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Where the action is

Kyle Anderson (pictured), a U.S. Geological Survey geophysicist who normally works in Menlo Park, has been spending most of his time since May on the Big Island of Hawaii studying the eruption of the Kilauea volcano. He thought he'd be there for one week, then take a vacation from work. That turned out to be wishful thinking. Anderson will give a talk about the Kilauea eruption in late August at the USGS Menlo Park campus. For more on the volcanic eruption and the USGS's work in Hawaii, see the story on Page 18.

Longtime Woodside volunteer, community leader George Offen dies

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

As a volunteer for the town and community of Woodside, George Offen was a standout. His efforts extended more than three decades, with three terms on the local elementary school board in the 1980s and 1990s, and 20 years (starting in 1998) on committees associated with the town's response to issues of sustainability, conservation and the environment.

Most recently, he presided over the 2018 May Day parade as the grand marshal. In 2012, he was named "Citizen of the Year" at the parade.

Offen died at home on Aug. 5 at the age of 79, his wife Karen Offen said.

A commemoration honoring her husband is being planned for early September, she wrote in an email.

Offen was president of the Woodside Elementary School District governing board three times and co-founded the Woodside School Foundation, which

provides significant financial support to the school district.

Among the school board's initiatives while Offen was a member: hiring a superintendent and putting a parcel tax and a construction bond before the voters. He was also a judge and coach for the school's science fair.

As a member of the Conservation and Environmental Health Committee and its successor committee, Offen was chair during the establishment of a tree-protection ordinance, helped mobilize the town in responding to sudden oak death disease and was instrumental in developing the town's climate action plan.

"George was one of the town's great leaders for many years," former conservation committee chair Jason Mendelson said. "He was the most dedicated, most loyal, most impactful member of the committee that I knew."

"He never failed me, he never let any of us down," Mendelson said. "He was the most reliable member of that committee. I think he was the most effective



Photo by Robert Most

George Offen was grand marshal of Woodside's 2018 May Day parade.

volunteer and, in effect, public servant that Woodside has ever known. ... I can't speak highly enough of him."

In a proclamation honoring Offen's 20 years of service in town government, Mayor Chris Shaw wrote, "George is an unqualified champion of the environment and the model of an engaged Town resident."

The proclamation will be read at the Sept. 11 Town Council

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Resident files ethics complaints against two council members

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The California Fair Political Practices Commission confirmed July 26 that it will investigate ethics complaints made by Menlo Park resident George Fisher against City Council members Kirsten Keith and Catherine Carlton.

In his complaint against Keith, Fisher alleges that she violated political ethics law when, during two trips to China in 2016, she accepted gifts in the form of airfare, lodging, food and other transportation reimbursements of more than the state's maximum permitted \$470 gift-value limit. He also alleges that she did not disclose the funding source of another trip to China that she took in September 2015, and didn't say whether she paid for it herself or was reimbursed.

According to California law, only governments and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations may fund politicians' travel in excess of that gift limit. But two organizations Keith reported receiving gifts from do not appear in directory searches of 501(c)(3)s and appear to be trade organizations. Trade organizations are typically 501(c)(6) organizations and are subject to the gift limits, says Fisher, who is an attorney.

In her 2016 annual report to the FPPC, Keith reports accepting a gift of \$1,608 from the Beijing Digital Content Industries Association for boarding, food and transportation between May 27 and 31. During that trip, she participated in a panel, she noted in the report.

That year, Keith also reported receiving gifts of \$3,462 from the Chongqing Municipal Government, \$4,011 from the Zhengzhou Municipal Government, and \$5,365 from the Zhangjiang management committee for airfare, other transportation costs, food and boarding.

In an amendment to that report, Keith disclosed receiving a gift of \$2,000 from the China-USA CEO Association

to cover travel expenses, lodging and food in Shenzhen, China, as part of a "2016 China Economic and Trade Exchanges Trip" that took place between November 20 and 27, 2016. She noted that she made a speech or participated in a panel on that trip too.

Fisher alleges that neither the Beijing Digital Content Industries Association nor the China-USA CEO Association appears to be a 501(c)(3), after searching the IRS databases of tax-exempt organizations and finding no matches.

In response to questions from The Almanac, however, Keith provided a May 2016 letter from the FPPC stating that the Beijing Digital Content Industries Association is a nonprofit organization that is supervised by local Chinese government agencies, and noting that if the organization met the U.S. standards for a 501(c)(3), then the funding sources for that trip would be permitted to exceed the gift limit.

She also provided a formal letter from the FPPC in November 2016, which stated that the commission had received verification that the China-USA CEO Association organization is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Fisher further alleges that Keith informed the City Council before and after traveling to China on a separate trip with a group called China Silicon Valley in September 2015, but did not disclose who paid for it.

In March 2018, Keith traveled to China on another trip, which was described by Chinese media as being sponsored by the Palo Alto-based US-Asia Innovation Gateway, which is a registered 501(c)(6) organization, or a trade association, and therefore, Fisher maintains, is not eligible to provide elected officials with gifts in excess of the state gift limit.

In a written statement, Keith said, "Although the FPPC will investigate concerns raised by Mr. Fisher, the FPPC has not made any determination about the validity of his concerns. I'm grateful that Mr. Fisher has

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

ARTICLE 1 INVITATION TO BID

1.01 Notice Inviting Bids: Owner will receive sealed Bids at the Town Hall, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until 3:00 PM on Thursday, August 16, for the following public work:

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

Barkley Park Shade Structure

5001 Farm Hill Blvd Woodside, CA 94062

1.02 Project Description: Furnish and install shade structure over playground at Barkley Fields and Park. Work shall be completed within 30 Working Days from the date when Contract Time commences to run. Procurement of Bidding Documents: Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. Bidders may download the documents at <http://www.woodsidetown.org/rfps>.

1.03 Instructions: Bidders shall refer to Document 00 2115 (Instructions to Bidders) for required documents and items to be submitted in a sealed envelope for deposit into the Bid Box in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 no later than the time and date set forth in Paragraph 1.01 above.

1.04 Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Visit: None.

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

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

ARTICLE 2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

2.01 Required Contractor's License(s): A California "A" or "B" contractor's license is required to bid this contract. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract. Specialty work may require a specialty contractor's license held by Bidder or a listed subcontractor.

2.02 Required Contractor and Subcontractor Registration

2.02A. Owner shall accept Bids only from Bidders that (along with all Subcontractors listed in Document 00 4330, Subcontractor List) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

2.02B. Subject to Labor Code Sections 1771.1(c) and (d), any Bid not complying with paragraph 2.02A above shall be returned and not considered; provided that if Bidder is a joint venture (Business & Professions Code Section 7029.1) or if federal funds are involved in the Contract (Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)), Owner may accept a non-complying Bid provided that Bidder and all listed Subcontractors are registered at the time of Contract award.

2.03 None.

2.04 Substitutions: Bidders must base their bids on products and systems specified in Contract Documents or listed by name in Addenda. Except as provided below, Owner will consider substitution requests only for "or approved equal items." Bidders wanting to use "or approved equal items" may submit request on form to be obtained from Owner no later than 7 days after issuance of Notice of Award.

2.05 Substitution of Securities: Owner will permit the successful bidder to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract, in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300.

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

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

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Major changes ahead at Menlo Park City Hall

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

The city of Menlo Park has some major leadership changes ahead, according to City Manager Alex McIntyre, who in a written statement announced on Aug. 2 a series of internal promotions and planned staff departures.

■ **Nick Pegueros** has been promoted to assistant city manager from financial and administrative services director. The role was vacated by Chip Taylor in February.

Pegueros began working for Menlo Park in August 2015, and since January 2016 has worked as the city's chief financial officer and overseen human resources and IT. He has worked as town manager for Portola Valley, administrative services director for the town of Los Altos Hills, and in the finance department for the city of San Bruno. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Columbia University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington.

■ **Lenka Diaz** has been promoted to administrative services director from human services manager, a position she held since January 2016. She has worked in Redwood City's human resources division and Newark's human resources, public works, recreation and community services departments.

■ **Nikki Nagaya**, assistant public works director, has accepted a job with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency; her last day with the city will be Aug. 28.

■ **Susan Holmer**, library services director, has announced her retirement; she plans for her last day to be Oct. 5.

■ **Jelena Harada**, deputy city clerk, has accepted a job with the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit); her last day is set for Aug. 16.

Why the churn?

The city's executive staff has undergone many changes late-ly, and McIntyre offers some

theories to explain why. First, he told The Almanac in an interview, it's no surprise to anyone that Menlo Park is a really expensive place to live.

"If the median home price is over \$2 million, I'm never going to be able to pay (an employee) enough money to bridge that gap," he said.

The next best thing, he says, is to try to pay people enough so that they can afford to live somewhere where the commute isn't so miserable that the job becomes untenable. The city provides free Caltrain passes to employees and encourages them to search for housing near Caltrain stops, he said.

Even so, in a recent city staff survey, about 27 percent of employees commuted longer than one hour each way to work, according to Pegueros.

And during those grueling daily commutes, McIntyre said, each of those workers passes through many cities, some of which are likely to at least eventually have job openings in his or her field of work.

Menlo Park isn't helped by the fact that it is a smaller-sized city and can't pay employees as well as competitor jurisdictions, like Palo Alto, Sunnyvale or Redwood City, he added. And even those cities are having trouble attracting talent, he said. "We're not alone."

In addition, he said, there has been a natural increase in the number of existing senior staff members who have decided to retire. Those are people like longtime city employees Arlinda Heineck, Cherise Brandell and now, Susan Holmer, who have had full careers with the city, and may have already opted to work longer than they initially planned because of the recession.

On top of those factors, McIntyre said, people who are qualified for the positions now being vacated in Menlo Park, such as senior staff in other cities, may be dissuaded from moving to Menlo Park because it offers a somewhat less generous pension plan than some other cities.

Menlo Park's pension plan, he said, "is the right thing (for) a long-term financial strategy," but added that it is one reason people aren't coming to work for the city.

Figuring out how cities can "get employees of the next generation to do the important work that needs to be done," he said, is a regional concern.

"I don't have great answers," he said. "It's not simple." ■



Nick Pegueros



Nikki Nagaya

Councilwoman Keith dominates in early campaign fundraising

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

One potential candidate for Menlo Park's upcoming City Council elections has raised far more money for her campaign than others.

Council incumbent and District 2 potential candidate Kirsten Keith, as of a July 31 deadline to disclose campaign contributions, has filed documents reporting that she raised \$19,267 as of June 30. Of that, \$18,430 was in the form of cash contributions and \$837 came from non-monetary campaign contributions. She reports she has so far spent \$2,248.

The only other potential council candidate who filed a campaign contributions report was District 1 candidate George Yang, who reported he has received \$70 in monetary contributions, and contributed \$1,000 of his own money for his campaign. He reported spending \$942. He received \$50 from Roy Wollsey of Los Altos Hills and \$20 from an undisclosed source.

The rest of the potential candidates for City Council have not yet filed the paperwork needed to launch campaign committees, according to City Clerk Judi Herren.

Upcoming elections

2018 is the first year Menlo Park will hold district elections as it transitions away from an at-large election system. The city is making the switch to avoid a lawsuit it was threatened with last August, which alleges that the city's at-large election system

made it harder for the candidates that minority residents prefer to get elected.

In November, the seats for Menlo Park's new Districts 1, 2 and 4 will be up for election. The districts represent the Belle Haven, Willows/Flood Triangle and downtown/Allied Arts neighborhoods of Menlo Park, respectively.

Keith's contribution sources

Keith reported campaign contributions from many local elected officials, current and former city commissioners, and local business owners and leaders. She is seeking to serve a third term on the council, but this time, she must secure votes from the residents of District 2 rather than from the entire city.

In a written statement, she said, "I'm energized by the overwhelming support I've received for my re-election campaign. With district elections coming to Menlo Park, residents believe qualifications and a good track record matter more than ever before."

Among the contributors to Keith's re-election campaign, through June 30, are:

■ **Local elected officials:** \$250 each from San Mateo County Supervisor David Canepa, San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos Bolanos, and Palo Alto council member member Liz Kniss; \$200 from San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley; \$100 each from Joe Simitian, Santa Clara County Supervisor, Rob Silano, director of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District,

Cory Wolbach, Palo Alto council member, Kevin Mullin, state assembly member, Rick Bonilla, San Mateo council member, Nancy Smith, Sunnyvale council member, and Pat Showalter, Mountain View council member; and \$50 each from Sara Lamnin, Hayward council member, and Mike Kasperzak, former Mountain View council member.

■ **Current and former Menlo Park commissioners:** \$250 from Allan Bedwell, former environmental quality commissioner; \$200 from Ryann Price, environmental quality commissioner; \$100 each from Scott Marshall, environmental quality commission chair, Andrew Barnes, planning commissioner, Katie Behroozi, complete streets commissioner, Karen Grove, housing commissioner, Bill Kirsch, complete streets commissioner, and Rachael Kaci, library commissioner; and \$50 each from Camille Kennedy, planning commissioner and Katie Ferrick, former planning commissioner.

■ **Local developers:** \$950 each from John Tarlton and the Sobrato Organization, and \$250 from Jeffrey Pollock.

■ **Political action committees:** \$500 from the California Apartment Association PAC.

■ **Local business leaders:** \$250 each from Monica and Patrick Corman, real estate broker and Kepler's Literary Foundation board chair, respectively, and Katharina Powers, owner of Art Ventures Gallery; and \$50 from Cheeky Monkey owner Dexter Chow.



Photo by Scott Buschman

Kirsten Keith, center, held a campaign kickoff event at Flood Park recently, attended by state Sen. Jerry Hill and U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo.

■ **Local nonprofit leaders:** \$100 each from Diane Bailey, executive director of Menlo Spark and Jan Lindenthal at MidPen Housing; and \$50 from Melissa Lukin, executive director of Rebuilding Together.

■ **Others in Menlo Park:** \$500 from Jamie D'Alessandro, of the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation board; \$250 each from Josh Becker, George Eshoo, Tom Kelley, Andrew Cresci and David Gildea; and \$100 each from Glen Rojas, former city manager, Jym Clendenin, of the Menlo Park Historical Association, and Maya Perkins, Facebook program manager.

■ **Others outside of Menlo Park:** \$1,000 each from Deborah Conrad, John Galvin and

Tod Spieker of Atherton; \$750 from Alex Tourk of Mill Valley; \$250 each from Steven Dostart and Carol Collins of Atherton, Giselle Hale of Redwood City, Jere King and Megan O'Reilly Lewis of Palo Alto, and Don Cecil of San Francisco; and \$200 each from Yan Liang of Palo Alto and Rosalind Souza of San Carlos.

Non-monetary contributions Keith received were for a P.O. box and sponsorship, which she paid for herself (a \$362 value); and contributions of flower arrangements, food and refreshments for a kickoff event she held, with \$400 in value from Deborah Conrad of Atherton and \$75 in value from Gino Gasparini, public affairs manager of Recology. ■

Menlo Park's District 4 may have four contenders for council seat

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

There are now four potential candidates of Menlo Park's downtown and Allied Arts area who have pulled papers to run for City Council and take Menlo Park's open District 4 seat in the upcoming November elections.

Complete Streets Commissioner Betsy Nash and Housing Commissioner Rachel Horst both pulled papers on Aug. 2 to run for council. Council member Peter Ohtaki and Finance and Audit Committee member Ron Shepherd have also pulled papers to run. As of Aug. 6, only Shepherd had filed the requisite paperwork.

Councilman Rich Cline, who also lives in District 4, has informed The Almanac he does not plan to run for another term.

According to City Clerk Judi Herren, no extensions to the Aug. 10 filing deadline will be granted, as current council members are not considered incumbents under the new district election system.

Betsy Nash

Nash said she has lived in Menlo Park for over 30 years and raised her kids in local schools.

"I have a lot of ideas about what can be done," she said in an interview with The Almanac.

She's been on the city's Complete Streets Commission for about three years, she said, originally starting her term as a bicycle commissioner before the commission was fused with the city's Transportation Commission.

As the city has transitioned to district elections, she said, a

number of other neighborhood residents suggested that she run.

She said she favors working on "real solutions" to address the city's housing and traffic problems, and bolstering the community benefits that developers provide to the city.

The city, she said, has a job-housing imbalance that will likely require a combination of policy approaches. "There's no magic bullet," she said.

In recent years, she said, she took on an active role in campaigning to get sidewalks installed along Santa Cruz Avenue. Driving, walking, or cycling around town, she said, "It's so obvious congestion is just bad. It's not going away. We really need all kinds of safe, convenient reliable transportation, at levels that will serve everyone."

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

Restrictions on Renting A Property



Dear Monica: I have been looking to buy a condo or townhouse but have not been able to find an affordable place in this market. However this week I have seen a good place in my price range but the condo rules don't allow an owner to lease the property. I am in my 30s and have a good job but it is possible I could be transferred and if so, I would have to sell the condo because of this restriction. What should I do? Amy C.

Dear Amy: I think the rental restriction makes this property a

bad choice for you. Some condo homeowner associations have rules that don't allow owners to lease their properties and it affects the desirability of them. You may not intend to lease the property but circumstances change and you may have to move. If you can't rent the property your only good option is to sell it. The market might not be good but you would be forced to sell then or carry the cost of the property until you do. It's too bad you can't go ahead and buy this condo but I would advise you to keep looking.

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Woodside: New crosswalks going in

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

In an ongoing initiative to improve safety for children walking and biking to school in Woodside, the Town Council recently agreed to install three new crosswalks: one across Canada Road at Laning Drive, another across Mountain Home Road at Cedar Lane, and a third across Albion Avenue to connect a new trail to the Woodside Road crosswalk in front of Woodside Elementary School.

A fourth crosswalk, across Canada Road at Romero Road, will be relocated to the north side of the intersection and restriped. All the crosswalks will receive bright “ladder” stripes across the interior so as to increase their visibility to drivers, Woodside Town Engineer Sean Rose told the council.

The town expects to spend about \$15,000 on the crosswalks, tapping the budget for 2018 road rehabilitation, a staff report says. As for the new section of trail at Albion, town crews will construct it. The Circulation Committee vetted the plans, the report says.

“We’d like to get all these improvements done by the time school resumes (on Aug. 20), but

because of how we contract for them, that may not be possible,” Rose told the council on July 24. The work may extend into September, he said.

“I really appreciate the input we got from the public when they were last here (in the council chambers),” Rose added. “That was very helpful to me. I had a lot of things in my mind about things that we’re already doing, but hearing what they had to say ... has been invaluable.”

Eroding rural charm

The council authorized the improvements in response to an upwelling of complaints at the June 12 council meeting by Woodside Elementary parents concerned about progress on the town’s safe routes to school program. The focus of the complaints: Commuters, some of them sent to Woodside by Waze and other traffic rerouting apps, have been using Woodside surface streets as alternatives when traffic is crawling on Interstate 280.

Parents packed Independence Hall to share what they said they’d experienced: It’s been one close call a month during walks to and from school, one parent said.

Drivers routinely roll through the crosswalk in front of the school, said another. Commuters speed along normally quiet residential streets, said a third.

A driver turning on to Woodside Road from Albion in front of the school actually struck a student’s bike as he was walking it across the road, despite the upright flashing lights that frame the crosswalk, another parent said.

“The once rural character of Woodside has been eroding for some time and in the last 5 years (that character) has eroded much more quickly due to the traffic increase during these hours (2-3 times what it was pre-Waze),” crosswalk campaign spokesman Peter Bailey said in an email to *The Almanac*.

“Our ultimate mission,” Bailey added, “is to push back on the commuter traffic trend — making the community safer for all — and restoring our “sleepy town.”

Changed votes

In 2014, the council authorized a new crosswalk at Canada and Romero and considered one at Mountain Home Road and Cedar

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meeting, Town Manager Kevin Bryant wrote in an email. “He was a true gentleman and I will miss him,” Bryant added.

“He was deeply committed to solving environmental issues and grappling with climate change,” Karen Offen wrote. “He led an enviable and productive life.”

Blitz survivor

Offen was a native of London, having been born there after his parents escaped from Nazi Germany in 1938. He spent his early years traveling to underground bomb shelters in London during the Blitz. The family immigrated to New York City via Montevideo, Uruguay, in a perilous wartime ocean journey, Karen Offen wrote.

The family settled in San Francisco. As a naturalized U.S. citizen, Offen attended the Town School for Boys and Lick-Wilmerding High School. At Stanford University, Offen earned a varsity letter on the fencing team, his wife said.

Offen served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He and Karen married in 1965 after meeting accidentally on a chair lift at Squaw Valley Ski

Resort near Lake Tahoe. Karen Offen is a noted historian of women and feminism. The couple have two daughters.

Offen earned a bachelor’s degree and a doctorate in mechanical engineering from Stanford and a master’s in that field from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

As a senior technical executive at the Electric Power Research Institute in Palo Alto, Offen focused his research on the reduction of air pollutants from coal-fired power plants, specifically mercury emissions, according to a bio on the institute’s website. The institute awarded Offen a lifetime achievement award in 2012.

Offen enjoyed hiking and running locally, particularly in Huddart Park, his wife wrote. The couple traveled widely; the latest trip was to five national parks in Utah.

Offen is survived by his wife Karen; daughters Catherine and Stephanie; and four grandchildren.

The family asks that donations in Offen’s memory be made to Mission Hospice & Home Care (missionhospice.org) in San Mateo; KDFC, his favorite music station (kdfc.com); or the San Francisco Opera (sfopera.com). ▣

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Back to old plans for new Woodside fire station

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Plans are off for a new fire station that was under consideration to be built along Woodside Road at the northeast corner of Haciendas Drive, Chief Dan Ghiorso of the Woodside Fire Protection District said.

The fire district's governing board on July 30 approved a decision to forego plans to swap the three-acre parcel on Haciendas Drive with the 1-acre location of the current main station at 3111 Woodside Road, Ghiorso said.

The district still needs a new station and will reconsider existing plans for a one-story station on the current site, he said.

Plans for a station on Haciendas Drive were never really on. Feedback from neighbors was key to deciding whether to commit any money to the project, he said.

Neighbors complained loudly at a Town Council meeting in June after learning of the proposal, notwithstanding the fact that the fire district is its own agency, independent of the town. But that and subsequent feedback was welcome, Ghiorso said.

"The community definitely had an input, and we wanted them to," he said. "It is a done deal. We are not pursuing it anymore."

For decades, firefighters returning to the station at 3111 Woodside Road have had to stop on the highway in front of the station, put their engines into reverse and back into the stalls.

The absence of drive-through bays has been a key factor behind plans to build a new station. But given the space limitations of one acre, and with individual rooms to replace the current firefighters dorm, the plans do not include office space for administrative staff.

If the district cannot acquire a neighboring property, staff will be looking for a site on which to build an administration building, the chief said. Since mid-2016, district officials have been working out of a rented office building at 808 Portola Road in Portola Valley.

Overtures to buy one of the two properties that flank the current station have not borne fruit, but the district will try again, Ghiorso said. "There's no reason to believe that (their positions) have changed, but you never know," he said. ▣

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initiated this process because it allowed me to work with the FPPC to have confidence that my financial disclosure documents are accurate and complete."

Carlton

Fisher has also filed a complaint alleging that Carlton reported receiving travel and lodging reimbursements from organizations that do not appear to be 501(c)(3) nonprofits: \$4,649 in value from the U.S.-Asia Friendship Association for travel in China between July 6 and 17, 2015; \$8,816 in value from U.S.-Asia Friendship and Networking for travel in China between December 13 and 17, 2015; and \$8,500 in value from U.S. Asia Innovation Gateway for travel in China and Korea between November 12 and 21, 2016.

Carlton informed The Almanac that she made an error in listing U.S. Asia Innovation Gateway. The organization's proper name is US-China Innovation Gateway, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and subject to the gift exemptions under state law, she said.

"A name correction is being sent to the FPPC," she added. "I was on exactly the same legal trips as nine other Bay Area council members."

In addition, she reported receiving a \$5,080 gift from the government of Dalian, Yunnan, which likely would be permissible.

The FPPC informed Fisher that since it already has an investigation of Carlton in progress, a new case would not be opened, but his allegations would be added to the existing case.

Carlton reported an incident in which her husband's retirement portfolio manager had purchased and held Facebook shares for the portfolio while she voted on matters pertaining to land use and development on Facebook property.

According to the FPPC, no further notification will be provided until the case's final disposition. In a letter addressed to Fisher, Galena West, chief of the commission's enforcement division, noted that the FPPC has not made any determination about the validity of the allegations or the culpability of those the complaint is about. ▣

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Belle Haven traffic plan in development

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac staff writer

Each day, tens of thousands of cars pass through a couple of key intersections in Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood, and after years of requests for help from some frustrated residents, a plan is in the works to reduce cut-through traffic and improve safety.

During a recent count, the Willow Road/Newbridge Street intersection had 33,100 vehicles pass through in one day, while 26,800 vehicles passed through the Willow Road and Hamilton Avenue intersection, according to Menlo Park city staff.

Staff developed a series of recommendations and options that were considered by the Complete Streets Commission, such as adding bulb-outs at intersections, installing bike lanes, painting shoulder stripes, extending curbs, and installing speed humps, among other steps. Each

option that staff presented came with pluses and minuses to be weighed. For instance: Installing bike lanes narrows vehicle lanes. That helps reduce speeds and separate bikes from cars, but also removes on-street parking. And in some places, it may not be feasible because the roads are not wide enough.

Similarly, bulb-outs are good for improving pedestrian safety because they shorten the distance that pedestrians have to walk unprotected in the middle of the road, but they carry the downside of claiming parking spots and making it harder for emergency vehicles to make turns.

Staff also recommend adding crosswalks and fixing curb ramps to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as soon as possible.

Go to is.gd/bhtraffic374 online to see the full range of options that were considered.

The commission directed staff

to keep working with the neighborhood to develop a draft plan by mid-August, which will be put on display for several weeks at the Belle Haven neighborhood service center, senior center, and branch library, where people will be encouraged to provide feedback, according to Kevin Chen, Menlo Park associate transportation engineer. Input will also be collected by phone at 650-330-6770, and by email at transportation@menlopark.org. More information will be available via social media and at menlopark.org/bellehaventrffic.

After comments are collected, staff plan to bring the draft plan back to the Complete Streets Commission in September and to the City Council for final approval in late 2018 or early 2019, according to Chen.

Steps taken

A number of steps have already been taken to improve neighborhood traffic, according to staff.

In June, the City Council approved the installation of "No through traffic" signs to be placed at four entrances to the neighborhood. The city has also installed left-turn restrictions from southbound Chilco Street to eastbound Hamilton Avenue during evening commute times; bulb-outs at the Chilco Street and Hamilton Avenue intersection; a traffic circle at the Ivy Drive-Market Place-Ringwood Avenue intersection; and speed humps on Terminal, Henderson, Windermere, Hollyburne, Sevier, Madera and Carlton avenues and Pierce Road.

The city also established a 15-mile-per-hour school zone near Hamilton Avenue, Chilco Street, Ivy Drive and Almanor Avenue. In addition, it closed traffic on Henderson Avenue at Ivy Drive, on Howard Street at Windermere Avenue, on Windermere Avenue at Chilco Street and on Ivy Drive in front of the Belle Haven Branch Library.

To implement some of the alternatives proposed, the city will need the cooperation of other agencies, staff noted. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission controls swaths of Ivy Drive because the roadway sits atop the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way and Caltrans controls Willow Road.

Also, different groups want sometimes conflicting accommodations. The Menlo Park Fire Protection District has as a priority a wide roadway and minimal new barriers, which could make it harder for emergency vehicles to turn. And residents might not want to eliminate street parking to enable bike lanes to be installed.

The traffic study and any permanent changes made to the neighborhood as part of the traffic calming initiative will be paid for by Facebook as part of an agreement the company made with the city when it secured permission to build the new office buildings it is constructing between the neighborhood and Bayfront Expressway. ■

Services Aug. 18 for Robert Segbarth, gardener and friend to homeless

A celebration of the life of Portola Valley resident Robert Irwin Segbarth is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Ladera Community Church at 3300 Alpine Road in Ladera.

To say that Segbarth tended the community garden at the church is to understate the matter. He helped the garden get going in the 1970s and got permission to employ homeless people to work it in the 1990s, compensating them with a free lunch and an hourly wage from the proceeds of the sale

of vegetables, according to a 1998 story in The Almanac.

Segbarth died July 20 at The Sequoias retirement community in Portola Valley after a short illness. He was 85.

Segbarth was also responsible for continuing the tradition of a lighted star atop a redwood tree near the church at 3300 Alpine Road for the Christmas holiday. He added energy-efficient lights to the star when he rebuilt it and its connection apparatus after it had fallen in a storm.

He also established a spring routine of mowing a pathway up the hill above the church ahead of an Easter sunrise service. For years, he would bring along a portable pipe organ for his daughter or wife to play in accompanying the singing of hymns.

Segbarth was a native of Pasadena, California. He graduated from Occidental College with a bachelor's degree in economics and subsequently graduated from the U.S. Navy's Officer Candidate School as a lieutenant junior

grade. He served in Alaska, where he was part of a unit that flew patrols off the coast to monitor Soviet shipping.

After leaving the military, he married Nancy Halden, whom he met in college. The couple lived in San Gabriel and had two daughters. Following a yearlong tour of Europe, they relocated to Northern California — first to Santa Cruz, then to Menlo Park and then to Ladera, where they bought a house.

Segbarth was a career banker, a path that began in San Gabriel and continued in Northern California in San Francisco, San Mateo and Palo Alto. He retired in 1995 as a senior trust adviser for Bank of America.

The couple moved to The Sequoias after selling their home in Ladera in 2010, a change that did not interrupt Segbarth's

caring for the church's garden and chickens. At The Sequoias, he continued his practices of meditation and yoga — he once did a headstand in the dining room — and pursued some new interests, including lawn bowling, group singing and hiking up Windy Hill.

Segbarth is survived by his wife Nancy; daughters Lisa Nelson of Ashland, Oregon, and Nina Shepherd of Pacific Palisades, California; and five grandchildren.

The family is grateful for the care he received from Mission Hospice in his last days. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made either to Ladera Community Church, 3300 Alpine Road, Portola Valley, 94028 (ladera.org), or to Peninsula Open Space Trust, 222 High St., Palo Alto, 94301 (openspacetrust.org).

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Lane. They rejected the latter plan it on a 4-3 vote, with council members Dave Tanner and Anne Kasten and former council members Peter Mason and Tom Shanahan in the majority. Among the reasons cited during the discussion were the following:

■ The crosswalk would end too near the driveway of a homeowner, who asked the town to install a camera to study traffic. That home has changed hands and the new homeowner has children in school and welcomes the crosswalk, Rose said.

■ The Trails Committee wanted a diagonal crosswalk better suited for equestrians, but such crosswalks force pedestrians to put their backs to traffic and lengthen their exposure to traffic. The newly authorized crosswalk is not diagonal.

■ Crosswalks and warning signs could undermine the town's rural character.

■ The crosswalk should be put off until children have permission to use a path off Cedar Lane that would allow them to reach Woodside Road by going behind the fire station rather than passing by Roberts Market. That path remains off limits. ■

Facebook expands youth-training partnership with nonprofit

Year Up internship program trains local youth without college degrees

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

After his first year of college in Alabama, Oakland native Jay Hammonds ran out of money. Forced to move home, where he felt he didn't have many opportunities without a network or strong resume, he worried about what he would do next.

He had received a flyer from a college counselor about a program called Year Up, and decided to follow up on it. The national nonprofit offers young adults ages 18 to 24 a free six-month career training program, followed by a six-month internship that comes with a weekly stipend. Hammonds applied, got in, and the rest is history.

Today, he works as a VIP operations technician at Facebook and does information technology work for the company's top executives, including CEO Mark Zuckerberg, COO Sheryl Sandberg, and CIO Atish Banerjee.

The skills and training he received through the program, he said, enabled him to succeed

in a corporate environment without a college degree. And today, he is working to make that opportunity available to other young people.

Since being hired at the company, Hammonds said, he and several colleagues have worked to advise and guide other Year Up interns. The company reports it has hired 91 Year Up graduates and worked with 200 Year Up interns thus far.

The company recently announced an expansion of its partnership with Year Up Bay Area to host an on-site office for the nonprofit and provide internships to 40 young people enrolled in the program every six months, with a preference for applicants from Belle Haven, East Palo Alto, North Fair Oaks and Redwood City. Students who successfully complete the first six months of training will be guaranteed a Facebook internship and an opportunity to earn a full-time position after graduating from the Year Up program.

The expanded program was

tailored to train people for positions Facebook needs filled. The Year Up program at Facebook will provide training in the areas of help desk/desktop support and project management support, and internships in IT and recruiting. The first formal class of Year Up Facebook interns is set to start in September.

"As we grow in Menlo Park, it is increasingly important to hire strong local talent and create opportunities for our neighbors," said Bernita Dillard, who works on local recruitment at Facebook.

Through the program, interns will receive both a mentor, whose role is to help the student network and navigate day-to-day corporate life, and a guidance counselor tasked with coaching the student through other workplace situations that might arise.

Coming from the inner city, Hammonds said, it took some learning to adjust to work in a corporate environment. The training he received taught him "soft skills," such as email etiquette and how to run a meeting, network, and shake hands.

"It was really the soft skills that propelled me in an environment

like Facebook," he said.

While his Year Up experience resulted in a satisfying job offer, he said, the end goal of Year Up isn't necessarily for Facebook to hire participants. For some, the program may inspire a return to school or boost confidence for whatever next step they choose.

Diversity

Facebook's announcement of the Year Up partnership came days after the July 12 release of its annual diversity report. The report indicated that it had made some improvements in hiring more women and people from historically under-represented racial groups, but acknowledged, in the words of the company's Chief Diversity Officer Maxine Williams, that it has "so much more still to do across the board."

Since 2014, the company has increased the percentage of its black employees from 2 percent to 4 percent and Hispanic employees from 4 percent to 5 percent. The report noted, however, that the percentage of black employees in technical and leadership roles remained flat, as did the percentage of Hispanic employees in technical

roles. The percentage of Hispanic employees in leadership roles decreased from 4 percent to 3 percent.

Hammonds said he thinks the Year Up program could help the company's diversity numbers, but more directly could help the community by training and potentially hiring "local talent that happens to be diverse."

Overall, Year Up Bay Area reports that 37 percent of its students are Hispanic and 22 percent are black/African American, and that among graduates the average starting salary is \$47,000 per year. A federally sponsored evaluation of the program found that it resulted in a 53 percent increase in initial earnings for young adults randomly assigned to Year Up compared with similar young adults in a control group, the biggest increase reported for a workforce program tested with a randomized control trial.

Plus, Hammonds said, previous Year Up students have had impacts within the company and the teams they work on. "This is a big win on both sides," he said.

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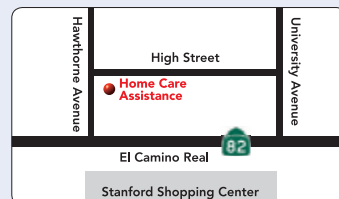


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The healing touch



Photo by Robert Most

Alyssa Houk, general manager of Jasper Ridge Farm, feeds the goats their favorite snack, saltine crackers. Laverne is black and white while her fraternal twin brother, Leo, is tricolored and much larger than his sister.

Nonprofit's animals offer a therapeutic touch to sick kids, lonely inmates and adults needing help

By Lauren Kelmar
Special to The Almanac

The 5-year-old boy was receiving treatment for cancer and staying at the Ronald McDonald House at Stanford with his family. As a treat, he and his dad came down to see the animals at Jasper Ridge Farm, arriving just as the volunteers finished setting up in the

outside courtyard.

The volunteers brought along two bunnies, goats, a miniature horse and dogs — a hodgepodge of friendly creatures kept at the farm to provide therapy for visitors.

The boy, who appeared a little unsure of the animals, was coaxed by his dad to pet them. Encouraged also by a volunteer

in charge of the bunnies, the boy slowly entered the enclosure and sat down.

Then, one of the bunnies, Pippin — white, with long black eyelashes and matching black eyes — hopped toward the little boy. The volunteer scooped up the friendly creature and asked the boy if he wanted to pet Pippin's soft fur, telling him the

bunny's name and age. The boy nodded.

The child's father smiled above the enclosure, watching his son forget, for a few precious moments, about his health struggles. Pippin stayed with the little boy for almost 30 minutes, just sitting in his lap, completely still, and letting the boy kiss and pet him. When the boy and his

father eventually left, they wore ear-to-ear smiles.

Making moments like these possible is what the nonprofit Jasper Ridge Farm, located at Webb Ranch in Portola Valley and formerly known as Riley's Place, is all about.

Animals helping children

Wendy Mattes founded Riley's



Photo courtesy of Jasper Ridge Farm

A young girl pets a therapy dog at the Ronald McDonald House, where she was staying while undergoing treatment at the children's hospital.



Photo courtesy of Jasper Ridge Farm

Four Orion School boys participating in the HorseBuddies program enjoy the comfort of the chickens.

Place in July 2009 on a small piece of land in Woodside. She began adopting miniature horses, rabbits and other friendly creatures to help fulfill the nonprofit's simple mission: animals helping children.

The seed for Riley's Place was planted in 2008, when Mattes' horseback riding student, a 13-year-old girl, was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor rendering her unable to attend riding practice. Mattes knew of the girl's fondness for horses and how she was struggling with not being able to see one.

So Mattes devised a way to help the girl and her family: She brought a miniature horse into their home.

The smile that engulfed the girl's face when she saw the horse enter her living room forever changed Mattes, she recalls, not only because of the comfort the animal provided, but also because her parents were happy to see their child smiling. For that hour, the family forgot about the girl's health problems, and just enjoyed the horse's affection.

A few months later, the little girl passed away, but Mattes was so struck by the impact the horse had on the child that she created her nonprofit to help other terminally ill children through animal therapy.

Soon enough Mattes, who still serves as founder and executive director, had adopted almost a dozen animals, the

majority from the Peninsula Humane Society, for visits to local hospitals. The animals included three miniature horses, two bunnies, two guinea pigs, two goats, and a cat.

Riley's Place began bringing these animals to the Ronald McDonald House to provide comfort to the terminally ill children and their families, at no charge.

"Animals don't judge, they love people unconditionally and can sense when something is wrong or when someone needs a little extra love and attention," Mattes says.

A dream blossoms

In 2012, Riley's Place started its HorseBuddies program, which uses animal therapy to help kids with mental or physical disabilities. It partnered with schools in the county for a three-week session. This was the first of many program expansions.

The nonprofit began growing



Photo courtesy of Jasper Ridge Farm

A girl from Taft School in Redwood city rides a Webb Ranch horse through the HorseBuddies program on site at Jasper Ridge Farm.



Photo courtesy of Jasper Ridge Farm

A flock of chickens, including Nugget, Sunny, Fluffy Bum and Little Red, finds their new favorite visitor.

beyond Mattes' wildest dreams. But with limited operating space and a small staff, the needs became difficult to accommodate.

"We had more requests for visits than we could imagine or handle," Mattes says.

After four years of operation, Mattes considered moving locations to accommodate more animals and a growing client list. Around the same time, the

nonprofit's lease expired in the Woodside location.

Riley's Place and Mattes had great relationships with Webb Ranch, she says. The nonprofit often used Webb Ranch horses for visits, and the Webb Ranch owners loved what the nonprofit was doing. The ranch offered Riley's Place a 3-acre, rent-free spot in its Portola Valley location. All the nonprofit had to do was raise the funds for a barn. So in 2013, Riley's Place began the long process of moving and building.

There were complications in the moving process, but in 2016 the structure was completed and the animals moved into their new home. The new location wasn't the only thing that changed with the move: Riley's Place was renamed Jasper Ridge Farm, and changed its mission slightly from "animals helping children" to "animals helping people." The nonprofit dedicated itself to helping adults

and groups in addition to sick children.

It also adopted new animals, including a flock of chickens, two sheep and more bunnies.

"The Webb Ranch partnership has allowed Jasper Ridge Farm to grow," Mattes says. "It was a match made in heaven."

Now, Jasper Ridge Farm has the space to hold programs on the ranch, but still has the option of transporting the animals to the client's location, Mattes notes.

Those who benefit

Some of the groups the nonprofit provides animal therapy to now include: homeless

shelters, domestic violence shelters, the Elmwood Correctional Facility, veterans through the HorseHeroes program, high schoolers through the "de-stress" programs at Menlo-Atherton, Menlo and Castilleja high schools, blind and deaf people, senior citizens, and physically and mentally disabled children through the HorseBuddies program, in addition to terminally ill children.

In 2017, Jasper Ridge Farm served 2,654 children and adults, and the number grows every year. There are five staff members and 116 volunteers.

The farm continues to offer all of its programs at no charge,

which means it relies on donations and grants for transportation, vet bills, animal food and other necessities.

Alyssa Houk, Jasper Ridge's general manager, comes to the farm every day and oversees the day-to-day operations while working on the big-picture ideas with Mattes.

Houk cites an experience involving an 8-year-old special needs boy in the HorseBuddies program as one of her most memorable moments.

A typical HorseBuddies program includes having the kids groom, pet and eventually ride the horses at the farm. But the boy was not interested in any of the animals, Houk recalls. He couldn't sit still or listen, and was yelling. But at a certain point, there was no more screaming.

"It was silent, and I was confused because this little boy had been yelling the majority of the time," she says. "I walk around to see him holding onto the end of a horse's leash with a volunteer in front of him walking the horse."

He thought he was walking the horse alone; he and the volunteer did multiple laps around the barn, Houk says. "He was finally calm. His behavior completely changed, and he was excited to be here."

Rachel McGillis, a special education teacher and the farm's volunteer coordinator, had a similar experience when she took her students to a HorseBuddies program.

Her students had been looking forward to the visit all year, she says, and their behavior

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Photo courtesy of Jasper Ridge Farm

An inmate at Elmwood Correctional Facility pets Buster the sheep and a volunteer's therapy dog.

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completely changed when they arrived at the farm.

“They were all listening and being quiet, which is very rare for them,” McGillis says. “It brought them out of their comfort zone, and they couldn’t stop talking about the visit for the rest of the year.”

Another Jasper Ridge Farm program is called HorseHeroes. This program involves animals helping veterans in partnership with the Veterans Administration Health Care System in Palo Alto.

HorseHeroes uses horses from Webb Ranch to help veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and head injuries, according to the nonprofit’s website. The program is near to Mattes’ heart because her husband is a Vietnam veteran, and she has two sons in the Air Force.

Mattes remembers an incident where an Iraq War veteran named Steve, who had suffered a traumatic head injury while serving, came to the farm to ride a horse. He walked with a cane and a service dog, and was having trouble carrying his saddle.

“I offered to carry his saddle, but he said, ‘If I can’t carry my own saddle then I don’t deserve to ride a horse,’” Mattes recalls. After some struggling, Steve made it onto the horse and rode for a while. He now comes to the farm regularly to ride, she says.

Jasper Ridge Farm volunteers and staff also visit the Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas. The animals have a tremendous impact on the inmates, who are unable to show affection

otherwise because of their lack of physical contact with other people, Mattes explains.

The animals also don’t know the inmates’ background or what they did; they are just there to love and respond to the need, she says. “The animals are funny and affectionate. This little goat or bunny is going to love you no matter what.”

Whenever the animals come to the prison, Mattes hears the women weeping with excitement over the chance to hold the rabbits and pet the goats, she says. One woman held a bunny for the entire duration of a visit.

A warden told Mattes that the inmates’ behavior improves before and after their visits, she says.

Mattes credits the farm’s friendly animals for helping her with her own health challenges. She has multiple sclerosis (MS) and believes being around the animals has kept her symptoms in check.

“Sometimes I feel like our biggest client!” she says. “Coming to work at such a peaceful place with affectionate animals helps me.”

For more information on Jasper Ridge Farm, including how to volunteer or donate to the nonprofit, visit jasperridgefarm.org. The farm is located on Webb Ranch at 2720 Alpine Road. ■

— *Lauren Kelmar is a longtime volunteer at Jasper Ridge Farm.*

About the cover: A child feeds Laverne the goat, who was visiting children at Ronald McDonald House to offer the healing touch to kids undergoing treatment at the children’s hospital at Stanford.



Photo by Barbara Wood

Cpl. Aven Santiago of the Hawaii Army National Guard escorts photographers through parts of the Leilani Estates neighborhood in the Puna district of the Big Island of Hawaii that were destroyed when lava flowed from fissures near the homes.

Local USGS employees help Hawaii as Kilauea continues to erupt

By **Barbara Wood**
Almanac Staff Writer

Kyle Anderson normally works out of the U.S. Geological Survey’s offices in Menlo Park, remotely monitoring volcanoes for the USGS’s California Volcano Observatory. Lately, however, he’s been working from some very different venues — including watching the summit of the Big Island of Hawaii’s Kilauea volcano from the abandoned dining room of the historic Volcano House, located in the now-closed Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

“It’s an interesting experience” viewing the volcanic activity, he said, from where tourists used to eat on white-clothed tables with a view of a lava lake in the distance.

In May, the 42-year-old geophysicist from Mountain View found himself touching down in Maui on his way to the Big Island of Hawaii just as a 6.9-magnitude earthquake rocked the area around Kilauea. Anderson happens to know a lot about Kilauea, having studied it as a post-doctoral fellow for the USGS after receiving his doctorate from Stanford University.

That earthquake occurred during a major change in the eruption pattern of Kilauea, as the magma that had formed a lava lake at the summit since 2008 disappeared into the earth, the summit subsided rapidly, and magma that had been erupting from a cone on the side of the volcano since 1983

instead started oozing out of the ground through a number of new fissures miles away, with some smack in the middle of residential neighborhoods.

Lava flow

The lava continued to flow until early August: Officials in Hawaii announced on Aug. 5 that it had stopped, but warned that it could restart at any moment.

According to Kelly Wooten, an information specialist for Hawaii County Civil Defense, between May 3 and July 19 a total of 8,171 acres were covered with lava, 712 homes destroyed, and 2,322 people registered for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after the event was declared a national disaster.

Anderson said he headed to Hawaii at the request of the scientist in charge at the USGS’s Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, Tina Neal, when it became clear the behavior of the volcano was changing.

“I thought I was coming for a week” just before he would head off on a planned vacation, he said. Those plans were canceled, however, and Anderson was in Hawaii — except for one week at home — until July 22, when he was scheduled to do some field work at Mount Lassen.

“We’re seeing things that we knew were possible, but we didn’t expect to happen in our lifetimes,” Anderson said. “It’s exciting times scientifically,” he said, but “it’s also a tragedy for

the people who lost homes.”

“What we hope is that what we’re learning will help us to better understand the system, so we can mitigate hazards in the future,” he said.

Anderson said Kilauea has changed dramatically. “Because the summit has subsided so much, and the crater has gotten so much bigger, honestly two months ago if you had shown me a photo of what it looks like now, I would not have recognized it, it’s changed so much,” he said.

“Some of the basics are the same, the way the magma rises up to the summit, goes down to the rift zone,” he said. “That’s still happening the same as it was before — it’s just that the rates are so different.”

USGS evacuated

When Anderson first arrived in Hawaii, he and the others from the Menlo Park USGS offices who came to help worked from the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, located near the rim of Kilauea’s Halemaumau crater. But the constant earthquakes that have shaken the area have so damaged the observatory that it was evacuated in May. The Hawaii Volcanoes National Park closed on May 11. The Jaggar Museum, located near the USGS observatory, was also evacuated, along with the USGS’s Pacific Island Ecosystems Research Center in the park.

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1923 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. 650-996-8602 | captivatingdancebynona.com
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Sports

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Burgess Park Auxiliary Field 9, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park 650-330-2200 | kidzlovesoccer.com
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Arrillaga Family Gymnastics Center

501 Laurel St., Menlo Park. 650-330-2215 | bit.ly/arrillagagymnastics
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3639 Alpine Road, Portola Valley 650-854-4955 | isola@isolastables.com
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Sand Hill School

650 Clark Way, Palo Alto 650-688-3605 | sandhillschool.org
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Woodland School

360 La Cuesta Drive, Portola Valley 650-854-9065 | woodland-school.org
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Sequoia District Adult School

3247 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park 650-306-8866 | seqsas.org
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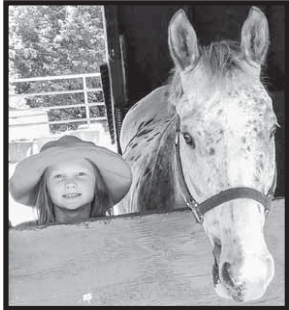
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Since then, the USGS volcanologists and their support team have been working from the geology department at the University of Hawaii in Hilo, about 30 miles away, when they're not in the field. They'll have to move again when classes resume.

Scientists are monitoring Kilauea's summit area and the east rift zone, where the lava is flowing, using an array of instruments including GPS to measure ground deformation, cameras, satellite radar systems, aircraft and seismometers.

"These things are not abstract any more, they matter" because people's lives and homes are affected, Anderson said.

Lots of Menlo Park help

Anderson is not the only USGS employee who has temporarily changed work sites from Menlo Park to the Big Island.

Leslie Gordon, a USGS spokeswoman who lives and works in Menlo Park, said at least nine employees, including herself, have spent time on the Big Island. Employees from the four other volcano observatories operated by the USGS have also been on site, along with countless others working remotely.

Gordon said when she arrived in May, before the Hawaiian

Volcano Observatory offices were evacuated, an entire team was needed to answer the hundreds of calls a day the USGS was receiving from media around the world.

Those calls have now slowed to a trickle, Gordon said. "The volcanic activity has stabilized. The news cycle has moved on. That's normal."

Gordon, who was trained as a geologist but has spent the last 15 years in communications and public affairs for the USGS, is an expert at describing how Kilauea works in nonscientific terms.

The east rift zone, from which most of the lava was flowing, is a broad moving band of weakness and cracks on the side of the volcano, she said. "It's kind of like a busted seam, if you will, down the side of the volcano."

The flows of lava that had been steadily coming from Kilauea before May came from a hole in the east rift zone that has been given the name of Puu Oo, which Gordon describes as like a "pimple on the side of this volcano."

The lava was flowing from a fissure, or long linear crack, along the east rift zone. "We're seeing this gigantic lava river flowing out of fissure 8," she said. If the lava remains in its channel, "as long as scientists keep a safe distance away from

it, it was not a danger for scientists to be near it while doing field work," she said.

The USGS continues to monitor the volcano, measuring ground deformation and what gases and other toxic substances are being emitted. They also monitor the hundreds of measurable daily earthquakes associated with the volcano and post daily updates, with photos and videos, online.

Rock stars

The USGS scientists' expertise has made them the rough equivalent of rock stars on the Big Island. The agency has someone working at the county of Hawaii's Emergency Operations Center and sends representatives to community meetings, where people barrage them with

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When it comes to community benefits, she said she'd look to find ways to encourage developers to protect retail and minimize impacts on local schools.

Rachel Horst

Horst, 33, is a three-year resident of Menlo Park who lives in Allied Arts as a renter. She was appointed to the city's Housing Commission earlier this year.

"I'm considering a run because, in the context of district elections, which has really changed the game, I want to put another option on the table," she said.

She said that housing is a priority for her, and a topic she considers "front and center in any conversation about Menlo Park."

questions. Those who wonder if they'll ever be able to return to their homes, or about the chances an explosion from Kilauea might destroy their community, are hungry for information.

"They're telling the community what we know," Gordon said. "People are looking for fortune-tellers, but we're just scientists."

Anderson says that "what is going to happen next" is always the question asked of those who study volcanoes. "I wish it was possible to do a better job. In many ways, it's easier to forecast the weather than to forecast what a volcano is going to do," he said, in part because so much volcanic activity takes place far underground.

Gordon said the scientists are also human beings, and some of them have had to abandon their

own homes because of the volcanic activity. Many lived inside the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park in addition to working there.

"People's homes are being burned to the ground and they're losing every single thing they own," Gordon said.

"Why do we study the volcano?" she asks. "Because people's lives and livelihoods are in danger."

Learn more

On Aug. 30, Anderson is scheduled to give USGS Menlo Park's free monthly public lecture on the Kilauea eruption. The lectures are held at 7 p.m. in Rambo Auditorium (Building 3, second floor) at the USGS campus at 345 Middlefield Road.

Find more information at online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar. ▀

She said she espouses values like equity, inclusion and sustainability.

What those values mean in terms of the city's affordable housing shortage, can be a difficult conversation, she said. "But I really want to have that conversation."

She said she has a background in public health, and previously worked on housing and food security at a nonprofit in San Jose. Now, she works at the University of California headquarters as a policy analyst.

A self-proclaimed wonk, Horst said, "I'm a strong believer in the power of public policy, (and) very wary of some of the unintended consequences of public policy — so I am very attuned to the benefits and pitfalls of being a public decision maker."

While she said she's committed

to continuing to work on the Housing Commission, she notes that the commission plays an advisory role. Decision-making doesn't happen in a vacuum, she noted, and added that council members should maintain a "bird's eye view" and have a holistic approach.

Horst holds a master's degree in public policy from UCLA.

Other districts

There are two other district seats up for election in November. In District 1, which includes Belle Haven and Menlo Park east of U.S. 101, Cecilia Taylor, Mike Dunn and George Yang have pulled papers. In District 2, which includes the Willows and Flood Triangle neighborhoods, Drew Combs and Kirsten Keith have pulled papers to run. ▀

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Theater

'Equivocation' The Dragon Theatre stages Bill Cain's "Equivocation." Set in 1606 England, the play's main character, Shakespeare, deals with ethical issues surrounding his commission to write a play giving a fictional account of Guy Fawkes' Gunpowder Plot. Produced and directed by Jenny Hollingworth, the show is rated PG-13. Through Aug. 19, times vary. \$15-\$35. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

Shakespeare in the Park 2018: A Midsummer Night's Dream Celebrating its 36th year, San Francisco Shakespeare Festival brings its performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream to downtown Redwood City for three weekends. Shakespeare in the Park offers professional theater in the outdoor setting of Sequoia High School. Aug. 11, 18, 25; 7 p.m. and Aug. 12, 19, 26; 4 p.m. Free. Sequoia High School, 1201 Brewster Ave., Redwood City. redwood-city.org/shakespeare

TheatreWorks Presents 'Once Upon A Rhyme' in New Works Festival With his community facing the recession, a talented dancer falls hard for the girlfriend of a "gangsta" rapper, threatening his own dreams of hip-hop stardom. This tale of family, identity and the search for truth won the "Best of Fest" Award at the New York Musical Festival. Aug. 12, 16, 19; times vary. \$20-\$65. Lucie Stern Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org/new-works-festival-2018

TheatreWorks Presents 'Pride and Prejudice' in New Works Festival The creator of TheatreWorks' hits Daddy Long Legs and EMMA returns with a musical of the Jane Austen classic, told with a contemporary edge. In this romantic comedy, Lizzie Bennet and Mr. Darcy discover the power of love. Aug. 11, 8-10 p.m. \$20 single ticket, festival pass \$65 general. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org/new-works-festival-2018

TheatreWorks Presents 'They Promised Her The Moon' in New Works Festival As a part of the New Works Festival, TheatreWorks presents a story of a world record-holding pilot ready to join the space race, if only America will let her: the true story of a woman, Jerrie Cobb, who dreamt of stars. Aug. 14, 8-10 p.m. Single event, \$20; Festival passes, \$49. Lucie Stern Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org/new-works-festival-2018

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Hosts New Works Festival TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's 2018 New Works Festival offers audiences an extraordinary opportunity to experience new plays and musicals in their early stages of development, give feedback and participate in a panel discussion with the artists. This year's festival will feature two musicals and two plays, as well as special events. Aug. 10-19, times vary. \$49-\$95. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org/new-works-initiative

Concerts

Summer Concert Series: Haulin' Oats (Hall & Oats Tribute) The Summer Concert Series presented by Facebook features a

variety of musical styles, from jazz to country to hits of today and yesterday. Picnic blankets and food are welcome and there will be room for dancers of all ages. Aug. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue at University Drive, Menlo Park. menlopark.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=4529&month=8&year=2018&day=8&calType=0

Summer Jazz 32nd Anniversary Concert Series Stanford Shopping Center hosts weekly rhythm and blues concerts showcasing a variety of jazz musicians and local favorites in the courtyard between Nordstrom and Crate & Barrel. Thursdays through Aug. 23, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto. simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center

Summer Concert Series: Pallejo Seco (Cuban/World Fusion) The Summer Concert Series, presented by Facebook, features a variety of musical styles, from jazz to country to hits of today and yesterday. Aug. 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Kelly Park, 100 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Stanford Summer Chorus: A Matter of Life and Death This year's program, "A Matter of Life and Death," will feature Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living (2013) and other choral works by Beethoven, Dello Joio and Tin that touch on similar themes, along with pieces for small ensemble. Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$20. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Festivals & Fairs

Summer Jam Facebook Festivals presents Summer Jam featuring a kids' zone, drinks, culture, art, music, dance, street food, farmers market, artisan vendors and more. Proceeds will benefit local environment and sustainability organizations. Aug. 11, 1-6 p.m. Free. Facebook, 1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park. business.menloparkchamber.com/events

Portola Valley Farmers' Market Year-round Thursday farmers market features fresh fruits and vegetables, berries, specialty foods, fresh artisan baked goods, farm meats and eggs, honey, jams, nuts and nut butters, prepared foods, hot Roli Roti Chickens, made-to-order crepes, tamales, crafts and body products. Thursdays, 2-6 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Talks & Lectures & Classes

Algorithms of Oppression Author Safiya Noble sits down with the Computer History Museum's Center for Software History Director David C. Brock to discuss her book on how negative biases are embedded in the world's largest search engines. Aug. 8, 6 p.m. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computer-history.org/events

SRI Organon Toastmasters SRI Organon Toastmasters helps community members become better public speakers and leaders by providing a supportive, positive environment for practicing communication and leadership skills. Guests are welcome to visit and join. Tuesdays, year-round. Free. St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Redon Hall, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. sriorganon.com

Sarah Ladipo Manyika Sarah Ladipo Manyika will read from her latest book, "Like a Mule Bringing Ice Cream to the Sun." There

will be time for conversation, accompanied by wine or iced tea and a selection of sweet and savory treats. Aug. 11, 4-6 p.m. \$25. Home of Chris Bradshaw, African Library Project founder, 5 Thistle St., Portola Valley.

Outdoor Recreation

'Walk with a Doc on SF Bay Trail in Menlo Park' San Mateo County will host a stroll in public spaces with physician volunteers who can answer health-related questions along the way. Aug. 11, 10 a.m. Free. Bedwell Bayfront Park, 1600 Marsh Road, Menlo Park. Search meetup.com for more info.

Museums & Exhibits

The Dancing Sowel: Performing Beauty in Sierra Leone This exhibition focuses on one spectacular work in the Cantor's collection — a sowe mask, used by the women-only Sande Society that is unique to Sierra Leone. Ongoing until December; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

Do Ho Suh: The Spaces in Between In this exhibition, artist Do Ho Suh uses a chandelier, wallpaper and a decorative screen to focus attention on issues of migration and transnational identity. Through Feb. 25, 2019, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

Image—Script Stanford University's Department of Art and Art History in conjunction with the Guangdong Museum of Art will present "Image—Script." The exhibition, including project faculty director Xiaozhe Xie and curator Lu Zihua, will feature selected works from the video collections of the Guangdong Museum of Art. Artists featured will include Cai Hui, Cao Fei, Huang Xiaopeng, Jiang Zhi, Liang Juhui, Ou Ning, Wang Shaoqiang and Zhou Tao. Tuesdays to Sundays through Aug. 26, 12-6 p.m. Free. 419 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Portola Art Gallery Presents Jerry Peters' 'On the Road in Nova Scotia' The Portola Art Gallery will present "On the Road in Nova Scotia," paintings by Palo Alto artist Jerry Peters. The primary paintings in the show are inspired by photos taken on a three-month road trip around the U.S. and Canada in 2005. Through Aug. 31, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Food & Drink

Morning Tea Drop in for a cup of tea and a treat, and read magazines or gaze out on the native plant garden. Aug. 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Film

SRT Film Festival: von Trotta's Hannah Arendt Stanford Repertory Theater's 20th anniversary season, "Nevertheless They Persisted," features a six-week Monday night film festival. Stanford Theater and performance studies chair and professor Branislav Jakovljevic responds to the sixth and final film, Margarethe von Trotta's "Hannah Arendt" (2012). Aug. 13, 7 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 376 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

New Mexican restaurant opens in Menlo Park

By Elena Kadvanly

Araceli Ciprez has opened her first-ever restaurant, Mami Cheli's, at 989 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

Mami Cheli's, which opened on Aug. 4, is a casual Mexican restaurant that focuses on fresh ingredients, Ciprez said in a recent interview. The restaurant is located at the former site of Applewood 2-Go, between fitness studio Barre 3 and now-closed shoe repair shop The Cobblery at the small El Camino Real shopping center.

Ciprez, who came to the United States from her native Colima, Mexico, when she was 20 years old, learned to cook at a young age from her grandmother.

"She taught me how to make tortillas," Ciprez said. "I love to cook."

She said she'll be making corn tortillas, salsas and even vegan meat in-house at the restaurant.

Mami Cheli's will serve a "simple" menu of tacos, quesadillas, burritos, tortas and pupusas. Ciprez's former husband is from El Salvador, where she

learned to make pupusas from his family, she said.

The "Mami Cheli's" taco comes on a homemade corn tortilla with a choice of meat or grilled mushrooms, cilantro, onion, beans, guacamole and salsa.

There are five kinds of pupusas, from the classic (pork and cheese) to the three-cheese (mozzarella, queso fresco and cotija), to veggie (cheese, sour cream, grilled carrots, zucchini, bell peppers, onion and mushrooms).

There are vegetarian and vegan options on the menu. At the suggestion of her son, Ciprez is creating her own soy meat to make vegan pupusas with vegan cheese and beans.

The restaurant is small, with seating for 12 to 18 people, according to a city use permit.

Mami Cheli's is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Go to mamichelis.com for more information. ■

— Elena Kadvanly writes for the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac's sister paper. This report is from her Peninsula Foodist blog.

Tour de Menlo benefit bike ride set for Aug. 18

The annual Tour de Menlo bike ride rolls out on Saturday, Aug. 18, from Menlo-Atherton High School.

More than 400 riders are expected to venture out on three routes this year: 35 miles, which is on virtually flat ground; 45 miles, which includes a few hills; and the popular 65-mile route, which goes north to Belmont.

Registration at TourdeMenlo.com is \$70, and includes lunch from Luttickens Deli in Menlo Park. Riders will also be able to purchase colorful commemorative jerseys and T-shirts at the site.

The ride benefits need-based scholarships funded by the Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation for high school graduates and The Almanac's Holiday Fund, which supports 10

local nonprofit agencies.

All riders will receive a map color-coded to the route they select, which also includes all turns and the phone number of the SAG wagon, a vehicle that roams the course offering help where needed and a possible lift back to the start if necessary.

There are rest stops placed strategically along the way that include restrooms and plenty of snacks.

Riders are urged to start early (7 a.m.) to make sure they can return to the start in time for lunch. There are bike lanes on most sections of all courses, but it is also important to be cautious and obey all stop signs and traffic signals.

Menlo Atherton High School is at 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative now accepting local grant proposals

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, funded by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Dr. Priscilla Chan, is looking to fund a new round of nonprofits working in Belle Haven, East Palo Alto, North Fair Oaks and Redwood City to help vulnerable people and families address basic needs, the company announced Tuesday.

The grants, which will fund nonprofits' ongoing operations or specific projects, range from

\$25,000 to \$100,000.

In January, the Palo Alto-based Chan Zuckerberg Initiative provided grants within the same range of funding to 41 local nonprofits, including Children's Health Council, College Track, Belle Haven Action, Art in Action, JobTrain, GRID Alternatives, Hack the Hood, the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County, Menlo Spark, Peninsula Family Service, Project WeHOPE, and the Redwood Family Health Center.

The new grant cycle will expand beyond the last cycle's parameters

of working with nonprofits that support education, homelessness, housing, immigration, transportation and workforce development to include nonprofits that help people deal with health problems, mental health and food security. Current grantees are eligible to apply.

The grant application can be found at chanzuckerberg.com. The application deadline is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Recipients will be notified in the fall and finalists will be announced in early 2019, according to the organization. ■



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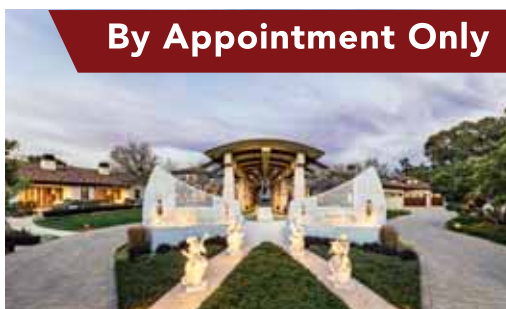
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4455 McKinnon Dr.
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4/01/1989.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 22, 2018.

(ALM July 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 2018)

PPS ENTERPRISES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278091

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
PPS Enterprises, located at 1580 San Antonio Ave., Apt. B, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
PERRY SHOURAIE
1580 San Antonio Ave. Apt. B
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 6/19/2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 19, 2018.

(ALM July 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 2018)

ALL BAY VALUATION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278294

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

All Bay Valuation, located at 286 Harbor Blvd., Belmont, CA 94002, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
LARRY LUMPKINS
1040 Parkwood Way
Redwood City, CA 94061

JOHN EGAN
420 Kingston Drive
Danville, CA 94506

This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/23/2013.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 16, 2018.

(ALM July 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2018)

REDWOOD FENCE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278171

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

Redwood Fence, located at 1218 W. Selby Lane, Redwood City, CA 94061; Mailing address: PO Box 5055, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
ADONIAS ISAI CARRETO RAMIREZ
1218 W Selby Lane
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 May-29-18.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 28, 2018.

(ALM July 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2018)

KUATA'S DANCE GROUP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278359

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Kuata's Dance Group, located at 1919 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
KUATA VAINIKOLO
1290 Garden St.
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 20, 2018.

(ALM Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018)

RIVAS' CLEANING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278370

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Rivas' Cleaning, located at 1419 Camelia Dr., East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
MARIELA RAMIREZ RODRIGUEZ
1419 Camelia
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

RAMIRO ANTONIO RIVAS
1419 Camelia

East Palo Alto, CA 94303

This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 23, 2018.

(ALM Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018)

SPIRIT OF BJJ
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 278444

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Spirit of BJJ, Located at 615 Bay Road, San Mateo County. Registered owner(s):

RYUICHI MIYAHARA
615 Bay Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 31, 2018.

(ALM Aug 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018)

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.: 18CIV03325

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: RYAN MICHELETTI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANALEIA ALICE MICHELETTI to ANNALeia ALICE MICHELETTI.

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: August 09, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

THE ALMANAC

Date: June 28, 2018

/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(ALM July 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 2018)

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

Case No.: 18CIV03389

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: DANA MARIE VAZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

DANA MARIE VAZ to DANA MARIE GEHRING.

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: August 17, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

THE ALMANAC

Date: July 5, 2018

/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(ALM July 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 2018)

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

Case No.: 18CIV03731

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: CATHERINE KWEI-SZETO and WAYNE SZETO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

RONAN SHANE SZETO to RONAN SHANE KWEI SZETO.

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: August 29, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

THE ALMANAC

Date: July 16, 2018

/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(ALM July 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2018)

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