyn Webb of Flower Mound, Texas, and Wanda Bambury of North Lake Tahoe; sisters Denise Evans of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Gwen Matthews of Raleigh, North Carolina; brother Ken O'Connell of Colorado Springs; daughters Shannon O'Connell of San Diego and Ashley Willwerth; son Michael Joseph O'Connell of Woodside; and a grandson.

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**Rosemarie Luce**

*February 8, 1935 – July 12, 2016*

Rosemarie Jean Luce passed away at home on July 12th after suffering a stroke on June 28th, 2016. "Rosie" was born in San Jose, California to Italian immigrants Salvatore and Rose Magnasco. She spent her youth on the family farm where she helped to pick fruit in the orchards.



Rosie attended Campbell High School and graduated in 1952 where she made many lifetime friends, enjoyed being in many clubs and played in the school orchestra. She later attended San Jose State University where she majored in Occupational Therapy. She was a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority. She left school to marry her husband of 60 years, Ted Luce, who was stationed in San Antonio, Texas. Rosie and Ted returned back to the Bay Area and lived in San Francisco and Palo Alto before settling down in the small town of Portola Valley. Rosie lived more than fifty years in the town where she and her husband raised three children: Kevin, Tim and Cynthia. She held various administrative assistant positions over the years.

Rosie was an active member of her town, a philanthropist and a friend to many. She participated in several town productions and lively musicals where she enjoyed singing, acting and playing the piano. Quite the ham, she will lovingly be remembered for her rendition of the "Man in the Moon is a Lady." She volunteered much to the town of Portola Valley by being on various committees and was an active member of the Parks and Recreation Department and a past president of the PTA. She administered the town's Summer School program, and assisted with similar programs in neighboring towns such as Atherton and Menlo Park. Town Picnics often featured her cooking pots of chili, stacks of ribs and mounds of potato salad. An avid pianist and lover of music, she taught piano lessons to young people in her home. She donated her time and talents to the Peninsula Children's Theater Association and the Peninsula Children's Center. She was an active member of Alpine Hills Tennis Club for 46 years. In her spare time she very much enjoyed spending time with her long-time girlfriends, "The Piggies."

Rosie was happiest entertaining her friends and family around the dining room table to enjoy lavish meals and home-grown fruit pies. A jack of all trades, she pickled, canned, baked, sewed, painted, drew, played paddle tennis, tennis, golf and was even catcher on her softball team. In her later years, she enjoyed playing bridge, doing puzzles and watching old classic movies.

Rosemarie is predeceased by her parents and her brother, Robert Magnasco. She is survived by her husband Ted Luce and her children: Kevin Luce of Missoula, Montana, Timothy Luce of Van Nuys, California and Cynthia Luce of Portola Valley, California.

There will be no funeral or internment ceremonies, as Rosemarie has generously donated her remains to UCSF Medical School.

A memorial celebration of her life "Remembering Rosie" will be held at a private residence in Portola Valley open to friends and relatives, Saturday, August 27th from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. Please call (650) 888-8829 for details.

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**Patricia Gayle Sanguinetti**

*January 3, 1941 – June 24, 2016*

Patricia Gayle Sanguinetti (born Patricia Gayle Eliopoulos) died peacefully at her home on Friday June 24, 2016 in Portola Valley where she was a 51 year resident.

Born 1941 in Daly City, she moved to Portola Valley in 1965.

She is survived by her two sons, Bruce F. Lovazzano Jr. and Gary J. Lovazzano from Woodside and her grandchildren, Kaila, Shae, Niccollo Isabella, and Valentina Lovazzano.

Her husband, Ben Sanguinetti, in 2015 preceded her in death.

Pat loved to watch food and cooking channel and enjoyed sharing her excellent culinary skills with her family by cooking for all the holidays.

She was also an avid sports fan. She frequently attended Stanford football games and visited Monterey Dunes beach but was always happiest and content to be at home.

She was a dog lover and adored her pets over the years including Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds.

Pat was a loving wife and devoted mother to her twin sons. She added strength to the family and was deeply loved.

We will all miss her dearly.



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**Charles M. Packer, aerospace pioneer**

Services for Charles Maurice Packer of Emerald Hills, a pioneer in research at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Holbrook-Palmer Park in Atherton. Mr. Packer died July 10 at the age of 86.



Charles Packer

Born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, he moved with his family to Burlingame, where he graduated from high school in 1948. He earned a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Utah.

For three years, he served as a commissioned officer in the U. S. Navy. In 1956, he played a significant role in the historic testing of the atomic and hydrogen bombs while aboard the USS Estes, the family said.

He accepted a position at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in 1957. During his early years at Lockheed, he earned a doctorate in materials science at Stanford University.

He had more than 59 years of experience with material used in aerospace applications. While at Lockheed, he earned many accolades, including the Robert E. Gross Award for Technical Excellence: Scientist of the Year. He was the co-author of three patents.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Leslie; their children, Jane Packer and Charles S. (Noelle Olsen) Packer; and three children from his previous marriage to Barbara Walcher: Tracy Packer (David Dawley), John Packer (Shindi Packer), and Adrienne Packer (Heather Grubb); brother Phil Packer (Sherrie Packer);

and six grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Alicia Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, www.aarbf.org.

**Evelyn Stoops, real estate broker**

Evelyn Stoops, a Woodside resident for more than 70 years who worked in real estate for more than 50 years, died June 20 at age 98 in Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City.

A funeral Mass was held June 28 at Mt. Carmel Church in Redwood City and a graveside service took place at Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park.

Ms. Stoops was a native of Sausalito and grew up in San Francisco and Woodside, the home of her great-grandparents since 1850. She graduated from Notre Dame High School in San Francisco in 1934.

She moved to Woodside permanently in 1945 after marrying Stephen O'Leary. The couple had three children.

Ms. Stoops started out in banking in San Francisco, then moved on to property management and real estate, and later became a real estate broker.

She worked until the age of 93 and became "one of the longest serving members of the San Mateo County Board of Realtors," relatives said.

Ms. Stoops volunteered at times for church clubs and Brownie and Girl Scout troops. She was a lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of the Wayside in Portola Valley, St. Marcellas Mission Church on Canada Road in Woodside, and Mt. Carmel Church.

Ms. Stoops was preceded in death by her first husband, Stephen O'Leary, her second husband, Dewey Stoops, and her sister, Sister Marie Julie (Marcella Mortola) of the Dominican Order. She is survived by her daughters Stephanie Klinge of

Oroville, California, and Marsha McCarthy of Santa Cruz; her son Stephen O'Leary of Baja, Mexico; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Kendall Stacey, M-A Class of 2008**

Kendall Reid Stacey, a member of the Class of 2008 at Menlo-Atherton High School, died of natural causes on June 28. Mr. Stacey, a native of Berkeley and a resident of San Francisco, was 26.

A celebration of Mr. Stacey's life was held in early July

in Charlottesville, Virginia. A West Coast celebration will be held at a date still to be determined, the family said.

In addition to M-A, he was a graduate of The Nueva School in Hillsborough and San Mateo, and Boston University. He was a resident of Menlo Park at the time he was an M-A student, his father John M. Stacey Jr. said.

Mr. Stacey divided his time between California and Virginia, where his father lives. His interests included the beach, animals, skiing, lacrosse — he was a member of M-A's varsity

team — and being with family and friends.

"Kendall lit up any room he entered and brought happiness, laughter and compassion to the many people he touched during his short life," his father said.

Mr. Stacey is survived by his father; his mother, Deborah K. Stacey; brother John M. Stacey III of Palo Alto; and members of his extended family in Virginia, Georgia, Ohio and Michigan.

The family prefers donations in his memory to Teen Challenge of North Central Virginia at [teenchallengeva.org](http://teenchallengeva.org).

*Roslyn Grossman Morris*

*April 15, 1927 – July 26, 2016*

Roslyn (Roz) Grossman Morris, born April 15, 1927, in Oakland, California, died July 26, 2016, in Palo Alto. She is survived by her husband of nearly 66 years, Mervin G. Morris, and by her four children and daughters-in-law, Diane Morris, Jeff and Missy Morris, Jim and Susan Morris, and John Morris. Roz is also survived by her beloved 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren and by her brother, Arnold Grossman.



Roz, born Roslyn Lila Grossman, was the only daughter of Bertha and Harry Grossman. She was raised, along with her brother, in Napa, California. Roz graduated from Napa High School in 1945. She then attended U.C. Berkeley.

Roz met her future husband, Merv, on a blind date in the spring of 1950. They both grew up in retail families and soon recognized they were meant to be. They wasted no time in starting their extraordinary life together, marrying in San Francisco on September 10, 1950. Roz and Merv welcomed four children into their family. Roz devoted herself to raising her children and being a supportive partner to Merv as he built his successful retail business, Mervyn's.

Roz also cultivated her own interests and passions. Starting in 1962, Roz was a dedicated member of the Peninsula Volunteers, which provides essential services to members of the community as they age. She served as President of the organization in 1980. The Activity Center for Peninsula Volunteers' Little House is named in her honor. She was also involved in supporting the arts in San Francisco and on the Peninsula. In recognition of her many contributions to the community, Roz received the Leading Citizens Award by the Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula in 1999.

Roz had an exquisite sense of style and was a gracious entertainer, whether it be birthday parties for 400 people or ladies' luncheons celebrating the milestones of her friends and family. She loved cheering on the Giants baseball team. Roz remained a Cal Bear fan to the end, delighting in sharing her Cal cheerleader doll with her great granddaughters when they came to her home for a visit. She was the epitome of elegance. She favored snails and

could often be seen sporting her statement snail necklace. Roz was an enthusiastic traveler. She particularly enjoyed her trip to India, her many visits to Paris, and her family vacations to the Big Island in Hawaii. Roz kept up with the news and enjoyed reading multiple newspapers every day. Even in her later years, as Alzheimer's disease impaired her memory, she always knew about the latest developments in the San Francisco community.

Most importantly, Roz deeply loved her family. She hosted birthday parties for her grandchildren and saved every card they sent to her.

She always had an inviting bowl of lime green jelly beans placed right at the level where her grandchildren could reach them. She regularly attended performances at the San Francisco Opera and the San Francisco Symphony with her brother. She loved to travel with her family and would pop in, even if just for a few days, when her children and grandchildren were on vacation. She always made sure that Merv was well taken care of, whether it be picking out a tie for him in her favorite shade of lavender or ensuring that their home was a welcoming place for family and friends to gather. Roz treasured weekly Sunday dinners with Merv and her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Roz was the matriarch of her large and loving family. Through her community involvement, dedication to loved ones, appreciation of the arts, and acknowledgement of the good fortune that life showed to her, Roz was an impeccable example of a life lived with meaning and, most importantly, with love. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The family is grateful for the devoted care that Roz received from her caregivers, most notably Shirley Schall. Roz's family will host a Celebration of Life on August 17, 2016, from 4pm-7pm at the Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center at Little House, Peninsula Volunteers, 800 Middle Avenue in Menlo Park. In lieu of flowers, if you wish, the family asks that donations in honor of Roz be sent to Peninsula Volunteers - Roslyn G. Morris Memorial Fund, 800 Middle Avenue, Menlo Park, California 94025.

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**PACE Gallery extends exhibit**

The PACE gallery in Menlo Park has extended its current exhibition until Dec. 18 due to popular demand, according to Liz Sullivan, president of Pace Palo Alto and Pace Art+Technology in Menlo Park.

The exhibit, "Living Digital Space and Future Parks" designed by Japanese artist collective teamLab, showcases 20 digital large-scale installations.

Since 2014, PACE has been located at 300 El Camino Real in Menlo Park, the former site of a Tesla dealership. In April, the gallery opened a permanent exhibition space in downtown Palo Alto at 299 Hamilton Ave., which is showing the work of

James Turrell through Aug. 21, according to [pacegallery.com](http://pacegallery.com).

The Menlo Park gallery plans to open an exhibit with Random International in February of 2017, Ms. Sullivan said. However, the opening depends on whether the site will still be available for use since Stanford University has proposed to build an office and housing complex there. According to [pacegallery.com](http://pacegallery.com), Random International is "a collaborative studio for experimental practice within contemporary art," created in 2005 by Hannes Koch and Florian Ortkrass.

— Jackie Gerson

# Menlo Park natives return to launch 'foodie' startup

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

## ■ BUSINESS

Kenzo Nakamura and Keisuke Teeple have a lot in common: They are both half Japanese, played hockey, and spent their formative years growing up in Menlo Park, where they attended Oak Knoll Elementary, then Hillview Middle School before they became good friends in high school at Menlo-Atherton High.

Now, they have another thing in common: building a startup called BlackPepper.

Though the two young men have a number of shared formative experiences, they developed different skills during and after college. Mr. Teeple went to the University of California, Davis, and UC Berkeley, where he studied math and economics, while Mr. Nakamura studied industrial design at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

After college, Mr. Nakamura spent four years doing design work for Nissan, the last two of which he spent nursing the startup idea, and Mr. Teeple worked in corporate management in Washington, D.C.

Around January, they both found their way back to Menlo Park and decided to work on BlackPepper, a website for restaurants and chefs to post their own content about things like events or menu changes for "foodie" audiences, who can use the site to find restaurants or set up times to eat out with

friends.

So far, a little more than 100 Bay Area restaurants have joined. There are 21 Palo Alto restaurants listed on the site and the rest are clustered in neighborhoods in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley.

Go to [blackpepper.social](http://blackpepper.social) for more information.

### On foodies

Mr. Nakamura said his interest in food was born from an interest in chefs and cooking, going to restaurants, and even watching Netflix documentaries and television shows about food.

Through those, he said, he saw behind the scenes into a colorful, vivid world where the personalities of chefs and the delicacies their kitchens yielded forth were on display. That interest became greater when he moved to Japan.

"I think the Japanese have a culture that respects and celebrates food maybe a little more than America," he said. "I went to Japan, where there's a deep

respect for food and restaurants (and was) really inspired by the color, chemistry, heat and creativity that goes into cooking."

When asked whether he thought there was a renewed interest in food and food culture in America, Mr. Nakamura said he sees the "foodie" movement as America's cul-

**'I think we're a platform that really puts food on a pedestal.'**

KENZO NAKAMURA



Photo by Brenten Brandenburg

**Kenzo Nakamura**, left, and **Keisuke Teeple** stand outside of the Reposado restaurant in Palo Alto, one of the first restaurants signed up for their startup, BlackPepper.

tural effort to catch up with the abiding culture of food that has flourished in other parts of the world, but lapsed in the U.S. when manufactured food rose to dominance in the 1950s.

Around then, he said, America became "so focused on industry that cooking and food fell by the wayside ... it was, like, pineapple slices in a can and ham sandwiches."

"I think it's just America correcting itself," he said.

One theory he offered for this resurgence is that the foods of what he calls "minority cultures" in the U.S. are growing in popularity. "(There are) more Thai, Korean and Mexican restaurants," he said.

"I think we're a platform that really puts food on a pedestal," he said.

To him, that means getting people to see food as an art form rather than as fuel.

### On Silicon Valley

Since returning to their hometown to work on the startup full-time, both said they have a better appreciation for what it means to be from Silicon Valley.

"Silicon Valley is to America as America is to the rest of the world," said Mr. Nakamura, "I think definitely being in this area, you're exposed to the world of making apps and building companies. A lot of our parents (have) gone through that."

Mr. Teeple said that the two locals do have some competitive advantage for having grown up nearby. "It is a business of connections," he said, adding that their efforts so far have gotten some help from their dads, their friends, and their friends' dads with connections to the tech and food industries.

For Mr. Nakamura, growing up in the area also shaped his identity and understanding of ethnicity. Growing up in Menlo Park, he said, "I didn't feel like an outsider at all ... even though my full name is Japanese."

However, while working in Japan, he said, he would tell people his name, and a common reply he received was an incredulous, "With that face?" because he is half white. He said it made him feel like an outsider, and that he is now thankful he grew up in a "progressive" place where he "felt like any other kid." ■

## Grand jury: All officers should use body cameras

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Body cameras on police officers have a positive effect on the public's perception of officers, and they provide support for officers' interest in transparency and accountability as they interact with the public, according to a recent report from the San Mateo County civil grand jury.

Five police departments in the county — including departments in Atherton and Menlo Park — require officers to wear body cameras, and the 11 other departments and the Sheriff's Office should do likewise within the next 18 months, the report says.

Use of body cameras results in fewer incidents of police use of force and better behavior by both the police and the public, the report says.

The disadvantages include constantly changing technology that could affect future technical support, and the fact that body-camera videos become public records that can add complications such as the need to blur the images of people incidental to the situation being recorded.

Agencies without the cameras have explained the delay in using them, citing costs, the need to develop policies governing their use, and the potential for legal challenges, the report says.

The grand jury countered, saying that agencies themselves consider body cameras "inevitable," that they've become more affordable and that policies should not be a major hurdle, given that police departments around the country are using the cameras. Training to use one takes about two hours, the report says.

The report adds that the county's law enforcement agen-

cies are not unfamiliar with modern technologies, including body-worn audio recorders, dashboard cameras, gun-shot detectors, license-plate readers and closed-circuit TV.

"Police command staff, elected officials and city administrators, as well as concerned and informed citizens, must determine which of today's technologies and those in development are appropriate

to ensure their community's safety and security," the report says. "Equally important is the concern for the civil rights and privacy of citizens and police officers."

Elected officials are required to respond within 60 days to grand jury's recommendations; governing bodies must respond within 90 days.

Go to [tinyurl.com/Camera3dt](http://tinyurl.com/Camera3dt) to read the full report. ■

## 'Farm to Table' dinner at Filoli in Woodside

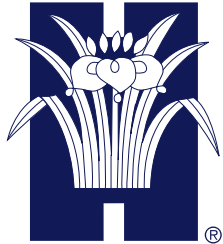
Guests will dine al fresco in the main courtyard of Filoli's historic house in Woodside on Friday, Aug. 12, the third year for this twilight fundraiser. The event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Chef Denna Myers of Local Harvest Catering of Santa Cruz will prepare fresh ingredients sourced from local farms, ranches and Filoli's orchard. Platters of farm-fresh food will be served in a family-style setting.

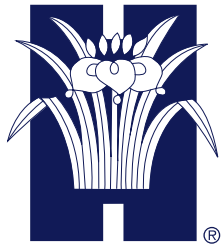
Tickets are \$175 each and must be purchased before noon Friday, Aug. 5. Reservations may be made online or by calling 650-364-8300, ext.508.

Guests are encouraged to bring a wrap to wear when the sun goes down. The house will not be open.

Go to [filoli.org/farm-to-table](http://filoli.org/farm-to-table) for more information.



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## From humble beginnings: Fire district reaches 100

By Harold Schapelhouman,  
chief, Menlo Park Fire Protection  
District

On June 27, 2016, the Menlo Park Fire Protection District began the official journey into its 100th anniversary. On this date back in 1916, 100 residents voted in favor, and 58 against, to establish a "Fire Company" in Menlo Park.

A petition was submitted to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to establish a town fire department for purposes of "better fire protection." Prior to that, a small group of volunteers used a single hose wagon, with borrowed horse teams, pulled to fires after ringing a bell in the small fire station to notify residents and volunteers of a fire in the community.

From its humble beginnings in 1916, the fire district has grown from 1,000 residents to a daytime population of over 100,000 residents and local employees, some of whom travel great distances to work at Facebook, SRI International, the U.S. Geological Survey, venture capital firms, life science companies, start-ups and hundreds of other large and smaller businesses that support the community and a high-tech and information revolution.

From the quiet streets of yesteryear, when a small group of 17 volunteer firefighters responded with a horse-drawn hose wagon and minimal equipment, today's fire district is

made up of seven strategically located fire stations, nine front-line pieces of apparatus and over 117 dedicated and well-trained personnel in suppression, prevention, paramedic service, code enforcement, public education, support services, urban search and rescue, and administration.

From an original property valuation of \$3.5 million and a budget of \$7,500 in 1916, the fire district has grown to an assessed valuation of \$28.5 billion with a projected budget of \$43 million in fiscal year 2016/17 and a recently re-established bond rating of AA++.

In 2015, the fire district responded to 8,547 emergency incidents in an area of 29 square miles of which four square miles is Bay marshland, eight square miles is open Bay water, and 16.6 square miles is land that encompasses the town of Atherton, the cities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, and portions of unincorporated San Mateo County such as North Fair Oaks, Sequoia Tract, West Menlo Park, Menlo Oaks and Stanford Weekend Acres.

In addition, the district has a fire and emergency services agreement to protect the roughly 1 square mile area of the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory campus and contracts to provide specialized rescue services with the state and federal government.

## State reminds homeowners to beware of repair scams

Many home remodel and repair contractors in California are licensed with the state's Contractors State License Board, but not all. As home remodeling projects pick up during the summer, the state of California is reminding homeowners to be wary of unlicensed contractors trying to separate them from their money.

If a contractor says he dropped by because he "happened to be in the neighborhood," or promises a discount because he's using materials left over from a previous job, it's time to raise a mental red flag, according to the Office of the Attorney General.

Such claims may indicate a home-improvement scam.

It's important to ask the contractor for information and to check on the contractor's legitimacy before agreeing to anything.

Does the contractor have a license and proof of insurance? Do those claims hold up in a check with the Contractors State License Board and/or the Better Business Bureau?

Is the contract in writing? Does the contract note, and does the contractor understand, that it is the contractor's responsibility to obtain the necessary permits?

There are websites that offer guidance:

■ Go to [tinyurl.com/mQRV24](http://tinyurl.com/mQRV24) for information from the Federal Trade Commission on hiring contractors.

■ Go to [tinyurl.com/mnR3R2](http://tinyurl.com/mnR3R2) to file a complaint with the state License Board.

■ Go to [tinyurl.com/Mza235](http://tinyurl.com/Mza235) for more on complaining to the Better Business Bureau.

■ Go to [tinyurl.com/D7ER16](http://tinyurl.com/D7ER16) to file a complaint against a business.



**New Eagle Scouts** from Portola Valley Troop 64 are, from left: Dominic Schillace, Andrew Kubicka, Cameron Vaughan, Kevin Kelley and Alex Behrens.

## Troop 64 honors five Eagle Scouts

Submitted by Troop 64.

Five scouts from Portola Valley Troop 64 — Alex Behrens, Kevin Kelley, Andrew Kubicka, Dominic Schillace and Cameron Vaughan — have earned the rank of Eagle Scout and were recognized in a recent Court of Honor at Portola Valley Presbyterian Church.

To achieve this highest honor in Boy Scouts of America, these young men have received 21 merit badges, acquired leadership and outdoor skills, and completed independent service projects.

**Alex Behrens**, a recent graduate of Sacred Heart, started scouting in first grade and has served as troop historian, quartermaster and senior patrol leader. He installed a portable emergency water filtration system for The Sequoias senior living community in Portola Valley, and also built a foundation for a second system that may be used by the town of Portola Valley. At Sacred Heart, he played football and lacrosse, and wrote for the student newspaper. He will be attending Tulane University this fall.

**Kevin Kelley**, a senior at Mountain Springs Preparatory

Academy in Utah, started in scouting at age 7. He has held numerous leadership positions in Troop 64, including scribe, librarian, assistant patrol leader and patrol leader. He received the BSA National Camping Award for demonstrating extraordinary scout skills and completing more than 40 camping nights. He built a series of picnic tables and benches for Summit Preparatory High School, raising funds and leading volunteers for a total of 152 hours. He also donated the excess funds he raised, nearly \$800, to Summit Prep.

**Andrew Kubicka**, a junior at Woodside High School, started scouting in first grade. He designed and built a two-story rabbit enclosure for Carillon Preschool. His venture took 144 hours to complete and he donated an additional \$500 to the school. Andrew has served as senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, and patrol leader for Troop 64. He participates in cross country and track and plays in two bands. He will spend his summer working in a Stanford chemical engineering lab.

**Dominic Schillace** started scouting at the end of fifth

grade, and has loved the outdoor adventures, including two week-long backpacking trips and sailing in the Bahamas. He has served as historian, librarian, quartermaster and scribe. He built four storage units and a gravity wall for Carillon Preschool in Portola Valley. This project took 114 hours and 16 volunteers. A senior at Woodside High School, he previously studied art and fashion design at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco and will attend the Art Institute of Chicago this summer.

**Cameron Vaughan**, a junior honors student at Woodside High School, began scouting in first grade. He has served as senior patrol leader, patrol leader and den chief. He leveraged his passion for baseball and, with 19 volunteers and 150 hours, built three picnic tables for Ford Field to benefit the Alpine West Menlo Little League and the town of Portola Valley. He plays water polo and baseball for Woodside High, serves the disabled and low-income community through Young Men's Service League, umpires Little League games, and makes a mean sandwich at Lutticken's.

## Menlo scout leads project to build picnic tables

By Jackie Gerson  
Special to the Almanac

Tim McBirney of Menlo Park recently led a project to build two picnic tables, put down fresh mulch and do a general cleanup at Seminary Oaks Park, located at 299 Santa Monica Ave. in Menlo Park.

The community service project was part of Tim's effort to

reach the rank of Eagle Scout.

His friends and family helped with the project, said Tim, who has been a Boy Scout since the fifth grade and is a member of Troop 206, which meets at Trinity Church in Menlo Park. The tables were made from lumber that was recycled from a large redwood cut down at the Menlo Park Civic Center about a year ago.

A recent graduate of The

Kings Academy, a private high school in Sunnyvale, Tim plans to attend the University of California at Santa Barbara this fall to study communications. He is the son of Scott and Lisa McBirney of Menlo Park.

The project appealed to him, Tim said, because "it was local and gave directly back to the community I grew up in." ■

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MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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## Community Events

**Relay For Life** Relay for Life is a 24-hour event in honor of cancer survivors, their caregivers and those who have died due to the disease. Attendants are encouraged to form a team and fundraise for the event or simply participate. Aug. 6-7, 11 a.m. Free. Burgess Park, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. [business.menloparkchamber.com](http://business.menloparkchamber.com)

## Theater

**Stanford Repertory Theater: 'Slaughter City'** West Coast premiere of Naomi Wallace's play, which tells the story of a U.S. meatpacking plant through songs, movement and ensemble creativity. July 21-Aug. 7, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$25 general; \$15 senior, student. Nitery Theater, 514 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. [stanfordreptheater.com](http://stanfordreptheater.com)

**'Wild Boy,'** based on the memoir "Not Even Wrong" by Paul Collins, tells two stories: that of a couple whose child may be autistic and that of Peter the "Wild Boy," an 18th century boy found mute and feral in the woods by King George I. July 29-Aug. 21, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$30 member; \$25 student. Dragon Productions Theatre Company, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. [dragonproductions.net](http://dragonproductions.net)

## Concerts

**Jazz at Filoli** Jazz masters perform on outdoor stage surrounded by oaks. A ticket includes all-day admission to Filoli, snacks, drinks, beer and white wine. Boxed lunches available for purchase in advance; attendees can bring their own picnic. Gates open at 11 a.m. Aug. 7 and 21, and Sept. 11, 1:30-4 p.m. \$65 individual member; \$75 individual non-member. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. [www.filoli.org](http://www.filoli.org)

**Music@Menlo Chamber Music Festival**, entitled "Russian Reflections," include free afternoon performances, master classes, lectures and concerts. See website for more information. July 15-Aug. 6, Menlo-Atherton High School Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. [www.musicatmenlo.org](http://www.musicatmenlo.org)

## Music

**Summer Concert Series in Menlo Park** Vintage Jukebox plays music from swing and big band era Aug. 3. Mister Wonderful performs Aug. 10. 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue & University Avenue, Menlo Park. [www.menlopark.org](http://www.menlopark.org)

**Music in the Park with Janel and the Heist** Redwood City locals Janel Tan and The Heist play dance, rock, pop and soul from across the decades. Aug. 10, 6 p.m. Free. Stafford Park, King Street and Hopkins Avenue, Redwood City. [www.redwoodcity.org](http://www.redwoodcity.org)

**A Jazzy Afternoon at Kepler's** Kepler's Books celebrates the Peninsula's rich jazz history with radio host Paul Simeon Fingerote, co-author of "Jazz On My Mind," a memoir detailing the life of Dr. Herb Wong, disc jockey on KJAZ radio station for more than 30 years. Student musicians perform. Aug. 7, 2 p.m. Free, RSVP. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [www.keplers.com](http://www.keplers.com)

**Crosspulse Rhythm Duo** Keith Terry and Evie Ladin lead audience in clapping, stomping, singing and laughing as they demonstrate that music is all around. Aug. 4, 10:30 a.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [www.menlopark.org](http://www.menlopark.org)

**Friday Night Music and Dinner** Cafe Borrone hosts musicians playing Dixieland jazz. Aug. 5 & 12, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Free with meal. Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

**Lifetree Cafe: Surprising Stories from the Bloods and Crips** Filmed interviews with former gang members who escaped the dangerous lifestyle. Participants discuss ways to impact the lives of gang members in their community. Aug. 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park.

## Talks & Authors

**Lecture Series: Menlo Park the Good Old' Days** Local historians Michael Demeter and Gil Workman of the Menlo Park Historical

Association will discuss Menlo Park's history, highlighting the city's historical landmarks such as the Menlo Park Railroad Station, the Barron-Latham-Hopkins Gate Lodge and the Nativity Church. Aug. 9, 1 p.m. Free. The Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org](http://www.penvol.org)

**Disaster Preparedness Plans for You and Your Family** Aug. 4, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, register to reserve seat. USGS Auditorium, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park.

**'In Deep Radio' live with Angie Coiro** Upcoming topics include BJ Miller on end-of-life issues; Rabia Chaudry, host of the Serial podcast; and David Dayen on his book "Chain of Title." Aug. 3 and 17, Noon-1 p.m. Aug. 16, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [www.keplers.com](http://www.keplers.com)

**SETI Senior Astronomer Seth Shostak** reviews research that attempts to answer the questions about whether humans are alone in the universe and what contact with intelligent extraterrestrial life would mean. Aug. 9, 7 p.m. Free. Downstairs Program Room, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [www.menlopark.org](http://www.menlopark.org)

## Galleries

**+1 Art Show** is a collaborative exhibit with 16 Main Gallery artists. Reception, Aug. 6, 6-9 p.m., open Tuesdays-Sundays Aug. 3-27 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. The Main Gallery, 1018 Main St., Redwood City. [www.themaingallery.org/plusone](http://www.themaingallery.org/plusone)

**Gallery: 'A Touch of France and Other New Works'** Paintings by Palo Alto artist Jerry Peters. Reception Aug. 6, 1-4 p.m. Exhibit Mondays-Saturdays, Aug. 1-31, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. [portolaartgallery.com](http://portolaartgallery.com)

## Film

**Menlo Movie Series: 'Star Wars The Force Awakens'** The 2016 Menlo Movie Series features free outdoor movies in downtown Menlo Park. Bring a chair, blanket and some snacks. "Star Wars The Force Awakens" (2015), Aug. 5, 8:15 p.m. Free. Downtown, Curtis Street at Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park. [www.menlopark.org](http://www.menlopark.org)

## Lessons & Classes

**Coding for Kids** All materials provided at code workshop for beginners. Students learn how to make video games; all ages welcome. 10 students will be admitted on a first come, first served basis. Aug. 7, 2 p.m. Free. Downtown Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. [www.redwoodcity.org](http://www.redwoodcity.org)

**Improv For Anyone Class** Terry Sandke, who has been teaching Improv at Dragon Productions since 2007, teaches beginning improv class. Aug. 9, 7-9 p.m. \$150-\$175. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. [www.dragonproductions.net](http://www.dragonproductions.net)

## Health & Wellness

**Arthritis Exercise at Little House** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Aug. 3-31 9:45-10:45 a.m. \$13-\$95. The Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org](http://www.penvol.org)

**Crystal Springs Trail Run** in Woodside; runners pass redwoods and ferns on trails through Huddart Park, King's Mountain and Bear Gulch. Aug. 7, 9 a.m. Crystal Springs Trail Run, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside. [www.coastaltrailruns.com](http://www.coastaltrailruns.com)

**Hatha yoga classes** Taught by Ruchi Murlidhar, these classes share the revitalizing discipline of Hatha yoga, which incorporates simple meditation, specific postures and breathing techniques. Thursdays, July 7-Aug. 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$52 member; \$60 non-member; \$20 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org](http://www.penvol.org)

**Kundalini yoga class** These classes at Little House introduce a powerful yoga practice that melds breathing techniques, meditation techniques and exercises designed to strengthen the glandular and nervous systems. Tuesdays, July 12-Aug. 30, 7-8:45 p.m. \$8 single class. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org](http://www.penvol.org)

**Lifetime Fitness** These fitness classes are designed to help strengthen, stretch, tone and shape specific muscle groups. Body mechanics are covered during meet-

# Horse Show keyed to Olympics

By Jackie Gerson

Special to the Almanac

The lively spirit and energetic flare of Brazil will come to Atherton this month at the Menlo Charity Horse Show, which runs from Aug. 9 through 14 at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton.

Organizers say this year's theme is inspired by the 2016 summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. The show, which observes its 46th anniversary this year, will feature 500 top-ranked horses from the U.S. equestrian show circuit. Funds raised go to the Vista Center for Blind & Visually Impaired.

Showtime is 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day at the Circus Club, located at 190 Park Lane in Atherton. Forty kiosks will sell clothing, art, jewelry, food and stable items throughout the event.

On Monday, Aug. 8, Neiman Marcus at the Stanford Shopping Center will host a kickoff party from 6 to 8 p.m. for committee members, exhibitors, trainers, and friends of the show.

Tuesday and Wednesday will feature family fun with pony classes and a "Pony Palooza."

One of the major events is Thursday evening's \$20,000 International Hunter Derby presented by Dr. Daryl K Hoffman of Atherton.

## Submitting items for the Calendar

Submit information online at [AlmanacNews.com/calendar](http://AlmanacNews.com/calendar). Click the grey button "Submit Calendar Listing." If the event is of interest to a large number of people, also e-mail a press release to [Editor@AlmanacNews.com](mailto:Editor@AlmanacNews.com).



This painting is by Rich Timmons of Dallas, the official artist for the 46th Menlo Charity Horse Show. The painting is featured on the event's stationery, posters, invitations, T-shirts and website, and will be auctioned at the Aug. 12 gala dinner.

On Friday evening, there is a gala dinner after the \$10,000 Ryman Speed Jumping Class presented by Stephen Silver. The painting "Cloud Jumper" by Rick Timmons will be auctioned at the gala. There will be guest appearances from top U.S. Olympians. Tickets for the gala are \$250 each.

On Saturday is the \$40,000 Grand Prix event, sponsored

by Bentley San Francisco and Bentley Los Gatos.

Complimentary shuttle service will be available from a nearby parking area to the venue. Children under 12 and adults over 65 are admitted free. Tickets will be sold at the entry gate at \$10 per day or \$35 for a six-day pass.

Menlocharityhorseshow.org has more information. ■

ings. Participants should bring a mat and hand weights with them. See the website for pricing details. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, July 11-Aug. 31, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Prices vary; \$13 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org](http://www.penvol.org)

**Pilates classes** These Pilates classes aim to improve mental and physical well-being by focusing on flexibility and core muscles. Participants use controlled movements during mat exercises to develop strength, posture and balance. Wednesdays, July 13-Aug. 31, 7-8 p.m. \$52 member; \$60 non-member; \$20 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org](http://www.penvol.org)

**Tai chi classes** These classes at Little House provide guidance in the Chinese exercise meditation system of tai chi, which uses slow and smooth body movements with the goal of achieving a state of relaxation for body and mind. Thursdays, July 7-Aug. 25, 7-8 p.m. \$52 member; \$60 non-member; \$20 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org](http://www.penvol.org)

**Zumba Gold** These Zumba Gold classes offer a dance workout that uses the Zumba formula but modifies it to create less intensive moves and pacing suitable for active older adults and those looking to improve

their fitness and health. Wednesdays, July 6-Aug. 31, 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$40 member; \$45 non-member; \$15 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org](http://www.penvol.org)

## Religion & Spirituality

**Lighthouse** Lighthouse at Bethany Lutheran Church provides a venue for people to explore their faith, develop their relationship with God and connect with others in a positive environment. Sundays, July 17-Dec. 25, 5-6 p.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. [www.bethany-mp.org](http://www.bethany-mp.org)

**Windhover Saturday Tours** There will be docent-led tours of the Windhover, a spiritual refuge on the Stanford University campus meant to both inspire and promote personal renewal. The tours will include information about the conceptual ideas behind the physical structure and an in-depth look at the Windhover paintings by Nathan Oliveira featured in the building. Saturdays, Aug. 6-Sept. 10, 11 a.m. Free. Stanford University, 370 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

## 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](http://www.menloparkkiwanisclub.org)

**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 Mielke Drive, Menlo Park. [www.sriorganon.com](http://www.sriorganon.com)

## Auditions

**Schola Cantorum choral singer auditions** The 90-member choir of Schola Cantorum will hold auditions for singers of all vocal ranges. Ability to work in a team environment and sight-reading skills are critical, and college-level choral experience is preferred. Visit the website to learn about the group and audition requirements. July 21, 7-9 p.m.; Aug. 7, 1-4 p.m. Free. Braun Music Center, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. [scholacantorum.org](http://scholacantorum.org)

## A Touch of France

“Monet’s Lily Pond 2” is one of the featured artworks by Jerry Peters on display during August at the Portola Art Gallery in the Allied Arts Guild at 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park. A reception for the artist will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6.



# Obama’s visit to Atherton topic of WikiLeaks emails

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

When President Barack Obama visited Atherton for a fundraiser in February, the town had a chance to put its new special events ordinance into effect and asked the hosts, Steve Westly and Anita Yu, to repay the costs the town incurred for the visit.

It appears the matter now has achieved a sort of internet fame. That’s because a trove of emails stolen from the Democratic National Committee and posted on the WikiLeaks website include a chain of emails about the bill Atherton sent to Mr. Westly.

The emails, with the subject line “Bill for POTUS”, show DNC staffers trying to figure out what to do about the bill.

The first email, sent to the DNC’s Northern California finance director, Robert Erik Stowe, on April 26 from Mr. Westly says: “Thank you again for

allowing us to host the President in October. ... We just received this bill from the town of Atherton and I wanted to ask how you would like us to handle this. I will do whatever you would like here including paying the bill. We are very loyal to you and the president. Thank you. Steve Westly.”

The next day Mr. Stowe wrote back: “Sorry this keeps coming up Steve. Our CFO and lawyers are working on this issue and I should hear back from them sometime today. If all else fails and you want to take care of the bill to get them off your back, the DNC will most definitely reimburse you. Erik Stowe”

Mr. Westly’s question apparently was passed from staffer to staffer. An email from the DNC’s events director Ellen Thrower on April 26 shows the bill was a matter of contention. “Lordy be ... I figured it was too good to be true, us hearing nothing from Atherton about charges, but here it is. ... Can

we let him pay it, as a homeowner, and we pay him back? His standing in the community is important to him so there is no question that he will pay it if push comes to shove. Let me know what you think. Ugh. Thank you!! Ellen Thrower”

Mr. Westly later told one of the staffers that he was fine with waiting. “Let’s wait a week or two and see what your lawyers come up with. We can figure out repayment later,” he wrote to Mr. Stowe. This prompted Ms. Thrower to gush about Mr. Westly: “Copy. He’s just too fab :-). So calm. Ellen Thrower.”

The chain of emails does not say what the DNC finally decided to do about Atherton’s bill. The town says Mr. Westly paid the \$5,909.79 bill himself, in full, in early June.

The emails can be found on the Wikileaks.org website by clicking on the DNC Email Archive link and searching for “Atherton.”

## VERDICT

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El Camino in Millbrae and left brain-damaged and in a vegetative state. The total settlement in that case was \$12.2 million.

“We presented evidence that marked crosswalks in uncontrolled intersections give pedestrians a false sense of security — pedestrians believe that vehicles will yield to them in the crosswalk when, in fact, the drivers of the vehicles may be unable to see the pedestrians due to surrounding traffic,” said Paula Welch of Danko Meredith. Drivers often can’t see the crosswalk markings, she said.

“Caltrans was aware of studies discouraging the marking of crosswalks in busy uncontrolled intersections and was aware of accidents elsewhere along El Camino,” she said. “But Caltrans refuses to remedy any particular crosswalk until someone has been killed or injured in that location.”

Attempts by the Almanac to get a comment on the verdict from Caltrans have been unsuccessful. The attorneys for the Chandler family say Caltrans will have 60 days after it receives official notice of the verdict,

which should be early next week, to file an appeal.

Ms. Welch said the law firm argued that Mr. Chandler walked with his bicycle into the driver’s path because his view of the oncoming traffic was obscured by a truck slowing down as it approached the crosswalk.

The truck also blocked the driver’s view of Mr. Chandler, she said. Expert witnesses testified the driver was going 42 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Mr. Danko said Caltrans twice offered to settle the case: the first time, for \$10,000, and later for \$100,000. “We would have settled for a fraction of what the verdict was,” he said, calling the offers by Caltrans “an insult to the family.”

Mr. Chandler was unemployed at the time of his death, so his family received no lost earnings damages, Ms. Welch said.

This was the second time the case had been tried, after a December 2015 trial ended in a hung jury. Mr. Danko said one of the jurors refused to deliberate. Both trials were before San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Steven Dylina.

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projects to expedite their work,” City Manager George Rodericks said. Caltrans said it would not speed things up because the projects would still have to go through their design and approval process, Mr. Rodericks said.

In February 2015, the town decided “to strike out on its own,” Mr. Rodericks said, offering to pay for and install a pedestrian-activated crossing light at Almedral Avenue. The Menlo Park Fire Protection District agreed to split the cost. Caltrans agreed, and said it would help expedite the project. Caltrans will own and maintain

the light once it is operating.

## 2015

In June 2015, 86-year-old Emiko Chen of Menlo Park was killed in the El Camino crosswalk at Alejandra Avenue, where a Caltrans pedestrian activated crossing light is planned.

## 2016

The light for the Almedral Avenue crossing light, which cost the town and the fire district about \$350,000, was scheduled to be turned on Aug. 1, 2016. It was delayed at the last moment when Pacific Gas & Electric couldn’t get power to the light on time, Mr. Rodericks said.

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said, is “very frustrating, especially when we’re talking about the number of years that it’s been going on.”

## Mike Lempres

Like Mr. Widmer, Atherton Councilman Mike Lempres also campaigned on the issue of improving the safety of the state highway. It is still a priority for him, and for the town, he said.

“People have been hurt and people have been killed,” he said. “It may be that it takes something like this (jury verdict) to get the full attention of

Caltrans and others.”

“Hopefully we can get it to where El Camino is a safer street for pedestrians and bicyclists,” he said. “Right now it is dominated by automobiles.”

Mr. Lempres said he used to walk in some of Atherton’s unprotected El Camino crosswalks while walking his dog, but “I stopped doing it because it doesn’t feel safe.” Now, he said, he goes out of his way to go to the nearest stoplight “because it’s just not worth it.”

He, too, expressed frustration, calling El Camino “the biggest safety issue in our town and we essentially have no control over it.”

## ■ POLICE CALLS

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

### MENLO PARK

**Hit-and-run with injury:** A vehicle collided with 15-year-old on his bike after he had exited the pedestrian footbridge over U.S. 101 along Van Buren Road on the west side of the freeway. The boy fell off his bike and the driver got out of his silver car to ask if the boy was OK, then got back in and drove away, police said. The boy continued to school, where he reported the incident and learned later, in the company of his parents at a hospital, that the collision had broken his wrist. Police are looking for

a Hispanic or Pacific Islander man with light skin, average build and between 35 and 40 years of age. July 22.

**Residential burglary:** Someone broke into a Middle Avenue house through a sliding glass door facing the rear patio and stole three shotguns and three rifles, a camera, a jewelry box containing jewelry, and a 2012 gray Mercedes Benz SUV. Estimated loss, not including the vehicle: \$19,150. July 25.

**Armed robbery:** Two men brandished a firearm at a man standing next to his vehicle parked near Willow Road and Blackburn Avenue and demanded his money and his cellphone. The man handed over \$60 in cash and a cellphone, whereupon the men left the scene in a white Dodge Grand Caravan. There were no injuries. July 28.

### Thefts:

■ A woman using fraudulent gift cards

attempted to buy \$1,000 worth of USPS stamps in the main post office on Bohannon Drive. When the clerk became suspicious, the woman became confrontational, then fled in a black Lexus driven by someone else. July 27.

**Stolen vehicle:** Someone stole a blue-and-white 2014 Genie model GS 2632 scissor lift construction vehicle from a work site on Constitution Drive. Estimated loss: \$15,000. July 27.

### ATHERTON

**Theft:** Someone entered an unlocked vehicle parked on Magnolia Drive and stole a camera, a telephoto lens, an ultrasonic phone, a pair of cowboy boots and the vehicle’s registration and insurance information. Police are looking for a Hispanic man and a white man in a black sedan. July 26.

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### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

PRECISION INSIGHT CONSULTING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269728

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

Precision Insight Consulting, located at 1437 Bradley Court, San Mateo, CA 94401, San Mateo County; Mailing address: P.O. Box 832, Palo Alto, CA 94302.

Registered owner(s):

KEVIN R. KYMER

1437 Bradley Court

San Mateo, CA 94401

OLIVIA BOWLES-KYMER

1437 Bradley Court

San Mateo, CA 94401

This business is conducted by: Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/02/2003.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 22, 2016.

(ALM July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2016)

#### OPEN PLAY ENTERPRISES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269909

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

Open Play Enterprises, located at 350 McKendry Place, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

DAVID ANDREW EMERY

350 McKendry Place

Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 7, 2016.

(ALM July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 2016)

#### File No. 269963

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Bromma Americas, 218 Littlefield Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080-6902, County of San Mateo

Mailing address if different: 415 E. Dundee St., Ottawa, KS 66067

Registered Owner(s): Kalmar USA Inc., 415 E. Dundee St., Ottawa, KS 66067, Delaware

This business is conducted by: a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05-10-2016.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signature of Registrant: Jason Dake

Print name of person signing. If corporation, also print corporate title of officer: Jason Dake, Secretary

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN MATEO COUNTY on July 12, 2016.

Notice - In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. Except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Original MARK CHURCH, COUNTY CLERK SAN MATEO COUNTY

BY: SHEILA ARKONCEL, Deputy Clerk

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#### ETR LLC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 270082

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

ETR LLC, located at 527 Harison Ave., Redwood California, 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

GUANG XIN JUN DA, LLC

527 Harison Ave.

Redwood, California

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

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 July 21, 2016.

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

### HOME STRATEGIES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270160

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

Home Strategies, located at 204 Country Club Dr., Carmel Valley, CA 93924, San Mateo County; Mailing address: P.O. Box 398, Carmel CA 93924.

Registered owner(s):

JOAN T. HARLEM

204 Country Club Dr.

Carmel Valley, CA 93924

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9-19-2006.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 27, 2016.

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

### 997 All Other Legals

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

Case No.: 16CIV00364

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: VALERIE KERR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

VALERIE KERR to VALERIE X. JORD.

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: September 14, 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: July 21, 2016

/s/ John L. Grandsaert

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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

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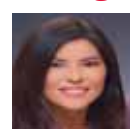
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