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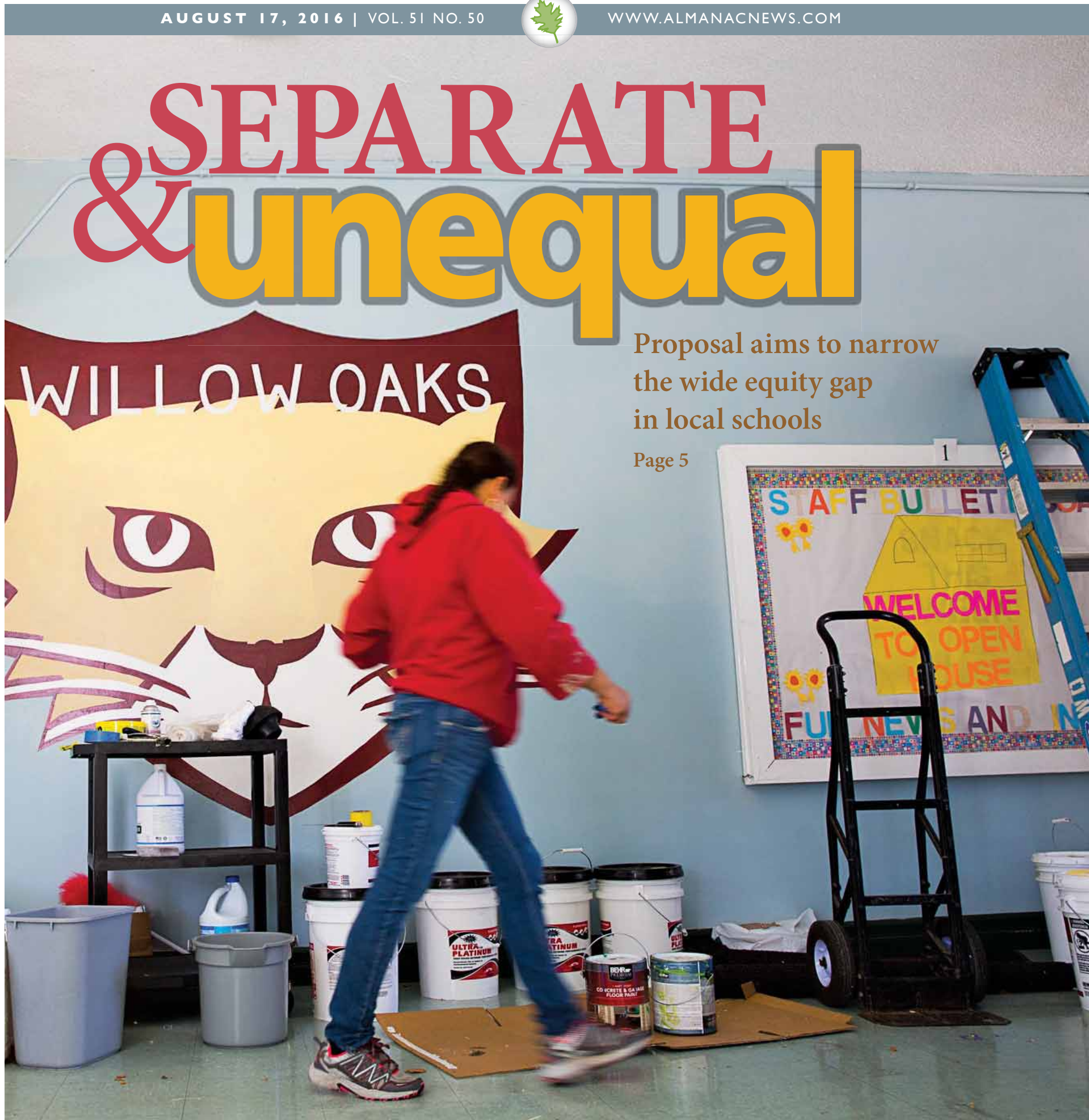


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# Local News

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## Proposal aims to narrow the wide gap in educational equity at local schools

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Although Willow Oaks School and the Laurel School Upper Campus are both public elementary schools located just blocks apart in Menlo Park's Willows neighborhood, their facilities, and their student bodies, couldn't be more different.

Upper Laurel, located at 275 Elliott Drive, is a brand-new state-of-the-art school just being completed by the Menlo Park City School District for 315 third- to fifth-grade students.

Willow Oaks, located at 620 Willow Road, was built in 1944 and was last upgraded 25 years ago. The Ravenswood City School District school serves 613 kindergartners through eighth-graders, many of them housed in portables that are up to 45 years old.

While the situation isn't new, what is new is a proposed way for local government to help foster educational equity on the Midpeninsula by making the differences in those schools a little less stark.

On Aug. 23, the Menlo Park City Council is scheduled to discuss the idea, put forward by Councilman Ray Mueller, of forming a new government body that could send some local money to the Ravenswood City School District.

"The intent ... is not to take money away from any child's education, but rather to raise the standard of every child's education so they are on equal footing," Mr. Mueller said.

The idea is to form a coalition, for now called the Equity in

**On the cover:** Willow Oaks School, located in Menlo Park's Willows neighborhood, was built in 1944 and last renovated 25 years ago, but the Ravenswood City School District says it doesn't have enough money to even make all the urgent repairs needed at the school. (Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac.)

Education Joint Powers Agency, including the cities of Menlo Park, Palo Alto and East Palo Alto, plus San Mateo County and the Ravenswood district. A legal opinion from Eugene Clark-Herrera of the Orrick law firm, who researched the idea without charge, says state law governing joint powers agencies does allow such a coalition.

"It's time that we figured out a way to address this issue as a regional community," Mr. Mueller said.

### The challenge

It's not just the facilities at the two neighboring schools that are different. Their students also are very different.

According to the latest statistics available on the state's EdData website, in the 2014-15 school year, at Laurel School (which was then a kindergarten to third-grade school), nearly 50 percent of the students were white, 11 percent were still learning English, and less than 9 percent were from families with low enough incomes to qualify for the federal free and reduced-price lunch program.

That same school year, at Willow Oaks School in the Ravenswood district, fewer than 1 percent of the students were white (six students to be exact), 65 per-



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

**Gloria Hernandez-Goff**, superintendent of the Ravenswood City School District, and Menlo Park Councilman Ray Mueller look at the facilities at Belle Haven School in Menlo Park. Mr. Mueller wants to create a joint powers agency that could allow local cities and San Mateo County to put money into Ravenswood district schools.

cent were still learning English, and 93 percent qualified for free and reduced-price lunches, according to EdData. (School officials say almost all students actually qualify for the federal lunch program, but some families won't fill out the paperwork.)

A major factor in making these two public schools so dramatically different, despite being in the same neighborhood of the same city, is that their respective school districts have vastly different resources.

The new Upper Laurel is in the Menlo Park City School District, which has consistently ranked as one of top districts in the state in test scores. The district includes the central part of Menlo Park, parts of Atherton and the unincorporated Menlo Oaks neighborhood.

Willow Oaks is part of the Ravenswood City School District, which consistently reports test scores near the bottom in the state. The district encompasses the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and small sections of the Willows neighborhood.

### How they're funded

The districts are funded very differently. In the Menlo Park City district, as in the neighboring Las Lomas, Woodside Elementary, Portola Valley and Palo Alto Unified school districts, assessed property values, and the property taxes associated with them, are so high that those schools get most of their funding from property taxes and other local income. This model, which the state now calls

community funding, applies to only about 100 of the wealthier districts in the state.

In the Ravenswood district, however, assessed property values are so much lower that the district gets most of its funding from the state.

What each district spends to educate its students is not dramatically different, partly because the state now gives more money to districts with greater needs — including those with a greater number of students who are learning English, are from poor families or have learning and physical disabilities.

According to 2014-15 information from EdData, the Ravenswood district spent \$13,292 educating each of its 4,216

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## How new regional agency could help Ravenswood schools

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

A lot remains to be done before the idea for a regional agency to ease disparities in public education on the Midpeninsula becomes a reality.

Menlo Park City Councilman Ray Mueller, who put forward the idea, said that when the Menlo Park City Council meets Aug. 23 to discuss the concept, he will

ask the council to form a subcommittee and give it "authority to officially reach out on the behalf of the city of Menlo Park."

Mr. Mueller said the agency's members — which could include the cities of Palo Alto and East Palo Alto, as well as Menlo Park and the county of San Mateo — would individually decide how to provide funds to the Ravenswood City School District.

Menlo Park could impose impact fees on new development

or use public benefits negotiations with developers, especially those in the city's M-2 zone, most of which is in the Ravenswood district, as a way to raise funds for the school district.

A legal memo, prepared for Mr. Mueller by attorney Eugene Clark-Herrera, says the regional agency, by putting funds into the Ravenswood district, could be seen as not only improving educational equity but also helping prepare a highly trained and

well-educated regional workforce that could stimulate economic development.

The memo says that in addition to giving money to the district for new school facilities, the agency could help finance construction and improvement projects or make the improvements for the district. "Other functions could include funding of educational programs or acquisition of educational tools and equipment," Mr. Clark-Herrera's memo says.

To form the agency, each member would have to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution authorizing the formation and bylaws, the memo says. Members would not have to contribute or receive funds, it says.

The agency, the memo says, could provide "a mechanism for ensuring regional economic development positively impacts educational opportunities for all children irrespective of socioeconomic conditions." ■

# Narrowing equity gap in local public schools

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students, while the Menlo Park district spent \$14,321 on each of its 2,904 students.

The differences in the classrooms are wider than the gap indicates. The average teacher salary in the Menlo Park district was more than \$35,000 a year higher than that of teachers in the Ravenswood district in the 2014-15 school year, according to EdData. Class size averages were closer: just over 25 in Ravenswood and slightly less than 22 in the Menlo Park district in 2014-15.

But the Ravenswood district, because of its demographics, has to provide additional services to its students, including up to three meals a day and snacks for students, and bus transportation to and from schools, as well as extra help for English learners and those with learning and physical disabilities.

The bigger difference in the two districts' financial situations lies in the funding that comes directly from local property owners in the form of property taxes and parcel taxes.

EdData shows that since 1990, voters in the Menlo Park City School District have passed \$136 million in bond measures for facilities, as well as six parcel taxes. District property owners are currently paying \$852 in annual parcel taxes.

In the Ravenswood district, voters have approved \$42 million in bonds and three parcel taxes since 1990. District property owners are currently paying an annual \$196 parcel tax.

An additional problem is that the assessed property value in a district limits how much debt that district can raise by asking voters to pass bond measures. According to the report on the legality

of a new joint powers agreement, the Ravenswood district is projected to have additional bonding capacity for issuing new bonds of only \$25 million over the next 10 years. The report says that currently, on a per-pupil basis, the Menlo Park City School District's bonding capacity is five times that of Ravenswood.

That means that while voters in the Ravenswood district this year overwhelmingly approved a \$26 million bond measure, unless the assessed property values in the district increase much more than projected, the district can't ask taxpayers to approve more than an additional \$25 million in bond measures, no matter what its needs are.

## Critical needs

The Ravenswood district needs far more than \$51 million, even to pay for urgent repairs and safety upgrades.

In 2015 the district took a close look at all its facilities, most of which are at least 55 years old. A facilities master plan that resulted found more than \$69 million in "critical" needs, including costs for meeting current code and disability access requirements, student safety, mechanical systems, and structural integrity.

It would take another nearly \$5 million to deal with hazardous materials on the campuses, and \$213.5 million more to modernize classrooms for current teaching needs, such as providing computers so children can take the latest standardized tests, the study shows. Doing what the study calls "non-critical but desired work to each school" would cost nearly an additional \$45 million.

It adds up to nearly \$333 million, in a district that can't ask its



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**This summer** several of the aging portables that house students at Willow Oaks School in Menlo Park's Willows neighborhood were repaired with the proceeds of a bond measure passed in June by district voters. The portables needed new roofs, foundations, floors and wiring, but the district said the repairs were much less expensive than new portables.

voters for more than \$51 million.

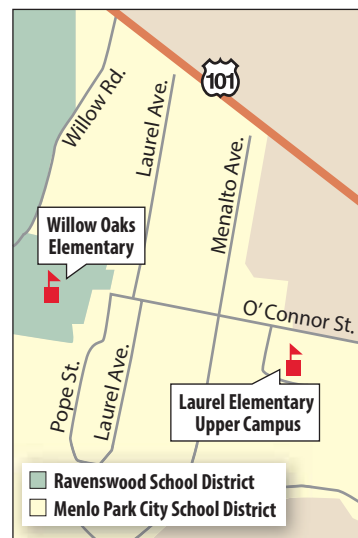
Some of the critical needs identified in the master plan were taken care of this summer, thanks to the \$26 million bond measure approved by district voters in June. That measure, which needed only 55 percent voter approval, received nearly 90 percent, which Gloria Hernandez-Goff, the district's superintendent, said is a record for the state.

## Worse than it sounds?

The numbers in the master plan may not actually show how bleak the situation is in the district. Last winter the Costano Elementary School in East Palo Alto had to close two days before winter break because a gas leak meant the school couldn't be kept warm enough to hold classes.

The district tried to get by using portable electric heaters, but the aged wiring couldn't handle the load.

One of the 11 portable classrooms at the Ravenswood district's Belle Haven School, in Menlo Park, was condemned by



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the state last winter, according to Mahendra Chahal, the district's facilities director.

More such condemnations are

a real worry in a district where the facilities master plan says some portables are 45 years old. "The life span of a portable is 25 years," it says.

Despite the fact that the report recommends replacing deteriorating portables with new permanent classrooms instead of attempting repairs, the district doesn't have enough money to do that. So this summer it put new roofs on a number of portables, replaced rotten foundations and floors, and stripped off and replaced rotted siding.

"It's like a hole in a dike," Superintendent Hernandez-Goff said of the efforts to keep the aging school buildings in usable condition.

Mr. Chahal said that repair work on the portables cost less than \$25,000 per portable, while a new portable would cost at least \$110,000 to buy and install.

Permanent replacement buildings aren't even in the picture for now.

"Where would we get the money to rebuild?" asks Superintendent Hernandez-Goff. ▣

# Twin-sister psychologists sentenced

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Lorie Palmer and Marlie Palmer, San Francisco psychologists who had offices in Menlo Park, were each sentenced to four months in San Mateo County jail and three years of supervised probation on Aug. 10, according to the District Attorney's Office.

The 39-year-old twin sisters pleaded no contest in June to one count each of felony theft of public funds in exchange for no more than a year in jail. The two had been accused of billing the state's victim compensation fund, through the District

Attorney's Office, for more than \$27,000 each for therapeutic sessions that did not take place.

The women were on a list of psychologists approved to provide therapy for victims of violent crime, and the false claims covered a period of two years, prosecutors said.

Their sentences will include restitution, but in amounts that have not yet been determined, prosecutors said.

While Judge Elizabeth Lee gave the women the option to delay their incarceration until Oct. 1, she also agreed to allow them to serve their sentences in an alternative work program

rather than in jail, James Stevens, Marlie Palmer's defense attorney, told the Almanac.

Both women have been out of custody on \$100,000 bail each. Their next court date is Aug. 30 to set a date for a hearing on restitution.

The sisters have given up their licenses to practice therapy, a step that the judge took into account in deciding on a sentence, Mr. Stevens said. The county probation officer reported that the sisters "definitely were remorseful" and "very sorry" for what they did, and that there was "no chance" of future criminal activity, Mr. Stevens said. ▣

# SamTrans operates new bus route to and from M-A High School

Beginning with the new school year, SamTrans will operate a new school bus route running in the mornings from the intersection of Clarke Avenue and East Bayshore Road in East Palo Alto to Menlo-Atherton High School. In the afternoons, the route runs in the reverse direction.

Westbound stops to Menlo-Atherton High School start at Clarke Avenue and East Bayshore Road, and continue to Pulgas Avenue and O'Connor

Street, Bay Road and University Avenue, Woodland Avenue and Cooley Avenue, and Gilbert Avenue and Menalto Avenue before arriving at the high school.

Bus arrival times may vary by weekday. In the afternoons, the bus will depart from the high school at 3:25 p.m. and arrive at Clarke Avenue and East Bayshore Road at about 4:13.

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# Election roundup: Who filed for council, board seats

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

The candidate filing deadline for the Nov. 8 election was 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12. In the race for the Menlo Park City School District governing board, in which neither incumbent filed for re-election, the filing period is extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17.

ShapeTheFuture.org, the county's official election website, has more information.

## Menlo Park council

Two incumbents and a challenger have filed candidacy papers to run for the two open Menlo Park City Council seats in the Nov. 8 election.

Incumbents Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton filed Aug. 11 and challenger Cecilia Taylor on Aug. 12. The incumbents were first elected in 2012 to four-year terms on the five-

member council.

A third-generation resident of Belle Haven, Ms. Taylor said it has been 30 years since someone from Belle Haven served on the council.

## Atherton council

Elizabeth Lewis and Cary Wiest, the incumbents on the Atherton City Council whose terms expire this year, are the only candidates for two open council seats.

A special council meeting will be held later this month for the council to decide if it wants to hold an election or appoint the two incumbents to the open spots. If an election is held, write-in candidates may register.

Ms. Lewis has served two four-year terms on the five-member council and Mr. Wiest is finishing his first term.



## Las Lomitas district

Two school board incumbents are the only candidates in the Las Lomitas School District, which covers neighborhoods in the western part of Menlo Park and Atherton and small sections of Woodside, plus nearby unincorporated areas including Ladera.

Bill Steinmetz, a retired attorney from Ladera and Diane Honda, a Menlo Park attorney, are each completing their first term on the board. Both were unopposed in seeking their first terms.

No additional candidates filed before 5 p.m. Friday, so the district does not need to hold an election.

## Menlo Park district

The Menlo Park City School District has four candidates, and, because neither incumbent filed to run, additional candidates have until Aug. 17 to file.

David Ackerman, an educator,

Alka Gupta, an entrepreneur and executive, Scott Saywell, who is in business development in biotechnology, and Scott Hinshaw, who served about nine months on the board in 2104 when he was appointed to fill out a term, are the four candidates. Incumbents Jeff Child and Maria Hilton did not file for re-election.

## Healthcare District

In the Sequoia Healthcare District, board members Kathleen Kane and Kim Griffin are candidates for re-election to two open seats while newcomer Lois Garcia, who works in information security and Harland Harrison, a software engineer, are also candidates.

## Harbor District

In the San Mateo County Harbor District, incumbents Sabrina Brennan, Tom Matusch, Virginia Chang Kiraly

and Shawn Mooney, a property tax auditor, have filed to run for three open four-year governing board seats.

Brandon Christopher Kwan, Brian Rodgers and Ed Larenas are running for one two-year seat on the harbor district board.

## County school board

Incumbent Joe Ross is the only candidate as the trustee representing District 7, which includes the Menlo Park City, Las Lomitas, Woodside, Portola Valley and Ravenswood City school districts.

## Ravenswood City School District

In the Ravenswood City School District, school board incumbents Sharifa Wilson and Marco Chavez and Marielena Gaona-Mendoza, a special education teacher, are running for two open spots. ■

## Belle Haven's Cecilia Taylor challenges council incumbents

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

Days before the deadline to file for the Menlo Park City Council election in November, Belle Haven resident Cecilia Taylor announced she will be vying for one of the council's two open seats.

"There needs to be a new voice on the council, one who is living with the reality of how Menlo Park is changing," she said.

Council incumbents Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton are the only other candidates in the race.

Ms. Taylor said she would bring a "different perspective" to the council, as a renter and as a resident of Belle Haven, "where the majority of construction is happening."

Pointing to developments



Cecilia Taylor

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in eastern Menlo Park, such as Facebook's proposed expansion and Bohannon Development Co.'s hotel (under construction) and planned office buildings, she said increases in property tax revenue can be positive for the city, "but benefits from development come with a price: increased traffic, bigger classroom size, need

for more public parks and (an) increasing demand for housing."

"There needs to be an innovative approach to reducing the impacts to this side of Menlo Park," she said.

When asked about her qualifications for the office, she said: "I love this city. ... I'm a resident, I'm a voter. ... I talk to my neighbors. I listen to them. I try to address their concerns."

### 'Roots run deep'

Ms. Taylor is a third-generation Belle Haven resident. Born at Stanford Hospital and educated in the Ravenswood City School District, she received a certificate in early childhood education from Canada College and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from San Francisco State University.

She teaches sixth- and eighth-grade math in Redwood City and lives in her childhood home in Belle Haven with her husband, Alfred. She moved back a little over a year ago after living in San Bruno for nine years.

"The roots run deep here,

definitely," she said of her family ties to the community.

When she moved back to Belle Haven, Ms. Taylor said, she noticed some frustrating changes. In particular, she was bothered by the noise and declining air quality from construction and traffic.

"The quality of life has changed so much," she said. Over the last year, she said, she began attending City Council meetings and encouraging neighbors to speak at meetings.

Ms. Taylor's grandfather, who lived on the same street in Belle Haven as she did, often gave her advice. He told her: "Don't get mad. Do something about it."

In September 2015, Ms. Taylor said her grandfather passed away. Since then, she's taken his message to heart.

"Part of why I'm running has to do with my grandfather," she said. "I asked myself, how can I be the most effective?"

Ms. Taylor invites those who want more information to contact her at her campaign email address: [taylor4menlopark@gmail.com](mailto:taylor4menlopark@gmail.com). ■

## Forum on housing crisis

Kepler's Books in Menlo Park will host a forum to discuss the housing crisis at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18.

All three Menlo Park City Council candidates, Cecilia Taylor, Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton, will moderate the forum, along with Kepler's co-owner Christin Evans and East Palo Alto activist Kyra Brown.

During the event, personal stories will be read aloud and there will be an open mic for people to tell stories about dealing with the housing crisis.

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**A still from the two-minute video, "Feeling Hopeful,"** written, co-directed and produced by Zachary Clarence, a Menlo-Atherton High School graduate.

## M-A grad makes micro-film about police, race tensions

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

A viral Facebook post has become the subject of a two-minute film by Zachary Clarence, a Menlo-Atherton High School graduate and former president of the school's drama club.

He grew up in Menlo Park and attended Laurel, Encinal, and Hillview schools before graduating from Menlo-Atherton High School in 2010 and earning a BFA from Boston University's School of Theatre in 2014.

Mr. Clarence, who now lives in Brooklyn, New York, said he was lamenting to a friend last month about the challenges of landing an acting job when the friend pointed out a Facebook post by Natasha Howell, who is black,

that came from Massachusetts on July 8.

The post came at a time of heightened police-civilian tensions. It went live the day that five police officers were fatally shot in Dallas by Micah Xavier Johnson, a black 25-year-old, and days after police shootings of black men Alton Sterling on July 5 in Louisiana and Philando Castile on July 6 in Minnesota.

Her post described a conversation she had with a police officer at a convenience store, where both revealed they were grieving. The police officer reportedly told Ms. Howell, "I guess it's not easy being either of us right now, is it?"

Mr. Clarence decided to use the story described in the post as the basis of a short film.

Several days later (inciden-

tally, on his 24th birthday), friends gathered to film the short movie. He wrote the two-page script, and directed and produced it with Maya Bar-Lev.

Mr. Clarence calls his film company, made up of mostly friends and Boston University colleagues, "C-16 Productions," after the classroom number at M-A where the drama club used to meet.

"Our goal as a film company is to tell thought-provoking and heart-felt stories that encourage social and political change," he said. "I hope that people can recognize part of themselves in the film ... (and) that the film encourages communication and empathy."

Go to [tinyurl.com/hopeful543](http://tinyurl.com/hopeful543) to watch the video, called "Feeling Hopeful." ▣

## No more infected mosquitoes found

By **Barbara Wood**  
Almanac Staff Writer

The county's mosquito control district says that no West Nile virus carrying mosquitoes were found in testing after a second round of mosquito fogging treatment on Aug. 4.

The San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District has twice fogged to kill adult mosquitoes in Atherton and nearby areas in recent weeks after finding mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus. The district said the fogging reduced the population of adult mosquitoes in the area by 70 percent. Work

to control mosquito larvae in the area continues.

"Although we didn't find infected adult mosquitoes this week, residents are encouraged to continue to take basic precautions against mosquito bites," said Megan Caldwell, the district's public health education and outreach officer.

The treatment was with Zenviex E4 (4% etofenprox) applied with a truck-mounted ultra-low-volume fogger at a rate of around one ounce per acre, Ms. Caldwell said.

Some local residents have said they have found dead bees and other insects after the fogging, but Ms. Caldwell said that

although the chemical is an insecticide and can kill other insects, that because the spraying takes place at night when most other insects are not active, and is in such a diluted concentration, it should not affect them.

To avoid mosquito bites, the district suggests residents:

- Apply insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR 3535, following label instructions.

- Make sure screens on doors and windows are tight fitting and without holes or tears to keep out mosquitoes.

- Eliminate standing water and containers that can hold water outdoors.

## Menlo Park woman describes Airbnb nightmare

Menlo Park homeowner Sharon Marzouk made news recently when she came home from extended travel to be greeted with what she calls her "Airbnb Nightmare Reality."

Ms. Marzouk said in a blog post that she departed on a trip after using Airbnb to rent out a room of her home to a 20-something woman whose name Ms. Marzouk is not releasing. While away, she received an urgent call from a housemate to return home.

Upon returning, she said she found that the tenant had neglected a running bath, which caused flooding damage to the house. In the tenant's bedroom, she found paraphernalia suggesting she was a sex worker and had been using the bedroom as a filming location.

On her blog post, Ms. Marzouk said she had thought Airbnb was a great way to quickly and conveniently find renters. She had met with the prospective tenant and the profile on Airbnb "seemed normal," she said.

She discovered only after the fact that the tenant had not been "verified" by Airbnb.

"Letting random strangers into your home is a very big risk," she wrote. "This has happened to me, and I did all of my reasonable due diligence, and it very well could happen to anyone."

Go to [tinyurl.com/airbnb309](http://tinyurl.com/airbnb309) to read Ms. Marzouk's full account of the incident. ▣

— *Kate Bradshaw*

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## Kaiser Health News names editor

New York Times health journalist Elisabeth “Libby” Rosenthal, a doctor of medicine, has been appointed editor-in-chief of Kaiser Health News, a nonprofit news service of the Menlo Park-based Kaiser Family Foundation.

She will be working at its news office in Washington, D.C., and is expected to start in early September.

A graduate of Stanford Uni-

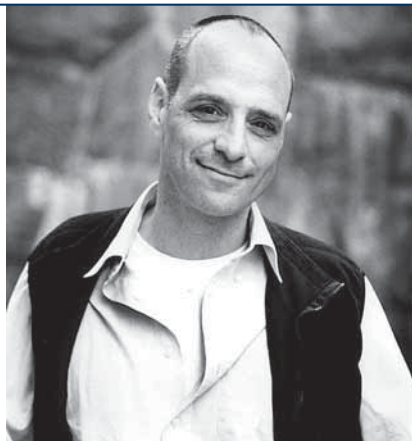
versity and Harvard Medical School, Ms. Rosenthal has reported on healthcare policy and the healthcare system with stints in other areas of coverage, including the 2004 presidential campaign, according to the foundation.

She is finishing a book on the healthcare system slated to be released in April 2017 by Random House Books.

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## Jumping for charity

Alexandra Afzal and Umanes compete in the Modified Junior Amateur Jumpers event at the Menlo Charity Horse Show at the Menlo Circus Club on Aug. 10. More than 100 volunteers and 500 riders took part in the 46th annual fundraiser for the Vista Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired at the Circus Club in Atherton Aug. 9 to 14.

## Overflow parking at Windy Hill; Town Council seeks solutions

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

### ■ PORTOLA VALLEY

Portola Valley's Windy Hill Open Space Preserve — 1,335 acres of grassy ridges and forests under the stewardship of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District — is a popular place, perhaps more popular than people had in mind when they laid out the preserve's parking lot at 500 Portola Road.

The gravel lot has space for 25 vehicles, and on pleasant weekends, the lot fills up and multitudes of parked vehicles can be seen lining both sides of Portola Road.

Some may be poorly parked, sitting astride white fog lines that indicate informal bike lanes on a road where there are no formal ones. With shoulders blocked, cyclists have little choice but to go out into traffic.

The Town Council on Aug. 10 appointed a small committee to determine how to proceed on overflow parking issues and asked for recommendations in a month or two.

The town put up no-parking signs on the roadsides in 2014, but they're not the state-sanctioned model and thus are unenforceable. The town has mowed the fringes of grass on the shoulders to encourage parking off the roadway, Public Works Director Howard Young said during a discussion with the Town Council.

The members of the new ad hoc committee are Gary Nielsen, the town's police commissioner and liaison with San Mateo County Sheriff's Office; Ed Holland, chair of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee; and Dave Ross, chair of the Architectural & Site Control Commission, which has an important role in governing the appearance of the town.

Sitting in as advisers will be Public Works Director Howard Young and Councilman Craig Hughes. The Sheriff's Office has a standing invitation.

### Informal signs

Overflow parking is an ongoing issue at Windy Hill, and the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee has not been idle in advising the council.

In 2014, the town installed no-parking signs using the colors brown and white. Town officials, conscious of the town's environmental aesthetic, usually go with earth tones when choosing sign colors, but under state law, no-parking signs must be red and white to be enforceable.

Committee members have also been placing portable A-frame signs, also brown and white, that note the importance of parking off the pavement and the availability of parking space at Town Center about a quarter mile away. But the signs are heavy, according to a staff report. Committee volunteers have to lug them out on weekend mornings and lug them back in in the evenings.

Lugging heavy signs around is an inappropriate activity for committee volunteers, Mr.

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**Parking signs**  
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## Overflow parking at Windy Hill

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Hughes said. When the town does find committee volunteers, they should be working on productive enterprises, he said.

“I think we’re burned out a lot of great volunteers when they’ve been working on weekends,” Councilwoman Ann Wengert said.

### Enforceable signs?

The ad hoc committee’s work should not involve a lot of study, given that the town already has enough data for an effective analysis, Ms. Wengert said during the council’s discussion.

The council can help by recommending priorities, she said. “We’ve always placed a very high priority on aesthetics and I’m not sure that’s our top priority,” she said. The group will have to work it out, but safety should be at the top, she said, echoing a point that Councilman Jeff Aalfs had just made.

“I think it’s time we think seriously about the enforceable signs,” Mr. Aalfs said.

Councilman John Richards characterized red-and-white signs as “a little annoying,” but said that the larger challenge will be informing visitors about parking off the road and at Town Center. “I just hope you can come up with a solution to that conundrum,” he said. “It’s going to be the biggest problem, I think.”

“It’s really a matter of getting everybody in a room and hashing it out,” Mr. Hughes said. A compromise that is both aesthetically pleasing and effective is possible, he said.

Bicycle committee member Angela Hey recommended that overflow parking be directed to Corte Madera School, by which hikers could get to Windy Hill on a less traveled but more enjoyable path.

Mayor Maryann Derwin asked how the parking lot at Windy Hill came to be the size that it is. The town restricted the size at the time of construction, Public Works Director Young said, recalling what Open Space Preserve officials told him.

Mr. Nielsen asked the council for slack on enforceable versus unenforceable signs. He said he had not seen a lot of problems with parking overflow, adding that cars parked on the pavement are already subject to being ticketed.

Two or three years ago, he said, it was rare to see 25 or 30 cars total on both sides of the road, but now it’s commonplace. That’s something to consider when thinking about long-term solutions, he said. ■



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# Historical association aims to recreate gateway

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Members of the Menlo Park Historical Association have lauded a drive to build a replica of a historic 19th century gateway, built near present-day El Camino Real and Ravenswood Avenue, that first bore the name of Menlo Park.

The gateway was demolished in 1922 by a speeding car. Ninety-four years later, a committee has begun work on drawings, met with city officials to figure out a potential location, and launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise the estimated \$65,000 it will cost to construct and install the gateway, according to historical association president Jym Clendenin.

The committee includes architects Ernst Meissner and Sam Sinnott, historical association members Jym Clendenin and Dick Angus, Dexter Chow of Cheeky Monkey Toys, Brian Flegel of Flegel's Home Furnishings, and Bill Weseloh of Weseloh & Young Real Estate.

Menlo Park's signature gateway was erected by Irish immigrants Dennis J. Oliver and Daniel C. McGlynn in 1854 and 1855.

Mr. Oliver had previously been an importer and wholesale dealer for paints and glass in San Francisco, before he and his brother-in-law, Mr. McGlynn, transitioned into the cattle-raising business, according to the historical association.

In 1852, the two bought 1,700 acres of land and built the arched wooden gateway at the entrance to their ranch, on what is now the west side of El Camino Real, about 500 feet south of present-day Menlo Avenue. On the arch, they hung a sign saying "Menlo Park," after their original home in Menlough, near the city of Galway, in Ireland.

In 1863, when the San Francisco and San Jose railroad was built (along what is now the Caltrain line), the rail depot near the gateway adopted the name "Menlo Park."

There is no consensus on where the replica would be



Menlo Park Historical Association

**Menlo Park's historic gateway**, built in 1854 and 1855, was destroyed by a speeding car in 1922.

erected except that it would ideally be on city property, Mr. Clendenin said. One possible location is between the Menlo Park Library and the historic

Latham-Hopkins Gatehouse at 555 Ravenswood Ave., where the Junior League of Palo Alto-Midpeninsula resides.

Preliminary designs show the

gateway would have a steel core with a redwood finish.

Go to [tinyurl.com/gates108](http://tinyurl.com/gates108) for information on the crowdfunding drive. ■

## Pokemon-themed bonbon on Madera's dessert menu

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Tapping into the Pokemon Go craze, the Madera restaurant at the Rosewood Sand Hill hotel in Menlo Park has added a set of six bonbons inspired by the smartphone game, which lets users catch, collect, evolve and battle creatures that appear on their phones based on the users' actual location.

Players can be observed frantically swiping their phones or taking frequent dog walking excursions to scope out "lures," or hotspots where rarer Pokemon are more likely to appear.

According to a spokesperson for Madera, players of the game have been going out of their way to catch Pokemon in the vicinity of the Rosewood Sand Hill Hotel, as it allegedly is a hotspot for some of the game's rarer creatures.

Madera's Executive Chef Peter Rudolph developed the Pokemon bonbons. In some cases, the flavors correspond to different Pokemon. For instance, one of the bonbons named after an ice bird creature called "Articulo" has a dark chocolate and "icy" mint flavor.



Madera

**These are the six** Pokemon-themed bonbons.

A set of six bonbons costs \$12. They are:

- Gotta Catch 'Em All — vanilla bean ganache
- Articulo (ice bird) — dark chocolate and mint
- Moltres (electric bird) — chili negro and espelette ganache
- Zapdos (fire bird) — passion fruit and yuzu citrus
- Pokeball #1: strawberries, creme and pop rocks
- Pokeball #2: raspberry, rose and lychee fruit. ■

## Library launches 'bookface' contest

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Between now and the end of August, the Menlo Park Library is inviting visitors to participate in a photo contest, for the chance to win a \$100 Kepler's gift card. The challenge? To snap a clever "bookface," or a portrait that integrates a book cover image as part of the photo.

After the picture is taken, contenders must post it to Twitter, Instagram or Facebook, tagged with @MenloParkLibrary and the hashtag #bookface to be eligible.

The contest will run until 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 31, and people can enter more than



Photo by Shih Fa Kao, courtesy Menlo Park Library

**Librarian Jennifer Wilkins** poses for a "bookface" at the Menlo Park Library.

one photo. The winner will be chosen in a drawing Sept. 8 and will be contacted via social media.

"We wanted to throw this out as a way to bring attention to the library," said Nick Szegda, assistant library director. It can be challenging for libraries to get attention on social media, he said. The contest is one of a number of activities planned to celebrate the library's centennial this year, he said.

For more examples of "bookfaces" submitted for the contest, search for the Twitter, Instagram and Facebook handle of the Menlo Park Library: @MenloParkLibrary. ■

## Tour de Menlo set for Aug. 20

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Pumped bike tires and primed leg muscles will be on display Aug. 20 at the 12th Tour de Menlo, a bike ride held annually and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Menlo Park and the Almanac.

Participants have the choice of a 35-, 45- or 65-mile ride. Each race starts and finishes at

Menlo-Atherton High School. Multiple rest stops along the way offer support and bike repairs.

This year's event is expected to be one of the largest ever, said Tom Gibboney, an organizer of the ride. Last year, there were 532 riders, he said.

At the end of the ride, there will be a barbecue lunch by Lutticken's Deli and live jazz by Rick Ciardella's trio. Massages will be offered.

Proceeds will be split evenly between the Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation, which funds local needs-based scholarships, and the Almanac's Holiday Fund, which supports 10 Peninsula nonprofits serving kids and families.

Event sponsors include Facebook, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Whole Foods Markets, Pacific Union real estate, SBM Fitness, Harrell Remodeling and Citibank.

Go to [tourdemenlo.com](http://tourdemenlo.com) for more information. ■

# Law library in crisis mode over inadequate funding, grand jury says

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Financial problems stemming from an unreliable funding mechanism are threatening the viability of county law libraries in California, including the 100-year-old San Mateo County Law Library in Redwood City, according to a recent report by the county's civil grand jury.

That library, located at 710 Hamilton St. in downtown Redwood City, is free and open to the public. The library's collection and its staff are resources for legal professionals and students, but also for those trying to navigate the legal system without a lawyer.

Along with cutbacks on subscriptions to legal publications and databases, the library is no longer open on weekends or evenings, a full-time employee was cut to part-time, and four part-time positions were eliminated as was the library's lecture series and an in-library lawyer assistance program.

The library collection includes

legal books, educational audio programs, microfiche archives, and subscriptions to print publications and electronic legal databases.

Library staff are available for questions. Over the 12 months beginning July 1, 2014, staff answered more than 5,500 questions from some 7,750 patrons, the report says.

"Law libraries are no longer just for lawyers but are instead a unique public asset frequented by residents of all backgrounds and needs," the report says.

The grand jury urges the county Board of Supervisors to "step up as a model for the state and take visionary action" to find the revenue necessary to provide patrons with "current and relevant" legal resources. Sixty percent of the print collection is "now dormant, therefore out of date," the report says. "Rising costs and falling revenues render the current funding source (as) outdated and insufficient."

Since 1907, law library funding has come from a percentage

of revenues taken from the fee charged for filing cases in civil courts. That system is still in place, but fee revenues have dropped sharply in recent years

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as library operating costs have gone up, and the Legislature has not allowed the libraries' share of fee revenues to keep pace, the report says.

Financial strains are coming from rising costs and falling revenues. For the second consecutive year, the Redwood City library will be spending more than it receives in funding, the report says.

That library needs annual revenues of about \$850,000, but received just \$551,000 for the 2015-16 budget year, the report says. Operating fund reserves were down to \$300,000, a 70

percent drop from 2011-12, the report says.

Elected officials are required to respond within 60 days to the grand jury's recommendations; governing bodies must respond within 90 days. The report was published in late June.

## No longer sufficient

Revenues were not an issue when library patrons consisted of sole-practitioner attorneys, legal students and court staff, the report says. But non-professionals now make up half the patron population and regularly use the libraries to research family law, contract law, wills and laws around starting a business.

People who represent themselves in civil court are a significant presence, the report says, citing John Adkins, president of the Council of California County Law Librarians, as saying that nationwide, more than 80 percent of litigants appear in court without lawyers.

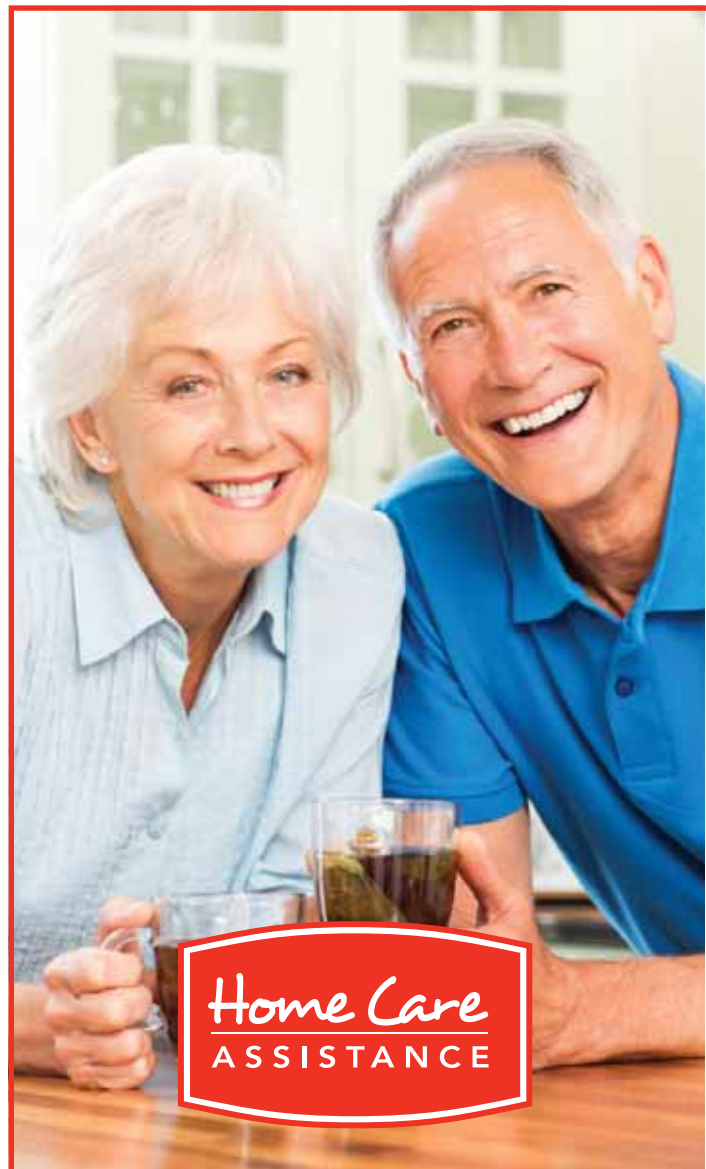
The state Legislature in 2006 imposed a moratorium on increasing libraries' share

of filing fee revenues. Though the moratorium expired in 2008, the Legislature has not acted to raise the share, the report says.

Making things worse in terms of revenues, the number of civil court filings statewide has dropped 52 percent over between 2010 and 2015, a trend attributed to increased use of arbitration and mediation, increased access to small claims court, judicial discretion in waiving filing fees, and an improving economy, the report says.

Add to these trends a need to continually update a library's collection "to maintain legal accuracy and integrity" — at the San Mateo County library, an expense of over \$200,000 a year. "Cancellation of print subscriptions (at the San Mateo County library) has accelerated since June 2015 as the Law Library implements further cost savings measures in response to the continued decrease of funds in fiscal year 2015-2016," the report says.

While filing fee revenues are the libraries' primary funding mechanism, state law also allows boards of supervisors to "appropriate from the county treasury for the law library purposes such sums as may in their discretion appear proper," the report says. ■



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# Menlo Spark launches 'Green Challenge' online

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**M**enlo Spark, a Menlo Park nonprofit seeking to make Menlo Park climate neutral by 2025, has launched an initiative called the "Menlo Green Challenge," which is an online platform that will track participants' energy usage, encourage competition to reduce energy consumption, and provide information on how to achieve those goals.

The website lists 65 actions people can take to reduce their carbon footprint and explains how effective each is and what the costs or cost savings could be.

Action items can be sorted by level of difficulty or by the number of points each task will generate. Each point corresponds to roughly a one pound reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, said Diane Bailey, Menlo Spark's executive director.

On the easy side of the spectrum, replacing one's air conditioning filters gives users 200 points. The most challenging step that yields the most points is buying or leasing an electric vehicle for 14,000 points.

The online dashboard enables schools, neighborhoods or households to compare their greenhouse gas reductions, and could generate friendly competition, Ms. Bailey said.

About 40 people attended an

event launching the program at Facebook's headquarters, during which City Council members Kirsten Keith and Ray Mueller spoke about what the city has done to be more environmentally sustainable. Facebook's Sustainability and Outreach Manager Lauren Swezey talked about Facebook's efforts to curb its impact on the environment.

Rising senior at Menlo-Atherton High School Giselle Martinez performed a theme song she had written for the program.

Cafe Zoe, Gerry's Cakes, Z-Ultimate, Bridgepoint Music, Ann's Nail Salon, Occasions, etc., and Trader Joe's have agreed to give certain promotions, such as discounts or small tokens, for participants in the program who reduce their greenhouse gas usage by increments of 20 percent compared to the average household. The average household generates 16 tons of carbon dioxide per year, Ms. Bailey said.

Menlo Park resident and artist Michael Killen, whose paintings deal with environmental issues, has agreed to give several prints to participants who reach certain achievements in the competition.

The pilot program will last for two years, said Ms. Bailey. Fremont also has a "green challenge" program underway, she said.

Go to [menlogreenchallenge.org](http://menlogreenchallenge.org) for more information or to sign up. ■

## Nick Jenkins, 33, loved baseball and animals

Nicholas "Nick" Jenkins, a lifelong Menlo Park resident, died Aug. 11 after battling a brain tumor for seven years. He was 33.

Born Jan. 2, 1983, he graduated from M-A in 2001. After working a variety of jobs, he returned to school at Santa Barbara City College.



Nicholas Jenkins

According to his family, he loved playing baseball. He played in the Alpine Little League and later in the Alpine Senior League and on All-Star teams.

He was also a member of the Menlo-Atherton High School varsity baseball team, where he became a starting pitcher as a sophomore. In his junior year, he maintained an earned run average of less than 1.0.

He pitched for a short time at Canada College before a should-

**OBITUARY**  
Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

der surgery ended his career.

He was a lifelong Giants fan and "a Warriors fan way before they were good," according to his mother, Carrie Jenkins.

"Nick never complained while enduring multiple treatments and faced each setback with strength, dignity and a sense of humor," his mother wrote. "We will always remember Nick for his kindness and compassion for friends, children and animals."

Nick is survived by his parents, Carrie and Colin, his brothers Sam and Gabe, his cat Squints and a large extended family.

The family said it will hold a private celebration of Mr. Jenkins' life.

Go to [tinyurl.com/Jenkins331](http://tinyurl.com/Jenkins331) to read the family's obituary and leave remembrances.

— Kate Bradshaw

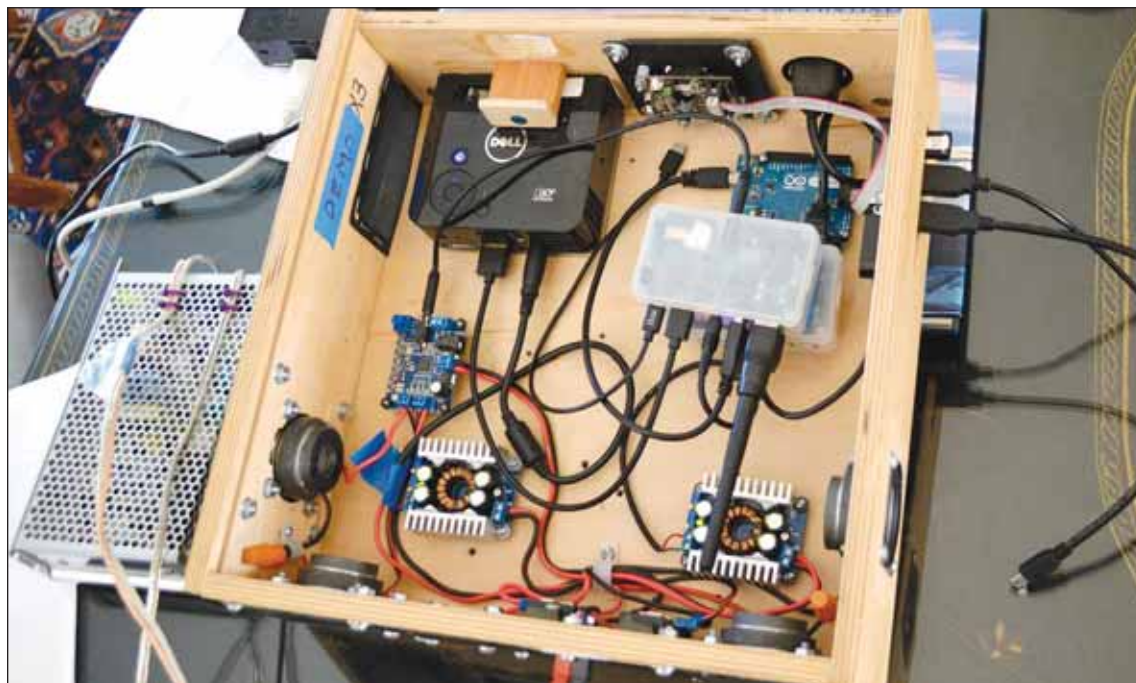


Photo by Kate Bradshaw

**"Looma" contains digital teaching tools that can be accessed without the internet. It has been tested with teachers in Nepal.**

## Students write code for educational tool for developing countries

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**T**he Looma resembles little more than a makeshift wooden box containing a projector with some techy-looking doodads inside. The product's simple design masks its somewhat more complex purpose: to help teachers in developing countries give students access to technology-based learning and education tools, all sans internet connection.

It's the latest gadget developed by Village Tech Solutions, a nonprofit founded by former Nepal residents David and Haydi Sowerwine of Menlo Park. Major parts of its code were written by high school students at Menlo School this summer.

From June 15 through the end of July, 22 Menlo School high school students worked six hours a day on software development projects to improve the "Looma." It was a six-week mix of unpaid

internships, summer camp and startup microcosm, as described by the program's head, retired computer engineer Skip Stritter.

Students presented demos of their projects on July 27, showing how they learned new computer programming skills to: build a game for learning to tell time, translate or read aloud selected phrases, add new dictionary words, and develop a clicker wand to prompt the device, among other projects.

"Our mission is to develop tools to educate students in Nepal," Mr. Stritter said. As a nonprofit, Village Tech Solutions is on a tight budget, he explained. "The best engineering we can get (for free) is these kids," he said.

All the students had taken at least an introductory computer science course at Menlo School, while others had taken the school's AP course and Advanced Topics classes.

The skills and programming languages students had to learn

to complete their projects were picked up with help from more experienced students or from internet tutorials, Mr. Stritter said.

Connor Kennedy, a rising junior at Menlo School, who worked on a project to enable teachers to annotate teaching videos, said he learned new programming skills and about working in a "real work environment."

Sonia Bhanot, mother of a Menlo School rising junior Jai Mehra, said she was impressed by the program and the "sense of achievement" it gave students for completing their projects.

Other participating students were: Jane Zafran, Niko Bhatia, Ian Costello, Grant Dumanian, John Weingart, Ryan Fischback, Aaron Brown, Thomas Woodside, Sam Rosenberg, Charlie Donnelley, Matt Flower, Maxwell Patterson, Jai Mehra, Jayden and Ellie Kunwar, Nikhil Singhal, Colton Conley, Anika Padwekar and Akshay Srivatsan. ■

## Peter Olson new CEO for Peninsula Volunteers

Peter Olson, who has served as director of Little House Activity Center in Menlo Park since 2010, is the new chief executive officer for the Peninsula Volunteers Inc., which provides a number of services for seniors in this area.



Peter Olson

As CEO, Mr. Olson will oversee PVI's four major programs: ■ Meals on Wheels, which

provides 78,000 hot meals yearly to home-bound older adults in San Mateo County.

■ Rosener House in Menlo Park, which provides adult day services to 150 clients and respite care to more than 400 family caregivers.

■ Little House, which provides health, wellness and social programs and services to 3,500 community members annually.

■ Senior housing in Menlo Park. (PVI says it provides 82 percent of the affordable housing for community seniors.)

In addition to his experiences at PVI, Mr. Olson has served as director of public affairs and communications for Easter Seals Bay Area and as health and wellness director for Easter Seals Timpany Center in San Jose.

"I am excited to lead Peninsula Volunteers into its eighth decade," Mr. Olson said in the announcement.

A graduate of San Jose State University, Mr. Olson said he enjoys fishing, backpacking, cycling and spending time with his daughter.

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# Jury rejects negligence claim in I-280 accident involving car, horse

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

After a 14-day trial in San Mateo County Superior Court, a 12-person jury denied damages to a Menlo Park physician who had sued the county after she was seriously injured in a 2012 accident when her car struck a dead horse on Interstate 280 and became airborne.

Instead, Dr. Jean W. Gillon, a vascular surgeon, was ordered on July 19 to reimburse the county \$144,143 in trial-related fees.

In addition to suing the county, Dr. Gillon sued Stanford University and Webb Ranch (in Ladera). Those complaints were dismissed in February 2015.

Dr. Gillon may seek a retrial. On Aug. 2, her attorney, Anthony L. Label, filed a motion indicating an intention to do so, alleging that the trial was unfair, that there was misconduct by the jury, that there is new and material evidence, and that the evidence presented was insufficient to justify the verdict, among other allegations.

## The accident

In the early morning hours

of Dec. 29, 2012, three horses managed to escape the paddock at Webb Ranch, according to Tom Hubbard, Webb Ranch's corporate president. All three horses were running loose in the freeway traffic lanes and were struck and killed shortly before 5 a.m. by "passing motorists," including Richard Stein, 65, of Sacramento, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Dr. Gillon, 61 at the time, came on the scene after the collision and ran into one of the downed horses. In the complaint, she asserts that a deputy from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office directed her into a lane in which a horse was lying.

Her car struck the horse, left the ground, returned to earth, collided with a cyclone fence and came to rest off the highway, she says.

The county's court costs, which Dr. Gillon has been ordered to reimburse, are \$126,436 for witness fees, \$13,394 for deposition costs, \$2,806 in court reporter fees, and \$1,507 for the jury, according to an itemization prepared by Deputy County Counsel David Levy. ▣

## Menlo Park, Atherton burglar sentenced

A 24-year-old Menlo Park resident, Porfirio Cruz Jimenez-Pimental, was sentenced Aug. 12 by Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Lee to five years and four months in state prison for two counts of residential burglary at homes in Atherton and Menlo Park.

According to Chief Deputy District Attorney Karen Guidotti, he pleaded no contest in June to two incidents: a residential burglary on James Avenue in Atherton on Thursday, Feb. 25, in which he took jewelry and laptops worth about \$5,700; and an attempted burglary of jewelry valued at \$5,000 from an occupied home on Valparaiso Avenue in Menlo Park on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Mr. Jimenez-Pimental was found by Menlo Park police around 9:40 a.m. on Feb. 27 in the master bathroom of a 74-year-old woman's house on the 1200 block of Valparaiso Avenue. According to District

Attorney Steve Wagstaffe, Mr. Jimenez-Pimental was in possession of jewelry valued at \$5,000, a small amount of methamphetamine, a drug pipe and burglar tools.

The woman reportedly had seen Mr. Jimenez-Pimental walk past the window by the side of the house and heard scratching noises. She locked herself in the room and called 911.

When police arrived, they found a hole in the wood panel next to the rear sliding door of the house. They found the man inside the house shortly thereafter.

He resisted arrest and a sheriff's deputy's dog was used to bring him under control, prosecutors said.

He will also have to pay \$470 in fines and receive genetic marker testing, meaning his DNA will be entered into a system that is used for tracking crimes, Ms. Guidotti said. ▣

—Kate Bradshaw



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

**A truck is parked** on Marsh Road in Atherton a day before the road's Aug. 13 reopening. Atherton has nearly completed the more than \$4 million project to rebuild the drainage culvert and retaining wall along Marsh Road.

## Marsh Road reopens on time

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Water, and traffic, freely flow again on Marsh Road.

Atherton has completed all but minor finishing touches of the more than \$4 million rebuilding of its Marsh Road drainage culvert. The town road, which had been closed since March 31, reopened to two-way traffic on Saturday evening, Aug. 13.

City Manager George Rodericks said only road striping, some finish work and lining of a new sewer pipe remain to be done, which could require some lane closures. All work should be completed by Aug. 25, he said.

Because Marsh Road is a major commute route, closing a portion of it to through traffic required Atherton

to coordinate with multiple local agencies, including Redwood City, Menlo Park, San Mateo County, the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and the California Highway Patrol as well as other law enforcement agencies.

The West Bay Sanitary District replaced its sewer main on Marsh Road while the road was closed.

Temporary through-traffic diversions were placed in nearby neighborhoods to stop cut-through commuter traffic during construction.

The new culvert was designed so a cover supporting a bike path or trail could be later added. A steel guard rail replaces a chain link fence, knocked down by vehicles that ended up in the culvert at least four times in 2015.

The old culvert had mortared-together stone sides

with a concrete bottom. Parts of the town's drainage system date back to the late 1800s, a master plan examining the town's drainage system says.

Lots of drainage system work still remains, with the master plan estimating a total of \$40 million in projects, more than \$6 million of them (including the Marsh Road project) deemed "life and safety" issues.

The \$740,000 in drainage system projects budgeted for the current 2016-17 fiscal year include repairs to Stockbridge Road concrete swales and replacement of failed culverts at Euclid Avenue and Camino al Lago. The town is also working on plans for improving the drainage along El Camino Real and for a detention basin that could help prevent flooding in heavy rains. ▣

## Men rob Trader Joe's at gunpoint

Trader Joe's employees were held at gunpoint by two men during an armed robbery at the Menlo Avenue store in Menlo Park around 9:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, police said.

The men, who entered Trader Joe's after it had closed, ordered two employees at gunpoint to lie face down on the floor and demanded money, police said. No one was injured, according to Menlo Park Police Depart-

ment spokesperson Nicole Acker.

The men fled the scene with an estimated \$4,600 in cash, Ms. Acker said. Officers searched the area but could not find the suspects.

The men were described as wearing white face masks. One was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and white sweatpants and the other wore gray sweats. Their ethnicity was determined to be Pacific Island-

er, based on sound of voice and appearance of skin, Ms. Acker said.

The Menlo Park Police Department said it is actively investigating the case. Police ask that anyone who witnessed the incident or has information about the case to call the department at (650) 330-6300 or an anonymous tip line at (650) 330-6395.

—Kate Bradshaw

## POLICE CALLS

This information is based on reports from the Menlo Park Police Department and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.

## WEST MENLO PARK

**Fraud:** In the interest of having her "grandson" released from jail, an elderly woman living in the 1800 block of Valparaiso Avenue bought \$9,800 in iTunes gift cards and turned over the access numbers to someone on the phone claiming to be from the "New York Police Department." She later found out that her grandson had not been arrested and then called the Sheriff's Office. July 15.

## PORTOLA VALLEY

**Residential burglary:** Someone entered a house in the 4700 block of Alpine Road, rummages through the residence and stole a pillow case. Estimated loss: \$50. July 25.

## WOODSIDE

**Accident report:** Medics and firefighters attended to a bicyclist who had fallen in the roadway in the vicinity of Mountain Home Road and Portola Road. Medics took him to the hospital for a complaint of pain to his left elbow. The accident did not involve a collision, deputies said. July 31.

## MENLO PARK

## Residential burglaries:

■ Using a rock to break a window near

the front door of a house in the 1100 block of Santa Cruz Avenue, a thief entered the home and stole jewelry, a video surveillance camera, and a computer. Estimated losses: \$1,800. July 29.

■ Someone broke into an apartment in the 1300 block of Willow Road and stole a wallet, including the resident's ID, credit cards and \$400 in cash. Estimated losses: \$451. Aug. 4.

**Auto burglary:** The owner of a vehicle parked at Bedwell Bayfront Park at the eastern end of Marsh Road told police that his vehicle had been locked in reporting the theft of his wallet. There were no signs of forced entry. In the wallet were a driver's license, credit cards and \$250 in cash. Estimated losses: \$279. July 30.

## Thefts:

■ A thief stole a trailer attached to a bicycle parked at the side of a house on Hoover Street. Estimated loss: \$300. July 30.

■ A man described as being in his late 20s, 6 feet tall and of a slender build pocketed some \$30 worth of items while in Menlo Park Ace Hardware on Santa Cruz Avenue and walked around inside the store before leaving without paying for the merchandise. An employee who had been following the man around the store confronted him at the doorway, but the man kept going and left the store. He was described as African American, wearing a dark cap, a black hoodie and gray shorts, police said. July 30.

## Dozen campaign yard signs go missing

Twelve yard signs supporting Menlo Park City Councilman Ray Mueller's re-election were reported stolen within hours from residences where they were posted, according to Mr. Mueller.

The signs had been placed in front of residences on Santa Cruz Avenue, Cloud Avenue, Rosefield Way and Bellair Way,

Mr. Mueller said, and appeared to have been pulled quickly off of their posts on fences, plants and mailboxes. The incident has been reported to the police, he said.

"Obviously I'm disappointed," said Mr. Mueller. "It's just going to be a really difficult campaign if signs are stolen within 12 hours," he said, adding that it

could be "a huge waste of campaign contributors' money, time and effort."

In his first campaign in 2012, he said, signs would go missing occasionally. But to have 12 signs ripped out "over a large geographic area is unusual," he said. ■

— Kate Bradshaw

## Grand jury: Juvenile-detention facilities costly

The San Mateo County Probation Department's three juvenile detention facilities, which have a total incarceration capacity of 260 youths, averaged 120 inmates per day during the 2014-15 budget year at a cost of \$40.7 million, or \$930 per person per day, according to a recent report from the county civil grand jury.

On April 25, 2016, the popula-

tion was 109, or 42 percent of capacity, the report says. The jury recommends that the county controller analyze facility operations for possible efficiencies, that the Board of Supervisors set cost-reduction goals, and that the county manager establish plans to meet those goals, with regular progress reports to the board.

The county operates two facilities in San Mateo — Juvenile

Hall and Camp Kemp for girls — and one in La Honda, Camp Glenwood for boys.

The grand jury is a 19-member group of county residents chosen by a judge. Elected officials are required to respond within 60 days to grand jury recommendations; governing bodies must respond within 90 days.

Go to [tinyurl.com/TJpRBw](http://tinyurl.com/TJpRBw) for more information.

## How county ranks among health systems in U.S.

San Mateo County ranked third out of 306 health systems nationwide, according to a 2016 report by the Commonwealth Fund, a foundation funding health research. In first and second places, respectively, were Honolulu, Hawaii, and St. Paul, Minnesota.

The report ranked locations based on performance in five categories: overall performance, healthcare access, prevention and treatment, avoidable hospital use and healthy lives.

San Mateo County scored second in the healthy lives category, which tracks indicators such as infant mortality, breast and colorectal cancer death rates, and adult smoking and obesity rates.

San Mateo County scored 68th in the access category, which compares the numbers of adults and children who are uninsured, or adults who went without medical care because of cost. Nearby areas that were studied, San Francisco and San Jose, tied for seventh place in overall performance.

## Free movie

Jurassic World (PG-13, 2h 4m) will be screened outdoors at the Onetta Harris Community Center at 100 Terminal Ave. in Menlo Park on Wednesday, Aug.

## BRIEFS

17, beginning at 8:15 p.m.

The showing is free and attendees are invited to bring a chair, snacks, family and friends.

## Menloville

Passersby on Valparaiso Avenue may wonder what's going on at Menloville, a country store located at 1902 Valparaiso Ave. in West Menlo Park, which is temporarily closed for business.

According to owner Lisa Lovazzano, the shop needed painting and repairs to the exterior "all around the property."

She's working to finish the projects by the end of August, she said.

## College prep

A new program by the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, called "Future Grads," is designed to help underserved high school students attend and graduate from college.

The plan is to work with the students for eight years, from 10th grade through college graduation. So far, 55 10th-graders are enrolled in the program and 33 participated in a week-long college prep session at Menlo College from Aug. 1 to Aug. 5.

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# Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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to see more calendar listings

## Theater

**Musical: 'Catch Me If You Can'** Based on the hit film starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Broadway musical "Catch Me If You Can" follows con artist Frank W. Abagnale Jr. and will be playing at Carrington Hall. Aug. 21 and 28, 3 p.m.; Aug. 19, 20, 26 and 27, 7 p.m. \$15. Carrington Hall, 1201 Brewster Ave., Redwood City. [tracking.goldstar.com](http://tracking.goldstar.com)

**Kim Cromwell's 'Abelia'** Kim Cromwell is feature in a one-woman play called "Abelia," about a woman from the back hills of Kentucky who, having grown up believing in miracles and the power of love, refuses to stop believing in them when faced with a life-threatening illness. Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m. Cash donation. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. [dragonproductions.net](http://dragonproductions.net)

**Shakespeare in the Park's 'The Winter's Tale'** The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's 34th season of Free Shakespeare in the Park presents 'The Winter's Tale'. It will feature music, dance and a trio of clowns. Audiences are encouraged to attend "The Shakes-Bears' Picnic" which provides context and historical background for the play in a family-friendly format. Aug. 21 and 28, 4 p.m.; Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m. Free. Sequoia High School, 1201 Brewster Ave., Redwood City. [sfshakes.org](http://sfshakes.org)

## Concerts

**The Corner Laughters at Menlo Park Library** Local indie-pop band the Corner Laughters (featuring Palo Alto Weekly Arts Editor Karla Kane) will perform a free, all-ages concert outside the library. Aug. 28, 1 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

## Music

**Live in concert: Charged Particles** Charged Particles will play contemporary jazz with elements of Latin music, funk music and many other genres. Aug. 31, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Downtown Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

**Magic Lantern 3D Light Show** The Redwood City Improvement Association (RCIA) invites the public to see a 3D video-mapping light and sound show. The San Mateo County History Museum will transform into a work of art every Tuesday evening of the summer. Aug. 23-Oct. 11, 8:30 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

**Music on the Square 2016** This year Redwood City's Music on the Square series will celebrate 10 years of outdoor concerts with a lineup of 14 musical groups performing genres ranging from rock 'n' roll to blues, reggae, country and more. Fridays, June 3-Sept. 2, 6-8 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

**Music: Juan Sánchez** Juan Sánchez will lead songs and stories in English and Spanish. Aug. 18, 10:30 a.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**Solo Sitar Concert** Sitar maestro Pandit Habib Khan will be presenting one of his students, Kailash Ranganathan, on the sitar. Pandit Habib Khan and the family of Kailash are seeking to invite music patrons who believe in preserving Hindustani Classical Music. There will be a dinner with the concert. Aug. 27, 3:30-6 p.m. Free. Woodside High School, 199 Churchill Avenue, Woodside. [kailashsitar.com](http://kailashsitar.com)

## Talks & Lectures

**Fashionable Filoli: Historic Costumes** Head Curator and Collection Manager, Julie Bly DeVere, will share the Bourn and Roth family connections of many of the gowns currently on view in the Fashionable Filoli exhibit, as well as a behind-the-scenes look into what it took for her team to prepare these remarkable pieces for exhibition. Visitors are encouraged to view the exhibit in the House before or after the lecture. Aug. 27, from 11 a.m. to noon. Free for members; \$20 adults; \$10 children. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. [filoli.org](http://filoli.org)

**'In Deep Radio' live with Angie Coiro** Angie Coiro, host of "In Deep Radio," is live at Kepler's on Wednesdays except for special premiere events. Upcoming topics include BJ Miller on end-of-life issues; Rabia Chaudry, of the Serial podcast; and David Dayen on his book "Chain of Title." Aug. 3 and 17, 12-1 p.m.

Aug. 16, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [keplers.com](http://keplers.com)

**Ken Light, What's Going On? 1969 - 1974** Bay Area photographer Ken Light presents his new photo book "What's Going On? 1969 - 1974." During these years, Light traveled around the country documenting American history. He followed Richard Nixon, war protests, prisoners of war coming home and moments of daily American life. Aug. 31, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

**Launch: Sabaa Tahir in conversation with Stephanie Garber** Kepler's Books will host Sabaa Tahir in celebration of the launch of "A Torch Against the Night," the sequel to "An Ember in the Ashes." She will be in conversation with Stephanie Garber, whose debut novel "Caraval," will be released in January 2017. Aug. 30, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

**Parenting: Patty Wipfler** Patty Wipfler, founder of Hand in Hand Parenting, will discuss her book "Five Simple Tools to Meet Your Everyday Parenting Challenges." Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m. \$20 general; \$40, premier seating, includes book. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [keplers.com](http://keplers.com)

**Shahzad's Experience** As part of the Stanford Festival of Iranian Arts, Naghmeh Samini, one of the script writers for the Iranian TV series "Shahzad," will discuss her work with the show and how its popular reception exceeded her expectations. Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**USGS Public Lecture** Jeff L. Sloan, a Geographer at USGS will give a lecture called "The New Eyes in the Sky: Putting drones to work for scientific research." This is a non-technical lecture and intended for a general audience that may not be familiar with USGS science. Aug. 25, 7-8 p.m. Free. U.S Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. [online.wr.usgs.gov](http://online.wr.usgs.gov)

**Lifetree Cafe: Trapped: A Stripper's Journey Out of Hopelessness** This program features a filmed interview with a woman who began working in the adult-entertainment industry at the age of 18. During the program, participants will be given an opportunity to share times in their own lives they've felt trapped and how they escaped. Aug. 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Bethany, 1095 Cloud Ave., West Menlo Park. [vimeo.com](http://vimeo.com)

## Fundraisers

**Tour de Menlo** The ride is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation and the Almanac. All proceeds are used to support need-based Rotary scholarships, numerous other Rotary Foundation projects and the Almanac's Holiday Fund, which contributes more than \$150,000 a year to 10 local non-profits. Aug. 20, times vary. \$55-\$70. Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. [business.menloparkchamber.com](http://business.menloparkchamber.com)

**Big Bad Barn Dance at Folger Stable** The Big Bad Barn Dance, hosted by the Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks, will feature a live caller and band, catered BBQ and local craft beer and wine. This charity event supports projects and programs in these parks. Aug. 28, 4-7 p.m. \$150. Wunderlich Park, 4040 Woodside Road, Woodside. [huddart-wunderlichfriends.org](http://huddart-wunderlichfriends.org)

## Kids & Families

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme Time** Baby Bounce and Rhyme combines singing, dancing, reading and playing. Age-appropriate toys will be brought out at the end of playtime. It is for infants (0-18 months), but older children are welcome. Mondays, Aug. 15-29, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)

**Creativity Lab** The Portola Valley Library will hold a Creativity Lab event each week, allowing children ages 6 and up to make wands for giant bubbles, Perler bead pictures, creations out of marshmallows and more. Thursdays, June 9-Aug. 25, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)

**Game on** There will be indoor and outdoor activities for kids ages 5 and up. Tuesdays, Aug. 16-30, 2:30-4 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)

**Storyteller John Weaver** There will be a storytime featuring age-appropriate stories from around the world. Aug. 25, 10:30 a.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

## Dance

**Global Dance Workout** Little House hosts a twice weekly dance fitness party with effective and easy-to-follow exercises set to rhythms from hip-hop, Latin, Hula, belly dancing and Bollywood music. See website for member and nonmember monthly rates. July 8-Aug. 30, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m.-noon. Prices vary; \$7 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [penvol.org](http://penvol.org)

## Film

**Film: 'The Goonies' (1985)** As part of the Menlo Movie Series, there will be a screening of the movie "The Goonies" (1985), about a group of misfits set out to find a pirate's ancient treasure in order to save their home from foreclosure. Aug. 19, 8 p.m. Free. Downtown, Curtis Street at Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**Menlo Movie Series: 'Minions' (2015)** There will be a screening of the 2015 movie "Minions" (PG). Attendants are encouraged to take a blanket, picnic, friends and family for this community movie night. Aug. 26, 8 p.m. Free. Downtown Paseo, Curtis Street at Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**Movies on the Square - 'Pretty in Pink' (PG-13)** There will be a screening of the movie "Pretty in Pink" (PG-13). Attendants are encouraged to take a blanket. Aug. 25, sun-down. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

## Lessons & Classes

**Cafe Scientifique: The Rise and Fall of Cigarette Smoking** Steven Schroeder, director of the UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center, will give a lecture that will cover best practices for smoking cessation, the vaping alternative and how smoking has become a social justice issue. Aug. 25, 7 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Ceramics classes** Ceramics classes at Little House are open to students of all experience levels. Open studio hours also allow artists to explore the medium at their own leisure. Visit the website for specific pricing options. July 7-Aug. 31, Monday, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. (open studio). Prices vary. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [penvol.org](http://penvol.org)

**Coding for Kids** All materials are provided at this code workshop for beginners. Students can learn how to make their own video games, and all ages are welcome. 10 students will be admitted on a first come, first served bases. Aug. 7, 2 p.m. Free. Downtown Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

**Color me Calm in Portola Valley** Adult coloring is a way to relax. It can produce a calming effect similar to meditation. Participants can have lunch while they de-stress. All materials will be provided. Aug. 19 and 26, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)

**Literary Seminar With Kimberly Ford** Kimberly Ford, best-selling author, Ph.D. and former adjunct professor at Berkeley, will combine a lecture with discussion as she helps readers delve into novels. Books are included in the price of the seminars and should be picked up at Kepler's (and read) prior to the meeting date. Aug. 30, 1-2:30 p.m. \$48 per seminar, \$160 complete series. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [keplers.com](http://keplers.com)

**Project READ - Tutor Training** Participants in this training will learn how to become a tutor for Project READ. Aug. 18, 23 and 25, 6 p.m. Free. Downtown Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

**Tech Tutoring at Little House** Little House is offering one-hour appointments during which individuals can receive personalized help with new technology, including assistance in using smartphones, tablets and computers and connecting with friends and family via Skype and social media. Those interested should call (650-326-2025 ext. 5008) to schedule an appointment. Monday-Friday, July 11-Aug. 31, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 nonmember; free for mem-

## Submitting items for the Calendar

Submit information online at [AlmanacNews.com/calendar](http://AlmanacNews.com/calendar). Click the grey button "Submit Calendar Listing." If the event is of interest to a large number of people, also e-mail a press release to [Editor@AlmanacNews.com](mailto:Editor@AlmanacNews.com).



Photo by Brenten Brandenburg

**A child dresses as Harry Potter character Albus Dumbledore during a midnight book release party held at Kepler's Books.**

## 'Cursed Child' party draws crowd

About 300 people attended the recent midnight book release party for "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child: Parts I and II," at Kepler's Books in Menlo Park.

Activities included hand painting, quidditch tossing games, coloring and Harry Potter-themed non-alcoholic

drinks. Almanac Photographer Brenten Brandenburg, who was present, said of the event, "The rush for books at midnight was chaos."

The book is a script written by Jack Thorne and John Tiffany, set 19 years after the original series ends.

bers. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [penvol.org](http://penvol.org)

**ESL Evening Conversation Club** Community members can practice their English conversation skills with other English language learners and volunteer facilitators during this weekly event sponsored by Project Read-Menlo Park. Wednesdays, ongoing, 5 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, Downstairs Meeting Room, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**ESL Morning Conversation Club** Community members can practice their English conversation skills with other English language learners and volunteer facilitators during this weekly event sponsored by Project Read-Menlo Park. Wednesdays, ongoing, 10:15 a.m. Free. Arriaga Family Recreation Center, Juniper Room, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

## Outdoor Recreation

**Third Thursdays at Filoli** There are three upcoming evening events at Filoli where visitors will be able to take a docent-led sunset hike, an orchard walk or visit the house and garden at Filoli's series of Third Thursdays. Attendants are encouraged to make reservations and bring sturdy shoes and a water bottle. Aug. 18, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. [filoli.org](http://filoli.org)

## Teens

**Virtual Reality Viewer Party** Participants will learn how to turn their smart phone window into virtual reality by using a piece of ordinary cardboard. Participants will play games where the characters jump off of and interact with real objects they are seeing through the phone's camera. Aug. 28, 1 p.m. Free. Downtown Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

## Business

**Stanford EdCareers Internship Fair** This event is targeted to organizations that have internship opportunities available during the 2016-2017 academic year for Stanford Graduate School of Education (GSE) students. Aug. 24, 4:30 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [ed.stanford.edu](http://ed.stanford.edu)

## Religion & Spirituality

**Lighthouse** Lighthouse at Bethany Lutheran Church provides a venue for people to explore their faith, develop their relationship with God, and connect with others in a positive environment. Sundays, July 17-Dec. 25, 5-6 p.m.

Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. [bethany-mp.org](http://bethany-mp.org)

**University Public Worship** Stanford Memorial Church hosts public worship and is open to anyone. Ongoing, Sunday, 10 a.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Windhover Saturday Tours** There will be a docent-led tour of the Windhover, a spiritual refuge on the Stanford University campus meant to both inspire and promote personal renewal. The tour will include information about the conceptual ideas behind the physical structure and an in-depth look at the Windhover paintings by Nathan Oliveira featured in the building. Saturdays, Aug. 6-Sept. 10, 11 a.m. Free. Stanford University, 370 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

## Community Groups

**Menlo Park Kiwanis Club** The Menlo Park Kiwanis Club — which through fundraising supports many local programs and organizations — holds meetings each Tuesday at the Allied Arts Center. Visitors are invited to attend and should contact the Kiwanis Club. Tuesdays, ongoing, noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Allied Arts Center, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. [menloparkkiwanisclub.org](http://menloparkkiwanisclub.org)

**Redwood City Kiwanis Farmers Market** This is the oldest and largest farmers' market on the Peninsula, conceived in 1979 by four community-oriented individuals led by John S. Hensill, Ph.D., with the intention of supporting local independent farmers and supplying the community with fresh produce. Saturday, Ongoing, 8 a.m. Free. 500 block of Arguello Street, Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

**SRI Organon Toastmasters** SRI Organon Toastmasters helps community members become better public speakers and leaders by providing a fun, supportive environment for practicing communication and leadership skills. Guests are welcome to visit and join. Tuesdays, ongoing, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. SRI International, Building G, Laurel Street at Mielke Drive, Menlo Park. [sriorganon.com](http://sriorganon.com)

## For all listings

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JUST IMAGINE, CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 270078


The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Just Imagine, Creative Expressions, located at 14 Atherton Avenue, Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo County. Registered owner(s): JUDITH A. VARTAN 14 Atherton Avenue Atherton, CA 94027

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

## 855 Real Estate Services

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File No.: 270082

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Registered owner(s):  
GUANG XIN JUN DA, LLC

527 Harison Ave.  
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(ALM Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016)

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File No.: 270160

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Registered owner(s):  
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(ALM Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016)

JUST IMAGINE, CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
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Registered owner(s):  
JUDITH A. VARTAN

14 Atherton Avenue  
Atherton, CA 94027

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 04, 2016.

(ALM Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sept. 7, 2016)

SIMPSON'S FAMILY BARBER SHOP  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 270278

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

Simpson's Family Barber Shop, located at 1181 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
LAURA PHUNG SPILMAN

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/6/06.

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(ALM Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016)

THE BIG APPLE LLC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 270246

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

The Big Apple LLC, located at 501 Broadway Unit #259, Millbrae, CA 94030, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
THE BIG APPLE LLC

501 Broadway Unit #259  
Millbrae, CA 94030

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

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InsourceTalent.com  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 270251

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

InsourceTalent.com, located at 61 Cove Lane, Redwood City, CA 94065, San Mateo County; Mailing address: P.O. Box 20381, Stanford, CA 94305.

Registered owner(s):  
VINCENT SMITH

61 Cove Lane  
Redwood City, CA 94065

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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MODIFIED HABITAT HANDYMAN SERVICES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 270328

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Modified Habitat Handyman Services, located at 1358 Hollyburne Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
JUAN CORNELIO CHAVEZ

1358 Hollyburne Ave.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

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

Case No.: 16CIV00364

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
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VALERIE KERR to VALERIE X. JORD.

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

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/s/ John L. Grandsaert  
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2 Sierra Ln Large home on a cul-de-sac with western mountains and Windy Hill views, 2SierraLane.com 3 BR 3.5 BA  
Ginny Kavanaugh CalBRE #00884747 650.851.1961



**Woodside** **\$3,798,000**  
45 Mission Trail Rd Prime Woodside location for the one acre level property! 3bd/3ba plus 2bd guest house.  
Tom Huff CalBRE #922877 650.325.6161



**Portola Valley** **\$3,395,000**  
131 Brookside Dr Single level estate lot on approx. 1 acre with resort yard and pool. Spectacular setting! 3 BR 3 BA  
Sam Anagnostou CalBRE #00798217 650.851.2666



**Portola Valley** **\$2,795,000**  
120 Coquito Way Spacious and updated home with breathtaking views and an abundance of natural light. 4 BR 4.5 BA  
Karen Fryling/Rebecca Johnson CalBRE #01326725 650.324.4456



**Los Altos** **\$2,700,000**  
110 Los Altos Avenue Lovely single story home on tree lined street just a block to downtown Los Altos. 4 BR 3 BA  
Zita Macy CalBRE #01300198 650.325.6161



**Menlo Park** **\$2,595,000**  
746 Partridge Ave Brand new home in Allied Arts. Custom fireplaces, high end appliances, & hardwood floors. 4 BR 3 BA  
Elaine White CalBRE #01182467 650.324.4456



**Portola Valley** **\$2,350,000**  
100 Coquito Way Amazing views greet you as you enter this sophisticated and private Ladera contemporary. 3 BR 3 BA  
Karen Fryling/Rebecca Johnson CalBRE #01326725 650.324.4456



**Palo Alto** **\$2,345,000**  
2320 Princeton St Charming home w/bonus rm in College Terrace. Hwdw flrs, family rm, and formal dining area. 3 BR 2 BA  
DiPali Shah CalBRE #01249165 650.851.2666



**Menlo Park** **\$2,300,000**  
18 Patterson Avenue Cute 1938 bungalow, fixer, 2br/2ba. Lovely yard, detached garage. 2 BR 2 BA  
Geraldine Asmus CalBRE #01328160 650.325.6161



**Redwood City** **\$1,798,000**  
12 Northview Way Level 8,000+ lot! Come explore Emerald Hills, offering a plethora of community benefits! 3 BR 2.5 BA  
Doug Gonzalez CalBRE #00895924 650.324.4456



**Downtown Palo Alto** **\$1,695,000**  
685 High St 5B Stylish Penthouse Condo w/ views of Western Mountains. 20 ft ceilings, open living area. 2 BR 2.5 BA  
Paul Skrabo CalBRE #00665727 650.324.4456



**Menlo Park** **\$1,498,000**  
931 Peggy Ln Charming Refinished Craftsman situated on private lot. Ready to move in or expand/remodel. 3 BR 2 BA  
Jeff Beltramo CalBRE #01274256 650.325.6161



**Portola Valley** **\$1,300,000**  
16 Santa Maria Ave Opportunity to build on sunny, tree-framed 1+ acre lot, vacant & cleared. 16SantaMaria.com  
Ginny Kavanaugh CalBRE #00884747 650.851.1961



**Palo Alto** **\$995,000**  
149 S. California Ave A300 Top floor condo. Hwdw flrs, in-unit washer/dryer, new appliances, & patio w/ rooftop views. 2 BR 1.5 BA  
Carrie Davis CalBRE #01983911 650.324.4456



**San Carlos** **\$949,999**  
416 Portofino Dr 302 Come See stunning panoramic views & wonderful staging by Doss Spadia! Refreshments served! 2 BR 2.5 BA  
David Thomas CalBRE #01946017 650.324.4456