

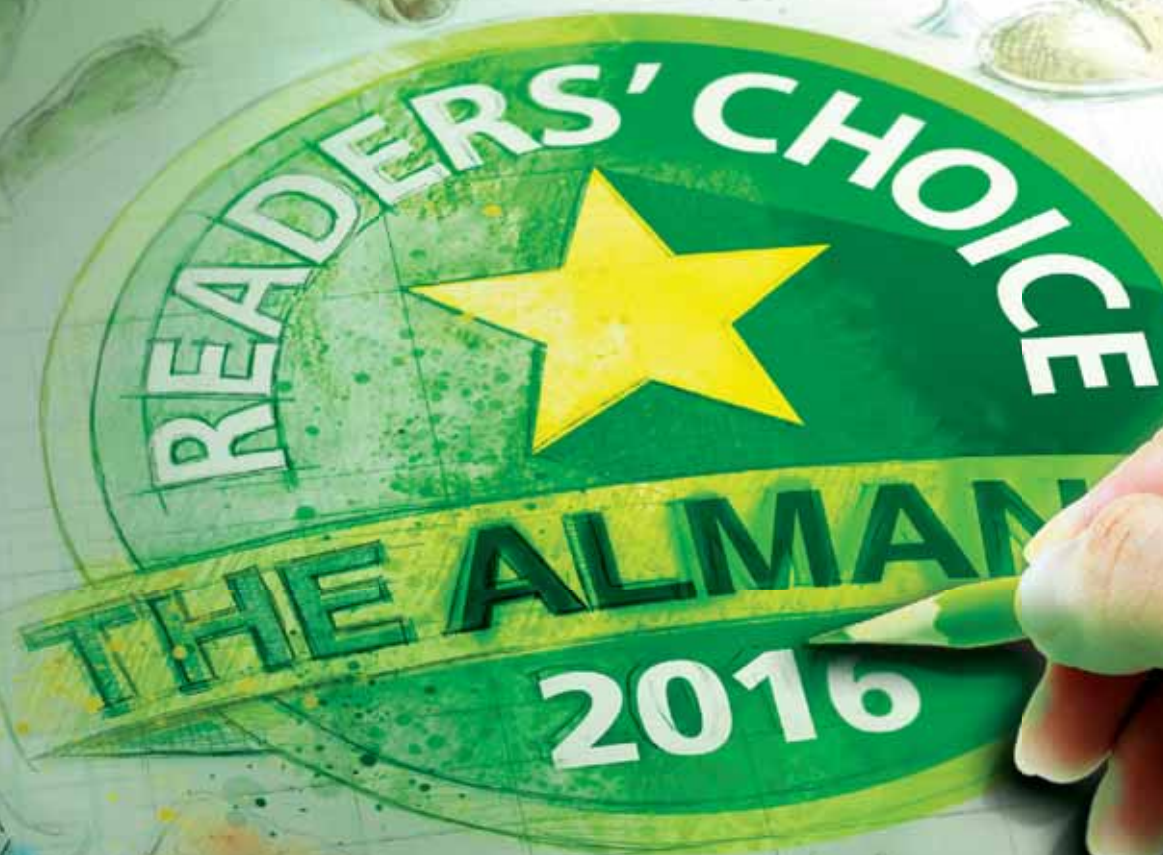
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Menlo Oaks residents ask county to protect their oaks

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Residents of Menlo Oaks in unincorporated Menlo Park have asked San Mateo County to pass emergency rules to protect their neighborhood's namesake oak trees, which they say have been disappearing at an alarming rate.

After hearing from neighbors, Supervisor Don Horsley asked the county's planning department to come back with a report on the urgency ordinance and also to consider setting up a citizen's panel "to deal with this issue." The report is expected to be on the agenda for the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors' July 26 meeting.

"I know one thing builders often do is take the trees down and then ask for forgiveness," Supervisor Horsley said.

Janet Weisman Goff, a longtime Menlo Oaks resident and member of the Menlo Oaks Tree Advocacy group, said at the July 12 supervisors' meeting that on just one one-acre parcel

in the neighborhood, seven heritage oaks have been lost in less than a year.

"We don't see any salvation for us without an urgency order to protect our neighborhood," she said.

"We are in favor of development in our neighborhood," she said. "What isn't good for us, is to see our urban canopy come down before our very eyes. And that's what's happening right

On one acre, seven heritage oaks were lost in less than a year.

now. It's basically a natural disaster."

"If we wait for the outcome of the revision to the heritage tree ordinance, we won't have any oak trees left to protect in our neighborhood. They'll be gone," she said.

Judy Horst, another longtime resident and member of the tree advocacy group, said the neighborhood, which is south of Ringwood Avenue and west of Bay Road, is "a very rustic, bucolic part of the county" that really treasures its oaks.

But as homes are sold in the neighborhood, often to developers, the area has lost about 10 percent of its canopy in last two

years, she said.

Developers bulldoze vegetation and leave only trees on the outsides of properties, she said. While some of the trees are removed legally, others come down by accident or are taken down illegally, she said.

Ms. Horst said the tree advocacy group found the county grants 98 percent of requests to take down heritage-sized oak trees. The county considers different species of different sizes to be heritage trees, ranging from, for oaks, 30 inches in diameter at 4.5 feet off the ground for a blue oak to 48 inches at the same height for a valley or coast live oak.

Permits are often granted, she said, "because no one wants to stand up or fight against (them)," she said. Arborists' reports are often cursory and "the reports favor whoever asks for it, whether it's a homeowner or developer," she said.

Lennie Roberts from the Committee for Green Foothills supported the Menlo Oaks neighborhood's request. "This seems to me to really be a crisis that is occurring in the Menlo Oaks area," she said. Recently a large oak on a construction site fell over. "That was due, I would say, to construc-



Photo by Judy Horst

Neighbors say this tree on a construction site on Berkeley Avenue in the Menlo Oaks neighborhood recently fell over months after its roots were damaged during construction.

tion practices that damaged the roots," Ms. Roberts said.

Menlo Oaks "is well named," she said. The oak canopy "really defines the community. Most

people in the community really value those oaks," she said. "We think better protection is really desired for those trees." ▀

Facebook may pay city \$15 million for right to expand

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park could reap more than \$15 million in one-time payments and contributions and hefty annual payments from Facebook if the city decides to accept the terms of a development agreement with the social media company outlined in a staff report released July 14.

Among the benefits the city could receive are subsidized rental housing for 22 teachers, public safety officers or nonprofit workers; \$1.25 million a year in hotel taxes; \$1.5 million to start a "Housing Innovation Fund"; and continued funding to research and further plan transportation improvements on the Dumbarton Corridor.

"I think it's fair and I'm happy with how the negotiations went," said Vice Mayor Kirsten Keith,

who with Mayor Rich Cline was part of the subcommittee that negotiated the development agreement.

If the terms in the development agreement are approved by the City Council, the city would give Facebook the right to build two office buildings totaling 962,400 square feet and a 174,800-square-foot, 200-room hotel in the city, knocking down several of the buildings on the TE Connectivity campus, located roughly along Bayfront Expressway, Constitution Drive and Chilco Street.

Facebook designs show the company intends to create a publicly accessible open space between the two office buildings with a bike and pedestrian bridge over Bayfront Expressway, with access to Bedwell Bayfront Park and to the Bay Trail.

The city would have to amend its zoning to allow the new Facebook

buildings to be 75 feet tall — now the permitted building height is capped at 35 feet — and to reconfigure the properties so that the buildings can be adjoining.

The development agreement would permit Facebook to cut down 274 heritage trees.

In exchange for those permissions, Facebook would pay as a public benefit \$300,000 per year for 20 years after the first office building is occupied, and \$336,000 per year — four times the amount of sales tax historically generated from that site — until TE Connectivity, Facebook's current tenant on the site, leaves.

That annual \$336,000 fee would rise to \$1.25 million per year two years after TE Connectivity leaves the site. According to Kyle Perata,

senior planner, that increase is an incentive for the company to build its proposed hotel and start generating hotel taxes for the city.

According to the development agreement, Facebook would provide a number of other benefits in the areas of housing, transportation, community services and the environment. If all the proposed buildings are constructed within 10 years, Facebook's project would add about \$2.1 million per year to Menlo Park's revenue, according to the staff report.

"It's our responsibility to provide public benefits that are responsive to community priorities and assist with finding solutions to address regional challenges related to housing and transportation," said John Tenanes,

'I'm happy with how the negotiations went.'

COUNCILWOMAN KIRSTEN KEITH

vice president of global facilities and real estate at Facebook. "We want to continue to build social value and grow responsibly in the city of Menlo Park."

Housing

Facebook would subsidize the rents of 22 units at 777 Hamilton Ave., a new market-rate development by Greenheart Land Co., paying \$430,000 per year for five years. Teachers would have priority as tenants, but public safety or nonprofit professionals could also be eligible.

Facebook would also have to abide by the city's "below market rate" ordinance, meaning it would pay \$6.3 million or build 20 affordable housing units in the city.

According to Facebook officials who spoke at a Menlo Park Housing Commission meeting, there

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West Menlo residents seek annexation by Menlo Park

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Study the shape of Menlo Park, and you might wonder why there's a chunk cut out of the city's lower-middle section. Study the streets of Menlo Park, and you might wonder why Santa Cruz Avenue abruptly transitions from the smooth, carefully crowned streets of Sharon Heights into wild, bumpy roads of West Menlo Park.

Even though its name includes "Menlo Park," the territory — and its bumpy roads — belong to the county. West

Menlo Park residents rely on the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement and other county agencies for services that people across the street or down the block get from the city of Menlo Park.

At least 30 of the 47 parcels bounded by Alameda de las Pulgas, Sharon Road, and the diagonal segment of Santa Cruz Avenue connecting with the two, have residents who say they want to officially join Menlo Park. Two are opposed and 15 are undecided, according to Lynne McClure, a resident of that area. At least 18 signed a petition say-

ing they wanted to be annexed into the city last September.

The request is now being studied by the city, said Chip Taylor, Menlo Park's assistant city manager, but there is no timeline yet for when the process will move forward.

Two residents of Crocus Court, a cul-de-sac off of that diagonal stretch of Santa Cruz Avenue, say that there are good reasons to become part of Menlo Park.

'What I don't (want) is to be like the sprawling communities that surround us.'

LYNNE MCCLURE

For some, like Crocus Court resident Yvonne Schmidt, it's about not being treated like an outsider in the city she considers her own.

Living in unincorporated county territory means that even though she has a Menlo Park address, she can't vote in Menlo Park's local elections.

"(My) vote doesn't matter," she said. "We can't vote for local propositions or City Council members."

She also has to pay non-resident fees to the city of Menlo Park for the classes and activities her young children participate in through the recreation department. "We spend so much more money on swim lessons and gymnastics because it doesn't look like we live in Menlo Park," she said.

For that, she said, she's willing to pay a little more in utility taxes and city fees. Ms. McClure, who also lives on Crocus Court, said she predicts the added cost would be roughly \$500 per year for people with homes valued at \$1 million.

Saving trees

Stricter reviews of construction projects, including expanded protection for neighborhood trees, is another reason to join the city, Ms. McClure said. With imminent redevelopment of homes on her street, she said that joining the city would force more scrutiny and higher building standards for those homes than they face under the county.

County definitions for what constitutes a "heritage tree" are not as stringent as those in Menlo Park, she said. If the 80-foot oak that's likely to be headed for the chopping block at a property near her home were in Menlo Park proper, Ms. McClure said, the tree might fare better. The tree is on a property that once belonged to a Sunset editor, but is now slated to be knocked down to build three new homes.

"What I don't (want) is to be like the sprawling communities that surround us. There are no trees," Ms. McClure said. "That's not Menlo Park. We live here because we love the trees."

The prospect of better roads



Map courtesy of LAFCo

The area in pink (with cross-hatching) is seeking annexation into the city of Menlo Park. In the yellow area are other unincorporated West Menlo Park parcels. In the white area are parcels in incorporated Menlo Park.

and infrastructure also adds weight to the argument for incorporation, she added. However, the poor condition of the roads could also become a sticking point in negotiations between the county and the city.

Some streets in decades past were not repaired for the specific purpose of deterring traffic, she said. Now, as more young families come to the area, some are frustrated that they have to wait for the county to fix roads that they want in good condition for biking and walking around.

One of the primary considerations a city must make before deciding to add new land is a cost-benefit analysis, said Mr. Taylor, the assistant city manager. In the case of the triangle of land under discussion, the big question is whether the cost of repairs on roads and other infrastructure would be less than the potential property tax revenue the added homes would bring into the city, he said.

The county, for its part, is an agency covering 21 cities; that means it often has bigger, or other, fish to fry.

"San Mateo County doesn't really want us," Ms. McClure said.

Martha Poyatos, who heads the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), said that the commission often encourages annexation if an unincorporated area falls within the "sphere of influence" of a certain city, based on "who's best able to provide the service."

In this case, she said, the sphere of influence is clearly Menlo Park, as it is nearly completely surrounded by incorporated land.

County Supervisor Don Horsley, who is vice president of the Board of Supervisors and oversees unincorporated West Menlo Park, said, "In unincorporated

areas, they don't have a city council, so they go to me."

Over the years, he said, many people have liked living in unincorporated county areas because they "tended to have a more rural feeling."

However, he said, "If (an area) incorporates, there's better coordination because you have (just) one agency."

The possibility of incorporating a larger area of West Menlo Park than just the proposed triangle has been considered. But at this point, Mr. Taylor said, they're back to focusing on the original area alone.

Getting annexed

The process of getting annexed to the city is no cakewalk. The last time an annexation took place was in 1993, and involved the Seminary Oaks area. More recently, the City Council in May approved the commission of a study looking at annexing 13.8 acres from 2111 to 2121 Sand Hill Road.

The residents seeking annexation signed a petition saying they want to be part of a city that was submitted to LAFCo, along with an application fee of \$3,025, according to Ms. Poyatos.

After the petition and fees are submitted, the county and city must negotiate in a process called prezoning. In this case, the city has to agree to take on the new area, while the county has to agree to relinquish it. Those negotiations and research of key questions are now underway, said Mr. Taylor.

Ultimately, both the county and city get a say in what the boundaries should be, said Ms. Poyatos. After they reach an agreement, the matter goes to a public hearing at a LAFCo meeting. The application can be approved, approved with qualifications, or denied. ■



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Advocates for annexation include two residents of Crocus Court, a cul-de-sac off of Santa Cruz Avenue in unincorporated West Menlo Park.

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Congresswomen weigh in against appointment process for sheriff

■ Eshoo and Speier note rumors that the way was paved for the undersheriff.

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors had a 30-day window to choose a successor to former sheriff Greg Munks, who resigned Saturday, July 16. A board majority chose not to use that window and instead made an appointment before the window opened, a move anticipated and criticized from a branch of government not usually involved in county affairs.

"This wasn't government by the people, for the people and of the people," Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, said in an interview. "It doesn't reflect that. It's deeply disappointing to me. San Mateo County is a very special place. The people deserved better."

Ms. Eshoo and Jackie Speier, D-San Mateo, both congresswomen whose districts are in the county, — and both of whom are former San Mateo County supervisors — delivered the Board of Supervisors a letter, read aloud by aides at the July 12 board meeting. They urged the supervisors to open up the process to more candidates, and referred to rumors that the way had been paved for Mr. Munks' second in command to get the job.

"Whether these rumors are true or not, this has been a perception," the letter said. "We believe that our mutual constituents support a decision-making process that is absent a perception of a pre-ordained outcome."

As it turned out, Mr. Munks' second in command did get the job. By a 3-2 vote on July 12, the board appointed Undersheriff Carlos Bolanos to serve the two-plus years remaining in Mr. Munks' term. The appointment was effective July 16.

Voting with the majority were supervisors Don Horsley, Warren Slocum and Adrienne Tissier. Dissenting were supervisors Carole Groom and Dave Pine.

Mr. Bolanos, the undersheriff for nine years, has been acting sheriff recently while Mr. Munks was on medical leave for a "not life threatening" heart condition. Mr. Munks, 61, had announced his intention in November 2015 to step down in 2018. Mr. Bolanos has been campaigning for the 2018 election for sheriff.

"The board gave the rest of the term to the undersheriff and essentially named him the sheriff — as a candidate running for sheriff — without any discussion or giving the public an opportunity to weigh in," Ms. Eshoo said in the Almanac interview.



Sheriff Carlos Bolanos

"The sheriff doesn't belong to the board. The sheriff belongs to the people of the county."

Mr. Bolanos had been chief of the Redwood City Police Department for 12 years. He also worked in the Salinas Police Department and the Palo Alto Police Department in his 37-year law enforcement career.

Public involvement

In a memo to the board, County Manager John Maltbie presented the board's options during its 30-day window: a special election or an appointment, with deliberations allowed to begin before the effective date of the vacancy.

The supervisors began their deliberations at the end of a two-hour-plus meeting, using just over 20 minutes to state their preferences on addressing the vacancy.

The board heard from one member of the public, Michael Stogner. "On behalf of all the deputies of San Mateo County and on behalf of all the residents of San Mateo County, I urge you to just place this on the ballot and let's see what shakes out," Mr. Stogner said.

In the deliberations, Supervisor Horsley, a former county sheriff, said: "As you know, I love the department. I think it runs really well. ... If I thought that there was something wrong with the department, I would agree, 'Let's look for some other leadership.' I do not see that being necessary. I think Carlos

has done an outstanding job.

"Why would I look outside when I have somebody already that I have confidence in?" he continued. "Why would I look someplace else for somebody who maybe looks good in an interview, but I have no idea how he or she is going to function in a department?"

Mr. Slocum made a similar argument. "Pretty much, I think we know what we're getting and that is a professional law enforcement officer who has demonstrated, through the years, his commitment to the county," he said, adding that had he might have had a different take had there been other "active candidates."

Ms. Groom said that an election "creates a sense of legitimacy" — something an appointment may not do, she said.

Given Mr. Bolanos' head start on campaigning and the close proximity of the November election, the congresswomen said in their letter they did not support an election. An appointment process would allow candidates

to openly apply and be considered, they said, adding: "We do know that there are members of law enforcement who would be willing to compete for an appointment but who feel severely disadvantaged to compete in an election under the present circumstances."

Mr. Pine also spoke in favor of a slower process. In an interview, he said he had not been aware of the congresswomen's views. "I thought really hard about what would be the best process of going about sharing (the news) of the vacancy," he said. Candidate interviews would have served the public well, he said.

The 3-2 decision to appoint Mr. Bolanos was a surprise, Mr. Pine said, adding that it was "certainly true" that there was speculation that Mr. Bolanos had the votes. "The process proves that he did," he said. "It became very clear at the meeting. They dispensed with involving the public in any way in the process. ... The public was completely removed from this process." ■

New undersheriff named

Assistant Sheriff Trisha Sanchez was appointed San Mateo County's undersheriff, effective July 17, by Acting Sheriff Carlos Bolanos.

"I know that her extensive experience in both corrections and operations will be an asset to me and our organization," Mr. Bolanos said in announcing her appointment July 14.

On July 12, the county Board of Supervisors appointed Mr. Bolanos to fill the remaining two-plus years of the third term of Sheriff Greg Munks, who

retired July 16 for health reasons.

Ms. Sanchez has a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in public sector leadership from Saint Mary's College of California. She began her 29-year career with the Sheriff's Office as a reserve deputy and has been an assistant sheriff since 2008.



Trisha Sanchez

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are talks underway with MidPen Housing to channel those funds toward a project by the nonprofit housing developer on the 1300 block of Willow Road.

If the Menlo Park general plan update now being developed goes through, the company would also commit to plan and design at least 1,500 housing units on its Prologis site, located on Willow Road, just south of Bayfront Expressway. Fifteen percent of the housing units would be below market rate.

It would also put \$350,000 toward conducting a housing inventory and local supply study with Menlo Park and East Palo Alto. Funds for the study would be bolstered with an additional \$1.5 million to go toward creating a "Housing Innovation Fund" to implement recommendations from the study and \$1 million to launch a pilot "Hous-

ing Preservation Fund," which would find and buy housing to "protect at-risk populations."

Transportation

Facebook would also contribute to the city's infrastructure and transportation initiatives. It would pay up to \$1 million to fund future recommendations from the Dumbarton Corridor Study it has already funded with \$1 million, and an additional \$1 million toward a "forum" with Menlo Park and East Palo Alto to decide how to quickly implement those recommendations.

The company would also offer \$100,000 toward a Transportation Management Association, which could involve working with nearby companies to reduce the number of vehicle trips by employees.

In addition, Facebook would fund, up to \$700,000, the design of a pedestrian and bike path between East Palo Alto and the Redwood City Caltrain station, and finish streetscape, bike and

pedestrian improvements along Chilco Street.

Community services

Facebook would pay \$60,000 per year to operate and maintain the Belle Haven community pool and would establish a scholarship program for East Palo Alto and Menlo Park residents, committing \$100,000 per year for 10 years. It would also commit to pay \$1 million toward the maintenance and operation of Bedwell Bayfront Park.

Environment

Facebook would pay \$25,000 in seed money to fund a feasibility study for a recycled water system in the city's M-2 industrial area east of U.S. 101. The company would commit constructing its office buildings at "LEED Gold," the second-highest level of environmentally focused building standards. The buildings would have solar panels and an on-site recycled water system. ■

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Marsh Road channel rebuild project flooded

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton's project to rebuild the drainage channel along Marsh Road was flooded with water early Saturday morning, July 9, when a water line in Menlo Park broke and took several hours to repair, Atherton City Engineer Mary Grace Houlihan said.

By the following Tuesday morning, however, the channel had been drained and dried out and, perhaps most important to the drivers who are detouring around the closed section of road, the road is still on schedule to reopen by Aug. 13. The contractor, Granite Construction, put on extra crews to catch up, Ms. Houlihan said.

"We're back on track," she said. The contractor "understands the importance of getting the road back open on schedule."

Ms. Houlihan said she is

impressed with how the contractor and the town have managed to deal with a number of complications thrown into the project. In May, she said, the West Bay Sanitary District asked the town if the district could rebuild its sewer trunk line that runs down the middle of Marsh Road while the road was closed.

The town quickly worked out a deal with the district and Granite Construction to add the \$650,000 project into the town's contract. The sanitary district scrambled to draw up plans, and to get approval for the project and a reimbursement deal with Atherton.

"This is inter-agency cooperation at its best," Ms. Houlihan said. She also gave the contractor a lot of credit for adding on the sewer line work without extending the project's schedule. "The project will still be done on time, and we will avoid a second closure of Marsh Road," she said.

The ability to pull the amended project together so quickly "says a lot about this community," Ms. Houlihan said. "It has taken a lot to orchestrate that." Sewer line construction will



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A water line break in Menlo Park early in the morning of July 9 flooded the Marsh Road drainage channel replacement project, but contractor Granite Construction added extra crews to clean up the mess in two days and get the project back on schedule, Atherton officials say.

begin around July 25, she said.

Ms. Houlihan said she is also very happy that the tree canopy along Marsh Road has been protected. "It's going to be really nice at the end of the day," she said. "Hopefully Marsh Road will be in good shape for a good long time."

Construction hours for the project are Monday through

Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Motorists must use detours, including Woodside Road, 5th Avenue, Ringwood Avenue and Willow Road to get around the construction.

The town is replacing a deteriorating stone and concrete drainage channel with a cast-in-place concrete culvert. In

addition to draining water from much of Atherton and neighboring communities, the culvert acts as a retaining wall on Marsh Road.

The project also involves replacing a chain link fence with a steel guard rail. The fence had proved ineffective at keeping errant motorists from plunging into the channel. ■

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Atherton: Are drones a threat to privacy?

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

After discussing a number of safety, noise and privacy concerns — including that drone technology could allow would-be burglars to virtually “case out” a home — Atherton’s City Council has asked the town attorney to draft regulations on the use of drones in town.

The fact that the federal government already regulates most

drones limits the town’s ability to further regulate them. But, after reading a more than 700-page staff report and following a study session discussion that took up most of the meeting on July 6, the council asked for regulations that the town could enforce.

The Federal Aviation Administration in late June released regulations for commercial drones and will soon release regulations for government-owned drones. That leaves the town free to regulate

‘Some of the drones are awfully loud as well.’

COUNCILMAN BILL WIDMER

hobbyist drones only, city attorney Bill Conners told the council, and to regulate privacy concerns, which the FAA hasn’t yet done. The FAA requires all drones over 0.55 pounds to be registered.

Assistant City Attorney Jen-

nifer Larson prepared her report on drones in April, but before the council saw it, the FAA and Department of Transportation issued drone regulations in late June.

Ms. Larson said that in addition to dangers from falling drones or drone collisions, drones can collect information that could include scoping out a security system or filming someone punching in a key code.

Mr. Conners said someone

could use a drone to check if a property is occupied, or where valuables are kept.

“There’s a real issue there we might want to look at,” he said.

Councilman Bill Widmer said he is concerned. “The drone explosion is not only an impact on privacy issues, it’s an impact on safety issues, too,” he said. “Some of the drones are awfully loud as well.”

Councilman Rick DeGolia was most interested in protecting privacy. “I want to make sure that we’re not allowing a drone to hover,” even over the operator’s property, if that allows it to view someone else’s property, he said. “I think we should be protecting our residents.”

The city attorney mentioned some practical limitations that could be put on hobby drones, including some inspired by YouTube videos showing backyard drones using guns and flamethrowers.

“At least one other city in California has prohibited firearms being attached to a drone,” Mr. Conners said. “They shouldn’t be able to have a flamethrower or something that could start a fire.”

“It’s OK to prohibit those,” he said.

Mr. Conners said the town can choose whether it wants to allow drones in its park and ask commercial users of drones to pay a business license tax to use them in the town. ▣

Diane Elizabeth Ferrando

December 1, 1937 – July 4, 2016

Menlo Park, CA

Diane Elizabeth (Chappell) Ferrando (Bebe) of Menlo Park, CA passed away peacefully at Stanford Hospital on July 4, 2016 at the age of 78 with her loving family by her side. Diane bravely battled stage 4 lung cancer for 6 months with dignity, grace and a smile all through her treatments. We only see fit that our loving wife, mother, grandmother (Bebe), sister and friend will always be remembered on the 4th of July for she was our little firecracker.



She was born on December 1, 1937 at Hoover Pavilion Hospital in Palo Alto to Loras and Leslie Chappell and grew up in Palo Alto with her older brother Ronny and younger sister Carolyn, where she attended local schools and graduated from Palo Alto High School in 1956. Diane met Donald Ferrando on a blind date right after high school. After dating for 4 years, they were married at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Palo Alto on May 6, 1961. This past May they celebrated their 55th Anniversary.

Diane worked at the Palo Alto Clinic until she took time off to start a family. As her children started junior high in the 80’s Diane went back to work at an insurance company, consulting company and venture capital firm. Diane enjoyed each of these positions with her contagious smile, hard work, attention to detail and dedication. Diane was also a loving daughter and daughter-in-law to her parents and in-laws as they started to require more care in their older years. Diane did this loyally while working and raising her family.

Diane had a passion for sports from an early age. She was an amazing athlete and a fierce competitor. Diane’s love for tennis started as a young girl and continued throughout her life until she discovered golf. In later years her new passion became golf. She and Donald, as well as her granddaughters, son, and son-in-law enjoyed playing at Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club and other local golf courses as well as in Palm Springs/La Quinta and golf courses throughout the country. Diane spent her time in Menlo Park and La Quinta upon retirement, where she made many new friends that shared her same interests. Bebe also loved traveling, reading, playing cards, being outdoors and keeping up with world current events. Bebe was most proud of her children and grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Diane is survived by her husband, Donald Ferrando; daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Dawn Miller, and granddaughter Lindsay Hale (of Redwood City); son, Drew Ferrando and granddaughter Olivia Ferrando (Redwood Shores); sister, Carolyn Gibbs (of Discovery Bay); nephews, Bill, Bob, Rick and Troy Gibbs; niece, Leslie Gibbs and their caring families.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations may be made to the Stanford Cancer Research department — <https://makeagift.stanford.edu> — in memory of Diane.

A private celebration of life for Diane for close family and friends will be held later this summer.

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Hank Anthony Scarlett

August 3, 1920 - May 16, 2016

Henry Anthony Scarlett (born Henry Anthony Scardigli), 95, died peacefully at home in Woodside, CA, on May 16, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Patricia (née Maio), and her children: Douglas Piccolotti, Debra Piccolotti, and Michael Piccolotti. He is also survived by children from his first marriage: Victoria Scarlett and Patricia Scarlett Jonas. Additionally, he is survived by ten grandchildren: Matthew Piccolotti, Eric Piccolotti, Ellen Piccolotti, Alexander Piccolotti, Nina Piccolotti, Anna Piccolotti, Ryan Piccolotti, Anthony Jonas, Elizabeth Jonas, Katherine Jonas—and one great-grandson, Lucca Jonas.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Olivo Guglielmo and Ines Norma (née Arrigoni) Scardigli, and his siblings: Remo Scardigli, Josephine Gamino (née Scardigli), Evelyn Armanini (née Scardigli), and Joseph Scardigli. His sister Olive Sapholm (née Scardigli) survives him.

“Hank” was born on August 3, 1920 in Portland, OR. In his later childhood his family moved to San Francisco, CA, where he graduated from Galileo High School. He served in the military twice, before and during WWII—each time, using special skills that he continued to develop and hone throughout his lifetime. In the first case, as a member of the National Guard and then the 40th Signal Corps, he served as a radio operator. Later he was occupied with sheet metal work in support of the war. Ham radio remained a deep interest throughout the remainder of his life. And his knowledge of sheet metal manufacturing led him, as a self-taught engineer, to a career in that field—eventually resulting in his own company, Designco (Menlo Park, CA)—which specializes in custom metal design and fabrication.

Hank loved the great outdoors and exploring backroads, but was always happy and content to be at his home which he designed and built among the redwoods. Curious and always a problem-solver, he enjoyed finding creative solutions to engineering challenges. As a patriarch, he found great joy in family gatherings and sharing experiences from his youth. He loved his many pets—dogs, cats, and horses—and he was a kind and devoted master to all. Hank was a long-time member of the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County where he is remembered as a steady pillar of the group. Hank was a trusted and well-respected man who was loved by many; his warmth, engaging smile, puns and story-telling always set the tone for wonderful conversation. He loved a good laugh and was especially adept at quick puns and witticisms. He will be dearly missed by all!

A private family celebration will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, and the Humane Society of the United States.

PAID OBITUARY

Hit-and-run driver arrested

Menlo Park police arrested July 11 a 36-year-old driver who police said failed to stop for a motorcycle officer, collided with another vehicle, and then fled on foot.

Kini Evaimalo of East Palo Alto was booked into San Mateo County jail on charges of felony hit-and-run, felony evading, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license.

Around noon on July 11, a Menlo Park motorcycle officer attempted to pull over the driver of a gold GMC Yukon SUV. The driver continued on Hamilton Avenue between Willow Road and Carlton, struck another vehicle and then fled on foot, police said.

A search led to the man’s quick apprehension by the Menlo Park Narcotics Enforcement Team.

Mr. Evaimalo, the officer and the driver of the other vehicle had minor, non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

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Boom in population and jobs raise concerns

■ Menlo Park Planning Commission takes public comment on general plan report.

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park's population could grow by 50 percent and its employee count by 70 percent between now and 2040 if the city adopts proposed zoning changes and developers take advantage of the maximum amount of growth allowed.

By then, Menlo Park could have an additional 6 million square feet of nonresidential construction, 920 hotel rooms and 6,780 housing units, resulting in 17,450 more residents and 22,350 more employees. This data is in a draft environmental impact report showing impacts

■ MENLO PARK

of proposed zoning changes plus projections from projects approved or expected to be approved throughout the city.

That's the scale of what's at stake with the city's general plan update, said Patti Fry, a Menlo Park resident and former planning commissioner, at a Planning Commission meeting July 11.

The meeting was set to take public comments on a draft environmental impact report on the city's general plan update, which includes major proposed zoning changes in the M-2 industrial area east of U.S. 101.

Ms. Fry and members of a new local advocacy group called

"VERG" (Voters for Equitable and Responsible Growth) said they're worried about how such large-scale development in Menlo Park will affect traffic and housing affordability, among other issues.

"Our communities will lose their diversity, their livability and their character unless an equitable and responsible plan for growth is adopted,"

said the founding members of "VERG" in a letter submitted to the city.

The letter was signed by Jim Wiley, a Willows resident; Martin Lamarque, a Belle Haven resident; Neilson Buchanan, a resident of Downtown North Palo Alto; William Bryan Webster, president of the East Palo Alto Tenants Education Fund; Kathleen Daly,

owner of Cafe Zoe in Menlo Park; and Steve Schmidt, former Menlo Park mayor.

According to Mr. Buchanan, the group met recently for the first time. He said he wants to see more evaluation of how the expected population influx will affect local schools. Mr. Wiley said he wants to see clearer plans to reduce cut-through traffic in the Willows neighborhood.

In a public comment, Mr. Lamarque told the Planning Commission that he didn't think enough has been done to counter rent increases and traffic gridlock in his neighborhood of Belle Haven.

"I don't expect Facebook, or my city officers to solve (this problem)," he said. "(I do expect them to) listen and try to find some solution before we make these problems worse."

Displacement of residents due to rising housing costs is not an impact that must be analyzed in an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act, said Leigh Prince, assistant city attorney.

Maya Perkins, who also lives in Belle Haven, but is not listed as a member of the VERG group, said the city in updating the general

■ INFORMATION

■ The deadline for public comment on the draft environmental impact report on the city's general plan update is at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1. (The council agreed to extend the deadline 15 days at the request of several people.)

■ Written comments may be submitted by email to connectmenlo@menlopark.org or by regular mail to: Community Development Department, 701 Laurel St. Menlo Park, CA 94025, Attn: Connect-Menlo EIR Comments.

■ City responses to those comments will be released in a final environmental impact report, expected to go before the Menlo Park Planning Commission in September and the City Council in October or early November.

Population could grow by more than 17,000 by the year 2040.

SUV shears off utility pole

A section of Santa Cruz Avenue in the vicinity of Hillview Middle School was closed for several hours Wednesday, July 13, for repairs to a utility pole that was

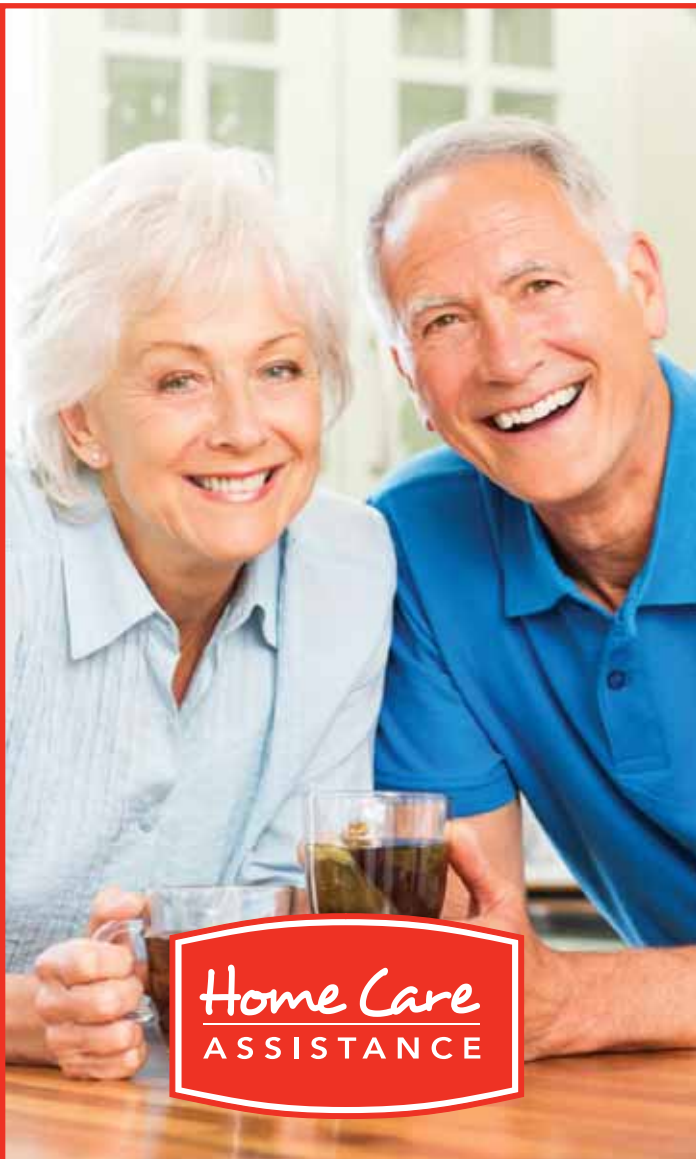
sheared off when a 1987 Land Rover collided with it around 3 a.m., Menlo Park police said.

A PG&E crew in the 1600-1700 block of Santa Cruz Avenue closed

traffic between Elder Avenue and Olive Street to do the repairs.

The solo-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Santa Cruz and Elder avenues. The driver had minor injuries, police said.

plan should require that a higher percentage of new housing be "below market rate," or affordable to lower-income families. Under the proposed changes to the general plan, 15 percent of the total number of housing units — in developments over a certain size — would be intended for low-, very low-, and extremely low-income households. ■



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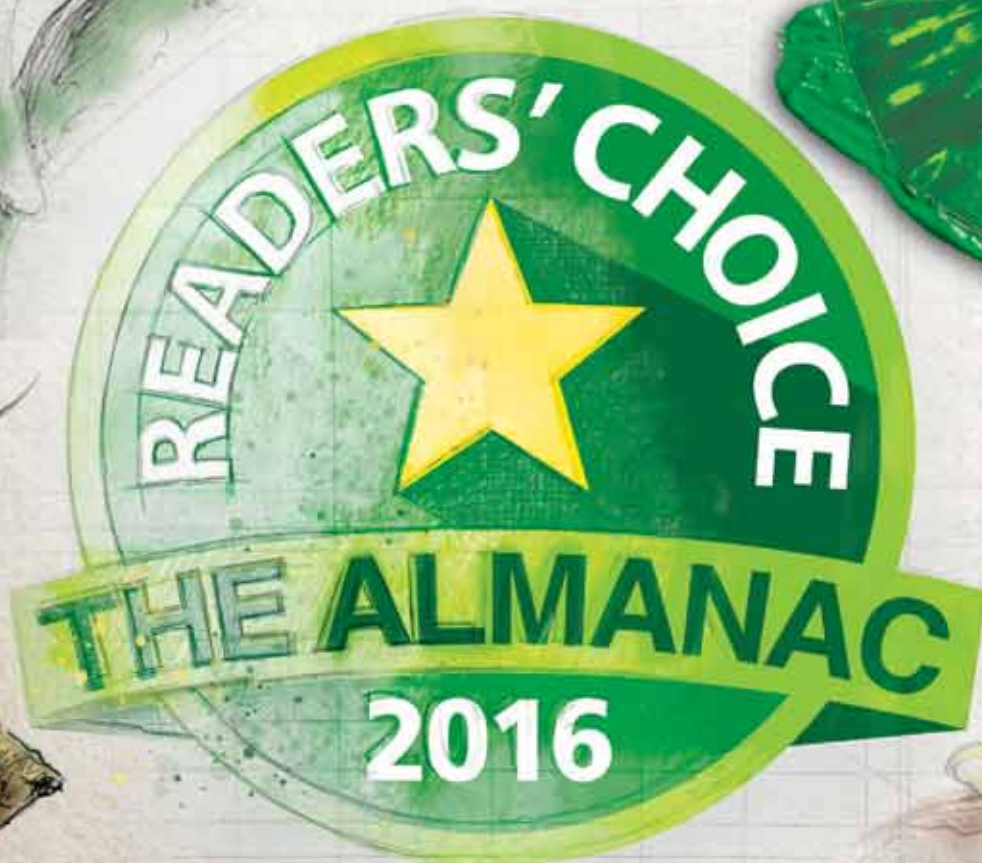
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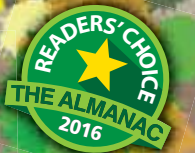
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The awards for both favorite American restaurant and place for "happy hour" go to the **Menlo Grill Bistro and Bar** located in the Stanford Park Hotel. Patrick Lane, the vice president and general manager of the Stanford Park Hotel, said that the food offered at the grill "all harkens back to that California passion for the greatest ingredients and not over-manipulating them so the ingredients speak for themselves." In addition to its Californian roots, Mr. Lane says, "the American food is something customers can relate to. It's not a lot of foreign words or preparations. It's really good fresh and locally sourced food that people like to eat." Happy hour is offered between 3 and 5 p.m., when the grill offers five drinks that are sold for \$5 each, along with shareable food items, also sold for \$5. Menlo Grill offers two specialty drinks — one, a white sangria, often made around a particular fruit, and the other, a specialty batch cocktail that "allows the flavors to mature together, and create



Photo courtesy of Chef Kwan's

Chef Hai Lan packs to-go boxes with General Chicken dish at Chef Kwan's restaurant, which won for favorite Chinese restaurant.

more depth," Mr. Lane says. *100 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 330-2790*

CASUAL DINING, OUTDOOR DINING, INDEPENDENT COFFEE/TEA HOUSE, PLACE TO MEET PEOPLE

What makes **Cafe Borrone** an "institution" in Menlo Park? Maybe it's that it's been around long enough for people to grow up in it, and those that move away make a point to return

when they're in town, said owner Marina Borrone. Whatever draws people in, she said, the cafe has gathered a dedicated cohort of regulars. The business has deep family ties: Marina's parents Roy and Rose started the business, which was in Redwood City for 10 years before moving to its Menlo Park location. Her husband, Josh Pebbles, is the cafe's executive chef, and her brother-in-law, Jeff Frey, is the general manager. As for the food, Ms. Borrone said that all dishes are



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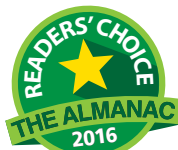
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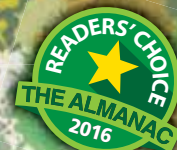


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house-made from scratch, from minestrone soup to pappardelle. The cafe also runs seasonal art exhibits (which shop co-founder Roy Borrone still oversees) and hosts jazz and other live music events. 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 327-0830 | cafeborrone.com

CHINESE RESTAURANT

New name, same food, has been the mantra of this year's winner for best Chinese restaurant, **Chef Kwan's**, since ownership transitioned and the restaurant's name changed from Su Hong To Go last September. Jason Kwan, the store's owner, says people like the restaurant's attention to the basics of food service, offering satisfaction in taste, service, quality and portion sizes. The most popular dishes are General's chicken, Chinese chicken salad, and potstickers. He says the won ton soup, orange peel chicken and Mongolian beef are also popular. Eventually, he says, he wants to expand the appetizers and dessert offerings at the restaurant, but he is currently busy working to open Yum Cha Palace, located at 1039 El Camino Real, formerly Su Hong, which is being remodeled. The restaurant will serve dim sum when it opens, which

could be as soon as September, he said. 630 Menlo Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025 | (650) 322-4631 | chefkwans.com

DINE WITH KIDS

With an alligator carpet lining the floor and a 6-foot-tall Statue of Liberty welcoming guests as they open the door, **Buck's of Woodside** entices children of all ages to a dining experience like no other. This year, Buck's of Woodside won the award for favorite place to dine with kids. Young visitors are enticed by the whimsical feeling of the restaurant, attributed to its extraordinary decor, and some of the items featured on the children's menu, such as "pizza for pizza heads." Jamis MacNiven, who, with his wife Margaret, owns Buck's, says that "parents sometimes tell us we ruin kids for other restaurants because we let them run wild. We give them a treasure hunt and put gummy frogs on every plate. What's not to love." 3062 Woodside Road, Woodside | (650) 851- 8010

FRENCH RESTAURANT

Left Bank French brasserie in downtown Menlo Park is even more popular with local diners since it expanded its outdoor sidewalk seating. Opened in 1998, the

restaurant was completely remodeled in 2008. Classic brasserie items, such as steak frites, onion soup, steak tartar and cheese fondue are available year-round. However, Chef Brendy Monsada changes his seasonal menu items every month with local and organic produce, sustainable seafood and natural meats. A \$20 prix-fixe lunch will get you in and out quickly and the \$40 prix-fixe dinner is a great value. On Sundays, bring your own bottle of wine and your \$15 corkage fee

will be donated to the Menlo Park Atherton Education Foundation. 635 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 473-6543

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Carpaccio's is once again the Almanac readers' choice for favorite Italian restaurant. Award-winning interior designer Pat Kuleto has designed the downtown Menlo Park restaurant's interiors, including seating

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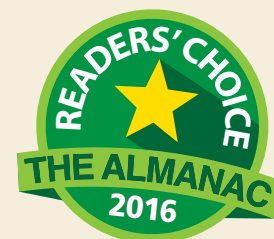
General Manager Jennifer Hancox and Chef de Cuisine Brendy Monsada at Left Bank, which won for favorite French restaurant.



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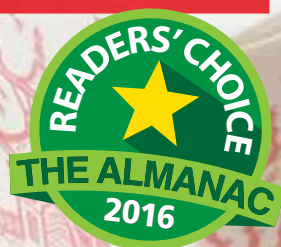
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near a wall of windows that open in fine weather for al fresco dining. In addition to the Italian classics, how about a smoked salmon and caviar pizza (Salmon affumicato e Caviale) or an appetizer of Eastern oysters baked with fresh spinach and Asiago cheese (Ostriche Asiago), or weekly specials that have recently included a salad of seasonal pears, endive, radicchio & arugula with

imported gorgonzola, candied walnuts and house-made champagne vinaigrette (Insalata con Pera)? And, for dessert, how about fresh seasonal berries and chilled zabaglione topped with passion fruit sorbet (Bacche fresche di Stagione e Zabaione con Sorbetto)? 1120 Crane St., Menlo Park | (650) 322-1211

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Located on El Camino Real, **Fuki Sushi** offers a traditional yet

upscale sushi experience. From the fresh cuts of fish arranged elegantly to authentic soups and other appetizers, served alongside sake, the food is sure to impress. Bare wood interiors and waitresses wearing kimonos add to the uniquely Japanese atmosphere. Despite the somewhat upscale feel of the establishment, chefs as well as service staff are more than willing to accommodate most any requests. 4119 El Camino Real, Palo Alto | (650) 494-9383 | fukisushi.com



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At Fuki Sushi, which won for favorite Japanese restaurant, are Lumi Gardner (owner), Junichi Fujiya, Yoichi Hiejima, Makoto Kanemaru, Jake Cho, Hiro Terada, Daisuke Ogawa and Hideto Sasaki.

MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Featuring colorful decorations and a sunny atmosphere, **Café Del Sol** takes the prize for favorite Mexican restaurant this year. Owner Leonel Diaz says visitors are “in love” with the restaurant’s poblano relleno — roasted poblano peppers stuffed with grilled seafood — and camarones al mojo de ajo — shrimp sauteed with garlic, lime, wine and butter, served with mango salsa. “Our food has a lot of flavor,” he says. It’s fresh, he said, and the restaurant takes special pride in its “juicy” meat dishes. The restaurant has the same cooks it began with when it opened 13 years ago. Visitors can look forward to minor changes in the

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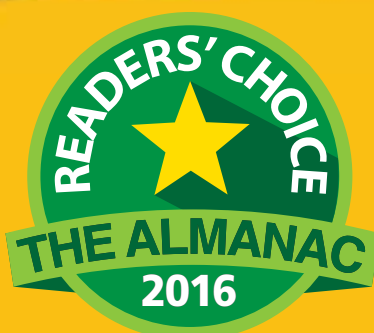
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restaurant's decor, and the addition of a couple of new entrees and appetizers to the menu as soon as September, he says. 1010 Doyle St. #1 Menlo Park | (650) 326-2501 | cafedelsolmenlo.com

NEW RESTAURANT, DESSERT
Mademoiselle Colette prides itself in bringing the true essence of France to Menlo Park, with traditional French pastries, brunch, and lunch items. Opening in Menlo Park last October, the patisserie has been named favorite new restaurant and favorite place for dessert by voters in the Almanac's Readers' Choice poll. "We make it all from scratch, from organic products," says owner Debora Ferrand. Her customers, she says, "feel like they are in France because it's the same quality and ingredients." In addition, "we put so much love and energy into our cakes," she says. Customers can taste the love, especially in the raspberry éclair and chocolate croissants, which are customer favorites. 816 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 644-8469

ROMANTIC RESTAURANT
The Village Pub, with deep-burgundy walls and white-linen-covered tables glowing with candlelight — and set far enough apart for intimate conversation — has been chosen by Almanac readers as their favorite romantic restaurant, whether for a "getting to know you" date or an anniversary celebration. Beyond the handsome decor, the Pub offers impeccable food and professional service that make it one of the Bay Area's highest-rated restaurants. Fresh produce from its private 5-acre SMIP Ranch in Woodside, as well as high quality meat, fish and ingredients, is prepared by executive chef Orlando Pagan. A recent menu offered such entrees as almond wood-grilled Rancho Llano Seco pork with stone fruit and Sicilian pistachios, and pan-seared big eye tuna with sweet peas and green garlic bagna

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Food & Drink

BAKERY

Martha's Pastries will turn 28 years old this October. The story behind the shop's name says a lot about its ethos: the bakery's owner, Martha Merz, previously worked at a bakery in Woodside with a hard-to-spell French name that people got lost trying to find. Her bakery, she decided, would be simple and straightforward: Martha's Pastries, offering old world delicacies, sans extra frills. Today, visitors to the bakery enjoy coming for breakfast to linger over a pastry and coffee, she said. Popular offerings are the cinnamon bread and old-fashioned European tarts. The bakery has also employed many local youth over the years, she said. 325 Sharon Park Drive, Menlo Park | (650) 854-6207 | marthaspastries.com.

BREAKFAST

The **Stacks** motto is "comfortable food," and customers agree that Stacks is the place to go for a casual family breakfast where everyone leaves satisfied. The long line of Sunday brunch customers waiting for a seat attest to its popularity. Manager Jon Pristavok says customers return because Stacks "is consistent, fast, and you get a lot of food for your dollar." From the coveted macadamia nut, banana and coconut pancakes to the turkey club loaded with sides of salad, fruit and fries, customers never leave with an empty stomach. 600 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 838-0066

HAMBURGERS

Jeffrey's Hamburgers is Menlo Park's go-to destination for the classic, fresh American hamburger. Voted this year as favorite place for a hamburger,

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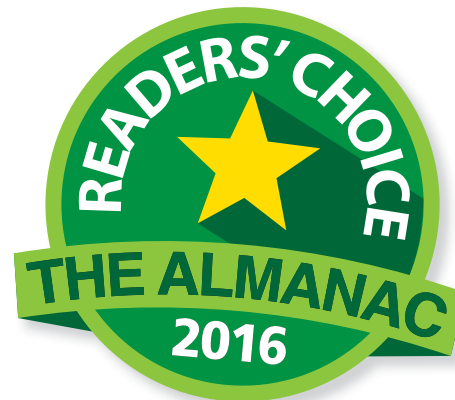


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At Stacks, which won for favorite breakfast restaurant, are Jon Pristavok, general manager, and Porfirio Lopez, head cook.

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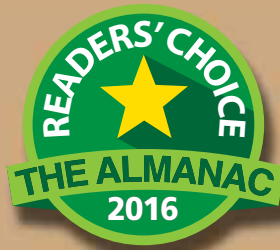
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At Draeger's, which won for favorite grocery store and place to buy meat, are Store Director Dave Christine, Produce Manager Steve Zanone, Deli Manger Norma Roxas, Seafood Manager John Rutherford, Floral Manager Maria Zapata, Assistant Store Manager Rick Johnson, Wine Director Kevin Forsaith and Bakery Manager Tina Crabtree.

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Jeffrey's is most well known for its fresh meat, grinded on-site daily. According to manager Steve Friedel, customers return time and again because the "hamburgers are fresh, never frozen, and hand-made." In addition, the burgers are highly customizable. Customer receive exactly what they want: whether it's how the meat is cooked or which toppings

they want. 888 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 322-1959

ICE CREAM/FROZEN YOGURT

Baskin-Robbins has been selected as the favorite ice cream/frozen yogurt shop in Menlo Park. Whether you eat it in a waffle cone, cup, as a sundae, or in a milkshake, the ice cream is consistently high quality. The shop has almost every flavor imaginable from the traditional choco-

late to summer breeze cheesecake ice cream and watermelon splash ice, available only in the summer. 863 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 323-9335

PIZZA

Applewood Pizza is known around Menlo Park for its crunchy crust and wide selection of high quality toppings, such as

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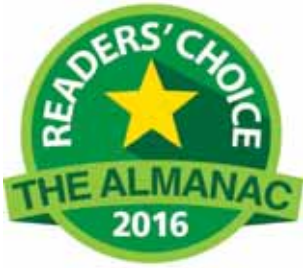


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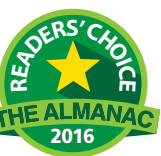
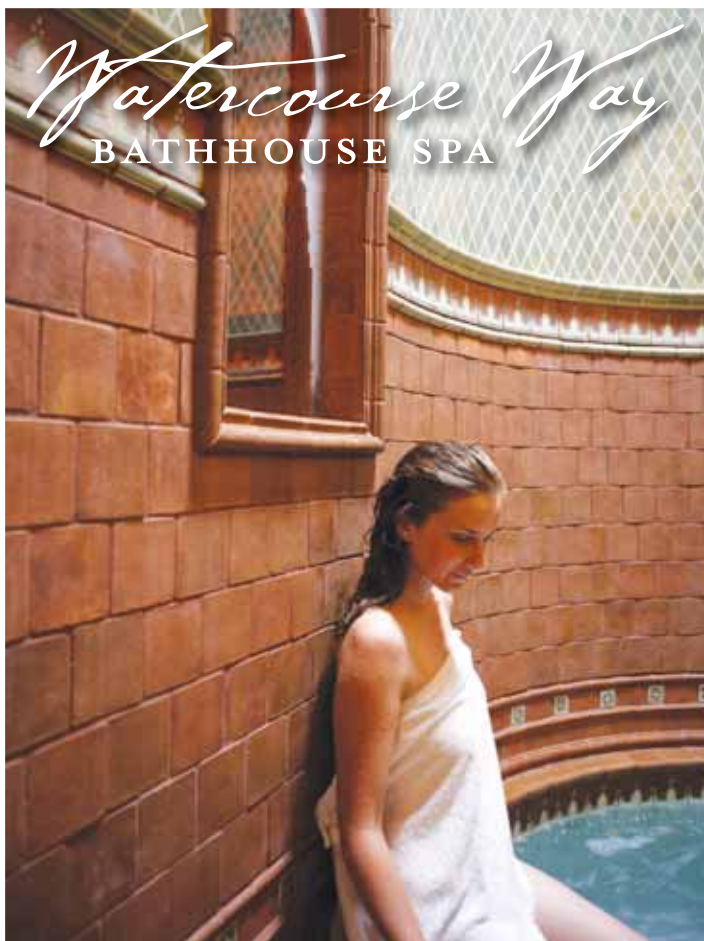


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Watercourse Way won the Readers' Choice 2016 award for favorite day spa.

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avocado and bay shrimp. With a relaxed, family atmosphere and consistently fresh pizza, locals continue to agree that Applewood is their favorite pizza place. Applewood offers highly customizable pizzas, with the customer choosing the size, toppings and sauce. Recently added to the menu are shrimp risotto, garden risotto, and penne with grilled chicken. Applewood Pizza sometimes has special offers, so keep your eyes open for those. 1001 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 324-3486

PLACE TO BUY MEAT. GROCERY STORE

Shopping at **Draeger's** has become a way of life for generations of local residents dating from 1955 when the market opened in a Quonset hut at 1010 University Drive. The family-owned store features a vast selection of everything from caviar to corn flakes. "Shoppers keep returning to the store because of the freshness and high quality of the products. Because the store is a small, locally owned and operated company, we are probably best connected with the local producers," says Richard Draeger, one of founder Frank Draeger's 10 children. "There are five of us who work here on an everyday basis." Some of the fourth-generation of the family are now working in the business. The meat and fish department is staffed with trained butchers, who are happy to give extra service, such as cubing beef for a stew or splitting ham hocks. "That's something you don't see much of these days," says Mr. Draeger. 1010 University Drive, Menlo Park | (650) 324-7700

SANDWICHES

For the past 48 years, the **Woodside Deli** has been selling imported Italian foods, including olive oils, cookies and wine, along with homemade products, such as pasta sauces, raviolis and meatloaf. The varieties of meats and cheeses lend themselves to delicious sandwiches, piled high with toppings and situated in a crunchy roll or soft sliced bread. This year, the Woodside Deli has won again for favorite sandwich place. Owner Dan Galinetti says that "love and care" makes the difference in its sandwiches along with the resolve to "get nothing but the best ingredients imported from Italy." 1453 Woodside Road, Redwood City | (650) 369 4235

TAKEOUT

Lulu's on the Alameda, where its takeout menu is as complete as its regular menu, won this year for favorite place to order takeout. Lulu's online ordering system, enabling a quick pickup in the store, makes its takeout process faster than most, with a wait time of about 20 minutes from order to pickup. Customers say they like ordering ahead and picking up their meals in a separate line dedicated to takeout orders. They also appreciate Lulu's use of recyclable plastic containers. Owner Natalie Richardson attributes the restaurant's success to the use of recipes that have been handed down from generation to generation, and the friendly staff, who learn customers' names and favorite orders. The food is made from scratch from fresh, local ingredients. Customers say they enjoy eating delicious, authentic, fresh Mexican food in the comfort of their homes. 3539 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park. | (650) 854-8226

Services

AUTO REPAIR

The 2016 award for best auto repair shop goes to **Portola Valley Garage**, a specialist in the repair of European vehicles, including the exotic. The garage now has diagnostic and programming software for European makes such as Bentley, Rolls Royce and Aston Martin (from England) and Ferrari, Lamborghini and Maserati (from Italy), owner Tom Ramies said. A Ford owner called the place "an excellent neighborhood garage that can fix or upgrade anything from a WWII Willy's Jeep to a vintage Ferrari to an expedition-ready Landcruiser or just a plain Honda Accord." 4170 Alpine Road, Portola Valley | 851-7442

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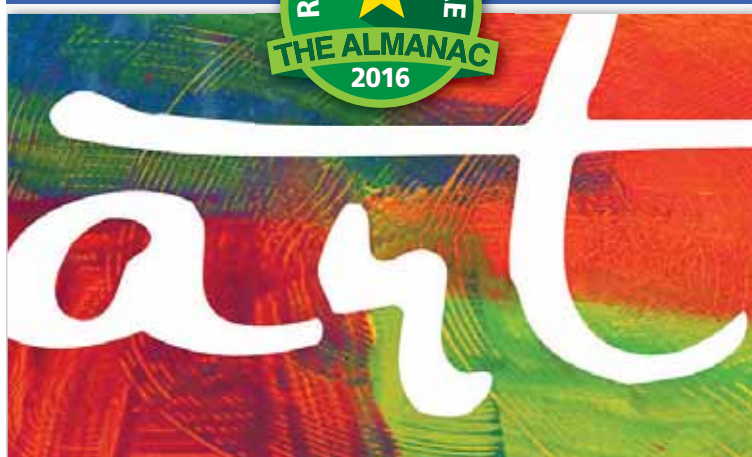
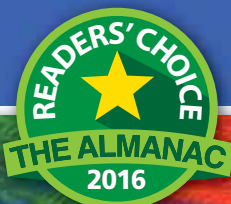
The Menlo Park Barber Shop may be less than a year old, but its vintage barbershop decor and familiar faces lend it an old-school, nostalgic vibe, as if it's been around town much longer. Started by Golden Shears veteran Sam Valero in November

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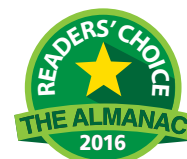


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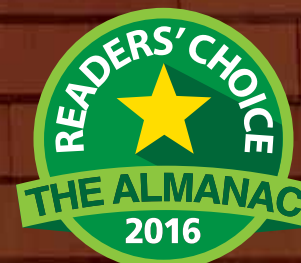


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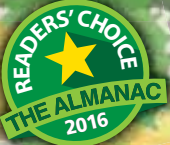
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2015, the shop recruited several barbers who were longtime local barbers at the Golden Shears on Santa Cruz Avenue, including Woody Jackson and Yvonne Soliz, before the shop shuttered in January 2016. "We really came up with a barbershop that people want to be in," he said. People often have open conversations between chairs as they're getting their haircuts, and this summer, several youngsters will get "cool lessons" by helping out around the shop. "It's just a fun environment," he said. "Everybody comes in and leaves in a better mood. That's our goal." 2100 Avy Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 391-9008 | menloparkbarbershop.com

DRY CLEANER

For the second consecutive year, **Ladera Cleaners**, located in the Ladera Country Shopper mall, has won the Readers' Choice award. Dry cleaning is the category, but Ladera Cleaners also makes alterations, including wedding dress alterations, and provides mending and reweaving services. One-day service is available. 3130 Alpine Road, Ladera Valley | (650) 854-2291

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FLORIST, NURSERY

Ladera Garden and Gifts is the 2016 winner in two categories: favorite florist and nursery. Mercedes and Juan Navarro have owned the business since 1981, and recently opened a second location in Belmont in the Carlmont Village Shopping Center. Juan's experience as a nurseryman is complemented by Mercedes' unique floral arrangement skills. The full service nursery has a variety of stunning



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Eliazar Sanchez serving drinks in the courtyard of Menlo Grill Bistro and Bar, which won the Readers' Choice Award for favorite American restaurant and happy hour place.



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A yoga class at Studio Rincon, which won for favorite gym and place for yoga and fitness classes.

flowers, plants and related wares while the gift section has items for the home ranging from art pieces, dishes, and glassware to candles, soaps and lotions. 3130 Alpine Road, Suite 380, Portola Valley | 854-3850

HAIR SALON

Habibi's Hair Salon won for the favorite hair salon because of its excellent customer service. Whether you're there for a trim, color, or special hair treatment, the family atmosphere at Habibi's Hair Salon makes customers consistently comfortable. Many customers return because of owner Ines Acosta and her team, who provide quality care at an affordable price. They offer free consultations before any hair treatment to ensure customers get what they want. Ms. Acosta says that Habibi salon also works for the community, and volunteers by styling the hair of veterans in rehabilitation services. 1925 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 847-1815

HOTEL

Stanford Park Hotel is the winner of the 2016 Readers' Choice Award for best hotel. People who stay at the 162-room Menlo Park hotel often say that they "don't feel like customers, they feel like guests," said Patrick Lane, the hotel's vice president and general manager. The hotel boasts in-house entertainment, including a guitarist who plays most evenings. Patio fire pits offer hotel guests a warm outdoors spot to relax even when nights get chilly. Recently, the hotel expanded the hours of the fitness center to be open 24-7, a boon for some of the hotel's jetlagged East Coast business folk known to work out at 3

a.m. California time, Mr. Lane said. In the future, the hotel has plans to upgrade its pool area to feel more like a "luxury resort," complete with a loggia offering a big-screen TV, poolside food and beverage services and an enhanced whirlpool. 100 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (866) 241-2431 | stanfordparkhotel.com

MANICURE/PEDICURE

A Touch of Elegance offers clients a sanctuary for relaxation while providing high quality manicures and pedicures. This year, it won for favorite manicure/pedicure. Customers rave about its customer service: the staff consistently ensures that customers are comfortable and pleased with the service provided. Manager Hanh Ly says that people think of A Touch of Elegance as "the happy salon," and that the difference that sets the salon apart from others is that "we really care about the health and results of the client's nails and don't just try to get them in and out." 1150 Crane St., Menlo Park | (650) 321-0679

PLUMBER

Since 1948, **Guy Plumbing** has been providing local families and businesses with plumbing services and supplies. "We have grown out of a small garage in West Menlo Park into a company that offers quality plumbing and a part supply store for professionals and homeowners nationwide," owner Dave Guy says. The company has won this Readers' Choice Award many times, including the last three consecutive years. As a family-run business for four generations, Guy Plumbing has been helping loyal customers

and their descendants for nearly 70 years. 1265 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 323-8415

Retail

BICYCLE SHOP

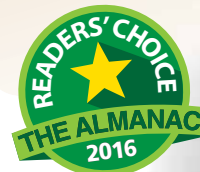
Menlo Velo Bicycles is the Readers' Choice winner for favorite bicycle shop. Owner Rainer Zaechelein strives to provide a personalized level of customer service that can only be offered at a smaller, "old fashioned" shop. Consistent and dependable service has been the key to its success, Mr. Zaechelein says. Menlo Velo's long-term employees mean returning customers see familiar faces. His goal is to get everyone on a bike, whether for a competitive race or a casual weekend ride. 433 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 327-5137.

BOOKSTORE

Kepler's Books has a lot to celebrate. Not only has it won this year's Readers' Choice Award for best bookstore, but it is celebrating its third consecutive year of being profitable, all while selling good, old-fashioned books. According to Praveen Madan, Kepler's community engagement officer, the shop is a hub where booklovers can consult their favorite staff members for recommendations for book clubs or young children, meet up, or listen to authors talk about their recent works. The store also offers a book subscription service. People can order books to be delivered monthly, focused on some sort of theme. Go to giftlit.com for more informa-

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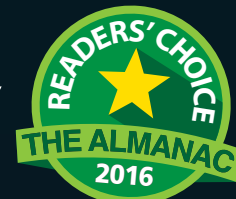
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Photo courtesy of Stanford Park Hotel

Brandon Crager welcomes guests into Stanford Park Hotel, which won the Readers' Choice Award for favorite hotel.

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tion. Finally, in what has been a several-years-long process, Mr. Madan said, the company will finalize its separation into two branches: Kepler's, the for-profit bookstore, and Peninsula Arts & Letters, a nonprofit affiliated with Kepler's that organizes and promotes educational, cultural and literary events within the community. The bookshop is also home to the weekly podcast recording of "In Deep," an interview show with radio journalist

Angie Coiro on Wednesdays at noon. *1010 El Camino Real* | (650) 324-4321 | keplers.com

BOUTIQUE, GIFT, JEWELRY

Shady Lane is the winner of Readers' Choice Awards in three categories: favorite boutique, jewelry and gift shop. After 40 years in business in Palo Alto, Shady Lane moved to the Sharon Heights Shopping Center in Menlo Park in March 2015. The shop features creations by local and mostly USA artisans, including art glass, ceramics, jewelry, fine woodworking and

textile art. Many of the artisans work in the store. The collection at Shady Lane is beautifully displayed in a light-filled octagonal building next to Starbucks in the shopping center. *325 Sharon Park Drive, Sharon Heights Shopping Center, Menlo Park* | (650) 321-1099

FLOOR COVERINGS

Menlo Flooring and Design is a family-owned business that has served Menlo Park for more than 20 years. In its spacious showroom, Menlo Flooring offers a wide variety of flooring options, from hardwood to bamboo and carpet. Customers say they like the friendly staff and their recommendations for matching the customer's price and styling objectives. Menlo Flooring serves customers of all kinds, from trade professionals to individual home owners. *905 El Camino Real, Menlo Park* | (650) 305-1099

FRAMING STORE

University Art, an artist's haven since it opened in 1948, offers a wide selection of supplies for projects and crafts, and a custom framing department. The winner of the Readers' Choice Award for favorite framing store is able to accommodate framing for projects, pictures, and memorabilia of all shapes and sizes. "The framing designers work with customers to create the best design for the piece within the customer's budget," store manager Gloria Acevedo Cooney says. The designers can recreate nearly any vision with their extensive selection of customizable features from framing finishes to mat color and texture



Photo courtesy of Portola Valley Garage

At Portola Valley Garage, master technician Jim Koppenhaver programs a tire pressure monitoring module on a 2005 Bentley Continental Turbo.

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Photo courtesy of Shady Lane

Among the artisans who work with Shady Lane are, front row, from left: Maria Torrey (Fremont), Lauren Eichler, Judi Eichler (Menlo Park), Celia Moreno (Los Atos), Sandi Morey (Oakland) and Alice Deutscher (founder and owner); and back row: Abby Rae, left, and Diane Peterson, both of Portola Valley.

selections. 2550 El Camino Real, Redwood City | (650) 328-3500.

HARDWARE STORE

Menlo Park Ace Hardware has won the 2016 Readers' Choice Award for best hardware store. According to Vasile Oros, the store's manager, being a branch of Ace Hardware gives the store access to about 85,000 items they can stock on their shelves. "We want to bring every one (of those items) in if someone needs it," he said. "We try to solve problems. People come to us, and if we can't help, we'll advise them." The hardware store, he said, has plans to expand to another location on Santa Cruz Avenue, where furniture and high-end housewares will be sold. It is expected to open in late August. 700 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, CA | (650) 325-2515 | menlohardware.com

HOME DECOR & FURNISHINGS

Flegel's Interior Design & Distinctive Home Furnishings has won its category for the 24 years that Almanac readers have cast their votes in the Readers' Choice poll. Brian Flegel manages the store that was founded in 1954 by his grandfather, Arthur Flegel, and has been owned for many years by his father, Mark Flegel, president of Flegel's. The store has a 22,000-square-foot showroom, where high-end furnishings are on display, and emphasizes custom furniture and interior design services, with nine interior designers working on its staff. Flegel's has placed furnishings in "nearly every home in Atherton," Brian Flegel said, and has done inte-

rior design work in California from Healdsburg to Los Angeles and abroad in Hong Kong and Dubai. Timeless style and superb craftsmanship is Flegel's hallmark. 870 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 326-9661 | flegels.com

PET STORE

The Pet Place, since its opening in 1992, has won the Readers' Choice award for favorite pet store for 24 consecutive years. This unique shop offers the full range of pet products, plus many services, such as advice on nutrition, training and care, and referrals to veterinarians, pet sitters, adoption assistance and foster care resources. You'll find the Pet Place frequently hosting a rescue, adoption or shelter organization event. Owners Marc and Lynn Macy have successfully provided a haven, not just for pets, but for their owners as well. 777 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 325-7387 | thepetplacemenlopark.com

PRODUCE

In 1992, the **Menlo Park Farmers' Market** began as a brain-storm of five local women who thought Santa Cruz Avenue could use a good farmers market, according to one of the market's founders, Nancy Couperus, a Los Altos resident. Over the years, the market has grown into a family-friendly weekly ritual for many locals, and has helped breathe new life into downtown businesses, Ms. Couperus says. Farmers say that the Menlo Park clientele is loyal. Customers have been known to brave inclement weather to pick up their weekly produce, she said. The market, open from 9 a.m. to

1 p.m. on Sundays, is sponsored by the Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club, which raises about \$45,000 a year in stall fees; that money goes to support local nonprofit organizations. Left-over produce from the market is donated to nearby food donation charities. *Chestnut Street between Santa Cruz Avenue and Menlo Avenue, Menlo Park* | (650) 688-8316

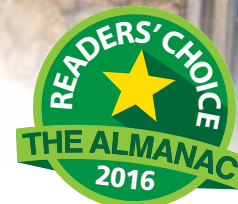
SHOE STORE

It probably says something about the Almanac's readership that **Fleet Feet**, a running store, won the Readers' Choice Award in the category of shoes overall. "We are fortunate to be in a very health-conscious and active part of the world," said Jim Gothers, who owns the store with his spouse, Lisa Taggart. While the store does carry and sell running shoes, it also organizes and hosts running groups for training at all levels. Various running groups, including both a "get off the couch" group for non-runners and a marathon training group, draw people from different walks of life and neighboring towns because they are "inclusive and un-intimidating," he said. One big hit is the store's recurring "Pub Run," which starts at 6:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month. Attendees can demo a different shoe brand, go for a run, and then meet up after for a social hour at the store. "Our store lets people step out of their own everyday skin," he said. "People get hooked." 879 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 325-9432 | fleetfeetmenlo-park.com

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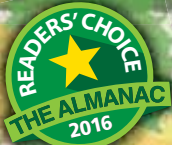
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SPECIALTY STORE

Penzeys Spices says it aims to supply customers with the freshest spices from all over the world, in a storefront that is well-organized and easy to navigate. Customers say just about every spice and extract imaginable is available at Penzeys, along with many distinctive spice blends that Penzeys releases at various times throughout the year. Customers enjoy being able to smell the spices before purchasing, and they like the ample free recipes and coupons available. The friendly staff help both the experienced chef and home cook find the right spice to compliment any dish. 771 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, | (650) 853-1785



Photo courtesy of Freewheel Brewing Company

Freewheel Brewing Company at the Marsh Manor Shopping Center won for favorite place for live music.

Fun Stuff

LIVE MUSIC

The Readers' Choice Award for favorite place for live music goes to the **Freewheel Brewing Company** at the Marsh Manor Shopping Center in Redwood City. Freewheel Brewing creates an English pub style atmosphere for its guests by serving up English style cask-conditioned ale, and

food to match. With a cold glass of ale and authentic fish and chips, guests enjoy weekly entertainment from various performers and events, such as the stand-up comedy nights. Freewheel Brewing hosts a weekly Monday Night Pub Quiz and live free music on the weekends. 3736 Florence St., Redwood City | (650) 365-2377

PLACE FOR A DATE

The Flea Street Cafe has long

been a favorite of our readers, this year winning as the favorite place for a date. Owner Jesse Cool was a leader in the sustainable food movement, serving only fresh, in-season, organic and local ingredients since the restaurant opened more than 35 years ago. Even the wine list is mostly local, sustainably grown vintages. This year, Ms. Cool says, the cafe has a new website, which will feature photos and

info on seasonal changes and connections to "our local farmer, rancher and fisherman friends." The restaurant is also working on making its deck suitable for year-round seating, and has expanded the gardens around the restaurant. And to make it even more perfect for dates, there are "ever-evolving, deliciously inviting seasonal drinks," Ms. Cool says. 3607 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park | (650) 854-1226



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POLICE CALLS

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WOODSIDE

Marijuana possession: During a traffic stop on Cinnabar Road in connection with a vehicle code violation, a deputy smelled marijuana coming from inside the vehicle and saw marijuana on the driver's lap "in plain sight." The deputy cited the driver for possession. June 20.

PORTOLA VALLEY

Residential burglary: Someone entered a structure at a Cervantes Road home through an unlocked door, went into a game room and stole a computer monitor and part of a video game system. Estimated loss: \$1,100. June 20.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglaries:

■ After climbing through an open window of a house on Hermosa Way, a burglar made off with two laptop computers, jewelry and coins, including gold coins with a value of \$16,300. Estimated loss: \$17,526. July 6.

■ Someone tampered with the front door of a house on Seminary Drive, but while the door was damaged, the attempt at a break-in was unsuccessful. July 3.

Thefts:

■ Four men entered the Walgreens pharmacy on Santa Cruz Avenue, man-

aged to unlock a locked display cabinet, took out razors that were inside the cabinet and, after being confronted by store employees, left the store without paying for them. The men fled through the parking lot at the rear of the store and headed north on Doyle Street. Estimated loss: \$500. July 4.

■ Someone stole a pair of wireless headphones from an unlocked vehicle parked on Harvard Avenue. Estimated loss: \$300. July 4.

■ A woman reported the theft of her wallet from her purse while it was in a shopping cart at the Safeway supermarket on El Camino Real. She told police that she suspects the theft occurred while she was looking away at grocery items. Estimated loss: \$235. July 1.

■ A woman discovered that her purse had been stolen from an open desk drawer at Ruby Livingdesign furniture store on Santa Cruz Avenue. Inside the purse were credit cards, a driver's license and \$20 in cash. Estimated loss: \$97. July 6.

■ A vase was stolen from the front yard of a house on Menalto Avenue. Estimated loss: \$5. July 7.

■ Police arrested a Belmont man on theft charges after a search of his backpack revealed several new items of sports equipment, all with the tags still on them, as well as new still-in-the-box shoes and packaged food. The items were allegedly stolen from Big 5 Sporting Goods at 700 El Camino Real and the Safeway supermarket across the street. The backpack, too, had a sales tag still attached. July 7.

Atherton weighs higher business tax

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton's City Council is scheduled to decide July 20 if it wants to put a ballot measure substantially increasing the town's business license tax on the November ballot.

The proposed tax would charge those that do business in Atherton — such as real estate companies, contractors, alarm companies and gardeners — to pay the town a business license tax of 25 cents per \$100 of gross Atherton receipts.

The new tax is expected to bring in around \$800,000 more each year than the existing tax, which is a maximum of \$250 a year. To pass, the measure would need approval by a simple majority, or more than 50 percent, of votes cast.

City Manager George Rodericks told council members at a

July 6 study session that the tax would be paid by those who conduct business in town. "This is a tax that doesn't actually affect the residents themselves," he said.

Council members asked at the study session to exempt Atherton residents with home occupations.

But council members said there might be reasons to not hurry to move the measure forward.

"I am concerned about forging ahead and putting this on the November ballot without some sort of polling data (showing) whether the residents would understand this and whether this would pass," Mayor Elizabeth Lewis said. "I don't think we can get 51 percent."

Mayor Lewis said she also wants "to quantify the number of residents this is affecting."

Council member Mike Lempres also urged caution. "Rushing to do

this would be a mistake," he said. "We should be aware of how the public is going to look at this."

However, other council members pointed out that waiting a year to put the tax on the ballot would mean the town would lose a year of revenue.

The July 20 council meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

Also on the agenda is consideration of a neighborhood traffic management plan. If adopted, the plan will set out a series of steps that can be taken when neighborhoods express concerns about traffic. The plan is based on a similar Menlo Park plan.

None of the measures would divert traffic to other areas, and most of the measures would require the approval of a minimum number of nearby residents. ▀

Armed robbers hold up man outside his home

Two men, one holding a knife and the other a tire iron, robbed a man who was in his car and had just arrived at his Menlo Park home on Chilco Street July 13, police reported.

One of the two men who approached the car said, "Give

me what you have," while pointing the knife toward him, police said.

He handed over his wallet, which contained about \$800 in cash. After taking the cash, the suspects left the wallet and fled southbound on Hamilton

Avenue, where they were last seen.

Police said they arrived in the 1300 block of Chilco Street within a minute of the 10:22 p.m. call, but the suspects had fled.

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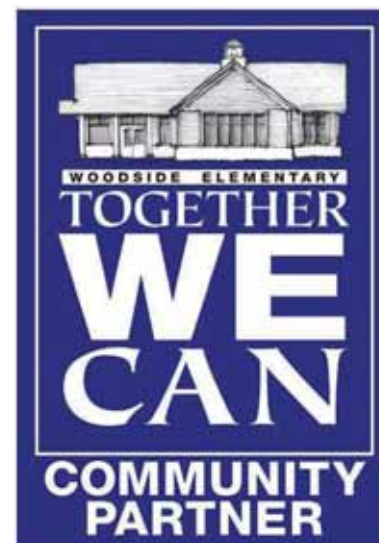
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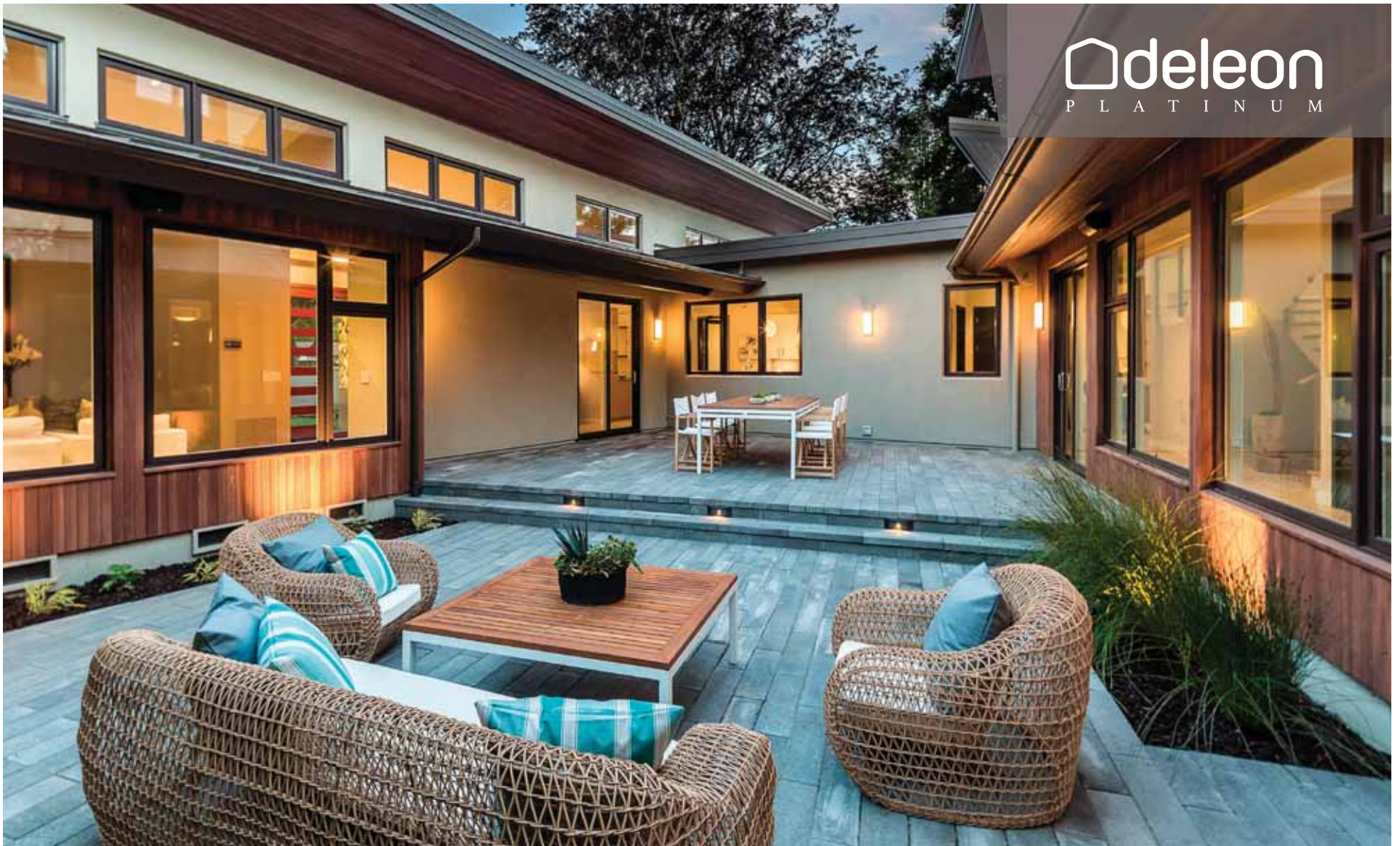
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Supervisors' rushed appointment of sheriff a bad decision

"The public was completely removed from this process," Supervisor Dave Pine told the Almanac this week, referring to the rushed and unexpected appointment of Carlos Bolanos to the office, normally elective, of San Mateo County sheriff. Sadly, Mr. Pine, you are correct. But we'd like to take that statement one step further: Other potential candidates for this key law enforcement position were removed from the process as well, and the three supervisors who pushed this appointment through on July 12 — before longtime sheriff Greg Munks' resignation, announced July 1, even took effect — have much to answer for.

While Mr. Pine argued for an appointment after seeking and interviewing candidates, and Supervisor Carole Groom said she wanted the voters to choose a new sheriff in November, supervisors Don Horsley, Adrienne Tissier and Warren Slocum displayed stunning arrogance in acting to appoint last week.

They did so under an agenda item that was unclear at best — one had to read through to the second page of a staff report to even realize that an appointment was possible at the July 12 meeting. And they did so despite warnings about a public perception that the process was rigged in the undersheriff's favor.

That warning came from a letter read before the board, written by two local congresswomen and former county supervisors: Anna Eshoo and Jackie Speier. "For a long period of time, there have been rumors that Sheriff Munks would retire early and pave the way for the undersheriff to take this position," they wrote.

"... We believe that our mutual constituents support a decision-making process that is absent a perception of a pre-ordained outcome."

They noted, as did Mr. Pine, that an election might be problematic, given Mr. Bolanos' head start in campaigning — he essentially began running for the seat after Mr. Munks announced last year that he wouldn't seek re-election in November 2018. But the congresswomen urged the board to "conduct an open and transparent search for a successor."

But ignoring this wise advice, the board majority appointed Mr. Bolanos, who assumed the position on July 16 as Mr. Munks' resignation took effect. In comments that might make sense only to someone who had fallen down the rabbit hole, Mr. Horsley declared his confidence in the "one candidate," and added, "there isn't anybody else." Does Mr. Hors-

ley have to be reminded that the "one candidate" earned that label only because he was an uncommonly early candidate in a 2018 race for the seat, and that there were no candidates for appointment to the current vacancy because there hadn't been a call for candidates?

And perhaps we should mention the elephant in the board room that the supervisors failed to mention last week during their praise fest for Mr. Bolanos: When in 2007 then-sheriff Munks was detained in Las Vegas in an illegal brothel, during a prostitution sting operation, his undersheriff, Mr. Bolanos, was detained right along with him. There was a loud call for the resignation of both men at the time. Neither resigned; neither would provide satisfactory explanations to the public. Apparently, supervisors Horsley, Slocum and Tissier don't want to talk about it either.

We expected more of our elected county leaders, and we thank supervisors Pine and Groom for opposing this disappointing action. The three supervisors who successfully pushed for this rushed appointment let residents of San Mateo County down. As Rep. Eshoo noted, we deserved better. ■

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

'Big ideas' — and follow-through — needed for downtown

By Dana Hendrickson

Four years ago Menlo Park residents identified a small number of bold civic projects they believed would greatly increase the vibrancy of our downtown business district, and these were included in the Downtown Specific Plan. Unfortunately, while the local economy remains strong, and the city is benefiting from an unexpectedly large budget surplus, no major new improvements have been made since 2012.

Recently, bike parking facilities were installed, a field trial of street dining was successfully completed, and a small section of a side street was converted into a temporary summer "parklet" for the second year in a row.

Overall progress is extremely disappointing. It's time for the Menlo Park City Council to aggressively implement a few of the big ideas in the Specific Plan — for example: outdoor dining, appealing social spaces, and improved bike access. If the city cannot improve downtown during "good times," why should residents be optimistic about our city's future?

So what new improvements are planned for the rest of 2016? Only a half-dozen outside dining areas on Santa Cruz Avenue, and even



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GUEST OPINION

the roll-out schedule is uncertain. Since an initial kickoff in early 2014, no installations other than the Left Bank have started, and the city has not published the names of any restaurants that have submitted an approved design. At best, a few will have dining areas in place before the end of summer. So far, this promising program has performed poorly.

So what unplanned projects could be completed this year? The downtown parklet is an obvious candidate, but this requires the City Council to rethink the purpose of a parklet, commit to funding a high-quality implementation, hire a professional designer, select a permanent location, and display an uncharacteristic great sense of

urgency. That the current unappealing one attracts so few people is not surprising. It is an unimaginative, green-carpeted space with few amenities: scattered plastic chairs, a few umbrellas and a string of overhead lights.

So what is needed? A parklet must be an inviting place where adults, young adults, and accompanied children can enjoy a variety of relaxing activities — where they can socialize, eat, drink, read, and "people watch." Attractive and comfortable seating, flowers, small container shade trees, and welcoming signage are all essential elements.

Since most downtown coffee shops and restaurants cannot afford dedicated street dining areas, a shared central location would conveniently serve anyone willing to bring purchases to the parklet. The city could also provide regular small-scale entertainment — for example, unamplified performances by individual musicians and small groups, guest speakers, small art exhibits, chess, and City Council roundtables. Mollie Stone's in Palo Alto operates an outside midday barbecue every Friday that serves about 100 people. Perhaps, one or more downtown Menlo Park restaurants would participate in a similar program in a parklet.

Improved bike access to downtown destinations is also badly needed, affordable and doable within six months. Today the east-bound bike lanes on Santa Cruz Avenue end suddenly at Fremont Park and both University Drive (south) and Menlo Avenue are "bike unfriendly" where slow-moving bicyclists share a single lane with faster vehicles. Few places exist where bicyclists can move aside to allow motorists to pass.

Bike lanes on University and Menlo Avenue and a connector through Fremont Park between Santa Cruz and Menlo avenues would easily solve problems that severely limit bicycle access to our central shopping district. These could be designed to minimize the loss of street parking and serve as a valuable foundation for a future Menlo-Ravenswood bike corridor.

New outdoor street dining and an inviting central parklet can significantly increase the overall appeal of our downtown, and new bike lanes would improve accessibility. Residents should demand their City Council demonstrate measurable progress during the next few months. Elections are rapidly approaching and there will never be a better time for members to show leadership. So what are they waiting for?



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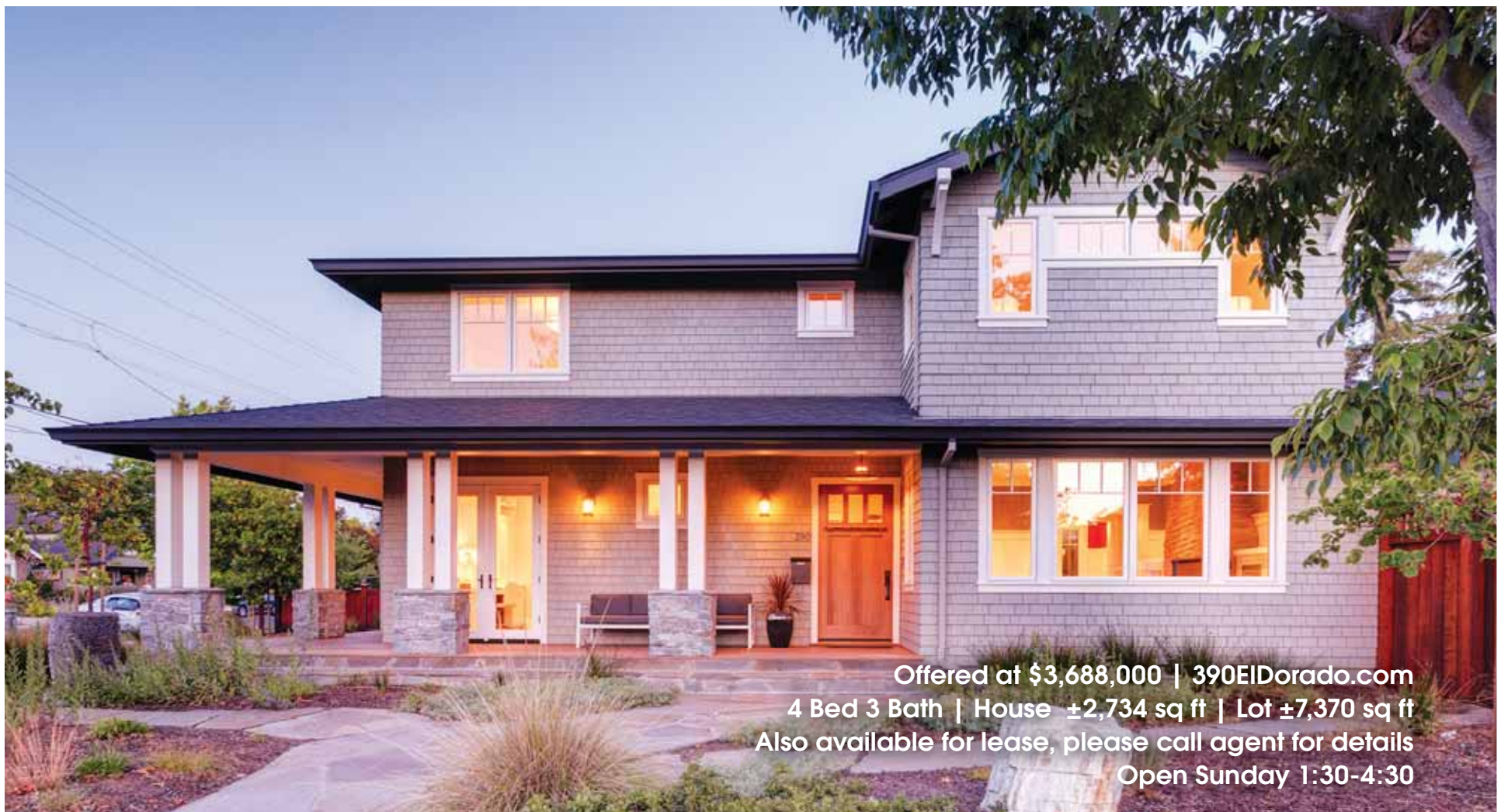
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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

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)

File No. 269963
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Bromma Americas, 218 Littlefield Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080-6902, County of San Mateo Mailing address if different: 415 E. Dundee St., Ottawa, KS 66067
Registered Owner(s): Kalmar USA Inc., 415 E. Dundee St., Ottawa, KS 66067, Delaware
This business is conducted by: a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05-10-2016.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
Signature of Registrant: Jason Dake
Print name of person signing. If incorporation, also print corporate title of officer: Jason Dake, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN MATEO COUNTY on July 12, 2016.

Notice - In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. Except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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SAN MATEO COUNTY
BY: SHEILA ARKONCEL,
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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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NOTICE OF BULK SALE
(subject to Com. C. 6106.2)

The following definitions and designations shall apply in this Notice without regard to number or gender:
SELLER: Martha Merz
325 Sharon Park Drive, #D-1, Menlo Park, CA 94025
BUYER: Whiskey Hill Enterprises II, Inc.
325 Sharon Park Drive, #D-1, Menlo Park, CA 94025
BUSINESS: MARTHA'S PASTRIES
325 Sharon Park Drive, #D-1, Menlo Park, CA 94025
DATE OF CONSUMMATION: August 5, 2016
LAST DAY TO FILE CLAIMS: August 4, 2016
ESCROW HOLDER: WILLIAM H. DUNN, Attorney at Law, 1350 Dell Avenue, Suite 204, Campbell, CA 95008
Notice is hereby given that Seller intends to make a bulk sale of the assets of the above described Business to Buyer including all stock in trade, furniture, and equipment used in said Business, to be consummated at the office of the Escrow Holder at the time of consummation or thereafter. Creditors of the Seller may file claims with the Escrow Holder on or before the last day to file claims stated above. This sale is subject to California Commercial Code 6106.2.
Seller has used the following other business names and addresses within the last three years so far as known to Buyer: None

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BY: WILLIAM H. DUNN
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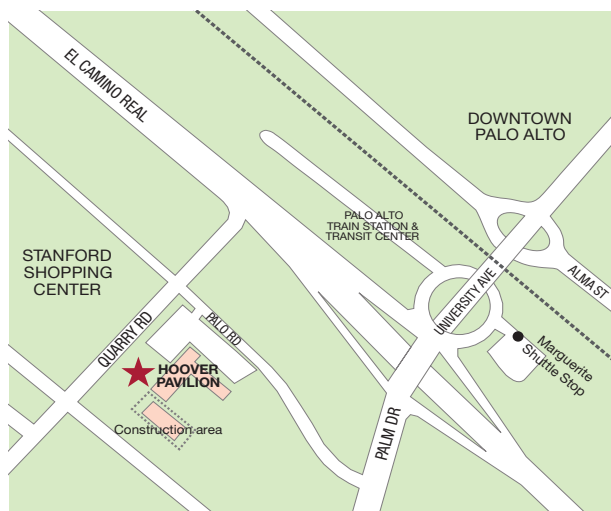
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