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Fascinating critters

Elena, 5, and Elli, 6, above, look on as Wildmind Science Learning handlers show a monitor lizard, at left, at an outdoor event at the Menlo Park Library on June 18. The program aims to help kids “explore the gentler side of the most misunderstood animals of the wild kingdom,” according to the library. Kids were also fascinated by a tarantula, a boa constrictor and other critters.

Council signs off on Belle Haven Library design contract

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Efforts to build a new Belle Haven Library moved forward on June 18 after the Menlo Park City Council unanimously approved a \$160,000 contract with Noll & Tam Architects to develop concept designs. The firm will also analyze potential site options and come up with preliminary cost estimates for a new library.

The current Belle Haven Library, as staff put it, “is widely regarded as inadequate to meet community needs.”

Since last October, the city has completed a “space needs study” and found that a new library should be about 12,000 square feet to support the community needs. It would include a community learning center, a meeting room, a conference room, multiple sound-insulated study rooms and computers with public internet access, as well as areas for teens and story time sessions.

On June 11, the council approved a new program for community engagement work, developed by the Institute for

Local Government. It relies on a framework called “TIERS” (an acronym for think, initiate, engage, review, shift) and lays out a standard approach for how to involve the community with local government.

“Think” is the first step and involves some preliminary assessments of the existing conditions, planning a public engagement approach and developing a list of community-based organizations and people to inform the process, as well as coming up with different places to hold meetings.

“Initiate” involves developing an approach and a plan, as well as doing a “reality check” to consider political issues, who will lead the outreach efforts and what the timeline and budget will be, among other considerations.

“Engage” is the part of the process where the plan is actually implemented, and when the outreach leader talks to other community leaders to check in and make any necessary adjustments. “Review” involves evaluating the public outreach and

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Skyline murder suspect declines to enter plea, asks for time

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

Malik Dosouqi, the suspect in two separate homicides on Skyline Boulevard near Woodside on July 17 and 18, declined to enter a plea at his arraignment in San Mateo County Superior Court on June 24.

The case was reset for entry of a plea on July 8 at 1:30 p.m., and Dosouqi will be held on no bail, according to San Mateo County District Attorney Stephen Wagstaffe.

Dosouqi has been charged with two murder counts in the deaths of cab driver Abdulmalik Nasher of Pacifica and tow truck driver John Pekipaki of East Palo Alto, and five other felony counts, including two counts each of assault with a deadly weapon and infliction of great

bodily injury, and one count of special circumstances for multiple murders.

The story began the evening of June 17 when San Mateo County sheriff’s deputies found the body of Nasher, 32, a cab driver who had reportedly been called to the remote location on Skyline Boulevard near Reid’s Roost Road to pick up a fare.

Nasher was stabbed multiple times, according to the Sheriff’s Office.

The next evening, deputies investigating Nasher’s death heard cries for help from Pekipaki, 31, who was also found with multiple stab wounds and died at the scene.

Dosouqi was arrested after he allegedly drove his car at deputies, who shot at him and then captured him after he drove into a ditch.

Dosouqi was taken to the

hospital for an arm laceration before he was released late Thursday and booked into San Mateo County Jail.

Sheriff’s Office investigators are still trying to determine a motive and whether the two slayings are linked.

If convicted, Dosouqi could face the death penalty or life in prison without parole, Wagstaffe said.

Nasher was a Yemeni-American who is remembered for his love for his home country and his contributions to the Yemeni community, said Mansoor Ismael, the Yemeni consul general based in San Francisco. Nasher had a wife and a young daughter, he said.

“He was very well-known in the community, and if you needed him for anything he would always be there to help,” he said.

More than 1,000 people attended Nasher’s funeral on June 22 at a mosque in South San Francisco, said Museed Salah of San Francisco, who worked with Nasher at the Daly City Cab Co. and now works for Uber and Lyft.

“The Yemeni community is very close,” he said. “I saw a lot of people, cousins, uncles, everybody knows everybody.”

Salah said he’s certain Nasher and Dosouqi did not know each other.

“Cab drivers are in a bad situation,” Salah said. “Very vulnerable. He was my friend. Very bad situation for everybody from Yemen.”

Pekipaki, was a driver for Specialty Towing in East Palo Alto who had been called to the scene late in the evening of June 18 to help a stranded motorist, according to Lene Lauese, the

office manager for Sunrise Towing, which is located next door to the Specialty Towing office.

Lauese said she had received a call from an unidentified person on Skyline Boulevard that night but had to tell him that all her trucks were busy.

“He said he needed assistance, that he was stuck in a ditch, but we weren’t available,” she said. “It could have been one of my employees who went up there.”

The next morning Lauese found out that Specialty had sent Pekipaki out on the call and that he had been killed. He was the father of two young children, she said.

“It was foggy up there when he arrived, and he couldn’t find the person who called for service,” Lauese said. “He told the receptionist he was going to leave and

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Menlo Park set to enact cannabis business ban

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Citing a lack of public push-back to the city's nearly two-year moratorium on cannabis businesses in Menlo Park, the City Council moved unanimously on June 18 to line up an ordinance to ban such businesses in the city.

The ban would prohibit commercial marijuana land uses of all types, including cultivation, testing, manufacturing, and retail purposes.

While the council voted unanimously to move forward with an ordinance banning cannabis businesses, the council is open to reconsidering its decision as the city moves forward with its review of the El Camino Real/downtown specific plan and general plan, Mayor Ray Mueller said.

Councilwoman Betsy Nash was most vocally open to the idea of a marijuana retail location in the city, potentially downtown on Santa Cruz Avenue.

"I believe regulation works better than prohibition," she said. "I think it may be our neighbors who might go to the store ... It's not a criminal element that would be coming to the city."

Councilwoman Catherine Carlton, on the other hand, said she saw it as a big leap from voting to legalize — and thereby not criminalize — marijuana use, to supporting a retail dispensary in the community.

Councilman Drew Combs said he respected the voters' clear majority in favor of access to marijuana, but noted that the industry is highly regulated and would require a strong level of oversight by city staff, and wondered if larger cities are better-suited to permitting cannabis businesses because they have more staff resources. People who want to access marijuana for recreational use can access it through delivery services, he noted.

One downside of the delivery services is that the city does not receive any sales tax from those transactions, according to John Passmann, a management analyst

with the city. If the city were to permit cultivation, it might be able to generate a roughly estimated \$500,000 from a 10,000-square-foot cultivation facility, he said. Community Development Director Mark Muenzer added that there have been a few inquiries about cannabis businesses downtown or along El Camino Real.

Anthony Duhon, public policy strategist at NorCal Cananbis Co., a company that produces, processes and distributes cannabis, argued that banning cannabis just pushes its use more into the black market. Duhon presented a report from the cannabis-industry website Leafly, which pulled together the findings of more than 40 studies from academic and medical journals and publications challenging concerns that marijuana dispensaries and shops increase crime and teen use and decrease property values.

The report found that crime rates decrease or remain unchanged after a state-licensed cannabis store opens, and that teen use generally falls in states that pass medical cannabis and adult-use laws. For example, in Washington state, cannabis use among eighth graders fell from 9.8% to 7.3% as adult-use stores opened in the state. Licensed sellers check IDs and don't sell to minors, while illegal sellers don't face the same requirements, the study's authors argue.

The report also found that licensed dispensaries do not hurt property values in the area, and that in Colorado, home values increased by 8% at properties that were within one-tenth of a mile from a medical dispensary that was converted to permit adult-use sales.

Mueller argued that usually, when the council takes a misstep, people tell him about it, and noted he hasn't heard much from the community since the initial cannabis moratorium took effect. "I don't think there's enough there yet from the public to say they want this in the city," he said. "There could be in the future, but I don't think we're there tonight." ■

Free family video workshop

The Menlo Park Library is working with the California State Library and StoryCenter, an organization formerly known as the San Francisco Digital Media Center and the Center for Digital Storytelling, to host a two-day free workshop to teach people how to make a short film using personal and family images, video or archival material. The video produced will become part of an archive

of local stories. The workshop is limited to 10 participants and requires attendance both days, July 21 and 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants will learn about storytelling, share their scripts as a group, learn how to edit video, and get support for producing the video.

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Manzanita Talks move forward

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

Efforts to bring together public and private sector leaders to talk about how to address regional transportation problems moved forward on June 13 with what Joint Ventures Silicon Valley President and CEO Russell Hancock called a historic discussion.

It was the third in a series of five such meetings that Joint Ventures has convened called the Manzanita Talks, which aim to explore creating a “sub-regional transportation management association (TMA)” — a nonprofit that develops and manages a transportation program to give commuters viable alternatives to driving solo to get to work. TMAs generally include cities and/or businesses.

Officials from East Palo Alto, Los Altos, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Redwood City, Sunnyvale and Atherton are participating in the talks, as well as representatives from Facebook, Genentech, Google, Intuit, LinkedIn, Palantir and Tesla.

City Council members don’t often meet with people from the private sector, especially outside of “contentious places” like council chambers or law

Those from the private sector often feel vilified for creating jobs, and believe that they’re being blamed for traffic and housing problems, as well as being pressured to pay for everything, according to Joint Ventures Silicon Valley CEO Russell Hancock.

offices, and most bring with them a “chip on their shoulder” based on the sector they represent, Hancock noted.

Those from the private sector, Hancock said, often feel vilified for creating jobs, and believe that they’re being blamed for traffic and housing problems, as well as being pressured to pay for everything. They’ve already invested millions in their own companies’ transportation programs, while the public sector appears to be doing less, he said.

Public sector people, he added, feel frustrated because they believe that people from the private sector don’t understand that cities “can’t just build transportation infrastructure overnight” and can’t go “winging around with solutions” or making grandiose statements. Infrastructure projects have to be carefully studied, with environmental impact reports completed and many

levels of city processes conducted first, all of which are time-consuming.

Despite those differences, he said, “none of the partners stormed out (of the discussion). Everybody is still talking.”

Joint Ventures Silicon Valley is going to spend the summer doing research and analysis, and will come back to the group in September with alternatives and recommendations for funding and governance structures that might work.

While the effort initially was intended to address the “first and last mile problem,” characterized as the challenge of connecting people with transit options near where they live and work, the effort now incorporates goals to encourage commuters who travel five to 10 miles to work to use alternatives to driving solo.

Hancock said that the eight tech companies taking part in the talks run some 1,600 buses

in total that bring people from all over the Bay Area to their workplaces. Those employees alone equal in number 11% of all Caltrain daily riders, and they have a combined 3,000 bikes on their campuses, Hancock said.

Despite efforts by those companies, five out of six city officials expressed in a survey ambivalence toward the transportation demand management programs they’d required of development projects in their cities.

How to make those tech bus and shuttle trips more efficient — whether by encouraging private sector companies to partner with each other or with the public sector — and whether these companies should take on greater efforts to provide bus services to the contract workers they employ are elements that will be evaluated in Joint Ventures’ research.

The group is also looking at the possibility of forming a subregional transportation management association, or at least linking the existing transportation associations to achieve better outcomes and economies of scale. Many, but not all, of the existing associations operate within the boundaries of single cities and provide transportation routes that don’t necessarily capture the needs of people who work and live in different cities, Hancock said.

The Joint Ventures study also is expected to analyze three key components of what makes Peninsula traffic so painful: getting on and off U.S. 101, traveling east to west, and the needs of communities that have significant cut-through traffic.

Conversations about how to fund whatever is recommended in the study, Hancock added, will begin in the fall. ▣

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go back to Redwood City.”

Dosouqi told ABC-Channel 7 News from jail over the weekend that he was “wrongfully accused” of the two homicides, according to Channel 7.

He said he planned to prove his innocence “by getting a

lawyer” and that he didn’t remember anything except “waking up in the hospital.”

Dosouqi said he didn’t recall driving on Skyline Boulevard either night. When asked if he knew Nasher or Pekiaki, he shook his head and said no, according to the ABC-7 report.

When he was shown a photo of his parents, Dosouqi said he didn’t recognize them and

hadn’t spoken to his family, according to Channel 7.

Wagstaffe said that Dosouqi was represented in court by a private lawyer, but had mentioned representing himself.

“If he said something in the (jailhouse interview) that he hadn’t told investigators, we could use that,” he said. “Journalists don’t have to read him his Miranda rights.” ▣

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engagement processes. “Shift” involves making organizational changes to improve those processes and considering policy changes.

This process is also expected to be used to collect community input on a local minimum wage ordinance, and on what should be changed about the city’s commission/committees handbook.

Despite the new paradigm for community outreach efforts, some are already concerned that the process hasn’t been transparent enough. Specifically, Belle Haven resident Pam Jones said the community hasn’t been informed about the locations the city is open to considering for a new branch library, and asked

that the advisory committee that had been meeting to discuss a Belle Haven Library be brought back.

Councilwoman Betsy Nash and Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor said they’ve been talking about bringing the committee back but didn’t have any news yet to report. Menlo Park resident Lynne Bramlett said she thought residents were being brought into the decision-making process too late and asked the city to adopt a different model for public engagement.

In addition to the public outreach efforts, Noll & Tam will be tasked with analyzing potential costs, project feasibility, project timeline, traffic impacts, parking options, bike and pedestrian access and integration with nearby housing and the city. The

firm will also discuss the pros and cons of different potential sites for the library.

The city received five proposals from different firms to lead the project, but staff chose Noll & Tam — the firm that also conducted the space needs study — because it has done similar projects. The contract is estimated to cost \$132,000, but the city is also factoring in \$28,000 in contingency funds and \$30,000 in staff costs.

In its proposal, the architectural firm said it will work on site analyses in July and August, develop conceptual design alternatives in September and October, come up with cost estimates in November and make recommendations on the best site and conceptual design options in December and January. ▣

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by Monica Corman



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Menlo Park man convicted of attacking octogenarian mother

Convicted man the son of slain
Menlo Park police officer

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

A Menlo Park man who attacked his 83-year-old mother in September 2016 has been found guilty of felonies of elder abuse, making threats and false imprisonment in a jury trial verdict reached June 19.

According to prosecutors, John William Lyle, now 63, lived in an RV in the driveway of his mother's Menlo Park home. He became enraged toward her on Sept. 22, 2016, when he suspected that his mother had spoken with his doctor.

Prosecutors say he then picked her up, dragged her

from the kitchen to the backyard, threw her on the ground and held her down by the neck. He then swung and jabbed a baseball bat at her shoulder and chest. He also used a garbage bag and duct tape and threatened to tape her mouth shut, wrap her head in a plastic bag and burn down the house.

He eventually let her go, but when she tried to leave, he pulled her back into the house. When he left later, the woman barricaded herself in the house with a loaded gun and sent a text message to her daughter in Arkansas.

The daughter called 911, and Lyle was arrested the next day.

The mother, Norma Lyle, suffered from bruising and had a broken thumb, according to prosecutors.

Lyle is the son of the Menlo Park Police Department's first and only police officer to be killed in the line of duty, a man by the same name who went by Jack. John "Jack" W. Lyle was killed at age 29 in a gunfight in the parking lot of Draeger's Market on September 22, 1960.

The man who shot Jack W. Lyle, Roy Henry "Hook" Lane Jr., had been driving a stolen vehicle, and he and an accomplice were planning a robbery in Menlo Park, according to a memorial page on the police officers' association website.

While Lyle blocked his exit and approached to apprehend him in the Draeger's parking

lot, Lane shot him multiple times. Lane was later arrested, convicted of Lyle's murder and executed in November 1962 at San Quentin prison.

Today, Jack W. Lyle Park, at the corner of Fremont Street and Middle Avenue, bears the deceased officer's name.

John Lyle's attack on his mother came 56 years to the day after his father's death. According to Lyle's attorney, L. Scott Sherman, the death of Jack Lyle set the family adrift and put them in difficult circumstances, leaving Norma Lyle, John's mother, a single parent of four at the age of 27, and John fatherless at age 4.

When John was 17, he suffered a traumatic brain injury in a motorcycle accident and had long suffered from physical and mental illnesses, Sherman said, adding that he also had a delusional disorder diagnosis.



John William Lyle

stand trial. However, a request for new competency hearings wasn't granted because "there were no apparent changed circumstances," according to a report from the District Attorney's Office.

Then, on Jan. 17 of this year, the court heard a request from Lyle to represent himself, which the judge granted. Sherman stayed on as advisory counsel to provide legal guidance only when requested.

On June 3, just before his trial date, Lyle changed his mind and asked that Sherman represent him again.

Sherman asked for time to prepare for the trial, because he had not worked on the case since January. The court permitted Lyle to switch back to working with Sherman, but gave him only until June 10 — a little under a week — to prepare for the case.

On Friday, June 7, with Sherman's counsel, Lyle indicated he wanted to change his plea from not guilty to not guilty because of insanity. The court did not permit this and the trial was set to continue on June 10.

The trial included witness statements from the three law enforcement officers who responded to the Lyle home after the assault, and two doctors who evaluated the victim's injuries. The victim, Norma Lyle, also testified, accompanied by her granddaughter for support, as did another officer who was familiar with the crime scene.

The jury deliberated for more than a day before it reached its verdicts: guilty on three felony counts of elder abuse, threats and false imprisonment of an elderly victim. The jury members did not come to unanimous verdicts on the enhancements of great bodily injury (the jury was split 11-1) and the use of a deadly weapon (a 7-5 split).

A shifting case

John Lyle's case has wound its way through the county court system, complicated by factors of mental competency, shifts in his representation, and a last-minute request to change his plea.

After Lyle's arrest, the court assigned Sherman to represent him from the county's Private Defender Program. On March 14, 2017, Sherman voiced doubt of Lyle's competency to stand trial, and two doctors were assigned to evaluate him. They found him incompetent to stand trial and he was committed to Napa State Hospital on Aug. 30 the same year.

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A little less than a year later, on July 17, 2018, Lyle was issued a certificate that his competency to stand trial had been restored, so the court reinstated criminal proceedings.

On Dec. 11 of that year, a defense expert, Dr. Jeffrey Weiner, testified he believed that Lyle was not competent to

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Menlo school district: Salaries, benefits outpace revenues

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

Expenditures continue to outpace revenues for the Menlo Park City School District, but the district will remain financially stable until at least the 2021-22 fiscal year, according to a district staff report.

The multiyear budget indicates that continued deficit spending will by fiscal year 2022-23 lead to a dip in reserves below the minimum 15% of total annual spending that district policy aims for, the report states. For the 2019-20 budget, approved by the school board at its June 11 meeting, the district is able to hold 20.5% of its total annual spending in reserves.

The new budget projects an

operating deficit of \$801,907. The district has increased spending on professional development, educational initiatives and targeted staffing to meet its educational goals, according to the staff report.

The school board has had preliminary discussions about pursuing another parcel tax on the November 2020 ballot to help with this deficit spending, said Chief Business and Operations Officer Ahmad Sheikholeslami.

The district's Measure X, a seven-year parcel tax with an initial rate of \$360 per parcel, passed in 2017. Added to the district's three other parcel taxes, which have no expiration date, total district parcel taxes are now \$1,078 per parcel.

Concerns about deficit

spending come on the heels of the school board's approval of a teacher compensation philosophy earlier this year, which will require "additional funds that are not part of the current budget planning," according to the staff report. The philosophy is part of the district's efforts to hire and retain the "most qualified and exceptional teachers and staff" given that the district is located in an area of "extreme" high cost of living and has a budget dependent on local revenue sources, according to the district.

Superintendent Erik Burmeister has begun exploring how the district can increase its revenues through endowments, additional community giving and parcel taxes to meet the goals in the philosophy, according to the staff report.

"The district is in a healthy position as it looks at its future compensation philosophy," Sheikholeslami said.

Unlike most California school districts, the Menlo Park district (along with the Las Lomas, Woodside Elementary and Portola Valley districts) receives very little additional funding when enrollment grows. Because of high local property tax revenues, these school districts are considered "community funded" and receive almost all their funding from local sources. Districts with lower property tax revenues get money from the state that increases with enrollment.

The district has not settled salary negotiations with its two bargaining units and unrepresented employees for

the 2019-20 fiscal year, according to the staff report. The budget includes a 2.6% pay increase as a placeholder, movement of employees on the salary schedule, and savings from retirements and resignations.

The new budget includes total expenditures of \$54.4 million, with 88.4% going to salaries and benefits. The district plans to increase its number of employees by the equivalent of 3.86 people.

The new budget projects total revenues of \$53.6 million, with 86% of revenues coming from property taxes, parcel taxes and donations from the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation.

The full 2019-20 budget can be viewed at tinyurl.com/mpcsd2019-20budget. ▣

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Lyle next appears in court on Aug. 9 for a pre-sentence report and sentencing. He remains in custody on no-bail status.

"In San Mateo County, I do

believe that we are lagging behind a lot of other counties in more progressive places that deal with mental illness better," Sherman told The Almanac. "This is a sad case (that involves) the allegation of a son accused of assaulting his mother, and there were obvious

signs of mental health distress from the very, very beginning."

"What should be learned is that court systems are not the right place to deal with mental health problems," he continued. "John's mother testified in court that the whole time she was concerned about John

and wanted him to get help."

"The people of San Mateo County have to decide what's the right way to deal with mental health issues ... especially ones as obvious as are in this case," he added. "I don't think jail and criminalization is the right way." ▣

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Positively determined

Barbara Kalt wraps up a memorable career, but she's still on a mission

Story by Maggie Mah
Photos by Magali Gauthier



Maddie, Barbara Kalt's dog, gives a kiss to John J. at Rosener House in Menlo Park.

You know how it goes: You go about your life feeling like youth will last forever and that aging, with all of its implications, is just a concept. Then one day, you suddenly notice the skin on your arm looks different — like what you see on your older relatives — and the realization that no one is immune from this process starts to sink in. Along with the prospect of losing one's youthful looks and learning to cope with physical challenges, another specter looms in the distance: Alzheimer's disease and the loss of cognitive function.



Barbara Kalt and Maddie at the Rosener House reception desk. Kalt started working at the center in 1981.

The good news: We are living longer. The bad news: The longer you live, the more likely you are to develop some form of dementia. It is now the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States.

The medical field has advanced light years in treating many ailments caused by “birthdays,” but for people with dementia, not much has changed in the last 50 years. Until science is able to crack the code, ways must be found to help the growing numbers of people afflicted with degenerative brain diseases.

Barbara Kalt has devoted nearly 40 years to doing just that. She retired recently from her position as director at Rosener House, Peninsula Volunteers' day care center in Menlo Park for adults with dementia. Although she has handed the reins of management over to her successor, she is continuing as a volunteer.

The Almanac caught up with her at Rosener House to talk about her experience, her thoughts on issues facing dementia patients and their caregivers, and of her dreams for the future.

Barbara Kalt's warm personality and easy laugh immediately put you at ease, and within a few minutes of meeting her for the first time, it feels as if you are talking to an old friend. She is also refreshingly candid and feisty, qualities that hint at her determination to improve the lives of people with dementia and their caregivers.

Originally from Wisconsin, Kalt grew up an only child and recalls being very close to her maternal grandmother: “I just

loved her. She treated everyone like they were very special. That stays with you.”

Kalt moved to Menlo Park in 1975 with her husband, Howard Kalt, a communications industry executive. Although she worked for a time as an instructional aide in the Portola Valley School District, she found the atmosphere too pressured and began to search for a different situation. She found it at Rosener House, and began working there part time while raising her two children.

“I started in 1981, when Rosener House was in a little school house. It was real mom-and-pop — I drove the bus,” Kalt recalls with a laugh. Considerable changes have been made since then, many of which are due to Kalt's determined efforts to create what is now widely recognized as a state-of-the-art facility with a staff of 20 serving the needs of 120 regular participants in Rosener House's program.

Carrie Ramlow is the facility's staff social worker. She was hired last year by then-Director Kalt. What she has to say about her former boss is the stuff most people in positions of authority can only dream of: “In the short time that I worked for Barbara, I was reminded of why I initially went into my field of practice, and that being of service can still mean putting folks who are in need first, despite outside constraints.

“Barbara is a true visionary. She sees the big picture and doesn't allow politics, financial parameters, bureaucracies, bad weather, or anything else to serve

as permanent obstacles to maintaining the quality of the RH program.”

On the scene

On the day of The Almanac's visit to Rosener House, lunchtime was just concluding. We are invited into the large open dining room, a cheerful place with large windows looking out on the garden. Upbeat music from somewhere back-in-the-day is playing in the background. People are seated in attractively upholstered chairs around handsome round wooden tables — the kind you might find in a really nice restaurant. Colorful artwork adorns the walls and laughter is frequently heard above the buzz of constant conversation. Newspapers and magazines are arranged on a side table.

Kalt is there with her dog, Maddie. As they visit each table, people greet her by name and say how glad they are to see her. The atmosphere in the room and the woman making her rounds seem to be part of a whole, a sense that is echoed by Ramlow: “Rosener House reflects her and she is a reflection of it. Barbara just exudes this amazing light.”

Maddie, a 3-year-old border collie mix, has been coming to work since she was an 8-week-old puppy. Maddie loves the interaction and is clearly happy to be back. One man is teaching Maddie the command for “shake hands” in Spanish. “Dame tu pata,” he says. Maddie lifts her paw and the man chuckles with delight at what he has accomplished.



Kalt watches as Rosemary S. draws during a Rosener House art class.

While people who are not afflicted with dementia might take it for granted, normal social interaction is another important aspect of the program. In many cases, people with dementia become increasingly isolated. Very often it is the caregivers, many of whom are struggling to maintain their own lives, who become the main source of interaction with the people they're caring for. "We see that people's friends tend to drop away when they are diagnosed," Kalt says.

When the dreaded diagnosis is made, Kalt says, it is often by a primary care physician who may not be attuned to the need to direct people to where they can be helped. "We still hear people say they've been told 'you're getting old, what do you expect? You have memory problems.' Our referrals are mostly from neurologists, but there aren't enough neurologists and hardly any geriatricians," she explains. This is due in part, she says, to the Medicare payment

system. Partly in jest, she adds, "If doctors want to make a lot of money, they go into orthopedics."

Kalt says the first thing people often think of when it comes to a person who needs 24-hour care is "nursing home." Although options for people with dementia are limited, Kalt says that if at all possible, moving to a managed-care facility should be the last step.

The participants who come to Rosener House can remain in their homes and benefit from the range of programs designed to maintain good quality of life for as long as possible. "They get to make new friends, have a different social life and talk at the dinner table about what they did that day," Kalt says.

Relief for caregivers

As good as it is for Rosener House's participants, for caregivers, it is a godsend. Menlo Park resident Richard Grossman is 82 and has Alzheimer's disease. He has been attending Rosener

House on a regular basis for over two years. His wife, Linda Grossman, who is his caregiver, says: "Rosener has been a sanity saver for me. Three days a week I have that five-hour block of time I can count on and a huge weight lifts from my shoulders."

"Caring for someone with Alzheimer's is emotionally exhausting, and it is now becoming physically taxing as well. Keeping Richard occupied, happy, and safe for five hours frees me from worry and allows me to have a little bit of a life. I love those remarkable people who envisioned the program and the devoted staff who lovingly and joyfully carry out the mission. Richard always leaves with a smile on his face."

Is Rosener House unique? "Yes it is, Kalt replies. "I'm sure there must be others somewhere in the U.S., but there's nothing like it in California that I know of."

As to why there aren't more places like Rosener House, Kalt

explains: "The overall concept of adult day care is not well known and nonprofits don't have budgets for marketing and advertising. It is such a needed program and so much more cost-effective than either private home care, skilled nursing or assisted living."

According to Kalt, the cost for participants at Rosener House is about \$95 per day. There are also reduced rates, the lowest of which is \$40 per day. Cost of attendance can be covered by long-term-care insurance and through a contract with the Veterans Health Administration.

The program also receives funding from San Mateo County and the Sequoia Healthcare District. Surprisingly, Kalt says Rosener House does not have a waiting list and could take more people.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, 5.8 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. As the country's population ages, this number is projected to rise to 14 million in the next 30 years. Kalt says the reality for people who are losing cognitive function is that not much has changed in the nearly 40 years she has worked at Rosener House.

"From a pure science perspective, there is a lot of research going on as to what causes Alzheimer's, but there is so much that is unknown," she notes.

Although there are drugs that can help in the short term, Kalt doesn't see that medications are currently a solution. "Social interaction and physical activities are really more important," she says. "This is what we have to do while research is going on. I wish there could be more recognition for the value of these programs and how hard people work to help the participants."

Although she has officially retired, Kalt isn't done; she expresses definite opinions on what can and should be done now as well as into the future.

"Maybe we should actually focus on the caregivers and what they are doing for society," Kalt says.

The numbers associated with elder care are stunning. According to AARP's Public Policy Institute, in 2013, 40 million family caregivers in the U.S. provided an estimated 37 billion hours of care. The value of this unpaid service was estimated at about \$470 billion, which is roughly equivalent to Walmart's annual sales or the combined annual sales of Apple, IBM, Hewlett Packard and Microsoft..

Some 60% of family caregivers are caring for an adult while employed full or part time; one in four workers age 25 or over are family caregivers. A majority are women who manage by leaving early, arriving late and taking time off. Although the cost to

businesses from lost productivity is said to be \$33 billion annually, the human cost is much harder to pin down..

Also, unlike maternity leave, employers tend to have a different view of a worker who takes time to care for an older relative. While time away to care for a new baby is fairly well-defined and usually limited to a few months, a person caring for someone with Alzheimer's could be coping for years.

"With elder care, it's not that easy," Kalt notes. "Some corporations who are more social-minded might have child care facilities. But do you know of anyone who has elder care? My dream would be to have some farsighted corporations make that investment."

Until then, Kalt says, there are things that companies can do now to help. "They can make people aware of FSA accounts (flexible spending accounts), which reduce income but provide tax-free money that can be used for care. More companies offering that would be helpful, as would EAPs (Employee Assistant Program) making people aware of resources in their community."

About her decision to retire, Kalt says: "I'm comfortable with the staff and where everything is at Rosener House right now. We have this tradition of innovation, and bringing the Tango Project was the top. When that happened, I said, OK — I'm done now!"

She's referring to an experimental therapeutic tango program she brought to Rosener House earlier this year. (See *The Almanac's* story on the program at tinyurl.com/Alm-tango19)

Kalt's enthusiasm for the Tango Project bubbles over: "In the beginning, Clarissa, the Argentinian instructor, asked people what they thought of the whole thing, and they were so articulate — I couldn't believe it! One man said, 'I feel that we are all just one here.' It was just so wonderful."

As a newly retired volunteer, Kalt participates in the program. She recalls a recent exchange: "I was dancing with a woman today, and I said, 'You have such good balance,' and she said, 'Well I learned it here.'"

Kathi Minden has been Rosener House's family services manager for 12 years, and says: "I would follow Barbara into battle. She's a great leader." ■

About the cover: Rosendo N. shakes the paw of Maddie, Barbara Kalt's dog, at Rosener House, a day care center in Menlo Park for adults with dementia. Kalt recently retired from her position as the center's director. Photo by Magali Gauthier/*The Almanac*.



Kalt recently retired after devoting nearly 40 years to helping people with dementia through Rosener House, but still volunteers at the facility.

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Menlo School's Sophie Jones earns National Player of Year award

By Rick Eymmer

Sophie Jones walked into the ballroom of Stent Hall at Menlo School on Wednesday, June 19, expecting to be interviewed for her selection as Gatorade's California Women's Soccer Player of the Year.

What she found was a room full of family, teammates, friends, coaches and administrators there to surprise and congratulate her as Gatorade's National Player of the Year honoree.

"I genuinely did not see this coming and I still can't believe it happened," Sophie said nearly a half-hour later. "It took me a second to realize what was happening. Then I saw the banner."

Sophie, who will play at Duke University this fall, was greeted by former San Francisco 49ers great Steve Young, who presented her with the trophy. Young's son Braden has been a classmate of Sophie's since the sixth grade.

"Steve has been an awesome mentor," she said.

Sophie was only able to play for Menlo as a senior. She had national team commitments until then. She's been working out with the U20 national team, which beat Germany 1-0 in a practice match June 14.

Sophie plans to keep busy by training with the San Jose Earthquakes youth boys team and a San Ramon professional team. She's scheduled to arrive in Durham, North Carolina, on Aug. 3.

The Blue Devils have an exhibition match scheduled for Aug. 12 against Campbell. The Final Four is slated for Avaya Stadium in San Jose on Dec. 6 through 7. Duke finished 16-4 last year, losing to Georgetown in the Sweet Sixteen.

Sophie's parents, Tina and Warren, have already talked about a possible move to North Carolina.



Photo courtesy of Gatorade

Sophie Jones shows off her trophy, which was presented to her by Steve Young, right.

Her twin brother Austin is attending Southern Methodist University this fall.

"They're thinking about getting a place," Sophie said. "They've supported me all the way through."

Austin guarantees no matter how difficult, the family will attend as many Duke games as possible. "It's a big part of our lives," he said.

"Sophie grew up playing sports with me in the backyard," said Austin, who will major in either engineering or business. "She always played with boys and dominated there. When she moved to girls, she could dominate. I think she learned a lot from men's soccer and transferred those skills."

Austin and friends never took it easy on Sophie and her brother thinks that was a valuable experience.

"What's a bloody nose once in a while?" asked Austin. "It built up her toughness. The thing I admire about Sophie is that when she gets knocked down she gets right back up."

Woodside Priory coach Henry

Arredondo, who coached Sophie in elementary school, said playing with the boys made her aware that there was more to the game than speed.

"Instead of relying on speed she had to learn different ways to beat the boys," he said. "She learned how to change speeds, change direction, manage the ball."

Women's soccer is not for the queasy either. Her Menlo teammate and friend Emily Tse has video evidence of Sophie getting knocked over. In fact, she compiled a video of her doing nothing but getting knocked over.

"You should see her playing Ping-Pong," Austin said. "She dominates there too."

In middle school, Sophie was a championship tennis player too. Menlo's veteran coach Bill Shine tried to recruit her to play with the Knights.

"She was great in middle school," Shine said. "This (winning national honors) could have been in any sport. She's a better person than all of us." ■

Rick Eymmer is the sports editor of the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac's sister paper.

Atherton budget remains healthy

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

The Atherton City Council approved the town's 2019-20 fiscal year budget at its June 19 meeting.

A report from town staff shows the budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1 with \$16.5 million in revenue, 71% of which is coming from property taxes (\$11.8 million). Spending is estimated to be at \$14.6 million.

The budget "projects a healthy outlook as the Town continues to implement current Council priorities to reduce long-term liabilities, address capital project needs, and ensure operational

needs are met," the report states. "This budget presents a plan for accomplishing the goals and objectives of the City Council within existing resources and core strategy of financial stability in mind."

There is a single-year operational revenue surplus of \$1.9 million. The budget projections show the town ending the coming fiscal year with \$24.15 million.

The new civic center project is the biggest cost to the town in the coming year, costing \$11.2 million. Funding sources for the new complex became an area of focus during the meeting. When the project is completed, estimated

to be in 2021, a public courtyard will connect a new mission-style building housing police offices, town administration, building and planning offices, and a council chamber/emergency operations center to the new library.

Additional notable grant funds for the project that the town anticipates receiving are coming from Atherton Now, for about \$4.6 million.

Total property tax revenues are projected to increase about 4.5%, or \$508,680, over the current fiscal year's mid-year estimate.

The budget can be viewed at tinyurl.com/athertonbudget2019. ■

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Two local young men earn the highest rank in scouting

By *Elianne Frenkel-Popell, Portola Valley/Woodside BSA Troop 64*

At twilight one crisp evening, Portola Valley witnessed an unusual sight: a gathering of 17 Eagles — some of whom started their journeys as far away as Japan and the Philippines, and others who were born right here in the Bay Area. These Eagles gathered at Troop 64's Eagle Court of Honor to welcome and honor Gregory Barth and Jeffrey Frenkel-Popell as they joined them as Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in scouting.

Among the 12 points of the scout law is that a scout must be "Friendly." Gregory has been living up to that code since he started in scouting as a cub scout. When he heard that his friend from Woodside was having trouble finding a troop to join, he immediately extended to Jeffrey an invitation to join his troop in Portola Valley, first as a Webelo and then as a scout.

For the next nine years, under the leadership of their scoutmasters Kirt Williams and Lance Vaughn, the two boys and their fellow Falcon patrol learned how to "Be Prepared" for all sorts of emergencies, and how to set up

a camp and cook for themselves and their fellow scouts. They had a chance to be "Brave" as they rappelled into a cave, explored caverns and other wilderness locations in all kinds of weather, and slept in an ice cave they dug for themselves.

Over the years, scouting taught the boys leadership and speaking skills as they held different positions in the troop. At age 11, Jeffrey played his trombone at the Eagle Court of Honor for the outgoing troop bugler. He took over the role of bugler, demonstrating that he was "Trustworthy" by playing at almost every Eagle Court of Honor for the next seven years.

Music was a key component of Jeff's culminating Eagle Leadership and Service Project. This project is an opportunity for each scout to exercise his skills as he organizes and leads volunteers in a project that helps others.

Jeffrey chose to help the Peninsula Volunteers' Crane Place Apartments' elderly residents by bringing together musicians and other volunteers to present two concerts of classical and jazz music. He also led his troop in a CD collection drive so that they

could create and donate a permanent music lending library (including a music player) for the residents to continue to enjoy.

Greg chose to focus on the opposite end of the age spectrum when he chose his Eagle project, which was to rebuild the wooden stairs on either side of the large double sliding board at the Ladera Community Church Preschool — the very slide he had played on in his own preschool years.

Greg recruited fellow scouts, high school friends, and parents to help in the project. He was mentored in the design and construction techniques by Troop 64 parent Phil Bourgeois. Greg was "Thrifty" and was able to bring his project in under budget, so he donated the extra funds he had raised to the preschool.

Portola Valley/Woodside Boy Scout Troop 64 has always been welcoming and inclusive, and emphasized that scouts must strive to be "Kind." The Boy Scouts of America has for years provided one of the nation's foremost youth programs for character development and values-based leadership training,



Photo courtesy of Troop 64

New Eagle Scouts Jeffrey Frenkel-Popell, left, and Gregory Barth.

and as of Feb. 1 of this year, welcomes all kids from the ages of 7 to 17 to join as cub scouts or part of Scouts BSA, where boys and girls can try to earn all of the ranks up to Eagle.

Any interested parent with a child that age should check out Troop 64's website at troop-64pv.org for more information on summer camp and upcoming ceremonies, and to learn how to get involved.

The Merit Badge Program offers opportunities for scouts to learn life skills, how to be good citizens, and explore diverse fields. To earn the rank

of Eagle, scouts must earn 21 merit badges, but both boys kept going, earning more merit badges. So when they became Eagle Scouts, Greg was awarded a Bronze Palm and Jeff a Gold Palm.

Greg is now a freshman studying at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and Jeff is traveling around Latin America during a gap year before starting college in the fall. But as all the older Eagle Scouts who attended Troop 64's Eagle Court of Honor will tell you, once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout. ■

PV school board: one incumbent won't seek new term

By *Angela Swartz*
Almanac Staff Writer

With two Portola Valley School District board members' terms expiring in December, the board on June 5 authorized an election in November to fill the seats. Trustee Gulliver La Valle, who joined the board in 2015, has announced he will not seek re-election.

"I'm actually just feeling fulfilled to have been a part of the board for 4 years and ready to let someone else take the torch!" La Valle wrote in an email.

Trustee Brooke Day, who joined the board in 2017, could not be reached for comment on whether she will seek another term.

In order to comply with a recent state law that requires elections for most board and council seats to take place in even years, the two board positions filled in November will be for three-year terms, rather than the typical four-year terms. Eventually, all five board positions will return to four-year terms.

The board must deliver an approved resolution to the San

Mateo County Office of Education and the county chief elections officer by July 5 to qualify for the ballot, according to a district staff report.

The board appointed Kimberley Morris Rosen in March to replace Michael Maffia, who resigned earlier that month. Morris Rosen will stay on until

Maffia's term ends in December 2020.

The candidate filing period for the November election will open July 15 and close Aug. 9. ■

Employment

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Grads say farewell to Woodside School

Submitted by Woodside Elementary School

Forty-seven eighth grade students took part in the graduation ceremony at Woodside School on Friday, June 7.

Commencement exercises began at 5:30 p.m. in the school amphitheatre. The Woodside School band under the direction of Beth Hoss played the processional. Eighth grade students Eric Spangner and Trey Wolfe led the salute to the flag and the singing of the national anthem.

Students gave the following

addresses: "My Journey" — Trey Wolfe; "Amazing First Experiences" — Ashanti Gardner; and "One Step at a Time" — Milla Gaffney

The Class of 2019 chose as its class song, "Gone, Gone, Gone" by Phillip Phillips, which they sang accompanied by Zorenza Kleinberg, Niko Muller and Grace Timons.

Georgia Hutchinson and Niko Muller presented the class gift, which is a donation of a new tree planted by the amphitheatre and a plaque with a quote from the

original student-written song, "Time to Say Goodbye" by Zorenza Kleinberg and Grace Timons.

Woodside School parent Marc Tarpenning gave the commencement address.

Steve Frank, middle school principal, presented the Class of 2019 to the Woodside School Board of Trustees.

Here's a list of the graduates

A-D: Alexander Campbell Bartels, Fiona Catherine Brooks, Jordan Kylie Brooks, Victor Benjamin Caruzo, Victoria Kalissa

Ceja, William Murphy Colglazier, Charles Thomas Connolly, Tabitha Tregelles Corcoran, Katherine Gail Cornyn, Brooke Ashley Dombkowski, LaShay Nakol Dunlap

E-K: Madeline Anne Escobar, Lila May Frieden, Milla Sabine Gaffney, Mia Isabella Benitez Garcia, Ashanti Sannai Gardner, Anneka Goel, Liam Bichell Gould, Julianna Elizabeth Greening, Morgan Rebecca Helfand, Jacob Putnam Hornstein, Georgia Grace Hutchinson, Charles Betts Insley, Zorenza Nangfah Kleinberg
L-P: Josephine Ryan LaCrosse,

John Paul Latterell, Maxwell Goodrich Mader, Tanner Brian McCormick, Josephine Kay Meade, Nicholas Raymond Meade, Talan Sibayan Moll, Nikolas Parker Muller, Zoe Rae Parkhurst, Catherine Paige Pittman, Justin Thomas Pretre

Q-S: Luke Maverick Saletta, Elias Lemarni Santomarcoking, Christiana Candida Shaw, Eric Karl-Heinz Spangner

T-Z: Grace Lisipa Tahaafe, Rowan Schillinger Tarpenning, Grace Sullivan Timons, Angel Torres, Daniel Alonso Triveno, Pilar Vanheusden, Stella Grace Villalta, Trey Wolfe

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Fremont Park
915 Santa Cruz Ave.

Tuesdays
August 13–August 27
6:30–8:00 pm
Kelly Park
100 Terminal Ave.

Bring a picnic basket, blanket, family and friends to enjoy live music in the park!



BAND SCHEDULE

June 12	The Sun Kings	Beatles Tribute	Fremont Park
June 19	Hi NRG	Dance/Party	Fremont Park
June 26	Night Train	Rock Covers	Fremont Park
July 10	The Half Moon Band	Pop/Rock/Blues	Fremont Park
July 17	Conjunto Picante	Salsa	Fremont Park
July 24	Primary Colors	Jazz	Fremont Park
July 31	Fog City Swampers	Classic Rock	Fremont Park
Aug. 7	Rewind	Cover Band	Fremont Park
Aug. 13	Reyna Y Su Trio	Latin/Spanish Pop	Kelly Park
Aug. 20	Luv Bomb	Soul/Funk	Kelly Park
Aug. 27	Tia Carroll	Blues/Soul	Kelly Park

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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

BLUE LABEL INVESTMENTS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281414

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

Blue Label Investments, located at 3402 Devon Way, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
DANIEL ZAPATA

3402 Devon Way
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 N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on May 31, 2019.

(ALM June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019)

Empresa Savi

SaviE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281458

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

"Empresa Savi" and "SaviE", located at 2056 Pulgas Ave., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
IMELDA LLANOS DE LUNA

2056 Pulgas Ave.
E. 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 June 3, 2019.

(ALM June 12, 19, 26; July 3, 2019)

INVITING SPACES BY KIM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281492

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Inviting Spaces By Kim, located at 947 15th Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
KIMBERLY BEBER

947 15th Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94063

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 2008.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 6, 2019.

(ALM June 19, 26; July 3, 10, 2019)

1) KATHERINE PETERSON, PH.D., L.E.P. 2) PETERSON LEARNING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281633

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

1) Katherine Peterson PhD., L.E.P. 2) Peterson Learning, located at 5 Light Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
KATHERINE K. PETERSON

5 Light Way
Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 15, 2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 18, 2019.

(Almanac June 26; July 3, 10, 17, 2019)

MENLO ACCOUNTING & CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281659

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Menlo Accounting & Consulting, located at 405 El Camino Real #504, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
PATRICIA LOPEZ-JARAMILLO

231 Robin Way
Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 20, 2019.

(ALM June 26; July 3, 10, 17, 2019)

LAW OFFICE OF ALISON MADDEN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 281550

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

Law Office of Alison Madden, located at 2995 Woodside Rd #200, Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County; Mailing address: PO Box

620650, Woodside, CA 94062

Registered owner(s):

ALISON MADDEN

1548 Maple #26

Redwood City, CA 94063

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 1, 2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 11, 2019.

(ALM June 26; July 3, 10, 17, 2019)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

DANIEL STRANGE

Case No.: 19-PRO-00643

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DANIEL STRANGE.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LISA JO NOBLE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO.

The Petition for Probate requests that: LISA JO NOBLE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 28, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court.

If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner:
Eyad Yaser Abdeljawad
5670 Schaefer Ave., Ste. P
Chino, CA 91710
(909) 800-8600
(ALM June 12, 19, 26, 2019)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 19CIV02917

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: LORENA EVORA and OMAR BLADIMIR EVORA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
YARETZI DALEYZA EVORA to ALESSANDRA DALEYZA EVORA.

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: July 17, 2019, 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 05, 2019

/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(The Almanac June 19, 26; July 3, 10, 2019)



Photo courtesy of Menlo School

The Class of 2019 celebrates after a June 6 commencement ceremony.

Menlo School grads off to new adventures

Submitted by Menlo School, Atherton

The 138 members of Menlo School's Class of 2019 received their diplomas on June 6 in an outdoor ceremony. The 2019 graduates have the distinction of being Menlo School's 100th graduating class.

Menlo's commencement festivities opened with a welcome from Director of Upper School John Schafer, and included remarks by Damon M. Wilson, executive vice president of the Atlantic Council, where he is responsible for programs and strategy; and Menlo English teacher Maren Adler.

Senior Class President Isabella Scola of San Mateo offered reflections on the Class of 2019, and Menlo School's Chorus and Orchestra performed.

To close the commencement exercises, Menlo School Board Chair Rob Chandra assisted John Schafer and Head of School Than Healy in conferring high school degrees upon the graduates.

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D-G: Abigail Elizabeth Doll, Charlotte Sophia Donnelly, Miles Grey M. Dorosin, Maxwell Atchison Dostart-Meers, Jonathan Ebrahimian, Joshua Amrik Eichbaum, Cameron Bruce Ekstrand, Luca Corrado Espinosa, Beatty E. Fann, William "Buzz" Fann, Lauren Gardner Ferguson, Andrew Christopher Fisher, Matthew Brian Flower, Samantha Ann Fogelberg, Sam L. Fortenbaugh, Caroline Ann Frantz, Celia Isabella Fritsch, Charles Scott Giesler, Jordan Thatcher Gold, Taylor Mackenzie Gould, Dillon Michael Grady, Anna M. Guiragossian, Avi Gupta, Clara Denend Guthrie

H-K: Lauren Metcalfe Hamilton, Nicolas Mathew Hernandez, Sara Enrica Hewitt, Natalie Grace Hilderbrand, Riley Bree Holland, Sianna Irene Houghton, Charles Wesley Hsieh, Frances Ann Huebner, Ashli Jain, Natalie Nicole Jarrett, Grace Jeffery, Katherine Judith Jeffries, Austin W. Jones, Sophie G. Jones, Kevin Kafayi, Adrian Carl Kalaw, Abigail Mara Kaplan, Andrew Kim, John Wonjoon Kim, Grace Anne King, Taylor Elizabeth King, Casey Kline, Meri Frances Klingelhofer,

Clark Alexander Kovacs, Christina Noel Kushnir

L-P: Katherine Reed Lambert, Benjamin Fernando Barajas Lasky, Mafi Maile Latu, Hannah Nicole Leibovich, Louis Levitan, May Mei Li, Walter Elliot Li, Vivian Liu, Joseph Chou Ma, Grace Laney MacDonald, John Arthur Martin, Conor Edward McCusker, Jose Santiago Mendoza Real, Brian J. Mhatre, Jack Willard Miller, Jacob Benjamin Muchnick, Justin G. Nam, Connor B. Nelson, Bennett Ablow Norman, Lauren Sun-Mi Oh, Simon S. Oros, Aidan Chahn Pak, Caroline Choo Ling Pang, Maxwell C. Patterson, Matthew L. Phua, Jack Tyler Pimlott, Seth Clark Pope, Meredith Margaret Power

Q-S: Bridget Kendall Quigley, Colin Stephen Raab, Margaret Hayes Reinstra, Jack Bryce Carpio Rellamas, Lilly Morgan Richart, Ruby Angelica Rodriguez, Samuel George Rosenberg, Mia Leigh Rosenblatt, Alejandro Diaz Ross, Naomi Carolina Rubin, Arushi Sahai, Elizabeth Ellen Sanford, Zachary Debin Scacco, Anna Mabel Schinasi, Isabella Grace Scola, Sophia Catharine Scola, Leighton Isabelle Shiveley, Robert Michael Cameron Shove, Marianne 'Ilafehi Siulangapo, Nathaniel Liam Solomon, Luca Cassani St Goar, Charlotte Elizabeth Swisher

T-Z: Neha K. Tarakad, Alexa Blake Thomases, Elise Mouzon Thompson, Emily Lun Tse, Samuel Untrecht, Alec F. Vercruyssen, Andrei D. Volgin, Natasha Walia, Zakary Clark Werdegar, Matthew Thomas Westly, Thomas Michael Woodside, Selina Xu, Tzy Ying Yee, Braedon Steven Young, Kayla Zamanian, Ethan David Zhang, Melody T. Zhou

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Theater

'Archduke' TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents the Northern California premiere of "Archduke." Written by Pulitzer Prize finalist Rajiv Joseph, the story explores how one man, one moment, can derail an entire century. Through June 30; times vary. \$60; discounts for students, seniors. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

'One Man, Two Guvnors' This fast-paced farce follows Francis Henshall, who finds himself down on his luck, hungry and suddenly employed by two mob bosses. Through June 30; times vary. \$25-\$52; discounts for seniors, students. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org

'Present Laughter' by Noel Coward A frothy comedy about show business, "Present Laughter" is replete with seductions, suspicions, adulteries and blackmail. Through June 30; times vary. \$15-\$35. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

'Silly Goose and Val' The Belle Haven Branch Library presents "Silly Goose and Val," on tour from Baltimore County, Maryland. The fast-paced, comedic musical show features puppets, ventriloquism, dancing, singing and audience participation. June 30, 2-3 p.m. Free. Belle Haven Library, 413 Ivy Drive, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Summer Nights: 'Midsummer Night's Dream' Santa Clara University students perform scenes from "Romeo and Juliet." June 27, 5-8 p.m. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

Concerts

Summer Concert Series Families can picnic, dance, and visit with friends and neighbors while listening to a wide variety of music. Genres include rock, pop, blues, jazz, salsa, tribute bands and a variety of cover music. Through Aug. 7, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Ave. & University Drive, Menlo Park. business.menloparkchamber.com

Roots to Rock n' Roll House Concert Touring their fourth album, "Driving By Candlelight," musicians Dan and Laurel combine violin, diverse guitar styles, storytelling, harmonica, humor and vocal rapport for an engaging performance. June 30, 3:30-6 p.m. Free. Dala's Nest House Concerts, 371 O'Connor St., Menlo Park. dalas-nest-house-concerts.business.site

St. Lawrence String Quartet's International Showcase The St. Lawrence String Quartet will perform a series of concerts as part of the group's residency at Stanford University. June 24-29; times vary. Free. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. live.stanford.edu

Talks & Lectures

Steve Almond Short story writer and essayist Steve Almond discusses his new work of non-fiction, "William Stoner and the Battle for the Inner Life: Bookmarked." July 2, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

Digital Deception in the 2020 Election Ann M. Ravel, digital deception project director at MapLight and former chair of the Federal Election Commission, and Katie Joseff, research manager of the Digital Intelligence Lab at the Institute for the Future, discuss research on how digital deception affects democracy, where the digital political landscape is headed and what policies and actions should be

taken. June 27, 6-8 p.m. Free. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, 2121 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

USGS Evening Public Lecture Series The U.S. Geological Survey presents "USGS Fire Science: Understanding why wildlands burn and what can be done about it," a lecture by Paul Steblein, USGS wildland fire science coordinator. June 27, 7 p.m. Free. U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. usgs.gov

Family

'Dad's Cafe' "Dad's Cafe" is a bilingual men's group that focuses on enhancing the relationship between fathers and children; understanding children's physical, social and emotional development; making connections with other dads; and learning from each other's experiences. June 20 and June 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Open Mind School, 1215 O'Brien Drive, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Museums & Exhibits

Public Tour: Anderson Collection The Anderson Collection features modern and contemporary American paintings and sculptures assembled by a Bay Area family who built the collection over the last 50 years. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 18, 12:30 p.m. Free. Anderson Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

'Learning to Fly' The Portola Art Gallery presents "Learning to Fly," a collection of photographic images of owls and other birds by Larry Calof of Atherton. The exhibit features images printed on canvas and aluminum, as well as pieces printed on traditional archival paper. Through June 30, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

'Local Color' The Portola Art Gallery presents "Local Color," an exhibit of pastel and oil paintings by Mary K. Stahl. July 1-31, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

Public Tour: Auguste Rodin This exhibition celebrates Auguste Rodin's pursuit to convey complex emotions, diverse psychological states and pure sensuality through the nude. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 31; times vary. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Public Tour: Memorial Church Tours of Stanford Memorial Church, one of the earliest interdenominational churches in the West, feature the church's stone carvings, mosaics and stained glass windows. Ongoing, Fridays at 1 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Film

Windrider Film Forum Bay Area The Windrider Film Forum takes participants on a journey, exploring common humanity imaginatively and compassionately through film. All screenings include conversations with the filmmakers following the films. June 27-29, 7-9 p.m. \$15; \$10 for students. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. windriderbayarea.org

Film Screening: 'The Motorcycle Diaries' Gael Garcia Bernal stars as a young Ernesto "Che" Guevara, joining his friend on a beat-up motorcycle for a road trip across Latin America. The film will be shown in Spanish with English subtitles. July 1, 6:30-8:40 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Kerry Tribe: 'The Elusive Word' The 2017 film "Afasia" pairs the verbal journey of Christopher Riley, a photographer and friend of the filmmaker who struggles to speak after experiencing a left-hemisphere stroke that left him aphasic, with Tribe's own narrated effort to relearn the Spanish language. Through Sept. 30, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Stanford Global Studies Summer Film Festival This free film festival will show 10 films from countries around the world, including India, Norway, Germany and Hungary. This year's films will focus on the theme "Earth: Habitat for All." Through Sept. 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sapp Center Auditorium, Room 111, 376 Lomita Drive, Stanford. sgs.stanford.edu

Food & Drink

Trivia Night at Cafe Zoe Attendees flex their knowledge during Trivia Night at Cafe Zoe on Thursdays. Participants may bring their own team or join an existing one. Through June 27, 7-9 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalito Ave., Menlo Park. cafezoe.com

Lessons & Classes

ESL Conversation Club Non-native and native English speakers talk together with the aim of developing English speaking and listening skills. No registration required. Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. menlopark.org/projectread

Outdoor Recreation

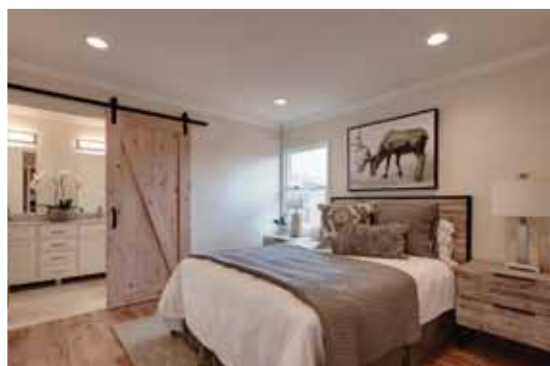
Bird Walk This 90-minute bird walk covers Filoli's vast nature preserve. Saturdays through Aug. 31. There will be a 10:30 a.m.-noon session and a 12:30-2 p.m. session. \$15. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

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Dated: June 12, 2019

By: /s/ Phil Scott
Phil Scott
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LETTERS

Our readers write

Regarding the proposed Neely Wine tasting room

Editor:

In his May 29 letter, Ward Paine describes our application for a tasting room in Portola Valley as "inappropriate." We appreciate Mr. Paine's vigilance but want to correct a number of impressions that seem based in misunderstanding.

Mr. Paine states that the town denied us a tasting room in 2013. In fact, we have never previously applied for a tasting room or even considered it until 2018. However, circumstances have changed, and an on-site tasting room is now of paramount importance to the viability of the winery and vineyards.

Mr. Paine predicts hoards of tourists visiting the Neely Wine Tasting Room, suggesting we would advertise in "every hotel and motel room in Silicon Valley." This is not so. We will utilize a reservation system with strict limits on the number of visitors. A tasting room in Portola Valley needs to exist in harmony with its environs, and we intend to preserve the peacefulness of our home. Our aim is an experience of exceptional quality for our visitors.

Mr. Paine suggests that the town would not benefit from a tasting room. We feel confident that Portola Valley residents will enjoy visiting this central agricultural open space. Our intention is to build a highly local wine club membership and to build community around a wonderful local agricultural product. Furthermore, the town does benefit from the preservation of a significant portion of the Western

Hills as open space — which is directly related to the vineyards and winery.

The tasting room would utilize an existing, well-screened building. We are working with the Planning Commission and neighbors to mitigate potential problems and to produce an optimal solution that respects the site's tranquility. We encourage those interested to follow the process through the Planning Commission or to reach out directly to lucy@neelywine.com.
The Neely family
Portola Road, Portola Valley

On the moral crisis of affordable housing

Editor:

We can hold up no mirror as eloquent as Nancy Stork's June 12 guest opinion, "Let's tackle the moral crisis of our time: affordable housing."

Include in that mirror the ad opposite Ms. Stork's plea. If you can't afford \$29.5 million for the Idyllic Estate, perhaps we can interest you in a Vineyard Estate for a mere \$28 mill.

Patty Page
O'Connor Street, Menlo Park

Too many people, too few common-sense practices

Editor:

I have asked the same question Matt Henry asked "... (I)t comes down to a question of values — residents or revenue? What and who does Menlo Park value?" ("Council moves swiftly in the right direction," Viewpoint, June 19).

There are many cities on the Peninsula — and Stanford University — that have spoken about cutting back on greenhouse gases, global warming, rising tides and the desire to be more ecologically sustainable.

Yes, much progress has been done through technology, but little through common sense in our daily lives, which is also less expensive.

As more housing and large developments continue to pop up, each and every one of us is affected — and seldom for the better. As we depend more on technology we become less sustainable. We turn the air conditioner on to cool our homes, adding heat to the out-of-doors. When the power goes out, we have nothing unless we have batteries. The more we depend on gas to heat our homes, cook our food, dry our clothes, heat our water, and entertain guests outside, the more we are supporting fracking.

It is time to cut back on new jobs (for) corporations, which bring in a surplus of people from other areas (of the world). Hire people with in the community, and support family planning. Couples need to understand how each additional child affects the health of our planet. As our population naturally decreases the supply of housing will increase and the cost will decrease. People will be able to have larger lots and depend more on the sun to provide their daily needs — hot water, dry clothes, light in their homes, heat in their homes later into the early evening. People would be able to enjoy cool natural breezes on warm days. The sun is free to all. We just have to utilize it and let our neighbors do the same.

First and foremost we must address the issue of too many people in one place. The San Francisco Peninsula was once a beautiful place to live, but as more people keep coming in, it is rapidly changing.

Jackie Leonard-Dimmick
Walnut Avenue, Atherton

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