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Local News

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Years after fatality, new stoplights go up

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

In 2010, Chris Chandler, 62, was killed in an Atherton crosswalk on El Camino Real. Soon after, Atherton began campaigning to get Caltrans to make the state highway safer.

Seven years later, two new pedestrian-activated stoplights, which Caltrans agreed to install in 2012, have recently become operational on El Camino in Atherton, joining a similar light on El Camino at Almedral Avenue that started operating in August 2016.

Motorists may not notice the new lights because they remain dark unless activated by a bicyclist or pedestrian.

The two new lights are located over crosswalks at Isabella and Alejandra avenues.

All three crossings are the sites of serious or fatal collisions between cars and pedestrians or bicyclists, with two fatalities occurring after Caltrans had promised to install the new stoplights.

When the three lights are activated by the push of a button at either end of the crosswalk, they at first blink yellow, then steady yellow and then red. Before going dark again, the signals flash red, at which point motorists can proceed after stopping if no one is in the crosswalk.

Pedestrians and bicyclists see a walk/don't walk signal as well as a countdown of seconds remaining for crossing.

At is.gd/HAWKS Atherton has posted more information about how the lights work on its website.

Atherton has been asking Caltrans to do something to make



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Traffic crosses El Camino Real at Isabella Avenue, where a new pedestrian-activated traffic signal was installed, one of three such lights at sites of pedestrian fatalities or serious injuries. The lights remain dark until activated by a bicyclist or pedestrian.

El Camino safer since Mr. Chandler, a resident of the unincorporated Redwood City neighborhood off Selby Lane, was killed in the Isabella Avenue crosswalk as he was heading to his wife's workplace at Menlo School.

More fatalities and serious injuries followed Mr. Chandler's death, and in 2012 Caltrans agreed to pay for and install two pedestrian-activated stoplights on El Camino at Isabella and Alejandra avenues. At that time Caltrans said it could take five

years to complete the projects.

The town tried to speed up the project by working with Caltrans and then by applying political pressure. After yet another fatality, that of 32-year-old Atherton resident Shahriar Rahimzadeh in July 2014, the town of Atherton agreed to pay for an Almedral Avenue light in order to get it done more quickly.

In June 2015, Emiko Chen, 86, of Menlo Park was killed in the crosswalk at Alejandra Avenue.

The Almedral light is owned

and maintained by Caltrans, but Atherton and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District split the installation costs.

The fire district can remotely trigger the Almedral light, making it easier for fire vehicles to get in and out of the Almedral Avenue fire station.

Caltrans plans to install similar lights at 11 other crosswalks in San Mateo County. The stoplights are officially known as pedestrian hybrid beacons and also called HAWKS

(high-intensity activated crosswalk beacons).

Caltrans agreed to install the lights after a jury in 2010 found Caltrans to be 50 percent responsible for a collision in a Millbrae crosswalk that left a teenager in a coma. The state agency paid \$8 million to her family in that case.

In 2016, a jury found Caltrans 90 percent responsible for Mr. Chandler's death, and ordered it to pay \$8.55 million in damages to his family. ▣

Consultants say school playing field is safe; parents disagree

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Although a consultant hired by the Menlo Park City School District says the artificial turf playing fields at Hillview Middle School and Kelly Park pose only an insignificant risk of cancer, parents have asked for more study of the safety of the ground-up recycled tires used in the fields.

After hearing a report on Nov. 14 from the consultant

hired to test the fields, school board members asked district administrators to get them more information.

The report by David Teter of Oakland's Millennium Consulting Associates concluded that the additional cancer risk from exposure to substances found in samples of Hillview's crumb rubber was less than one in a million and is "below the estimated additional cancer risk from playing soccer on urban and rural surface soils."

A group called the Committee for Safe Fields for Menlo Park had another consulting firm review Mr. Teter's report. Among the concerns was that the report did not test for a chemical called 1,3 butadiene, used in the manufacture of tires and a component of urban air pollution.

The Safe Fields group said the consultant also did not test for dangers from inhaling crumb rubber and the gases it releases. The crumb rubber is used as

infill in artificial grass fields.

District officials plan to take these actions: talk with officials from neighboring jurisdictions, some of which have replaced the crumb rubber in their fields with materials such as cork; check in with the city of Menlo Park, which shares use and management of the Hillview field; and investigate the costs of testing for inhalation dangers from the fields.

"We want to know now ... so we can take action," said board

member Terry Thgysen.

"We want your professional opinion — is this safe?" board member Joan Lambert asked district administrators. But Superintendent Erik Burmeister told the board that he is not an expert in determining the safety of the field materials. The experts hired by the district "have said nothing can be deemed safe," he said.

"This is not going to be an empirical decision,"

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Menlo Park seeks public comment on new library

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

The city of Menlo Park didn't solicit much community feedback before deciding whether to accept an offer by local developer and philanthropist John Arrillaga to help build a new library in the city's Civic Center campus.

However, the city now plans to hold several meetings to get public comment on where a new library should be built and whether other uses for the facility — such as housing and a new council chambers — should be considered.

The first of three public meetings will be held Monday, Dec. 4, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., on the main floor of the library at 800 Alma St.

Follow-up meetings are set for Jan. 17 and Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

"We have a lot of room here if we want to utilize the entire main floor," said Library Director Susan Holmer, referring to the meeting space. Library staff have argued that crowded library events are a big reason the city needs a new library.

In a space-needs study, architectural consulting firm Noll & Tam recommended a 44,000-square-foot library,

about a third larger than the current library, to add rooms for studying, tutoring, meetings, and perhaps a "maker space."

How that space would be configured — whether it's on one or two floors, for instance — has yet to be determined.

To run the meetings, the city will continue to work with Noll & Tam.

The goal is to have a plan for the new library by the end of the third meeting.

The goal is to select a site, and perhaps develop some early visualizations of what a new library would look like, by the end of the third meeting, Ms. Holmer said.

The city is also moving ahead on a needs assessment for a new Belle Haven branch library, which would be at a different site from the current one at Belle Haven Elementary School.

The city hopes to put a combined bond measure for the new main library and Belle Haven library on the June 2018 ballot. ■

Another public meeting on Stanford growth plan

If you haven't already weighed in on a study of the expected environmental impacts of Stanford's developments over the next 18 years, there will be another chance to do so in Menlo Park.

San Mateo County has scheduled a meeting to gather community feedback about Stanford's general use permit application on Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Oak Knoll Elementary School (1895 Oak Knoll Lane) in Menlo Park. Stanford is in the jurisdiction of Santa Clara County.

Spanish translation will be provided.

The general use permit application, if approved by Santa Clara County, would allow the university to add, between the years 2018 and 2035:

- 2.275 million net new square feet of academic and academic-support space.

- 3,150 new housing units or dorm rooms (estimated to be

1.225 million additional square feet).

- 40,000 net new square feet of childcare space.

Stanford also plans to add 3,480 parking spaces plus "associated infrastructure" needed to accommodate the growth.

The growth is expected to result in about 7,500 new students, postdoctoral students, faculty and staff, and about 1,074 new, temporary and contract workers, according to the draft environmental impact report.

The deadline to comment on the draft environmental impact report is Dec. 4.

Comments can be submitted to David Rader by email at david.rader@pln.sccgov.org or by mail to: County of Santa Clara, Department of Planning and Development, Attention: David Rader, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110.

By *Kate Bradshaw*

Meeting on affordable housing site

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

MidPen Housing, a nonprofit affordable housing builder, is looking into redeveloping the property it owns at 1283 Willow Road as a workforce-housing site.

In its initial proposal, MidPen Housing said 27 units of affordable family housing would be built on the site, with six units designated for teachers and some targeted for former foster youth.

A community meeting to

discuss options for the site will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Menlo Park Senior Center at 110 Terminal Ave. in Belle Haven.

There will be a presentation and information stations. Attendees can make recommendations about design, zoning, whether retail space should be allowed, and the project's schedule.

MidPen Housing has received \$936,000 from San Mateo County to launch the project, including doing community outreach.

The nonprofit recently redeveloped its property in the 1200 block of Willow Road into 90 units of affordable housing for seniors, and is working on redeveloping the 1300 block into 141 units of affordable housing for families.

Some Belle Haven residents oppose the fact that the majority of affordable housing units are being built in their neighborhood, and say they want the new units at 1283 Willow Road to be occupied by owners, not renters. ■

County funds affordable housing in MP

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has committed major funding to two affordable housing developments in the city of Menlo Park. Both are owned by local nonprofit housing developer MidPen Housing.

The county contributed \$2.2 million for the redevelopment of the Gateway apartments on the 1300 block of Willow Road, and \$936,000 for the redevelopment of 1283 Willow Road, the site of the former Menlo Park police substation. Funds came from a county half-cent sales tax and other funds.

On the 1300 block of Willow Road, MidPen Housing has proposed to build 141 housing units for low-income families. The city of Menlo Park has also committed up to \$6.7 million for the project. The plan is to rebuild the development, adding 59 new apartments to the existing 82 apartments already there.

MidPen Housing could build 27 units of affordable family housing, with six targeted to teachers, at 1283 Willow Road, according to San Mateo County documents. Some units might be targeted to former foster youth. Midpen Housing officials

declined to comment on the record.

The Board of Supervisors committed a total of \$23.8 million countywide to eight developments of new affordable

rental housing and to two projects to rehabilitate existing affordable rental housing. The funds will go to preserve or build a total of 857 affordable housing units. ■

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



The Holidays Are Upon Us

Dear Monica: I am trying to buy a home and am frustrated with how few properties are on the market. Now with the days getting shorter and the holidays are coming, am I correct in assuming there won't be much new inventory coming on the market until January? Meredith G.

Dear Meredith: This is the time of year when the market typically slows down. Sellers who plan to sell their homes often decide that they will wait until after the first of the year to

do so because they assume that there aren't enough buyers in the market in December. This is not always the case.

I would advise you to stay attuned to the market such as it is because it is possible that the good property will come on and you won't want to miss it. You may even have an advantage over other buyers since many are busy with other activities. But if the right property doesn't appear before the end of the year, inventory should pick up in the new year.

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- Sara and Henry Styles, a daughter, Nov. 8, Sequoia Hospital.
- Mali and Ze'ev Rosenstein, a son, Nov. 18, Sequoia Hospital.

Emerald Hills

- Sofia Engstrom and Sebastian Lindemann Engstrom, a daughter, Aug. 30, Sequoia Hospital.

'Michelin-caliber' restaurant to open near Atherton

By Elena Kadvaný

The restaurant group behind local establishments Mayfield Bakery & Cafe and The Village Pub plans to open a Michelin-caliber restaurant on El Camino Real near the northern border of Atherton.

Bacchus Management Group has taken over the former Chantilly space at 3001 El Camino Real, founding partner Tim Stannard said last week. Chantilly closed in April after 43 years in business. Chantilly has a long and storied history in the area, with rumors of high-profile Silicon Valley deals being made in its private rooms.

Mr. Stannard said the new restaurant will be similar in concept to The Village Pub in Woodside and Spruce in San Francisco, which Bacchus also owns, but with a special focus on premium steak.

The Bay Area has long been lacking when it comes to quality steakhouses, he said, and he wants to fill that void. The new restaurant will draw on an existing partnership Bacchus has with Flannery Beef, whose owner carefully selects and dry-ages premium beef from all over the country.

Mr. Stannard is hoping the restaurant will follow in The Village Pub and Spruce's footsteps and earn one Michelin star and a Wine Spectator Grand Award, the

magazine's highest award. Though the building is in unincorporated San Mateo County with a Redwood City postal address, he envisions it being embedded in the nearby Atherton community.

"It was an opportunity to build what I think is another really special neighborhood restaurant," he said. "Our goal is to be of one-star Michelin quality right out the gate."

The restaurant will have formal wait service and a sommelier.

Mr. Stannard said he hopes to start construction in the next month or so, with a goal of opening in summer 2018. Staff are already in training at The Village Pub.

He stayed mum on the restaurant's name, but said Bacchus staff are "digging around" Atherton history to find something relevant to the community. (He's also keen on a name with a personal connection: a hamburger shack in New Haven, Connecticut, where his father took him growing up, called Louis' Lunch.)

Mr. Stannard took over The Village Pub in 2001. Bacchus also operates newly opened The Village Bakery in Woodside, The Saratoga in San Francisco, four Pizza Antica locations and Oakland coffee company Roast Co. All of the restaurants are supplied by SMIP Ranch, a private farm in the hills above Woodside. ■



Photo by Elena Kadvaný

32 Fahrenheit Japanese Bistro opened in the former Quizno's space on Santa Cruz Avenue in downtown Menlo Park. It follows the recent opening of two other Japanese restaurants in Menlo Park.

Japanese Bistro opens in Menlo

By Elena Kadvaný

Menlo Park has a new Japanese restaurant, the third to open in the city in the last six months.

32 Fahrenheit Japanese Bistro soft opened at 604 Santa Cruz Ave. last week, an employee confirmed.

It follows the nearby openings of Octopus Japanese Restaurant at 925 El Camino Real in June and Kyosho Sushi at 605 Santa

Cruz Ave. in July.

32 Fahrenheit is open for lunch and dinner. The lunch menu includes sushi rolls, all with imitation crab inside and other seafood and toppings, including Parmesan cheese. There are also salmon or tuna poke bowls, served with either rice or salad.

The larger dinner menu includes appetizers, sashimi, nigiri and different rolls.

The restaurant is open Sunday through Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 9:30 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m.

The owner, Barry Hung, also owns a Japanese restaurant in Newark called Pier 98 Sushi Bar & Grill.

Go to AlmanacNews.com/blogs to see Elena Kadvaný's Peninsula Foodist blog.

Hiring events set for new 11-story hotel

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Hotel Nia, an 11-story, 250-room hotel at Independence and Chrysler drives, east of U.S. 101, in Menlo Park, is expected to open in early 2018, and management is working on hiring staff.

The hotel, part of the Bohannon Development Corp.'s Menlo Gateway project, will be managed by Sage Hospitality and is among the "Autograph Collection" of hotels by Marriott.

According to a hiring flyer, the hotel's operators are seeking "customer service focused individuals ready to turn Menlo Park in to the pinnacle of modern, tech savvy luxury."

The following hiring events will be held in Menlo Park and Redwood City.

■ Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 11:30

a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Onetta Harris Community Center, 100 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park.

■ Thursday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at JobTrain, 1200 O'Brien Drive, Menlo Park.

■ Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Spaces, 101 Jefferson Drive, Menlo Park.

■ Monday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at JobTrain.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Redwood City Resource Center, 2500 Middlefield Road, Redwood City.

■ Thursday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at JobTrain.

■ Friday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Redwood City Resource Center.

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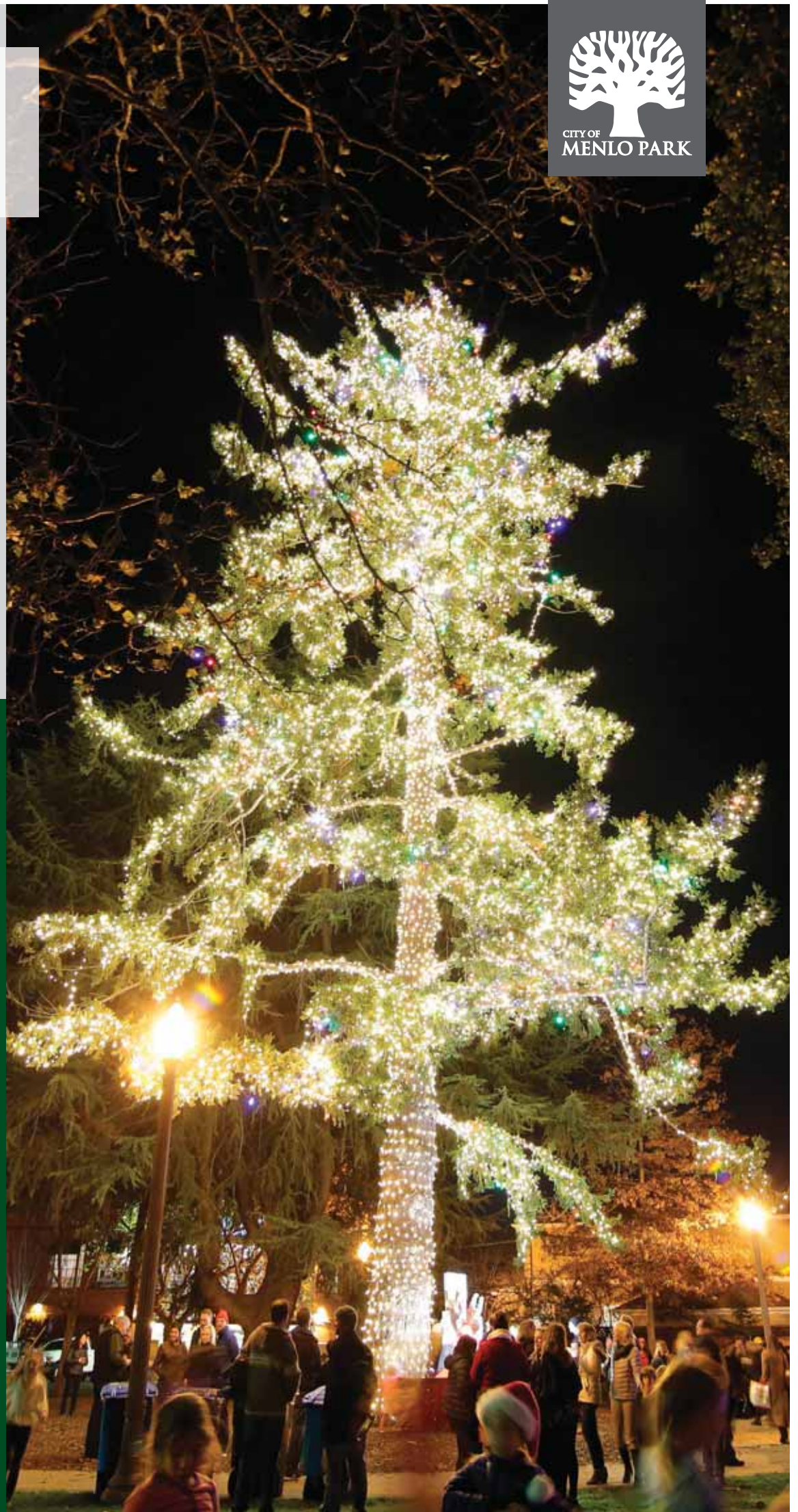
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Supporting families, individuals with housing, basic needs

By Teri Chin, human services manager, Redwood City

John is a 66-year-old who was homeless when he first came to the Fair Oaks Community Center at 2600 Middlefield Road in Redwood City.

Over the last couple of years, he has been homeless off and on — staying with family and friends whenever he can; renting a room here or there. But never finding a place of his own that he could afford to rent on his Social Security retirement income of \$1,700 a month.

Fortunately, he signed up on the wait list for subsidized senior housing and came back to the Fair Oaks Community Center when he was informed that his name was now at the top of the wait list.

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Silicon Valley and its impacts were Markoff's beats

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Silicon Valley is going to face real competition in several key technical areas in years to come — a key takeaway from a lively talk by former New York Times science and technology writer John Markoff, who spoke before more than 100 people at the Portola Valley Community Hall on Oct. 17.

In his hour-long talk, Mr. Markoff discussed big changes ahead, but not before a short tour of his 28 years of writing stories about Silicon Valley. He noted encounters with notorious hackers, and writing breaking stories — on the debut of the World Wide Web, for example, and a proposed government encryption backdoor known as the clipper chip.

The big changes included an emerging global leader in artificial intelligence research that is not the United States, the approaching limits of Moore's Law, and a significant shift of the Bay Area's center of venture capital investment in high technology.

That center is now San Francisco, Mr. Markoff said, citing an analysis by urban studies theorist Richard Florida.

In an Oct. 3 article in the online publication CityLab about a rumored relocation of startups and talent to less expensive locations, Mr. Florida includes Oakland and Hayward with San Francisco as representing 34 percent (\$23.4 billion) of U.S. VC high-tech investment in 2016. He assigns just 9.8 percent (\$6.7 billion) to the metro area of San Jose, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara.

Looking back and using VC investment as a gauge, Mr. Florida determined that the center of Silicon Valley in 1984 was the city of Santa Clara, Mr. Markoff said. Jumping ahead another decade or so, Mr. Markoff added a historical note: Silicon Valley had begun to slow down in 1996, and by 2006, Europe was outdoing Silicon Valley in innovation. But the 2007 debut of the Apple iPhone turned things around, he said.

"The question is, 'What's going to happen next time?'" he said.

Moore's Law

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reliable physics of the manufacture of semiconductors.

Moore's Law, a mid-1960s prediction by Intel Corp. co-founder, philanthropist and Woodside resident Gordon Moore, posited that continuous technological advances would allow the doubling of the number of transistors on an integrated circuit every two years. This insight has proven accurate and has enabled decades of faster, smaller and cheaper computers.

But efficiency limits are

within sight, maybe not forever but for now, Mr. Markoff said. The rate of decline in the cost of transistors began to slow around 2012, he said. In 2015, he said, Intel missed its target for increasing the transistor density on a chip (per Moore's Law). The two-year cycle is now closer to two and a half years, Intel CEO Brian Krzanich said in a July 2015 online story in *The Verge*.


And there's "dark silicon," the industry's term for integrated circuits in which the transistors are packed so densely that activating all of them at once will

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John Markoff, the former technology and science reporter for the *New York Times*, gave a lively talk to about 100 people in Portola Valley recently, including insights about coming competition for Silicon Valley's primacy in high tech.



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Listening to Trump's America

Joe Simitian on conversations with voters who chose Barack Obama, then Donald Trump

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

In the first chapter of the Old Testament, in an exchange between God and Adam's second son Cain, God asks Cain the whereabouts of his brother Abel.

Cain replies: "I don't know. Am I my brother's keeper?" It's a perennial question and a forthright one, and it's been resonating lately with Joe Simitian, a supervisor in Santa Clara County and a former state legislator.

"Until and unless we provide meaningful work with a livable wage, and then educate American workers to do it, we have no hope of pulling together as one nation, united by a common vision and value: opportunity for all," Mr. Simitian wrote in an Oct. 18 op-ed in the San Francisco Chronicle.

He was writing about a spring listening tour of three economically depressed counties — in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Majorities there had voted for Barack Obama in past presidential elections, but chose Donald Trump in November 2016. Mr. Simitian wanted to know why.

At his own expense, and with insights gathered from news clips and books such as "White Working Class," by Joan C. Williams, "Hillbilly Elegy," by J. D. Vance, and "The Politics of Resentment," by Katherine J. Cramer, Mr. Simitian traveled east. He went not as a politician and not as a reporter, though he says he felt like one at times.

Mr. Simitian will be visiting Menlo Park at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the City Council

Chambers at 701 Laurel St. to talk about what he learned. Admission to "Listening to Trump's America: Bridging the Divide" is free, but registration is required. His talk has drawn overflow crowds in Palo Alto, Los Altos and the Commonwealth Club, he said.

Left behind

His accommodations while traveling included places like the Holiday Inn Express. His get-togethers tended to happen in diners. And he introduced himself by writing ahead. "Hi. I'm an elected official in California and I'd just like to drop in and have a conversation," he'd write. To which he sometimes received replies like this one: "You're who, from where?" His enterprise occasionally felt like a come-on in a Nigerian email scam, he said.

He found himself a long way from home. In Palo Alto, according to figures from the 2015 U.S. Census update, 80 percent of the residents have college degrees. In Robeson County, North Carolina, that number is 13 percent; it's 19 percent in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, and 23 percent in Macomb County, Michigan.

The residents of these counties, those who didn't leave, have endured decades of economic deprivation, Mr. Simitian noted. Local industries such as textiles (in North Carolina) and mining and steel-making (in Pennsylvania) are long gone, and auto production (in Michigan) has faded, he said.

But with just one exception, "people were incredibly

welcoming, hungry to be heard," Mr. Simitian said, and more than willing to share their points of view, their perspectives, their life experiences. They were really glad, he said, to receive someone who wanted to understand what happened in the election and why.

Robeson County, North Carolina, voted for a Democrat in every presidential election since 1988, according to the website PoliticsNC. Mr. Trump's victory in 2016 reflected an employment situation that is "low pay and no say," and that "no matter how hard you try, you just can't seem to get ahead," Mr. Simitian said, recalling conversations in his op-ed.

Robeson County voted for Mr. Trump 51 percent to 46 percent.

During his campaign, Mr. Trump visited Johnstown in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, which voted for a Democrat in every presidential election since 2004. "We are going to put your miners back to work and your steel workers back to work," Mr. Trump said, according to an MSNBC archive. Mr. Simitian questioned residents as to their take on his pledge. "Sir, false hope is better than no hope at all," he recalled one person saying.

Mr. Trump won in Cambria County with 48.5 percent to 47.85 percent for Hillary Clinton.

At a community college in Macomb County, Michigan, which twice helped elect Mr. Obama, Mr. Trump pledged "consequences" for companies that moved American jobs to other countries. "A Trump



Photo courtesy Supervisor Joe Simitian's office

Joe Simitian, a Santa Clara County supervisor and former state legislator, will give a talk in the Menlo Park council chambers at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, on his travels to three economically depressed counties to listen to people about why they voted for Donald Trump.

administration will stop the jobs from leaving America and will stop the jobs from leaving Michigan," he said, according to a C-Span transcript.

Mr. Trump won Macomb County 53.6 percent to Ms. Clinton's 42 percent. A comment to Mr. Simitian from a young Macomb County Democratic Party activist: "You grow up here, and your goal is to get out."

The one exception to the welcome Mr. Simitian said he received on his trip came from a Republican leader in Cambria County whom he managed to get on the phone despite her reluctance. Her anger was such that he had to hold the phone away from his ear, he said.

He asked her why she was unwilling to talk. "You people in Silicon Valley haven't given a shit about us for 50 years," he recalled her replying. "She may not have been terribly gracious," he said, "but she was pretty much right."

Respectful acts

Asked why he made this trip and what lessons his local constituents might take away, Mr. Simitian said he did it for his own edification. "This was time well spent," he said. "I did this so that I would have a better understanding of what happened and so that I could carry that understanding as I did my work."

It's important to have "a fuller understanding of just how desperate folks are in a broad swath of the country and how important it is that we think about bringing them along as

our economy here in the Valley remains go, go, go," he said. "There's got to be a place for these people if we're going to have a successful economy and country going forward — and if we have any connection to our fellow Americans.

"All of us should listen respectfully. Listening is the ultimate respectful act," he said. "It starts with listening. (And while) understanding won't get the job done, without understanding, there's no chance of getting the job done."

The American Dream — that upward social mobility is possible through hard work and playing by the rules — "has historically defined the American frame of mind," he said. "When people start thinking that the system is rigged, that the deck is stacked, they don't see much reason to get up every morning and give their best effort.

"If they come to believe that there's no payoff in working hard and playing by the rules, why should we be surprised when they aren't interested in working hard and playing by the rules?" he said. "If someone gives them a reason to hope and believe, they'll take it." ▴

INFORMATION

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian will give a talk on "Listening to Trump's America: Bridging the Divide" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Menlo Park council chambers at 701 Laurel St. in the Civic Center. Registration is required. Go to is.gd/listen2016 to register for a seat.



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This Johnstown, Pennsylvania, diner served Joe Simitian as a meeting place in the spring of 2017 to listen to Cambria County residents about why they voted for Barack Obama and then Donald Trump.

Consultants say school playing field is safe; parents disagree

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Superintendent Burmeister told the board. "I think it's going to be a political decision."

What the board does is also going to be a budget decision. The district heard from a second consultant, Devin Conway of Santa Clara's Verde Design, who said the cost to replace the crumb rubber with another substance is between \$250,000 to \$375,000.

Completely replacing the field would cost \$750,000 to \$850,000. The field is expected to last at least eight more years before it needs replacement, he said.

Later in the meeting, the board did agree to set aside a little more than \$59,000 from one-time state funds toward a future replacement of the playing field. However, replacing the crumb rubber or the field earlier than planned may mean cutting some other program to pay for it.

"I feel like we need to have a conversation about how important this is compared to some of

these other" budget priorities, board member Caroline Lucas said.

The district had asked for the testing after receiving a San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury report about the possible health dangers of artificial turf playing fields. The city of Menlo Park joined in, hiring a consultant to test both the Hillview field, which the city manages during non-school hours, and its artificial turf field at Kelly Park.

The school district also joined in a state study of the safety of crumb rubber, but the results of that study may not be released for several years.

In a letter sent to the Menlo Park City Council as well as the school district, the Safe Fields group wrote that as air quality becomes worse with development and changes in the climate, it is important to try to "improve the air quality our children breathe, especially when inhaling large amounts of that air while exercising on sports fields. One step in that

Consultant: The cost to replace the crumb rubber is \$250,000 to \$375,000.



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The safety of Hillview Middle School's artificial turf field is being questioned by district parents, even after a consultant's report said it poses insignificant risks of causing cancer.

direction is removing the hazardous waste, also known as shredded recycled tires, from the fields on which our children play."

Mr. Teter said that he believes the most significant dangers

from artificial turf fields are not from the chemicals used to make them. He said his own child often uses the fields and what he worries about is head injuries and things such as the discarded needle his child once

came in contact with on a field. The Hillview and Kelly Park fields are relatively safe for head injuries, he said, because they both use good quality shock pads below the turf. ■

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melt the device, Mr. Markoff said.

Not necessarily bad news, he noted, recalling an exchange with a Stanford University student who was "over the moon" about approaching this limit. "Now it's our turn," Mr. Markoff recalled the student saying. "The free ride is over. Now it's going to have to be human creativity if we're going to go any further."

China and AI

If all this isn't enough, Silicon Valley is facing a serious challenge in the research and development of artificial intelligence. The Chinese government has declared AI a nationwide priority, Mr. Markoff said. It's an "entrepreneurial frenzy" over there, he said, with 4 million startups in 2016, 1.7 million of them in high technology. "It felt like Silicon Valley had infected China," he said of his visit there.

Silicon Valley tends to underestimate the importance of government funding, he said, particularly during the era leading up to the 1980s, when key funding came from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

"All the seed technologies that have created these platforms we live on (today) were due to DARPA funding," Mr. Markoff said. "So just at the juncture where we're about to have a real competitor, it seems

like our government is abandoning the field. We won't find out what the consequence is for probably a decade, but it's an interesting time."

China has a vested interest in AI and robotics, with the working-age workforce shrinking "dramatically quickly," Mr. Markoff said. He recalled a conversation with Nobel Prize winning economist

The design of the computer mouse was a case in point. Douglas Englebart, an Atherton resident who died in 2013, invented the mouse in the mid-1960s and was an advocate of lots of buttons, Mr. Markoff said.

Steve Jobs, designer of the Apple Macintosh computer in the 1980s, said he wanted just one "because then you couldn't push

Markoff: It's an 'entrepreneurial frenzy' in China with 4 million startups in 2016.

the wrong button," Mr. Markoff said.

Is a chaotic debut also ahead for artificial intelligence? It's less likely, Mr. Markoff said. There are a group of people, among them Eric Horvitz, a technical fellow at Microsoft Corp., who are looking ahead and focused on AI as augmentation to human capacity rather than replacement. The idea of designing with ethical values is gaining traction, Mr. Markoff said, adding: "That a good sign, I think."

Not that there's nothing to worry about. Mr. Markoff noted recent controversial research by Stanford scientists who designed an algorithm that could distinguish between gay and straight men based on facial images. Surveillance and the limits of privacy will be issues, he said. It won't be long, he added, before computers can imitate an individual's speaking voice, a handy tool to perpetrate fraud.

"Those kinds of things are going to push up against the ethical border really quickly," he said.

AI will present interesting questions if the government decides to regulate it, he said. Will machines masquerading as humans be detectable? Will AI be able to distinguish between good and bad actors?

Asked whether these kinds of questions kept him up at night, Mr. Markoff said they did not. What does worry him is the current national political situation, the potential for nuclear conflict and "whether we'll walk into wars with a stupid purpose," he said. ■

Donna Jean Lane

Donna Jean Lane passed away peacefully at home on Saturday November 18 surrounded by her loving family following a brief illness. Born in Lincoln, Illinois on March 28, 1930 to Arthur and Luella Gimbel, Jean, as she was known to friends, developed a deep and lasting love and appreciation for nature and had a consuming curiosity about the world and everything in it; she was indeed a person who could "see the universe in a grain of sand".

From a young age, she walked with her parents in the Illinois woods every spring, discovering the earliest blooming wildflowers, mushrooms, salamanders, birds' nests and all manner of living creatures. As a Girl Scout, the first badge she achieved was the Tree Finder's Badge. Jean's interest in rocks led her to take a course in geology during her freshman year at Northwestern University.

Jean graduated from Northwestern with a B.S. degree in 1952, majoring in art history and interior design. While working as an interior designer in Chicago, she was introduced to Bill Lane, the love of her life. Bill and Jean married in 1955 and started a lifetime partnership of raising children, protecting the environment, serving and strengthening the community and helping the less fortunate. Over the next fifty-five years, their life together included Bill's work as Publisher of Sunset Magazine, as well as his Ambassadorships in Japan and Australia. Jean, alongside Bill, brought the taste and spirit of the American west to Australia through their legendary Sunset hospitality. Jean's commitment to teaching others led her to develop a Teacher's Resource Center in Science and Technology at Canberra University.

Jean's community involvement and accomplishments are many and varied. She was a founding member of the Westridge Garden Club of Portola Valley, a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, a board member of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C, a member of the Governing Board of Filoli Center and a member of the President's Cabinet at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California. She was also a long-time docent and supporter of Stan-

ford's Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve where she loved to take people on hikes to observe the native plants and wildlife. A highlight of these hikes was a glimpse of a mountain lion, which thrilled rather than scared her.

Jean has been a long time supporter of her alma mater, Northwestern University. In 1996 the College of Arts and Sciences named the Jean Lane Humanities professorship. Music nurtured Jean's soul. In 2005 she endowed the Jean Gimbel Lane Prize in Piano Performance at Northwestern University. In 1976, Jean's life-long interest in music led her to form a baroque trio called The Portola Trio. The Trio's practice sessions and performances gave her much joy.



Jean was preceded in death by her husband Bill, her sister Mary Lou and her nephew Arthur Gimbel, Jr.. She is survived by her children Sharon Louise Lane of North San Juan, CA, Robert Laurence Lane of Atherton, CA, Brenda Lane Munks (Greg) of Portola Valley, CA, her brother Arthur Gimbel (Caroline) of San Mateo, CA, her grandchildren Bryan Munks, Keighley Lane, Riley Munks, Jessica Munks and Cristina Munks.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to Jean's longtime Personal Assistant, Karen Hamilton, and her devoted caregivers: Karen Alfonso, Elsa Bustos and Maria Manalang.

Jean's was a deep and abiding Christian faith. Jean and Bill were members of Valley Presbyterian Church from its early days of services held at Portola Valley School. She helped establish a Bible Garden with friends at the current location on Portola Road. A celebration of her life will be held at Valley Presbyterian early in the new year.

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Atherton tax election: Each side raises around \$6,000

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Both the pro and con campaign committees in the recent parcel tax election raised similar amounts of money, but the opponents left much of their money unspent, according to finance reports.

By Oct 21, the Athertoni-ans Oppose Special Parcel Tax committee, with Colleen Anderson as treasurer, reported receiving \$995 in donations, \$5,000 in loans and \$428 in non-monetary donations for a total of \$6,423. Total spending was \$2,030.

The Yes on Measure F committee, with Rick DeGolia as treasurer and Elizabeth Lewis

as co-treasurer, reported raising \$5,749 in contributions and spending \$4,209 by the same date.

Names and occupations of reported donors to the opposition committee, all from Atherton, are:

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■ \$100 - Christine Curry, retired; Nancy Grove, retired; Janet Larsen, retired; Connie Lurie, retired; Isaac Stein, retired; Elizabeth Taylor, retired; and Patricia Polito, retired.

■ \$200 - Susan Speicher, retired; Marion Oster, retired; Ed Cluss, Signa Ventures; and Edwin James Hannay Sr., Porsche/Audi dealership.

■ \$250 - Robert Loarie,

retired; Elizabeth Glikbarg, retired; Don Way, retired; William Schroeder, retired; and John Thibault, retired.

■ \$500 - Steve Dostart, Dostart Development; Joe Davis, Marlin Equity Partners; Elizabeth Lewis, Orchard Commercial; and Rick DeGolia, retired.

■ \$1,000 - John Worthing, Worthing Capital.

Elizabeth Lewis had loaned the campaign \$2,039, which had been repaid by Nov. 21.

Spending

By Oct. 21, opponents reported spending \$2,030 and had \$3,965 cash on hand. They had paid \$1,146 to Menlo Press and \$877 to the U.S. Postal Service.

Proponents reported spending \$4,209 and had \$1,560 cash remaining on Oct. 21. They paid the Almanac \$1,747 for advertising; San Jose Sign \$845 for lawn signs; Staples \$651 for mailing labels, envelopes, printer paper and ink; and Orchard Commercial \$966 for stamps. ■

Cuckoo's Nest Club dispute: Default judgment awarded

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The Cuckoo's Nest Club, a private social club at 68 Willow Road in Menlo Park until it closed in December 2016, and Bootstrap Ventures, which provides office space for startups at the same location, recently won a default judgment of \$3.7 million in San Mateo County Superior Court against a company called AlwaysOn, which helped manage and operate the club.

The club and Bootstrap Ventures filed a suit in July 2016, naming AlwaysOn and Anthony Perkins, who was chief executive of AlwaysOn. The plaintiffs claimed they were owed funds paid by the club's members, sponsors and investors.

The Sept. 19 default judgment by Judge George A. Miram ordered AlwaysOn to pay about \$3.1 million in compensatory

and punitive damages to the club and about \$585,000 in damages and attorneys fees to Bootstrap Ventures.

A default judgment is ordered when a party to a lawsuit fails to take action, such as responding to a lawsuit.

"This is a completely and totally frivolous lawsuit," Mr. Perkins said in a statement. "The company (AlwaysOn) ceased operations in early 2016, which was several months prior to the original suit in July. ... This judgment represents a default judgment because (AlwaysOn) was no longer operating, had no assets and therefore wasn't represented by an attorney."

On Oct. 23, Mr. Perkins filed a cross-complaint in Superior Court against Bootup Ventures and two individuals, claiming damages for breach of fiduciary duty and defamation, among other allegations. ■

Sydney Self, engineering professor at Stanford University, dies at 89

Sidney A. Self, a professor in Stanford University's engineering department and a Ladera resident who enjoyed building homes with his wife Beryl, died on Nov. 5. He was 89.

Mr. Self was a native of England and a graduate in physics from the University of Exeter. While working as a government researcher, he and his wife converted three farm-worker cottages into a home in an English village.

Mr. Self and his family came to California in 1962 for a visiting professorship at Stanford. They bought a house in Ladera and lived many years there.

On the Stanford faculty, he



Sidney Self

researched plasmas, magneto-hydrodynamics and electrostatic precipitation and wrote more than 150 papers. He received two lifetime achievement awards.

The couple built a vacation home near Pescadero and later relocated to Menlo Park. Beryl Self died in 2016.

Mr. Self is survived by two children, Joanna and Matthew, and two grandchildren.

Go to is.gd/SelfMemory for more and to leave remembrances.

Audrey Muriel Reider

January 15, 1933 - November 3, 2017

A resident at the Sequoias Retirement Community in Portola Valley, California, Audrey Muriel Reider (nee Dwyer), 84, passed away suddenly on Friday, November 3rd at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, California.

Born on January 15, 1933 in the small, South Wales mining town of Bargoed to Eunice and Clifford ("Cliff") Dwyer, Audrey grew up in, and always loved, the South Wales mining valleys. Her father worked as a colliery fitter and Audrey loved to reminisce about long walks over the mountains above the town with her father, dodging sheep and Welsh ponies running wild on the moors. She attended local schools and excelled academically. Audrey also loved school sports, including swimming and playing rounders and netball. After she moved to the United States she regaled anyone that would listen with stories of how baseball is just like rounders and basketball is just like netball !!!

Audrey was the first member of her family to attend college, graduating with a degree in history from Aberystwyth University in Wales. Audrey valued education highly, and worked as a teacher for the whole of her professional life, rising to the position of principal at Long Lane School, a small country school outside Derby in the England. When she moved to the Sequoias, Audrey attended every educational lecture she could find. To the very end, she loved learning.

After graduating college, Audrey moved to Birmingham, England to work at a department store, where she met her first husband, Anthony ("Tony") Reilly. Together with their new family, Audrey and Tony stayed in the Midlands area of England and finally settled in Derby, where Audrey lived nearly 45 years. Along with the Welsh mining valleys, the Derbyshire Peak District was one of her favorite places. She loved to walk in the Derbyshire Dales and visit the historic homes and quaint tea rooms and pubs in the small villages dotting the area.

Audrey and Tony were divorced in 1976. Audrey survived her first husband, Tony, her

second husband, Alan Reider, and a son by her first marriage, Christopher Reilly.

At the age of 77 Audrey made a big change, moving across the world from Derby to the Sequoias retirement community in Portola



Valley, California, to be nearer her son and daughter-in-law. Audrey spent her last, happy seven years loving being close to family, the California weather, the Bay Area attractions and the great company at the Sequoias.

One of Audrey's favorite things to do as a young girl was to attend the local cinemas in Bargoed with her mother, which began Audrey's lifelong love

of film and the cinema. Since 2012, Audrey has organized the Sequoias' bi-monthly film presentations. She would personally review dozens of movies each month to pick just the right movie to show, and became quite the movie critic.

Audrey developed a new interest in cultural arts when she moved to the Bay Area. She had season tickets for the San Francisco Symphony and Ballet, became a member of the Palace of the Legion of Honor and attended numerous local musical events at Stanford, the West Bay Opera, the San Francisco Opera and the California Pops.

True to her English heritage, Audrey remained an avid gardener her whole life. She had a beautiful garden wherever she lived, and most recently she grew a gorgeous flower garden at the Sequoias. She was very proud of her garden but did confide more than once that it seemed like cheating to grow things in California, with its abundant sun and warmth as compared to the unpredictable English weather.

Audrey is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Philip Reilly and Judith Hasko, both of Portola Valley, her cousin, Haydn Dwyer, of Abergavenny, Wales and by her special friend at the Sequoias, Kirt McCaleb.

A celebration of Audrey's life will be held at the Sequoias Retirement Community at 3pm on Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

PAID OBITUARY

Kenneth G. Sletten

Kenneth G. Sletten passed away quietly on the night of November 8 at the Vi in Palo Alto.

The son of Theodore and Flora Brown Sletten, Ken was born in Helena, Montana and moved with his family to Billings at the age of 5. He graduated from Billings High and, after winning an NROTC scholarship, attended the University of Colorado, earning a B.S. in Civil Engineering. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps and volunteered to deploy to Korea, where he was hit by shrapnel from a mortar shell during a mission to retrieve fallen comrades. He required a full year of hospitalization at Mare Island to recover.

This brush with death and year in the hospital sharpened Ken's resolve to pursue his dreams with intensity. Upon his discharge from the hospital, he attended Stanford Business School, graduating in 1956 with his MBA, and joined the construction firm of Williams and Burrows, where he would meet future business partner, Onslow "Rudy" Rudolph. In 1962, Ken left Williams and Burrows to join Rudy in forming Rudolph and Sletten.

Ken was determined to operate and grow Rudolph and Sletten whilst adhering to the highest ethical standards. He believed in delivering projects with maximum quality, speed, and safety, and innovated numerous business practices in pursuit of these goals. He was noted for his integrity in the construction community and was trusted to do his jobs on-time and on-budget. Years later, Engineering News Record would bestow upon him their Legacy Award for his contributions to the industry, particularly innovations such as fast track scheduling, guaranteed maximum price contracts, negotiated contracts, and the zero punch list. Ken was also a "people" person who excelled at connecting with co-workers and customers. He enjoyed mentoring employees and took great pride in watching their development.

Many buildings throughout Silicon Valley are a testament to Ken's efforts. During his time at R&S, the company completed a number of projects for Stanford University, including the Carnegie Foundation Labs, the CMGM Building, the Chemical Lab Surge Building, the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, the Stanford Cancer Hospital, the MRI Building, the Gates Information Center, the Sir Norman Foster Science Building, the Governor's Corner Student Residence, and the Florence Moore Residence Hall. In addition, Rudolph and Sletten was responsible for numerous corporate buildings in the area, including the Hewlett Packard, Fairchild, and National Semiconductor buildings in Stanford Business Park, Xerox Parc, the Memorex Corporation Campus, buildings for Apple and Lockheed, including the Apple Campus at 1 Infinite Loop, and the first "super clean room" for Advanced Micro Devices. Ken enjoyed telling



the story of the Memorex project, which was built on 51 acres of what used to be an onion farm, because before they could break ground, R&S employees had to harvest the onions themselves. Ken's favorite project, however, may have been constructing the Monterey Bay Aquarium for David and Julie Packard.

Ken's work extended beyond the company to the community, and he served on the boards of numerous non-profits, including the Children's Health Council, Peninsula Family YMCA, Avenidas, and Menlo School. He would go on to receive Lifetime of Achievement awards from Avenidas and Habitat for Humanity for his contributions.

In 1999 Ken retired from Rudolph and Sletten, and in 2005, the company was acquired by Tutor Perini. While in retirement, Ken continued to busy himself with charity work, work on boards, and mentorship. He served as managing director on the advisory board of the construction firm Level 10, one of several companies which had been founded by former R&S employees that Ken had mentored. In 2013, the Computer History Museum recorded Ken's Oral History for the collection and wrote an accompanying article about his work in the industry, called "The Valley that Rudolph and Sletten Built."

Ken never stopped wanting to do productive work and contribute to society, and he struggled, in recent years, as it became difficult for him to do so. He also labored to accept the role of "patient" and the help he sorely needed, as he preferred to be the one taking care of others. We are grateful to all of those who helped him during this time. Countless friends, colleagues, and health professionals helped to keep his spirits up. In particular the family would like to thank his "right hand" assistant, Carolyn Burke, for her years of help in his office and out.

His family remembers Ken as a loving father and husband who brought the same incredible energy and enthusiasm he demonstrated in his professional life to raising his family. Whether he was leading family ski trips, coaching soccer teams, cooking his famous buckwheat waffles, or playing his guitar and singing songs, we always knew how much he loved us. He was a kind soul, a passionate builder, and a father overflowing with boundless affection. He will be sorely missed and so fondly remembered. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Phyllis Stewart Sletten, children Daniel Stewart Sletten and Joanna Lisa Sletten, sister Vivian Pledge, nephew David Pledge, niece Jennifer Pledge and grand-niece Ashley Pledge. The Pledge family resides in Missoula, Montana.

A Life Celebration for Ken will be announced shortly.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ken's name to Habitat for Humanity or the Children's Health Council would be warmly appreciated.

PAID OBITUARY

Blair Ratcliff wins award from Physical Society

Blair Ratcliff, an emeritus physicist from the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park, was honored earlier this year by the American Physical Society for inventing equipment that allowed scientists to investigate the matter-antimatter imbalance of the universe.

Mr. Ratcliff, a longtime Woodside resident, was given the 2017 Division of Particles and Fields Instrumentation Award for "the development of novel detectors exploiting Cherenkov radiation." He shares the prize with Lawrence Sulak from Boston University.

As SLAC spokesman Manuel Gnida explained: "When the Big Bang gave birth to our universe about 14 billion years ago, it should have created equal amounts of matter and antimatter. Yet, today's cosmos is dominated by matter."

An experiment Mr. Ratcliff worked on at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory from 1999 to 2008 tried to explain this cosmic imbalance. The detectors Mr. Ratcliff designed enhanced the SLAC experiments and



Photo by Reidar Hahn/Fermilab
Blair Ratcliff

influenced the design of other experiments, Mr. Gnida says. "Blair's tremendous contributions to instrumentation have had and will have significant impact on how we do particle physics experiments — at SLAC and elsewhere in the world," JoAnne Hewett, director of SLAC's Division of Elementary Particle Physics, said.

Mr. Ratcliff came to SLAC in 1966, after graduating from Grinnell College with a bachelor's degree in physics. He received a master's degree and doctorate in physics from Stanford University, working with SLAC's Burton Richter.

He also worked at the U.K.'s Rutherford Lab and at CERN, the European particle physics laboratory.

He retired from SLAC in March 2017, but continues to be involved there as an emeritus physicist. ■

City hires consultant to audit public communications

The city of Menlo Park plans to pay a consultant up to \$50,000 to audit how the city communicates with the public, and advise city staff on communication methods.

There can be a gap between what staff members understand and what they can easily explain to the public, noted Jim Cogan, the city's economic development manager. Being better at explaining government matters can help boost trust, he said.

On Nov. 7, the City Council voted 3-1 — with Rich Cline absent and Ray Mueller opposed — to pay up to \$50,000 to hire the consulting firm, EnviroIssues.

Among the new communication challenges and opportunities are social media platforms — such as Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor and Instagram — that can be used in different ways to communicate better, Mr. Cogan said.

Councilwoman Catherine Carlton, who supported the measure, said that improving communication would improve transparency. She brought up the possibility of media training for council members.

Menlo Park will pay up to \$50,000 for the consultant.

Mr. Mueller said he didn't support the use of taxpayer dollars for such purposes.

"Just as I oppose the use of taxpayer dollars to hire a communications firm, I don't support using taxpayer dollars to teach me how to speak to taxpayers," he said. "That feels like a skill I should come to elected office with, and if it needs improvement, I should pay for with my own dime."

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Holiday roundup: Merlot Notes sing in the season

Local a cappella ensemble Merlot Notes is getting ready to sing in the holidays at several venues in the area this December.

The group will combine new arrangements with old favorites when it appears at Holidays at Filoli in Woodside on two Fridays, Dec. 1 and 15, singing at both 5 and 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets are required to attend Filoli.

The singers are putting on two free concerts on Saturday, Dec. 2, starting at 11:30 a.m. at Allied Arts Christmas Market in Menlo Park, followed by a 2:30 p.m. performance at Holidays with Friends at the Folger Stable in Wunderlich County Park in Woodside.

Christmas tree lot

The Kiwanis Club of Menlo Park is operating its Christmas tree lot once again on the Stanford campus, at Embarcadero Road at El Caminio Real, across from Palo Alto High School.

The lot, the club's biggest fundraiser, will be open every day until Christmas, from 2 to 8 p.m. daily and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends.

Tree lighting

Menlo Park's annual holiday tree lighting ceremony — accompanied by live entertainment, free cocoa and an appearance by Santa — is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at Fremont Park, on Santa Cruz Avenue at University

Drive in downtown Menlo Park.

Menlo Park businesses are invited to participate in a holiday display contest for the most festive storefront, lobby or window display. Public voting starts Friday, Dec. 1, and ends Monday, Dec. 18. The competition is sponsored by the city and the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce.

Go to is.gd/holiday473 to register for the contest.

Model railroad

An old-time pickle plant, a set of grain elevators used to store flour, a railroad overpass with a police cruiser resting precipitously against a broken guard rail — these are just some of the new dioramas for 2017 at the West Bay Model Railroad Association in Menlo Park.

The extensive two-tiered layout of a world built around model trains at 1090 Merrill St. (southwest of the Caltrain station) is free and open to the public at the association's annual open house — this year from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, and from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3.

The Caltrain holiday train, decorated with some 70,000 holiday lights, is set to arrive at 7:05 p.m. Sunday at the Menlo Park station.



Photo by Jennah Delp Somers

Merlot Notes singers in front, from left: Alisa Mallari Tu, Karen Gilhuly and Marion Robertson; back, from left: Charlene Mattos, Barbara Fies Brady, Alyson Illich, Debbie Romani, Kathy Hovsmith, Maren Stever and Julie Ann Min.

The Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra is scheduled to perform.

Go to wbmrra.ning.com for more information, including a video of the model train layout from the vantage point of a seat at the front of a moving train.

Folger Stable

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be greeting guests in an antique carriage at the historic Folger Stable in Wunderlich County Park from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

Friends of Huddart &

Wunderlich Parks is hosting its first free holiday family event, featuring pony rides, a petting zoo, ornament making, cookie decorating, refreshments and musical performances by the Merlot Notes, Swing Set and some local high school students.

The Carriage Room Museum will be open to the public starting at 10 a.m. that day. The restored barn was originally built in 1905 and is located at 4040 Woodside Road in Woodside.

Go to is.gd/Folger22 to RSVP.

CALENDAR

Go to AlmanacNews.com/calendar to see more local calendar listings

Theater

Oshman Family JCC Presents "Bill Murray, Jan Vogler & Friends: New Worlds" Actor Bill Murray teams up with German cellist Jan Vogler for a one-night-only evening of classical music and literature. Dec. 2, 8 p.m. \$145-\$250. Oshman Family JCC - Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/Events/bill-murray-and-jan-vogler

Nat Geo Live Presents: Hilaree O'Neill - Point of No Return Host Hilaree O'Neill tells stories of her mountaineering in Burma and the struggles of trying to summit Southeast Asia's highest point, accompanied by excerpts from her documentary, "Point of No Return." Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City. Search foxrwc.com for more info.

TheatreWorks: 'Around the World in 80 Days' TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents "Around the World in 80 Days," a story set in the '870s centered around adventurer Phileas Fogg and his valet. Nov. 29-Dec. 31, times vary. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org/201718-season/201718-season/around-the-world-in-80-days/

Concerts

Ukulele Master Hiram Kaailua Bell performs traditional Hawaiian music. Dec. 9, 11 a.m.-noon. Menlo Park City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/ukulele

Talks & Lectures

Joe Simitian on "Trump's America" Santa Clara County supervisor visited three counties that had historically voted for Democratic presidential candidates, to learn what made them flip in 2016. Dec. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, but registration required. Menlo Park council chambers, 701 Laurel St. Search menlopark.org/Calendar.aspx for more info.

Khizr Khan: A Gold Star Father's Story of Hope and Sacrifice Commonwealth Club of Silicon Valley hosts Khizr Khan for a moderated discussion and signing of his

memoir "An American Family: A Memoir of Hope and Sacrifice." Dec. 5, 7-8 p.m. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. commonwealthclub.org/events/2017-12-05/khizr-khan-hope-and-sacrifice

Modern Day Spies: Daniel Golden sits down with journalist Angie Coiro for an hour to expose what spies today really look like and what secrets countries are desperate to keep secret. Nov. 29, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

Deepa Thomas: Nourishing Our Communities and Ourselves Kepler's literary foundation hosts Deepa Thomas and Jenny Shilling Stein to discuss nutrition basics and the importance of a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Dec. 4, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

Fundraisers

Gift Drive for North Bay Wildfire Victims The Fall New Member class of the Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula is leading a Done in a Day project in partnership with the Junior League of Napa-Sonoma, where volunteers will collect donations of new holiday gifts for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Dec. 2, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. The Gatehouse, 555 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park. thejuniorleague.org

Dance

'It's a Wonderful Nutcracker' Menlowe Ballet presents "It's a Wonderful Nutcracker," a production inspired by the 1940s Capra film, "It's a Wonderful Life." It's set to the original Tchaikovsky score, combined with jazzy renditions from Duke Ellington. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 8-17, times vary. \$28-\$55, special pricing for seniors and children. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. menloweballet.org

Community

Coffee with Assemblymember Marc Berman Assemblyman Marc Berman, D-Palo Alto and Assembly Speaker pro Tem Kevin Mullin, D-San Mateo, will be available to talk with community members. Nov. 30, 8-9:30 a.m. Free. FG Bakery Cafe, 2561 El Camino Real, Redwood City. a24.asmdc.org/event/community-coffee-redwood-city

More news, information online

Go to AlmanacNews.com for more news and information, including police calls.

Man shot

A man police found on the evening of Nov. 22 with multiple gunshot wounds and lying in a wildland area near Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park was in stable condition at Stanford Hospital on Nov. 27, according to the

Menlo Park Police Department.

Police have identified a suspected shooter, also thought to be a transient, the chief said.

The two men may have been living in an encampment near where the victim was found — along a decommissioned railroad track just north of University Avenue, police said.

Go to is.gd/shot22 for more information.

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Invites interested citizens to apply for a School Board Vacancy

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Any interested parent or community member must complete an application form and a "letter of interest" stating his/her experience in and commitment to educational, youth and community activities.

Application materials may be found on the Governing Board section of the PVSD web site www.pvsd.net or by calling 851-1777, ext. 2562. Completed applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2017, and should be sent to:

Eric Hartwig
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Portola Valley School District
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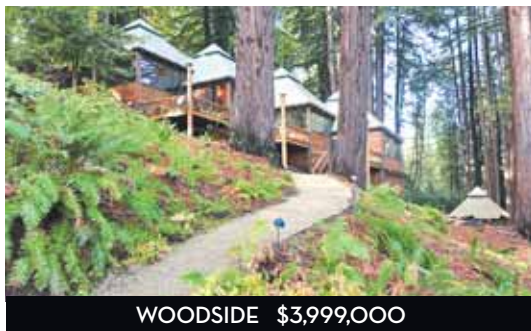
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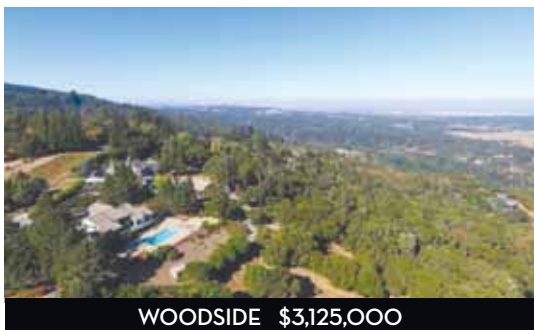
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

BAY AREA COMPUTER REPAIRS CO.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275468

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Bay Area Computer Repairs Co., located at 824 El Camino Real #1, San Bruno, CA 94066, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
RANILESH R. PRASAD
824 El Camino Real #1
San Bruno, CA 94066
This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/30/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 30, 2017. (ALM Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

R+M DEVELOPMENT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275305

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
R+M Development located at 58 North Gate Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
DENIS MORRISSEY
58 North Gate
Atherton, CA 94027

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/1995. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 13, 2017. (ALM Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

EXCELPRO HANDYMAN
EXCELPRO ENTERPRISES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275547

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) ExcelPro Handyman, 2.) ExcelPro Enterprises located at 1021 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA 94402, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
EDGAR NELMIDA
816 Peninsula Ave. Apt. A
Burlingame, CA 94010

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on 11/03/2017. (ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

RG CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275343

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
RG California Construction, located at 730 Barron Ave., Spc. 42, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
RIGOBERTO APARICIO
730 Barron Ave. Spc. 42
Redwood City, CA 94063

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/18/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 18, 2017. (ALM Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017)

File No. 275473
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

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

CVS/Pharmacy #16746, 133 Serramonte Ctr., Daly City, CA 94015, County of San Mateo
Mailing address if different: One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895
Registered Owner(s): Garfield Beach CVS, L.L.C., One CVS Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895, CA

This business is conducted by: a limited liability company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/15/2016.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information

which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signature of Registrant: Melanie K. Luker
Print name of person signing. If corporation, also print corporate title of officer: Melanie K. Luker, Secretary

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN MATEO COUNTY on October 30, 2017.

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

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BT PROPERTIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275485

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BT Properties, located at 800 W. El Camino Real, Ste., 180, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.

Registered owner(s):
BAY AREA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC.

800 W. El Camino Real, Ste. 180
Mountain View, CA 94040
a California Corporation
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 1, 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on October 30, 2017. (ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. M-270893

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).

MARY ANN KANYAL
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
1.) BT PROPERTIES - Management & Investment Services, 2.) BT PROPERTIES
800 W. El Camino Real, Suite 180
Mountain View, CA 94040

FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON:
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REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
BAY AREA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC.

800 W. El Camino Real, Suite 180
Mountain View, CA 94040

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:
Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County on October 30, 2017. (ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

ROBINSON & COMPANY, REALTORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275564

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Robinson & Company, Realtors, located at 3603 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Menlo Park, CA, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
ROBINSON FINANCIAL CORP.
3603 Alameda De Las Pulgas
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/1/1980.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 6, 2017. (ALM Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 2017)

EVOLVE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275625

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Evolve, located at 8 Crocus Ct., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
YVONNE FULCHIRON SCHMIDT
8 Crocus Ct.
Menlo Park, CA 94025

BRIAN CHARLES SCHMIDT
8 Crocus Ct.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/13/17. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 13, 2017. (ALM Nov. 22, 29; Dec. 6, 13, 2017)

SARA'S MASSAGE THERAPY, INC.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275581

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Sara's Massage Therapy, Inc., located at 1285 Bay Laurel Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
SARA'S MASSAGE THERAPY, INC.
1285 Bay Laurel Drive
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/20/15. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 7, 2017. (ALM Nov. 22, 29; Dec. 6, 13, 2017)

SULTANA
SULTANA MEDITERRANEAN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 275633

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Sultana, 2.) Sultana Mediterranean, located at 1149 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
MENMET KARACUBAN
1851 Idyllwild Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12-27-2005. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 13, 2017. (ALM Nov. 22, 29; Dec. 6, 13, 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.: 17CIV05160
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: KAREN LYNN RUSSELL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: KAREN LYNN RUSSELL to CAREN LYNN RUSSELL.

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: December 27, 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
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