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Critics knock plans for new high school

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Big players are weighing in against plans by the Sequoia Union High School District to build a high school in the M-2 light industrial zone in Menlo Park east of U.S. 101. The critics include the city of Menlo Park, the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and developer David Bohannon.

Among the complaints: a draft environmental impact report on the project was inadequate in analyzing the high school's impact on morning and afternoon traffic; the site was poorly chosen, given the difficulty in establishing safe routes to school in a commercial area bordered by heavily traveled arterial roads; and the district did not meet state standards in its proposals to mitigate these and other impacts.

On top of that, a map prepared by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District shows the site at 150 Jefferson Drive to be all but surrounded by companies with permits to use hazardous materials. Joining the fire district in criticizing the draft report was Exponent Inc., a failure-analysis and research firm located adjacent to the school site.

They question location in light industrial area of Menlo Park.

Asked to comment on the criticism, district Superintendent Jim Lianides replied via email: "We will be developing our responses, which will include a number of additional mitigation measures, and these will be incorporated into the final EIR that will be presented to the Board of Trustees."

The site "was the best available site in terms of size and southern location," Mr. Lianides continued. "The fact is that there is very little land available in our area. Given the school's technology focus, the location will also best facilitate linked learning relationships with surrounding high tech businesses."

Why the new school?

The high school district board decided it needed a small school in Menlo Park after learning in 2013 of a coming multi-year enrollment surge, particularly at Menlo-Atherton High School.

The school board requested and voters approved Measure A in June 2014, allowing the district to borrow up to \$265 million from bond markets to address facilities needs. The district is likely to spend about \$40 million on the new 400-student school.

Plans for the 44,000-square-



Menlo Park Fire Protection District

This map by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District shows the location of operations with hazardous materials permits (in pink) and the planned high school site (in yellow).

foot school include 15 classrooms and five labs, including maker-space and design labs equipped for building prototypes as well as dioramas and posters.

A focus on technology would be in keeping with the school's surroundings. Within blocks are offices of Facebook, Intuit and Oracle and some 15 other

high-tech corporations, most involved in health sciences. The proximity of these companies could help students develop mentorships that extend into college, Superintendent Lianides said.

Since the district cannot assign students to the school, an interesting and unique curriculum is probably vital to

attracting students, particularly students assigned to M-A, an academic powerhouse that offers more electives than any small school could match.

Students, not adults

Companies that use hazardous materials can get permits

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Schools: State releases results of new standardized testing

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

California has released 2016 results of the new computerized standardized assessments that test whether students are meeting the standards of the new Common Core curriculum the state's public schools have been adopting.

The Common Core attempts to standardize nationally what kindergarten through 12th grade students should know in English and math at the end of each grade.

The so-called Smarter Balanced assessments that California students were given test how students meet those Common Core standards. This was the second year the tests were given.

All the elementary school districts in the Almanac's circulation area, except for the Ravenswood City School District, placed well above the state's average in the tests of English language arts and literacy and of math.

Woodside Elementary had the highest overall percentage of students who met or exceeded the standard for their grade level in English, with 86 percent, and tied with the Portola Valley School District in math with 83 percent.

Local high schools were about even with the state averages for high schools.

Statewide, about 49 percent of students met or exceeded the standards in English for their grade level, and about 37 percent did so in math.

More than 3.2 million students took the standardized tests in California.

The online tests base questions designed to test critical-thinking and problem-solving skills on the student's success with the previous question. With a right answer, a more difficult question is asked; with a wrong answer, the next question is easier.

There are four categories: exceeding the standard for grade level, at the standard, nearly at the standard, and below the standard.

Parents will receive the results for their children in the mail.

At tinyurl.com/Results-SB are results for the state, county, districts and schools.

Students in third through

eighth grades and in 11th grade were tested.

The results

Here are the percentage of students who met or exceeded standards in local school districts:

■ Las Lomitas: 85 percent English; 80 percent math (best grade: third, with 91 percent in each area).

■ Menlo Park City: 82 percent English; 81 percent math (best grades: eighth, 88 percent in English; third, 84 percent in math).

■ Portola Valley: 85 percent English; 83 percent math (best grades: seventh, with 89 percent in English and 88 percent in math; third grade also had 88 percent in math).

■ Woodside: 86 percent English; 83 percent math (best

grade: seventh, 94 percent in both English and math).

■ Ravenswood City: 19 percent English; 12 percent math (best grades: eighth, with 26 percent in English, and third, with 17 percent in math).

At Woodside High School, 57 percent of 11th graders met or exceeded the standards in English and 34 percent did so in math.

At Menlo-Atherton High School, 61 percent of 11th graders met or exceeded the standards in English and 49 percent did so in math.

Statewide, 59 percent of 11th-graders met or exceeded the English standards and 33 percent did so in math. The state says meeting the standard means students are "conditionally ready" for college-level work. ■

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from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District when their operations exceed emission thresholds defined by the state, Fire Marshal Jon Johnston told the Almanac. The fire district inspects the facilities annually, he said, adding that the map included in the fire district's comments was about a week old.

With a school in the vicinity, delivery of hazardous materials acquires added risk, Chief Schapelhouman said in an email, in that trucks use the same roads that students use to walk, bike or drive, "increasing the chances of emergency incidents that (were) not there before," he said.

Some emergencies require a building's occupants to shelter in place, an order that becomes more complicated when the building is a school, the chief said. "Students ... are not adults, do not have experience with decision making during emergencies, have tendencies to not listen and are not aware of what consequences could occur due to their actions or inaction," he said.

In its comments, Exponent Inc. asserts that a school next door would have a "detrimental impact" on the company's engineering and scientific-testing business. The draft environmental impact report says the school district investigated and concluded that Exponent "(does not) use significant quantities of hazardous material and pose(s) a low risk to the future occupants of the school."

Traffic impacts

The city of Menlo Park also complained about the location. A letter from City Manager Alex McIntyre's office asserted that the site conflicts with state standards requiring a school to be located "within the proposed attendance area to encourage student walking and avoid extensive busing unless bus-

ing is used to promote ethnic diversity."

The city takes issue with Sequoia district statements that the school site is 0.2 miles from the Suburban Park-Lorelei Manor-Flood Triangle neighborhoods, and 0.4 miles from Belle Haven.

The city contends that, when using roads and streets, the distances are 2.4 miles to Suburban Park, 1.5 miles to Lorelei Manor, 2 miles to Flood Triangle and 1.2 miles to Belle Haven. And getting to school on these streets, some without sidewalks, would necessitate crossing Bayfront Expressway and/or Marsh Road at U.S. 101, the city says.

The district acknowledges such problems. The school would add vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians to roads that "generally lack continuous pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the vicinity of the school," according to the draft report. The situation could cause or contribute to dangerous interactions between and among these travelers, possibly resulting in "injuries, accidents and near-misses," the report says.

To address such risks the district proposes a map, republished yearly and widely distributed, identifying "facilities such as traffic lights, crosswalks, and demarcated bikeways that promote safe routes to school."

The district would also propose that SamTrans, the public bus service, establish local services for the 2021-22 school year.

There is no evidence that a map would effectively address the safe-routes issues, said Attorney Frank R. Petrilli, representing Bohannon Development Company, in extensive comments on the draft report. He also knocked the school district for not fully accounting for morning and afternoon peak traffic impacts, and for not offering to share costs with the city of Menlo Park to mitigate such impacts. ■

Video: Trans women & HIV

The Menlo Park-based Kaiser Family Foundation, with UC San Francisco and "VHIV Healthcare" (an HIV therapy pharmaceutical company), has released a video series on YouTube called "Empowered: Trans Women and HIV," in which a number of transgender women

speak about living with HIV.

Go to youtube.com/greater-than-aids to see the videos. The foundation reports that according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, one in four trans women in the U.S. has HIV and one in two black trans women in the U.S. has HIV.

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Aircraft noise nuisance ruling: San Mateo County wins appeal

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

San Mateo County doesn't have to pay a \$1,000 small-claims judgment related to noisy planes using the county's San Carlos Airport, a judge ruled on Aug. 26. He said, however, that the matter should be heard in a court where a judge has the authority to issue an injunction to stop the noise.

San Mateo County Superior Court Judge John L. Grandsaert said that the issue of noise from Surf Air planes "strikes me as something larger than a small-claims case." The judge said the case presented by North Fair Oaks resident Adam Ullman was "one of the best small-claims presentations I've ever experienced."

However, he said, "it strikes me that what you're seeking" is "an end to this noise."

"You want that stopped. That's what's called injunctive relief," Judge Grandsaert said. "I'm with you in terms of your concerns and your presentation. I'm really not with you so far as why this case should be in small claims court."

After spending Friday morning listening to Mr. Ullman's presentation in the Redwood City county courthouse, Judge Grandsaert ruled that Mr. Ullman hadn't proved specific damages to himself from the Surf Air planes that follow a flight path directly over his home on their way to the county-owned and operated San Carlos Airport, and therefore he didn't have grounds to claim damages.

"I want to make it very clear. ... this decision does not have any effect in terms of establishing a precedent of whether an action for injunctive relief is brought in the proper court," he said. "I can't grant injunctive relief."

An injunction is a court order that a defendant stop doing something.

The judge also said that while in most cases the losing party must pay the winning party's court costs, in this case, "each party is directed to pay their own costs."

Deputy County Counsel Brian Wong had argued, using a 1907 case cited as a precedent in a 1991 case, that Mr. Ullman needed to prove that he had suffered damage "different in kind and not merely in degree from that suffered by the general public."

The state law governing nui-

sances (California Civil Code Section 3493) says that a "private person may maintain an action for a public nuisance, if it is specially injurious to himself."

Because the case was a small claims court appeal, it was heard by a Superior Court judge, but the parties did not have access to the other sides' arguments or evidence in advance, as they would in a non-small claims court case. Mr. Wong provided his brief to the Almanac after the case was decided.

The case started in April when Mr. Ullman, a non-practicing attorney and a member of the county's Airport Noise Working Group, filed a small claims court lawsuit claiming the county owed him \$5,000 because it had failed "to mitigate the continuous public nuisance of very loud aircraft flying over my home."

In June, Judge Pro Tem Dale Major awarded Mr. Ullman \$1,000 plus his \$65 court filing fee.

On June 29, the county appealed the judgment.

In the county's trial brief, Mr. Wong said "the county would not ordinarily appeal such a small judgment. However, plaintiff has been publicizing his award and encouraging others to file similar claims against the County, raising the possibility of substantial additional liability."

The county also argued in its brief that Mr. Ullman had failed to prove he had suffered damages he could be compensated for in a nuisance case.

At the hearing, Mr. Ullman said he has "lost the quiet enjoyment of my home" because of the airplane overflights, and that the noise means he can no longer work from home.

The county also argued in its brief that Mr. Ullman had failed to "prove the connection between his damages and the Airport's operations."

Mr. Ullman presented evidence that the turboprop Pilatus PC-12s used by Surf Air are louder than many jets. He said the airport's data show that more than 4,900 noise complaints have been filed with the San Carlos Airport so far in 2016. The airport's data show that in comparison, in the first six months of 2013, just before Surf Air started using the air-



Photo by Michelle Le/
The Almanac
Adam Ullman

port, only 51 noise complaints were filed.

The county is currently working on a San Carlos Airport Aircraft Disturbance Study with the help of an aviation consultant, an aviation noise consultant and a polling firm. The consultants are looking at the practices of other similarly sized general aviation airports and holding public meetings to hear what residents have to say about the noise problems.

In addition, on Aug. 18, the county received a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to pay 90 percent of the cost of a \$481,459 study that will look at the existing airport noise conditions and create a plan to "address noise-related impacts in the vicinity of the airport," San Carlos Airport manager Gretchen Kelly said.

She said that the airport doesn't meet the noise threshold usually required for such a grant, but that the FAA agreed to fund it because of the level of community opposition.

The study should take about a year and a half to complete, Ms. Kelly said.

Mr. Ullman said he is not sure what he will do next. "This issue needs to be addressed," he said.

"If the county will not look at the regulations from the perspective of what it can do, rather than what it cannot do, then the community will need to decide how much we want to fight the county to address this." ■

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City readies streets for new Laurel school

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

People who live near the new Laurel School, Upper Campus, set to open Oct. 17 at 275 Elliott Drive, may notice some changes to their streets in coming weeks as the city prepares for the new young commuters.

The Menlo Park City Council voted 4-0 Aug. 23 in favor of actions to mitigate traffic impacts in the residential area

near the school, which will have students in grades 3 through 5.

The actions include installing no stopping zones on Oak Court, French Court, Elliott Drive, O'Connor Street, Byers Drive and Falk Court. The city also plans to put up school zone signs, paint yellow crosswalks at some intersections, and install signs telling drivers the speed limit will be 15 miles per hour during school dropoff and pickup times.

Other changes, previously

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approved and funded by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, are new sidewalks on Menalto Avenue and O'Connor Street, disabled-access curb ramps at two intersections, and painted sharrows (street markings indicating a shared bike and car lane) on nine streets.

Council members also requested that city transportation staff begin work as soon as possible on a study to analyze safe routes to schools in the area. Such a study is expected to take 12 to 18 months.

Oak Court

In another issue related to the new school, about 15 residents

of Oak Court in Menlo Park were at the council meeting to ask the city to formalize an agreement with the Menlo Park City School District preventing it from opening a gate onto their street and allowing vehicle access to and from the school's parking lot.

The gate, according to the environmental analysis evaluating traffic effects that the school district adopted, would be used only by school buses for Tinsley students and field trips, and by emergency and service vehicles.

According to Kevin Chen, the city's assistant transportation engineer, the Oak Court residents are worried that the school

could arbitrarily open that gate for vehicles being used to pick up or drop off kids.

The street is narrow and lacks sidewalks, and is largely used by bikes and pedestrians, they said. Adding traffic there could be dangerous.

Chuck Bernstein, a resident of Oak Court, asked the council: "What assurances do we have? We have only the word of the district. I hope we're not trusting the goodwill of school district in terms of their intentions."

City Attorney Bill McClure said he submitted a memorandum of understanding for the school district to sign, but it had not yet been signed as of Aug. 23. ■

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By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A memorial service for former Portola Valley mayor Kirke Comstock is in the works, but not yet scheduled. Mr. Comstock was 86 when he died Aug. 23 in Saratoga, his son William Comstock said.

Mr. Comstock served on the Portola Valley Town Council for four years and seven months, starting in March 1999, when the council appointed him to fill the remaining term of Richard Merk, who had left the council.

In November of 1999, Mr. Comstock was elected to a four-year term on the council. A seat on a council was not new to him. When he lived in Palo Alto, he served on the council there for 14 years.

"He was a very experienced politician," retired mayor Ted Driscoll said. "He was a very careful and considerate guy and I enjoyed working with him."

"He listened," Mr. Driscoll added. "It's one of the key (skills), I think, in politics. He was a good listener."

One highlight of Mr. Comstock's term came in May 2003 when he joined his council colleagues in a unanimous vote to approve a controversial "special residential" zoning category that would allow 15 to 20 small homes on 3.6 acres near the corner of Alpine and Portola roads.

Opponents of the rezoning, in a town mostly zoned for single-family homes, organized a referendum to overturn the council's decision to allow up to 5.8 homes per acre. The opponents won with nearly 52 percent of the votes, but the campaign split the community.

When Mr. Comstock retired from the council in 2003, he talk-



Kirke Comstock served on the Palo Alto City Council, and later, the Portola Valley Town Council.

ed with the Almanac about the cost of living in Portola Valley. "(We need) to see that the pricing of housing in this community is somehow handled to make room for people who aren't very, very rich," he said. "We need to create the atmosphere and conditions so that (affordable housing) can be put into place."

Mr. Comstock was born in Jackson, Michigan, and had a 44-year career with United Airlines as an aeronautical engineer, retiring in 1998. When buying aircraft, United ordered them not off the shelf but customized to the company's specifications, and Mr. Comstock led the design team in defining those specifications, his son Bill Comstock said.

One of Mr. Comstock's passions was access for the disabled, which he followed through on in designing accessible interiors for United's aircraft, and in upgrading the sidewalks of the city of Palo Alto, his son said. "He was a pioneer" in championing access for the disabled, his son said.

Mr. Comstock once spent several days in a wheelchair negotiating Palo Alto's sidewalks, trying to sense what it was like

for people who use wheelchairs, his son said. "He was doing his due diligence," Bill Comstock said. The experience "made a big impression" on him, his son said.

Other passions included international travel and reading, particularly the magazines *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic* and *Harper's Magazine*, Bill Comstock said.

Mr. Comstock loved local politics, his son said. Among the political skills about which Mr. Comstock liked to enlighten others, according to his son: looking someone in the eye while making a definitive statement, and letting the other guy have his say while also listening to what was being said while avoiding revealing facial expressions. "I daresay he enjoyed it," his son said. "He had an inner lawyer in him."

Mr. Comstock also served five years on the Portola Valley Planning Commission.

A life-long lover of the environment, Mr. Comstock and his wife, Dorothy Brand Comstock, were, his son said, on the board of the Committee for Green Foothills, which helped to save many Midpeninsula open space areas from development.

"He just loved open space," his son said, adding that his dad also got involved in advancing the idea of smart growth, creating resources for seniors, and developing bike lanes.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy Brand Comstock of Saratoga; his son William Comstock of Carmel; and his daughters Karen Comstock of New Haven, Connecticut, and Kristin Pugh of Los Gatos; and grandchildren.

The family asks that donations in his memory be made to Committee for Green Foothills, 3921 E. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, 94303. ■

Willow Road gridlock gets another look

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

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Willow Road, Menlo Park's best-known gridlock hotspot, could have some changes coming.

First, a project to update the Willow Road and U.S. 101 interchange now has the funds it needs to move forward, and construction may begin in late 2016 or early 2017.

The project was given a \$10.4 million advance from San Mateo County Transportation Authority, which will be paid back by Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission when funding is available, according to Transportation Manager Nikki Nagaya.

The request was authorized by the state transportation commission on Aug. 17, and Caltrans is expected to put the project out to bid in September.

Designs show the interchange would change from a full to partial cloverleaf pattern, reducing the four loops to two. The roadway would be widened to have four traffic lanes in each direction, with carpool bypass lanes at the north and south loop

onramps. Realignment would be done for some offramps, adjacent intersections and frontage roads. Crosswalks and protected bikeways would be installed.

On Aug. 23, the City Council hosted a study session on what to do to make Willow Road easier to traverse for emergency vehicles.

Plans to redo the Willow Road and U.S. 101 interchange now have the funds to move forward.

Currently, the city is retrofitting signals on Willow Road to interconnect, adapt to traffic conditions, and allow emergency vehicles to control them in cases of emergency, Ms. Nagaya said, as it has done on Sand Hill Road.

Other short-term projects could include getting rid of the street's bulb-outs, or curbs that encroach into the road, and installing on some medians a rolling curb, or "apron."

Sometimes, traffic is so bad that Menlo Park Fire Protection District vehicles have to drive in oncoming traffic lanes, so making medians able to be traversed on a dime could help.

Longterm ideas were proposed for Willow Road. Mayor Rich Cline suggested that city staff look into converting former bulb-out areas into carpool or transit lanes for shuttles. He also mentioned a heavily discussed idea to resurrect the Dumbarton corridor rail bridge.

Another longterm idea is grade separation (putting one roadway over or under another at an intersection) at Willow Road and Bayfront Expressway.

It hasn't been investigated much yet, said Ms. Nagaya, so when Councilman Ohtaki asked if grade separation could be considered or evaluated with the city's general plan update, she said it was premature. She said it might be done in coordination with another grade separation at University Avenue in East Palo Alto.

"Let's create some easy, short-term solutions while we dig into the longterm," Mayor Cline said. ▀

Atherton incumbents appointed to council

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

It's official: Atherton will not hold a City Council election in November.

The council voted unanimously Aug. 24 to appoint incumbents Elizabeth Lewis and Cary Wiest, the only candidates who filed for their two open seats, to new four-year council terms. The terms will begin in December.

Councilman Bill Widmer was not at the meeting, but he wrote a letter saying he fully supports the appointments, which will save the town the cost of holding the election. "I believe our team has been working well together," he wrote.

The town had budgeted \$15,000 for the election.

State law allows a council to cancel an election and appoint candidates when there is no contest for a seat. The council could have chosen to go ahead with the election, which would have allowed candidates to register as write-ins

between Sept. 12 and Oct. 25. Their names would not have appeared on the ballot. The only write-in votes counted are for those who are registered as write-ins.

If the council had not voted to cancel the election and appoint the candidates, the election would automatically have taken place.

Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Larson told the council members that Ms. Lewis and Mr. Wiest could vote on their own appointments. "There's no financial conflict of interest," Ms. Larson said. "It's well within your rights as an existing council member to vote on this."

Councilman Mike Lempres said that no one had expressed any interest in running as a write-in candidate and that the town had left the vote on the appointments until the last day allowed under the law.

"It's important to me that we kept the door open as long as we did," he said. Cancelling the election, he said, "is not something we would do lightly." ▀

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New school vaccination rules are now in effect

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Children in California schools and daycare, both public and private, can no longer be exempted from vaccination requirements for personal belief or religious reasons under a new state law that went into effect in July.

The new law means home schooling is the only option for parents who for personal or religious reasons oppose immunization of their children. An exemption from the requirements is still allowed for certain medical reasons if certified by a licensed physician.

There is a major loophole in the law, however, which allows children whose parents had filed a personal belief exemption before January 2016 to continue to go to school without vaccinations until the next time vaccinations are checked. That means a child who entered kindergarten last year with a personal belief exemption can go to school through sixth grade without vaccinations. Vaccinations are checked when starting daycare or preschool, kindergarten and seventh grade.

The growing number of children not being immunized came under scrutiny in 2014 after a measles outbreak started in Disneyland and spread widely.

Previously, exemptions from the vaccination requirements were allowed because of personal beliefs or religious objections in addition to medical reasons.

California public health officials say, depending on the vac-

cination, that between 80 to 94 percent of children need to be immunized to provide "herd," or community, immunity to those who can't be vaccinated, including infants, the elderly or those with compromised immune systems, and unvaccinated pregnant women.

Some local schools had fairly high numbers of students with personal belief exemptions in last year's kindergarten class, according to a California Department of Public Health website, ShotsForSchool.org.

At tinyurl.com/Shots-k-12 the immunization rates of all California schools can be found.

Private schools tended to have the highest opt-out rates. The kindergarten class at Synapse School at 3375 Edison Way in Menlo Park had the highest in the Almanac's circulation area, with the parents of 13.8 percent of the students claiming personal-belief exemptions. Peninsula School at 920 Peninsula Way in Menlo Park had 11.1 percent personal-belief exemptions among its kindergartners.

The public school with the highest rate of personal-belief exemptions locally was Woodside Elementary School at 3195 Woodside Road, with exemptions reported for 7.1 percent of the students in its kindergarten class.

Other local schools with high rates of children with personal-belief exemptions in their 2015-16 kindergarten class include Nativity School at 1250 Laurel, 8.8 percent; Beechwood School at 50 Terminal Ave. in Menlo Park, 7.1 percent; and Philips Brooks at 2245 Avy Ave. in Menlo Park, 7.5 percent. ■

Susan Barr, former local resident

Susan Sommerich Barr, who lived in the Menlo Park area for 26 years, died July 19, after a long struggle with progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP). She was 82 and for the past 33 years resided in Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia.

Ms. Barr was born in St. Louis and graduated from Washington University, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. After college, she worked for a brief time as a flight attendant for Trans World Airlines until her marriage in 1957 when she moved to Menlo Park.

She spent the next 26 years in West Menlo Park, Sharon



Susan Barr

OBITUARIES

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

Heights and Ladera, raising her sons and volunteering at Allied Arts Guild.

In 1983 she moved to Australia, where she married John Barr. She enjoyed visiting old friends in the U.S., travel, and seeing new places, family members said.

She is survived by her husband, John Barr; sons Jim and Tom Abbott; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; stepchildren Rosie, Jennifer and Peter Barr; and Mr. Barr's six grandchildren. Donations may be made to: Cure PSP, 30 E. Padonia Road, Suite 201, Timonium, Md. 21093.



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Housing crisis

Locals open up about housing struggles at Kepler's forum

Story by Kate Bradshaw | Photos by Brenten Brandenburg

A group of children sat at the back of Kepler's Books in Menlo Park, as they fidgeted with their marker and glitter-paint posters. Their posters read: "Stop, this is our home. East Palo Alto is not for sale; community is priceless."

They were there as members of Youth United for Community Action, a youth advocacy organization based in East Palo Alto. One of their leaders, Kyra Brown, a panelist at the Kepler's event, sat facing the audience of about 60 people on the evening of Aug. 18. They were there to talk about housing affordability.

What followed were two and a half hours that revealed a community in crisis, the deep wounds of displacement, and a long list of ideas about how to fix it.

The community had beaten the Menlo Park City Council to the topic: a joint study session of the council and the city's Housing Commission to talk about policies to address displacement had been set for April but has not yet been rescheduled, according to City Manager Alex McIntyre.

The basics

There are as many explanations for the lack of affordable housing as there are stakeholders in the issue.

City Council members say it's hard to approve affordable housing because many constituents oppose development near their homes. Besides, the city generates more tax revenues from hotels and offices than it does from housing, especially affordable housing.

Homeowners don't want anything — housing or offices — built without better infrastructure to ease traffic or other impacts on their quality of life and property values.

Commercial developers say they can't build affordable housing without also building offices to attract their real target: tech dollars.

Nonprofit housing developers say cities can't fund affordable housing construction without seed money from commercial developers, who pay into a "below market rate" fund. That fund can be generated only when developers build retail, commercial, or for-sale housing (not rental housing).

Highly paid young tech workers, if in a position to choose their housing location, are more likely to live in San Francisco, Palo Alto or Mountain View. But nobody likes



Listening to people describe their experiences with rising housing costs are, from left, Kyra Brown, a leader with Youth United for Community Action; Cecilia Taylor, a resident of Belle Haven and a candidate in this year's City Council election; and two council incumbents who are also running, Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton.

spending hours each day commuting, and as they start families, common sense says they'll be gunning to move closer to their jobs and the area's high-ranking school districts.

Meanwhile, rent goes up. And up. And up.

Menlo Park housing

The housing shortage has been decades in the making. Not enough housing has been built in Menlo Park to accommodate the number of jobs in the city.

Prior to current construction projects, there had not been any market-rate apartment buildings of 10 units or more built in Menlo Park since 1974, and no deed-restricted, below-market-rate apartment buildings added to the city's stock since 1987, according to City Councilwoman Catherine Carlton, who cited Costar, a commercial real estate database. Those were buildings on Willow Road that had been built in the 1960s but purchased in 1987 by MidPen Housing to main-

tain for low-income tenants.

Over the 40 years between 1970 and 2010, Menlo Park built 2,699 housing units, according to City-Data.com, a website that collects statistics on cities. The city was sued in 2012 for not updating for 20 years its housing element, part of the city's general plan for development.

The city settled the lawsuit and updated its housing element, which rezoned several areas to allow high-density housing.

In 2015, there were 838 housing units approved to be built in Menlo Park, 135 of which will be designated for low-income or very-low-income tenants.

The city is also updating its overall general plan, and is considering zoning for an additional 4,500 housing units in the M-2 light industrial area east of U.S. 101. There are also about 1,000 housing units permitted by current zoning that the city hasn't yet received proposals for.

However, job growth continues to outpace housing growth, and hous-

ing costs have skyrocketed. Across San Mateo County, there were 54,600 jobs created and only 2,148 housing units built from 2010 to 2014, according to a county memo from January 2016.

The Bay Area Council Economic Institute estimates that for each new tech job, about 4.3 service-sector jobs are created. According to a 2014 report by the San Mateo County Economic Development Association, the largest number of future job openings in the Peninsula will be at low- and moderate-level wages earning less than \$20 per hour.

As startling as the numbers are the stories of those struggling to live in our area.

Schools

Dr. Gloria Hernandez-Goff, superintendent of the Ravenswood City School District (based in East Palo Alto but with two schools in Menlo Park), says the housing crisis is putting her students in harsh living situations.



Christin Evans, who started a Facebook page, “Housing Crisis Stories,” speaks to the gathering.



Kyra Brown, with Youth United for Community Action, tells how she returned to her hometown of East Palo Alto, after getting a master’s degree, and found herself priced out of the housing market.

“We have kids who are sleeping in cars with their parents or in tents in backyards,” she said. “It’s common to have entire families in a garage. It’s common to have a house with a

family in each room.”

She’s heard of families who have to cook outside because there are people living in the kitchen.

“The housing cost is so high,

people can’t afford to live independently,” she said. “People need a place to live that isn’t creating a hardship for people to just work.”

Of the 150 teachers in the Ravenswood district, she said, only eight live within the district’s boundaries. Finding teachers and staff workers like yard duties or janitors is a major challenge for the district.

Even as superintendent, Ms. Hernandez-Goff said, she had trouble finding housing. “I put in for a house rental in Belle Haven (and) my credit check was not even done,” she said. “I didn’t make enough money to even compete to rent a home.”

“I can’t imagine what our families go through,” she said. “The diversity of this area is being pushed out.”

Stephanie and Scott

Julie Moncton, a manager at Kepler’s, told the story of Stephanie and Scott, a couple from Oklahoma.

Stephanie was a humanities professor on a fellowship at Stanford; Scott found a job working at Kepler’s. They were renting a tiny cottage in Palo Alto. Things appeared to be going great, until all of a sudden, Scott was diagnosed with sarcoma, a form of cancer. That was in April 2015. Then, the landlord told them they had to leave by the end of July.

By then, Scott had been undergoing chemotherapy and was ill or recovering from treatment most of the time, Julie said.

Julie, one of Scott’s co-workers at Kepler’s, offered her home. By then, the household had expanded to not just Scott and Stephanie (and Stephanie’s “very large dog”) but Scott’s parents

too, Julie said.

Two weeks after they moved in, Scott learned the cancer was not responding to treatment. He went into hospice care and died a week later.

“The market has become crazy,” Julie said. She described the situation that Stephanie went through trying to find housing in the aftermath of losing Scott. “She was a great housemate, considerate, kind, neat, lovely to talk to ... at the top of her career (and) a tenured professor,” she said.

“There are so many of our staff members that can’t find a place to live,” she said. “Even with high-paying jobs, how does anyone afford the down payment on a house anymore?”

“To me, it’s a little scary to see members of the community not able to live in the community they serve,” she said.

Solutions

Many attendees at the Kepler’s event had ideas about what should be done.

Waging a campaign to turn public opinion in favor of more affordable housing was mentioned by several people as an important starting point.

Kate Downing, who became a self-titled “reluctant celebrity” when she recently resigned from the Palo Alto Planning Com-

mission, told the audience that the root of the problem is local city councils.

“They decide how much commercial, how much housing is allowed in cities and they decide how fast it happens.”

The decisions are made, she added, “with the full support of wealthy homeowners who don’t care about more housing.”

“I know it’s easy to blame the techies,” she said. “The techies don’t vote.”

Pressure on city councils to limit housing growth, she said, comes from people who want to protect their properties. “Those are the hearts and minds you have to change.”

Menlo Park Councilwoman Catherine Carlton told the audience, “We have to get out there and tell the story that the people who live in affordable homes — policemen, firemen, teachers — are good honest, wonderful people that you want to live next door to.”

Adina Levin, a Menlo Park transportation commissioner, cited a May 2016 report by the

Bay Area Council that says that one-third of Bay Area residents are considering leaving the area.

“What kind of a society has 30 percent of people considering leaving? This is really, really not OK,” she said. “We are losing people who have lived here for a long time, and we’re losing the next generation.”

Other ideas were mentioned:

■ Encourage homeowners to use county-approved templates to build secondary dwelling units that meet local codes. The owners could get financing help if they rent it out at below-market rates.

■ In areas where there is new affordable housing, give priority to people who have been displaced from that area.

■ Stop building commercial projects until there’s a balance between jobs and housing.

■ Restrict rental apartments from being rented out on Airbnb.

■ Ask state legislators to repeal the Costa-Hawkins Act, which restricts rent-control measures.

■ Allow people to legally convert their garages into secondary dwelling or “granny” units.

As the adults continued to pass around the mic presenting their ideas, the kids in the back snuck out discreetly. Soon after, the adults began congratulating each other on starting a conver-

‘We have kids who are sleeping in cars with their parents or in tents in backyards.’

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Do you have a personal experience of the housing crisis? Email Kate Bradshaw at kbradshaw@almanacnews.com or send a tweet to @AlmanacNews

On the cover: Diana, with Youth United for Community Action, holds a poster at a Kepler’s forum on rapidly rising housing costs that are driving people out of the community.



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Offline

A painting mistake by crews working for the California Department of Transportation has widened the driving area for motor vehicles on Woodside Road by 2 feet in front of the elementary school, where it is supposed to be narrower. In 2013, based on a \$400,000 school-safety audit commissioned by the town, each traffic lane was resized to 11 feet wide — 1 foot narrower than Caltrans standard — to make room for pedestrians on both sides of the road and to add room for parking on the south side. The road was recently repaved and repainted to standard lane widths. The town is working with Caltrans to quickly restore the narrower lanes, Town Manager Kevin Bryant said.

Residents asked to imagine future of Town Center

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

■ PORTOLA VALLEY

The Portola Valley Town Center, a pastoral 11.2-acre complex for sports and outdoor recreation, community get-togethers and civic activities of all kinds, is eight years old. What will it look like and who will be using it when it's 28?

The town is into its second week with an online initiative asking the community for ideas to help create a framework for the evolution of the Town Center over the next 25 years. The initiative continues through Sept. 20.

The Town Center Master Plan Committee "seeks to create a unified Town Center Master Plan which will enhance the amenities and sense of place we already enjoy," the flier announcing the initiative says.

Go to towncentermasterplan.com to register and participate.

The key to the initiative, the town says, is place-making, or "collectively reimagining and

reinventing public spaces to be the heart of the community," according to a description of the term by the nonprofit Project for Public Spaces.

The Project for Public Spaces, launched in 1975, drew its inspiration from William H. Whyte, an observer of urban life and the author of what has become a standard text for urban planning, "The Social Life of Small Urban Spaces," according to its website at pps.org.

The website lists locations around the world that have used place-making techniques for waterfronts, public buildings, campuses and markets as well as parks — perhaps the category that most closely fits Portola Valley's Town Center.

For inspiration in creating a great park, the project quotes the late, great New York Yankees catcher Yogi Berra: "If the people don't want to come out to the park, nobody is going to stop'em." ■



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Among the pilots who frequent Bedwell Bayfront Park to fly model airplanes, model gliders and quadcopters are, from left, Richard Bright, Frank Dickinson, Silas Kwok, Mitch Brenner and Michael Otrada.

Drones, remote-controlled aircraft are banned from city parks

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

After hearing passionate comments from more than 22 people, among them numerous model airplane hobbyists and birdwatchers, the Menlo Park City Council voted 4-0 on Aug. 23, with Vice Mayor Kirsten Keith absent, to ban unmanned aerial vehicles, such as remote controlled aircraft and drones, in city parks.

The ban comes with a couple of caveats. First, drone use by emergency response agencies, such as the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, will be exempt from the ban.

Second, the ban could be modified as Bedwell Bayfront Park undergoes a master planning process, which is expected to start soon and might last into the fiscal year that ends June 30, 2018, according to Assistant Community Services Director Derek Schweigart.

A violation of the ban will be considered an infraction, which, according to City Attorney Bill McClure, means that the first offense will come with a \$50 fine and will rise to \$100 and \$500 respectively, for the second and third offenses within 12 months. The ban will not take effect until a month after the second reading of the ordinance, which is expected to happen on Aug. 30. The park has no ranger, so enforcement will come from the Menlo Park Police Department.

While the ban will apply to all city parks, the main park that will be affected is Bedwell

Bayfront Park, where numerous drone and remote-controlled aircraft enthusiasts fly their contraptions.

Like a kite

Of the opponents of the ban who attended the meeting, most were hobbyists who fly remote-controlled airplanes, including gliders, rather than drones. Many said they scrupulously follow safety rules.

Appeals to the City Council came on numerous fronts. Richard Bright gave a multimedia presentation showing footage of model airplanes being flown to the jubilant tune of "Let's Go Fly a Kite" from Mary Poppins.

Andrew Harris, a San Carlos resident, told the council that as a kid, playing with model aircraft inspired him to work in aerospace and pursue work as a mechanical engineer. Now, he goes to Bedwell Bayfront Park to fly model airplanes with his daughter.

Hobbyists emphasized that there are different classes of such machines. Gliders have small batteries in them and are lightweight, with small propulsion mechanisms to control the height and direction of the planes once aloft. Drones, by contrast, can weigh up to 55 pounds, often contain cameras, are considered noisier and can climb high enough to enter federal airspace.

In response to expressed concerns that such machines can

distress local wildlife, Ansis Upatnieks, a remote-controlled aircraft hobbyist, said that other potential threats to wildlife, such as bikes or dogs, are given rules to follow, rather than outlawed: dogs must be on leashes and bikes must stay on designated paths. "Why don't we regulate it like other activities in the park?" he asked.

Safety and quiet

Proponents of the ban, by contrast, said that drones create safety risks and noise that can be disruptive to wildlife and people.

One of the big issues is the risk that high-flying drones pose to airborne planes. YouTube videos offer evidence that drones have been flying much higher than the 400 foot height limit. One recorded case reaching up to 3,400 feet, said Mr. Schweigart.

Bedwell Bayfront Park falls within five miles of the Palo Alto and San Carlos airports. Furthermore, it is also near the flight routes of larger commercial flight path for planes that use San Francisco International Airport.

Allan Bedwell, a member of the city's environmental quality commission, whose father was former Menlo Park city manager Mike Bedwell and the man the park was named after, said he supported a flat-out ban.

"(There's) no way to effectively differentiate between responsible users and those that are irresponsible," he said.

Erik Graham Hagestad

January 5, 1966 – August 16, 2016

We celebrate the life of a beloved husband, son, brother, and friend. Erik grew up in Ladera, California and always felt that he was coming "home" when he returned for a visit. He studied at Menlo School, graduating in 1984, and then attended Stanford University. Erik graduated from Stanford University in 1988 with a self-designed major in visual communications. His time at Stanford included study at Tours, France.



Immediately following graduation, Erik moved to Paris, France and lived and worked there for five years. Later, while working with The 451 Group, Erik lived in New York, San Francisco, and London and his love for world travel prompted him to take several sabbaticals for extensive travel through southeast Asia, Australia, South America, and Europe.

As well, his love for the environment coupled with his passion for scuba diving led to his latest adventure: volunteering for the TRACC, Tropical Research Conservation Centre on Pom Pom Island in Malaysia. While there, Erik became a scuba dive master in addition to his volunteer work helping to rebuild coral reefs.

A blood infection followed a leg injury, and after three weeks in a coma and on life support, he died in a hospital in Tawau, Malaysia of severe complications, including sepsis shock.

He is survived by his wife, Talor Min, his father, Grant Hagestad, and his sister, Jeanne Hagestad.

He will be remembered for his love of family and friends, his gentle and compassionate spirit, his quest for adventure, and his desire to improve planet Earth. The family will hold a private celebration of Erik's life.

PAID OBITUARY

Arnold T. Ambrosini

April 20, 1926 – August 5, 2016

Arnold T. Ambrosini, born April 20, 1926, in San Francisco, CA, died on August 5, 2016, at the age of 90, in Palo Alto, CA.

Arnie grew up in San Francisco, attended Lowell High School, then studied electrical engineering at UC Berkeley, where he met his future wife, Sylvia, through Cal's student music groups Glee Club and Treble Clef.

During World War II, he served as a radio operator in the Merchant Marines, serving for several years and making at least two trips through the Panama Canal. After the war, he completed his UC Berkeley bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and began his professional engineering career, eventually establishing a successful firm, Ambrosini & Chalmers, which designed and installed electrical systems in municipal water treatment and pumping facilities throughout California. He and Sylvia married in 1950 and lived in Woodside and Palo Alto.

Travel and music were among Arnie's greatest passions. He and Sylvia explored nearly 50 countries, and even while enjoying his travels he was always planning the next great adventure. He was an insatiable traveler, a connoisseur of delicious food and wine, an opera lover, and an adept conversationalist who could make friends anywhere.

He was an active member of numerous professional organizations, including Kiwanis and Fellowship Forum, and served on many committees at the Vi at Palo Alto where he resided.

Arnie is survived by his wife of 66 years Sylvia Ambrosini; daughters Lynne Ambrosini and Jan Ambrosini; son-in-law Tim Strohshane; granddaughters Veronica, Thea, Lauren, and Kelsey; step-sister Shirley Seaton and the Seaton family; former son-in-law Rob Contin; Pat, Reagan, Joanne, Saida, and Warren Woolf; and relatives in Italy and Australia.

He was predeceased by his daughter Joyce Ambrosini, his mother Dorothy (Swithenbank) Ayres, father Camillo Ambrosini, and step-father Richard Ayres.

A private family burial is planned.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford or the charity of your choice.

PAID OBITUARY

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Agricultural production has its ups and downs

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The tops of the Santa Cruz mountains in San Mateo County define the western horizon that overlooks Bayside cities and towns vibrant with the high-tech pulse that drives the economy on the Peninsula and in the rest of Silicon Valley.

The ridge silhouetted against the eastern sky (seen from the other side of those same mountains) overlooks communities organized around a smaller, older, slower economy: agriculture, an enterprise whose products are regularly seen at the county's 24 farmers markets, including those in Menlo Park and Portola Valley.

In San Mateo County, vegetables are 21 percent of the agricultural economy and were the fastest growing sector, according to a recent report from the county's Department of Agriculture. The value of the vegetable crop, \$28.8 million in gross income to farmers in 2015, was up 26 percent from 2014.

Vegetables grown commercially in the county include Brussels sprouts, leeks, beans, peas and pumpkins as well as miscellaneous others such as cauliflower, herbs, lettuce, mushrooms, potatoes, squash and tomatoes.

The leeks, valued at \$2.8 million in 2015, rose 40 percent

in value, the report says. The Brussels sprouts crop, valued at \$15.2 million, represented a 27.5 percent increase over the previous year, while the group that includes cauliflower and mushrooms was up 28 percent at \$6.1 million.

An important agricultural category that headed downward in production value in 2015 were plants grown inside or outside nurseries, representing 72 percent of agricultural output. Nursery crops, valued at \$95 million, showed a 24 percent drop compared with the previous year. Christmas trees held steady.

The report shows seafood, another major category, at \$16.8 million in 2014, a drop of about 2 percent from the previous year, while the catch, at 20.6 million pounds, was up by 1 percent. The three most valuable items: Dungeness crab at \$8.7 million, squid at \$5.6 million, and Chinook salmon at \$1.16 million.

Other crops that brought in more than \$1 million annually in San Mateo County in 2015: forest products, fava beans, cattle and calves, and livestock products, including eggs, wool and cheese.

In the county overall, the total value of agricultural products was \$132 million in 2015, down 14 percent, or \$19.7 million, from the previous year.

The number of organic farms in the county rose 26 percent

(to 24 farms) in 2015, but the amount of acreage in production for organic products dropped slightly, the report says.

San Mateo County exports agricultural products to some 30 countries. Much of it, 46.3 percent, goes to Asia, the report says. Thirty-eight percent is distributed in 23 U. S. states,

including Hawaii, and Canada.

Pest interception

Keeping these crops healthy is a major task for the county's agriculture department. Employees during calendar year 2015 conducted more than 18,000 inspections of parcel carriers and on 18 occasions, intercepted agricultural pests, the report says. At airports, inspectors conducted 2,700 inspections and found pests 31 times.

Most common on the list of pests these inspectors found on these occasions were non-native moths and butterflies (11 times) and scale insects (10 times), but the list also includes

the Southeast Asian fruit fly (once), the Cuban brown snail (once), non-native ants and mites (five times each) and thrips (three times).

Department employees trapped a guava fruit fly in San Carlos, and sap-sucking Asian citrus psyllids in Daly City and Pacifica, the report says.

The department also took steps to control invasive weeds, such as mapping their presence and using eradication methods that included hand-pulling and herbicides, the report says. The weeds included fertile capeweed, skeletonweed, purple loosestrife and, new for 2015, jubata grass. ■



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The sting on El Camino Real

Atherton police had a plain clothes officer repeatedly cross El Camino Real at Almaden Avenue for two hours on Friday morning, Aug. 26, in an attempt to make drivers aware of a new pedestrian-activated stoplight. The light is dark until a pedestrian or bicyclist pushes a button. It then flashes yellow, goes to steady yellow then steady red followed by a flashing red before going dark again. When the light is flashing red, motorists may proceed after stopping if no one is in the crosswalk. Officers issued four citations, including a citation for an unlicensed driver and a citation for a \$5,000 warrant from the San Jose Police Department, two warning citations, and one verbal warning.

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Drones could hit people or wildlife or cause fires, he said. He also said that drones with cameras can be invasive of park users' privacy.

Years ago, he said, the park used to be the city dump. His father and a number of other city staff and open space advocates saw the site's potential and worked to turn it into a park.

Jo Killen, a Menlo Park resident, said that as urban environments become more dense with traffic and housing, there is a greater need for places to

enjoy a quiet communion with nature. "This cannot happen with drones," she said.

Despite the ban, quadcopter flier Michael Otrada said he plans to keep flying. The hobby for him is a satisfying mix of art, engineering and being outside. "It's definitely not a hobby I'm going to give up because of one ban in one city," he said.

According to the staff report, other locations to fly remote-controlled airplanes include Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, Baylands Park in Sunnyvale, and the Santa Clara County Model Aircraft Skypark in Morgan Hill. ■

If it’s Labor Day weekend, it’s Kings Mountain Art Fair

For a “mountain vibe” on Labor Day weekend, head for the 53rd Kings Mountain Art Fair, to be held Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 3-5, at 13889 Skyline Blvd. in the hills above Woodside.

Named one of the top art fairs in California, the event features unique and varied art by artists and craftsmen selected by jury, as well as offerings by local “mountain folk.” The fair benefits the Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Four hundred volunteers, most of them local residents, staff the fair, many of them working and serving breakfast and lunch at the Cookshack.

Kiddie Hollow will offer a varied crafts program for kids. The Parents Retreat gives mom and dad a place to relax, while watching the children play in Kiddie Hollow.

Parking and admittance are

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free. No pets are allowed. A shuttle bus will take visitors from their cars parked on Skyline Boulevard to the fair. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Polo fundraiser for Lyme research

Two teams of polo players named the Ticks and the Cures will face off at Menlo Circus Club in Atherton on Sunday, Sept. 11, to raise money for Lyme disease research.

Bay Area Lyme Foundation of Portola Valley is hosting its third Polo for Lyme charity luncheon from noon to 4 p.m. This year’s goal is to raise \$50,000.

Lyn Jason Cobb is sponsoring the event, which will start with a flag ceremony in memory of 9/11.

There will be a silent auction, prizes for the fanciest polo-themed hats and pants, and a champagne divot stomp to tamp down the playing field after hooves have made their mark.

The Stanford-based Lyme Disease Working Group will talk about its research, and the foundation’s scientific team will be on hand, too. Lyme disease is caused by infected ticks biting people, and can lead to many health complications.

Go to bayarealyme.org to buy tickets at \$100 apiece until Sept. 9.

Buelteman talk

Noted photographer Robert Buelteman, who grew up in Woodside, will give the talk “Robert Buelteman speaks for the Land” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, in Courtroom A of the Old Courthouse at 2200 Broadway in Redwood City.

Mr. Buelteman will share his

passion for the natural world of San Mateo County and display 19 black and white photographs of county environmental scenes.

During his 40 years of photography, Mr. Buelteman has published 15 photographic portfolios.

The evening’s program is free with the price of museum admission: \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors.

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Talks & Authors

Public Education: What’s New? What’s Myth? What’s True? Panel of leaders in education discuss commonly accepted myths and share little-known facts. 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

Daniel J. Levitin: ‘A Field Guide to Lies: Critical Thinking in the Information Age’ Daniel J. Levitin, New York Times bestselling author of “The Organized Mind” and “This Is Your Brain on Music,” discusses his new primer on critical thinking. He will discuss how not to passively accept statistical data and faulty arguments. Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$40. Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Dr. Erica Reischer: 75 Proven Strategies for Raising Kids Who Thrive Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Jeff Chang, ‘We Gon Be Alright: Notes on Race and Resegregation’ Jeff Chang, executive director of Institute for Diversity in the Arts at Stanford University, discusses his book “We Gon Be Alright” in which he explores the rise and fall of the idea of diversity, the roots of student protest, changing ideas about Asian Americanness and the impact of a century of racial separation in housing. Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. brownpapertickets.com

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

Poetry Night Four new and acclaimed California poets will discuss technology, rootedness, longing, apocalypse and the complex cartographies of desire. Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Free. Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. brownpapertickets.com

Tahereh Mafi in conversation with Ransom Riggs Tahereh Mafi will be in conversation with Ransom Riggs, author of “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children.” The movie opens September 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

Galleries

Portola Art Gallery presents “Summer Farewells,” a collection of pastel and oil paintings by Linda Salter, including pastel plein air paintings she did near Serene Lakes in the Sierra. Sept. 1-30, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

Film

Movie: ‘Avengers: Age of Ultron’ (2015) Sept. 2, 7:45 p.m. Free. Downtown, Curtis Street at Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Health & Wellness

Walk with a Doc Community members invited to stroll with physician volunteers who answer health-related questions along the way. People of all ages and fitness levels are welcome. Walkers will receive a complimentary pedometer, bottled water and a healthy snack. Sept. 10, 10-11 a.m. Free. El Corte De Madera Creek OSP, 1 Mile south of Skeggs Point, Redwood City. meetup.com

Community Groups

Menlo Park Kiwanis Club meets Tuesdays at Allied Arts Center. Visitors are invited to attend and should contact the Kiwanis Club. Ongoing, noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Allied Arts Center, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. menloparkkiwanisclub.org

Peninsula Writers Bloc Participants learn about the craft of writing and getting published. Group meetings include readings from participants. Wednesdays, ongoing, 7 p.m. Free. Downtown Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. redwoodcity.org

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

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3.	Caltrans	CUSE2016-0005
	Caltrans Right-of-Way near 5055 Farm Blvd	Planner: Corinne Jones, Assistant Planner

Review for approval, conditional approval, or denial of a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to CUSE2013-0005 to install a new, additional 20-foot monopole with 2 new antennas and pole mounted equipment; new equipment within the existing cabinet; and, two physical (metal stake) barriers, at an existing wireless facility on property owned by Caltrans.

4.	Nils Lonberg	ASRB2016-0037 / XMAX2016-0003
	168 Bardet Road	Planner: Sage Schaan, Principal Planner

Presentation and consideration of a proposal, requiring Formal Design Review, to remodel and construct an addition to an existing two-story single-family residence; construct a new single story Accessory Living Quarters (ALQ); install a new open vehicular gate, pylons, and trash enclosure; and, site improvements that include grading, driveway widening, landscaping, and retaining walls. The proposed addition to the main residence requires approval of a Maximum Residence Size Exception to permit the house to exceed 4,000 square feet in the SR zoning district.

5.	Second Study Session: Maximum Allowable Main Residence Size	
	Town-wide	Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director

This second study session will consider the direction to staff received from the Town Council on May 24, 2016, during its third study session on maximum allowable residence size: to increase maximum residence size Town-wide, while keeping the allowable Total Floor Area unchanged.

The first study session reviewed the Town Council direction, and specifically the East of Highway 280 Geographic Study Area. This second study session will concentrate on reviewing the Central and Western Hills Geographic Study Areas.

6.	Updates to Geologic Hazard and Fault information in the General Plan, Natural Hazards and Safety Element; and WMC Chapters 151 and 153	
	Town-wide	Planner: Jackie Young, Planning Director

Review for recommendation to the Town Council of a General Plan Amendment (GPAM2016-0001) to update the Geologic Hazard Zones Map, the Fault Zones Map, and associated text in the Natural Hazards and Safety Element; the Geologic Map prepared by the Town Geologist; and associated text changes in WMC Chapters 151 and 153 (ZOAM2016-0002).

All application materials are available for public review at the Woodside Planning and Building Counter, Woodside Town Hall, weekdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Woodside Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.

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'At large' high school district elections to end, at last

Fourteen years ago, the state enacted the California Voting Rights Act prohibiting "at large" elections when they result in a racial or ethnic minority group from getting a fair chance at representation in a local governing entity such as a school district. Now, with the threat of a lawsuit hanging over their heads, trustees of the Sequoia Union High School District have agreed to eliminate at-large elections — in which each school board member is elected by voters from the entire district.

That method is likely to be replaced by what's known as "by district" elections, whereby the Sequoia district would be divided into at least five trustee areas mapped out based on demographic considerations, and each area's voters will elect a single trustee who lives in that area.

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This will be a welcome change. In a district where some 30 percent of residents are Latino, and where residents' economic situations range from wealthy to poor, all five current trustees are white and relatively, if not solidly, well-to-do. And a review of the district's governing board history through the years reveals that the situation is the norm, not the exception.

It was the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund that in May threatened to sue the district, saying in a letter that it had received complaints from Latino voters that at-large elections result "in the underrepresentation of Latinos by preventing Latino voters from electing candidates of their choice."

The threat came on the heels of the November 2015 election that unseated Laura Martinez, an East Palo

Alto resident appointed earlier that year to fill the seat of a Menlo Park resident who had resigned. Ms. Martinez had been the only trustee living in a low-wealth, largely minority community of the district.

Hard work is ahead for district officials, who now must draw up trustee areas that will adequately reflect the demographics of a region spanning from East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Portola Valley in the south to Belmont in the north. Trying to create areas designed for fair representation over such a large region, where like populations aren't necessarily in neat, contiguous clusters, will be a challenge. The option of creating seven areas and a seven-member board of trustees should be seriously considered if that will result in the broad representation needed to govern a school district committed to serving all students, regardless of ethnicity and economic circumstances. ■

Our housing crisis call for regional cooperation

By Cory Wolbach, Lenny Siegel and Kirsten Keith

The highly publicized resignation of Kate Downing from the Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission, due to the price of housing, is just one more reminder that the rapidly rising cost of living in our region is tearing apart the fabric of our communities and undermining our quality of life. At the same time, the couple who created a popular Halloween attraction, the "No Mercy Cemetery" in Old Mountain View, announced that they too are leaving town because their duplex rent was doubling.

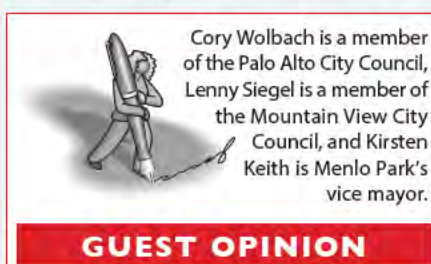
We are not only losing the people who mow our lawns and serve our food, teach our children and bandage our wounds. The housing crisis is forcing out many of the people who lead our PTAs, serve on city commissions, and bring the economic, cultural, and ethnic diversity that makes the Bay Area such an exciting place to live. A community is not sustainable

if employees and family members are forced to drive great distances through grueling commutes to remain employed or connected.

The job-rich communities of Silicon Valley need to come together to establish a simple common goal: *We will do what we can to keep the jobs-housing imbalance from getting worse.* That is, as employment continues to increase, we will plan for, and ensure, the development of housing in quantities that serve that growing workforce. We don't expect everyone to live and work in the same city, but we want to make it easier for people to live near where they work.

New housing should be built near centers of employment, shopping, and transit. New apartments, condos, and townhouses should be built where office parks now sprawl or surface parking lots blight our downtowns.

As Mountain View is planning in its North Bayshore Planning Area, new homes should be accompanied by parks, stores, restaurants, services,



Cory Wolbach is a member of the Palo Alto City Council, Lenny Siegel is a member of the Mountain View City Council, and Kirsten Keith is Menlo Park's vice mayor.

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schools/daycare, and transit. Complexes should be designed to accommodate ride-sharing, delivery, and bicycling. Designed right, "car-light" development can actually reduce traffic. With a robust portion of affordable units, we can serve the mix of seniors, families, and workers that our communities need.

Infill development is called "smart growth" because it reduces the demand for energy, water, and transportation to serve the same number of people. Forcing people to commute to our cities from Tracy, Los Banos, or Santa Cruz isn't just wearing for them. It's bad for the planet. This is

why environmental groups such as the Sierra Club support infill over urban sprawl.

Many people fear the dust, noise, and traffic diversion associated with new construction, but those impacts don't have to be part of the package. Building here is so desirable that our local governments have the authority to demand the highest quality construction techniques to minimize neighborhood and environmental impacts.

People elsewhere wish they had the economic dynamism and technical creativity of Silicon Valley, not realizing that we are falling victim to our own success. The San Francisco Peninsula no longer resembles the Valley of the Heart's Delight. Indeed, our communities are very different than they were a few decades ago. Change is inevitable, but through careful planning we can preserve our quality of life, welcome newcomers, and retain the people — professionals, service workers, and the retired — who made our area the envy of the world.



Woodside History Committee

Looking back

Woodside's elementary school was rebuilt in 1910 in the Mission Revival style of architecture, according to the Woodside history book by Thalia Lubin and Bob Dougherty. The photo, found in the book, is from 1915.

Council members named to subcommittee on 'education equity'

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Goals of starting a multi-city, county and district group that could help spread needed funds to the Ravenswood City School District are one step closer to reality after the Menlo Park City Council appointed two of its members to an "education equity" subcommittee on Aug. 23.

The Menlo Park City Council by consensus appointed council members Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton to the subcommittee that will meet with representatives from Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, the Ravenswood City School District and San Mateo

County to consider starting a joint powers authority focused on educational equity.

The Ravenswood district is based in East Palo Alto and has two schools in eastern Menlo Park.

Such a multi-city agency, which would likely be the first of its kind to focus on promoting equality of facilities and resources among neighboring school districts, could help the Ravenswood district fund facility renovations considered "critical," and other projects.

The school district, which recently conducted a master plan to study its aging facilities (most of which are more than 55 years old), identified more than

\$330 million in costs associated with bringing the facilities up to code, addressing hazardous materials and modernizing classrooms.

However, under the law and based on valuations of property in the district, the district can ask voters to support school bonds adding up to only \$51 million.

Mr. Mueller has proposed starting a joint powers authority, similar to the San Francisco Creek Joint Powers Authority, with the purpose of promoting educational equity.

A recent legal opinion by attorney Eugene Clark-Herrera from Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP said that forming such a group would not be illegal. ■

Maurice Ghysels will leave Menlo Park school district

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park City School District Superintendent Maurice Ghysels, who has headed the district since 2011, has announced he will leave the district at the end of the school year.

Superintendent Ghysels announced his departure in his "Superintendent's Update" sent to district parents and staff on Monday, Aug. 29.

"It's with excitement and

joy," he wrote, that he has announced "this will be my last year as MPCSD's Superintendent. While we have so much to do over the next 10 months, I believe that next school year will be the right time for a new leader of MPCSD for all the right reasons and for an incredible school district."

Mr. Ghysels said the school board will decide the process and timeline for hiring a new superintendent.

Before coming to Menlo Park, he was superintendent of the elementary school district in Mountain View for five years and was an administrator in the Santa Clara County Office of Education. ■



Maurice Ghysels

Obituary: Justin Manning Jacobs Jr.

Justin Manning Jacobs Jr. of Atherton died of cancer Aug. 7 at the age of 82.

Born in San Francisco, he graduated from Stanford University. After serving in the U.S. Army, he graduated from Boalt Hall at UC Berkeley.

He was drawn into the com-

mercial real estate world by the development in what would eventually become Silicon Valley.

He took over the helm of the family business in the 1970s and ran the company for the next 40 years. He was an inventor, scientist, cosmologist, student of history, auction attendee,

and collector of antiques, family members said.

He is survived by his children, Justin Jacobs (Kimball Harris), Scott (Jing) Jacobs, Garrett Jacobs and Kathryn Jacobs (Cliff Newel), sister Nancy Macy; companion Nancy Collins; and six grandchildren.

College graduate

Alexander J. Dubovoy graduated magna cum laude from Yale University on May 23. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and earned distinction in his

major (history). A 2012 graduate of Crystal Springs Uplands School in Hillsborough, he is the son of Wynne Segal Dubovoy of Menlo Park and Mark Dubovoy of Atherton.

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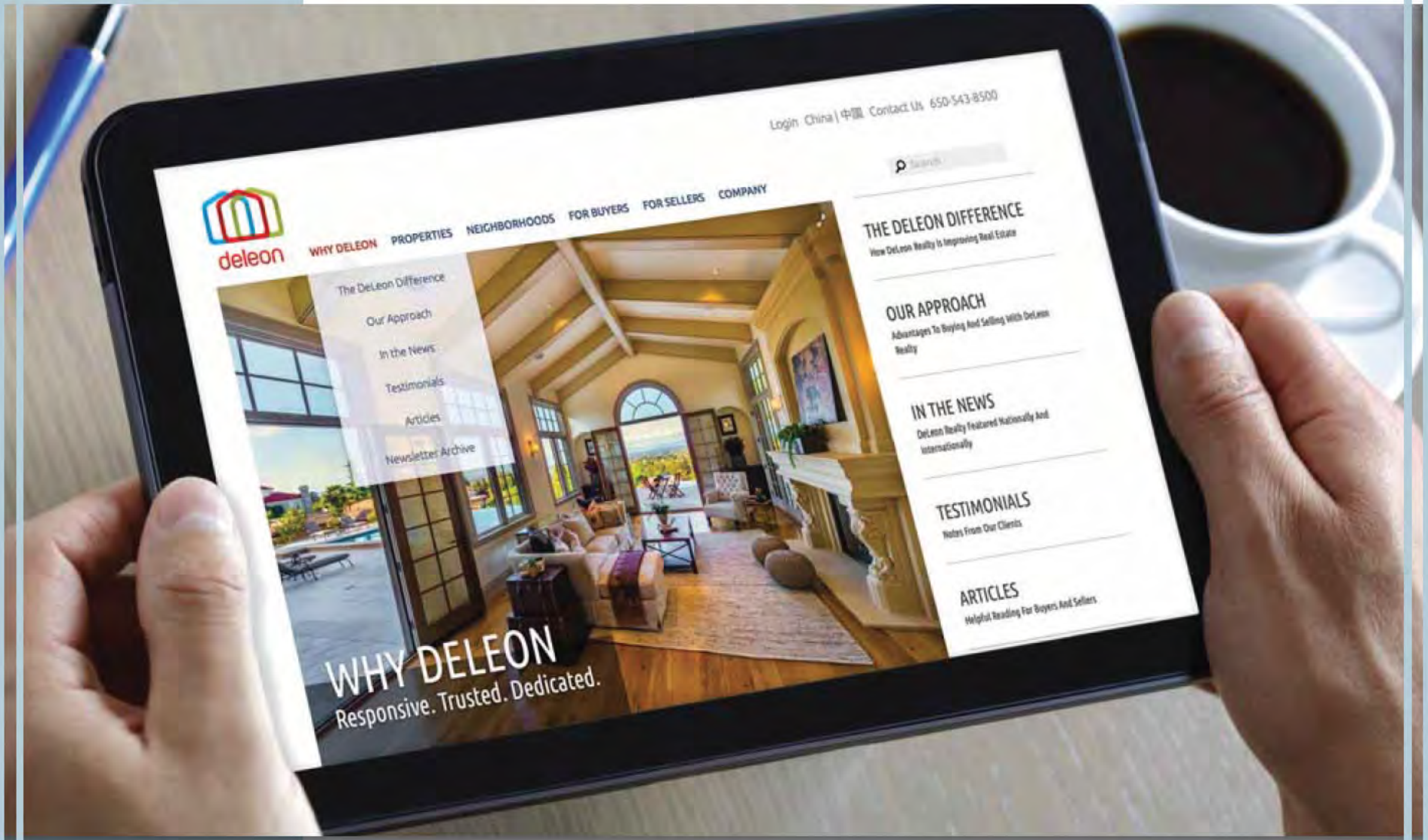


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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

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.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 11/6/06.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on July 21, 2016.

(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.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 6/06/2016.

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on August 3, 2016.

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

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.

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 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

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 Landenwisch

Print name of person signing. If corpora-
tion, also print corporate title of officer:
Joseph Landenwisch

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

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MARK CHURCH, COUNTY CLERK

SAN MATEO COUNTY

BY: GLENN S. CHANGTIN,

Deputy Clerk

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LIVE OAK STUDIO

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 270451

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

Live Oak Studio, located at 227 Old La
Honda Rd., Woodside, CA 94062, San
Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

TRACY A. COX

227 Old La Honda Rd.

Woodside, CA 94062

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 22, 2016.

(ALM Aug. 31; Sept. 7, 14, 21, 2016)

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.: 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
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
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THE ALMANAC
Date: July 21, 2016
/s/ John L. Grandsaert
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016)

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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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