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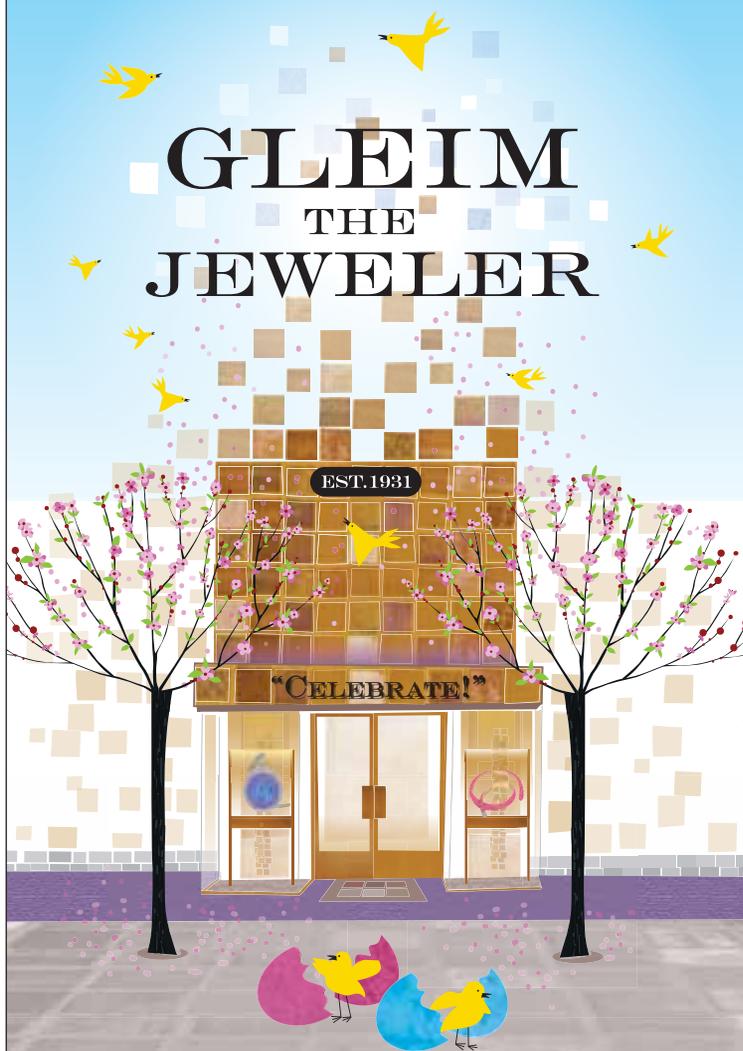
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Local News

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Town may install license-plate-reading cameras

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The sense of privacy that Portola Valley residents and visitors have when driving into or out of town may be in the balance Wednesday night, March 22, when the Town Council meets to discuss and possibly act on a recommendation by town staff to install license-plate-reading cameras at the town's entrances and exits to assist with criminal investigations.

In a 50-page staff report, responding to a Nov. 9 council directive, Town Manager Jeremy Dennis recommended that the council allocate up to \$266,000 to install fixed cameras on

Portola Road near the Woodside border, on Arastradero Road near the county border, and on Alpine Road just past Ford Field. The costs include \$139,500 for cameras and equipment and \$122,300 for installation.

Go to tinyurl.com/VqfTL for the report. Go to Page 147.

The council's March 22 meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall at Town Center at 765 Portola Road.

Portola Valley experienced two home-invasion robberies in 2016, one of which reportedly involved injuries to a resident. Alarm in the community led to meetings with San Mateo County sheriff's deputies on home security issues and the formation of neighborhood watch groups.

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The council will soon be hearing from the Architectural and Site Control Commission, which held study sessions recently and is recommending home-security-related changes to the residential design guidelines.

The camera installations would take 16 weeks to 18 weeks. The result: photos of the license plates of every passing vehicle stored in a database for up to six months and accessible by sheriff's deputies, Mr. Dennis says.

Ideally, photos not needed for an active investigation would be deleted after 30 days, but the technology is not yet available to make such

distinctions, Mr. Dennis says.

The town has been in conversation with the Ladera Community Association and the Sheriff's Office on the idea of moving the Alpine Road camera further east to a location somewhere between La Cuesta Drive and Interstate 280. Such a placement would also capture the plates of drivers entering and leaving unincorporated Ladera and would reduce costs to Portola Valley by about \$74,000, Mr. Dennis says.

Policies governing the use of the photos would emphasize privacy protection for residents and visitors, and simplicity of language, the report says. Colors of the camera poles and equipment should be determined by the

The cameras would photograph all vehicles entering and leaving town to aid in criminal investigations.

Architectural and Site Control Commission, the report says.

The commission on March 13 agreed to recommend that the council amend the residential design guidelines to encourage use of motion-sensitive lights; to prepare a "frequently asked questions" document on how to make a home safe, emphasizing how to best use exterior light; and to update the outdoor lighting ordinance. ▣

School board examines cost-reduction options

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Officials with the Menlo Park City School District have known all along that even if a \$390 annual parcel tax was approved by voters, they still would have work to do to balance the district's budget.

That tax was approved by 78 percent of the voters in the March 7 election.

At a March 14 meeting, the district's governing board took one step toward making \$1.3 million in spending cuts over the next two budget years by approving the elimination of two full-time and one half-time non-teaching positions.

The positions that are eliminated are an accountant, an administrative assistant and a half-time receptionist. The clerical positions have been vacant since January.

Board members also got a look at what's ahead in a report on the district's current fiscal position from Chief Business Official Ahmad Sheikholeslami. His report suggests the district may not be able to continue giving annual raises to its teachers. In the past, teachers have usually received raises at the annual Bay Area rate of inflation.

The report says the school board should consider "tempering salary related increases until rate increases in pension

contributions are stabilized. This includes exploring alternative compensation and benefit options to retain and attract talented staff."

Mr. Sheikholeslami also suggests the district explore new sources of revenue and find ways to cut spending with "additional operational efficiencies and cost reduction measures."

The district's finance and audit committee is also about to discuss a policy for how to use any one-time funding the district receives, such as unanticipated state money or higher than expected property tax revenues.

Possible use of such funds could be to "restore eliminated programs, develop new programs, develop a pension reserve, or increase reserve levels," Mr. Sheikholeslami's report says.

"Controlling increased spending will be a key factor to the district's long term stability," the report says.

The projected budget shows the number of teachers in the district being reduced by making class sizes slightly larger throughout the district. Those and other cuts will save the district over \$600,000 each year, with the cumulative savings by the 2018-19 fiscal year of \$1.375 million.

Mr. Sheikholeslami said the board could choose to make different cuts when it actually adopts the next fiscal year's budget in June. ▣



Photo by Natalia Nazarova

The hole shown being drilled in this photo is meant to accept a vertical metal piling, part of a skeleton for a retaining wall going in on La Honda Road near the intersection with Friars Lane in Woodside to shore up a section of road shoulder eroded by storm water runoff.

Building La Honda Road retaining wall

Crews under contract with the state Department of Transportation are busy installing a retaining wall to shore up an eroded bank along La Honda Road (Hwy. 84) near the intersection with Friars Lane.

Work on at least one retaining wall further west and further uphill on La Honda Road had been underway after storm water runoff caused the roadbed to subside just east of Grandview Drive. But problems arose

with utility lines, leading to a need to take down trees, which then led to a delay on the roadwork and the start of work on a second retaining wall about one mile to the east at Friars Lane, foreman Joel Duckworth of Granite Construction told the Almanac.

At Friars Lane, a section of the road's shoulder had eroded to such an extent that a vehicle traveling past at night could easily run off the road and descend

15 to 20 feet into mud deposited there from erosion by storm water runoff.

As the photo accompanying this story shows, the heavy equipment is sitting on a flat earthen table. This new surface was built by crews to accommodate a mobile drilling rig and the drilling of post holes into the rebuilt shoulder to accept long pilings to form a skeleton for a retaining wall, Mr. Duckworth said.

Ex-dry cleaner sentenced to six years in prison

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

After being postponed five times, the sentencing hearing for former Menalto Cleaners owner Edwin Gary Smith was finally held Friday, March 17. Criminal Presiding Judge Elizabeth Lee sentenced Mr. Smith, 64, to six years in state prison.

Mr. Smith, whose Menalto Cleaners was at 1921 Menalto Ave. in Menlo Park, was accused of making unauthorized charges on customer credit cards. There were allegations from 19 customers who claimed they lost a total of more than \$350,000.

In July 2016, Mr. Smith pleaded no contest to eight felonies: one count of fraudulent use of “an access card” for grand theft, and seven counts of identity theft, according to San Mateo County prosecutors.

Mr. Smith had customers’ credit card numbers on file and billed them monthly for dry cleaning services.

Several customers confronted Mr. Smith about unauthorized charges and Mr. Smith allegedly agreed to pay them back, but did not and continued to make unauthorized charges, prosecutors said.

Two customers alerted police and others came forward after an investigation, prosecutors said.

During the sentencing hearing, prosecutors sought an eight-year prison term for Mr. Smith. According to prosecutors, Mr. Smith read a statement “asking for mercy, saying that he is aware of the trust that he betrayed and that he has a plan for repayment when he gets out.”

Mr. Smith will get credit for 32 days served.

A restitution hearing is scheduled to be held May 5 to determine how much Mr. Smith will have to repay victims. ▣



Photo by Michelle Lee
E. Gary Smith

He was accused of making unauthorized charges on customers’ credit cards.

City manager gets bonus

A \$4,400 cash bonus for Menlo Park City Manager Alex McIntyre was approved by the City Council on March 14, following a closed session to review his performance over the past six months.

In September 2016, Mr. McIntyre’s contract with the city was extended to March 2018, and his salary was increased to \$221,800 a year, up \$4,300 from his previous contract. He also received a \$15,000 bonus at the time.

A staff report indicated that the second bonus was contingent upon “achieving substantial progress on the Council’s priority projects.”

Mr. McIntyre’s contract includes retirement contributions from the city, plus the equivalent in cash of what the city would pay toward his health insurance premium if he opts out of the city’s health insurance plan.

New officers

The Menlo Park Police Department has hired two new officers, James Walbridge and Alicia Fajardo. They graduated from the College of San Mateo police academy on March 16 after six months of training and will get field training with the police department for several months.

Menlo Park Police Commander Dave Bertini teaches at the police academy and won an

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“Outstanding Instructor” award at the same graduating ceremony, according to police department spokesperson Nicole Acker.

Volunteers sought

The city of Menlo Park is looking for volunteers to fill various commission openings.

Current vacancies:

- One seat (four-year-term) on the Planning Commission.
- Two seats on the Complete Streets Commission. (Those appointed will be part of a one-year pilot merger between the bicycle and transportation commissions, and could serve a term of up to four years.)
- One seat (four-year term) on the Environmental Quality Commission.
- One seat (two-year term) on the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Two seats (four-year terms) on the Housing Commission.
- One seat (four-year term) on the Library Commission.
- Two seats (four-year terms) on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The deadline to submit applications to the City Clerk’s Office is 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 3.

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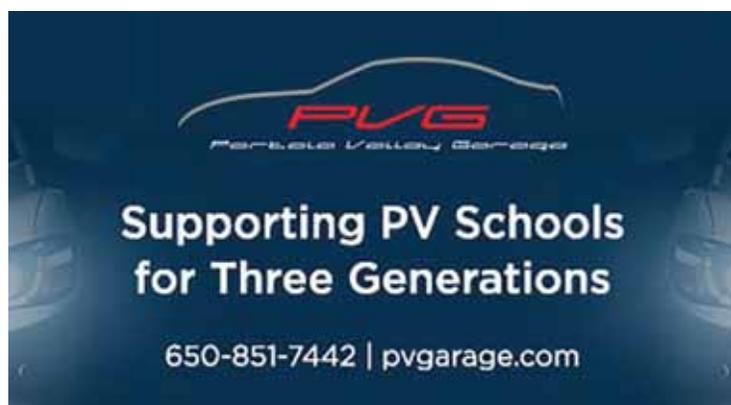


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Architect proposes doubling size of Menlo Park Library

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park's main library in the Civic Center should more than double in size to add rooms for studying, tutoring, meetings and perhaps a "maker space," according to the architectural consulting firm Noll & Tam.

Also, more room is needed for children and teen areas, the firm says.

Hired by the city to conduct a "space needs study" of the library, the firm developed three options for a renovated or new library of 44,000 square feet, compared with the current 20,600 square feet.

The options will be discussed at the Menlo Park City Council meeting on March 28, when the council may pick one option to pursue further.

The library was built in 1959 and remodeled in 1990. A "space needs study" has been on the library's to-do list for several years, said Library Director Susan Holmer, but that had to wait until the library completed its strategic planning process.

The library could switch from having public access computer stations to loaning out laptops that can be used anywhere at the library. A cafe could even be considered, Ms. Holmer said, but those are hard to keep operating because they don't usually make money.

One option, a remodel, would involve adding 23,400 square feet to the existing facility. Two wings of the existing library would be removed, and spaces for group meetings, staff, teens and children would be added.

That would cost an estimated \$32.3 million. Advantages of this plan, according to the Noll & Tam report, are that it would be the lowest-cost option and would save and reuse some parts of the existing library. This would still keep one of the floors underground and

take up more space at the Civic Center site.

Another option is to build a new one-story library. That would eliminate the library's current basement and expand the library's footprint at the Civic Center. It is estimated to cost \$41.3 million.

Advantages are that it would provide good daylight and not require people to move up or down floors. Disadvantages are that many trees would likely have to be removed, there would be less outdoor seating, and less growth could occur there in the future.

A third option is to build a new two-story library and eliminate the current basement.

This option — expected to cost \$40.3 million — would have the smallest footprint, thereby enabling more outdoor activities.

Where the funding would come from, Ms. Holmer said, is a big question. It could come from some combination of the city's capital improvement program, a bond measure, community fundraising, and the library foundation.

As for the timeline, it's expected to take 18 months from the date of approval to design the library and secure permits, and another 18 months to build the new facility, according to the report.

There is also interest in expanding library facilities and services at the Belle Haven Branch library, Ms. Holmer said. Since that library is located on the property of the Ravenswood City School District, the city doesn't control capital improvements there.

Library staff plan to ask for funding in next year's budget to conduct a "needs assessment" for the Belle Haven branch library, she said. ■

Go to is.gd/needs24 to see the space needs study, including diagrams of the options.

Expansion would add room for tutoring, meetings, kids and teens.

Council backs suits challenging Trump's 'sanctuary city' order

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

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The Menlo Park City Council voted unanimously March 14 to sign on to a "friend of the court" brief supporting lawsuits by Santa Clara County and San Francisco that challenge the constitutionality of a Jan. 25 executive order by President Donald Trump.

That executive order would withhold federal funds from any jurisdiction that the U.S. attorney general decides has policies that fit the criteria of a "sanctuary jurisdiction," defined as those that "willfully violate Federal law in an attempt to shield aliens from removal from the United States."

The "friend of the court" brief — or briefs (there could be separate documents for the two suits, acknowledged City Attorney Bill McClure) — is being drafted by the San Francisco law firm Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP, which is doing the work on a pro bono basis, as confirmed by an attorney at the firm.

City Attorney Bill McClure and Councilman Ray Mueller said they have given feedback to the firm about the brief.

One point they made clear to the firm, Mr. Mueller said, is that Menlo Park not be characterized as a "sanctuary city" since the city has made no decision about that. The council is scheduled to discuss that issue April 4.

The text of the brief and the number of jurisdictions signing it will not be available until the document is filed, likely on the March 22 deadline.

If the courts do not intervene, Mr. Mueller said, Santa Clara County could lose up to \$1.7 billion in federal funding, or about one-fourth to one-third of its total budget, much of which goes to infrastructure and social services. Menlo Park, as a neighbor to Santa Clara County, would be adversely affected by the withholding of such funds, he said, even if Menlo Park does not declare itself a "sanctuary city."

Councilman Rich Cline said the city has effectively communicated political support for other lawsuits in the past via "friend of the court" briefs and that he believed it was time to "signal to some people we want to create a safe haven of some sort for our residents," he said. "I don't think we should make a habit of standing on the sidelines on issues like this."

Councilman Peter Ohtaki was wary of signing onto a document that he hasn't read yet, and likely won't get a chance to read before it is filed with the court, but ultimately supported it. Mr. McClure said that council members don't usually see briefs before they are filed, and that the main legal arguments of the case are already in the lawsuits.

Councilwomen Kirsten Keith and Catherine Carlton called into the meeting from Washington, D.C., and both expressed support for joining the brief.

During a public comment period, eight Menlo Park residents spoke in favor of the city joining the brief. Among them were attorney Gail Slocum, a former Menlo Park council member, who last week participated in a meeting of People Power, an ACLU-affiliated program encouraging people across the U.S. to pressure their local governments to pass nine ordinances that offer protections to residents.

"Whether or not a city becomes a sanctuary city, this (the executive order) is an attempt to infringe on cities' and counties' right of self-determination," Ms. Slocum said. "I believe it is unconstitutional."

Sammy Katta, a Menlo Park resident who is pursuing a doctoral degree in neuroscience at Stanford, said it was her first

time attending a Menlo Park council meeting, but said she felt compelled to attend after going to a People Power meeting with Ms. Slocum. She said she grew up in San Mateo County and knows undocumented people who could be affected by President Trump's executive order.

Jen Mazzon, who is leading a group of Menlo Park residents called "Radical Resilience," which supports the adoption of a "sanctuary city" ordinance in Menlo Park, argued that it is not the job of cities to enforce immigration laws. That's a federal responsibility, she said, and withholding funds from cities that don't do so is unconstitutional.

She argued that communities do better when undocumented immigrants are able to report crime, seek help from the police, attend school or visit the doctor without fear of being questioned about their immigration status.

Menlo Park resident Adina Levin, who often advocates for Caltrain and transit infrastructure, echoed support for Menlo Park joining the amicus brief. She said that her father was a refugee from the Holocaust who fled Poland before the Nazis arrived. At the time, she said, there was an environment in which people were threatened to inform on their neighbors.

"I feel a personal responsibility to not be complicit in anything that looks like that," she said. ■

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Santa Cruz Ave. sidewalk finally under construction

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

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The long-awaited Santa Cruz Avenue sidewalk construction project in Menlo Park is finally underway. Sidewalks are being built on the north side of Santa Cruz Avenue between Olive Street and Johnson Street, and on the south side between Olive Street and Arbor Road.

The sidewalks will be 6-feet wide and the project will have flashing pedestrian crosswalks, and new drainage systems so that there won't be flooding or pooling in neighboring yards when it rains. The sidewalks will contain a 3-inch conduit to hold fiber optic cables in the future to monitor vehicular traffic.

After the project was approved by the City Council in March 2015, public works staff learned it would cost more than expected. Further funding was approved in June 2016. The latest cost estimate is \$5.9 million.

Last August, the water provider in that area, California

Water Service, stepped forward with plans to replace the 6-inch water main, which ran on one side of Santa Cruz Avenue, with a 12-inch main in the center of the street. That work had to be done first, so it delayed the sidewalk construction further.

Construction is occurring in four phases, according to city staff:

■ Late February to early April: south side of Santa Cruz Avenue between Olive Street and San Mateo Drive

■ Early April to mid-May: south side of Santa Cruz Avenue between San Mateo Drive and Fremont Street.

■ Mid-May to mid-July: north side of Santa Cruz Avenue between Johnson Street and San Mateo Drive.

■ Mid-July to late September: north side of Santa Cruz Avenue between San Mateo Drive and Olive Street.

The project is expected to be completed in late September. ■



Photo by Michelle Le

Contractors build a sidewalk along Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park. The sidewalk will run on the north side from Olive Street to Johnson Street, and on the south side from Olive Street to Arbor Road.

Contract awarded for bike, pedestrian rail crossing

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

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Along the half-mile stretch of Alma Street, from the Palo Alto border to Ravenswood Avenue in Menlo Park, there is no place where drivers can cross the Caltrain tracks to head downtown.

For pedestrians and bicyclists, that lack of access can be particularly irritating, but there may be a light at the end of the tunnel, at least for them.

The Menlo Park City Council on March 14 approved a \$541,635 contract with the transportation consulting firm AECOM to study and design a way for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross over or under the Caltrain tracks at Middle Avenue.

The project, also intended to give pedestrians and bicyclists better access to downtown and the Civic Center, has a total budget of \$700,000, including contingencies and staff time. The bulk of the money comes from a San Mateo County grant, funded by the Measure A half-cent sales tax. The city will contribute \$210,000.

AECOM was one of two applicants for the contract.

City staff are also working with AECOM on another

project: evaluating where and how roads that cross the train tracks may be separated from the rails by tunneling under them or bridging over them.

Middle Avenue plaza

In plans submitted by Stanford University to build a 459,000-square-foot mixed-use complex along El Camino Real, a focal part of the design is a public-access plaza at Middle Avenue that will be integrated with the Middle Avenue Caltrain crossing.

The crossing is a city project, but the university has agreed to make a significant contribution toward the construction.

While it hasn't been decided whether the bike and pedestrian crossing will go over or under the Caltrain tracks, the informal consensus, at least among Stanford planners, points to an undercrossing being the more feasible option.

If all goes according to the project's initial timeline, AECOM could host its first community meeting to gather feedback on the project in the spring, and the City Council could pick its preferred crossing alternative in December 2017. ■

Flea Street Cafe, a 'sanctuary restaurant'

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

While debate persists in online forums and emails to the City Council about whether Menlo Park should become a "sanctuary city," Jesse Cool's Flea Street Cafe has declared itself a "sanctuary restaurant."

The organic and local food destination, located at 3607 Alameda de las Pulgas in West Menlo Park, registered as a "sanctuary restaurant" on March 17, and is the only food establishment between Burlingame and Santa Cruz to be so registered, according to the movement's website, sanctuaryrestaurants.org.

Ms. Cool said she and the restaurant staff made this decision together, in an effort to support restaurant employees who are immigrants or whose family members are immigrants. She learned about the movement from a colleague and was a quick supporter.

The initiative is a joint project of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers (ROC) United and Presente.org, according to its website. Registered restaurants with the group are said to promote a "zero tolerance policy for sexism, racism, and xenophobia, and (the belief) that there is a place at the table for all."

At Flea Street Cafe, signs

are posted and fliers distributed in support of the initiative. Employees are informed of their rights when dealing with immigration officers. And for customers, at the bottom of each receipt is this message: "Immigrants Make America Great! We all come from families of immigrant descent."

The restaurant staff "were very moved," Ms. Cool said. "They felt like they were really respected and cared for."

All of the restaurant's employees are legal residents, Ms. Cool said, but that's hasn't kept some of them, particularly those with families from Mexico or Central or South America, from voicing concerns about what might happen during the Trump administration, given the president's plans to build a wall between Mexico and the U.S., restrict immigration and deport undocumented residents.

"They are our workforce and should be treated and paid with complete respect," Ms. Cool said, referring to employees who are immigrants. "They take care of me. They take care of my customers. We need to take care of them."

Some staff, she said, expressed concern that the move could

deter some customers from eating there. So far, customer responses have been positive, but, she noted, negative responses may not be expressed publicly.

"If there are people that don't agree with us or think this is wrong and they don't want to dine with us, that's OK," she said. "There will be others who do. I think standing up during times like this for what you believe is right, is important."

To her, making a public expression of support for immigrants was a personally significant action. "My parents came through Ellis Island," said Ms. Cool. "A lot of our families started as immigrants — look at Trump's wife. To instill fear without really thoughtful consideration for people who may have come from other places and are living here, and have gone through due process to live here — it's just scary."

Go to sanctuaryrestaurants.org for more information.

The Menlo Park City Council is scheduled to discuss passage of a sanctuary city ordinance at its meeting on Tuesday, April 4. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 701 Laurel St. in the Menlo Park Civic Center. ■

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World War II hero Carl Clark dies at 100

By Renee Batti
Almanac Associate Editor

Carl Clark of Menlo Park, who for 66 years was denied official recognition as a World War II hero because of the color of his skin and was finally awarded a medal in 2012, died on March 16. Mr. Clark celebrated his 100 birthday last July.

His daughter, Karen Collins, said her father's health had been in decline since he took a fall in December. But "he was an old fighter" and wouldn't go to the hospital for some time after the fall, she said. He died at the VA hospital.

In January 2012 at a ceremony at Moffett Field in Mountain View, Mr. Clark was presented the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with the Combat Distinguishing Device by then-Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, who acknowledged that the medal was a "long, long overdue recognition" of Mr. Clark's heroism aboard the USS Aaron Ward in 1945, when the ship was hit by six kamikaze planes.

Secretary Mabus spoke during

the ceremony of the military's record of racism that prevented African Americans like Mr. Clark from being honored for valor — those who "risked their lives for their nation," fighting for American ideals and the promise of justice that the country hadn't fulfilled for them.

On the Aaron Ward, Mr. Clark headed an eight-man damage-control unit designated to put out fires and take on other urgent roles if the ship were attacked. On May 3, 1945, Mr. Clark's ship was hit by the Japanese planes; he was credited by his commanding officer for saving the ship, single-handedly putting out the many fires threatening to sink it. He also was credited for rescuing injured shipmates, carrying them to the infirmary for urgent medical care even though he was badly injured himself.

Mr. Clark's actions that long-ago day and into the night "played an undeniably significant role" in saving the ship and the lives of countless sailors, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, said during the awards event. It was Rep. Eshoo who worked for two years to

secure official military recognition for Mr. Clark after being informed of his heroism by Sheila Dunec, a writing instructor who met Mr. Clark when he took a class she offered for those wanting to write about their World War II experiences.

On Monday, Rep. Eshoo praised Mr. Clark for his valor and his "inner refinement." "He could have become a very bitter person, but he didn't," she said.

When she took on the effort to see that Mr. Clark was finally recognized for his heroism, she knew it would be difficult because many of the military's records of that period had been destroyed in a warehouse fire, and all but two men who served with him and could testify about his actions were dead, she said. "But I was hellbent to make sure he was honored," she said, calling him "an extraordinary man — a true American hero."

Last December, before his fall, Mr. Clark traveled to Hawaii with fellow veterans to ride in a parade and attend a ceremony acknowledging the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Mr. Clark was at Pearl



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

World War II veteran Carl Clark of Menlo Park salutes Secretary of the U.S. Navy Ray Mabus during his commendation ceremony held at Moffett Field on Jan. 17, 2012.

Harbor during the Dec. 7 attack.

"He said that was the best time he had — ever," Ms. Collins said of the recent trip, during which "he was treated like royalty."

Funeral services for Mr. Clark will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, March 31, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in East Palo Alto; a

reception will follow. There will be a quiet hour at the church at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30.

Ms. Collins is Mr. Clark's only surviving child. A son, Karl Clark, died in 2008. He is also survived by a sister, Korea Strowder of Washington, D.C., and many nieces and nephews. ■

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Town eases rules on building second housing units

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

■ WOODSIDE

The Woodside Town Council on March 14, in a unanimous vote, gave preliminary approval to an ordinance intended to make it easier for residents to build second units — now referred to by the state as accessory dwelling units. The ordinance includes a provision that these dwellings cannot be rented for fewer than 30 days.

New state laws designed to provide more housing affordable to people of low and moderate incomes took effect on Jan. 1. The new ordinance would bring Woodside's municipal code into compliance with the new laws.

The council will consider and vote on the ordinance a second time, probably at its

next meeting on March 28. If approved, the ordinance becomes law 30 days later.

Among the changes in the proposed ordinance:

- Accessory dwelling units would be required to have just one parking space per unit, down from two spaces. However, the town code will continue to include provisions allowing for additional parking, according to a staff report.

- Property owners in the R1

zoning district — principally in Woodside Glens and Emerald Hills — with properties of at least 20,000 square feet may build accessory dwelling units that are detached from the main residence. On smaller properties in the R1 district, the dwelling units must be attached.

- A building permit for an accessory dwelling unit may be approved by Town Hall staff if the structure is located within an existing residence, has independent access to the outside, and has side and rear property line setbacks that are sufficient for fire safety.

Short-term rentals

The 30-day restriction on rental units was not part of state law. The council held a study session on short-term rentals last October at which most of the comments from the public were complaints about

the disruption caused by short-term rentals, such as those done through Airbnb. Events involving groups of people have been particularly troubling to neighbors, Town Manager Kevin Bryant said at the time.

At the study session, Councilman Peter Mason suggested that the council focus on worst cases and “quickly put something in that allows us to defend the community.”

The 30-day restriction was one of several ideas proposed at the study session. Others included no corporate leasing within residential areas, limiting the number of rentals in a calendar year, and requiring the homeowner to be living on the property.

The council asked staff to prepare a report with six or seven approaches to the problem and including some common regulating ideas, such as using nuisance laws. ■

Malaysian restaurant opens in Menlo Park

By Elena Kadvanly

Black Pepper, the second restaurant from a long-time Malaysian chef-owner in Milpitas, is now open at 1029 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

Black Pepper soft-opened recently at the former site of Menlo Hub restaurant, which closed in 2014.

Owner Kay Tan also operates Banana Leaf in Milpitas. The menu at Black Pepper is similar, with a range of Malaysian as well as Thai, Indian and Chinese dishes.

Appetizers include roti prata (\$4, made from scratch, Ms. Tan said in an interview), chicken satay (\$16) and gado gado (\$14, an Indonesian salad with jicama root, lettuce, cucumber, fried prawn cake, seared tofu and peanut sauce).

Entrees include a range of meat and seafood dishes, from Singaporean black pepper chicken (\$18) to cumin lamb chops (\$28) and grilled Chilean sea bass wrapped in banana leaf (\$36).

There are also several noodle and rice dishes.

“This is the type of food I grew up eating,” said Ms. Tan, who promises the menu will grow as the restaurant settles in, with new items that aren't available at Banana Leaf.

With a full liquor license, there's also a cocktail menu

with drinks such as the “Malaysian Coco Rummy Tai (rum, lime, pineapple juice, peach syrup and coconut palm syrup) and the “Tequila Mangga” (tequila, mango, lime, rambutan and mango juice). All are \$12 each.

Ms. Tan came to the United States from Malaysia after high school and said she worked in restaurants and bars in San Francisco and throughout Peninsula while she attended college at San Francisco State University.

After graduating, she worked in marketing and sales at a technology company, but eventually left it to pursue her “dream” of owning a restaurant.

She opened Banana Leaf with her husband 18 years ago.

The El Camino Real space has been renovated, with a full bar, second-floor seating area and large open kitchen. The restaurant ran into some roadblocks with the city when it proposed a larger footprint for the space more than a year ago.

Black Pepper is open Monday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5-10 p.m.; and Saturday, 11:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. The restaurant is closed on Sunday. ■

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A walk on the wild side

How a Menlo Park man, out on a walk, wound up handcuffed in Atherton

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Richard “Dick” Winant, a 71-year-old Stanford University researcher who lives next to the Sharon Hills golf course, said he was just trying to get a better view of the night sky on March 1 when he ventured onto the golf course.

Not much later, however, he was lost. Soon, the biochemist said, he was being handcuffed and interrogated by four Atherton police officers.

He said he was detained for at least 30 minutes — long enough for the cuffs to visibly bruise his wrists — verbally abused and threatened with arrest or a three-day involuntary psychiatric hospitalization before being released, alone in the dark, to make a nearly three-mile walk home.

The police tell a different story, but say “there may be things about this incident that could have been done differently.”

Mr. Winant said he set out onto the golf course, equipped with the binoculars he usually uses for bird watching, at about 8 p.m. He’d only walked on the course once before since moving there in 2001, he said, but “the moon was very beautiful. Venus was very beautiful in the sky,” he said. “There’s so much tree cover here,” that he moved further into the golf course, but said “I still couldn’t see very well.”

He was not carrying a phone. “I consider them kind of dehumanizing and I don’t like them,” he said.

Trespassing

The golf course near his Country Club Fairways condominium complex, which is surrounded by the golf course, has some perimeter fencing, but it appears to be designed more to keep golf balls in than walkers out, with no fencing in many areas.

He walked in through an open gate. “I was trespassing,” he admits. “I’m not a member, I’m not entitled to (use the golf course). Technically I was trespassing.”

Walking on the cart path that winds through the course, Mr. Winant said he focused his binoculars on the heavens, and pondered a problem his adult son had.

“I wasn’t paying attention,”

he said, and before long, he was lost.

He tried heading toward the grove of redwoods near his condominium, not realizing such groups of redwoods are common on the golf course. He said he “just could not find” the gate he’d entered.

Instead, he found a smaller, unlocked gate. “I just assumed there was road beyond it,” he said. “I still thought I was fairly close to home.”

He exhausted himself fighting the gate open through overgrown weeds, but “responsibly closed the gate again.”

Beautiful backyard

After walking through a small grove of redwoods, and a second unlocked gate, “I found I was in this beautiful back yard,” he said. “I realized I was at this house, so now I had a dilemma,” Mr. Winant said.

“I thought the most intelligent thing to do, and the right thing to do, was to walk up to their house,” he said, deciding he’d “ask for help and explain my circumstances.”

He knocked on a door, but screens muffled the sound, so “I knocked on the window to get their attention,” he said. “I could tell the wife was a little alarmed,” he said, but he explained to the couple “how I’d gotten there, why I couldn’t get out,” he said. The man met him in the front yard “and he directed me down towards Alameda,” he said.

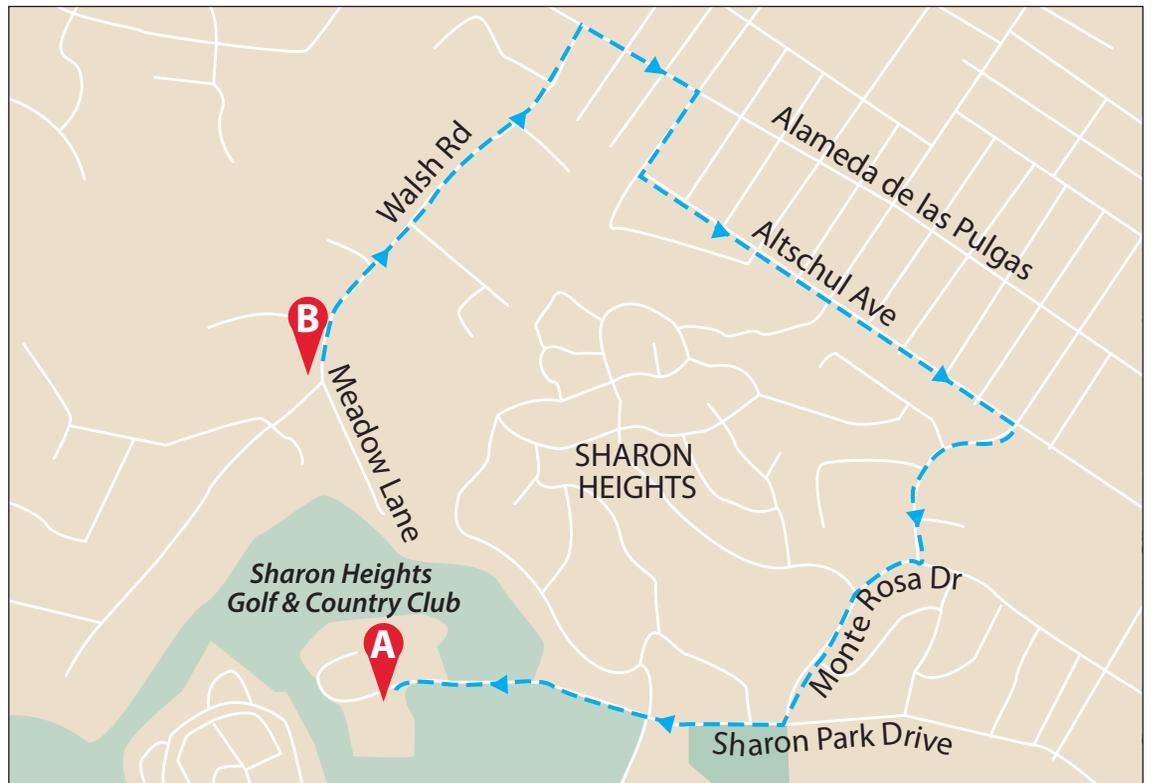
Here’s where Mr. Winant’s story begins to differ from that of police.

Sgt. Sherman Hall said that although no police report was filed on the incident, he spoke to two of the four officers involved. They said the couple who had encountered Mr. Winant had called police.

“They were spooked,” he said, by a man appearing in their backyard, wearing binoculars and who “was emphatic that he did not want police.” (Mr. Winant said the residents suggested a “police escort” and he declined. “I simply turned down her suggestion politely and calmly,” he said.)

The confrontation

Mr. Winant said he then flagged down one of the officers. “I looked at the moon and realized ... I’m walking south, I need to walk north to get



Kristin Brown/The Almanac

Walking from Sharon Heights to Walsh Road in Atherton is 2.7 miles on the streets, but much shorter across the Sharon Hills golf course. Richard “Dick” Winant lives near point A and walked through the golf course (in green) ending up handcuffed at point B, after passing through an Atherton back yard. His walk home was along the dotted line.

to Alameda,” he said. “That’s where I saw the police car and I waved at him,” he said. “I walked over to his car and I asked ‘Is Alameda down that way?’”

Sgt. Hall said the officer found Mr. Winant, after speaking to the residents, and aimed his car’s spotlight at him before approaching on foot.

Mr. Winant was “cordial and non-confrontational” until he was asked for his identification, Sgt. Hall said.

Both officers told Sgt. Hall that Mr. Winant said he did not have to provide his ID, and “questioned whether this was Nazi Germany.”

Mr. Winant said, “I never used any language remotely like that.”

He said he grew up on a military base, with a father who was a military officer and brother a decorated Navy SEAL. “I was always respectful to those police officers,” he said. “I never gave them a hassle at all.”

He and the police agree, however, that soon after he declined to produce his ID, he was handcuffed. Sgt. Hall said the police needed the ID to investigate possible “criminal activity.”

“We have a job to do,” he said. “We need to identify the person.”

He said Mr. Winant was uncooperative and “we didn’t know what he was doing in the

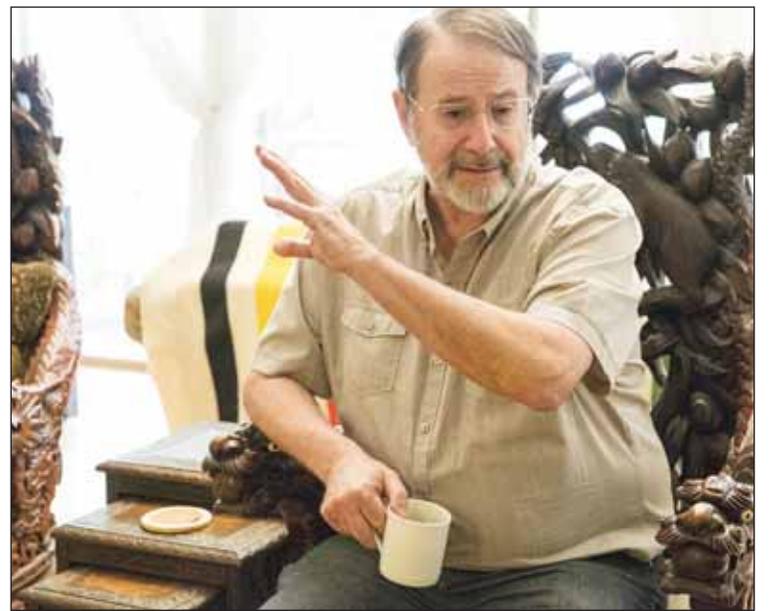


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Dick Winant talks about how he set out on a walk a few weeks ago and ended up handcuffed and sitting on the hood of an Atherton Police Department patrol car after getting lost.

neighborhood.”

“If we think you’re a burglar and you’re hiding something, we need to have you in handcuffs until you dispel that belief,” he said.

Verbal abuse?

Sgt. Hall also agreed that an officer called Mr. Winant a vulgar name. “I don’t think there’s any dispute that that word” was used, he said. But he also said, “the officers tried to reason with him and he wouldn’t calm down.” That led the officers to

perform a psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Winant, which could have resulted in his being hospitalized involuntarily for three days.

Mr. Winant said he was bullied and mistreated by the officers. The sergeant who showed up was “just mean and pointlessly so,” he said. He was threatened with arrest or hospitalization if he didn’t apologize to the officers, he said.

Sgt. Hall said that once the

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Winant declined.

officers received the results of a records check on Mr. Winant, decided he wasn't a danger to himself or others requiring hospitalization, and "dispelled our belief that he wasn't peeping or prowling," they set him free.

"Once we were satisfied there really was no intent to commit a crime," he said, the officers "offered him a cab," which Mr.

Intimidation?

However, Mr. Winant said, he felt that his treatment "was all intimidation and punishment."

As to why he did not initially provide his identification to the police when asked, he said that five decades before, in 1967 when he was a Stanford student, he'd had a negative interaction with police. A lawyer had told him then that he

was not required to provide ID to a police officer.

Sgt. Hall said it is true that police cannot demand identification unless they suspect criminal activity. The call from the residents, and the binoculars, provided that reasonable suspicion, he said.

Mr. Winant had also confirmed he had been in the backyard and on the golf course, which he doesn't belong to, both trespassing.

Body cameras

One thing Sgt. Hall said he

regrets is that not one of the officers turned on their body cameras during the incident. "I would have loved to have some video of this," he said.

The officers have body cameras, but can choose whether to turn them on, he said. Sgt. Hall said he thinks the Atherton Police Department should consider changing that policy, and requiring "cameras in situations such as this."

Mr. Winant said he'd like to tell the officers that they should "be more polite" and that the sergeant needs to "find

a different line of work."

He filed a formal complaint on March 17, alleging, among other things, that the officers lied, denied him his legal rights, used excessive force, and humiliated him by demanding an apology under duress.

"I would love to see some sort of discipline against" the sergeant, he said.

"The police are supposed to be there to protect and help you, and they ended up attacking," Mr. Winant said.

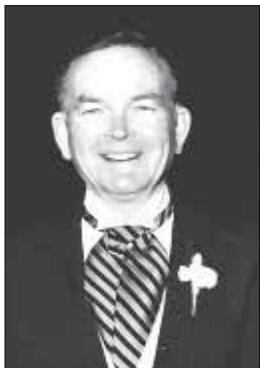
He said he's also staying off the golf course. ■

Arthur Lyle Barker

January 9, 1926 – February 23, 2017

Art passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 23, 2017 at the age of 91. His wife, Ruth, and his children, were at his side.

Art was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Lyle M. Barker and Isabel F. Barker. He was raised in Arizona with his sisters Elizabeth (Betsy) and Rosemary. His father was the foreman of a copper mine in Clarkdale, and later the manager of a copper mine in Ajo, Arizona. His mother was a schoolteacher and principal. Growing up, Art's free time was spent playing baseball and football, earning his Eagle Scout, and riding free range burros through town with his friends. He graduated from Stanford University with a BA and an MBA. He also attended Cal Tech as part of the Navy V-12 program. This led to a successful career as an engineer in the utilities industry, with Coast Counties Gas & Electric and with Pacific Gas & Electric. At the PG&E office in San Francisco (25,000 employees) he was assigned to a three-man team who explored the feasibility of PG&E's first room-sized IBM main frame computer. They concluded it was feasible and then convinced administration to purchase the computer. Art and his team led the implementation of the IBM, which included changing the billing of all PG&E customers from paper to computerized files. They were also responsible to hire and train staff, as there were no employees at that time with computer skills. Later, Art was responsible to acquire and implement 10,000 PCs for PG&E Bay Area offices. He retired in 1981 after working more than forty years.



While working on his Masters degree at Stanford he caught the sparkle in Ruth's eyes, and married his sweetheart in 1950. In 1959, they began building their house in Woodside where they raised their three children. Summers were most often spent at the family cabin at Huntington Lake. Art, along with family, friends, and dogs enjoyed time in the mountains backpacking, boating, fishing, and hiking. Winters brought downhill and cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling 3 miles to get

to the cabin. With Ruth's relatives owning three neighboring cabins, there were many happy gatherings of family and friends. Art oversaw the major reconstruction of their cabin in the barn-raising style with all family

members' talents put to use. At home he immersed himself in golf, tennis, and community theater. He, Ruth, and close friends traveled all around the world on many Elderhostel trips, Island bareboat sailed, and later visited almost every state in the U.S. and Mexico in their travel trailer. He had a core of very special friends with whom he bonded and enjoyed good times regularly. He was in the "Quackateers" barbershop singing group. When his children were young, Art was active in community leadership including eight years on the Woodside School Board and was a Boy Scout leader. He served on the Huntington Lake Tract Board. In 1996, he was one of the four founding members of the Rotary Club of Woodside/Portola Valley and served 21 years as their treasurer.

Art is remembered as one of the kindest, friendliest, most positive, and upbeat men. His honesty, integrity, and respect for others proved a role model for those who worked with him and certainly for his children, grandkids, and extended family members. He had a knack for encouraging others, and everyone enjoyed his dry sense of humor.

Art is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruth Allen Barker, and his children: Peggy Barker of Santa Cruz, Neill (wife Pam) of Napa, Kathy Barker Hayes (husband Ken) of Emerald Hills; his sister Betsy Doyle of Los Gatos; his brother-in-law Wyatt Allen (wife Alisanne); and many well-loved grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. We feel so fortunate to have had him in our lives for so many years. He will be dearly missed, but his memories will be always with us.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be pleased if donations are made to the Woodside/Portola Valley Rotary Club Foundation, 130 Springdale Way, Emerald Hills, CA 94062 or The Century Club of California, 1355 Franklin St, San Francisco, CA 94109.

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Richard "Hardtack" Edward Mesak

June 5, 1957 – March 11, 2017

Richard Edward Mesak, age 59, passed away on March 11, 2017 at his home in Pescadero, CA with his wife and daughter and childhood friend by his side after a courageous fight against appendix cancer.

Richard was born June 5, 1957 in Oakland and was raised in Woodside, CA by his parents, Richard "Dick" Mesak and Jeanne Olcott Mesak, with his sister Jeannine Mesak. He graduated from Woodside Elementary School (for locals) in 1972 and Woodside High School in 1976. He attended Sacramento State College and Canada College where he received an AS degree in Business. He received a California Real Estate License in 1978 and a General Contractor License in 1991. After college, he began work in the real estate sales industry and construction, and then enjoyed working for California Water Service Co. for nearly 30 years.



Richard married Susan Shadek on September 26, 1992 in Woodside, CA one year after meeting her (and her black stallion) riding the trails of Woodside. He became a doting father on September 6, 1996 when their daughter was born.

Richard loved life and all people and always had a twinkle in his eyes. He had many passions and interests; among those dearest were cooking, endurance and trail riding, skiing, boogie boarding with his daughter and friends, swimming, tennis, biking, running and hiking just about anywhere; especially in Tahoe and Aspen and the beach, and fishing the Gualala as a youngster. He was an avid horseman in all categories and Shack member. He loved history, reading, antiques, making models, collecting guns and vehicles, and knowing everything about family history. He had an exceptional ability to connect to people and loved talking with them - he always extended his hand and showed so many acts of kindness to others whether they were friends or strangers. Richard was a contributor to many charities; including serving on the committee of Special Olympics for several years, Ronald MacDonald House and civil servants.

Richard is survived by his wife Susan, daughter McKenna, step-mother Ada Mesak, brother-in-law John Shadek, step brother Bruce Paisley, and cousins Pamela Ellings, Leslie Sherwin, Nanette Frost, Janice Cook and Norm Hantzsche. He is preceded in death by his sister Jeannine Mesak, his mother, Jeanne Olcott Mesak and his father Richard H. Mesak.

The family is especially grateful to friends for their many acts of kindness and huge support and Sutter Home Health. A celebration of Richard's life will be held Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to:

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County may pay \$450K to settle lawsuit over drug-treatment center

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

San Mateo County may pay up to \$450,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by the owners of the Stillpath Retreat Center on Skyline Boulevard in the woods above Woodside.

The retreat center's owners had received a green light in January 2014 from the county Planning Commission to convert the facility at 16350 Skyline Blvd. into a rehabilitation center for people with addiction problems. But nearby residents, concerned that a former addict might, for example, drop a lit cigarette and start a forest fire, appealed the commission's decision to the Board of Supervisors, who overturned it in March 2014. Demands on water resources also figured in the board's decision.

Stillpath sued in March 2015 in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California on the grounds that the supervisors' action violated federal fair

housing and disability laws that protected the rights of Stillpath's potential clients.

Stillpath's complaint also alleged violations of state anti-discrimination laws regarding fair employment, housing, planning and zoning. The retreat center's owners claimed economic damages of \$55 million, County Counsel John Beiers said.

In the March 8 settlement agreement, provided to the Almanac by Mr. Beiers and subject to approval by the supervisors, the county agreed to pay \$350,000, but without admitting fault, liability or wrongdoing.

"The County's primary goal was to ensure that a more intensive use did not occur at the site and the County achieved this goal through the settlement," Mr. Beiers said in an email. "This is clearly a very good settlement for the County."

Attorneys for Stillpath have not responded to requests for comment.



Photo by Natalia Nazarova

The proposed settlement of a lawsuit against San Mateo County brought by the owners of this retreat center in the hills above Woodside would, if the county Board of Supervisors approves it, terminate plans to increase the intensity of its use. There had been plans to convert the center into a rehabilitation facility for drug and alcohol abusers.

Settlement talks were held Feb. 15 in San Francisco before U.S. District Court Magistrate Sallie Kim.

In defending itself, the county spent about \$900,000, Mr. Beiers said.

Stillpath likely spent

"substantially more than \$450,000" to bring the suit, and the county would likely have spent another \$450,000 had the case gone to trial, Mr. Beiers said.

Both parties will pay their own attorneys fees, the agreement says.

Stillpath can refile its lawsuit if it has been unable to sell the property within 18 months, the agreement says. If the property is sold, the county owes Stillpath another \$100,000, but such a sale would also end Stillpath's option to sue again. ■

Tad Taube honored for lifetime achievements

In recognition of philanthropic activities over 40 years, Woodside resident Tad Taube will be honored with a Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award for Lifetime

Achievement by the nonprofit San Francisco-based Jewish Family and Children's Services. The awards ceremony is set for Saturday, April 1, at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in San Francisco.

Beneficiaries of Mr. Taube's philanthropy include the Ronald McDonald House at Stanford, the Commonwealth Club of California, the San Francisco Opera,

the Exploratorium, and Bay Area Jewish Community Federations. Abroad, he has supported Jagiellonian University in Poland and several universities in Israel.

Mr. Taube is the founder and advisory board chair of the Taube Center for Jewish

Studies. His Taube Philanthropies recently announced a \$1.25 million matching grant for a fundraising campaign for Ronald McDonald House at Stanford, which provides housing for the families of critically ill children being treated at local hospitals.

Cecilia Tommei

Longtime resident of Menlo Park, Cecilia Tommei passed away peacefully on March 7, 2017 with her children and extended family by her side. Cecilia worked for Bank of America in Menlo Park for more than 30 years. After retiring from Bank of America, she volunteered for Stanford Chaplaincy Services for almost 20 years. She also worked at Menlo Colonial Chapel Funeral Home for 10 years. In her spare time, Cecilia enjoyed cooking, gardening, and entertaining Family and Friends. Cecilia was a Charter Member of the Italian Catholic Federation Branch #351. She held the position of President for many years. Cecilia is survived by her Son Louis, his wife Krina, Grandson Austin, her Son Joseph, Niece Stacey Mas, Heart Daughter Cory. Special Mention to her Heart Grandchildren, Rustin, Vida, Jimmy and Jolie. Private Services were held on Friday, March 17th at Church of Nativity in Menlo Park.

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Omar Piña, the owner of Mama Coco in Menlo Park, had to return to the kitchen for several months last year because his restaurant was understaffed.

About the cover: Omar Piña preps for lunch service. (Photo by Michelle Le)

Short on staff

Restaurateurs
battle rising
wages, high cost
of living,
shifting trends

Story by Elena Kadvany
Photos by Michelle Le

Last year, Omar Piña's Menlo Park restaurant, Mama Coco, was so short staffed, he had to return to the kitchen for several months. His wife often came in to help serve food.

Finally, he hired two people to fill the gap — people who had no prior restaurant experience but had worked at Mexican markets. He spent about a month teaching them how to cook and was eventually able to return to his primary responsibilities as a business owner.

But the economic pressures impacting his and many other Midpeninsula restaurant owners' ability to hire and hold onto quality staff — a regional labor shortage, the increasingly prohibitive cost of living in the area and higher minimum wages, among other factors — persist.

Restaurants up and down the Midpeninsula are understaffed, with consequences for both owners and consumers. At some restaurants, service has been affected: Some days, Pizzeria Delfina in downtown Palo Alto doesn't have enough staff to open its outdoor patio, owner Craig Stoll said. Owners are raising menu prices more frequently to be able to pay their staff competitively, afford hours of

overtime and achieve already razor-thin profit margins.

Longtime owners who have run restaurants here for decades say they've never seen labor costs become so acute, and they fear a breaking point is on the horizon.

"We're competing as much for staff as we are for customers," Mr. Stoll said in an interview. "The cost of living goes up, and we continue to have to pay more, and our margins shrink, (and) our prices increase. It's kind of a vicious cycle."

'Evaporating' labor pool

For Michael Ekwall, who with his wife co-owns La Bodeguita del Medio, a longtime Cuban restaurant on California Avenue in Palo Alto, affordability is not only the No. 1 issue driving the local labor shortage but also "No. 2 and 2.5."

"The labor pool here — because it's so expensive, the cost of living is so high — is much shallower than say San Francisco or even San Jose because the cost of entry here is so much higher," he said. "When you're talking about a one bedroom apartment for \$2,000, not a lot of people can afford that."

Owners say the problem has become more acute in the last two years or so. The

median price for a one-bedroom rental in Palo Alto currently sits at \$2,700, up 8.7 percent from last year, according to a report compiled by rental website Apartment List.

The median price for a one-bedroom rental in Mountain View is just below Palo Alto's at \$2,680, according to Apartment List.

Most restaurant staff still live in the area, in relatively more affordable cities like Redwood City, East Palo Alto or San Jose, owners said. Workers don't tend to come from cities that are cheaper but farther away, like the East Bay or Gilroy, given the added expense it would take to commute.

Yet even Midpeninsula cities with relatively less-expensive housing, such as Redwood City, are becoming unaffordable for restaurant workers.

"If you're a restaurant assistant manager or a restaurant sous chef and you wanted to start a family or have a life or buy a house, how could you possibly do that in the Bay Area?" asked Howard Bulka, owner of Howie's Artisan Pizza at Town & Country Village.

"They find an apartment; they live with three people in a two-bedroom apartment or whatever it is. But ultimately, they leave. Ultimately, they look for greener pastures," he said.

"The labor pool is just evaporating," Mr. Bulka added.

The cost of living is pricing out not only restaurant employees but owners themselves. Mr. Ekwall, who rents a home in Menlo Park, said he can't afford to buy a house in the city where he's run a restaurant for 20

years. Mr. Bulka and Dan Gordon, owner of the eponymous restaurant in downtown Palo Alto, both live in Redwood City and said that they, just like their employees, cannot afford to live in Palo Alto.

Peter Katz, the original Northern California franchisee of burger chain The Counter, said he sees similar issues across his eight locations, but labor costs are highest at his Palo Alto, Mountain View, Cupertino, San Mateo and San Jose restaurants.

Labor costs range from 33 percent to more than 40 percent of total sales revenue at The Counter, depending on the location. It is the restaurants' largest expense category, he said, and itself has risen about 30 percent to 40 percent over the last five years.

Mr. Bulka said he has been raising wages in his restaurant consistently for the last three years.

In the first five years Howie's Artisan Pizza was open, he raised menu prices once. Now, he raises them every year to compensate for the increases in labor and other costs, he said. This is not a simple fix, given that raising prices means running the risk of customers ordering less, choosing to eat elsewhere or to cook at home.

Mr. Ekwall described the current labor environment as a "staffing nightmare." On a weekly basis, La Bodeguita is down three people out of about 45, he said. Like Mr. Piña, there are days when he and his wife have filled in as host, food, preparer and even dish washer. On a recent week, La Bodeguita racked up 120 hours in overtime — the equivalent of two-and-a-half employees, he said.

"We're trying to balance this concept, from our perspective, of being able to pay people enough money so they can live around here but also that we can stay in business," Mr. Ekwall said. "That's the challenge."

And in an over-saturated restaurant scene, potential hires have a healthy choice of prospective employers. Today, rather than people being desperate for a good job, owners are desperate for good staff.

"Sometimes they get a different offer from a different restaurant — maybe one more dollar, \$2 more — and then they leave," Mr. Piña said.

"I'm always scared. Every time I come in, I cross my fingers and I say, 'Hopefully everyone comes to work,'" he said.

Owners have also had to lower their standards for hiring, particularly for back-of-house positions. Cooks with far less experience have become more attractive



At popular fast-casual eateries such as Poké Bar in downtown Mountain View, service is less central to their concept — and, thus, to their success.

in the current labor market, owners said.

Another huge shift for restaurants operating in Silicon Valley: increasingly stiff competition from tech companies and restaurant chains that can offer better pay, benefits and hours. The impact from tech companies is dual: Not only are they drawing down on the local labor pool to staff on-campus eateries, but by providing employees with quality food at the office, fewer people are going out to eat on their lunch breaks, local restaurant owners said.

In light of all of this, owners are doing what they can to make their restaurants more attractive places to work. La Bodeguita, for example, has for a long time paid half of full-time employees' health care plans, and offers 401Ks.

Asian Box, which operates locations in Palo Alto and Mountain View, pays its staff weekly (which costs the restaurant "substantially more"), offers cell-phone plan reimbursement, helps staff with loans, writes apartment references for staff and has always paid more than minimum wage, owner Frank Klein said. Owners are more flexible with scheduling, particularly given many employees work more than one restaurant job.

Other owners say they are cultivating kinder, more positive kitchens with an emphasis on teaching — a stark contrast from the traditionally unforgiving, even abusive, environment of kitchens past. At Pizzeria Delfina, Mr. Stoll has implemented regular staff reviews to check in not only about performance, but to set and guide staff toward goals.

"Our focus is always on being a great restaurant for guests to eat at," Mr. Stoll said. "Newsflash: We have to focus on being great employers now."

Pressures of the new minimum wage

On Jan. 1, restaurant workers in both Palo Alto and Mountain View saw their minimum wage increase — in Palo Alto, to \$12 per hour and in Mountain View, to \$13 an hour. Both cities are on a path toward phasing in an eventual minimum wage of \$15 an hour. California's minimum wage is currently \$10.50 an hour, with yearly increases ahead through 2022.

Owners say they support a living wage for their staff, but local cities' accelerated increases are having an intractable impact on their bottom line. They're also

frustrated by local elected officials who supported the increases without understanding the effects on restaurants in particular. The low-paid employees who need a higher wage the most, like back-of-house line cooks and dishwashers, are sharing the new increase with waiters who make ample additional income in tips.

This amounts to robbing Peter to pay Paul, Dan Gordon said.

"It's very regressive in terms of the highest-paid restaurant employees are getting a raise and the people that need it the most at the back of the house are going to be left behind," he said.

The new minimum wage also affects restaurants disproportionately, with full-service restaurants bearing more of a burden, Mr. Gordon said. The wage increase means less money to go around for the non-tipped employees. One solution owners have called for is an exemption that would apply to tipped employees, most of whom already make more than \$20 per hour in tips alone. (The Palo Alto City Council agreed in January to advocate for a state law that would allow cities to do this, in part due to pressure from these and other local restaurant owners.)

Mr. Gordon and other local owners are also watching carefully as Bay Area restaurants experiment with different solutions, such as replacing tipping with a mandatory service charge.

While the full impact of the minimum-wage hike remains to be seen, Mr. Gordon is already worried about the jump to \$13.50 coming next January. He predicts "dramatic" closures are ahead for full-service restaurants.

"There's a lot of uncertainty and there's a lot of panic in the air. Restaurateurs are all talking about it. The initial nail into the coffin was Jan. 1, and now we're worried about next January and how to survive," he said.

New trends

As the full-service neighborhood restaurant struggles to survive, less



Omar Piña: "Every time I come in, I cross my fingers and say, 'Hopefully everyone comes to work.'"

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labor-intensive concepts are taking hold. The rise of fast-casual dining, in which customers order at the counter, their meal prepared assembly-line style, is gaining in popularity.

This trend is apparent in Palo Alto's and Mountain View's dining rows. In 2016, Palo Alto saw the opening of numerous fast-casual eateries, including Sweetgreen, Lemonade, Tender Greens and three poké eateries. Sweetgreen is planning another location for Mountain View's Castro Street, which is also home two fast-casual poké spots, family restaurant-turned-fast-casual Asian-fusion eatery Srasa Kitchen and Asian Box, among others. Service is less central to their concepts — and, thus, to their success.

And at some restaurants, such as Calafia Café and Yayoi in Palo Alto, tablet computers are helping to take orders, split checks and calculate tips.

While owners hope diners still value the touch of a human server and the full-service experience, the appeal of the cheaper, fast-casual model is undeniable.

“We think that our staff, hopefully, represent us in our vision and enthusiasm to the guests. You don't get that from a



La Bodeguita line cook Jesus Cordero, right, and kitchen manager Luis Hernandez check on orders during a lunch rush. Quality back-of-house workers are in high demand on the Midpeninsula.

tablet,” Mr. Ekwall said. “But at the same time, if you have overhead of labor of several hundred thousand dollars a year and you can buy an iPad for \$500 — less than a week's worth of wages — and you don't have to pay that tablet workers' compensation insurance and you don't have to pay it health care ... a lot of

people are doing that.”

The one guaranteed protection against this perfect storm of economic challenges? An informed, spending customer. Restaurateurs hope to educate diners about why their hamburger might cost \$12 now instead of \$10, about the nuanced impact of minimum wage increases and

how the ever-rising cost of living in the Bay Area is affecting their bottom line.

Peter Katz of The Counter, for example, said he's been working with a city of Cupertino small-business economic-development group that recently sent information out to residents about the impact of the city's

minimum-wage increase on restaurants.

Now, more than ever, Mr. Katz said, it's important for local diners to patronize their favorite restaurants.

“Eat out more,” he said. “If restaurants are successful, we can better afford to pay the wages that we need to pay, the guests are happy, the employees are more successful and happy and the owners can afford to stay in business.”

Despite the local labor shortage, restaurants of all kinds — mom and pops, fast-casual, high-end, local and national chains — continue to open on the Midpeninsula, though owners say it is easier for chains with deeper pockets to risk the high labor costs, high rents and limited return on investment than independent owners.

Mr. Bulka recently closed his second Howie's in Redwood City temporarily to retool the concept and eventually reopen — a fun creative endeavor but with practicalities that give him “enormous pause.”

“It's fun to think about a new concept; it's fun to think about a new design and a buildout of a restaurant ... but I know there comes a time in the future where I have to hire 40 or 50 employees,” he said, “and I'm not sure how that's done.” ■

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Portola Valley's powerhouse fundraiser

By Tom Gibboney
Special to the Almanac

If you are running for political office in Northern California, chances are you have met JoAnn Loulan, a Portola Valley psychotherapist who has become one of the better-known Democratic fundraisers in the state. It runs in her family.

"I've been fundraising my whole life," she said recently. "My mother was a fundraiser for the heart association and my grandmother was a suffragette."

Some of Ms. Loulan's fire undoubtedly comes from being a two-time breast cancer survivor. And her mother, Billie Gardner Loulan, died of breast cancer at age 53. She continues to volunteer for Breast Cancer Action and has raised \$1.2 million since 2003 for BCA.

On Saturday, April 29, starting at 6 p.m., the 13th annual Billie Loulan Memorial Breast Cancer Action Fundraiser will be held in Portola Valley. Local musicians Ronny Crawford and the Family Band will perform.

She advises anyone who is participating in or donating to breast cancer events to "Think before you pink" and make sure they know where the money goes.

After graduating from Northwestern in the 1960s, Ms. Loulan gradually moved into political fundraising. "I've written books, done public speaking, marched with the lesbian antiwar movement."

More recently, she has gravitated toward working for the Democratic candidates favored by many Portola Valley residents. "I worked on the Obama and Clinton campaigns and for women Senate candidates from other states as well as some members of Congress. I made 9,000 calls for Obama and 7,000 for Hillary."

She has lived in Portola Valley for 30 years. Recently, she was sharing her expertise at a local home with about 70 people who were attending a meeting of "Indivisible," one of numerous grass-roots groups that have sprung up around the country in the wake of Donald Trump's election as president.

"We need to win back red state legislatures, starting with Virginia," she told the rapt audience. "There are 12 seats held by Republicans in Virginia districts that Hillary won by 2,000 to 20,000 votes. These are districts we are going to

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concentrate on."

California volunteers, she said, can help Democrats win in Virginia by making phone calls and raising or donating money. Even in red states, Ms. Loulan said, many "swing districts" are virtually 50-50, so are very winnable by Democrats in 2018.

"I haven't seen anything like this (grass-roots uprising) since the Vietnam War," she said. "And then, we didn't have the internet."

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JOANN LOULAN

In 1970, when she was a Northwestern student in Evanston, Illinois, she knew people at Kent State in Ohio, where the National Guard killed six students and injured many others during the Vietnam era. "It was a horrible time," she said.

What keeps Ms. Loulan coming back again and again to raise funds for her various political and other causes?

She doesn't mince words: "I feel like we can't let this country become a white, male, straight, Christian autocracy,

which is where we're headed. My concern is that one terrorist attack on our country and it could start a war. Imagine 9-11 on this watch."

Ms. Loulan is encouraged by Indivisible, MoveOn.org and other internet-based, boots-on-the-ground organizations.

"It is fabulous to get supporters to confront local candidates and get them involved in the process, to see that they can make a difference," she said.

Under the Indivisible banner, more than 5,300 small groups have been created all over the country involving a total of some 200,000 people.

Ms. Loulan is arranging fundraising visits here for women senators up for re-election in 2018, which is projected to be a tough year for Democrats. The group, Electing Women Silicon Valley, just hosted Sen. Kirsten Gillebrand of New York, who took home about \$80,000 from fundraising events in Palo Alto and San Francisco. More events are planned.

When it comes to money, Ms. Loulan and her husband, Ronny Crawford, are all in. They contribute 25 percent of their income to political campaigns and causes, and spend their vacations traveling around the country working for candidates. She knows that more than anything, it takes money and hard work to win elections. ■



Photo by Michelle Le

Psychotherapist and activist JoAnn Loulan with a Statue of Liberty she installed in the front yard of her home in Portola Valley.



NOTICE INVITING BIDS TOWN OF ATHERTON, CA

The Town of Atherton will accept bids for construction of the following public work:

MIDDLEFIELD ROAD COMPLETE STREETS INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Performing of traffic signal modifications, providing accessible curb ramps, upgraded pedestrian push buttons, countdown style pedestrian heads, improved pedestrian and bike paths and removing barriers along the pedestrian path.

Plans & Specifications may be obtained at <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/bids.aspx> at no cost. The Contractor shall be responsible for any addendums that may be posted on the Town's website.

SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027, **until 10:30 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time on **Monday, April 11, 2017**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be for the entire work, and shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked: "Bid of (Contractor) for **MIDDLEFIELD ROAD COMPLETE STREETS INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**", along with date and time of bid opening.



NOTICE INVITING BIDS TOWN OF ATHERTON, CA

The Town of Atherton will accept bids for construction of the following public work:

2017 OVERLAY PROJECT

Removal and replacement of 2 inches of asphalt concrete pavement on various streets. Crack sealing and grind and replace approximately 4,000 square feet of asphalt to a 4-inch depth and placement of thermoplastic striping. Some hand work around utility access-hole covers will be necessary.

Plans & Specifications may be obtained at <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/bids.aspx> at no cost. The Contractor shall be responsible for any addendums that may be posted on the Town's website.

SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027, **until 2:00 p.m.** Pacific Standard Time on **Tuesday, April 4, 2017**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be for the entire work, and shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked: "Bid of (Contractor) for **2017 OVERLAY PROJECT**", along with date and time of bid opening.

Atherton restricts recreational use of drones

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Despite a last-minute question from a councilman about why the town was regulating drones if no one had complained about them, Atherton has prohibited the use of recording devices on drones used recreationally in the town.

The new ordinance, which will go into effect on April 14, restricts recreational use of any "unmanned aircraft," including remote-controlled model aircraft as well as drones. The ordinance also limits commercial drones from being used in Holbrook-Palmer Park unless they have a town permit and proof of insurance. Recreational drones are not allowed in the park at all.

The Federal Aviation Administration requires a license to fly a drone for commercial or government purposes. Hobby or recreational drones weighing more than 0.55 pounds must be registered, but their pilots need not be licensed. Municipalities can regulate only recreational drones.

The town has been discussing

the regulation of drones and other small unmanned aircraft since July, with privacy, safety and noise concerns cited by council members.

At the March 15 meeting, however, Councilman Rick DeGolia said he had heard from an Atherton resident who "was highly critical" of the new regulations and wanted to know if there had been complaints about drones. City Manager George Rodericks said there had not been any official complaints, although City Attorney Bill Conners later said a resident had informally complained to him.

"I don't know that there's a need to create an ordinance," Mr. DeGolia said. "If we haven't had a problem, why do we need to do something?"

Council member Bill Widmer agreed, and asked why very small drones weren't exempted and why there couldn't be recreational use of drones in part of Holbrook-Palmer Park.

But other council members said they felt that with the ballooning popularity of drones, regulating them is important. "You have to get ahead of" any problems, Councilman Cary

Wiest said, foreseeing town liability if a drone operator who didn't have insurance crashed in Holbrook-Palmer Park.

Councilmember Elizabeth Lewis agreed. "My feelings are, this is just the tip of the iceberg with the popularity of drones," she said. She has told her grandchildren they may not fly their drones in her backyard, for fear of infringing on her neighbors' privacy. "I just don't think it's the right thing to do in our environment," she said. "We have to

kind of create some structure to get ahead of it."

Mayor Mike Lempres said his "primary concern is privacy."

Mayor Lempres, Ms. Lewis and Mr. Wiest voted for the new ordinance. Mr. Widmer voted against it and Mr. DeGolia abstained.

The new ordinance says any drone or remote-controlled model airplane used recreationally in Atherton, including on private property, may not be capable of receiving or recording sound or

visual images. The town attorney said this means any recording device must be disabled.

Many of the requirements of the Atherton ordinance are the same as the federal regulations, including that operating any drone or model aircraft within five miles of an airport requires notifying the airport of the flight. They can be flown only during daylight hours, within eyesight of the operator, and at less than 400 feet altitude. ■

Parole hearing waived for woman convicted of 1997 Menlo Park murder

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Stephanie Rochelle Jackson, 42, who in 1998 was convicted of murdering her boyfriend in Menlo Park, will be in prison for at least five more years, after she waived a parole hearing on Wednesday, March 15.

The decision was made following a discussion with the prison's board, the prisoner, her attorney

and the prosecutor, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

On Sept. 9, 1997, Ms. Jackson, then a 22-year-old transient, stabbed her boyfriend, 32-year-old Frederick Sims of East Palo Alto, in the heart during an argument over cocaine in a car at Bedwell Bayfront Park, prosecutors said.

Police reported they had been dating for about 18 months. On Sept. 13, 1997, Ms. Jackson

turned herself in to the police at the Menlo Park police station and was booked into the San Mateo County jail on murder charges.

During the trial, she claimed self-defense, prosecutors said, but the defense was rejected. She was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced in August 1998 to 18 years to life in state prison. She remains in custody at the Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla. ■

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Atherton not happy being left out of fire station study

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Despite an attempt by Menlo Park fire board member Virginia Chang-Kiraly to smooth things over, the Atherton City Council voted unanimously March 15 to send a strongly worded letter to the fire district, berating it for not including the town in a study of fire station locations.

The letter, addressed to Menlo Park Fire Protection District board President Peter Carpenter and signed by Atherton Mayor Mike Lempres, was unanimously approved by the City Council as it had originally been drafted. It addressed a study by the Citygate consulting firm about future fire station locations.

Before council members discussed the letter, they watched a video clip from the Feb. 21 fire board meeting in which the fire board reviewed and accepted a report on the Citygate study.

In the clip, board member Rob Silano repeatedly asks that the report be forwarded to the city and county managers in the areas the fire district covers — Menlo Park, Atherton, East Palo Alto and some adjacent unincorporated areas of San Mateo County — for input.

Board President Carpenter says: “Not their input, just to inform them. We’re not asking them for input.”

Mr. Silano and Mr. Carpenter then go back and forth, with Mr. Silano repeating: “I’d like to hear their opinion, their city and town managers.”

“I don’t want to solicit their input,” Mr. Carpenter says, “because it’s not their decision to make.”

“If you’re asking people for input, then you’re putting yourself in the position to say, OK given the input, we need to make a different decision,” President Carpenter says. “If they get a letter saying that we would like their input, then they could reasonably expect that we’d do something with that input.”

The discussion finally ends with Mr. Silano saying, for at least the eighth time, that he wants feedback. “I’d like to know how they feel,” he says.

“Feel free to ask them,” says Mr. Carpenter.

There was no further discussion of the issue at the fire board meeting and Atherton City Manager George Rodericks said he was told he would be sent a copy of the study but never received one.

Fire board member Virginia Chang-Kiraly, the district’s liaison to Atherton, asked the council to

put off sending the letter. “We’re not going to move any station,” she said. “This was just information only; no decision was made.”

The district knows, she said, that it “will have to have public input of every kind” before moving or closing any station.

“I think we’ve enjoyed a great relationship,” she said about joint meetings that have been held by the fire board and Atherton council. “I just want us to continue the good work. At the end of the day we’re here to serve the residents.”

Atherton Mayor Lempres said he found the idea that the fire district did not want input from the communities it covers “unconscionable” and “really troubling.”

Councilman Rick DeGolia said the comments “made by your current board president ... can only be said to be inflammatory.”

“We specifically asked to be involved in any assessment” involving services to Atherton, he said. “Your president not only didn’t want us to be involved, but he specifically stated that we should not be.”

“We’re very open to working with you on that, but there’s a problem,” he said.

The Citygate study’s conclusions include eventually moving Atherton’s only fire station out of the town.

The study also concludes that a station in Atherton’s new town center would provide overlapping coverage. The town’s letter says that item answers a question the town “had not asked.” “Atherton had reached this same conclusion previously and instead the Town requested an emergency medical response unit, participation in its (emergency operations center), or planning for future growth to expand services to residents,” the letter says.

In a series of emails, including one with the subject “When letters are written by people ignorant of the ways in which emergency resources are managed,” President Carpenter insisted that the letter had factual inaccuracies and the town misunderstood the study, which, he said, did look at the other options for a fire district presence in the town center.

The report states its charge was to: “Determine the benefit of locating an additional fire station at the Atherton Town Center that includes one added engine.” It does not mention looking at any other aspect of a fire district presence in that location.

Doing the study without input from the town is a “blatant lack of regard” for its concerns and “disheartening and counterproductive,” the letter says. ▀

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IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

We can help combat climate change with new renewable energy program

By Jeff Aalfs

Among its other policy directives, the Trump administration is planning to cut funding for the Environmental Protection Agency by 25 percent. For those of us who take the question of climate change seriously, it is clear that we will truly need to think globally and act locally.

Here in San Mateo County, your local government has taken a bold step to mitigate climate change: San Mateo County residents are now buying cleaner electricity, and Portola Valley is likely to soon become the first community in the United States to buy 100 percent renewable electricity.

This electricity is being purchased by Peninsula Clean Energy, the county's official electricity provider. PCE is a Community Choice Energy (CCE) nonprofit organization, and was formed in 2016. It is backed by a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement among the 20 cities and towns of the county, and the county itself; its board of directors (of which I am currently the vice chairman) consists of one council member from each city, and two county supervisors (Dave Pine, board chairman, and Carole Groom).

Peninsula Clean Energy's mission is to provide clean, renewable power to all San Mateo County ratepayers, at rates that are competitive with PG&E. PCE is also working to enable local energy projects (generation and storage), which create local jobs and local economic benefits. PG&E is still responsible for delivery of the electricity and maintaining power lines to your house, so you'll have no disruption in service.

Last October, PCE began serving approximately 80,000 accounts in the county in its Phase I launch. In April, the remaining accounts, about 210,000 in total, will be enrolled in Phase II. Every account is now receiving multiple enrollment notifications, and all ratepayers have the option of keeping their service from PG&E; customers may "opt-out" by phone or through the PCE website.

Most customers are automatically enrolled in

our ECOplus product, which provides 50 percent renewable electricity plus another 25 percent greenhouse gas-free electricity, at a 3 to 5 percent discount to PG&E's rates. Customers may opt up to our ECO100 product, which offers 100 percent renewable electricity at a slight premium over PG&E's current rates (typically 2-3 percent of a current electricity bill).

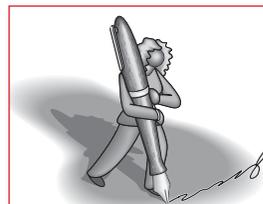
In Portola Valley, customers will automatically be enrolled in ECO100, the 100 percent renewable electricity product; to our knowledge, Portola Valley will become the first community to do so. (The default level of renewable energy for Menlo Park, Atherton and Woodside ratepayers will be 50 percent.)

As a council member for Portola Valley, I voted for ECO100 as a cost-effective approach to meeting the town's greenhouse gas-reduction goals. As the father of two children, I am working with PCE to reduce our carbon footprint, making the world a slightly, but measurably, better place for all of our children and all future generations. We in Portola Valley hope that many other ratepayers will also "opt-up" to ECO100 and send a message that cleaner electricity, and a better future for our children, are important.

Portola Valley residents will be receiving additional notices between now and their April meter read (which is when PCE service will begin). Future bills will carry a new line charge for generation from Peninsula Clean Energy, along with a separate credit, from PG&E, for the generation no longer purchased.

Portola Valley residents can refer questions to me at jaalfs@portolavalley.net or to our sustainability manager, Brandi de Garneau, at bdegarneau@portolavalley.net. For PCE questions, refer to our website (PeninsulaCleanEnergy.com) or call us at (866) 966-0110.

Those of us working to meet your power needs through Peninsula Clean Energy look forward to introducing new opportunities to save energy and money, and to helping preserve our environment.



Jeff Aalfs is a member of the Portola Valley City Council, and is on the board of directors of Peninsula Clean Energy.

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Community Events

Friends of the Menlo Park Library holds two-day sale of thousands of books, CDs, DVDs and more. Shoppers on Sunday can fill a bag with books for \$2. All proceeds support programs and events at the Menlo Park Library. March 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and March 26, noon-2 p.m. Free to attend; books and other media start at \$0.50. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. friendsmpl.org/book-sales/

Woodside Community Passover Seder Dinner The Woodside Village Church and the Oshman Family JCC invite the community to their first Woodside Community Passover Seder. Celebrating the liberation story at the heart of Judaism, this inter-generational potluck and musical seder will focus on the themes of unity, friendship and community. People of all faiths or no faith are welcome. After the ceremony, everyone is invited to stay for arts and crafts and DIY matzah-making. Attendants are asked to please RSVP and plan to bring a dish to share. March 26, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Music

Coleman Itzkoff, cello and Alin Melik-Adamyanyan, piano This house concert at the Woodside home of Leslie Hsu and Rick Lenon (address provided upon ticket purchase), features the 2016 Klein Competition Second Prize winner, cellist Coleman Itzkoff. He will perform with his musical collaborator of several years, pianist Alin Melik-Adamyanyan. Program features Debussy Cello Sonata, Schubert's Arpeggione, as well as short works by Schumann, Schredin, Chopin and others.

March 25, 7-9 p.m. \$40. The home of Leslie Hsu and Rick Lenon, Woodside.

Unlocking the Mystery of Music: New Findings on How Music Heals and Relieves Program features a filmed interview with Sarah Johnson, a neurologic music therapist. Participants discuss how music can help them accomplish personal goals. March 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany, 1095 Cloud Ave., West Menlo Park.

Talks & Lectures

10th Annual Autism Spectrum Disorders Update One-day conference for parents, educators and care providers of children and adults with autism spectrum disorder will focus on new research and services. "Autism through the Life Span" is presented by Stanford Autism Center at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University. March 25, 8 a.m. 0-\$100. Li Ka Shing Conference Center, 291 Campus Drive, Stanford. med.stanford.edu/autismcenter/events.html

Ganesh Sitaraman, 'The Crisis of the Middle-Class Constitution' For most of Western history, Ganesh Sitaraman argues, economic inequality was inevitable — that is, until the United States created its Constitution. Sitaraman has served as a policy director and senior counsel to Elizabeth Warren and is an associate professor of law at Vanderbilt Law School. His most recent focus has been on America's shrinking middle class. March 23, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Preserving Your Family History John Fiedor, archivist and librarian, gives an overview and tips on how to preserve one's family history. March 25, 2-3 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. smcl.org

Women Building Businesses from the Ground Up Despite the emergence

of women entrepreneurs and executives, fundamental challenges remain to entrepreneurial success for women. A panel of women will discuss those challenges. March 22, 7:30-9 p.m. \$40. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Family

A Visit from President Pete the Cat Special storytime features a visit from Woodside Library's President, Pete the Cat. For all ages. March 25, 1 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. smcl.org/

Baby Sign Storytime for infants (0-18 months), their caregivers and expectant parents. Research studies show that signing with babies accelerates language acquisition. March 21, 11 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Cuentos Divertidos, a Bilingual Storytime Children hear stories and sing funny songs in English and Spanish. Thursdays, ongoing, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton.

Easter Bunny Photos at Stanford Shopping Center Take snapshots with Easter Bunny from Friday, March 24, to Saturday, April 15, near Center Pavilion. Go to simon.noerrbunny.com and reserve an appointment. \$10. Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto.

Family Fun, Pizza in a Pot Instructor Karen Flores teaches this class, which invites any one adult, one child combination to have fun while learning how to make a "Pizza in a Pot." Participants decorate and pot-up their pizza to take home, grow and eventually make a pizza using their freshly -grown ingredients. All materials provided. March 25, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside.

Puppy Storytime Attendants bring in their stuffed puppy or other stuffed friend to this

themed storytime. Snacks and a fun activity follow. For ages 2 and up. March 23, 2 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. smcl.org/

Wicked Watercolors In this class, participants create crazy, wicked images using watercolors and rubbing alcohol. For kids ages 7 and up. March 22, 3:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. smcl.org/

Art & Exhibits

Tomb Treasures from China's Han Dynasty Attendants will get a peek behind the scenes of the Asian Art Museum's new exhibition. March 28, 6:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Exhibit: 'Paintings of Frank's Tannery,' the iconic structure that was built in 1872 and destroyed in 1968. The site of the factory was near Bayshore Freeway at Walnut Street. Feb. 14-May 11, Open every day except Monday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. historysmc.org

Fashion as art This lecture, led by Elizabeth Kessler, lecturer in Stanford University's Program in American Studies and Department of Art and Art History, explores the representation of fashion in art, the adoption of art for the promotion of fashion, and the use of fashion as art. March 23 and 30, 4-6:30 p.m. \$50, member; \$60, non-member. Cantor Auditorium, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford.

Lessons & Classes

Beginning Floral Design Two-day introductory course on home floral design with Wendy Morck. March 24, 9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. \$365, members; \$440, nonmembers.

Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside.

Hoopla eBook Instruction Class reviews Hoopla, a free e-media service from the library. March 24, 1-2 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Spring Wreaths Under direction of floral design instructor Katherine Glazier, participants learn how to make spring-themed wreaths using seasonal branches, leaves, foliage and flowers. March 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$130, members; \$155, nonmembers. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside.

Young Writer's Club This club features snacks and creative writing activities. All materials provided; open to students in grades 1 through 5. Last Tuesday of each month, 3:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

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Medicinal Plant Walk and Yoga All levels are invited to practice yoga under the redwoods and learn how to use the California-native flora around them as a first aid kit. March 25, 8:30-11:45 a.m. Donations are accepted. Wunderlich County Park, 4040 Woodside Road, Woodside.

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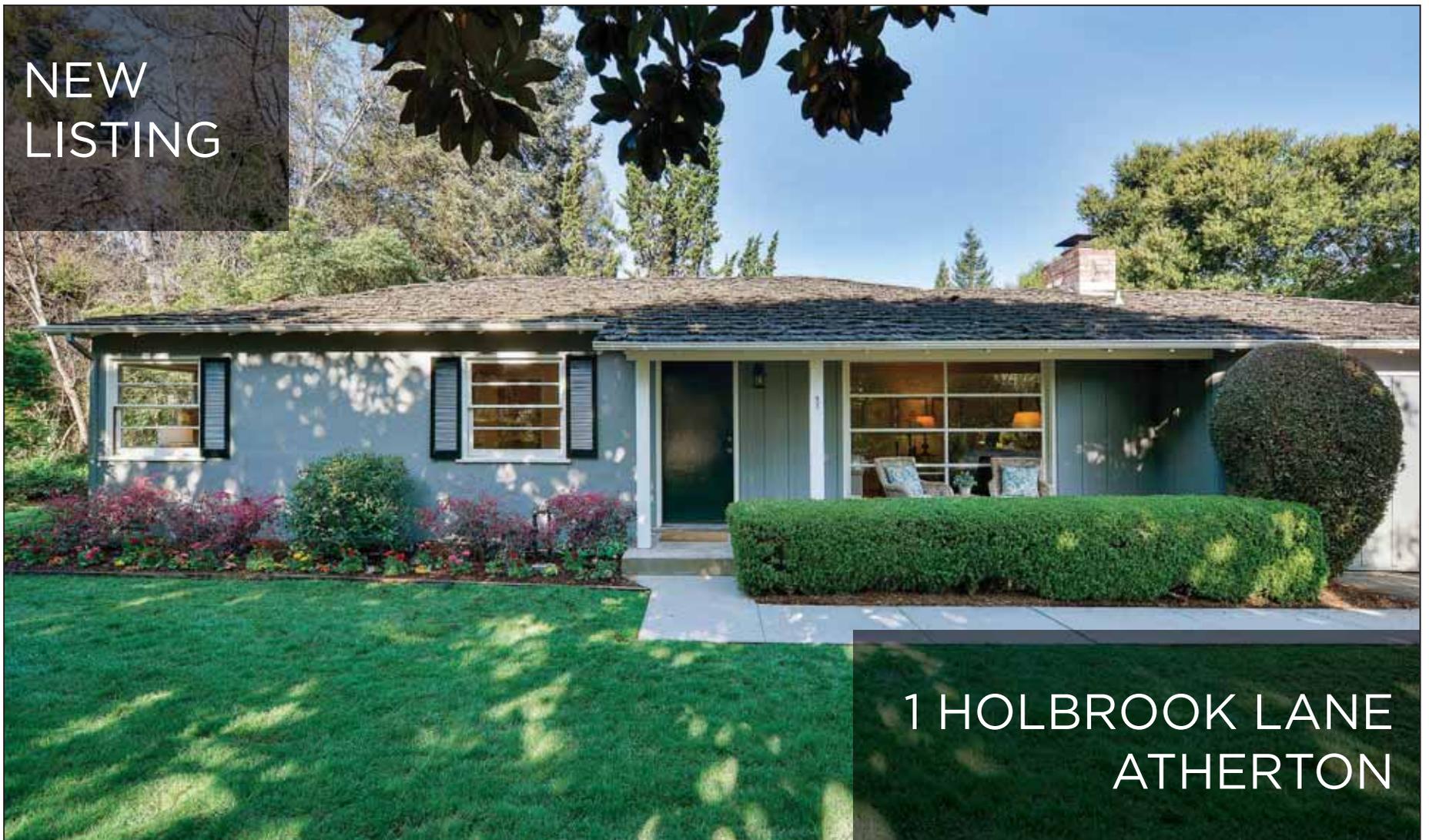
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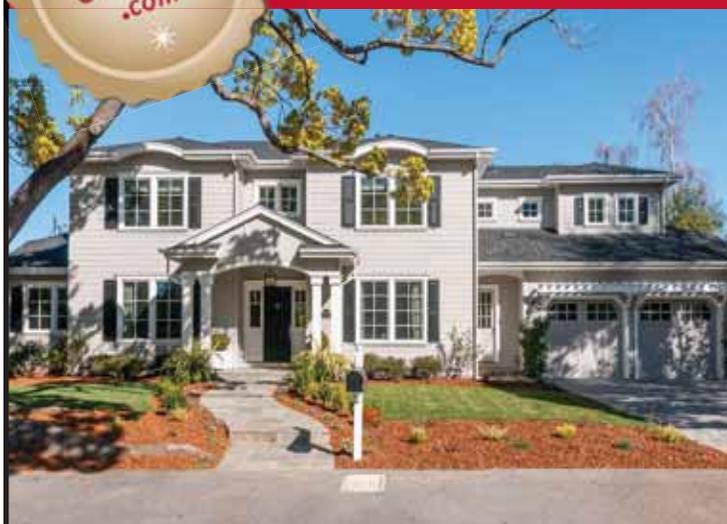
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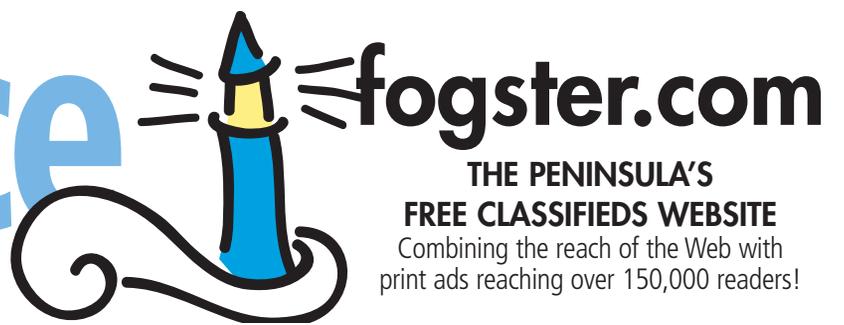
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272476

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
OMAR GONZALO LOPEZ RANGEL
1716 Bermuda Way
Antioch, CA 94509

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 February 17, 2017.
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ANDRES GONZALEZ GARDEN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272308

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

Andres Gonzalez Garden, located at 120 Grace Ave., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
ANDRES GONZALEZ TORRES
120 Grace Ave.
E. Palo Alto, CA 94303

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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File No. M-258320
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF THE USE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Name of the person(s) abandoning the use of the Fictitious Business Name: NRG eVgo

Name of Business: NRG EV Services LLC
Date of original filing: 10/30/2013
Address of Principal Place of Business: 211 Carnegie Ctr., Princeton, NJ 08540
Registrant's Name: NRG EV SERVICES LLC
Residence Address: 211 Carnegie Ctr., Princeton, NJ 08540

The business was conducted by: limited liability company.

Signed by owner: Glen Stancil
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Mateo County on February 15, 2017

MARK CHURCH, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder & Chief Elections Officer.

BY: DIANA SIRON, Deputy Clerk
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File No. M-250389
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF THE USE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Name of the person(s) abandoning the use of the Fictitious Business Name: eVgo

Name of Business: NRG EV Services LLC
Date of original filing: 5/14/2012
Address of Principal Place of Business: 211 Carnegie Ctr., Princeton, NJ 08540

Registrant's Name: NRG EV SERVICES LLC
Residence Address: 211 Carnegie Ctr., Princeton, NJ 08540

The business was conducted by: limited liability company.

Signed by owner: Glen Stancil
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272223

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

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Registered owner(s):
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1410 Hess Rd. Apt. #5
Redwood City, CA 94061

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 30, 2017.
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PIX & PIECES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272528

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Registered owner(s):
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Menlo Park, CA 94025

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12-30-2011.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 23, 2017.
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GABCIN TRUCKING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272472

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

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Registered owner(s):
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1390 Bay Rd.
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2-16-2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 16, 2017.
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SINCARE MEDICAL TOUR CONCIERGE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272432

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

Sincare Medical Tour Concierge, located at 1670 S. Amphlett Blvd., 214-19#, San Mateo, CA 94402, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
JACKIE RESIDENTIAL SERVICE FACILITY INC.

1670 S. Amphlett Blvd., 214-19#
San Mateo, CA 94402
CA

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 14, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

SORIA'S AUTO MOBILE DETAIL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272467

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

Soria's Auto Mobile Detail, located at 1837 Clarke Ave., #21, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
JUAN SORIA

1837 Clarke Ave., #21
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.

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 February 16, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017)

THE MONTEREY OFFICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272565

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

The Monterey Offices, located at 617 Veterans Boulevard, Ste. 118, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
RICHARD M. EBERLI, Trustee

2020 Avy Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025

PATRICE W. EBERLI, Trustee

2020 Avy Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: A Trust.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2-27-2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 27, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

RAVERSWAG
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272548

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

RaverSwag, located at 88 Claremont Avenue, #8, Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
ELEONORA BABAYANTS

88 Claremont Avenue, #8
Redwood City, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above on 2/10/2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 24, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

CLOUD PRINCIPALS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272579

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

Cloud Principals, located at 503 Iris St., Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
JOSE PEREZ-ZAMARRON

503 Iris St.
Redwood City, CA 94062

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Feb. 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 28, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

MENLO LABS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272427

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

Menlo Labs, located at 2107 Camino de los Robles, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
ROBERT KRAUSE

2107 Camino de los Robles
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 February 14, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

LITTLE SKY BAKERY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272628

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

Little Sky Bakery, located at 915 Arnold Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

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

915 Arnold Way
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 3/3/2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 3, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

ARYA STEAKHOUSE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272606

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

Arya Steakhouse, located at 885 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
ARYA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

19930 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Cupertino, CA 95014
CA

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/12/17.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 2, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 2017)

DARIO PETER BERNARD
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272603

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

Dario Peter Bernard, located at 1120 Alberni St., E. Palo Alto, Calif. 94303-1008, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
DARIO PETE BROWN

1120 Alberni St.
E. Palo Alto, Calif. 94303-1008

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/03/2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 2, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 2017)

RODERICK BRUCE TYLER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272605

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

Roderick Bruce Tyler, located at 2572 Annapolis St., East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
TYLER RODERICK BRUCE

2572 Annapolis St.
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 2, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 2017)

MAYFIELD TRANSPORT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272695

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

Mayfield Transport, located at 139 Crescent Avenue, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
TURCHET TRANSPORT, INC.

139 Crescent Avenue
Portola Valley, CA 94028
California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 3, 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 10, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 2017)

i2eye Media Group
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272643

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

i2eye Media Group, located at 149 Plymouth Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
Open Transaction Professional Services, Inc.

149 Plymouth Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070
California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 6, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 2017)

LITTLE AGES CHILDCARE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272650

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

Little Ages Childcare, located at 1407 Hill Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
LISA BORLO

1407 Hill Ave.
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 Jan. 2013.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 7, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 2017)

QUO AXIOM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 272750

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

Quo Axiom, located at 61 Cove Lane, Redwood City, CA 94065, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
VINCENT SMITH

61 Cove Lane
Redwood City, CA 94065

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/14/17.

This business was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 14, 2017.
(ALM Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 2017)

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.: 17CV00941

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: MARIA ELIZABETH URIARTE

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MARIA ELIZABETH URIARTE to ELIZABETH CECHETTO.

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: Thr. April 20, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

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: March 6, 2017

/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(ALM Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 2017)

PROTECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

If it has been 5 years since you filed your Fictitious Business Name Statement (your D.B.A.), you must file again to protect your legal rights. Check your records now to see if your D.B.A. expires this year. Then call the Almanac, 223-6578, for assistance in refiling. It's inexpensive and easy.

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11627 Dawson Dr Rancho San Antonio sits on 5.7 ac w/private Western Hills exposure. Garages for 35+ cars! 9 BR/5 BA + 1 half BA
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17900 Skyline Blvd Large home on over 23 ac of privacy. Bright & open flrpln, lg formal LR, DR & gourmet kit. 6 BR/7 BA + 1 half BA
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Palo Alto **\$7,995,000**
1357 Pitman Ave Light-filled modern Crescent Park home was built in 2009 as a contemporary showpiece. 4 BR/4 BA + 1 half BA
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100 Phillip Rd Craftsman-style estate in Central Woodside. Aprx. 3 flat sunny acres w/pool. Studio apt. 5 BR/4 BA + 1 half BA
Erika Demma
CalBRE #01230766 650.851.2666



Portola Valley **\$3,995,000**
155 Willowbrook Dr. California Contemporary on 1.1 acres. Vaulted ceilings, Lovely LR, DR, Gourmet Kitchen, FR 4 BR/3 BA
Paul Skrabo
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Menlo Park **\$3,598,000**
1337 Sherman Ave Brand new West Menlo Park home offers comfortable & flexible living! 4 en-suite bedrooms 4 BR/4 BA + 1 half BA
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Atherton **\$3,195,000**
41 Maple Ave Charming Atherton Cottage w/ MP Schools. Country chic appeal in a tranquil garden setting. 4 BR/4 BA
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355 Loyden Park Lane Tasteful & private 11,700 sf lot. New kitchen, master bath, & interior doors. MP/ATH high. 4 BR/2 BA
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Menlo Park **\$2,275,000**
1290 Trinity Dr. Light & bright end-unit townhome with office/bonus room, 3BD/2.5BA, 2,865 sq. ft. 3 BR/2 BA + 1 half BA
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Menlo Park **\$1,895,000**
162 Linfield Drive This less than 10 year old home features a beautiful open floor plan, & 3 spacious bds. 3 BR/2 BA + 1 half BA
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Menlo Park **\$1,698,000**
228 Sand Hill Cir Wonderful & sunny end unit on quiet side of circ. Shows great w/walls of windows in the LR 4 BR/2 BA + 1 half BA
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Woodside **\$1,598,000**
145 Henrik Ibsen Rd Good horse property set on approx 5acs w/potential ocean vu. Home is filled w/charm. 4 BR/2 BA
Valerie Trenter
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Sunnyvale **\$1,398,800**
363 Orchard Ave Major remodel and expansion. Upbeat, open plan. Great room opens to deck and yard. 3 BR/3 BA
Nancy Goldcamp
CalBRE #00787851 650.325.6161



Mountain View **\$1,280,000**
113 Pacchetti Way Spacious tri-level 3B/3b Rowhome. Los Altos Schools! 3 parks, 2 playgrounds. 3 BR/3 BA
Gwen Luce
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Redwood City **\$1,150,000**
1565 Maddux Drive Beautifully updated, low maintenance, perfectly situated Woodside Plaza Home! 3 BR/1 BA
Katie Hammer Riggs
CalBRE #01783432 650.324.4456



Menlo Park **\$758,000**
2140 Santa Cruz Ave A101 Opportunity to own at Menlo commons-end unit-1st floor-pool-easy access to I-280. 2 BR/2 BA
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