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**NORTH BAY FIRES »** October disaster claimed lives of scores whose contributions to community will not be forgotten

## Remembering Who We Lost



**WILDFIRE VICTIMS:** The North Bay wildfires in October left 40 people dead in Sonoma, Mendocino and Napa counties.

The 40 lives lost in the North Bay fires spanned generations and geographic divides. They included teenage siblings and couples who spent decades together. They were parents and grandparents, military veterans and caretakers. They were refugees from foreign revolutions, professionals who'd found their calling and retirees who'd made their mark. Several were spouses whose loved ones survived. Nearly all died in the initial firestorm that erupted Oct. 8. Their contributions to our community will not be forgotten. Here, we chronicle the lives they lived. Their stories begin on Page A6.



**FLORAL MEMORIAL:** Flowers were left in October at the Hanover Place home where Tak-Fu Hung died in the Tubbs fire, which leveled much of Santa Rosa's Fountaingrove neighborhood.

**ONLINE** Interactive maps show where the 40 lives were lost across Sonoma County and the North Bay during the deadly and destructive October wildfires at [pressdemocrat.com/firememorial](http://pressdemocrat.com/firememorial)

## Unlikely source spurred Russia probe

*Trump adviser told diplomat that Moscow had 'dirt' on Clinton*

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WASHINGTON — During a night of heavy drinking at an upscale London bar in May 2016, George Papadopoulos, a young foreign policy adviser to the Trump campaign, made a startling revelation to Australia's

top diplomat in Britain: Russia had political dirt on Hillary Clinton. About three weeks earlier, Papadopoulos had been told that Moscow had thousands of emails that would embarrass Clinton, apparently stolen in an effort to try to damage her campaign. Exactly how much Papadopoulos said that night at the Kensington Wine Rooms with the Australian, Alexander Downer, is unclear. But two months later, when leaked Dem-

ocratic emails began appearing online, Australian officials passed the information about Papadopoulos to their U.S. counterparts, according to four current and former U.S. and foreign officials with direct knowledge of the Australians' role. The hacking and the revelation that a member of the Trump campaign may have had inside information about it were driving factors that led the FBI

to open an investigation in July 2016 into Russia's attempts to disrupt the election and whether any of President Donald Trump's associates conspired. If Papadopoulos, who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and is now a cooperating witness, was the improbable match that set off a blaze that has consumed the first year of the Trump administration, his

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**CHP officer Gary Martens, right, conducts a demonstration of a test to detect an impaired driver.**

## The new year will bring new laws

*Safety rules include ban on pot consumption by motorists, passengers*

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Prohibitions on smoking or ingesting marijuana while driving, as well as carrying an "open container" of cannabis in a vehicle are among several highway safety standards incorporated into new California laws that will be enforced in 2018. Heading into a holiday weekend that will have the California Highway Patrol out in force, the agency noted that a law banning pot consumption by motorists, including passengers, is effective Monday. The statute, adopted as SB 65, closed a loophole in the law legalizing adult use of marijuana, CHP Officer Jon Sloat said. "It was simply overlooked when the law was written," he said, noting CHP officers could not, technically, cite a motorist for smoking cannabis behind the wheel. Officers could, however, stop the driver for a sobriety check and take action on that basis, he said. Another law, SB 94, integrates separate regulations for medical and recreational marijuana, including a prohibition against driving with an "open container of cannabis or loose cannabis flower," according to the statute. Sloat said that would include a packed pipe or any form of cannabis "open and ready to ingest." "We don't want anyone to get behind the wheel while impaired by marijuana," Sloat said, adding that the combination of alcohol and marijuana "increases your impairment." Cal NORML, a statewide organization that advocated for

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