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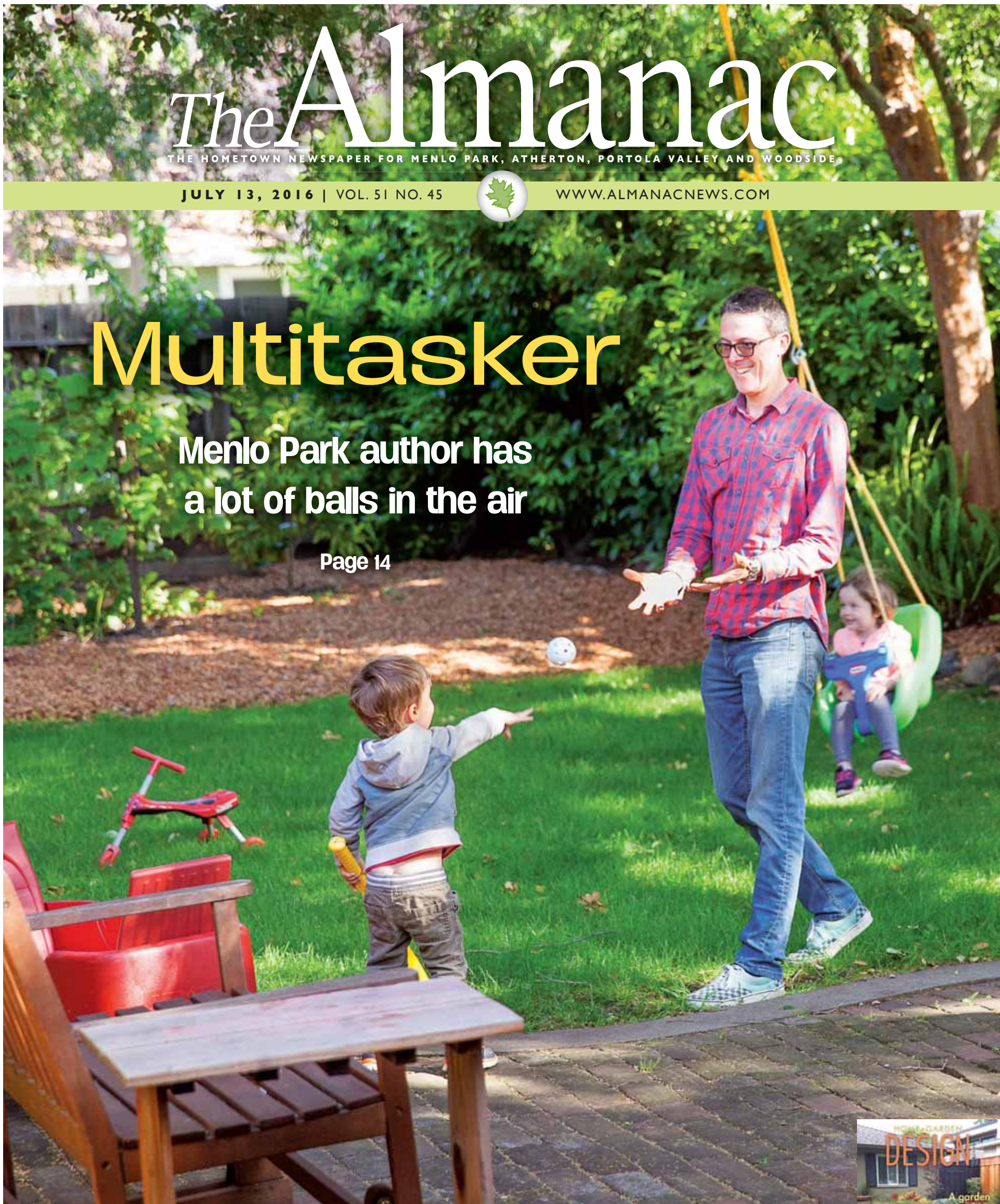


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Facebook's two proposed office buildings would be connected with an elevated walkway over a publicly accessible park area.

## Will Facebook's expansion lead to displacement of local residents?

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park Housing Commission members and those who attended its June 29 meeting were dubious at best at conclusions in a study claiming that Facebook's expansion plans would have minimal impact on local housing demand. Facebook is proposing to construct two more office buildings and a hotel, which could add an estimated 6,550 jobs.

"The analysis was very, very, very conservative and not complete," Michelle Tate, housing commission chair, said.

The study of displacement of local residents was informational only, and won't have legal grounding to affect the city's approval of Facebook's project. Conducted by Keyser Marston Associates and funded voluntarily by Facebook, it attempted to gauge how much the new employees would affect housing demand in Belle Haven and East Palo Alto in particular.

The study found that housing demand will not increase beyond Menlo Park's available housing because, currently, only

about 4 percent of Facebook's employees live in Menlo Park, and about 0.6 percent live in Belle Haven and East Palo Alto.

The analysis did not factor in what might happen if and when the city's general plan update is implemented, said Adina Levin, a city transportation commissioner. She pointed out that while the study factored in future projections on how traffic might be affected by the general plan changes, it did not do the same for citywide housing demand.

Under the general plan update, if it is approved as proposed, up to 3,500 housing units could be constructed on Facebook land, and a total of 4,500 new units could be built across the city's M-2 area, east of U.S. 101. In addition, there are 800-plus apartments already approved or under construction in Menlo Park today.

With a potentially large influx of new housing, a greater proportion of Facebook employees may want to move nearby, several community members predicted.

Remarks from residents to the Housing Commission — which were not recorded as public

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comments on the project, due to procedural rules — suggested that people are worried about what Facebook's expansion could mean for residents of Belle Haven.

Christin Evans, a co-owner of Kepler's bookstore who is gathering local stories about the housing crisis in Menlo Park on a Facebook page, said she knows 15 people in Menlo Park who have been displaced by rising costs of housing.

(Go to [tinyurl.com/crisis329](http://tinyurl.com/crisis329) to see the Facebook page.)

One recommendation is to halt the project altogether. "We need to take a pause from the office boom to try and catch up," said Menlo Park resident and former council member Steve Schmidt.

Menlo Park resident Brielle Johnck said that while it sounds great that the city's zoning

would permit the building of 3,500 more housing units on Facebook land, Facebook faces no requirement to actually build those units.

"Just because things are allowed doesn't mean things will happen," she said.

### Commission action

The only action the Housing Commission was expected to take at the meeting was to recommend whether Facebook should have flexibility in how it decides to go about building 20 affordable housing units or paying the monetary equivalent, which is \$6.3 million. The commission agreed to recommend to the Planning Commission and the City Council that Facebook be granted that flexibility.

The mandated affordable housing provision is based on a city formula — part of city rules that require new developments to fund or build affordable housing based roughly on how much square footage would be added to existing built space. Because Facebook is building on land where there are existing buildings, the 20-unit requirement is lower than it would be

otherwise, according senior planner to Kyle Perata.

Facebook employees said they have been in talks with MidPen Housing, a nonprofit that develops below-market-rate housing in the Bay Area, and are considering contributing the required funding to MidPen.

According to Jan Lindenthal, MidPen's vice president of real estate development, the funding could be put toward a project to build about 70 apartments for mixed-income families on the 1300 block of Willow Road. The housing developer is currently building 90 housing units for low-income seniors on the 1200 block of Willow Road.

Ms. Tate, the commission chair, said she'd prefer to have the units built in a location that better integrates residents of different socioeconomic levels, even if it means waiting longer, rather than place them all in a solely "affordable" complex.

Facebook employees pushed back, saying that working with MidPen would enable the apartments to be built faster, to meet more immediate affordable-housing needs.

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## Kenneth Arthur Arutunian

May 20, 1935 – June 19, 2016

Kenneth Arthur Arutunian (Ken) died peacefully at home on Father's Day, June 19, 2016 with his wife and children by his side. This day was particularly fitting as he was the loving father of four children, stepfather of three and grandfather to eight grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.



A proud American of Armenian heritage, Ken was born in Los Angeles on May 20, 1935, the son of Arthur Misak Arutunian and Victoria Casabian. Ken attended Stanford University before enrolling in the U.S. Army. After his service, Ken graduated from Cal Poly Pomona before receiving his Master's in Landscape Architecture from Harvard University.

Co-founder of Arutunian Kinney & Associates (AKA), Ken worked as a landscape architect in the Bay Area for more than forty years. With his sister, Carol Arutunian, he also established the first European-style café in Palo Alto, Café Verona.

An avid sportsman, Ken loved tennis, ping pong and hiking, and his favorite hikes included the Vernal and Nevada Falls trails in Yosemite. He also enjoyed working in the pottery studio and vegetable gardening. Active in his community, Ken participated in the Barron Park Association, Trees For Menlo and, over the years, various pro bono landscape architecture projects.

Ken leaves behind his beloved wife Marsha; his son Aaron and his wife Cathleen of San Jose; his daughter Katie of San Diego; his daughter Leslie of Watsonville; his son Ethan and his wife Aude of Seattle; and former spouse Elise Bryant. He is also survived by his stepdaughter Leslie and her husband Basem of Oakland; his stepdaughter Amy of Burlingame; his stepdaughter Katie and her husband Josh of San Mateo; eight grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and his sister Mary of Santa Monica. He was predeceased by his sister Carol.

A private memorial will be held. Donations may be made to Pathways Hospice or a charity of your choice. Spangler Mortuary, Menlo Park assisting the family.

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The filing period for nomination papers, candidate statements and related documents will be available in the Office of the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA, on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. The last date and time for the submission of nomination papers for the aforementioned offices is Friday, August, 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. except that in the event an incumbent for any such office does not file nomination papers by that date and time, the period is extended for five days to Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. for said office.

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Theresa N. DellaSanta  
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Dated: June 24, 2016

# Facebook says it hopes to build 'significant' amount of housing

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

## ■ MENLO PARK

Facebook hopes the city's general plan update will give the company the opportunity to build "a significant amount of housing, including affordable and mixed-income housing, in the near future," a Facebook executive said in a recent email to the Menlo Park Housing Commission.

The email from Fergus O'Shea, Facebook's director of campus facilities, followed a commission hearing June 29 where concerns were expressed about the threat of Menlo Park residents being priced out of their homes due to rising rents, a large influx of new workers and rapid development, including Facebook's expansion

plans in the city.

"We share those concerns," Mr. O'Shea said in the email. "It appears the most important thing we could do is build housing."

Menlo Park currently does not have zoning that allows housing to be built in the city's M-2 area, the traditionally industrial zone east of U.S. 101, he said.

"The housing imbalance will exist with or without Facebook's planned growth," Mr. O'Shea said in the email. "The difference is that Facebook is a highly visible company that has resources to develop innovative solutions, and the willingness to invest in the community and take concrete action soon.

And we believe that the public benefits, programs and contributions to a housing solution that Facebook will bring to the area will outweigh its housing impacts."

He then listed public benefits connected to the company's proposed expansion: revitalizing an old industrial site, creating public open space that includes a park for a community farmers' markets and an outdoor events space, a bike and pedestrian bridge over Bayfront Expressway, a hotel to generate tax revenue for Menlo Park, and \$6.3 million toward funding affordable housing.

That funding could be earmarked for MidPen Housing's plans to build 70 more units of affordable housing on Willow Road. ■

## Menlo Park Housing Commission calls for more affordable housing

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

As Menlo Park updates its general plan, the city's Housing Commission intends to push the City Council to get built as many "below market rate" housing units as possible.

The commission made that decision at its July 7 meeting, attended by three commissioners: Sally Cadigan, Meg McGraw-Scherer and chair Michelle Tate.

Potential zoning changes in Menlo Park's M-2 area east of U.S. 101 could allow up to 4,500 housing units to be built. Most of those units would be on land

owned by Facebook. But the city has not yet decided how many affordable housing units that some large developments would have to fund or build.

The commissioners also agreed to question a Facebook-funded displacement study that concluded that Facebook's plans to add 6,550 employees to Menlo Park would have only a limited, indirect impact on local housing demand. Both commissioners and others at the meeting said they were not convinced of the study's findings.

"None of us thinks the numbers are realistic," said Ms. Tate.

"No matter what the displacement analysis said, this is a huge issue the city has to deal with,"

said Ms. McGraw-Scherer.

"For the first time, the room was full of people who want affordable housing," Housing Commissioner Sally Cadigan commented to her fellow commissioners about the public response at the previous week's meeting. In her four or five years on the commission, she said, the room has been full of people before, but only those who didn't want affordable housing near them.

Ms. McGraw-Scherer also recommended that the city consider using the incremental increase in tax revenue it will get from Facebook's new buildings to fund "below market rate" housing. ■

## Menlo Park: Cuckoo's Nest sues former officer

A lawsuit has been filed by Cuckoo's Nest, a private, invitation-only club that mingles tech entrepreneurs and venture capitalists, against its former chief sales and marketing officer, Tony Perkins.

The suit, filed July 7, accuses Mr. Perkins of embezzling from the club more than \$550,000 in member fees and sponsor and investor funds, according to the complaint filed in San Mateo County Superior Court on July 7.

Attorney David Nemecek could not be reached for comment by press time. A defense attorney has not yet been named.

## ■ MENLO PARK BRIEFS

### Master plan for Belle Haven pool

Menlo Park is searching for a consultant who will help develop a "master plan" for what should happen at the Belle Haven pool for the next 15 to 20 years, according to a request for proposals the city has released.

The plan would be expected to consider the needs of up to 11,570 new residents of Belle Haven and the M-2 area and

5,500 new employees, according to projected numbers in the city's general plan update.

### Willow & Bayfront

A road project at the intersection of Willow Road and Bayfront Expressway is almost finished. It is adding a third right-turn lane from Willow toward the Dumbarton Bridge, traffic-signal poles, street lights, drainage improvements, sidewalks and a bike path, the city of Menlo Park reported.

— Kate Bradshaw

# East Palo Alto document omitted from Facebook study

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Something is missing from the more than 5,000 pages of text detailing how the environment would be affected by Facebook's plans to build three 75-foot tall buildings (two office buildings and a hotel), and add an estimated 6,550 employees to Menlo Park.

That something, said Tameeka Bennett, executive director of Youth United for Community Action, is a four-page letter written by a coalition of agencies in East Palo Alto and submitted almost a year ago.

Ms. Bennett said she and her colleagues had spent "hours and hours" working on the letter, going door-to-door, hosting focus groups and meetings with residents, stakeholders and planners in East Palo Alto to define what they'd like to see included in the environmental report about Facebook's expansion plans. The letter was the culmination of those efforts, and it's not included in the appendices of the draft environmental impact report where the other letters from the public are located.

Ms. Bennett's 2015 letter raised major concerns about the health impacts of increased air pollution due to traffic increases in Belle Haven and East Palo Alto, and the "multiplier effect" the tech boom would have on job growth.

The coalition then asked Menlo Park for a 15-day extension of the July 11 deadline for public comment on the draft environmental report on the Facebook expansion, and a promise that the city will forward the coalition's letter to everyone who has expressed interest in the report, whether as a public commenter, someone who has attended a meeting on the topic, or someone who has submitted an email address to learn more about it.

Ms. Bennett told this to the East Palo Alto City Council at its meeting July 5, attended by Menlo Park staff, and Kirsten Chapman, a representative from the consultant group ICF International that

did the report. An email several hours earlier was also submitted to the Menlo Park City Council noting the omission.

"Yes, yes," responded Ms. Bennett to questions from the East Palo Alto council about whether the letter was submitted on time, and if there was proof of its submission.

"Everything was in order," she said.

The environmental impact report is supposed to respond to all relevant concerns that people raise before the study starts, according to state regulations.

"I was shocked to see (the letter) wasn't included," she told the Almanac.

Ms. Bennett's organization, Youth United for Community Action, is one of the agencies in the "Build East Palo Alto" coalition, which also includes the groups Peninsula Interfaith Action, El Comite de Vecinos and Urban Habitat. She called the coalition a "Justice League" of sorts: each organization works on its own most of the time, but they band together at times of community-wide concern. It is the same coalition that brought a lawsuit against the city of Menlo Park in 2012 for failing to update its housing element for 20 years.

The irony was not missed on East Palo Alto Councilman Carlos Romero, who told Menlo Park staff: "I am floored, almost speechless that the very group that actually almost took (your) city to court ... and compelled you to approve a housing element and to put money on the table so people could develop affordable housing ... Their letter was not included?"

Menlo Park city staff are trying to track down the cause for the omission, said Assistant City Manager Chip Taylor. Some issues raised in the letter were discussed at some level in the draft environmental impact report for the city's general plan update, he said. That update could allow an addition of up to 2 million square feet of nonresidential development and



Rendering courtesy of Facebook

**Facebook's** proposed office buildings would have bolder architecture on the side facing Bayfront Expressway (outside the image) than on the side facing Belle Haven.

4,500 housing units, resulting in an estimated 5,000 more jobs and 11,250 more residents. That project is also in its 45-day review period, which ends July 15.

The omission of the letter combined with the double-duty environmental review period casts Menlo Park under certain unfavorable "optics," said Daniel Saver, a housing attorney at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto. He sent an email on behalf of "Build East Palo Alto" to Menlo Park City Manager Alex McIntyre, which said:

"Overwhelming the public with technical documents about two immense projects while restricting comments to a mere 45 days creates an appearance that Menlo Park may be trying to avoid rigorous public input and simply rubber-stamp the (draft environmental impact reports). The optics of this situation are compounded by the city's failure to recognize one of the key comment letters expressing deep concerns about the projects' scope and impact."

Ms. Bennett's 2015 letter raised major concerns about the health impacts of increased air pollution due to traffic increases

in Belle Haven and East Palo Alto, and the "multiplier effect" the tech boom would have on job growth. Build East Palo Alto at the time requested that a study be conducted on the health impacts the Facebook expansion might have on residents of East Palo Alto and Belle Haven.

"Carbon dioxide emissions and traffic congestion have significant effects on air quality in East Palo Alto," Ms. Bennett wrote. "East Palo Alto, like many other low-income communities, has a higher prevalence of respiratory ailments than its more affluent neighbors."

While the draft environmental report did not include a

study that looked at health impacts specifically, it did study the potential for air pollution and found that it would fall below the state's threshold for constituting a "significant and unavoidable" impact.

However, Ms. Bennett said, "We know expanding the Facebook campus will mean more trips, (and) that only adds more to our health issues in East Palo Alto."

East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park kids are hospitalized for asthma at almost double the San Mateo County rate according to the Ravenswood Family Health Center in East Palo Alto,

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## FACEBOOK

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### Household income

Hours before the Housing Commission met, MidPen released statistics about household income levels in Belle Haven and East Palo Alto.

In 2016, Belle Haven had 133 fewer households with incomes of less than \$100,000 than it did in 2010. East Palo Alto had 699 fewer households in that category during that period.

According to Lily Gray, senior business development manager at MidPen, the numbers are an aggregated count of households registered under one income bracket or another, so some people in that count could have either combined households or experienced income increases that put them over the \$100,000 annual income threshold.

"It's not a perfect displacement measure," she said, "But we do know that income growth has

been low in recent years."

MidPen conducted the research in consultation with real estate analysts from the Concord Group.

### Housing talk?

A tentative joint meeting with the Menlo Park City Council and Housing Commission is penciled in for Tuesday, July 19, according to Mr. Perata. Previously, the meeting was scheduled to take place in April, but had been postponed indefinitely. ■

## REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

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# Filing period opens for local elections

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

The candidate filing period for Nov. 8 local elections to city councils, school board and special district boards opens July 18 and runs through Aug. 12.

In Menlo Park, two of the five seats on the City Council will be open. Incumbents Ray Mueller and Catherine Carlton say they will seek re-election. Former candidates, Kristin Duriseti, who has been on the city's Environmental Quality Commission, and Drew Combs, current vice chair of the city's Planning Commission, told the Almanac they don't plan to run.

In Atherton, two of the five

council seats will be open. Incumbents Elizabeth Lewis and Cary Wiest said they will seek re-election.

The Las Lomas School District and the Menlo Park City School District will each have two board seats open. The seats are now occupied by Jeff Child and Maria Hilton in the Menlo Park district and Diane Honda and William Steinmetz in the Las Lomas district.

On the Sequoia Healthcare District board, there will be two open seats, now held by Kathleen Kane and Kimberly Griffin.

In the San Mateo County Harbor District, four of the five board seats will be open. They are occupied by Sabrina

Brennan, Tom Mattusch, Pietro Parravano and Virginia Chang Kiraly. Ms. Chang Kiraly was appointed in November 2015 to fill a vacancy on the board. She is also on the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

Elections are held in odd years for: Woodside and Portola Valley town councils; Woodside Elementary, Portola Valley and Sequoia Union High school districts; the Woodside and Menlo Park fire protection districts; the West Bay Sanitary District; and the Ladera Recreation District.

A state law adopted in 2015 says that beginning in 2018, municipalities, school districts and special districts will have to switch to even-year elections if turnout

has been at least 25 percent less than the average turnout during the previous four even-year elections. Where this has happened, the districts will be expected to adopt by 2018 a plan to switch to even-year elections, whether by shortening or lengthening a term of office to make the switch, according to a San Mateo County candidate filing officer.

## Candidate info

People considering running for office are invited to attend one of two optional candidate seminars at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, and at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 21, at the Elections Division office at 40 Tower Road in San Mateo. Each seminar will be followed by a data

seminar, during which candidates can learn about how to use the county's database of registered voters.

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Go to [tinyurl.com/candidate371](http://tinyurl.com/candidate371) to get candidate filing documents in the county's Candidate Guide. The deadline to file is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12; however, if an incumbent is eligible to run for re-election and does not, the deadline is extended by five days.

The deadline to submit arguments for and against local measures is 5 p.m. on Aug. 19. Impartial analyses and rebuttals must be submitted by Aug. 29. Write-in candidates can file for write-in candidacy between Sept. 12 and Oct. 25. Election day is Nov. 8 and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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## Atherton council: Lewis, Wiest to seek re-election

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Although the filing period hasn't yet opened, both incumbent Atherton City Council members whose terms end this year have told the Almanac they plan to run for re-election in November. Current Mayor Elizabeth Lewis will run for a third four-year term and Councilman Cary Wiest for a second term on the five-member council.

Both candidates say Atherton is in the middle of several significant projects, including a new civic center, that they want to see through completion.

### Elizabeth Lewis

In a July 6 interview, Ms. Lewis said that in addition to the civic center, a project "I've worked really long and hard on," there are two other projects that are "very important" to her: putting into place the recommendations of the town's



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**Atherton council incumbents** Elizabeth Lewis is seeking a third term on the five-member council, and Cary Wiest, a second term.

Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan and working to make El Camino Real safer.

Ms. Lewis also noted that the current council members work well together. "We have a really, really good council mix that should continue for the next two to four years," she said.

That is a change from her first six years on the council when Ms. Lewis often found herself, along with Councilman Jerry Carlson, on the losing end of 3-2 votes. When Mr. Carlson left the council in mid-2013 because he was moving from Atherton, the council could not come to an agreement on an appointment to complete his term.

Now, however, council members often vote unanimously on items, although, Ms. Lewis said, they do have "spirited discussions."

In the past, Ms. Lewis has said that council members should serve only two terms.

"What I have discovered in working with San Mateo County regional elected (officials) in the boards I serve on, is that three terms, 12 years, is the magic number," she said.

Having experience has helped her fill important regional roles,

Ms. Lewis noted. She has been very involved in C/CAG, the City/County Association of Governments, and was the chair of San Mateo County's Council of Cities last year. She is vice chair of the San Francisco Airport Roundtable.

"I feel like I'm doing very effective work," she said.

### Cary Wiest

Mr. Wiest also says he has unfinished projects he'd like to see through as a council member. "We're going in such a nice, healthy direction for the town," he said. "So many things are in motion."

Having four years of experience under his belt is also helpful, Mr. Wiest said. "It's hard to get up to speed," he said.

The council, he added, now has a good blend of both new members and those who have been around for a while. (Councilman Bill Widmer is half-way through his second term, while Rick DeGolia, who was appointed for a year before being elected, is in his third year, and Mike Lempres in his second.)

Mr. Wiest said he's learned a few things during his first term on the council, including that "things don't happen overnight."

He's also learned, he said, that it's not possible for a single person to accomplish anything without cooperation from the rest of the council. He said he feels council members are now "working together as a group to accomplish, in essence, the people's goals." Council members, and town staff, have gotten better at listening to the town's residents, he said.

"Even though things don't happen overnight, they're happening," he said.

During a second term, Mr. Wiest said the major project he'd like to see completed is the civic center. The town's current offices are crumbling and costing a lot to keep in operable condition, he said, adding that the condition of the offices "is deplorable."

He said he also hopes to see the town continue to work at putting into place many of the objectives of the master plans it has adopted, including those for drainage, bicycle and pedestrian circulation and, now underway, El Camino Real.

Traffic is a real concern, especially with major development in cities on either side of Atherton. "We've got to figure out how we can move bodies around," he said, including the 6,500 students who come into Atherton each day to attend schools in the town.

He'd also like to see the railroad quiet zone the town recently established near Fair Oaks Lane be expanded to include the Watkins Avenue crossing. "It's not an issue of safety — that's really not why that horn's being blown. It's an issue of quality of life for those residents along that corridor," he said.

Mr. Wiest said he would also like to see the town continue to make sure it has reduced its long-term liabilities, mostly for employees' retirement costs, as much as possible. While the economy is currently good, it may not always be, he said.

"Right now we're OK, but we don't know what it's going to be like in the future," he said. ▀

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# Menlo Chamber restarts Golden Acorn Awards

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

After a four-year hiatus, the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce will again be conferring Golden Acorn Awards in 2016. Menlo Park individuals, businesses and organizations will be recognized in four categories: community service, public service, innovation and technology, and business excellence.

However, instead of hosting a large banquet as in years past, the chamber is opting for a more casual event to recognize the winners this year, said chamber President Fran Dehn. The chamber is planning a reception on Sept. 20 at the Stanford Park Hotel with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

The deadline to submit nominations is July 22. Anyone in the community can submit them.

Go to [tinyurl.com/acorn057](http://tinyurl.com/acorn057) for more information.

The awards would have hit 40 consecutive years in 2012

before they were skipped for cost and participation-related reasons.

"Quite frankly, I think we recognized that maybe the banquet venue was not what the majority of people wanted to participate in," Ms. Dehn said.

The awards got their title from the Golden Acorn restaurant, a Menlo Park eatery opened in 1972 where the first chamber recognition dinners were held, according to previous Almanac reporting. Award categories have changed over the years, but the core purpose of recognizing community service and local businesses has remained the same, Ms. Dehn said.

"We value the nominations as coming from the community, from businesses, from peers," said Ms. Dehn. "These are our friends and neighbors that are doing marvelous things on a daily basis and contributing to our community in a large or small, but very unique way." ■



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

## Marsh Road project moves ahead

Atherton says the contractors are making significant progress in installing a new drainage channel along Marsh Road. Contractor Granite Construction has finished most of the demolition work and workers are getting ready to pour concrete. Here a Granite employee works on stabilizing the concrete forms.

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# Former dry cleaner pleads no contest to fraud charges

■ Edwin Gary Smith could be sentenced to eight years in prison.

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Edwin Gary Smith, the former owner of a Menlo Park dry cleaning business who was accused of overcharging customers' credit cards for dry cleaning services, pleaded no contest July 8 to eight felonies: one count of fraudulent use of "an access card" for grand theft, and seven counts of identity theft, according to San Mateo County prosecutors.

In a plea bargain, Mr. Smith, 64, agreed to a maximum prison term of eight years and agreed that the court could order payment of restitution to all victims and on all counts, including counts that were dismissed, prosecutors said.

The initial charges against Mr. Smith included 40 counts of identity theft, 20 counts of credit card fraud, and 19 counts of elder abuse in connection with losses of over \$350,000, prosecutors said.

A sentencing hearing is set for Oct. 4. Mr. Smith is out of custody on \$350,000 bail.

Mr. Smith was the owner of Menalto Dry Cleaners at 1921 Menalto Ave. Given his moniker of "Mayor of Menalto," he had been something of a neighborhood institution.

Regular customers had filed their credit card numbers with



Photo by Michelle Le  
E. Gary Smith

Mr. Smith for monthly billing for dry cleaning services. A police investigation led to accusations that he made unauthorized charges of "large amounts" to those credit cards from December 2011 to October 2014.

Several customers allegedly confronted Mr. Smith about the unauthorized charges and Mr. Smith allegedly agreed to pay them back, but did not and continued to make unauthorized charges, prosecutors said.

Two customers alerted police and others came forward after an investigation, prosecutors said.

Police arrested him in January 2015, and he was evicted from the building on Menalto Avenue at about the same time, according to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. ■

## Grand jury report: Colleges should improve security practices

The San Mateo County Community College District should improve security training and emergency preparedness on its three campuses, including Cañada College in Woodside, the county civil grand jury recommended in a report released July 5.

Made up of 19 citizens appointed by a Superior Court judge, the civil grand jury investigated safety and security practices on the campuses and recommended that the district:

■ Hold regular joint training sessions between on-campus security and local

law-enforcement agencies.

■ Review safety awareness and emergency procedures during new student orientation in the fall.

■ Hold annual large-scale training exercises to prepare for major campus-wide emergencies.

More than 26,000 students are enrolled in the district's three colleges, including the College of San Mateo and Skyline College.

Elected officials are required to respond within 60 days to grand jury's recommendations; governing bodies must respond within 90 days.

## East Palo Alto document omitted from key study

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as reported by the Palo Alto Weekly in 2012.

While Facebook would add a lot of new employees, the draft environmental report says it would limit the number of vehicles allowed to enter and leave from its campus each day. According to Mr. Taylor, those limits are tracked carefully and Facebook gets fined \$50 for each car over the limit. The trip cap would permit only an additional 438 rush hour morning trips and 123 rush hour evening trips.

Another potential impact the coalition said it wanted studied is whether Facebook's expansion would have a "multiplier effect," in which each high-tech job created generates numerous other service sector jobs, which pay much less. According to Councilman Romero, some Bay Area economists say that each high-tech employee generates 2 to 4.5 new, mostly service sector jobs, which puts even further strain on the local "below market rate" housing stock and creates longer commutes.

Go to [tinyurl.com/omit563](http://tinyurl.com/omit563) to read the omitted letter.

### Nearby cities

The omitted letter wasn't the only problem that East Palo Alto council members had with Menlo Park's development plans. Councilman Romero expressed concern that it looks like Menlo Park expects its neighboring cities to house the vast majority of new employees that a proposed office expansion at Facebook would bring, while it alone reaps

the tax benefits and other perks of being the hometown of the world's biggest social network.

Less than 5 percent of Facebook's employees currently live in Menlo Park, and only about a third of 1 percent now live in East Palo Alto, according to a Facebook-funded study by Keyser Marston Associates, which looked at how the new project would affect local housing demand. In East Palo Alto, that's about 28 employees. While that study assumes that proportion will stay the same into the future, others, such as members of the Menlo Park Housing Commission, aren't so sure this assumption is accurate.

Despite the study's assumption that East Palo Alto would only experience an increase in demand of 21 housing units citywide because of Facebook's expansion, East Palo Alto council members seemed uncomfortable with the study's underlying conclusion that Menlo Park's neighbors and outlying cities will be expected to bear the brunt of housing 95 percent of the company's new employees.

"Our low-income communities ... have a lot of people to absorb as it is," said Ms. Bennett. "To assume other communities will absorb those numbers while Menlo Park is reaping all the benefits ... it's really terrible."

On July 6, Ms. Bennett received a call from a Menlo Park city staff member telling her that the public comment period deadline for Facebook's draft environmental report would not be extended. ■

## Menlo Park relaxes water restrictions

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

After being named one of the most successful cities in California at curbing water use last year, Menlo Park is relaxing some of its water conservation restrictions.

These changes, approved by the City Council on June 21, come after water conservation restrictions, including a mandatory statewide 25 percent water use reduction from 2013 levels, were loosened at the state level.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has asked the Bay Area utilities that receive its water, including the Menlo Park Municipal Water District, to cut use by 10 percent compared to 2013 levels.

Customers of the municipal water district are again allowed to water their landscaping more than two days a week and between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Those who have built new pools can now fill them with water.

Other drought-related rules will stick.

Muni customers still cannot hose sidewalks, driveways or street medians, wash cars with hoses that don't have a shut-off nozzle, or have fountains that don't re-circulate water.

They are not allowed to water their property within 48 hours of rain or in a way that creates runoff. Hotels and motels have to make daily linen and towel laundering services optional, and restaurants and other food service spots must serve water only upon request.

Residents are expected to fix broken or defective plumbing within a "reasonable" time and keep pools covered. Certain inefficient cooling systems in new buildings are not allowed.

As of July 1, drought surcharges dropped to 18 cents from 29 cents per 748 gallons used.

Programs in Menlo Park that encourage water conservation will continue.

The "Lawn Be Gone" program offers residents up to \$2 per square foot to convert lawns to more water-efficient landscaping. "Conserve-A-Scape" is a city-subsidized program that offers residents a customized drought-tolerant design and consultation with a professional landscape architect.

"Waterfluence," another city funded program, provides automated water-use auditing to the city's top 101 water users.

The Menlo Park Municipal Water District provides water to about 16,000 residents. In March, it was recognized for registering the highest cumulative water savings in California between June and August 2015, cutting its water use 47 percent below 2013 levels, and far surpassing the 16 percent reduction target set for the district. Overall, the district has reduced water use 38 percent compared to 2013 levels, according to city staff. ■

## Hip hop, dance show Saturday in Menlo Park

By Jackie Gerson  
Special to the Almanac

Three employees at Cafe Zoe, a cafe in the Willows neighborhood of Menlo Park, will perform hip hop and reggae in a show called "Get Human: Dance and Music" on Saturday, July 16, at the Hillview Middle School Per-

forming Arts Center, 1100 Elder Ave. in Menlo Park.

The show, which aims to raise funds for music, video and art initiatives in East Palo Alto, starts at 7:30 p.m.

Two of the employees, whose first names are J.P. and Marvin, and whose stage names are J.

Bugz and Infamouz, will perform hip hop music. The third, whose first name is Raevonn, will play live reggae.

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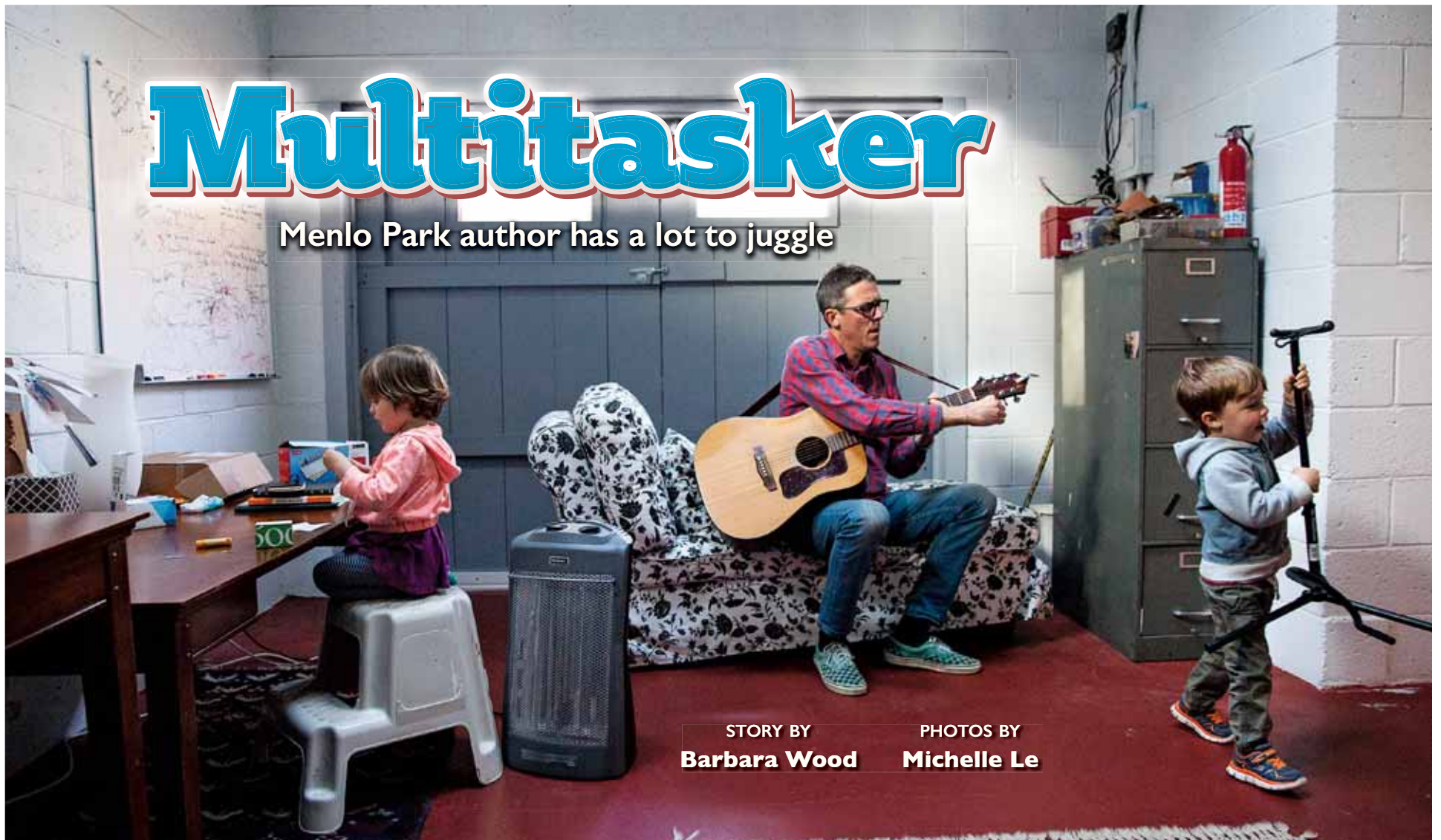
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# Multitasker

Menlo Park author has a lot to juggle



STORY BY  
**Barbara Wood**

PHOTOS BY  
**Michelle Le**

**N**ick Taylor is a champion multitasker, the type who in the past would have been called a Renaissance man.

He is a San Jose State professor who both teaches creative writing and heads the university's Center for Steinbeck Studies. He's written two well-received literary historical novels, one about the civil war, and one about California mission founder Father Junipero Serra.

And, under the pseudonym TT Monday, he's also just come out with the second of two briskly selling, quick-read detective novels. The main character is a bit of a multitasker himself — a left-handed relief pitcher for the mythical San Jose Bay Dogs major league baseball team, a hard-living private investigator and a devoted, divorced dad.

A Menlo Park resident, Mr. Taylor on occasion finds time to write a blog for PaloAltoOnline about books and writing, "On the Page."

The 40-year-old writer also has a skill not common to literary types — computer programming. He learned programming in high school and supported himself working as a programmer during his undergraduate college years and until after receiving a master of fine arts degree.

Programming, he says, is actually a lot like fiction writing. "It is a way of thinking," he says. "It's solitary work and it's project-based." In both areas, he says, "I like the feeling I'm creating something."

Mr. Taylor doesn't have a lot of time to write code right now, though, because he is also the father of twin 3-year-olds, Raymond and Rose of Sharon, and a

teenager who attends Hillview Middle School, Violet — all of whom he spends a lot of time schlepping around while his wife Jessica is busy with her high-tech start-up, Rolltape.

"My schedule's more flexible," he says.

## Very different novels

The Nick Taylor and TT Monday novels could not be more different. Mr. Taylor's historical fiction leaves readers feeling both entertained and educated after being immersed in life in another era. It's easy to see the author as a professor and history buff.

The Monday books lean toward what some call "lad lit," the male equivalent of chick lit — quick, fun reads, full of insider baseball lore with some sex and violence thrown in to keep things lively.

It's easy to imagine wanting to take in a ballgame and a few beers with Mr. Monday, a little harder to imagine him as a professor.

In March, while Nick Taylor prepared to shepherd his San Jose State students through finals, TT Monday came out with a new book, "Double Switch," which was launched March 1 at Kepler's Books in Menlo Park.

The 240-page detective thriller is Mr. Monday's second featuring Johnny Adcock. Since Mr. Adcock's specialty is as a closer, coming in at the end of games to pitch to left-handed batters, he doesn't put in a lot of time on the field to earn his hefty major league salary.

To stave off boredom, and maybe put a second career in place for the not-too-distant time when his baseball days are over, Mr. Adcock helps



**Above:** Nick Taylor hangs out in his garage/office with his 3-year-old twins, Rose of Sharon, left, and Raymond.

**Left:** Nick Taylor with his latest novel, "Double Switch," the second in a series about a professional baseball player who moonlights as a detective. Mr. Taylor is also a professor, a blogger, a computer programmer, the head of San Jose State's Center for Steinbeck Studies, and the author of historical novels.

**On the Cover:** Nick Taylor plays baseball with son Raymond while daughter, Rose of Sharon, swings in their Menlo Park backyard.

his teammates and others connected to the baseball world with "problems" like cheating spouses or a missing teenage daughter.

On the Kepler's website, the book's description says Mr. Adcock "faces off against a ring of ruthless South American smugglers and a mysterious, sexy assassin known only as La Loba. And he's still got the playoffs to worry about."

Writing novels may serve a similar purpose for Nick Taylor as being a detective does for Mr. Adcock — a way to escape from his everyday serious life to have a little fun while exercising his intellectual gifts.

Mr. Taylor said he loves research and writing. "You're getting words to transport somebody to this place" that is being written about, he says. "I don't

feel like my own life is that interesting to me," he says, especially not as interesting as what he's writing about. "Ultimately I'm my own audience."

## Civil war novel

His first book, "The Disagreement," is about a young man who finds himself transformed from being a first-year medical student into a doctor in the field hospital set up on the University of Virginia campus during the Civil War.

As young John Muro gets a hands-on medical education, he also falls in love with a fetching young woman who is in Charlottesville to escape from the fighting.

Mr. Taylor began the book when he received a summer grant to write some

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## Nick Taylor heads Steinbeck programs at San Jose State

Author Nick Taylor has two "day jobs" (three if you count schlepping his three kids): teaching writing at San Jose State and heading up the university's Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies.

Mr. Taylor says he's particularly proud of several programs in the Steinbeck center: a Steinbeck in the Schools program, fellowships for writers, and an annual award called "In the Souls of the People," after a line in "The Grapes of Wrath."

At the [sits.sjsu.edu](http://sits.sjsu.edu) website, Steinbeck in the Schools offers free, downloadable teaching aids, including customizable lesson plans, reading guides

and information on the historical and geographical context of John Steinbeck's works. There are resources for teachers in middle schools through college, including those who work with English language learners.

The winners of the "In the Souls of the People" award include Bruce Springsteen (the first winner in 1996), Arthur Miller in 1999, Studs Terkel in 2002, Joan Baez in 2003, Michael Moore in 2010, and Rachel Maddow in 2012.

In 2015, the award winner was Ruby Bridges, the real life heroine upon whom Mr. Steinbeck based the character of a 6-year-old black girl

who was chosen to integrate an all-white school in the deep South in 1960.

The Steinbeck center also annually gives one-year fellowships in Steinbeck studies and creative writing. The center usually offers two or three \$10,000 fellowships each year, Mr. Taylor said. However, he said, the center's founder, Martha Heasley Cox, recently died, and left a large endowment to the center so it can expand the number of fellows.

At [sjsu.edu/Steinbeck](http://sjsu.edu/Steinbeck), the San Jose State website, more information is available on all the programs. ■

Barbara Wood

### MULTITASKER

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historical fiction about the University of Virginia.

The book delves deeply into how medicine was practiced during the Civil War and what life was like in that part of the South during the war.

"I had never written any historical fiction before — I just loved it," he says. "I found some really fascinating stuff," including a Confederate medical field guide and an alternative formulary that doctors drew up when they ran out of the medications they had used

before the war. At the time, doctors "didn't really fully understand germ theory," he says, nor did they understand the need for sterilization.

"They said the whole university was turned into a hospital," he says.

Mr. Taylor also found materials that showed how little has changed, including a letter sent home by a student of the era. It was, Mr. Taylor says, much like what a student would write now. "I ran out of money. I met a girl," is the gist of the letter, he says.

"I like writing things that have a lot of material," he says. "I like taking the material and making something out of it."

### Junipero Serra novel

His second book, "Father Junipero's Confessor," is about some of the Franciscan brothers who worked with Father Junipero Serra building missions and converting (and killing off) the natives in early California and Mexico.

On Amazon.com, the book is described this way: "A master stylist and a meticulous researcher, Nick Taylor vividly captures the atmosphere of early California as he dramatizes the politics of the era: the horrifying and tragic gaps in understanding between priests and natives; the vicious power plays between crown and church; and the fervor, ambition, and desperation that fueled European settlement of the region."

Mr. Taylor says that in doing this work, "the real difficult part is to know when to stop researching. I kind of don't want to know too much, because then it would limit my ability to create a story that

accomplishes what I want it to," he says. "I'm not obligated to get it right; I'm just obligated to make it fun and interesting."

He does, however, write in genres that have an audience that doesn't hesitate to let the author know if he's gotten a detail wrong. Like the fact that his first TT Monday novel, "The Setup Man," had a right-handed pitcher on the cover, although Johnny Adcock is left-handed. Or that he made a mistake in describing a cannon in "The Disagreement."

Mr. Taylor grew up in the Los Angeles area, a starting pitcher who wanted to be a professional baseball player. "I wasn't good enough," he says. He went Loyola High School, a Catholic all-boys school, even though his parents are Episcopalian.

### What's ahead

Mr. Taylor says he hopes to write a third TT Monday book, and has a first draft of a Silicon Valley novel. "I wrote it as a gift for my wife," he says, but alas, she didn't like it, so it needs more work.

He said he doesn't want to limit himself to writing exclusively either historical novels or detective novels. "I want to do both," he says. "They're so drastically different."

He does admit, however, that TT Monday writes faster than Nick Taylor. "It comes a lot easier," he says. Plus, he says, "my mother told me I could write off baseball items as a work expense."

The easy part, he says, is to imagine being a pro baseball player. "The hardest part for me is coming up with the crimes," he says. ■

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# Decision on new sheriff up to county supervisors

■ Greg Munks is retiring in mid-July and his second in command wants the job.

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Sheriff Greg Munks announced recently that he will be retiring due to health reasons on July 16, with more than two years left of what he said in November 2015 would be his final term as San Mateo County sheriff.

Because he's retiring early, it becomes the job of the county Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy, and one candidate — Undersheriff Carlos Bolanos — has been actively campaigning to succeed Mr. Munks since November. He now seems to have an advantage.

The supervisors are likely to decide on July 12 — after the Almanac went to press — on whether to put the matter before voters or to appoint someone to complete Mr. Munks' term that ends in December 2018.

Check AlmanacNews.com for updates.

Mr. Munks, 61, said in a statement that he made this "difficult decision" in recognition of a "not life-threatening" heart condition and the effect it is having on his quality of life and his capacity for full-time work. Mr. Munks is on medical leave, and Mr. Bolanos has been serving as acting sheriff.

Mr. Bolanos, a former police chief in Redwood City and second in command at the Sheriff's Office for nine years, made clear his intention to run for the top job shortly after Mr. Munks announced that he would not be seeking a fourth term.

If the board were to call for an election, Mr. Bolanos would have a six-month head start on any other candidate, Supervisor Dave Pine noted in an interview.

Since the sheriff is an elected official, having voters decide "would normally carry the day," Mr. Pine said. And if the board were to call for an election, it would likely be incorporated into the general election in November, thereby avoiding the cost of a special election, Mr. Pine said.

But with Mr. Bolanos' campaign well underway and the general election imminent, a



Courtesy, Sheriff's Office

**Outgoing Sheriff** Greg Munks, left, and Undersheriff Carlos Bolanos.

new candidate would have to hit the ground running. "To mount a (new) campaign in that short period of time raises the question of (whether) an election is really viable," Mr. Pine said.

Supervisor Warren Slocum, after noting that San Mateo Police Chief Susan Manheimer has ended speculation about her interest in running for sheriff, said he was not aware of any potential candidates other than Mr. Bolanos.

## Qualifications

The Almanac asked Mr. Pine, Mr. Slocum and Supervisor Don Horsley to comment on the desired qualities of a candidate for sheriff.

Mr. Horsley, a former sheriff in San Mateo County, repre-

sents District 3, which includes Atherton, Menlo Park (west of El Camino Real), Portola Valley, Woodside and unincorporated communities in the southern part of the county.

A good candidate should demonstrate leadership ability and have goals in mind for the department, Mr. Horsley said. Also, he said, the candidate should have a committed interest in rehabilitation of prisoners (so they don't end up back in jail) and in providing services for the mentally ill, who make up a significant portion of the inmates.

Integrity, Mr. Slocum said, is key, as is relevant experience, the ability to run a complex organization, being a part of a network of relationships in the law enforcement community, and focusing on reducing recidivism.

The Sheriff's Office, Mr. Pine said, "is one of the largest and most influential departments in the county. You need a very competent manager who can provide leadership to a large and very important group of people. ... (Someone) who sets a direction for law enforcement that keeps the community safe and is

sensitive to the needs of the less fortunate people in our county."

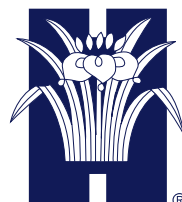
The organization's responsibilities are complicated, he said, by an expanded role in day-to-day law enforcement with the inclusion of police responsibilities in Half Moon Bay, San Carlos and Millbrae — a city in District 1, which Mr. Pine represents. Sheriff's Office deputies also police Woodside, Portola Valley and nearby unincorporated communities.

## Deputy morale

Mr. Munks and Mr. Bolanos were together on an April night in 2007 when Las Vegas police and federal agents found them on the premises of a brothel located in an unmarked house in a residential neighborhood of Las Vegas.

The raid on the brothel, referred to by federal agents as Operation Dollhouse, netted seven arrests, though not of customers. Mr. Munks and Mr. Bolanos were detained and questioned, then released. The subsequent investigation looked into whether the prostitutes were working as sex slaves, a Las Vegas

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## Filoli names new executive head

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Officials at Filoli, Woodside's historic mansion house and gardens, announced July 2 that Kara Newport, who has years of experience running a large botanical garden in North Carolina, will become Filoli's new executive director.

Ms. Newport, who has been the executive director of the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Belmont, North Carolina, for the past 10 years, will start working at Filoli on Sept. 1, a statement from Filoli said.

Ms. Newport will be Filoli's sixth executive director in 12 years. The most recent director, Cynthia D'Agosta, left abruptly in early November, slightly less than three years after her hiring. Months earlier, hundreds of Filoli volunteers had left their unpaid jobs at the historic estate rather than sign a controversial volunteer agreement.

Donna Colson, the president of Filoli's governing board, said Ms. Newport "is a visionary leader with over two decades of experience in the nonprofit sector."

Ms. Newport had also worked as vice president of development for the Discovery Place, a hands-on science museum in North Carolina; did fundraising for the Franklin Institute science museum and education center in Philadelphia; and worked for the Philadelphia Zoo.

When the Daniel Stowe garden



Photo courtesy Filoli

Kara Newport will start as Filoli's new executive director on Sept. 1.

announced Ms. Newport's resignation on June 29, officials said that during her tenure, attendance doubled from nearly 60,000 guests in 2005 to more than 123,000 in 2015. Membership grew from 3,500 members to nearly 6,000 over that time. The garden opened to the public in 1999.

The North Carolina garden is open year-round and, like Filoli, relies on a large group of volunteers.

Filoli has more than 120,000 visitors annually and 12,000 members, officials there say.

Ms. Newport has a master's degree in public horticulture administration from the University of Delaware and a bachelor's degree in botany from Miami University. She is treasurer of the American Public Gardens Association.

She will have some rebuilding to do at Filoli. In early 2015, hundreds of Filoli volunteers, including 80 who volunteered in the organization's nature hike program, resigned rather than sign a volunteer agreement. Volunteers told the Almanac that they felt the agreement left them open to liability while volunteering, and many said they also objected to other clauses in the agreement.

One volunteer said the nature docents who had left had more than 250 collective years of experience as Filoli volunteers.

Ms. D'Agosta began working for Filoli on Dec. 1, 2012. She formerly served as the executive director of the Committee for Green Foothills, and was the first executive director of the San Francisco Creek Joint Powers Authority. ■

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police officer said at the time.

With the leadership of the Sheriff's Office in transition, the Almanac asked about morale among the deputies.

If there were a morale problem, there would also be an attrition problem, Mr. Horsley

said. "I don't see that," he said. While the department staff is not at full strength, recruiting from surrounding police departments is ongoing, "and (the Sheriff's Office) does not lose people to other agencies," he said.

Mr. Slocum said he's talked with deputies and the department rank and file. "I didn't

get a sense that things were at all rocky" either before or after Mr. Munks announced his plans to retire, he said. "From what I can see, it seems OK," he said. "My sense is that the morale is alright."

Mr. Pine said he had no comment in that he was not close enough to the department to have an informed opinion. ■

## Obituary: Henry Anthony Scarlett

Henry "Hank" Anthony Scarlett, a longtime member of the Mounted Patrol, died peacefully at his home in Woodside on May 16 at the age of 95. A private celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Mr. Scarlett was born in Portland, Oregon. The family later moved to San Francisco, where he graduated from Galileo High School.

He served in the military twice in World War II: first, in the National Guard, then in the 40th Signal Corp as a radio operator. Ham radio remained a deep interest throughout his life.

He had his own sheet metal

manufacturing company, Designco, in Menlo Park.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Patricia; her children, Douglas Piccolotti, Deborah Piccolotti and Michael Piccolotti; his children from his first marriage, Victoria Scarlett and Patricia Jonas; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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# Rebranded street festival set for this weekend

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**M**enlo Park's rebranded street festival, "Menlo Summerfest" (formerly Connoisseurs' Marketplace), will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17, along downtown Santa Cruz Avenue.

The outdoor festival — with food, drink, music, art, a fun run and kids activities — has a "tropical vibrations" theme.

In advance of the festival, local shop owners are encouraged to participate in what's being called "Aloha Friday" by selling, wearing and decorating their shops with tropical-themed gear on July 15.

So far, 168 artists and vendors are expected at the event. Ceramics, handmade clothing, glasswork, jewelry, leatherwork, paintings, sculpture, photography, woodwork, toys, and personal care products, among others, will be for sale.

Food trucks and food-and-drink vendors will be posted

throughout the event site.

The musical headliner will be Petty Theft, a Tom Petty tribute band scheduled to play at Fremont Park from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday. Several other bands will perform during the weekend.

For children, there will be a "Super Duper Kidz Funzone" with a bungee trampoline, rock climbing wall, hair braiding, puppet shows, caricatures, henna art, various rides and "Waterballerz" (clear inflatable balls that kids can climb inside and roll around in on water).

On Sunday at 9 a.m., Fleet Feet will host a 5K family fun run and 1-mile kids run, followed by treats and popsicles at Fremont Park.

The Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce is hosting the event with the help of Miramar Events, Team Pro Event and Pacific Fine Arts Festivals.

Go to [tinyurl.com/funrun402](http://tinyurl.com/funrun402) to register for the run.

Go to [tinyurl.com/fest767](http://tinyurl.com/fest767) for more information on the festival. ■



**Eric Mollegaard** cuts the ribbon to officially open the new home of DJ's Hair Design at 814 Santa Cruz Ave. in Menlo Park. With him are, from left, hair stylists Mary Truong, Debbie Dias and Gina Hampton, and Shirley Roybal, branch manager of Bank of the West and board member of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce.

## New locale for DJ's Hair Design

After more than 30 years in Menlo Park, DJ's Hair Design has moved to its new location at 814 Santa Cruz Ave., former site of Golden Shears barbershop.

"We had to relocate, but, luckily, we found a prime location on Santa Cruz Avenue," said Eric Mollegaard, who has owned the business for more

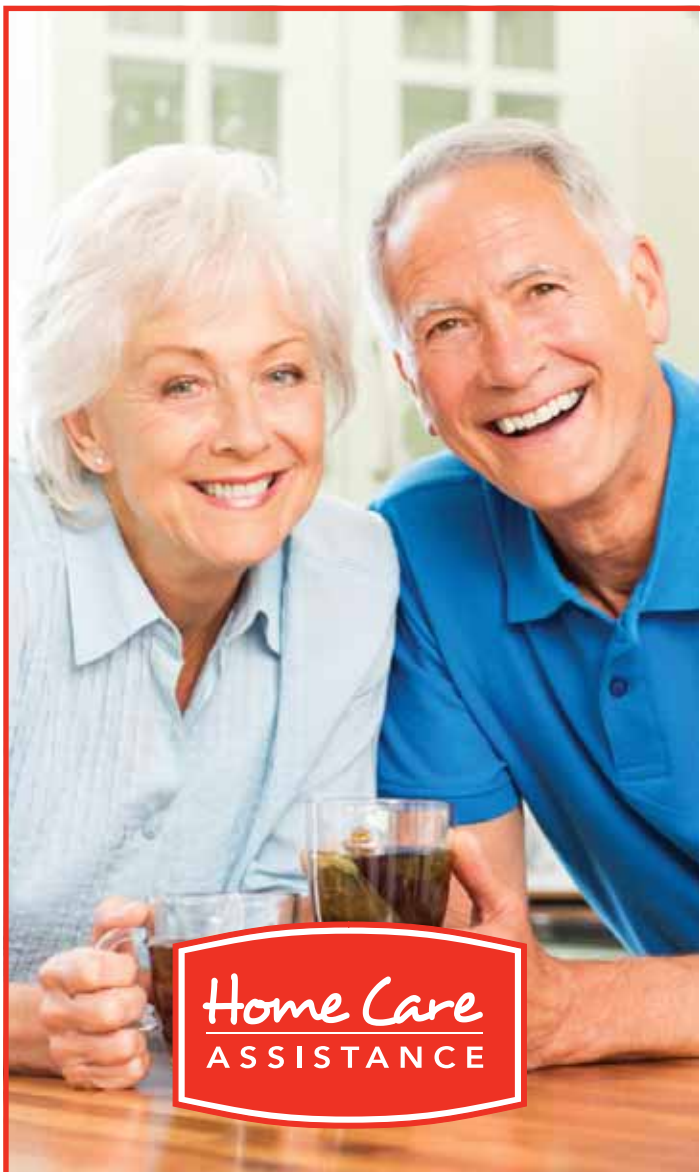
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than 23 years. It was formerly located on Oak Grove Avenue. "We totally remodeled the space to accommodate up to 17 hair stylists."

Shirley Roybal, a member of the Menlo Park Chamber

of Commerce board of directors, said the Chamber is "so glad DJ's decided to move to Santa Cruz Avenue and that the business can now benefit from the many events we hold right outside its doors."

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**Above:** Cowden Colt attempts to stay on his bucking bronco. **Right:** Adam Souza wrangles a bull in the “boys tie down roping” event.

## Yippee ki-yay

Scenes from Woodside’s Junior Rodeo

Almanac photographer Brenten Brandenburg shot these photographs at the Woodside Junior Rodeo on July Fourth at the Mounted Patrol Grounds on Kings Mountain Road. More than a hundred young boys and girls tested their rodeo skills, which included roping, women’s barrel racing, and bull riding. There were also pony rides, a mechanical bull, a pig scramble, a petting zoo and prizes.



**Far left:** Julia Hidson sings the national anthem to kick off the Woodside Junior Rodeo. **Left:** Hope Parker leans at the edge of the stands, engrossed by the action.

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**TheatreWorks: 'Confederates'** World premiere of political drama — a timely look at the 24-7 media that focuses on a presidential candidate, his daughter, desperate reporters and the unfurling of a Confederate flag. See website for times, prices. July 13-Aug. 7. \$19-\$80. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [www.theatreworks.org](http://www.theatreworks.org)

Concerts

**Music@Menlo Chamber Music Festival's** 14th season, entitled "Russian Reflections," includes concerts, master classes, lectures and free afternoon performances. See website for details. July 15-Aug. 6. Prices vary. Menlo-Atherton High School, Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. [www.musicatmenlo.org](http://www.musicatmenlo.org)

**Ruth Davies Blues Night with Guest Ray Bailey** Stanford Jazz Festival, July 20, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15-\$45. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. [stanfordjazz.org](http://stanfordjazz.org)

**Summer Stanford Symphony Orchestra** performs Wieniawski's Violin Concert No. 2 (with violinist Chen Zhao) and Dvořák's "New World Symphony." Free for Stanford students with ID. July 15, 7:30 p.m. \$20 regular; \$15 senior; \$10 student. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [events.stanford.edu/events/606/60661](http://events.stanford.edu/events/606/60661)

Music

**Tribute to Michael Brecker** Charged Particles and saxophonist Tod Dickow team up for tribute to Michael Brecker, important musician in jazz history. Wine tasting, and picnics welcome. July 24, 6 p.m. \$20 adult; \$10 child (plus ticketing fee). Portola Vineyards, 850 Los Trancos Road, Palo Alto. [www.eventbrite.com/e/a-tribute-to-michael-brecker-tod-dickow-with-charged-particles-tickets-24273405409?ref=ebtnebtckt](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-tribute-to-michael-brecker-tod-dickow-with-charged-particles-tickets-24273405409?ref=ebtnebtckt)

**Entrepreneur Summer Concert** Early arrival, carpooling and biking encouraged; parking limited. See website for details. July 15, 5-8 p.m. Free. Menlo College, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton. [www.npmconcertseries.com](http://www.npmconcertseries.com)

**Music on the Square** Fridays, June 3-Sept. 2, 6-8 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. [www.redwood-city.org/musiconthesquare](http://www.redwood-city.org/musiconthesquare)

Talks & Lectures

**Author Cara Mangini**, executive chef and owner of a produce-inspired restaurant in Ohio, discusses her book, "The Vegetable Butcher: How to Select, Prep, Slice, Dice, and Masterfully Cook Vegetables." She will demonstrate her art. July 13, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [www.keplers.com](http://www.keplers.com)

**Firoozeh Dumas**, author of bestselling memoir "Funny in Farsi," talks about her latest, "It Ain't So Awful, Falafel," a meaningful but lighthearted middle-grade novel about a girl named Zomorod Yousefzadeh who renames herself Cindy in an effort to start anew in 1970s Newport Beach. July 19, 7 p.m. Free.

Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [www.keplers.com](http://www.keplers.com)

**'Home Improvement Contracts: What to Know'** Free noontime lecture review one's rights and responsibilities. July 14, noon-1 p.m. Free. San Mateo County Law Library, 710 Hamilton St., Redwood City. [www.smclawlibrary.org](http://www.smclawlibrary.org)

Family

**Family Hike with the Friends** Two-hour, about-two-mile hike for children age 5 and older will teach attendees about basics of the mixed redwood forest. Families will look for banana slugs, turret spider nests, woodrat nests, giant redwood trees and rattlesnake grass. Not suitable for jogging strollers. July 17, 2-4 p.m. Free; \$6 parking. Huddart Park, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside. [hud-dartwunderlichfriends.org](http://hud-dartwunderlichfriends.org)

**Intergenerational Wednesdays** Little House hosts each Wednesday during July activities to enjoy with children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Activities include arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt, games, dancing, fitness and yoga. Wednesdays, July 6-27, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org/littlehouse](http://www.penvol.org/littlehouse)

**NorCal Bats** presentation allows community member to get to know these flying furry animals. July 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)

Museums & Exhibits

**Art++ Technology and Art Lab** Visitors can use Art++, a new augmented reality application that provides history and context to selected artworks by overlaying content on a tablet viewfinder. Wednesday-Monday, July 13-Sept. 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Thursday till 8 p.m.). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu)

**'California: The Art of Water'** Exhibit of more than over 50 works from last two centuries portraying state's critical resource of water. Includes work by eminent artists and photographers. Wednesday-Monday, July 13-Nov. 28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Thursday till 8 p.m.). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu)

Lessons & Classes

**Introduction to Basic Birding** Local birding expert Larry Spivak holds one-hour introductory meeting in preparation for a basic birding class to be held in the fall. July 19, 1-2 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org/littlehouse](http://www.penvol.org/littlehouse)

**Juggling Workshop** Doug Nolan of Rock Steady Juggling leads workshop where all ages can learn basics of juggling. July 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)

**Tech Tutoring at Little House** One-hour appointments for individuals to receive help with new technology, including connecting via Skype and social media. Call (650) 326-2025, ext. 5008, to schedule appointment. Monday-Friday, July 11-29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 nonmember; free for members. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org/littlehouse](http://www.penvol.org/littlehouse)

Health & Wellness

**Arthritis Exercise classes** See website for details. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, July 11-29, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Prices vary; \$13 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org/littlehouse](http://www.penvol.org/littlehouse)

**Chair Yoga classes** Thursdays, July 14-28, 11 a.m.-noon. \$52 member; \$60 non-member; \$20 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org/littlehouse](http://www.penvol.org/littlehouse)

**Fun with Fitness classes** In this intermediate level class for mature adults, students work to increase strength, mobility and flexibility while reducing fear of movement. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 12-28, 9-9:50 a.m. \$104 member; \$120 non-member; \$20 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org/littlehouse](http://www.penvol.org/littlehouse)

**Pilates classes** Wednesdays, July 13-27, 7-8 p.m. \$52 member; \$60 non-member; \$20 drop-in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [www.penvol.org/littlehouse](http://www.penvol.org/littlehouse)

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**For Teens: The Summer Spot** gives teens a place to hang out. With different programming each week, tweens and teens in 6th grade and up will make something with a 3D printer, go on a photo scavenger hunt, play Wii games and more. Wednesdays, July 13-27, 3-4 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)

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PUBLIC HEARING

1. Don and Katie Faul VARI2016-0006  
 214 Olive Hill Lane Planner: Corinne Jones, Assistant Planner

Review and approval/denial of a Variance to allow a new swimming pool within the required setback.

2. Dennis and Annie Sammut ASRA2016-0011 & XMAX2016-0001  
 1 Eucalyptus Court Planner: Sean Mullin, Associate Planner

Review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal to demolish an accessory structure (pump house), swimming pool and a tennis court; and construct a basement under a portion of the existing main residence and concrete patio, a new elevator, an accessory living quarters, two accessory structures, a swimming pool, hot tub, and other landscaping and site improvements on a property visible from a Town-designated Scenic Corridor. The proposal requires Planning Commission approval of a Main Residence Size Exception for the proposed additions to the existing residence.

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

This 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.

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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Photo by Brenten Brandenburg

Three groups of children in three rounds took turns chasing a group of maybe 20 young pigs.

## If pigs could talk, what would they say about ‘pig scramble’?

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

If animals could talk, not just with each other but across species, it might be interesting to hear their views on being chased. There is chasing while playing, but if you’re a prey animal, is there a marked difference between running from a hungry lion and running from an angry zebra?

That question has come up in Woodside with respect to the domestic pig, an animal noted for its intelligence. Pigs understand mirrors, can herd sheep, can do circus tricks, and can play video games, according to a 2009

article by New York Times science writer Natalie Angier. Pigs are also slow to forget, she wrote.

Slowness to forget may have been on display at the annual July Fourth “pig scramble” at the junior rodeo hosted by the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County. Three groups of children in three rounds took turns chasing a group of maybe 20 young pigs around a dusty arena. The prize for catching and detaining a pig: winning a ribbon or an award.

In the first two rounds, as seen in a video provided to the Almanac, the pigs left their trailer and gathered in a herd

and meandered around in the open before the chase began. On the third round, though, the pigs hung around the entrance to the trailer and tried to re-enter. Rodeo hands pushed them back out and sometimes tossed them out, but the pigs persisted. If they weren’t trying to get back in the trailer, they were hiding under its low-slung floor.

“To me, that was very telling,” said Shani Campbell, an animal rights activist from the East Bay on the scene. “(The pigs) made a very clear choice. They did not want to participate. ... It’s not OK if the animals are forced. That’s teaching the kids a very

very wrong message.”

“It was clear to me that they’d just had enough,” said Pat Cuvillo, an animal rights activist from Belmont who accompanied Ms. Campbell to the rodeo and shot the video.

“I don’t like any aspect of the rodeo,” Ms. Campbell said, “but the pig scramble, to me, was horrifying. They are docile creatures. They are gentle creatures. No animal wants to be chased. No animal wants to be tackled.”

Rodeo arena boss Michael Raynor, who said he grew up raising pigs, said that scared pigs are wide eyed and kicking up sand. The pigs in the pig scramble were staying just ahead of their pursuers, an indication that they’re not scared, he said. Scared pigs “really start being evasive. They’re running for their lives,” he said.

(For the record, the video shows the chased pigs kicking up sand and being significantly evasive.)

As for their emotions, Mr. Raynor called humanizing animals a common mistake and said that pigs are not psychologically harmed by the chase. “They don’t have the complicated emotional overlay that humans have,” he said. “I’ll pick one up and a second later it’s half asleep in my arms,” he said. “It’s just here and now (for them). It’s not a long term effect. They know people. They like people.”

Mr. Raynor explained the pigs’ hiding under the trailer as normal. Pigs like to lay together in piles, he said. “I just think they found a place that is nice and shady and a tight spot, as in ‘We’ve got a quiet spot in here. We’re going to lay in a pile.’”

### Talking about pigs

The pig scramble became a visible cause this time around.

Rodeo patrons were greeted at the gate by people holding signs denouncing the event as unkind and cruel to pigs and a toxic example for children on how to relate to animals.

“We got lots of support and definitely increased awareness about the pig scramble event,” Woodside resident and protester Belle Stafford said in an email. “There was a steady stream of cars, many were supportive, many kept looking straight ahead, an indication that we made them uncomfortable,” she said.

The Patrol “were actually very nice to us,” Ms. Stafford added, noting a box of bottled water the Patrol had given them. Mr. Raynor said he walked out and spent time talking with them, a happenstance that Ms. Stafford confirmed.

Opposition to the pig scramble had been in the air. Six days earlier, opponents complained to the Town Council, which listened but could not act since the matter was not on the agenda. Among the arguments: that the event is “a painful, terrifying, and dangerous ordeal for the pigs,” that it is “undoubtedly cruel,” and that it is “antithetical” to aspirations of mutual respect for all creatures.

On that occasion, pig scramble boosters also spoke. Terry Welcome, captain of the Patrol, called the event wholesome and reflecting a Western tradition that celebrates “independence, hard work, responsibility, compassion for animals that help to do much of the ranch work, and camaraderie.” A veterinarian and member of the Patrol said he’d seen no injuries to the pigs over the years.

The council asked staff to research the issues and consider possible courses of action. ■

## TheatreWorks offers summer camp

By Jackie Gerson  
Special to the Almanac

Teens interested in a college education or professional career in theater are invited to register for TheatreWorks summer camp program, where teens work with professional playwrights, actors and directors.

The TheatreWorks Summer Studio program for eighth- through 12th-graders will be held Monday through Friday from July 18 through Aug. 12 at Theatre-

Works facilities in Redwood City and Palo Alto.

The hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with free extended care available from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The students will write, stage and perform an original work, while taking workshops in audition technique, costume design and directing.

For the first three weeks, the program will be held at TheatreWorks Silicon Valley located at 350 Twin Dolphin Drive in Redwood City. The

program will meet at the Lucie Stern Theatre at 1305 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto for the last week to rehearse the play.

There will be two public performances of the final production on Aug. 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. at Lucie Stern Theatre.

Registration will be open until the first day of camp on July 18. The tuition is \$1,500 and need-based scholarships are available.

Go to [tinyurl.com/stage78](http://tinyurl.com/stage78) for more information.

## Birds infected by West Nile Virus

Two dead crows testing positive for West Nile Virus were found July 6, one in Atherton and the other in Redwood City, according to the San Mateo County Mosquito & Vector Control District.

This is considered the first sign of West Nile Virus in the county this year, according to Megan Caldwell, the district’s public health education officer.

District officials will start collecting mosquitoes in the area where the birds were found and have them tested for the virus. If the mosquitoes test positive, then the district will spray to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus to

residents, Ms. Caldwell said.

People are encouraged to call the California West Nile Virus hotline at (877) 968-2473 or report online at [westnile.ca.gov](http://westnile.ca.gov) if they see newly dead birds or tree squirrels. Humans, horses and other animals can get the virus, though it mainly affects birds.

To reduce risk of catching the virus from mosquitoes, drain standing water, wear proper clothing and insect repellent, especially at dawn and dusk, and keep tight screens on windows and doors, the district advises.

— Kate Bradshaw

## Driving service ceases operation

In the July 6 issue, the Almanac published a story on how parents are using new driving services to transport their chil-

dren to after-school activities. We have since learned that one of the services mentioned, Boost, ceased operations June 30.

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## Housing crisis requires bold steps to resolve

Solving the housing crisis that plagues the Bay Area will demand Herculean resolve and enterprise if cities continue to welcome job-generating high-tech companies to set up shop. As is well-documented, the sharp increase in the number of jobs in Silicon Valley and San Francisco has caused a painful housing shortage, especially in affordable homes, that has led to the displacement of a growing number of residents, some leaving the area, others ending up in shelters, and still others living in their vehicles or on the street.

San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley noted at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting that between 2010 and 2014, the county saw an increase of 55,000 new jobs, but of only 2,000 new housing units — that's nearly 28 jobs for every new housing unit.

While Hercules had 12 years to accomplish his labors, local leaders and lawmakers must move with more urgency as we face the human cost this growing jobs-to-housing imbalance is exacting.

County leaders appear to be taking that call to action seriously. Late last year, the county formed the 55-member Closing the Jobs/Housing Gap Task Force to study the problem and draft recommendations. The

task force reported to the Board of Supervisors late last month with recommendations on how the county can work with local communities to encourage steps toward easing the housing crisis.

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The opinion of The Almanac

They include urging cities to enact development impact fees to fund affordable housing, and put in place new rules to ease the process for homeowners wishing to add second units on their property. The county, the task force said, could also lobby Sacramento for new laws allowing local cities to pool their affordable housing funds for joint projects, making the effort to locate and construct the housing more effective.

In addition to creating the task force, the county has taken other steps. The supervisors approved the county's own development impact fees to support affordable housing — rules that went into effect last week. And county officials met late last month with apartment building owners and property managers to plan a strategy that would help more people with Section 8 vouchers — which support very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled — to find housing.

Also last month, the supervisors created a new fund that will offer loans to those willing to buy

existing affordable, multi-family rental housing if they commit to keeping existing tenants and retaining below-market rents for at least 30 years.

This month, the supervisors are poised to put a measure on the November ballot that would bolster funding for affordable housing in the county. Options include an extension of the county's existing sales tax.

But supervisors appear receptive to the option of a bond measure — a strategy that is gaining favor in neighboring counties, including Santa Clara County, whose voters will be asked to approve a \$950 million bond this fall. In our neighboring county, leaders determined that revenue generated by a \$950 million bond could be combined with state and federal grants to raise about \$3 billion for affordable housing projects.

San Mateo County leaders have been taking determined, good-faith steps toward incrementally addressing the local housing crisis that is damaging our communities. But with a problem of such scale and consequence, small steps ultimately might not do the job. A bond measure generating hundreds of millions of dollars, leveraged to attract hefty grants from other sources, to actually build new affordable homes might be the giant step needed to make a real difference. ■

### LETTERS

Our readers write

#### Balance is the answer

Editor:

According to the June 1, 2016, issue of the Almanac, Facebook's plan to build three new buildings, a hotel and parking spaces "could have some impacts determined to be 'significant and unavoidable.'" ("Environmental Report Released on Facebook's Expansion Plans") The office building and hotel would employ 6,400 and 150 people, respectively.

It seems to me the Bay Area does not need more jobs and housing. It needs the addition of fewer people. As population decreases and becomes *balanced*, so will the cost of housing — and job opportunities will expand.

We are only bringing hardships to the Bay Area by flooding it with more and more people — from within and without.

Our planet, and everything living on it, is definitely feeling the effects of over-population.

Jackie Leonard-Dimmick  
Walnut Avenue, Atherton

#### Plan to stop tree-felling

Editor:

I read in the Almanac of the planned removal of heritage

trees on the VA grounds. The city states that they can't do anything about it because the VA is on federal land. This is where the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1919 comes in.

MBTA is federal law and states: "The MBTA is a United States federal law, first enacted in 1916 in order to implement the convention for the protection of migratory birds between the United States. ... The statute makes it unlawful without a waiver to pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill or sell birds listed therein ("migratory birds"). The statute does not discriminate between live or dead birds and also grants full protection to any bird parts including feathers, eggs and nests. Over 800 species are currently on the list."

Migratory can mean anything, even just flying from one tree to the next. It is also unlawful to move a nest from one place to another.

This is important because it is now nesting season, and anyone planning to cut down a tree will kill a number of bird species, punishable by stiff fees and/or prison time.

All species are covered under this federal law except for the pigeon and a few non-native birds, such as the starling and the house sparrow.

Carol Taggart  
Valparaiso Avenue, Menlo Park



#### Looking back

The members of the Pedale Alpini Bicycle Club, shown in this 1957 photo, included George Koenig (fifth from the left), according to the Woodside history book by Thalia Lubin and Bob Dougherty. The photo was taken where "Woody the Fish" now stands next to Buck's Restaurant in Woodside. According to the historians: "When American bicycle racing was close to disappearing and those still racing were riding fixed-gear bikes, this group began meeting in Woodside. Adopting 10-speed bicycles, they pioneered a new American interest in road racing." Three of the group's riders, including Mr. Koenig, were on the 1960 U.S. Olympic team, according to the book.

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## Real Estate Matters

# Supply and demand trends in Menlo Park

By Hadar Guibara



Hadar Guibara

There's word that real estate in Silicon Valley has hit its peak. After about four years of escalating prices and bidding wars that had Realtors digging into complex negotiations, some industry experts are predicting that the end of the boom market is near.

In Menlo Park, several current trends are worth watching.

The number of available single-family homes at a given time indicates how much "breathing room" is in the market. With housing inventory increasing, buyers have more choices and feel less pressure to move quickly.

In May 2016 there were 76 homes for sale, the most since July 2014, when the same number was available. Late spring is often an inventory-building month, so we may see that figure increase into the summer.

In April, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP reported a first-quarter drop of 20 percent

in venture-capital spending in Silicon Valley compared with the same three months last year.

Even as inventory rose in May, the number of sales in Menlo Park slowed to 23 from 29 in April. A year ago there were 35 sales in May. If inventory continues to rise while the number of sales decline in the coming months, it will be an indication of a change of pace in the market worth keeping an eye on.

### Prices leveling out?

The median price of sold homes in Menlo Park in May was \$2,020,000, just \$20,000 higher than in May a year ago. In May two years ago, the median price was not very far off at \$1,875,000.

Prices for the first four months of 2016 were historically strong, averaging \$2,365,000, but decreased by 14 percent from April to May, when prices usually start ascending for a busy sales season.

While the number of home sales in Menlo Park has decreased, the rate at which they're being sold has not. Days on the market (DOM) totals have fluctuated over the last

Currently a more optimistic perspective on these forecasts is prevailing in various news outlets, inspiring confidence in buyers.

several years, going as low as 12 in April last year to as high as 36 in January 2016.

This May, we saw homes sell in 15 days, up from 13 in April. The average DOM for the last 12 months was 21.1.

The drop in sale prices was possibly influenced by forecasts in the past months of a slowdown in the region's tech industry. Currently a more optimistic perspective on these forecasts is prevailing in various news outlets, inspiring confidence in buyers. This could have a positive effect on sale prices in the months to follow. ■

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**995 Fictitious Name Statement**

Kirsten Cooper, LAC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269623

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Kirsten Cooper, LAC, located at 214 De Anza Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
KIRSTEN ALENA COOPER  
1119 Colorado Ave.  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 13, 2016.  
(ALM June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 2016)

**SHOLD INTERIORS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269719

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Shold Interiors, located at 24 Anderson Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
IT CONVERGE, INC.  
24 Anderson Way  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 21, 2016.  
(ALM July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016)

**VITALITY MENLO PARK**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269826

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Vitality Menlo Park, located at 648 Menlo Park Ave. #3, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
LINDA J. McCrory  
684 Fox Court E #A  
Redwood City, CA 94061  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on April 1, 2015.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 29, 2016.  
(ALM July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016)

**LATU PARKVIEW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**  
PARKVIEW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
PARKVIEW PROPERTY REAL ESTATE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269841

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Latu Parkview Property Management, 2.) Parkview Property Management, 3.) Parkview Property Real Estate, located at 530 Oak Grove Ave., Ste. 101, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
LATU PARKVIEW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC.  
530 Oak Grove Ave. 101  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
California  
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2002.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 30, 2016.  
(ALM July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016)

**PRECISION INSIGHT CONSULTING**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269728

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Precision Insight Consulting, located at 1437 Bradley Court, San Mateo, CA 94401, San Mateo County; Mailing address: P.O. Box 832, Palo Alto, CA 94302.

Registered owner(s):  
KEVIN R. KYMER  
1437 Bradley Court  
San Mateo, CA 94401  
OLIVIA BOWLES-KYMER  
1437 Bradley Court  
San Mateo, CA 94401  
This business is conducted by: Married

Couple.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/02/2003.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 22, 2016.  
(ALM July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2016)

**OPEN PLAY ENTERPRISES**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 269909

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Open Play Enterprises, located at 350 McKendry Place, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
DAVID ANDREW EMERY  
350 McKendry Place  
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 July 7, 2016.  
(ALM July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 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.: CIV538971  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: VAN TRAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
VAN K. TRAN to VAN TRAN KWOK  
VAN THAI TRAN to VAN TRAN KWOK  
KATELYN VAN TRAN to VAN TRAN KWOK  
VAN KATELYN TRAN to VAN TRAN KWOK.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING: July 27, 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: June 14, 2016  
/s/ John L. Grandsaert  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2016)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF  
ROBERT IRWIN KRUEGER, SR.  
CASE NO. 16PRO00010  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Robert Irwin Krueger, Sr. aka Robert I. Krueger, Sr.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Robert Krueger, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo.  
The Petition for Probate requests that Robert Krueger, Jr. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on July 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. Probate/28 located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, California 94063. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner: Rebecca B. Miller Lakin Spears, LLP, 2400 Geng Road, Suite 100, Palo Alto, CA 94303, Telephone: 650-328-7000  
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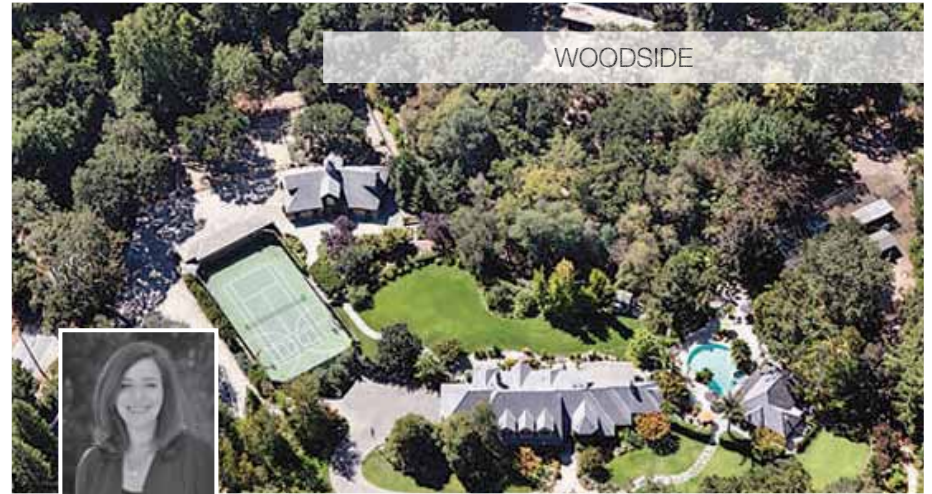


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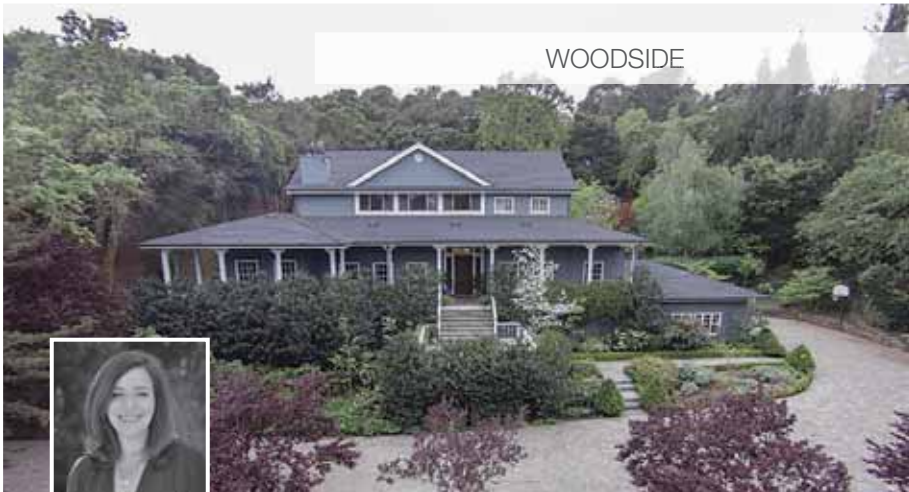


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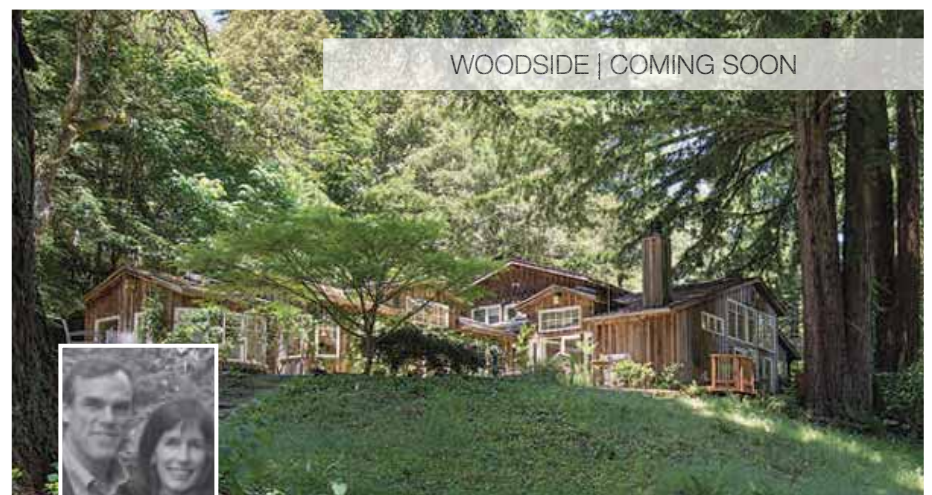


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