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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Directors of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District ("District"), that a vacancy on the Board of Directors is effective August 31, 2017, as a result of the resignation of Rex Ianson, District Director, whose term of office expires in November 2018.

The District Board of Directors may fill in the vacancy under the procedures of the Government Code Section 1780 appointing an individual to the office.

Interested candidates should submit a Director Application, available online at www.menlofire.org or at the District Administrative Office, to the attention of Michelle Kneier, Clerk of the Board, at the District Administrative Office at 170 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 13, 2017. Applicants must be registered to vote, must be residents of the District, and must not have been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes.

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Applicants will be invited to attend the September 19, 2017 Regular Session Board meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. to give a brief statement of interest and be available to answer questions from the Board.

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Residents press county to tackle road hazards

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

More than 100 people showed up Aug. 28 to let San Mateo County know about problems with the busy Santa Cruz Avenue/Alameda de las Pulgas roadway that bisects their West Menlo Park neighborhood.

They told of seniors and school children afraid to cross the street, of cars slamming through fences and walls, and of people unwilling to walk dogs, push strollers or ride bikes in the area.

The public meeting was part of a San Mateo County study looking at a relatively short stretch of road that starts out as Santa Cruz Avenue at Sand Hill Road and then becomes Alameda de las Pulgas at the Y-intersection where Santa Cruz splits off. The study area ends at Avy Avenue. Some of the areas bordering the roadway are in Menlo Park, but San Mateo County controls the entire roadway, residents were told at the meeting.

Many area residents have joined a group called Santa Cruz/Alameda for Everyone, or SAFE, that has been gathering comments about problems in the study area. They put that information in a 38-page document presented at the meeting, listing 17 issues, plus a range of possible solutions and complicating factors for each.

Many solutions make problems worse for other road users, but the SAFE group has tried to involve representatives of all groups that use the roadway including nearby residents, cyclists, parents of students and seniors.

Who do streets serve?

Cheryl Phan said the group has documented 19 collisions in the study area in the past nine months. (The county's consultants said they found fewer collisions, but the SAFE group says that is because not all accidents are reported.)

"The question before us is how to make this the neighborhood the residents want it to be," Ms. Phan said. "What are the values of our community? For whom and what purposes do our streets serve?"

Gwen Leonard, a resident of Menlo Commons, a condominium complex for those 55 and older with 170 residents off Santa Cruz Avenue, said speeding is the biggest issue. She, and many others, asked to have the speed limit

reduced from 35 to 30 miles per hour.

Crosswalks are another danger, Ms. Leonard said. Some of the study area's six crosswalks — four at signals and two without signals — are simply ignored by drivers, she said.

Some parents drive their children short distances to the several nearby schools, and many local residents — including Menlo-Atherton High School students — have a hard time getting to the bus stop at Palo Alto Way, because it's so dangerous to use the crosswalk there, speakers said.

Nine lane crosswalk

SAFE organizer Ron Snow said that the design of many of the crosswalks is the problem, with one set at an angle that makes it the equivalent of nine lanes across. In many, walkers are hidden from the view of drivers by vehicles in other lanes, he said.

The SAFE report, and Ms. Leonard, suggested a pedestrian-activated stoplight for the crosswalk. Such traffic lights are dark until activated. The relatively new technology was recently installed on El Camino Real in Atherton.

Safe sidewalks are another need, Ms. Leonard said, "to reach area stores and a post office."

One change she and other residents did not want to see is the elimination of a central left turn lane. "Please do not consider eliminating the center lane," she said because it is "too valuable for all the residents of the area."

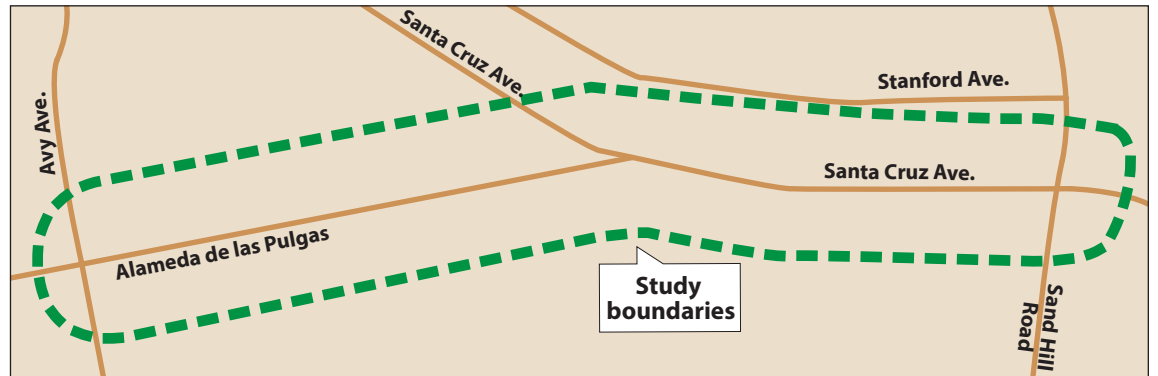
Bill Kirsch, who said he is on Menlo Park's Complete Streets Commission but was speaking as an individual, said: "We all know it's dangerous to bike and walk on this corridor."

"We want everyone to be able to move safely through this corridor," Mr. Kirsch said. If biking and walking are safe alternatives, "we can get some people out of their cars," he said.

The section of roadway being studied has no bike lanes, but is used by many cyclists because it connects to other bikeways.

Molly Glennen talked about the difficulties for students and parents crossing Santa Cruz and Alameda to get to La Entrada and Philips Brooks schools or the three neighborhood preschools. "We have major traffic coming through, and they're coming really fast," she said.

"Kids tell their parents when they're scared," she said. "I hear



Map by Kristin Brown/The Almanac

The area of San Mateo County's study includes Santa Cruz Avenue from Sand Hill Road to the Y-intersection where it splits off, and Alameda de las Pulgas from that point to Avy Avenue. San Mateo County controls all the roadway in that section.

it every day."

"We need to work together across jurisdictions," she said, to find ways to get kids to schools, and get able-bodied and disabled people across streets and sidewalks. The goal, she said, "is to get from here to there without getting in cars."

Crashing through walls

Ms. Glennen also told about a 2:50 a.m. vehicle crash through the wall in front of her house.

Another resident said she also had a car come through her wall. "People use Santa Cruz Avenue thinking it's an expressway," she said. She asked that the corridor be made to appear more like a residential street with islands and trees.

Menlo Park Fire Protection District board member Virginia Chang-Kiraly asked the group to also think about the need for fire vehicles to use the road, which

she said is a primary response route for the fire district. "We've got to have some space to get out," she said.

SAFE members said they have met with fire district officials as well as law enforcement, and Menlo Park and county officials.

It's unanimous

While it was obvious those at the meeting did not agree on solutions, on one topic they appeared unanimous.

"How many people think the speed limit's too high?" asked SAFE organizer Ron Snow. Almost every hand in the room was raised high.

The other top issue raised by neighbors is the redesign of the Y-intersection where Santa Cruz veers off into Menlo Park and the roadway becomes Alameda. Mr. Snow said residents have complained about 15 or 20 different issues with that area alone.

County officials at the meeting and a representative of the consultants they've hired to study the area had planned to have attendees vote on a set of possible alternatives for the road, but the group refused to do the planned exercise and instead asked lots of questions.

They asked the county and its consultants to work closely with SAFE representatives before they come back for another community meeting with possible solutions.

At is.gd/corridor San Mateo County has a web page about the study, including a survey asking for residents' priorities for the area.

At univpark.org/safe SAFE has its study posted online and lists each issue with a form to collect input.

At is.gd/alm_safe see more photos of conditions and the meeting on the Almanac's website. ■



Photo by Robert Most

Neighbors Cheryl Phan, left, and Ron Snow, right, show Assistant County Manager Mike Callagy where a car sped through the Y-intersection, where Santa Cruz Avenue splits off from Alameda de las Pulgas, and through the wall surrounding a home at the corner.



Malcolm Dudley retires after 56 years as adviser

Just two weeks shy of his 85th birthday, Atherton's Malcolm Dudley has retired from his full-time job as an investment adviser for Wells Fargo Advisors in Palo Alto.

Mr. Dudley, who served for 24 years on the Atherton City Council and was a leader on regional transportation matters as a board member of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, had worked as an investment adviser for 56 years.

Coworker Leland Levy said that Mr. Dudley "was one of the best investment advisers on the Peninsula. He understood

his clients, he understood what their needs were."

His success, Mr. Levy said, was due to two things: "He's both smart and he's an understanding person."

Co-workers will miss Mr. Dudley's presence, he said. "Malcolm has just been an enjoyable and a stimulating person to work beside," he said. In an area full of new ideas and new companies, Mr. Dudley has always been "superb" at staying abreast of changes, he said.

That's even though "he's worked here longer than the term Silicon Valley has been in existence," Mr. Levy said.

Saturday: Atherton disaster drill

A drill designed to prepare Atherton residents for a disaster and to improve collaboration between the town, first responders and volunteers in a major emergency will be held in Atherton on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 83 Ashfield Road.

No prior training is needed to participate in the drill, which will take place in the parking lot behind the police station.

A working emergency headquarters with an incident command post, radio center, and a medical operations area will be set up.

CERT members will do disaster reconnaissance, emergency medical response, and light search and rescue in nearby neighborhoods.

Information about CERT, volunteer opportunities and free classes will be available.

MenloFireCERT.com has more information, or contact Tom Prussing (tprussing@gmail.com) or Michael Ralston (mralston@menlofire.org).

Flood control project moves to park

Atherton's City Council will vote Wednesday, Sept. 6, on a new agreement with Caltrans to accept a \$13.6 million grant to put a flood and water pollution control facility in Holbrook-Palmer Park.

The council meets at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, in its chambers at 94 Ashfield Road in Atherton after a short

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closed session to discuss labor negotiations with non-union employees.

The only other item on the agenda is approval of a pre-qualified list of four engineering contractors whom the city can use for on-call construction management and inspections services: Ghirardelli Associates Inc., Vali Cooper & Associates Inc., Hill International Inc., and Caltrop Corp.-TRC Co.

Help send children to summer camp

Stanford Blood Center is asking the public to help send 50 pediatric organ transplant recipients to a summer camp hosted by Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford.

The week-long camp gives children who have received solid organ transplants the summer camp experience while providing access to nurses and medical supplies.

The Children's Hospital will make a financial contribution for every person who donates blood between Sept. 11-25 at any of the Stanford Blood Centers or mobile blood drives.

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Stanford's 'Middle Plaza' project clears penultimate hurdle

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Stanford's proposed 429,739 square-foot development on an 8.4-acre site along El Camino Real in Menlo Park, stretching from the Stanford Park Hotel to Big 5 Sporting Goods, passed a penultimate hurdle when the Menlo Park Planning Commission voted Aug. 28 to recommend approval of a package of agreements and permits needed to move forward.

The housing, office and retail complex is expected to be brought to the City Council in late September.

The approvals were split into five parts, and the commissioners voted 6-0 in favor of the first four: approving the findings of the final environmental impact report and accepting the proposed mitigations; approving the architecture plans; allowing 18 heritage trees to be removed and one to be transplanted; and accepting a "below market rate" agreement in which Stanford commits to renting 10 one-bedroom apartments to low-income tenants.

The commission also recommended the City Council give teachers in the Menlo Park City School District or child care providers preference in renting the 10 units.

(Commissioner John Onken was recused because his spouse works for Stanford.)

The commission then voted 5-1, with Commissioner Andrew Barnes opposed, to recommend that the terms of a proposed development agreement for the project be approved by the City Council.

In the agreement, Stanford commits to pay half the cost, up to \$5 million, of a new bike and pedestrian bridge over or tunnel under the Caltrain tracks at Middle Avenue.

Stanford also agrees to pay \$1 million over 10 years to the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation, which raises funds for the Menlo Park City School District. Stanford's payment is intended to help compensate the school district for the cost of educating students who will live in the 215 apartments the university plans to build there.

A City Council subcommittee has recommended that Stanford increase its contribution to the foundation to \$1.5 million over 15 years. Mr. Barnes said he didn't support the development agreement because he



Courtesy Stanford University.

A rendering of one of Stanford's proposed office buildings along El Camino Real in Menlo Park. The architectural plans received positive remarks from planning commissioners.

said he wasn't given enough data to make an informed decision about the payment to the foundation.

The project

Stanford has proposed to build 215 one- and two-bedroom apartments (276,613 square feet), 10,286 square feet of retail and restaurant space, and 142,840 square feet of office space. A large public plaza near Middle Avenue is also proposed. The project will have about 930 parking spots, most of which will be in underground parking garages, with some surface parking.

**Stanford's proposal:
215 apartments,
142,000-square-feet
of office space, and
10,000-square-feet of
retail/restaurant space.**

The two residential and three office buildings proposed are expected to bring 512 residents and 500 employees to the site. These new people and visitors are expected to add about 2,658 daily vehicle trips.

Impact on schools

Since Stanford plans to use the apartments for staff and faculty housing, the university will not be required to pay property taxes on those units.

Erik Burmeister, superintendent of the Menlo Park City School District, said in a public comment that he and the district are concerned that the district will incur major costs to educate the children who might live in those apartments, since the district is funded with property taxes and does not receive a designated per-student funding

allocation from the state.

Estimates varied on how many students the new development might bring to the district. Mr. Burmeister cited an estimated 39 new students from the development, which, according to him, could cost the district as much as \$660,000 a year, given expected 2019 costs of \$17,000 per student.

Jean McCown told the commissioners that ultimately, Stanford is designated as a tax-exempt academic institution by the state of California, and the university does not plan to distribute funds "as though we are not tax exempt," she said. "That's not a place we can go. We are making a major investment in this property and community in a new way that hasn't been the case for a while."

Each year, she said, the apartments will be assessed to see if property taxes are required. If the university ends up leasing apartments to non-Stanford affiliated tenants, then property taxes will be paid for those apartments. In addition, Stanford plans to lease the three proposed commercial and office buildings to outside tenants and will be required to pay property taxes on those.

City Attorney Bill McClure said Stanford already leases about 180 apartments in the city of Menlo Park to house its students, faculty and staff, and gets a property tax exemption on those. Some of those residents might move into the Middle Plaza apartments and not add to lost property tax revenues for local schools.

The terms of the development agreement, including the amount of funding Stanford has committed to local schools, are scheduled to be discussed in September. ▀

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Cameras in Homes

Dear Monica: My agent was showing me property recently and I saw that some of the houses had cameras installed and knew that owners were probably watching us view their house. It made me uncomfortable and mindful of not making any negative comments about the property while in the house. Are cameras now a fact of modern life? **Bonnie C.**

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Dear Bonnie: Cameras are indeed a fact of modern life and you should expect to see them in many properties on and off the market. Generally property owners with hidden cameras inside their

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Image courtesy Stanford University.

A rendering of Stanford's proposed two-story office building at 2131 Sand Hill Road. There would be parking underground and on the surface for 159 vehicles.

City seeks more negotiations with Stanford on Sand Hill project

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Members of the Menlo Park City Council want to negotiate further with Stanford before giving a thumbs up or down on the university's proposed 40,000-square-foot, two-story office building at 2131 Sand Hill Road — across from the Sharon Heights Shopping Center.

As part of the proposal, the city would annex 16 acres owned by the university that are in unincorporated San Mateo County.

The council on Aug. 29 directed a subcommittee of councilmen Ray Mueller and Peter Ohtaki to conduct the negotiations. (The two have negotiated with the university on Stanford's

other proposed development across town at 500 El Camino Real.) Stanford officials appeared willing to discuss a transportation management association.

The 16-acre parcel includes the residence of the Stanford provost (formerly the Buck Estate) and the Hewlett Foundation's offices.

'It's purely a money grab and we're not going to do it.'

STANFORD'S STEVE ELLIOTT,
ON REQUEST FOR SOUND WALL MONEY

If the city annexes the property, it will receive 10.5 percent of the property taxes generated on the site each year, which would likely yield about \$6,500 a year without

additional improvements, and potentially more. For every \$1 million increase in assessed value, the city can expect to receive an additional \$1,050 a year, staff say.

According to an environmental analysis of Sand Hill project, the new office is expected to generate an estimated 302 daily vehicle trips, with 47 trips added during the peak morning hour and 36 added during the peak evening hour.

Sound wall

A request by the Sharon Oaks Homeowners' Association did not appear to be up for consideration by Stanford.

Residents there say there is a high level of noise — about the level of a TV or a vacuum running — generated by all the

traffic on Sand Hill Road. Noise studies from 2004, 2006 and 2016 back that up, said City Attorney Bill McClure, though the levels haven't shown an increase in that time.

A lot of the traffic noise, argued Jason Browne, president of the homeowners' association, is due to the cumulative effect of Stanford's continual expansion. He, and a number of other residents in the neighborhood, in person and email, asked that the university contribute half the cost to rebuild the 50-year-old sound wall that residents consider inadequate.

Steve Elliott, managing director for development at Stanford, told the council the university had been working on other mitigation steps with stakeholders that were tied to the specific project being proposed, and in a letter sent Aug. 22, told the council, "Stanford respectfully declines to contribute University funds to the effort to replace or expand the homeowners' association's sound wall."

In his oral comments to the council, his words were not so diplomatic: "This is more of an opportunistic, in my opinion, recognition that Stanford has deep pockets and probably wouldn't care. ... It's purely a money grab and we're not going to do it."

Decline as VC hotspot?

Mr. Elliott told the council the proposal's key addition in value to the city would be the creation of a new office building on Sand Hill Road.

Though the road is known widely as the prestigious home of top venture capital firms, and accordingly, claims some of the highest commercial rental rates

in the country, many of the office structures are decades old and wearing out, he said, leading some venture capital firms to choose locations elsewhere.

Housing

Mayor Kirsten Keith expressed disappointment that housing was not proposed on the site. The current zoning is residential, and the site was considered for potential housing when the city updated its housing element. However, the property is on county land and the city couldn't do anything about it.

John Donohoe, associate director of planning and entitlements at Stanford, said that because of the shape of the property — it is triangular, with required 75-foot setbacks to the front and rear — not much housing would fit on it, even if the university wanted to build it there.

The matter is expected to be brought before the council again in September.

El Camino project

By the time the council finished its discussion of Stanford's Sand Hill Road project, the clock was ticking precipitously close to the next day, so the council agreed to hear public comments from patient audience members and postpone until September its discussion on the terms of a proposed development agreement with Stanford for its 500 El Camino Real or "Middle Plaza" project.

Speakers at the meeting urged the university to increase its sustainability commitment to match the city's sustainability requirements in newly rezoned areas of eastern Menlo Park and to provide more funding to the school district. ■

Tests show elevated bacteria levels at mini-park

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

A project intended to spice up downtown has instead stunk it up, say some who spend time near the city's pop-up park on Curtis Street and Santa Cruz Avenue.

The pop-up park is a temporary installation of a large astroturf carpet and some lawn furniture, including brightly colored Adirondack chairs. Over the last two years, the pop-up park has been rolled out downtown, perpendicular to Santa Cruz Avenue. Previously it was on Chestnut Street, and now it's on Curtis Street.

The mini-park takes up roughly an entire block and eliminates vehicle access and parking there.

Loren Dakin, whose office at

1075 Curtis St. abuts the park, has a front-row seat to observe the park's frequent desecration by people's pets.

He called the park a health hazard and told the Almanac he's seen both dogs relieve themselves and toddlers eat Cheerios off the ground at the park.

In August, he paid for tests to be conducted at the mini-park by Patriot Environmental Laboratory Services Inc., which has an office in San Jose. The tests showed elevated coliform bacteria levels at three spots on the astroturf. E. coli, a particularly dangerous coliform bacteria, was not found. Coliform bacteria are associated with sewage or fecal contamination.

He presented the council with the findings of the investigation on Aug. 22.

"It's a cesspool," he said.

Bill Frimel, who also works in the building at 1075 Curtis St., said that human trash and waste can be observed at the park. He noted that in addition to public health concerns, he is frequently distracted from his work by frustrated drivers cutting

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through the parking lot, noise from kids and street performers, and transient people who spend time at the park night and day.

During a public comment period at the Aug. 22 council meeting, a smattering of people spoke in favor of removing the

park and restoring the street to its former use.

Bob McNamara, a former councilman, told the council: "Many residents, business owners and retailers have told me the park has had a negative impact on the adjacent area. ... These are the very people in the community that you're trying to help, so you should trust their perspective."

City response

Mr. Frimel noted the park is maintained regularly by city staff and that the astroturf was seen being power-washed on Aug. 30.

Jim Cogan, Menlo Park's housing and economic development manager, said the mini park has been a test to see if the

Election changes

San Mateo County is one of 14 counties participating in a new program, starting in 2018, in which county election offices can conduct all elections entirely through the U.S. mail.

The League of Women Voters of North and Central San Mateo County has scheduled a public meeting to discuss this program and its impacts, including on the disabled and non-English speakers. The two-hour meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 6, begins at 7 p.m. at the Woodside Road United Methodist Church at 2000 Woodside Road in Redwood City.

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Kato Mendelssohn Reis, lifelong pianist and teacher

The music of Kato Mendelssohn Reis's own piano recordings of the music of Chopin, Liszt and Felix Mendelssohn, her great-great-grandfather, played in the background as she breathed her last on Aug. 15 at the retirement community Vi at Palo Alto. She was 98.

Ms. Mendelssohn Reis led a musical life. She was born in Budapest, Hungary, and began musical training at age 6 under the guidance of her mother. At 8, she accepted a scholarship to and was a graduate of the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest, according to her son John.

She and her parents immigrated to Los Angeles in 1938 after she completed her musical education in Hungary. In California, she took up teaching piano and performed for schools, civic organizations, "world-class orchestras," including the San Francisco Symphony, and private parties, her son said.

The Hollywood celebrities she taught and played for included actress and movie star Mary Pickford, who regularly invited her to entertain at Pickfair, her Beverly Hills estate.

Kato met Robert Stanley Reis in 1940 at Stanford University, where she had come to play a concerto at Memorial Auditorium. They married in 1946

OBITUARY

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

and first settled in Atherton after a long honeymoon spent traveling in the United States and Canada. She was a resident of the Peninsula for 71 years, including 60 years in Atherton and Menlo Park, her son said.

During World War II, Ms. Mendelssohn played at USO venues and military hospitals and recorded two and a half hours of classical music for broadcast to the troops. (Several of her recordings are posted on YouTube.) After the war, she returned to teaching piano, an activity she continued into her 70s. Included in her roster of students were her four sons.

After her children were grown, Ms. Mendelssohn Reis became a volunteer, which included activities with the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park, the Mid-Peninsula League of the San Francisco Symphony, Peninsula Family Service, Little House (in Menlo Park) and Meals on Wheels. She was still delivering meals into her 80s, her son said. "All benefited from her generosity and boundless energy," he said.

The couple retired to Palo Alto in 2005; Mr. Reis died in



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2008. Ms. Mendelssohn carried on, playing bridge and giving impromptu concerts on the grand piano in the lobby.

She is survived by her sons Ronald, Tom, Brian and

John and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be private. The family asks that donations in Ms. Mendelssohn Reis' name be made to either Peninsula

Family Service at 24 Second Ave. in San Mateo, 94401, or the Mid-Peninsula League of the San Francisco Symphony at 201 Van Ness Ave. in San Francisco, 94102.

No permit for gun-toting protester

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

A decision by the city of Menlo Park to deny a special event permit application to a man seeking to run a one-man protest on Sand Hill Road with a semi-automatic rifle was upheld by the City Council with 4-0 vote at a special meeting Aug. 29. Councilman Ray Mueller was absent.

The permit applicant, Michael Zeleny of Los Angeles, had proposed to park a truck on the median of Sand Hill Road near the Interstate 280 entrance and exit, display loaded and unloaded firearms, distribute documents to the public and run a generator to operate a 55-inch digital video monitor, according to City Manager Alex McIntyre.

Mr. Zeleny says his protest is in opposition to a venture

capital firm that is a neighbor to the Rosewood Sand Hill Hotel. According to previous Almanac reporting, Mr. Zeleny claims the firm employs a former business partner of a man that Mr. Zeleny alleges is tied to a rape that occurred nearly 30 years ago.

City Attorney Bill McClure reminded Mr. Zeleny in a May

City Attorney reminds protester it is illegal to open-carry an unloaded or loaded weapon in California.

2016 letter that it is illegal to open-carry an unloaded or loaded weapon in California. Even if Mr. Zeleny were to use a legal exception to the rule that allows people to carry unloaded firearms for entertainment events or filming a movie, it's still not legal to carry ammunition alongside or near the weapon, Mr. McClure noted.

Other safety concerns were raised about Mr. Zeleny parking a vehicle on the median, blocking the sidewalk, and using

lights and a video display that could impair or distract drivers.

City staff said Mr. Zeleny did not need a special event permit anyway, because the event was a "one-man protest" that did not require community participation. According to a letter by Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Zeleny does not need a special event permit to conduct a protest, so long as his actions comply with the law.

"The lack of need for a permit shows the City is not preventing your protest or (has not) prevented you from displaying your message," the letter says. "The City is using its police power and common sense to regulate the time, place and manner of your proposed free speech protest. The City has a compelling interest in public safety and a protest in the median would place the (drivers), cyclists, pedestrians and you in danger."

While protests are not allowed on city medians, they are allowed on sidewalks (as long as pedestrian access is not blocked) and in city parks and plazas, Mr. McIntyre noted. ■

Fire district takes applications for seat on governing board

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District is taking applications for appointment to a 15-month term as a fire board director until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13. The position opened when director Rex Ianson resigned.

Applicants must attend the Sept. 19 fire board meeting to make a "brief statement of interest" and answer questions.

Fire board secretary Michelle Kneier said before the applications were available on Sept. 1, a total of 13 people had emailed

interest in the appointment.

The board appointee will fill out Mr. Ianson's term, which ends in December 2018, and can run as an incumbent in the November 2018 election.

If three of the remaining four board members don't agree on an appointment, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors makes the appointment.

Go to MenloFire.org for more information, or contact board clerk Michelle Kneier at mknier@menlofire.org or (650) 329-9266.

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community would use such a space if it were created.

The project has claimed six street parking spaces at Curtis Street, he said.

"We can't regulate good behavior to the point that people aren't littering and people are more responsible with their pets," he said, but added that the city has committed to power-wash the astroturf

regularly, a step he claims the author of the bacteria investigation, Michael Schoedinger, says is an effective way to keep it clean. Mr. Schoedinger could not be reached to confirm by the Almanac's press deadline.

"I have seen a lot of people enjoying (the park)," Mr. Cogan said. "It really comes down to balancing the desires of the entire community."

A council discussion of the park's future has not yet been scheduled. ■

Menlo Park man found guilty of first-degree murder

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A San Mateo County jury on Aug. 31 found Jerry Coneal III, a 23-year-old resident of Menlo Park, to be guilty of one count of first-degree murder in connection with the October 2012 shooting death of a rival gang member in East Palo Alto.

The jury also determined that Mr. Coneal had lain in wait for his victim, and that the homicide had been committed "for gang purposes," according to a report by District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

First-degree murder with

special circumstances such as lying in wait and gang affiliations carries a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole, said Sean Gallagher, a deputy district attorney who supervises cases that involve homicide and gangs.

The fact that Mr. Coneal also used a firearm with deadly force adds a sentence of 25 years to life, Mr. Gallagher said. With this trial over, Mr. Coneal now faces another trial on a murder charge in Santa Clara County, Mr. Gallagher said.

Sentencing in San Mateo County is scheduled for Sept. 20. Mr. Coneal is in custody in the county jail on a no-bail status.

Peter Arian, Mr. Coneal's defense attorney, said he had no comment on the case.

The shooting victim was Christopher Baker, a member of a rival gang who was killed in a "retaliation attack" while attending a memorial for another murdered gang member, prosecutors said.

Miguel Angel Rivera Jr., an associate of Mr. Coneal in the case, was sentenced in July to 35 years to life in prison after having pleaded no contest to second-degree murder and admitting to a second strike.

Mr. Coneal would not have been successful were he to have tried for a plea bargain, Mr.

Gallagher said. "He could say it, but we were never going to offer it to him," he said. Most murder cases go to trial, he said.

Asked to comment on the jury, which deliberated for two days, Mr. Gallagher said prosecutors described the group as "a good commonsense cross-section of the community (who) seemed like they paid attention and understood what the evidence meant. They seemed to be very detail-oriented." ■



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■ POLICE CALLS

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

ATHERTON

Residential burglary: Someone cut the lock to the front gate of a construction site on Melanie Lane, entered the site, cut the lock on the front door of the construction office and stole a first-aid kit and a small chain saw. Estimated loss: \$300. Aug. 30.

WOODSIDE

Residential burglary: In connection with a residential burglary on Eleanor Drive, sheriff's deputies arrested and booked into jail three San Jose men on charges that included burglary, receipt of known stolen property, possession of burglary tools, possession of a concealed dagger and possession of a switchblade knife inside a vehicle. Aug. 25.

MENLO PARK

Auto burglaries:

■ A thief broke a window on a vehicle parked in the 200 block of El Camino Real and stole a backpack containing a laptop computer and headphones. Estimated loss: \$2,200. Aug. 29.

■ BIRTHS

Woodside

■ Katrina and Eric Self, a son, March 1, Sequoia Hospital.
■ Beth and Daniel Nash, a son, June 12, Sequoia Hospital.
■ Noelle and Kevin Gibbs, a daughter, Aug. 22, Sequoia Hospital.

Emerald Hills

■ Amber and Christopher Bingham, a daughter, April 14, Sequoia Hospital.

Atherton

■ Amy Malay and Mark Gammon, a daughter, July 14, Sequoia Hospital.

Menlo Park

■ Shivani Mohan and Arpit Midha, a daughter, July 23, Sequoia Hospital.

■ Someone broke into a locked truck parked at Comcast Cable on Haven Avenue and stole a field meter. Estimated loss: \$140. Aug. 29.

■ After breaking a window, someone stole a laptop computer from a locked vehicle parked in the 2800 block of Sand Hill Road. No estimate on losses. Aug. 29.

■ A thief broke into a vehicle parked in the 2700 block of Sand Hill Road and stole personal property, including credit cards. No estimate on losses. Aug. 29.

Thefts:

■ Authorities investigated and arrested an armed messenger for the Garda-World cash courier service, booking him into county jail on suspicion of charges of embezzlement, in this case of about \$9,125. Aug. 29.

■ Two bicycles and two bicycle rims were stolen from an open carport on Harvard Avenue. Estimated loss: \$2,380. Aug. 30.

■ Someone cut a cable lock and stole a bike from a bike rack on the 800 block of Santa Cruz Avenue. Estimated loss: \$950. Aug. 30.

■ A cellphone was reported either lost or stolen between the Seven-11 and the J & J Hawaiian Barbecue, which are adjacent to each other at the corner of Oak Grove Avenue and Alma Street. Estimated loss: \$750. Aug. 25.

■ A package containing a Kindle tablet was stolen from the front porch of a home on Durham Street. Estimated loss: \$140. Aug. 27.

■ Someone stole a jacket containing cash and gift cards from the floorboard of an unlocked vehicle parked on Buckthorn Way. Estimated loss: \$95. Aug. 29.

■ A woman shopping at Trader Joe's on Menlo Avenue told police that someone stole her wallet from her purse while she was in the store, then used a credit card from the purse for a purchase of \$85. Estimated loss: \$685. Aug. 25.

■ A woman told police that someone stole her wallet from her purse while she was shopping at Trader Joe's on Menlo Avenue. No estimate on losses. Aug. 29.

■ Police arrested and booked a Menlo Park man on charges of theft and violation of parole in connection with a video of a man seen taking items that he did not pay for at the CVS pharmacy at 700 E Camino Real. When confronted by police upon exiting the store, the man was carrying unpaid for items valued at \$13.67. Aug. 25.

■ Acting on a report of a theft of a surveillance camera at a residence on Paulson Circle, police found that a tenant who had been engaged in verbal disputes about the placement of the camera had hidden it. No losses. Aug. 28.

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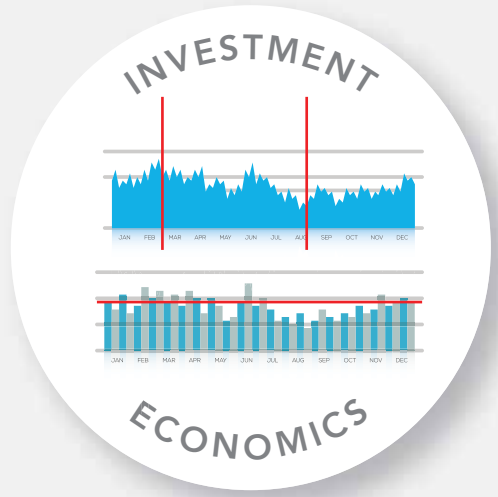
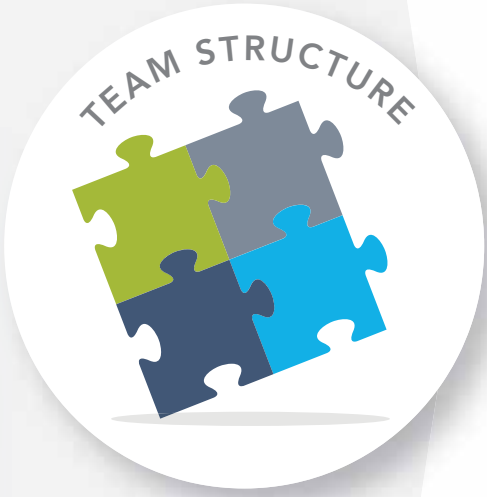


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Shrinking news bubbles



Photo by Michelle Le
Nick Lum has set out a mission for himself: to encourage online readers — through his free app “Read Across the Aisle” — to read publications with political viewpoints different from their own.

Woodside entrepreneur creates app to broaden horizons of news readers

By Dave Boyce

Social entrepreneur Nick Lum of Woodside is interested in shrinking bubbles, specifically news bubbles — those insulated worlds we can create for ourselves when we gravitate toward online news sources that align with our political views.

News bubbles are “a huge problem and one that we have to face,” Mr. Lum says. “We can’t just hunker down in our filter bubbles and hope that things get better. We have to take a step to get outside of our bubbles.”

In an attempt to address the problem, he has come up with a free app — “Read Across the Aisle” — that runs on Apple smartphones and tablets and the Chrome browser and tracks the time you spend on the websites of online publications.

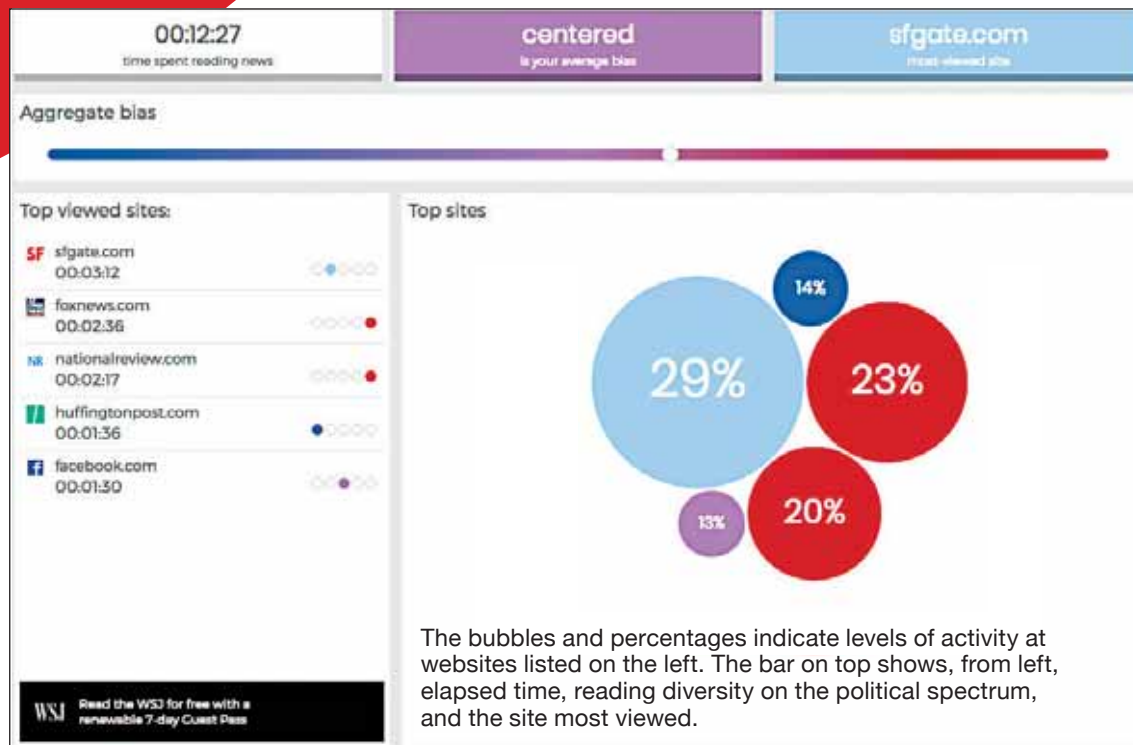
Where a publication sits on the spectrum of liberal to conservative depends on a calculation that includes an algorithm designed by Mr. Lum along with crowdsourcing and an analysis by the nonpartisan Pew Research on how the public views a given publication.

“Technology caused this problem,” he told the Almanac. “I think it’s reasonable to expect technology to fix it, or at least raise awareness of the problem.”

Mr. Lum, who is 35, has a degree in economics and a minor in linguistics from Swarthmore College, and a law degree from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Before he took up app design and social entrepreneurship, he practiced international tax law for the Silicon Valley office of McDermott Will & Emery. He lives in Woodside Glens with his wife Kathryn Gin Lum, an assistant professor in religious studies at Stanford University, and their daughter.

In 2013, Mr. Lum founded BeeLine Reader, a patented online reading aid that he claims is helpful to people with disabilities such as dyslexia and attention deficit disorder.



The bubbles and percentages indicate levels of activity at websites listed on the left. The bar on top shows, from left, elapsed time, reading diversity on the political spectrum, and the site most viewed.

He is chief executive; his cousin, Andrew Cantino, is the company’s other employee and chief technical officer.

Beeline Reader, when used as an overlay to read publications such as emails, websites or PDF documents, changes the appearance of the text by adding gradients of color — red and blue, for example — to the words in the sentences.

The colors connect the words in sentences as they wrap from line to line, allowing a reader’s eyes to “make a beeline” to where they need to be to continue reading, Mr. Lum says.

It was a product that launched sort of by accident. While still employed as an attorney, Mr. Lum posted a link to the beta version of his app at the Hacker News online forum. He went to lunch, he says, and returned to see 250,000 hits from Europe, Australia and the United States.

Beeline Reader received an award from Stanford University’s Social Entrepreneur Challenge in 2014, and the Microsoft Education Award at the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose in 2015, the same year the California state library system licensed Beeline for use in a consortium of public libraries.

Deflating bubbles

The idea for Read Across the Aisle came to Mr. Lum, he says, after a conversation with his wife. “You like having red and blue words together,” he recalled her saying at one point. “How about bringing red and blue people together?”

Research showed the domain name readacrosstheaisle.com as available, and he had the color-oriented software code from Beeline Reader to reemploy. “This is worth

doing,” he recalls. “I’m just going to do it. ... Let’s just put it out there and let people use it.”

The app is available at iTunes and as a Chrome browser extension. Its appearance depends on the platform. When used on a phone, a list of some 22 publications shades each publication’s name with a depth of color based on its assigned place on the political spectrum. The Huffington Post, for example, is given a shade of blue, while Fox News is assigned red.

At the blue end, the list includes The New Yorker magazine, followed by The New York Times, The Atlantic, NPR, and The Washington Post.

Sites with red coloring include The Christian Science Monitor, the Wall Street Journal (with news and opinion separated), The Economist,

New York Times columnists David Brooks and Ross Douthat, The Weekly Standard and The National Review.

Libertarian views are represented by Reason Magazine and The Volokh Conspiracy, a blog owned by The Washington Post. Four news sites show no color at all: Politifact, the BBC, Reuters and The Hill.

When used on a desktop, the list is not visible but includes hundreds of publications, Mr. Lum says. Your reading habits show up as colored circles — a maximum of five circles in the current iteration of the software, Mr. Lum says. The larger the circle, the more time you’ve spent at that publication’s website compared to the others you visit, Mr. Lum says.

The app takes into account mouse movements and scrolling in a given window, he says. “This usually gets to a good approximation of reading time, but of course nothing is perfect,” he says.

The app has registered between 5,000 to 6,000 downloads in total, and on a typical day, it’s launched several hundred times, Mr. Lum says.

Mr. Lum has arranged a partnership with the Wall Street Journal; readers without subscriptions can acquire seven-day passes to read Journal articles for free when accessed through Read Across the Aisle.

Mr. Lum says he’s received requests for language-specific apps from people in eight countries. Filter bubbles are a problem in South Korea, he says. He is scheduled to present his app at the World Forum for Democracy in Strasbourg, France, in November in a conference entitled “Bursting social media echo chambers.” ■

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CALENDAR

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Community Events

St. Patrick's Seminary and University will host its 10th Annual Gala: Celebration Under the Stars at the 118-year-old seminary located at 320 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park. This year's event will honor the Walk for Life West Coast founders Dolores Meehan and Eva Muntean. Sept. 9, 5 p.m. \$250-\$1,800. St. Patrick's Seminary & University, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. stpsu.edu/2017-stpsu-gala

Changes Coming to San Mateo County Elections Susie Raye will explain changes coming to county elections and give information about the upcoming public hearings where community members can participate in the planning of the system. Sept. 6, 7-9 p.m. Free, open to the public; Wheelchair accessible. Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road, Redwood City. smcdfa.org/calendar

Theater

Bus Barn Theatre: 'The Crucible' Written as an allegory for the McCarthy "witch hunts" launched against alleged communists in the 1950s, Arthur Miller's timeless drama about the Salem witch trials remains as powerful a statement as ever about the American tendency towards mass hysteria. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 7-28, 8 p.m. \$20-\$30. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

TheatreWorks: 'Constellations' A time-bending romantic drama spun out of string theory. Aug. 23-Sept. 17, times vary. \$40-\$100. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org/201718-season/201718-season/constellations/

Music

Classical on the Square: 'Bay Shore Lyric Opera' performed outdoors. Sept. 10, 5 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. redwoodcity.org/residents/redwood-city-events/music/classical-series

Live Music: Blue Tooth is a band made up of veteran Bay Area musicians who play classic rock hits and soulful blues tunes from the golden era of Chicago blues. Sept. 8, 8-10 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. freewheelbrewing.com

Live Music: Natasha Blume Singer-songwriter Natasha Blume performs new music from her forthcoming second album and her songs that have been featured in the television shows *Reign*, *Supergirl*, *Vanderpump Rules*, and *Midnight, Texas*. Sept. 8, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park.

Live Music: Renz is a singer and multi-instrumentalist. His music is intended to uplift people's spirits, relax the mind and make people smile. Sept. 9, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. Search facebook.com/events/ for more info.

Flowers have power

Linda Salter, who works primarily in oils and pastels, will have a collection of oil paintings of flowers on display at the Portola Art Gallery at the Allied Arts Guild at 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park. The "Flower Power" exhibit opens Friday, Sept. 1, and runs through Sept. 30. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. A reception is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.



Image scan by Linda Salter

Uke Can Do It! Free Beginner Ukulele Classes Eight-week class. Bring your own ukulele. Library has limited number of instruments. Registration required: 650-851-0147, woodside@smcl.org. Tuesdays, Sept. 5-Oct. 24, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Talks & Lectures

Ending Human Trafficking Randy Newcomb, president and CEO of Humanity United, discusses this pressing global challenge. Sept. 11, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10-\$70. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Paul McHugh at Books Inc. Spy-noir night with investigative journalist and author Paul McHugh discussing his new thriller, "The Blind Pool." Sept. 8, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 74 Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Search booksinc.net/event/ for more info.

Robert Leonard Reid discusses his lyrical new essay collection, "Because It Is So Beautiful: Unraveling the Mystique of the American West." Sept. 7, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Search booksinc.net/event/ for more info.

Film

Menlo Movie Series: 'Pete's Dragon,' a movie about the adventures of an orphaned boy and his best friend Elliot who happens to be a dragon. Bring a chair, blanket and some snacks. Sept. 8, 8-10 p.m. Free. Downtown Menlo Park Paseo, Curtis Street at Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park. Search menlopark.org for info.

Movie Night: 'Frida' Biopic drama about painter Frida Kahlo, starring Salma Hayek and Alfred Molina. Rated R. Sept. 12, 6:30-8:30

p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/frida

SGS Summer Film Festival: 'For a Moment Freedom' Weary Middle Eastern refugees, including a married couple with a child, and two teens helping their young cousins reunite with their parents, have managed to escape from Iran and Iraq. They make their way to Turkey and wait for their applications for asylum in Europe to be approved. A Q&A will follow with director Arash T. Riahi. Sept. 13, 7 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Food & Drink

Morning Tea at the Library The library invites readers to drop in for a cup of tea, a tasty treat as they read one of its many magazines and gaze out at the beautiful garden. Fridays, ongoing, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Portola Valley Farmers' Market This Weekly farmers' market offers local organic farm produce, local eggs and honey, mushrooms, nuts & nut butters, jams, artisan breads & pastries, fresh seafood & farm meats, juices, beer, ready-to-eat and hot foods including crepes and Roli Roti rotisserie chicken. Thursdays, 2-6 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. pvfarmersmarket.com

Lessons & Classes

3D Print-A-Thon See the library's Ultimaker 3D printers in action. Learn how to reserve the printer, how to find the coolest things to print and how it all works. Sept. 6, 2-5 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Art of Chinese Brush Painting In celebration of Autumn Moon Festival, this hands-on brush painting workshop with Asian Art

Museum docent and artist Pauline Tsui will explore how to paint flowers, fruits and Chinese zodiac animals. Each participant will learn basic brush strokes and create a painting to take home. Sept. 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Hands-on-History: Catrinas Art Workshop The San Mateo County History Museum will present Maestra Lourdes Morantes, Casa Circolo Cultural's art teacher, who will conduct a workshop instructing participants on how to paint Catrinas. Sept. 9, 1-4 p.m. \$15, museum members; \$20, non-members. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. historysmc.org/hoh

How to Grow and Use Medicinal Herbs In this class, students will learn about herbs that grow well in the Bay Area climate and that are easy to use for self care. Sept. 9, 2-4 p.m. \$25-\$30. Common Ground Garden, 687 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. bit.ly/2mDFTb4

Outdoor Recreation

Bicycle Sunday takes riders down a stretch of Cañada Road closed near the Filoli entrance and state Highway 92. Sundays, July 2-Oct. 15, 9 a.m. Free. Canada Road, between the Filoli entrance and Highway 92, Redwood City. Search redwoodcity.org/ for more info.

Weekday Hike with the Friends explores upper part of Huddart Park from Skyline Blvd down to McGarvey Flat. It is 4.5 miles and 4 hours. Hikers meet at 10 a.m. at the Purisma Redwoods Open Space parking lot; bring a sack lunch. Takes place rain or shine. Sept. 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Huddart Park, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside. huddartwunderlichfriends.org/events/

Et Alia

Outside the Lines is a bold campaign designed to reintroduce libraries to their

local communities and get people thinking — and talking — about the library in a whole new way. It is a week-long celebration (Sept. 10-16) demonstrating the creativity and innovation in libraries. Sept. 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Reinstallation of the Cantor's Rodin Galleries This fall the Cantor Arts Center will present a reinstallation of its exceptional collection of sculpture by Auguste Rodin (France, 1840-1917) to mark the centenary of this unparalleled artist's death. Ongoing, starting Sept. 6, Wednesday-Monday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Ride to End Homelessness LifeMoves hosts a community ride to raise funds to support the high-impact housing programs and services it provides. Sept. 9, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25. Packard Grove, 3000 Hanover St., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Volunteer at Arastradero Preserve This is an opportunity to support ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at Arastradero Preserve by planting native plants, removing invasive plants, creating habitat structures and more. Second and fourth Saturdays of the month, July 8-Sept. 23, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Pearson-Arastradero Preserve, 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Book Group: 'The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend' by Katarina Bivald This book is about a woman who arrives in the ramshackle town of Broken Wheel, Iowa, on the day of a funeral, to meet the woman she knows only through the books they've swapped and letters they've shared. Sept. 11, 1-2 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

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Kiwanis speakers: veteran, nonprofit champions

A military veteran, a war refugee and champions for burn victims and the elderly are scheduled to speak at the Menlo Park Kiwanis Club luncheon meetings in September.

The club meets Tuesdays at noon at the Allied Arts Guild at 75 Arbor Road. Visitors should call ahead to (650) 327-1313 or send an email via the website menloparkkiwanisclub.org/ contact.

Paul Limson, a former medic in the U.S. Navy for six years, is pursuing a degree in medical sciences and is in his second

year at Canada Community College in Woodside. On Sept. 5, he will discuss challenges and opportunities for veterans as they make the transition to civilian life.

Gisela Zebroski is the author of "Berlin Airlift, the Candy Bomber Story and I," an account of living in Berlin in 1948 and 1949 when, in response to a decision by Soviet Union Premier Joseph Stalin to block ground access to the city, American and British bombers delivered 2.3 million tons of supplies. She will speak on Sept. 12 on the airlift,

its background and details of her survival.

Daniel "Apollo" Chacon with the nonprofit Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation in San Francisco will talk on Sept. 19 about work done to prevent burns and improve the quality of life for burn victims.

Laura Swartzel with the nonprofit Peninsula Family Service will talk on Sept. 26 about the organization's efforts help people stay connected to the wider community as they age.

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Threatened lawsuit is opportunity for better governance

The city of Menlo Park is the latest local jurisdiction to be threatened with litigation over its at-large election of governing-body members. On Aug. 21, the city received a warning letter from a Southern California law firm that has successfully sued or threatened to sue a number of municipalities and school districts in the state that held at-large elections, which allow every voter to vote for any candidate on the ballot. The letter argued that Menlo Park's City Council elections result in "racially polarized voting," in violation of the California Voting Rights Act, and urged the city to move from at-large to district elections, or face legal action.

Attorney Kevin Shenkman, who wrote the letter, told the Almanac that in shaping the complaint he had been working with residents of the Belle Haven neighborhood, the area of the city east of U.S.-101 that has a lower-wealth, large-minority population.

It is the lack of representation on the City Council by a Belle Haven resident that drives the legal threat: Citing recent data showing that about 60 percent of Belle Haven residents are Latino, and about 29 percent are African American,

Mr. Shenkman asserts that the city's "at-large system dilutes the ability of Latinos and African Americans ... to elect candidates of their choice or otherwise influence the outcome of Menlo Park's council elections."

Since incorporation, only one Belle Haven resident — Billy Ray White, who was elected in 1978 and served through the mid-1980s — has been elected to the council.

A threat of litigation doesn't create the best environment for creating public policy. But we believe the city should consider this legal challenge an opportunity to create an effective district-based election system that could broaden City Council representation of residents citywide.

This is not an indictment of current council members, who regularly demonstrate a commitment to address concerns of the Belle Haven community. But it's difficult for anyone to understand from the outside the daily concerns typical of those who struggle to provide for themselves and their families while working in low-wage jobs — sometimes several of them. And to understand life in a

community where, compared with what's available to their fellow residents on the other side of the freeway, the schools are shamefully inadequate and neighborhood services such as library and recreation don't measure up.

The city has 45 days from the time it received the letter to indicate whether it "would like to discuss a voluntary change to (its) current at-large system," Mr. Shenkman writes. It's unknown whether the City Council has begun to discuss the threatened litigation in closed session, but that's the normal course of action when such a threat is made. We hope that the decision taken by the council will lead to a robust public discussion of how the city can be divided fairly and effectively into five or more districts, in which only residents of the individual districts can vote for their representative.

Similar legal threats have led to the elimination of at-large elections for seats on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and the Sequoia Union High School District. In the name of broader representation on their City Council, the residents and leaders of Menlo Park can create an election system that will benefit the entire city. ■

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

Arts provide respite from daily grind

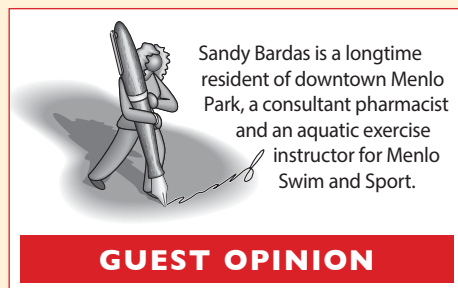
By Sandy Bardas

In these days of high stress, political turmoil and fast-paced demanding lives, we should be looking to the arts and humanities for a respite from all these pressures. Menlo Park has many excellent options to promote health and well-being via mindfulness and exercise.

Although, I notice that our neighboring cities of Palo Alto, Mountain View and Redwood City actively promote art activities, especially theater and public art, Menlo Park does not have a civic voice to promote both visual and performing arts in our city.

Since we currently do not have a place to voice our ideas and support for arts programs, I suggest the City Council form an advisory committee to explore ways to bring more arts activities and community participation in arts programs to Menlo Park.

First I would like to discuss the under-utilization of the Menlo-Atherton High School Center for the Performing Arts by community arts organizations. The center was financed by bond measures and funding from the city of Menlo Park. Opened in October 2009, the center was meant to serve M-A high as well as the extended community.



GUEST OPINION

Community organizations were given 55 days per year, allowing M-A to have first choice of the calendar. Woeefully, other than a few movies, Music@Menlo and Menlowe Ballet, I see very few other community programs. Perhaps there are scheduling problems between the school and the community, and if there are I hope that this can be worked out to maximize utilization of the venue.

I can understand community organizations' reluctance considering that scheduling requires at least a 60-day lead time, liability insurance of \$1 million dollars, and stiff cancellation terms including the school's right to reschedule, relocate, and deny a previously approved request. My first request of the advisory council would be to review conditions for community access to the performing arts center.

Second, I would like to see more displays of public art. We have many talented artists in our town and we can display and promote their work as an encouragement for them to beautify our city. Many options would be available, such as temporary exhibits, loans, commissions or donations.

With so many building projects in the works, I hope the city can influence the developers to incorporate our artists into their designs. Such an invitation would personalize these developments to the people of Menlo Park. I would suggest a competition with a juried panel to select works. The open spaces could have sculptures or murals. Perhaps a space could also be dedicated to temporary displays.

The advisory committee I am proposing should be composed of a diverse cross-section of the entire city, and include our businesses, community organizations and resident artists along with representation from city departments involved in the selection, financing, installation and upkeep of the displays.

I believe that our city would benefit from both the participation of its citizens and the display or performance of cost-justifiable artistic presentations and exhibitions.

LETTERS

Our readers write

Questions about library rebuilding project funding

Editor:

Just finished reading "Menlo Park Library Decision Should Be Revisited" (Almanac editorial, Aug. 16). I am confused. Is not a "billionaire" someone who is worth one thousand million dollars? Seems strange that someone like Mr. Arrillaga would not be able to carve out one of his thousand million dollars and rebuild the library on his own.

Also, with the leftover, he ought to be able to build or refurbish many other libraries in Menlo Park, Redwood City, and neighboring cities. I wonder why he does not do so?

Jeff Colflesh
Placitas Avenue, Menlo Park

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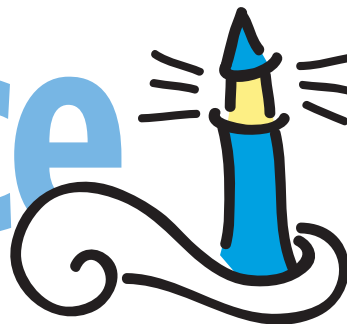


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Notices**

**995 Fictitious Name
Statement**

F.D. WOODS CUSTODIAL SERVICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 274543
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
F.D. Woods Custodial Service, located at 580 El Camino Real, San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
FREDERICK D. WOODS
1538 Newcomb St.
San Francisco, CA 94124
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 August 8, 2017.
(ALM Aug. 16, 23, 30; Sept. 6, 2017)

NUAD BORAN THERAPEUTIC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 274644
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Nuad Boran Therapeutic, located at 3536 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Woodside, CA 94025, San Mateo County. Mailing Address: PO Box 620212, Woodside, CA 94062.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
PROUD THAI MASSAGE, LLC
PO Box 620212
Woodside, CA 94062
This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 15, 2017.
(ALM Aug. 23, 30; Sept. 6, 13, 2017)

RAISING FLOORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 274686
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Raising Floors, located at 1215 Norton St., San Mateo CA 94401, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
Luis Rivas Diaz
1215 Norton St.
San Mateo, CA 94401
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 August 17, 2017.
(ALM Aug. 23, 30; Sept. 6, 13, 2017)

CARLA DIEZ-CANSECO HUMAN
RESOURCES CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 274742
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Carla Diez-Canseco Human Resources Consulting, located at 2199 Cedar Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
CARLA DIEZ-CANSECO

2199 Cedar Avenue
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 08/01/2017.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 23, 2017.
(ALM Aug. 30; Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2017)

HEALTHCARE COLLECTION CONSULTANS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 274849
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Healthcare Collection Consultants, located at 1860 El Camino Real Ste. 321, Burlingame, CA 94010, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
AL & AL ENTERPRISES CORP.
1860 El Camino Real #321
Burlingame, CA 94010
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 August 31, 2017.
(ALM Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE
OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 255847
The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s).
FRANCA ASCHENBRENNER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
FIORI DI MIELE
16 Loma Road
Redwood City, CA 94062
FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON:
05/13/2013
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S)/ENTITY(IES):
FRANCA ASCHENBRENNER
16 Loma Road
Redwood City, CA 94062
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:
Individual.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County on August 29, 2017.
(ALM Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, 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.: 17CIV03507
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: GLADYS JACQUELINE MOLINA - ESPINOZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
GLADYS JACQUELINE MOLINA-ESPINOZA to JACQUELINE GLADYS MOLINA-ESPINOZA.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: September 22, 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 94063-1655.
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: August 8, 2017
/s/ John L. Grandsaert
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Aug. 16, 23, 30; Sept. 6, 2017)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
JANET HETHERINGTON, Spouse
Case No.: 17PRO00714
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JANET HETHERINGTON.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MICHAEL HETHERINGTON, Spouse in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO.
The Petition for Probate requests that: MICHAEL HETHERINGTON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 28, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Petitioner:

P.O. Box 61047
Palo Alto, CA 94306
(650)332-6830
(ALM Aug. 23, 30; Sept. 6, 2017)

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