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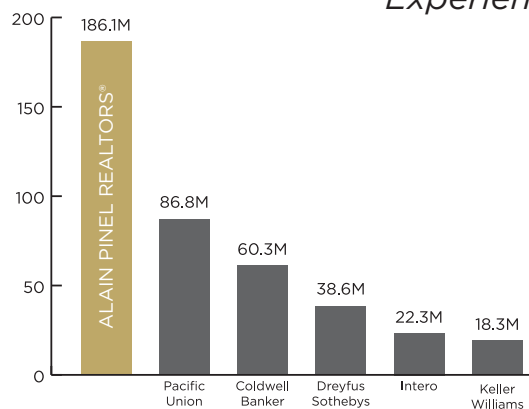
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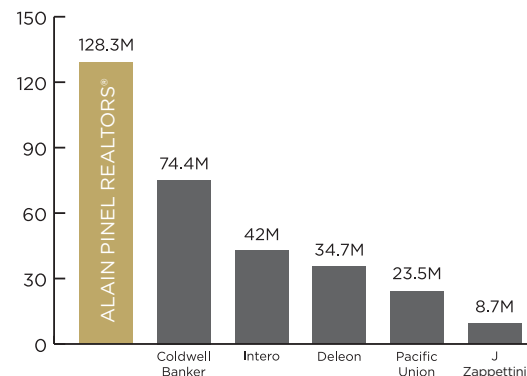
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# Local News

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## New stoplight now operating in Atherton

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

A long-awaited pedestrian-activated stoplight on El Camino Real at Almen-dral Avenue in Atherton, where a pedestrian was fatally injured in 2014, was turned on Aug. 17, and was soon being used by both bicyclists and pedestrians.

Early users included a group of local officials and neighbors who had just finished cutting a ceremonial ribbon to inaugurate the long-awaited signal. As the group of about 10 people waited to try out the new crosswalk Aug. 17, three cars ran the red light in front of them.

“People need to be careful” when using the light, while motorists get used to it, said Atherton Councilman Rick DeGolia.

The light is dark until activated, when it then flashes yellow, turns steady yellow, then red. Before going dark again, the signal flashes red, at which point motorists can proceed after stopping if no one is in the crosswalk.

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

Atherton's acting police Chief Joe Wade said the department will pay extra attention to the new signal and will issue tickets to anyone running the red light. On Friday, Aug. 26, the department will conduct extra enforcement at the signal to help increase motorist awareness, he said.

“It takes time for people to figure out what's going on,” he said. “We'll be out there.” He said the department may have pedestrians activate the light and watch for violations.

A ceremonial ribbon cutting for the project

was held Aug. 17 at the nearby Menlo Park Fire Protection District's Station 3 on Almen-dral Avenue. Speakers included Atherton Mayor Elizabeth Lewis, fire district board chair Rob Silano, district Chief Harold Schapelhouman, and Caltrans Deputy District Director Sean Nozzari.

Mr. Silano said he often rides



Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

**A group of local officials and neighbors** try out the new pedestrian-activated stoplight at the El Camino crosswalk at Almen-dral Avenue in Atherton on Aug. 17.

his bike through the Almen-dral and El Camino intersection. “Without the signal, if you go into the crosswalk, you're a target,” he said. He said he had tried out the new light and was very happy with it.

Atherton requested the light after 32-year-old Atherton resident Shahriar Rahimzadeh was fatally injured crossing El Cami-no at Almen-dral Avenue in July 2014.

The \$350,000 cost of the Almen-dral light was split by the town of Atherton and the Menlo Park fire district.

The fire district will be able to turn the light red to allow its vehicles to more easily turn left on El Camino from its Almen-dral fire station.

“Knowing how difficult it is for us to get across El Camino, this is a game-changer for us,” Chief Schapelhouman said.

Caltrans' Mr. Nozzari said the agency is responsible for 15,000

miles of highways in California, many of them running through communities. The agency is working to make many of those roads “complete streets” that serve all users, not just motorists, he said.

“As we transform these high-ways into complete streets, we have to do more things like this,” he said. Mr. Nozzari said Caltrans will soon start installing 13 similar stop lights on El Camino in San Mateo County, starting with two more in Atherton.

Caltrans was recently found 90 percent responsible for the 2010 death of Chris Chandler in the Atherton crosswalk at Isabella Avenue and ordered to pay \$8.55 million in damages to his family. In 2010 Caltrans was found 50 percent responsible for a collision in a Millbrae crosswalk that left a teenager in a coma. It paid \$8 million to her family in that case.

Both crosswalks, like the crosswalk at Almen-dral, were marked but not controlled by a stop sign or traffic signal. Studies, including some done by Caltrans, have repeatedly shown

that such marked uncontrolled crosswalks are more dangerous than unmarked crosswalks.

The town has been asking Caltrans to do something to make El Camino safer since the 2010 crosswalk fatality, and has repeated those requests as a series of serious injuries and fatalities followed in subsequent years.

Caltrans agreed in 2012 to pay for and install two pedestrian-activated stoplights on El Camino at Isabella and Alejandra avenues, but said they wouldn't be installed until 2017. The town took a series of actions to try to speed up the work and agreed to pay for the third light itself in order to get it done more quickly. The light at Almen-dral will be owned and maintained by Caltrans.

Caltrans said the contract to allow the installation of the two additional Atherton lights, and the 11 others in San Mateo County, was recently signed. Atherton's two signals still won't be operating until 2017, however, Mr. Nozzari said. He said they will probably be completed in about a year. ■

### DRIVERS

WILL SEE...	WILL DO...
1	Normal traffic flow
2	Slow Down Pedestrian has activated the system
3	Prepare to stop
4	Stop Pedestrian in crosswalk
5	Stop Proceed with caution; if clear
6	Resume normal traffic flow

### PEDESTRIANS

WILL SEE...	WILL DO...
1	Push the button to activate system
2	Wait
3	Continue to wait
4	Start crossing when vehicles stopped
5	Continue crossing; signal will count down
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**This poster** from the town of Atherton shows what the signal's phases look like to motorists and to pedestrians and bicyclists.

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**Anger and frustration** were palpable in the room Aug. 16 as local residents told county representatives how the noise from Surf Air flights impacts their daily lives. The Atherton meeting was at Holbrook-Palmer Park’s Jennings Pavilion.

## Angry crowd tells county they’ve had enough of Surf Air

By **Barbara Wood**  
Almanac Staff Writer

### ■ ATHERTON

**S**an Mateo County got an earful from a standing-room only crowd of about 185 people who packed a meeting room in Atherton on Aug. 16 to talk about how Surf Air has affected their lives.

Speakers included a doctor who said medical literature shows noise increases heart disease risks, a mother who said she has to run a white noise machine to get her toddler to sleep, and several who urged the county to stop worrying about being sued over its actions at the airport.

“This is war,” said Phil Wasserstein, a Menlo Park resident and a neurologist. Dr. Wasserstein said he reviewed medical literature and found studies linking noise to increased cardiovascular disease risk.

“I think it’s a fundamental problem having a commercial airline flying into the San Carlos Airport,” he said. “You represent the people of this county, and you should represent those people rather than making a compromise for fear of a lawsuit,” he told Supervisor Don Horsley, who hosted the meeting in Atherton’s Holbrook-Palmer Park.

Attendees included representatives of Surf Air, the airline that started using the San Carlos Airport in June 2013 and now schedules up to 44 flights a day for customers who pay a monthly fee for unlimited flights within California and to Reno.

“We understand the elephant in the room,” said Surf Air

CEO Jeff Potter. “That would be us.” Mr. Potter said Surf Air understands “the sensitivities, we understand the effects.”

But speakers questioned that. “You don’t understand,” said Rosemary Murphy. “You only hear us, but you don’t know what it’s like to live under this noise,” she said. “I’m outside and I’m trying to have a nice dinner party and what do I hear? Planes, planes, planes.”

### ‘This is war.’

PHIL WASSERSTEIN, MENLO PARK  
RESIDENT AND NEUROLOGIST

“Am I angry? I am furious,” she said.

Several speakers made the point that Surf Air’s planes carry only a maximum of nine people, yet are affecting 40,000 people with their noise, saying the business is an example of something that benefits only the few at the expense of the many.

“Surf Air is doing business to make a profit and earn returns for their investors,” said Wally Sleeth.

Supervisor Horsley said Surf Air’s initial move into the San Carlos Airport “really caught us off guard.” What started as three round trips a day is now 22, he said.

The county’s response has included forming a working group of local officials and residents, consulting with the Feder-

al Aviation Administration, and, most recently, commissioning a study and hiring consultants to examine possible actions.

He said the county’s concrete actions include bulldozing the building Surf Air used as a passenger lounge and restricting airport parking. Mediation to try to get the airline to cut flights back to eight round trips a day was not successful, he said.

One action which both sides had hoped might help is a new route the airline may use in good weather, when air traffic allows, that takes the planes over the Bay instead of the Peninsula.

A six-month test was approved by the FAA and began July 5, but foggy weather and air traffic have allowed it to be used just a little more than 67 percent of the time, according to Gretchen Kelly, airport manager.

Residents say early morning flights continue to go over their homes most of the time. “I still have more flights going over me per day than I did two-and-a-half years ago,” said North Fair Oaks resident Joe Stratton. He said he spent two weeks tracking Surf Air flights from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., and not one used the new Bay route.

Ms. Kelly said Surf Air flights to the San Carlos Airport affect 40,000 people under their flight path, 37,000 of them in San Mateo County.

Some of the Santa Clara County residents under the new Bay flight path expressed their unhappiness with the new route, which they said has sent Surf

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# Menlo Park office-housing project approved

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Plans to build 17,000 square feet of offices and 17 for-rent housing units at 650 and 660 Live Oak Ave. in Menlo Park were approved unanimously by the Menlo Park Planning Commission on Aug. 15.

Developer Daniel Minkoff of the Minkoff Group, who has a 90-year lease on the property, plans to demolish an existing office building (formerly occupied by Spangler Mortuary) and two adjacent residences, and build two three-story buildings and two two-story residences.

The added housing is expected to provide accommodation for about 38 people.

Starting at the side of the property nearest El Camino Real, a three-story building would have offices at the front on all three floors, with four studios and a one-bedroom apartment at the back on the ground floor, each with a private entry.

Separated by an outdoor courtyard, the next structure, the other three-story building, would have five one-bedroom and five two-bedroom apartments. Each of those apartments would have a private roof deck.

Moving further westward down Live Oak Avenue, there would be two two-story resi-

dences, one with three bedrooms and the other with four. Each would have an outdoor patio. Those residences would be set back from Live Oak Avenue with a publicly accessible outdoor plaza in the front.

The project would have a two-story underground parking garage with 84 parking spaces, plus short- and long-term bike parking facilities.

**'I can't disagree that there's a character change, but Menlo Park is changing.'**

HOWARD 'SANDY' CRITTENDEN

Two of the 17 residential units are planned to be "below market rate." To qualify for such housing, tenants must earn less than 80 percent of the area median income. In San Mateo County in 2016, that is defined as individuals earning less than \$68,950 a year and families of four earning less than \$98,500 a year.

The developer was required to build or pay for the equivalent of only one-half of a below-market-rate housing unit, based on the amount of office space planned. The additional below-market-rate housing would be built as a "public benefit" in exchange for the city allowing the developer to build at a greater density than would otherwise be allowed.

Eight trees, not considered "heritage trees" by the city, would be removed and 12 others would be planted in the courtyard and on the street, some of which would be used to screen



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**This rendering** gives a view of the project from Live Oak Avenue in Menlo Park.

windows.

Menlo Park resident Steve Eisner, who lives two doors from the site, objected to the project's size. He told the Planning Commission it did not fit with the residential character of Live Oak Avenue.

Howard "Sandy" Crittenden, who owns the nearby Guild movie theater at 949 El Camino Real, said: "I can't disagree that there's a character change, but Menlo Park is changing. I

think it's better to control the change rather than say no to everything."

Several planning commissioners echoed Mr. Crittenden's sentiments, with varying degrees of enthusiasm. Responding to Mr. Eisner's comments, Commissioner Drew Combs said: "It's a debate we've had in the city already. ... We've in a thoughtful manner said we want greater density."

Commissioner Susan Good-

hue said: "I think we got exactly what the specific plan asked for, and I think we got it in a high-quality way. ... If only we could see more development like this, Menlo Park and the specific plan would be in very good shape."

Commissioner Henry Riggs remarked, "For good and for bad, this is growth and development."

All seven commissioners voted to approve the project. ▣

## SURF AIR

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Air planes over their homes. Ms. Kelly said Surf Air has always flown over Sunnyvale, but now it is flying over a different part of the city.

"A solution to airplane noise should not be to move the noise from one neighborhood to another," said Sunnyvale resident Shannon Morgan.

The county has promised to work with Sunnyvale on the problem.

A resident of Palmer Lane in North Fair Oaks said that the airline's departing flights are also a noise problem. "Why (are they) allowed to do what they're doing at the expense of all of us?" she asked. "Shame on you," she said to Mr. Potter. "I'm so disgusted."

Marina Rose, who lives near the airport, asked the county "to get control of the airport." "We really need to take some unprecedented action. We need some radical response soon."

Allied Arts resident John War-race said he had a suggestion: he might just run out of gas on the airport's access road one morning, blocking Surf Air pilots and passengers. "If there's enough of us, it's going to cause a problem," he said. "Our local government, the people who are supposed to take care of us, are not doing it anymore."

Only one speaker, who said her son wants to be a commercial pilot and needs to work for Surf Air to move up to a larger airline, was supportive of Surf Air. "We've got a serious pilot shortage," said the Redwood City resident.

Menlo Park resident James Courtney said he wants to make sure any new regulations do not hurt other airport users, including him. "My concern is that the frustration and sweeping generalizations ... have the potential to hurt a lot of people" if regulations that affect other airport users are adopted, he said.

Other residents urged those

bothered by the noise to file complaints. Lindenwood resident Larry Sweeney said that he has a method to automate the complaint form so the same information does not need to be filled out each time a complaint is filed.

At tinyurl.com/SQL-Auto Mr. Sweeney has posted the instructions on his neighborhood's website.

Surf Air officials did not hear all the comments directed their way because at 7:30, about an hour before the public comments ended, Mr. Potter announced they had to leave. "We have travel plans," Mr. Potter said. As they were leaving, a voice from the audience shouted out: "See you in court."

Another public meeting on the subject will be held in Redwood City at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the Fair Oaks Community Center, 2600 Middlefield Road. In October, the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to hear back from the consultants who have been studying the issue. ▣

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by Monica Corman

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# Menlo native wins gold medal

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Standing on the highest step of the podium in Rio on Aug. 19, Caroline “KK” Clark, 26, a U.S. women’s water polo team member and Menlo Park native, has come a long way since she played on the junior varsity water polo team at Sacred Heart Preparatory School in Atherton.

Even though KK comes from a family of strong swimmers (her aunt and uncle, Marybeth and Chris Dorst, were Olympians, and her two older sisters, Zizi and Christie, played water polo at UC Santa Barbara), she wasn’t always the biggest fan of water polo.

She didn’t love swimming when she was a kid growing up in Menlo Park, she confessed to the Almanac within hours of earning her gold medal. Up through middle school, she said, she played basketball and soccer, dove and rode horses.

Going to the Olympics, she said, was a goal she nursed in secret but never uttered aloud. “It was such a big, lofty dream,” she laughed.

In high school, she honed in

on water polo, and joined the swim team to get faster in the water. “Learning to love something that you don’t enjoy is a good skill to learn in life, in general,” she said.

At Sacred Heart, she played on the junior varsity team her first two years, which helped deepen her love of the sport. “Nowadays there’s a lot of pressure on young athletes to be good,” she said. What’s more important, she said, is learning to love the sport and to compete.

“There are so many paths you can take to get to your goal. ... I’m proud of the path that I took,” she said. That path included continuing to compete in college on UCLA’s water polo team, where she scored a total of 169 goals.

Her proudest moment at the Olympics, she said, was being on the podium and listening to the national anthem, holding the hands of her teammates as her family watched in the crowd. “You don’t know what it feels

like until you do it,” she said. “Everyone I know and love is here. It feels pretty surreal.”

Her advice to the young people of her hometown is this: “Be in the moment,” she said.

Growing up in the Bay Area, she said, “It’s really easy to go through your day and feel so much pressure and stress. ... The competition is so healthy, and it’s great to feel competition with peers in sports and in the classroom,” she said. “It takes perspective and mindfulness to keep yourself in check and enjoy everything as you go through it.”

When asked what’s next, she said: “I’m hanging up the suit. I’ve dreamed of going out on top. It feels amazing. I feel like there’s a new chapter for me to start.”

The daughter of Peter Clark and Jane Dorst Clark, she now lives in Hermosa Beach.

In the meantime, though, she’s got a celebratory agenda all set for when she comes back to Menlo Park: breakfast at Ann’s Coffee Shop, dinner and drinks at the Dutch Goose, and visits to her old coaches and professors at Sacred Heart and the pool she used to swim in at the Menlo Circus Club.



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**KK Clark**



Photo by Veronica Weber

**KK Clark**, a Menlo Park native, was on the U.S. Olympic women’s water polo team that took gold in Rio on Aug. 19 after defeating Italy 12-5.

“I love Menlo Park,” she said. “I can’t wait to get back and bring the gold home to everyone.”

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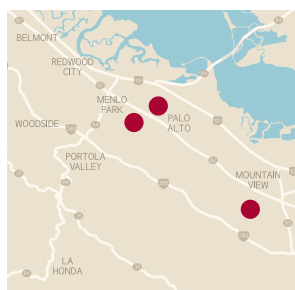


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# What's new at M-A, Woodside high schools

Changes in courses, staff and facilities at local high schools



By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

New courses, staff and facilities are greeting Woodside and Menlo-Atherton high school students, who returned to class Aug. 17.

Enrollment is up at M-A and about the same at Woodside, the principals said. The Woodside student body population settled at 1,787, while at M-A, the enrollment of 2,360 students is a 3.7 percent increase.

## New courses

Inside the classrooms at the two schools, students will have several new courses to consider.

Both Woodside and M-A are offering two new electives: designing and building software applications for mobile devices, and an advanced-placement course on computer science principles. The target for this course is students focused on the humanities and students “traditionally under represented” in computer science, according to the principals of both schools.

Woodside is also offering an elective on entrepreneur-

ship to encourage student connection and collaboration with local businesses, and a new curriculum from the University of Texas at Austin called “Engineer Your World,” a “hands-on approach to tinkering and problem-solving,” Ms. Burbank said.

Woodside will be one of eight schools in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties participating in the Silicon Valley Urban Debate League. The intent is to create opportunities for a diverse group of students to improve their research abilities and verbal and critical think-

ing skills, Ms. Burbank said. “It is common-core perfect,” she added.

An elective in marine biology is new this year at M-A. One focus: using laboratory activities to analyze the scope and impact of human interactions with the oceans, Principal Simone Rick-Kennel said. In social studies, a new elective, Race, Immigration and Ethnicity in the United States, will look at current issues revolving around race and ethnicity in the context of their relevance and significance in U. S. history.

For M-A students, review of the PSAT test begins Monday, Sept. 12, to prepare students for the Oct. 19 PSAT exam

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**Students head** for the library on the first day of classes at the Woodside High School.

**On the cover:** Woodside High freshmen with teacher Ernest Lo introduce themselves on the first day of school.

# New high school will focus on technology, engineering, design



By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

The letters T, E and D commonly stand in for Technology, Entertainment and Design, a series of short talks in which speakers present new ideas in the fields of science, technology, business, culture, art or design.

TED has a slightly different meaning for the new 400-student magnet high school set to open in the fall of 2018 at 150 Jefferson Drive east of U.S. 101 in Menlo Park’s industrial zone: Technology, Engineering and Design, the school’s focus once it gets going.

The acronym, or its three component terms, may become part of the school’s name, said

Matthew Zito, chief facilities officer of the Sequoia Union High School District.

The school will be unique in its combination of technical focus, a staff that includes college teachers working part time (from Canada College in Woodside), and mentors from nearby high-tech corporations and startups, both existing companies and those yet to be, said Sequoia district Superintendent Jim Lianides.

This confluence of talent and opportunity gives students the potential to graduate from high school with the freshman year of college complete. Another benefit: early exposure to Silicon Valley corporate culture, including mentor relationships that could extend into college, Mr. Lianides said.

The Sequoia district is building the school to address a projected enrollment surge,

Sequoia Union High School District

**Rendering** of the three-story, 43,000-square-foot high school planned for Jefferson Drive in Menlo Park.

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# What's up at local elementary schools

All of them started classes before Labor Day

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

One are the days when summer lasted until Labor Day: This year local elementary school districts began classes as early as Aug. 18 (Las Lomas Elementary School District), and as late as Sept. 1 (Menlo Park City School District).

The Portola Valley School District's classes began Aug. 22 and in the Woodside Elementary School District, opening day was Aug. 23.

Here are a few of the highlights of the new school year from each district:

## Menlo Park district

The big news in the Menlo Park City School District was the near completion of a brand new school, the Laurel School Upper Campus, for third- to fifth-graders.

The school isn't scheduled to be ready for students until Oct. 17, so for the first six weeks of school all the kindergarten to fifth-grade students from both Laurel campuses will be squeezing in to the original Laurel campus.

The district has hired 21 new teachers, two specialists and 11 non-teaching employees for the 2106-17 school year. They are:

At Encinal School: Stephanie Cox and Laura Griffith, kindergarten and Debi Rice, second grade.

At Hillview Middle School: Denise Dowsett, science; Carolyn Dodd and Libby Ellis, English language arts; Brigetta Brown, science; John Allen, Spanish; Patti Pope, math; and Cheryl Arner, PE.

At Laurel School: Dana Russell and Amanda Bower, third grade; Samantha Thomas, Megan Rompre and Rebecca Sullivan, kindergarten; Vicki Renard, speech and language pathologist; Alejandra Munoz, fourth-grade Spanish immersion; Luz Rico-Guillen, kindergarten Spanish immersion; Tim Mennuti, fourth grade; and Chrissy Platshon, psychologist.

At Oak Knoll School: Samantha Johns, band.

Non-teaching employees include bus driver Modesta Rosas; paraeducators Meredie Johnson, Alisa Falsetto, Malia

Mamou, Peter Hardy and Karin Sargis; library aides Jill Roumeliotis and Lynn Cox; science aides Janine Olivero and Audra Loftman; and family engagement coordinator Flor Espinoza.

The district expects enrollment to be about 3,010 students compared to 2,939 last September, an increase of 71 students. Enrollment at Hillview Middle School was up by 78 students, to 974 students.

## Woodside Elementary

The one-school Woodside Elementary School District finished a second phase of construction at the school this summer using bond money to replace the artificial turf on one playing field and renovate the natural turf on another field, add "safe routes to schools" safety improvements to parking lots on both sides of the school so children may walk or ride onto the campus protected from vehicle traffic, renovate the school's outdoor amphitheater, add energy efficient lighting to a gym, and add classroom door locks and new exterior lighting and signs.

Total enrollment from transitional kindergarten through eighth grade is projected to be 398 students, down from 409 in the 2015-16 school year. Superintendent Beth Polito said this year's kindergarten and transitional kindergarten classes are smaller than typical and that eight fifth-grade students are not returning for sixth grade.

New staff (or new positions for current staff) at Woodside Elementary are: Katie Cicero



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Woodside Elementary School teachers Nicki Edelman, left, and Gillian Parkhurst get tech training.

and Katie Simkins in fourth grade; Lindsay Pierce, fifth grade; Nicki Edelman, fifth grade; Kim Masunaga, roving sub; Nikkie Munneke, math; Kristina Valentine, social studies and language arts; Jennifer Parker, science; Steve Frank, social studies (as well as remaining middle school principal).

Monique Hunt is the student data coordinator, Marta Grau Batlle is the school psychologist, and Suzanne Drysdale is the early intervention reading specialist.

## Las Lomas

Las Lomas Elementary School District has been working to finalize plans for updating its school facilities. Construction will begin after the end of school in June.

At La Entrada middle school, a 21-classroom, two-story building will be constructed on the current blacktop area. The lunch and

blacktop areas will be relocated and an area with shade covering will be built. Part of an existing building wing will be demolished to create a new outdoor academic courtyard. Upgrades to site utilities, electrical services and fire alarms are also planned.

At Las Lomas School, a new kindergarten "village" is planned along with a new second-story classroom space above the kindergarten, a new administration building, and a new shade-covered lunch area. Bus and car drop-off zones will be reconfigured.

Eric Holm, the district's director of bond projects, says a team of more than two dozen architects, engineers, consultants and contractors are meeting weekly to design the La Entrada building.

Drawings for the Las Lomas upgrades should be ready to submit to the state for approval by December, he said.

New staff in the Las Lomas district: Fourth grade, Alexis Doucette and Jessica Sparagna-Drake; fifth grade, Richard Choi, Candice Johnson and Lowell Walker; seventh-grade core, Trevor McNeil; English (eighth grade), Katie Hatfield; music, Tony Lanzino; physical education, Julee Davies; assistant principal, Adrienne Philippe; counselor, Alexandra Brody; paraeducators, Lisa Becker, Victoria Berger, Christopher Dwyer, Joanne Kelleher and Susie Shipley; and specialists, Monica Donohoe (speech), Lisa Kirkpatrick and Courtney McAlpin (reading), and Jessica Taylor (occupational therapy).

Enrollment for the new school year will be close to 1,390 students, the district says, up five from the 1,385 last year.

## Portola Valley

In the Portola Valley School District, Ormondale principal Kevin Keegan left in June to take a job at the Santa Clara School District near his home. Sue Sartor, the former principal at Las Lomas School, is serving as interim principal while the district searches for a permanent replacement.

Eric Hartwig will continue as interim superintendent for the district through the school year.

The Portola Valley district has begun the process of preparing a facilities master plan by hiring CAW Architects to lead begin a comprehensive look at district's long-term infrastructure and program needs. A report is expected in spring of 2017.

New hires in the district include:

At Corte Madera (fourth to eighth grade): Teresa Richard, fourth- and fifth-grade science; Nikki Wright, special education; Michael Hua, math; Jennifer Dougherty, seventh- and eighth-grade science; and Judy Nelson, music.

At Ormondale (transitional kindergarten to third grade): Emily MacDonald, literacy; Sarrie Paruirgan, Maker Space coach; and Azadah Malek, math.

District enrollment is expected to be 628 slightly down from 635 last year. ■



CAW Architects/Courtesy Las Lomas School District

Rendering of a planned 21-classroom building and courtyard at La Entrada Middle School in Menlo Park. The district hopes to start construction in June.

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based on the growth in the numbers of students attending the elementary and middle schools that send students to Menlo-Atherton High School. The new school will meet all the high school graduation requirements for admission to college, including foreign language credits, Mr. Zito said, but will offer a smaller choice of electives.

**Five labs**

For now, the two buildings that will make up the three-story, 43,000-square-foot school exist only as an unfinished set of construction drawings. Final drawings are expected in late fall or early winter, Mr. Zito said.

The current estimate is about \$40 million to build

■ City rights group pushes school board to change system for electing board members. **See Page 20.**

the school, a figure that could rise but is not likely to drop, Mr. Zito said. The cost of electrical work has been running a “huge premium” recently, he said.

The design is the product of a “mild competition” among three architectural firms. The winner, LPA Inc., with offices in San Jose, was the most innovative, Mr. Zito said. He said he liked the design’s use of space and clear glass, with walls that open for collaboration and close for classes or small-group work. The building will take advantage of afternoon breezes and afternoon light, he said.

The plans include 15 classrooms and five labs: a maker-space lab, a design lab and traditional academic labs for biology, chemistry and physics, Mr. Zito said. The maker-space and design labs will have the equipment and flexibility for students to build robots and other prototypes or create dioramas and posters. The traditional labs will be key to providing students the foundations in science they’ll need as they work out their career plans, he said.

The focus on technology, engineering and design will mean tradeoffs in visual and performing arts programs, including orchestra and jazz. Some of that deficit may find expression in drama and music clubs, Mr. Zito said. Canada College will be handling the physical education part of the curriculum, he said. ■

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and the Nov. 4 SAT exam. Go to [mabears.org/SAT](http://mabears.org/SAT) for more information.

An art competition at M-A on the theme, “What is Your Story?” invites student work in photography, visual arts, music composition, film production, choreography and literature. Winning artists move on to district, state and sometimes national levels.

**New people**

Woodside High hired 15 new teachers, and M-A hired 30 and a counselor, the principals said. Among the factors: teachers moving out of the area because of the high costs of housing, Ms. Rick-Kennel said.

This year at Woodside, the English, mathematics and special education departments

each have three new teachers and there are two in the social studies department and four in the world language department. Most have been working in the Bay Area, though two are from the Midwest and one from Colorado. One was a substitute teacher at Woodside.

At M-A, several of the new teachers completed the Stanford (University) Teacher Education Program, but most are veterans. Three are former instructional aides in M-A’s special education department, Ms. Rick-Kennel said.

Vice principals? M-A has a few. Former administrative vice principal Karl Looskoot is now the instructional vice principal, taking over from longtime instructional vice principal Steve Lippi, who will be teaching math this year. Former administrative vice principal J.C. Farr took a position as principal at Tamalpais High School.

The new administrative vice principals at M-A are Brenda Bachechi, a former special education coordinator at the Sequoia district office; Janelle Bugarini, an M-A alumna and former Spanish teacher, dean and vice principal at Berkeley High School; and Daniel Chaja, formerly a science teacher and director of technology in Morgan Hill.

**New facilities**

In the world of bricks and mortar, the new G Wing at M-A is set to open in the spring with the completion of a two-story, 21-classroom \$27 million building. At Woodside, the concrete foundation is either complete or nearing completion for a new \$17 million STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) building with 10 classrooms, including labs for robotics, engineering and chemistry. This building is set to open in August 2017.

Woodside’s Bradley Field has new bleacher seats, a new track and a new look that is more in harmony with the architecture of the existing fieldhouse, performing arts center and administration and library building, Principal Diane Burbank said. The cost: About \$2.8 million, said Matthew Zito, the chief facilities officer of the Sequoia Union High School District.

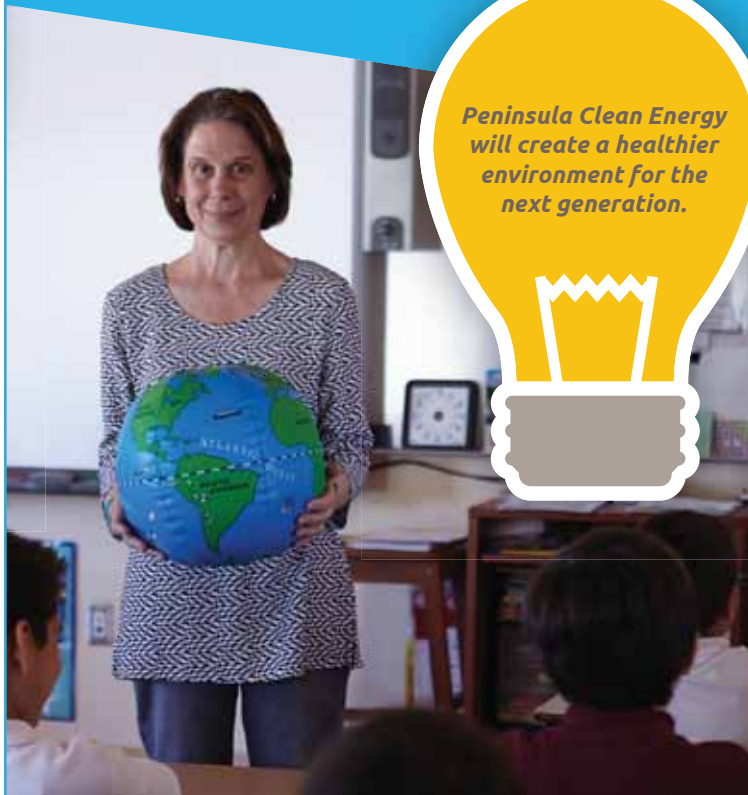
M-A added 130 bike racks to the faculty parking lot next at Oak Grove Avenue and Middlefield Road as part of an initiative to get people out of their cars. A new SamTrans bus, Route 81, runs between East Palo Alto and M-A, passing through Menlo Park’s Willows neighborhood via Menalto and Gilbert avenues. ■

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# Menlo Park receives plans for 16-bed boarding house

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

A three-story, 16-bedroom boarding house on Willow Road could be in Menlo Park's future, according to a proposal recently submitted to the Menlo Park Planning Department.

A 6,274-square-foot building

would be constructed at 555 to 557 Willow Road, the site of Menlo BBQ restaurant. The plan is to keep the restaurant but remove an unused office building. Eight parking spaces would be added to the six there, resulting in a total of 14 spots.

Each unit in the boarding house would have a bedroom and bathroom, with a

shared kitchen and common area, according to Menlo Park senior planner, Kyle Perata. He said he is not aware of any other such facility in the city.

The proposal comes roughly two years after an earlier iteration of the project was reviewed by the city's Planning Commission. At the time, owner Reza Valiye and architect David Claydon proposed two separate buildings, each with five units.

The project has been modified in response to criticisms from the commissioners. Now, the plans appear to be more clear about the owner's intent to rent the units for single-room occupancy and to completely demolish the office building on the site, rather than leaving the remains of the building as a foundation for the new structure.

The owner, Mr. Valiye, owns apartments and boarding houses in Berkeley and has in the past been criticized for maintaining facilities that did not meet the city's housing



City of Menlo Park

A sketch of a three-story, 16-bed boarding house proposed for 555 Willow Road in Menlo Park.

## Five candidates vie for two school board seats

Five candidates have filed to run in the Nov. 8 election for two open seats on the board of the Menlo Park City School District.

The candidates are Caroline Lucas, an educator; 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.

Incumbents Jeff Child and Maria Hilton did not file for re-election, which extended the filing period through Aug. 17. Ms. Lucas filed during the extended filing period.

The board has five members and the election is to four-year terms.

codes, according to Tenants Together, a California tenants' advocacy organization.

The Planning Commission could be the final decision-making body to give permission for the project, Mr. Perata said, though the commission has not yet determined a meet-

ing date to study or review the proposal.

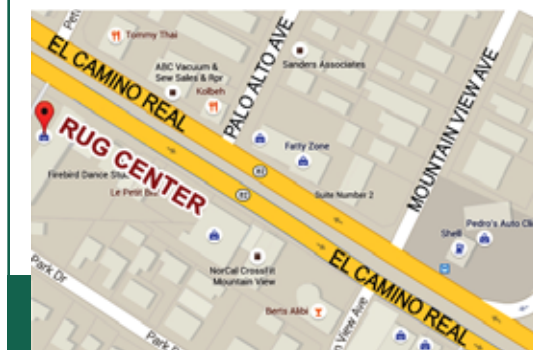
People may submit comments or questions to Kyle Perata at (650) 330-6721 or ktperata@menlopark.org by Thursday, Sept. 1, for staff to consider before they prepare a report on the project. ■

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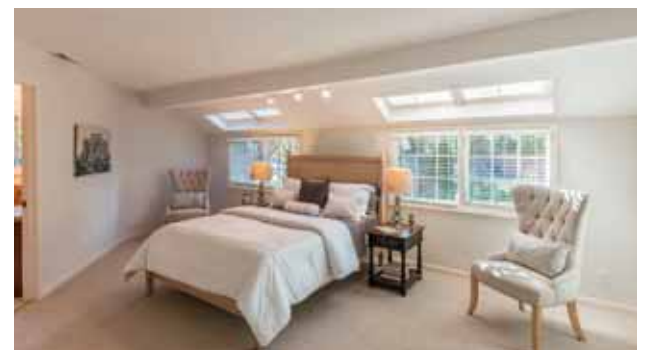
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# Caltrain electrification gets \$20M state grant

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) announced Aug. 17 that it will give Caltrain one of 14 cap-and-trade grants focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving the state's public-transportation infrastructure.

Caltrain will receive \$20 million in state Cap and Trade funds for its electrification project, which will replace the transportation agency's diesel equipment with high-performance electric trains, allowing Caltrain

to provide faster, more frequent service along its 51-mile corridor between San Francisco and San Jose while reducing emissions, according to a news release.

The project, according to CalSTA, will reduce emissions by 97 percent by 2040, and reduce greenhouse gases by 176,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide a year.

"This is a transformative moment for transportation in the Bay Area," Silicon Valley Leadership Group President and

CEO Carl Guardino said in a statement. "This project means more commute options and faster travel times for thousands of current Caltrain riders and it allows the system's ridership capacity to grow, preparing the corridor to connect to new BART stations in San Jose and Santa Clara."

The California High-Speed Rail Authority has committed \$713 million to the \$1.98 billion electrification project, according to the news release. The project will also be funded

through a combination of federal, regional and member-agency contributions.

Caltrain's congressional delegation announced Aug. 16 that

the electrification project was one of two projects accepted into the engineering phase of the Federal Transit Administration Core Capacity Program, which is expected to provide \$643 million toward the project.

— Palo Alto Weekly staff

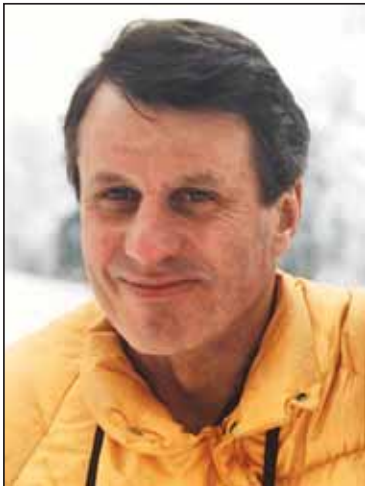
## Justin Manning Jacobs, Jr.

August 28, 1933 – August 7, 2016

Justin Manning Jacobs, Jr., a beloved son, father, grandfather, brother, companion, and friend, lost his valiant battle with cancer on August 7, 2016. He was 82 years old. He passed peacefully at home with loved ones by his side.

Justin was born August 28, 1933, in San Francisco to Justin Manning Jacobs and Nita Mae Jacobs. He graduated from Stanford University and served in the U.S. Army. He later graduated from the Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley. He practiced law in San Francisco for a time but was drawn by his father, Justin, Sr., into the world of commercial real estate development in what would eventually become Silicon Valley. It was in this realm that Justin found his niche and transcended his parents' dreams.

Justin was an accomplished attorney and real estate developer; he took over the helm of the family real estate business in the 1970s, and for 40 years, fearlessly navigated through the boom-bust cycles of the Silicon Valley market. Justin was a Renaissance man. He was an inventor who spent countless hours on mass transportation concepts and solar vehicles. He created a revolutionary elevator system, for which he held several patents. Justin loved to demonstrate his inventions and, with a twinkle in his eye, confound his audience. He was a scientist, cosmologist, and intrepid challenger to Albert Einstein's theory of relativity as well as the Big Bang theory — a twenty-year passion. Justin studied the planet at the cosmic, global, and personal levels. Justin was an avid auction attendee and procurer of antiques, which he generously and enthusiastically showered upon his family and friends. He was a keen student of history and had an acute interest in international and domestic affairs. Justin had a sharp wit and a commanding presence. He enjoyed a spirited debate. He was an extraordinary writer of legal and logical arguments; Justin once wrote his own Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals brief, and won his appeal *in pro per*. Brilliant



and eccentric, he delighted those he held dear.

Justin loved his family fiercely. He guided his children with love, curiosity, and an eye toward adventure. Justin was a dreamer. He lived larger than life. He was larger than

life. For many years, Justin loved spending time at Château de la Motte in Château-Renard, France, flying in his hot-air balloon while generously hosting family, friends, and even strangers. With laser-focused determination, he taught his children to work hard and "hit thumbtacks with sledgehammers," as his father Justin, Sr., had taught him so many years before. He was thoughtful and meticulous, and yet, he had an

unbridled spirit for adventure. He took great risks and reaped great rewards throughout his many business dealings, travels, passions, and creative interests.

One week before he died, following bad news from his doctor, he smiled and told his children, "Stop crying, it will be fine. Go out to dinner on me." He leaves behind, with saddened hearts: son Justin Jacobs and Kimball Harris; son Scott Jacobs and Jing Jacobs; son Garrett Jacobs; daughter Kathryn Jacobs and Cliff Newell; grandsons Trevor Kull, Dustin Kull, Jaxon Jacobs, Justin Jacobs, and Jazper Jacobs; granddaughter Skyler May Jacobs; sister Nancy Macy; and loving companion Nancy Collins.

According to Ralph Waldo Emerson, "To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded."

You knocked it out of the park, Dad. We miss you dearly.

## Squirrel causes power outage

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

The flash of an explosion, the sounding of a fire alarm and the darkness of a power outage all followed in quick succession around 6:33 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, near 1275 Crane St. in downtown Menlo Park.

The power outage left two people trapped in elevators at 1275 and 1331 Crane St. Fire crews arrived shortly thereafter and those trapped were freed within 20 minutes, according to Menlo Park Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman.

When local residents went out to investigate the cause of the explosion, they found their smoking gun: a smoldering squirrel, found in the

gutter near the power lines, according to Fire Captain Seth Johnson.

The squirrel apparently tried to bite the power line, PG&E representatives said, and that likely caused the explosion and the resulting outage.

PG&E was on the scene within a half hour and electricity was restored by around 8 p.m. The area affected by the outage contained roughly 1,700 PG&E electricity customers, according to Mr. Schapelhouman.

"Sadly, I'm told, the perpetrator, a Grey Squirrel, sustained significant injuries from both electrocution and a significant fall that ended his life," he said. "It all happened in the blink of an eye and we don't think he suffered at all." ▀

## Ferne Calcaterra

Ferne Calcaterra, daughter of the late Lyla and Earl Edwards, wife of the late Ralph Calcaterra, beloved mother of Melissa Calcaterra Freeman and Richard Calcaterra, and beloved grandmother of Christian, Riley, and Alison Freeman, passed away at her home in Atherton. She was surrounded by her family along with her caregivers Fipe and Mele.

Ferne was born February 3, 1925 in Paris, Illinois. As a young woman Ferne excelled in tennis and golf, passions she held onto throughout her life. After moving several times, she settled in Menlo Park. It was there that she met her husband Ralph Calcaterra, to whom she was married to for sixty-five years.

Ferne and Ralph soon thereafter bought their first house in Atherton, and were considered among some of the earliest settlers of Lindenwood. It was there that they built their first residence. Ferne was deeply involved in the community, volunteering at Allied Arts, Peninsula Volunteers, and Sacred Heart Schools. She was an early member of Sharon Heights Country Club, Los Altos Hills Country Club, and the Menlo Circus Club.

In 1964, Ferne purchased her beloved Atherton residence without her husband's knowledge. Ferne loved to entertain family and friends in her beautiful garden. Due to her fondness for her gardens, Ferne designed beautiful floral arrangements, which allowed her to express her deeply creative side.

Ferne's beautiful spirit and dry sense of humor will be profoundly missed by all who knew her. A private celebration of her life was held at Holy Cross Cemetery, and a small reception was held in her garden.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to Fipe, Mele and Patty for their dedicated care. To honor Ferne's life, please send donations to the ASPCA, or the Peninsula Volunteers.





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■ POLICE CALLS

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**MENLO PARK**

**Residential burglaries:**

■ An unlocked sliding glass door may have been the means by which a burglar entered a home on Carlton Avenue and stole jewelry, three laptop computers, a 27-inch display screen, a religious statue and \$500 in cash. Estimated losses: \$12,900. Aug. 13.

■ Someone stole a locked bicycle from an apartment carport in the 500 block of University Avenue. Estimated loss: \$1,000. Aug. 16.

**Commercial burglaries:**

■ A burglar used a tool of some kind to enter Chestnut Lane Hair Styles in downtown Menlo Park. Stolen were hair shears, razors and clippers. Estimated losses: \$4,400. Aug. 8.

■ A surveillance camera showed two people breaking into an Intuit Corporation building on Jefferson Drive and stealing "what appears to be" a computer monitor. The burglars were wearing hoodies and gloves, which hid their identities, police said. No estimate on losses. Aug. 17.

■ Police arrested and jailed a San Jose man as he was sitting in a vehicle in a parking lot behind Western Allied Mechanical Inc. on O'Brien Drive after an employee identified the man as a suspect in an attempted burglary of the company earlier that day. After the business had closed for the day, the employee had encountered a stranger inside carrying a cloth bag in which were items belonging to the business, including food, papers and checks made out to the business, police said. The employee took the bag and called police, who made the arrest. Aug. 10.

■ Someone tried, unsuccessfully, to break into Z-Ultimate Self Defense Studio on Chestnut Street. No losses. Aug. 8.

■ A burglar pried open the back door of the Menlo Beauty Salon on Crane Street, but apparently took nothing. Aug. 9.

**Auto burglaries:**

■ Someone forced down the front windows of a vehicle parked on Encinal Avenue and stole a drone, a cellphone and a skateboard. Estimated loss: \$2,050. Aug. 18.

■ A thief broke into a locked vehicle parked at Bedwell Bayfront Park on Marsh Road and stole a purse, including a driver's license and credit cards. Estimated loss: \$319. Aug. 15.

■ Leaving no visible signs of a break-in, someone stole registration and insurance paperwork from the glove compartment of a vehicle parked on Roble Avenue. Aug. 8.

**Theft:**

■ In a cold case, a resident of Menlo Avenue told police that in July, someone had stolen his laptop computer while it been unattended at the Rosewood Hotel on Sand Hill Road. Estimated loss: \$2,500. Aug. 8.

■ Someone stole a motorized bicycle locked to a bike rack in the vicinity of Menlo Avenue and Crane Street. Estimated loss: \$1,700. Aug. 5.

■ Tires were stolen from the side yard of a home on Marmona Drive. Estimated loss: \$1,500. Aug. 8.

■ A thief stole a locked bicycle from a bike rack in the 500 block of Laurel Street. Estimated loss: \$1,170. Aug. 8.

■ A guitar and \$300 in cash were stolen after they had been left unattended in a parking lot in the 100 block of Middlefield Road. Estimated loss: \$900. Aug. 5.

■ Someone stole a bike from the carport of an apartment complex on Curtis Way. Estimated loss: \$900. Aug. 7.

■ About 10 bottles of champagne were stolen from Safeway supermarket on Sharon Park Drive. A suspect left in a blue Lexus SUV. Estimated loss: \$700. Aug. 13.

■ A thief stole an unattended bicycle from outside an apartment complex on San Antonio Street. Estimated loss: \$500. Aug. 8.

■ A locked bike was stolen from the rack

in front of Arrillaga gym on Alma Street. Estimated loss: \$400. Aug. 18.

■ Someone stole a tablet computer left unattended in the front yard of a home on Carlton Avenue. Estimated loss: \$250. Aug. 16.

■ Someone stole a purse from under the front counter at The Cool Cafe on O'Brien Drive. Inside were a wallet, credit card, driver's license, car keys and \$150 in cash. Estimated loss: \$231. Aug. 10.

■ A man and a woman reportedly stole

cosmetic items from the CVS pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real. Estimated loss: \$127. Aug. 9.

■ The handlebars were stolen from a bicycle parked on Coleman Place. Estimated loss: \$100. Aug. 8.

■ Someone stole a boombox and \$5 in change from an unlocked vehicle parked on Haight Street. Estimated loss: \$55. Aug. 18.

■ Another unlocked vehicle parked on Haight Street is missing a removable center

console. Estimated loss: \$3

■ Someone stole "a large magnet" from the side of a vehicle. Estimated loss: \$15. Aug. 11.

**Fraud:** Hackers implanted ransomware in the server of a dentist's office on Oak Grove Avenue. The victims told police they would be paying the ransom. An investigation was suspended for a lack of leads, police said. Aug. 5.

## Menlo Park VA discusses construction plans

The Department of Veterans Affairs campus in Menlo Park is inviting the public to a community meeting on Thursday, Aug. 25, to discuss construction plans on the campus and their potential impact on nearby residents.

The meeting will run from 6 to 7 p.m. at 795 Willow Road.

In June, many Menlo Park residents expressed concern, and some outrage, about the VA's plans to cut down 25

■ BRIEFS

trees. Twenty-four of those trees would have counted as "heritage trees" in the city of Menlo Park, but were located on VA property, which is federal land not subject to the same protections.

Go to [tinyurl.com/VA346](http://tinyurl.com/VA346) for more information.

**Drones**

Jeff Sloan, a geographer

from the U.S. Geological Survey, will give a free public lecture in Menlo Park on Thursday, Aug. 25, about how drones are being used for science. The talk starts at 7 p.m. in Menlo Park at the Rambo Auditorium (Building 3, second floor) at the U.S. Geological Survey at 345 Middlefield Road.

Go to [tinyurl.com/drones478](http://tinyurl.com/drones478) for more information. The talk can also be watched live online.

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# Civil rights group pushes school district board to change system for electing board members

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

A Latino civil rights group recently called out the Sequoia Union High School District, telling the school board to either change its system of electing members to the board and correct possible noncompliance with California's Voting Rights Act, or face a lawsuit that, based on precedent, would likely compel the change.

After a third public discussion of the matter, the board voted unanimously Aug. 17 to begin a process that would end at-large voting, in which each board member is elected by voters from the entire school district. The expense of campaigning to get the attention of the 125,000 registered voters can be high, often too high for candidates from communities of color.

The new system would have the Sequoia district divided into separate trustee areas for voting purposes — “communities of interest” of about the same population size and with demographic factors shared in common. The voters in each trustee area would elect a member to the board; the candidate would have to live within the area's boundaries.

The board commissioned an analysis of the district's options after receiving a letter in May

from the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund threatening the lawsuit. Of the district's 243,514 residents, 30 percent are Latino and 12 percent identify as Asian American, the report says.

Of the five current board members, all are white and none live in a Latino community. In March 2015, the board appointed Laura Martinez of East Palo Alto to complete the term of retiring member Olivia Martinez (no relation), who lived in Menlo Park. But in November 2015, Laura Martinez ran for re-election as an appointed incumbent but did not win enough votes to retake her seat.

Since the Voting Rights Act came into effect in 2002, it has figured in switches to area elections in at least 135 school districts, 27 community college districts, 30 cities and one county (San Mateo County for Board of Supervisors elections), according to Justin Levitt of National Demographics Corporation, a specialist in local government redistricting.

One city, Palmdale, went to court, lost on the merits and paid \$4.5 million in a settlement, he said.

Implementing the switch to

area elections will not be easy or simple. The first order of business, for example, is coming up with a map that evenly divides the district's population into five (or seven) areas.

The areas should account for the existence of neighborhoods and factors such as race, income level and school attendance area, Mr. Levitt said. It should be possible to traverse an entire area without leaving it, he said. Race must be a criteria, but it cannot be the only criteria.

Ahead for the Sequoia board are several community outreach meetings and at least three public hearings.

## Twists and turns

The board can choose to make the switch in time for the November 2017 or November 2018 election. Given the scale of the undertaking, November 2018 is a likely goal, board members said.

There are complications. Of the five board members, two live in Menlo Park, two live in the Belmont/San Carlos area, and one lives in Redwood City.

In coming up with maps, a trustee area that includes Menlo Park, home to board members Chris Thomsen and Allen Wein-

er, could result in one of the two leaving the board. But, Deputy County Counsel David Silberman said, such a result could be interpreted as thwarting the will of the voters who elected them.

Election turnout is another factor. All Sequoia board members now run for election in odd years, notorious for low turnouts. A new state law requires shifting to even-year elections unless it can be shown that odd-year turnouts meet an acceptable threshold, Mr. Levitt said.

It's likely that the Sequoia district will have to shift to even-year elections, Mr. Silberman said, which could mean the board would have to decide on whether to extend members' terms by a year.

A decision to extend a member's term would require approval of the county Board of Supervisors, said Kathryn E. Meola, chief deputy in the County Counsel's Office.

The board is not required to put the redistricting question before the voters. It's common practice for school boards to apply to the state Board of Education for a waiver, and it's common for the state board to grant it, Mr. Levitt said.

## Board comments

Mr. Weiner acknowledged the inexorability of switching

to trustee area elections, adding that he believed the current board represents all district students. His concern: that area elections could pit high school attendance areas against one another, possibly leading to congressional-style pork-barrel politics.

Mr. Thomsen said he is curious about cumulative voting, in which each voter gets as many votes as there are seats and may freely allocate them among the candidates running. For example, if there are seven candidates running for three seats, a voter could cast three votes for one candidate or two for one and one for another, or another combination.

This system, used at corporate shareholder meetings, “helps strengthen the ability of minority shareholders to elect a director,” according to the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Board member Carrie DuBois referred to herself as a student of race and inequity with a lot to learn. “I think there's some things we just can't know because we're not minorities,” she said. “We didn't walk on that road, so it is important to have minority representation.”

“This is a very good move for the district,” she said, “so we can change from an all-white board to a board that really looks like our community.”

## CALENDAR

Go to [AlmanacNews.com/calendar](http://AlmanacNews.com/calendar) to see more local calendar listings.

### Theater

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

**Kim Cromwell's 'Abelia'** One-woman play 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'** San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's 34th season of Free Shakespeare in the Park presents “The Winter's Tale.” It features music, dance and 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)

### Music

**The Corner Laughers at Menlo Park Library** Local indie-pop band (featuring Palo Alto Weekly Arts Editor Karla Kane) performs 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)

**Lifetree Cafe: Trapped: A Stripper's Journey Out of Hopelessness** Program features filmed interview with a woman who began working in the adult-entertainment industry at age 18. Participants will share times in their 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)

**Live in concert: Charged Particles** plays contemporary jazz with elements of Latin, funk and other music 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** Redwood City Improvement Association invites public to see 3D video-mapping light and sound show. San Mateo County History Museum transformed into work of art every Tuesday evening. 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** series with lineup of musical groups performing rock, blues, reggae, country and more. Fridays, through Sept. 2, 6-8 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

**Solo Sitar Concert** Sitar maestro Pandit Habib Khan presents one of his students, Kailash Ranganathan, on the sitar, performing Hindustani classical music. 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 & Authors

**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)

**Public Education: What's New? What's Myth? What's True?** Panel of education leaders discuss commonly accepted myths and share little-known facts. Attendants will learn what they can do to help. Speakers: Jean-Marie Houston, director of the Early Learning Support Services of the San Mateo County Office of Education; Jennifer Bestor, research director for Educate our State; and Melinda Dart, president of the executive board of the San Mateo County Central Labor Council. Sept. 7, 7-9 p.m. Free. United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road, Redwood City. [smcdfa.org](http://smcdfa.org)

**Dr. Erica Reischer: What Great Parents Do: 75 Proven Strategies for Raising Kids Who Thrive** Clinical psychologist and parent educator, Dr. Erica Reischer, distills information about parenting into bite-size pieces. Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [keplers.com](http://keplers.com)

**Fashionable Filoli: Historic Costumes** Head Curator and Collection Manager, Julie Bly DeVere, will share the Bourn and Roth family connections of 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)

**Bay Area photographer Ken Light** presents his new photo book, “What's Going On? 1969-1974.” During these years, Mr. 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)

**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)

**Tahereh Mafi in conversation with Ransom Riggs**, author of “Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children.” The movie opens Sept. 30. They will discuss Mafi's new book, “Furthermore.” Sept. 1, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [keplers.com](http://keplers.com)

### Fundraisers

**Big Bad Barn Dance at Folger Stable**, hosted by Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks, features a live caller and band, catered BBQ and local craft beer and wine. 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 for 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)

**Paws for Tales** Attendants will have the opportunity to read to a specially trained dog provided by the Peninsula Humane Society. Aug. 25, 2:30 p.m. Free. Schaberg Branch Library, 2140 Euclid Ave., Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.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)

### Film

**'Dust-Flower-Flame'** As part of the Stanford Festival of Iranian Arts, there will be a screening of “Dust-Flower-Flame,” a documentary about the Iranian poet and theologian Tahiri Qurratul Ayn, considered one of the most important figures of the feminist movements in 19th century Iran. Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**'Minions'** As part of the Menlo Movie Series, 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)

**'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, sundown. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)



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**995 Fictitious Name  
Statement**

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File No.: 270082  
The following person (persons) is (are)  
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ETR LLC, located at 527 Harison Ave.,  
Redwood California, 94062, San Mateo  
County.  
Registered owner(s):  
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527 Harison Ave.  
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This business is conducted by: A Limited  
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business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on N/A.  
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County on July 21, 2016.  
(ALM Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 270160  
The following person (persons) is (are)  
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Club Dr., Carmel Valley, CA 93924, San  
Mateo County; Mailing address: P.O. Box  
398, Carmel CA 93924.  
Registered owner(s):  
JOAN T. HARLEM  
204 Country Club Dr.  
Carmel Valley, CA 93924  
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Individual.  
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name(s) listed above on 9-19-2006.  
This statement was filed with the  
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County on July 27, 2016.  
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JUST IMAGINE, CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 270078  
The following person(s) is (are) doing  
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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  
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Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
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name(s) listed above on 11/6/06.  
This statement was filed with the  
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THE BIG APPLE LLC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 270246  
The following person (persons) is (are)  
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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  
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InsourcTalent.com  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 270251  
The following person (persons) is (are)  
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Lane, Redwood City, CA 94065, San  
Mateo County; Mailing address: P.O. Box  
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Registered owner(s):  
VINCENT SMITH  
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Redwood City, CA 94065  
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business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on N/A.  
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File No.: 270278  
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1181 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, CA  
94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
LAURA PHUNG SPILMAN  
1039 Fremont St. #4  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
MICHAEL CHARLES SPILMAN  
1039 Fremont St. #4  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: Married  
Couple.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo  
County on August 8, 2016.  
(ALM Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sept. 7, 2016)

MODIFIED HABITAT HANDYMAN  
SERVICES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 270328  
The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
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.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo  
County on August 11, 2016.  
(ALM Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sept. 7, 2016)

File No. 270368  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
The following person(s) is (are) doing  
business as: Kindred at Home, 355  
Gellert Blvd., Suite 110, Daly City, CA  
94015, County of San Mateo  
Registered Owner(s): Professional  
Healthcare at Home, LLC, 680 South  
Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40202,  
California  
This business is conducted by:  
a limited liability company.  
The registrant commenced to transact  
business under the fictitious business  
name or names listed above on: N/A.  
I declare that all information in this  
statement is true and correct. (A regis-  
trant who declares as true information  
which he or she knows to be false is  
guilty of a crime.)  
Signature of Registrant:  
Joseph Landenwich  
Print name of person signing. If corpora-  
tion, also print corporate title of officer:  
Joseph Landenwich  
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary  
This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk of SAN MATEO COUNTY on  
August 15, 2016.  
Notice - In accordance with subdivision  
(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name  
Statement generally expires at the end  
of five years from the date on which  
it was filed in the Office of the County  
Clerk. Except, as provided in subdivision  
(b) of Section 17920, where it expires  
40 days after any change in the facts  
set forth in the statement pursuant to  
Section 17913 other than a change in the  
residence address of a registered  
owner. A New Fictitious Business Name  
Statement must be filed before the  
expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of  
itself authorize the use in this state of  
a Fictitious Business Name in violation  
of the rights of another under Federal,  
State, or Common Law (See Section  
14411 et seq., Business and Professions  
Code).  
Original  
MARK CHURCH, COUNTY CLERK  
SAN MATEO COUNTY  
BY: GLENN S. CHANGTIN,  
Deputy Clerk  
CN927982 10109166 SO Aug. 24, 31,  
Sept. 7, 14, 2016  
ALM

**997 All Other Legals**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE  
OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY  
OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 16CIV00364  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: VALERIE KERR filed a petition  
with this court for a decree changing

names as follows:  
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 sched-  
uled to be heard and must appear at the  
hearing to show cause why the petition  
should not be granted. If no written  
objection is timely filed, the court may  
grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING: September 14,  
2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D of  
the Superior Court of California, County  
of San Mateo, located at 400 County  
Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.  
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
shall be published at least once each  
week for four successive weeks prior to  
the date set for hearing on the petition  
in the following newspaper of general  
circulation, printed in this county: THE  
ALMANAC  
Date: July 21, 2016  
/s/ John L. Grandsaert  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE  
OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY  
OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 16CIV00401  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: JOSE OCTAVIO JARA filed  
a petition with this court for a decree  
changing names as follows:  
JOSE OCTAVIO JARA to LEVI JACOBS  
JARA.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons  
interested in this matter appear before  
this court at the hearing indicated  
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**PROTECT  
YOUR  
LEGAL  
RIGHTS**

If it has been 5 years  
since you filed your  
Fictitious Business Name  
Statement (your D.B.A.),  
you must file again to  
protect your legal rights.  
Check your records now  
to see if your D.B.A.  
expires this year.  
Then call the Almanac,  
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for assistance in refiling.  
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