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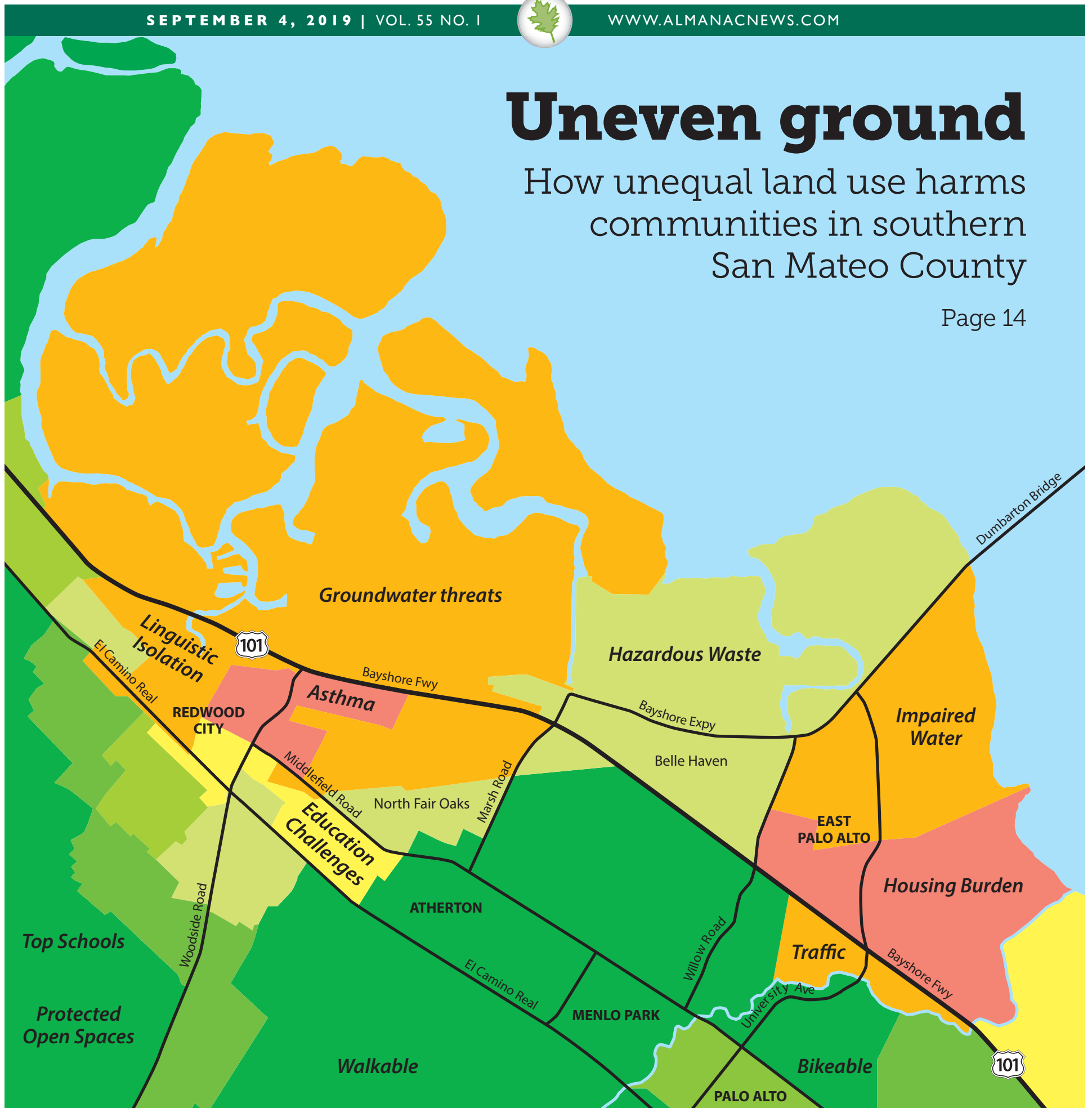


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Rainbow flag stolen three times from Menlo Park church

By Angela Swartz

Almanac Staff Writer

When the Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin arrived at the Menlo Park church she leads on Aug. 10 for a funeral, she was disappointed to find that the gay pride rainbow flag the church displays on its front sign was gone.

Just days prior, officials at St. Bede's Episcopal Church had replaced another rainbow flag that had been stolen from the same spot a couple of weeks before the second theft, said Hayes-Martin, the church's rector.

St. Bede's, located at 2650 Sand Hill Road, has replaced three rainbow flags, hung to support the LGBTQ community, since 2016, but two in the last month, she said.

Hayes-Martin said she was moved to give a sermon about the thefts during an Aug. 18 church service, addressing whoever took the flags directly as "neighbor."

"Neighbor, I hope you will leave our flag alone in the future," she said in the sermon. "If you steal it again, we'll put another one up. All you're doing is increasing the sales of rainbow flags."

A threatening act

One parishioner, who asked not to be identified out of concern for his safety in an

environment of apparent animosity felt by at least one person in the community, said he feels threatened by the thefts.

"I'm gay and I've fought my whole life to be visible," the parishioner said. "Something like this (the flag thefts) triggers my deep-seated fears of being hated for who I love and how I love."

There are no clues as to why the individual, or individuals, took the pride flags, Hayes-Martin said. The church would like to "believe it's a kid who likes rainbows and wants to make a tent with our rainbow flag and no malice is intended." But, she notes, hate crimes have risen against LGBTQ people in recent years.

Hate crimes based on sexual orientation bias reported to law enforcement agencies in the U.S. rose from 1,178 in 2014 to 1,303 in 2017, according to FBI data released in November 2018. The U.S. Census Bureau's National Crime Victimization Survey suggests that the number of hate crimes nationwide, in general — not only those based on sexual orientation bias — is larger. There were 45,600 hate crimes on average annually between 2013 and 2017, compared with the FBI's estimate of about 7,500 annually.

Seeking understanding

Meanwhile, Hayes-Martin said, church officials would



By Magali Gauthier/The Almanac

The Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin stands by the St. Bede's Episcopal Church sign, where a new rainbow flag is waving.

welcome the "neighbor" to meet with them.

"It's OK to disagree, but we prefer they (whoever took the flags) come and talk to us," she told The Almanac. "Allow this disagreement to be manifested in a relationship instead of something that probably happens in the dark of night when nobody knows it happened."

In her sermon, she said: "We

will seek to understand you and where you're coming from. We'll share with you where we're coming from, not to change your mind or make you feel guilty but so you can understand us. ... The world is locked in conflict right now; opposing sides barely know how to talk to each other anymore. We think we have something to teach people about how to disagree. We would like

to share our way of disagreeing while remaining in a relationship with you."

In addition to the flags, the church also replaced the flagpole used to affix the flag to its front sign because the pole was stolen recently as well, Hayes-Martin said. Aside from the three flag thefts, officials

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City requires most new commercial buildings to be all-electric

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

Every three years, California updates its building codes. While those codes have become increasingly stringent and focused on environmental sustainability, the state permits cities to adopt their own amendments to them, so long as those policies exceed the state's sustainability standards.

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The Menlo Park City Council on Aug. 27 decided to adopt

several such amendments, called "reach codes," that will make the city one of the state's most pioneering jurisdictions in promoting greener buildings, requiring the vast majority of new non-residential buildings to be all-electric. The decision is set to be finalized with a formal vote and first reading of the ordinance scheduled for the council's Sept. 10 meeting.

While the council initially recommended an exception for for-profit restaurants, it ultimately agreed to eliminate the exception.

Staff members reported that they had conducted market research and argued that using electric induction stoves is an increasing trend in the food service industry; they are safer, two to three times more efficient, and offer higher performance

than gas and traditional electric cooktops.

Switching to all-electric systems can offer major construction and operational savings, staff reported. The switch could save a hotel up to \$1.3 million in construction costs and \$1.24 million in operational costs, staff said.

The council agreed to offer an appeal process for businesses that can demonstrate that using induction stoves instead of gas-powered ones would be a hardship.

Exceptions will be offered to life sciences buildings for space heating purposes only, due to their reliance on precise temperature-controlled environments for lab work. However, following the recommendation of commenter Scott Shell, an architect, the council agreed to

require life sciences buildings to install wiring that will make the building ready to convert to all-electric when better electric heating technology comes along.

Emergency operation centers, such as fire stations and police and community centers, would also be exempt from the all-electric rule, since it is critical that those facilities be able to access natural gas during an emergency or disaster when electricity is not available.

In addition, the council agreed to require new nonresidential buildings and high-rise residential buildings to have solar panels that generate a minimum of 3 kilowatts for buildings under 10,000 square feet and 5 kilowatts for buildings greater than or equal to 10,000 square feet.

These steps are expected to help the city keep its commitment to

reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 27% from 2005 levels by 2020. Building energy usage made up about 55% of the city's overall greenhouse gas emissions in 2013, according to staff.

Adam Stern, former executive director of local environmental nonprofit Acterra, noted while speaking in public comment that as the Amazon rainforest burns, "It's very easy to think that climate change is a problem we can't get our hands around. ... The new reach code, reviewed by many stakeholders, is an ideal opportunity to put a stake in the ground and say Menlo Park is going to lead on the path toward carbon neutrality and (advance) our policies to reduce greenhouse gases."

If passed as expected, the new building codes will be effective Jan. 1, 2020. ■

Venture capital firm leases Oasis building

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The Oasis, a beloved restaurant and bar with wooden booths and an outdoor beer garden that shuttered last year has been leased by its owner to venture capital firm Pear VC, a spokesperson for the owners confirmed on Aug. 27.

The restaurant and beer garden, located at 241 El Camino Real, closed in March 2018 amid hopes that the brand or even a restaurant use would remain at the site, but efforts toward that end appear not to have been successful.

Pear VC is described online as an early stage venture fund. It has a program that promotes entrepreneurship with Stanford students as well as a fellowship program, and has invested in startups launched by university students, according to its website.

The firm also plans to expand into the neighboring section of the building, formerly occupied by Menlo Atherton Glass.

According to a recorded message, the glass business formerly in that building is now closed and will be relocating to 317 Woodside Road in Redwood City. It is expected to reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

According to Deanna Chow, interim community development director for the city of Menlo Park, city staff still needs to confirm whether an office can be set up in the building without the proposal going before the Planning Commission.

While office use is permitted at that space, it will come down to whether there's enough parking at the site. If there's not, "it would trigger a use permit review," Chow explained.

The city is still waiting to receive that additional information and doesn't have details on file yet, she added.

A historic building

According to the Menlo Park Historical Association, the building was once the YMCA building at Camp Fremont, when the area was a World War I training camp. It was originally built in 1917 at Santa Cruz Avenue and Chestnut Street, but was moved to its current location at 241 El Camino Real around 1920.

The historical association reports that Alexander Beltramo, son of Beltramo's Wine & Spirits founder John Beltramo, converted the building into a beer garden in 1933. Former site owner Diana Beltramo Hewitt told The Almanac that he named it the Oasis "because he thought that was fitting after Prohibition."

Beltramo operated the beer garden for about two years, and in 1946 it was leased to a man named Archie Marshall. In 1958, the business changed hands again, and Bernie Tougas took over tenancy at the site, Beltramo Hewitt said.

According to "Menlo Park: Beyond the Gate," a history book about Menlo Park by historians Michael Svanevik and Shirley Burgett, the building's front office was used as the air raid warden's office during World War II.

Notable incidents referenced in that book include a visit by a young John F. Kennedy, who came by to eat a hamburger. Another time, when flooding from San Francisquito Creek had left the restaurant inundated, customers just took off their shoes and "partied as usual." ▀

Menlo Park school board to appoint new member

The Menlo Park City School District board voted 4-0 at an Aug. 29 meeting to appoint someone to fill the seat left vacant by Caroline Lucas.

The board has until Sept. 30 to fill the seat; otherwise, an election will automatically be triggered, according to the district. The board will interview candidates and appoint someone at a public meeting, public information officer Parke Treadway said an email.

California law states that the board could either call an election for the nearest established election date that's more than 130 days away (April 2020) or appoint a member of the public to serve

the remainder of Lucas' term, which ends in November 2020, according to a district staff report. If there's an election next April, whoever wins the seat would serve only until the November 2020 election, according to the staff report.

Board members Stacey Jones and Sherwin Chen are on a subcommittee to determine the process and timeline for the appointment, Treadway said.

Lucas, who joined the board in 2016, resigned from her post on Aug. 1 to take a part-time Spanish teaching position at Hillview Middle School.

— By Angela Swartz

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Nonprofit trying out program to lower ADU construction costs

By Rick Radin
Almanac Staff Writer

As more Bay Area communities encourage residents to build accessory dwelling units (ADUs) that could serve as affordable housing, a San Mateo-based nonprofit has come up with a plan to provide an inexpensive road map for building them.

The Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County (HEART) has received a \$296,000 grant to design and promote construction plans for studio and one- and two-bedroom accessory units that could be built alongside single-family homes, according to Boris Vatin, program manager for HEART.

The design for the units would be in keeping with local zoning laws and could be preapproved as a group by city and town planning departments and councils, although all the designs might not work in every city, Vatin said.

The program is known as the Green and Liveable Accessory Dwelling Unit Resource program, or GLADUR.

"We released our (request for proposals) to find a firm to help us design the plans, which will be reviewed by certain cities in San Mateo County," Vatin said. "We would put out the designs for free, and homeowners could take the designs and customize or finish them as they wish."

Homeowners could download the plans from HEART's website.

The agency is trying to complete its first designs by the middle of next year, Vatin said.

"Once we have the initial designs, we'll have a couple of public meetings to get feedback, then proceed to construction drawing and prereviews by cities," he said.

After plans for detached units are created and distributed, HEART plans to introduce designs for units attached to the main home or built within the existing walls of the home, he said.

The plans could be especially valuable for communities such as Portola Valley and Woodside that have sky-high housing prices and many parcels with a surplus of open space, if a number of other conditions fall into place, he said.

Both communities have recognized the opportunity for creating affordable housing via ADUs by passing accessory dwelling unit ordinances regulating their construction.

"Portola Valley and Woodside have plenty of space for ADUs," Vatin said. "They could be rented out as an extra source of income. We've had a lot of response that the units could be utilized by family members."

Portola Valley leaders have been keeping track of the evolution of the program, which could help residents save money building ADUs, according to Councilman John Richards.

Richards wrote in an email that the town is "waiting to see

what comes out of the (HEART) endeavor."

However, he cautioned that Portola Valley has "such varied and challenging site conditions here that a one-size-fits-all approach may be difficult."

"The program will probably start in a few communities with smaller lots and more consistent topography," Richards wrote.

Portola Valley's ADU ordinance, passed by the Town Council in March, allows accessory units on 1 acre or larger parcels that have a house and are in a neighborhood zoned for residential construction.

The homeowner is responsible for making sure that the main house and potential ADU do not exceed the total amount of allowable floor area for the parcel.

The unit must also have the same address as the main house and cannot be sold separately. Either the unit or the main dwelling must be owner-occupied, according to the ordinance.

Sage Schaan, principal planner with the Woodside building and planning department, echoed some of Richards' concerns.

Schaan said that Woodside lots come in a wider variety of shapes, sizes and elevations compared with a more urbanized city, which might limit the benefits that could be derived from a standardized approach.

Under Woodside's ADU ordinance, adopted in 2017, a

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by Monica Corman



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Atherton committee considering off-leash dog park

By Angela Swartz
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton resident Christine David often walks around Holbrook-Palmer Park with Benji, her 4-year-old labradoodle, greeting old friends and meeting new ones.

Although David, an Atherton Park and Recreation Committee member, and her neighbors enjoy these walks in the park with their dogs, they want to go a step further: They want their pets to be able to run free.

That's why David will propose a timeline for building a fenced-in, off-leash dog park between the Playschool preschool and the tennis courts in the 22-acre park at the committee's next meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 4. The committee is not expected to take any action on the proposal

at the meeting.

"When I joined the committee (in 2017) I said, 'I have two words for you: dog park,'" David told The Almanac. "All of this is about bringing the community together."

In addition to a dog park, she would like to see dog-related community events in town, such as a Halloween parade with dogs in costumes, or a wine and cheese event with dog owners and their pets.

The park now requires dogs to remain on leash. A 2015 survey showed that an off-leash dog area was the greatest single requested new use in the park, which currently has indoor and outdoor facilities that include a baseball field, tennis courts, a playground, gardens and walking paths. Other local off-leash dog areas range from a half-acre to 1 acre in size.

There are dog parks in nearby Nealon and Willow Oak parks in Menlo Park.

A town rendering of an off-leash dog area was part of the town's 2015 master plan for the future development of the park. The rendering included a 20,000-square-foot park with fencing, decomposed granite surfacing, signs, benches, a litter station and water fountains.

Longtime interest

Atherton resident Paula Darby Lipman walks her 9-year-old labradoodle, Finn, in the park daily. She would like to see a dog park added because dogs can socialize and interact more naturally off-leash, she said.

Another resident, Victor Para, said he is a big proponent of a dog park. He takes his dog Darby, a goldendoodle, to the park several

times a week.

"Frankly, I think a dog park makes it safer and more comfortable for those non-dog owners because dogs won't be chasing balls or frolicking around in an open area," Para said in an email.

Betsy Davis, a Menlo Park resident, said she would support a dog park in Holbrook-Palmer Park. When she takes care of her daughter's dog Crash, she walks him in the park and brings him to one of Menlo Park's off-leash dog parks to run around with other dogs.

"He's (Crash) used to running on trails in the East Bay," she said. She likes that Holbrook-Palmer Park is a little more off the beaten path, she said.

The area that officials are considering for a dog park borders Menlo Park's Felton Gables neighborhood, so officials would

need to gauge neighbors' possible concerns, David said.

The possibility of an off-leash dog area has come before the City Council a couple of times, and many times before the Park and Recreation Committee over Vice Mayor Rick DeGolia's six-year tenure on the council, he said. DeGolia, who is City Council liaison to the committee, said the most common users of the park are adults who walk the 2-mile loop and children playing sports.

"I don't think that an off-leash dog area would disrupt the kids, but we (town officials) have heard many concerns expressed from older adults who walk the park and are concerned about their ability to comfortably walk if more dogs are in the park and if there is an off-leash dog area," he said in an email.

"That said, we have continued to look at it because there are dog owners, some of whom are Atherton residents, who would like to bring their dogs to (Holbrook-Palmer Park) for that experience, rather than having to go elsewhere."

Next steps

David said the committee won't seek price estimates for a dog park until there's been more discussion, but that she believes there's enough interest from residents that such a park could be fully funded through donations. She would like to keep the dog park "inexpensive and simple," she said.

Residents could donate benches and gates to fund it, she said. There could also be a donor dog wall (with the names of dogs, not their owners) to raise funds, she said. The town could charge a nominal fee for keys to access a dog park.

The committee previously discussed a potential off-leash dog area at a March meeting. At the meeting, DeGolia noted that the town wouldn't be able to fund this project until at least 2023, according to the meeting minutes.

During the March meeting, David said the next steps would

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Bill Menta of Woodside dies at 80

William “Bill” Frederick Menta, who grew up in Atherton and lived much of his life in Woodside, died on Aug. 10 at the age of 80. His wife of 55 years, Barbara, and his family were by his side.

Menta grew up in Atherton’s Lindenwood neighborhood, and graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School and U.C. Berkley, his family said. A graduate degree in civil engineering from San Jose State College positioned him for a career in the field of post-tensioned concrete engineering, according to his family.

He was an innovator in the field of structural design engineering, and in 1972, he and a good friend founded a business,

Acubuild, which became “a leading design and general contracting business in the Bay Area that was responsible for building many notable buildings in San Francisco” and elsewhere, his family said. A specialist in earthquake safety for commercial buildings nationally and internationally, he was active in the field until shortly before his death, according to his family.

The Mentas traveled widely, and among Bill’s favorite destinations were Hawaii, Lake Tahoe, Montana and Italy. He was also an avid tennis player and an enthusiastic skier. He had “a special place in his heart for his community in Woodside, where he devoted

significant time to local schools and charities,” his family said.

Menta was also a family man, and enjoyed visits to see his daughter, Melissa, in New York City and fishing trips with his son, Mike. A tractor he bought decades ago for work around the home property was used in later years to give rides to his granddaughters, his family said.

In addition to his wife Barbara, daughter Melissa, and son Mike, he is survived by his daughter-in-law Veronica; sisters Loraine Bailey and Marilyn Menta; and granddaughters Ellie, Reese and Bryn.

The family plans a celebration of Bill Menta’s life for sometime this fall. In lieu of



Bill Menta of Woodside enjoyed fishing and annual fishing trips with his son, Mike, in the Pacific Northwest, his family said.

flowers, the family prefers that memorial donations be made to

the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org).

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also found the flag torn down, tucked behind the sign, the parishioner said.

The church’s 10-member governing board passed a resolution during the summer of 2016 to hang a gay pride flag at the church after a mass shooter killed 49 people at Pulse

Nightclub, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, Hayes-Martin said. The church has supported LGBTQ people for 15 to 20 years, but decided it needed to explicitly affirm it was a safe place for LGBTQ people, she said. The church also flies an American flag in its courtyard.

“We fly that flag (the rainbow flag) because we’ve come to believe over many, many years

that the arms of Jesus extend to everybody, and all people really means all,” Hayes-Martin said. “It reminds our parish of who we are and encourages them to reach out to people who are different and say ‘Jesus loves you as well.’ The way we navigate as Christians is to treat everyone with respect and kindness.”

Church officials reported the latest theft to the Menlo Park

Police Department, but there are no leads yet, Hayes-Martin said.

The church does not have security cameras, but officials were concerned that cameras would be expensive to install, she said. The church’s sign where the flag is flown is along a wide corner, she said, so the church would probably have to buy multiple cameras to capture the area. ■

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DOG PARK

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be to create park specifications; get quotes for a project; and start fundraising. If the Park and Recreation Committee approves plans for a park, the proposal would then go to the City Council for a vote.

If a dog park is approved, the town would need to set hours of use and complete a more detailed design plan for the area before construction, according to the 2015 master plan. Officials would need to pick a material for ground cover, decide whether to separate large and small dogs, and determine the fencing design and other site amenities.

It would be a nice gesture to name the dog park, if approved, "Olive's Puppy Park" to honor Olive Holbrook-Palmer, said David. Holbrook-Palmer willed the property, which was her family's summer residence and farm, to the town in 1959 as a park, according to Friends of Holbrook-Palmer Park, the fundraising arm of the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation.

The Park and Recreation Committee meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4, in the park's Main House at 150 Watkins Ave. ■

ADU COSTS

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homeowner could build two ADUs on a property equal to or greater than 1.5 acres, and a maximum of one detached and one attached unit on a property greater than 1 acre, but less than 1.5 acres.

Any property in Woodside less than 1 acre is limited to one ADU.

HEART has been active on several other housing fronts. The agency, founded in 2003, has invested more than \$19 million in developing or rehabilitating 1,297 affordable homes in San Mateo County, provided loans for 90 homebuyers and worked with the Pacifica School District to provide workforce housing, Vatkin said. ■



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The contract documents may be inspected at the office of the West Bay Sanitary District; San Francisco Builders Exchange, Attn: Deanna Johnson, 850 So. Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94110; Construct Connect, Attn: John Fermiza, 30 Technology Parkway South, Suite 100, Norcross, Georgia 30092; Peninsula Builders Exchange, Attn: Andrea Nettles, 282 Harbor Blvd, Bldg D, Belmont, California 94002; Santa Clara Builders Exchange, Attn: Kanani Fonseca, 400 Reed Street, Santa Clara, California 95050; Builders Exchange of Alameda, Attn: Jeannie Kwan, 3055 Alvarado Street, San Leandro, California 94577; Construction Bidboard, Incorporated, Attn: Plan Room, 11622 El Camino Real, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108; Contra Costa Builders Exchange, Attn: April Hamilton, 2440 Stanwell Drive, Suite B, Concord, California 94520.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the West Bay Sanitary District upon payment of a check or money order in the amount of \$60.00 for each set. The check or money order must be issued to the West Bay Sanitary District. All payments are nonrefundable.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the office of the West Bay Sanitary District.

Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or a proposal guaranty bond payable to the order of the West Bay Sanitary District in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid as a guaranty that the bidder will execute the contract if it be awarded to him in conformity with the proposal. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price and a labor and material bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

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In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 3300, the District has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid Class A License or a combination of the Class C licenses indicated in Article B8.01-License Requirements, at the time this contract is awarded. Failure to possess the specified license(s) shall render the bid as non-responsive and shall act as a bar to award of the contract to any bidder not possessing said license(s) at the time of award.

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How unequal land use harms communities in southern San Mateo County

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The year was 1957, and two women, one white and one black, set out on an undercover investigation in Menlo Park and Palo Alto.

Their task was to investigate the hypothesis that real estate agents were conspiring to sell homes in certain neighborhoods to white people, and homes in certain other neighborhoods to black people.

They developed a plan that would ultimately prove their hypothesis all too correct: The black woman, who was not named in the study, would approach a real estate agent and express interest in purchasing a home in a predominantly white area. Then the white woman, researcher Elaine Johnson, would follow afterward, saying she was interested in buying a home in East Palo Alto or the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park, whose population had by then become predominantly black. Johnson would play naive, and record what she heard.

Over the course of 19 interviews the duo conducted (these included meetings with real estate agents in San Mateo, San Carlos, Redwood City and Los Altos as well, where similar interactions were reported), the agents nine times explicitly refused to sell the white researcher an East Palo Alto

or Belle Haven home, said the area was not desirable, and stated that it was not desirable because the area had African American people living there.

While it's easy to dismiss this history as a time when laws and attitudes were different, the impacts of these discriminatory actions persist in the health outcomes these neighborhoods experience today.

Research has shown neighborhood racial and ethnic segregation to be associated with adverse impacts on health in areas including cardiovascular risk factors, elevated rates of infectious disease, and premature death.

Minorities in segregated communities are also more likely to have limited employment opportunities and lower incomes, as well as to face shortages of safe and affordable housing, all factors that affect health.

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow, the county's top public health official, said the communities of North Fair Oaks, Belle Haven and East Palo Alto tend to light up as red flags on a number of indices when it comes to health problems because of bad health policy — linked with bad housing policy — compounded over generations.

In short, people with the lowest

incomes are stuck in the least desirable and most polluted areas, he said. And now, the housing market is stretching those households to their breaking points.

This is borne out by The Almanac's research: Of 76 people The Almanac interviewed in the neighborhoods of Belle Haven, East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks, more than half identified the cost of housing as their top health concern.

REVEALING RESEARCH

Below is an excerpt of one of the 1957 interviews the two women conducted with a Menlo Park real estate agent, published as part of

a collection of exhibits presented in hearings about housing held by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission in California in 1960.

It demonstrates that the agent

ABOUT THIS STORY

This is the first of three stories in a series exploring the impacts of how land use affects health in the communities of North Fair Oaks, East Palo Alto and Belle Haven. The series was produced as a project for the USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism's 2019 California Fellowship.

The project was supported by Danielle Fox, engagement editor at the USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism. Three bilingual Sequoia High School students, Nataly Manzanero, Ashley Barraza and Mia Palacios, with the author, conducted more than 100 Spanish and English language interviews used in this report.

Some of the photos are provided by middle school students who live in East Palo Alto and participated in a summer program of Girls to Women, an East Palo Alto non-profit working to empower girls and women in the community. They were asked to take photographs responding to the questions: "What makes your community healthy? What makes it unhealthy?"



Above, a construction site shows the changing landscape of East Palo Alto. Photo by Selijah Meacham.
Top: Trash and debris litter an open field in East Palo Alto. Photo by Nathalia Arias.

and his colleagues clearly knew the laws regarding segregation and discrimination and flagrantly disregarded the intent of those laws to discourage community segregation.

The black woman reported that during her interview, she was treated well by the agent, who said he had lots of listings to show her. Johnson, the white interviewer, got a more extensive response.

“Requested homes in my price range. Mentioned I had seen two homes I liked in the East Palo Alto area — one at 1140 Howard and one at 131 Hamilton. Realtor said, ‘I don’t like to say this, and I don’t want you to misunderstand, but we have a problem in that area.’ I asked what the problem was and whether it was a low area in danger of flooding during heavy rains. He said, ‘No; it is a Negro problem. There is a very high percentage there.’”

When I questioned how many, he replied, ‘About 52 percent of the children in the East Palo Alto schools are Negro.’”

I told him I liked some of the homes there and asked if he could sell me one. He replied, ‘Yes, but I want you to be happy and I must be honest with you. ... Personally, I am a vet and have fought with Negro troops and I don’t mind them — but some people do, and property values drop when they enter a neighborhood.’”

“What causes that?”

“Well, so many white families get scared and so many houses go on sale at one time that values drop.”

“Is it the entrance of the Negro family in the area that brings about this property devaluation, or that so many white families sell in panic?”

“Both; it is the fact that the Negro buys in a white neighborhood that causes the whites to worry and sell.”

She then mentioned a Palo Alto home she’d seen that had dropped \$700 over the weekend.

The realtor said, ‘That is a sign they are getting scared, for they are so near the Negro area of East Palo Alto, which is just on the other side of Bay Shore. Here you don’t have to worry too much, for you have a fence on the west side, then Bay Shore Highway, then a high fence on the east side of the highway. This gives you a good barrier — at least a geographical barrier — to separate you from the colored area of East Palo Alto.’”

He then gave me another listing in Palo Alto, and I asked if that was in a “restricted area.” He said, ‘Yes; it is on the west side of Bay Shore, and so far there has been no slopping over across Bay Shore, but there may be soon. So far the Negro people there have kept strictly within their lines.’”

I asked, ‘How do you keep them in that area — draw a nice, tight little rope around the East

Palo Alto area?’”

The realtor answered, ‘No; one Negro family moves into an area; then others follow. Of course, we realtors have been accused by Nak-Kap of promoting segregated areas along the peninsula.’”

I asked, ‘What is Nak-Kap?’”

“That is the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Why, just today I had a Negro woman looking for homes in this area, but we don’t show them any property this side of Bay Shore.”

The realtor gave me another listing — this in Menlo Park. I asked whether it was in a “restricted area.”

He answered, ‘Of course, there is no restriction anymore because the Supreme Court says that we cannot restrict areas on the basis of color or creed any more. However, property owners can keep an area all white by banding together and agreeing to refuse to sell to orientals or Negroes.’”

I agreed to return over the weekend with my husband.

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This practice, called “blockbusting,” the researchers found to be widespread across the Peninsula. A real estate agent would try to scare white homeowners in a neighborhood into selling their home at a low price by telling them that black people were buying houses nearby, and then would go back and sell those houses at higher prices to black families, drawing upon white racial fears to gain profit and segregate the community.

Building on this research, a 1961 report by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission on housing found that “In the Palo Alto area ... only 3 of the 600 real estate brokers and salesmen show property on a nondiscriminatory basis.”

According to the commission report, many families in Belle Haven and the nearby Palo Alto Gardens, which were also subject to blockbusting, wished to buy homes in other neighborhoods, but were “blocked in their efforts by the concentrated efforts of peninsula realtors to keep them within these clearly defined areas east of Bayshore Highway.”

At the same time, the Federal Housing Administration and Veterans Administration refused to insure mortgages for African Americans in designated white areas and did not insure mortgages for whites in neighborhoods where African Americans were present, according to Richard Rothstein’s 2017 book, “The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of how our Government Segregated America.”

Rothstein reports that, amid a housing shortage in the area surrounding Stanford in the post-World War II years, Stanford professor and novelist Wallace Stegner joined and helped to lead

a co-op, called the Peninsula Housing Association of Palo Alto, that purchased a 260-acre ranch near the university campus. The co-op made plans to develop 400 homes, a shopping area, a gas station, a restaurant and shared recreational facilities on commonly owned land.

But because three of the first 150 families to join the co-op were African American, the banks would not finance construction or issue mortgages to the co-op, following Federal Housing Administration policy. Unable to find funding, the co-op dissolved and in 1950, the land was sold to a developer who agreed not to sell any properties to African Americans. That area became Ladera.

## HUMAN IMPACT

A map of the census tracts that bear the most significant environmental health risks, as measured by CalEnviroScreen 3.0, an index of environmental health, aligns strikingly with a dot map of where residents of color live in southern San Mateo County — specifically, in North Fair Oaks, Belle Haven and East Palo Alto. Despite being situated within one of the wealthiest areas in the U.S., these communities face substantially greater environmental threats like hazardous waste, impaired water, excessive traffic, housing burden, linguistic isolation, groundwater threats, poor education opportunities and asthma in their neighborhoods.

East Palo Alto reports that life expectancy in the city is 62 years, 13 years shorter than the San Mateo County average of 75. Children under 17 have the highest obesity rates in the county, and kids with asthma are hospitalized and taken in for emergency visits at nearly three times the county rate, according to the city.

On the Peninsula, these communities have historically, to varying degrees, not controlled

their governance.

East Palo Alto became a city only in 1983, while Menlo Park’s Belle Haven neighborhood only now has its first City Council representative in three decades, after the city switched to having district elections last year in response to a lawsuit threat. North Fair Oaks, an unincorporated neighborhood nestled between Atherton and Redwood City, has an advisory community council, but is ultimately governed by the county Board of Supervisors. In the words of the community council’s chair, Ever Rodriguez, “Our councils are only advisory bodies. ... We are a dog without teeth. We can bark but we don’t bite.”

## POLLUTION

A February 2018 study by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published in the American Journal of Public Health reported that people of color are more likely to live near highways and be exposed to particulate matter that can cause and worsen health problems. Specifically, it found that black people are 1.54 times more likely to be environmentally burdened with exposure to tiny particulate matter of 2.5 micrometers or less, and other non-white people are 1.28 times more likely to bear this burden than their white counterparts.

According to the EPA, exposure to these small particles can, in the short-term, aggravate lung disease, cause asthma attacks and acute bronchitis, and increase susceptibility to respiratory infections; in the long term, it has been associated with reduced lung function, chronic bronchitis, and premature death.

But its guidance on how to avoid the particles is limited. In an informational brochure about the particles and their health impacts, the EPA advises people that they’re more likely to be

affected by particles the more strenuous the activity and the longer one is outdoors. “If your activity involves prolonged or heavy exertion, reduce your activity time — or substitute another that involves less exertion. Go for a walk instead of a jog, for example.

“Plan outdoor activities for days when particle levels are lower. And don’t exercise near busy roads; particle levels are generally higher in these areas,” it advises.

It’s a tall order to ask someone to avoid exercise or spending time outdoors near a busy street when their neighborhood is surrounded by busy streets, or to perhaps exercise indoors in an area where reasonably priced gym access is a rarity in a sea of exclusive country clubs and private fitness studios.

That’s the situation Menlo Park Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor says she faces as a Belle Haven resident. Belle Haven, a triangle-shaped neighborhood with a population of about 5,000, is bordered on all sides by “busy streets”: U.S. 101, Bayfront Expressway, and the ever-congested Willow Road. Taylor likes to exercise on the track at Kelly Park, she says, but only goes at certain times of the day because the air smells polluted during rush hour.

Belle Haven, she said, “was never designed for it to be a prosperous and healthy community. There’s no way to do that with the number of homes placed there, and the number of people.”

## TOXIC WASTE

For many years, Belle Haven was the closest neighborhood to the city’s dump, now Bedwell Bayfront Park; many of the region’s dumps ringed the Bay. And just across University Avenue along Bay Road in East Palo Alto, Romic Chemical Corporation began operations in 1964 and was a significant source of pollution in

See **UNEVEN GROUND**, page 16



Photo courtesy of Zeenat Dhillon

**A new bike and pedestrian bridge** over U.S. 101 between Newell Road and Clark Avenue in East Palo Alto now gives formerly isolated residents of the Woodland Park area easier access to the rest of the city’s services on the other side of the highway.

## UNEVEN GROUND

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the community for many years. Later, community pressure and a series of environmental violations forced its shutdown in 2007.

The corporation had a decades-long history of leaking pollutants into the community. In 1995 it was cited for discharging cyanide into the sewer lines; there were fires there in 1989 and 1993; earlier that year a worker was injured when his safety equipment leaked while he was cleaning toxic residue out of a railroad tank car. In 1999, it was cited for failing to notify the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant when it detected a compound in its wastewater discharge known to cause cancer. In 2005, the company agreed to pay \$849,500 for violations between 1999 and 2004 such as storing waste in the wrong containers, according to the San Mateo County Times.

It wasn't until May 2007 that the chemical recycling operation was ordered to shut down, following incidents in May 2004 and March 2006 when two employees were seriously burned, as well as in June 2006, when 4,000 gallons of solvents were released at the facility. Youth activists involved with East Palo Alto-based Youth United for Community Action are credited for their petitions,

marches and rallies that pressured the operation to shut down.

As of February 2018, the site was still closed due to subsurface contamination, according to the California Department of Toxic Substances.

The Romic story made East Palo Alto a poster child for the environmental justice movement. Since then, the city has been taking steps toward those ideals to guard itself against more insidious threats, such as the frenzied Bayside growth of its neighbor, Menlo Park. While the development proposals in the works there are less likely to lead to toxic waste problems, and in fact will have to comply with rigorous green building standards, they threaten to exacerbate gentrification pressures on the community, which has seen a rapid decline of 6% — down to 11.3% — in its African American population between 2010 and 2017, according to census data.

In 2016, East Palo Alto filed a lawsuit against the city of Menlo Park and won a settlement that is likely to slow the glut of development projects proposed on the city's Bay side. It requires developers that seek to build at the "bonus" level of density, or propose a master plan, such as Facebook's "Willow Village" project, to conduct environmental impact analyses for the projects.

Those analyses will have to look at traffic and housing impacts.

## THE HOUSING CRISIS

As Morrow, the county health official, explains, the biggest health problem countywide today is the lack of affordable housing.

"That has become, in the last two or three years, by far the biggest problem that we have ... It's very frustrating. We don't have

the tools to deal with it."

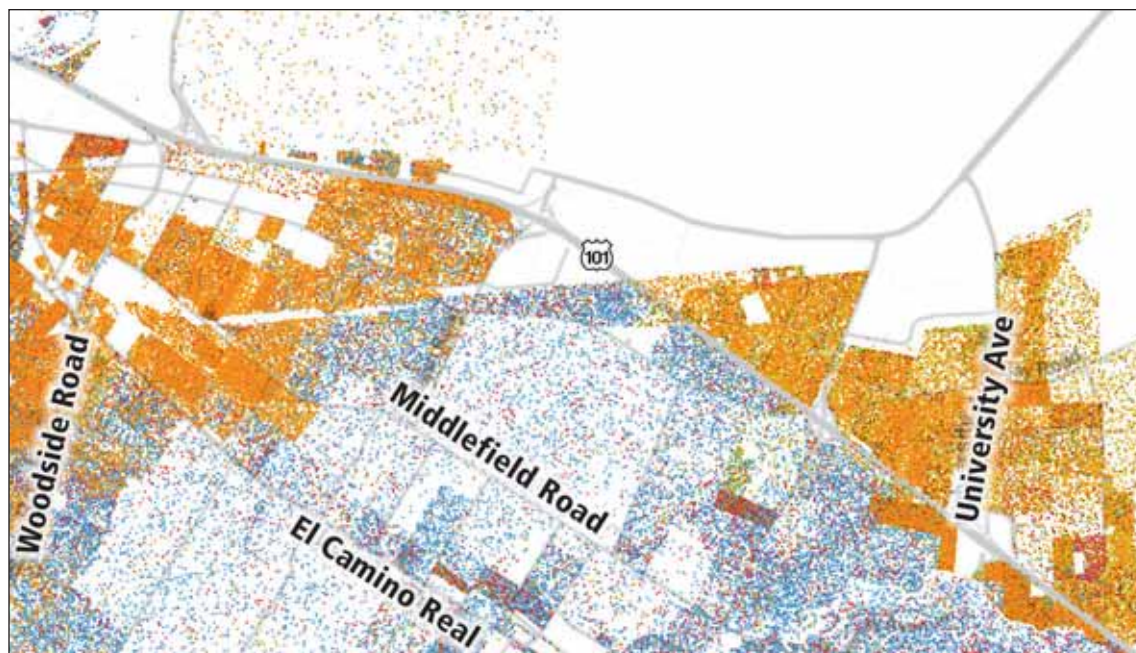
At the core of the housing crisis, he added, are the perverse incentives built into the tax structure that create the motivation for cities to support the construction of office space and not housing in cities.

"Until you fix the underlying policy, we can throw little things at this, but nothing's going to fix that," he said. "You can't be

healthy without a home."

The pressures of high-cost housing, he said, are widening the wealth gap in the community. There are low-income folks who don't have the resources to move, and the rich folks, but the people in the middle who can't access subsidies and can't pay for even substandard housing are "leaving in droves," he asserted.

Increasingly, among those



Map by the University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service

**The racial dot map** shows the population density and diversity in the U.S. based on 2010 census data. Each dot represents a person. Blue represents white people; green, black; red, Asian; orange, Hispanic; and brown, other, Native American or multi-racial people. **On the cover:** A map of the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 index is overlaid with the top environmental concerns in unhealthy census tracts.



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people in the middle are professionals like doctors and nurses, a fact that is affecting the department's recruitment efforts.

"We don't even pay our doctors enough to afford substandard housing," he said.

The dearth of affordable housing throughout these communities hits low-income people especially hard and can harm their health in an "infinite number" of ways, Morrow added.

Dr. Rakhi Singh, medical director of the Fair Oaks Health Clinic in North Fair Oaks, explained a few of these impacts.

First, there's the immediate risk of living in substandard housing conditions.

Some people can afford to rent rooms only in housing situations where they don't have access to a refrigerator or kitchen, and so don't have access to the tools to prepare nutritious food for themselves. (These are generally the more affordable, albeit uncomfortable, living situations advertised on Craigslist.)

Researchers at U.C. Berkeley's Urban Displacement Project studied displacement in San Mateo County and found that when renters were displaced — whether by being formally evicted, harassed out by landlords, priced out by market forces or pushed out by poor housing conditions — their options were limited by market forces and exclusionary practices.

About one in three displaced households experienced homelessness or marginal housing within two years after being displaced. One-third left the county. These displaced people moved to neighborhoods with fewer job opportunities, worse environmental and safety challenges, and fewer health care resources, the report found.

Because affordable rent can be so hard to come by, people in these situations may also be hesitant to approach a landlord if there is a mold or pest problem. Mold can trigger asthma or allergies and pests can spread disease.

One Menlo Park woman was asked to move out of her apartment after she complained about cockroaches, the Berkeley report noted.

Others end up stuck in cramped housing conditions, which has been shown to negatively impact mental health and increase the risk of exposure to respiratory and other infectious diseases, according to the report.

Luisa Buada, CEO of the Ravenswood Family Health Center, said that while there's been a consistent population of unhoused people who may also experience substance and mental health problems, the unhoused population has expanded substantially in the last three or four years to include people who are working

or who lost their previous housing situation. RV living in particular, is on the rise.

A countywide count of homeless people conducted in January of this year reported a 127% increase in the number of people living in RVs since 2017.

Among patients who are unhoused and exposed to the elements, health challenges often reported are feet problems, bad circulation because people don't have good places to sit or sleep, and abscesses and sores, she added.

More widespread and insidious are the ways that rent-related stress affects other aspects of well-being.

"There's an enormous number of people who are housing-stressed and think they're going to lose their house," Morrow added.

This stress, Singh said, seriously hampers people's ability to lead a full life.

Sometimes patients come in with a symptom like sleeplessness, Singh noted. After talking for a while, she added, the patient will reveal that he or she works two jobs to pay rent and has children and family members to care for.

Another patient might come in with lower back pain because he does heavy lifting all day. A doctor might prescribe rest, but he pushes back, saying he can't take off more than a day for financial reasons. In the informal workforce, if people don't work, they don't get paid, she said.

These patients in particular have difficulty following through with longer-term health programs like physical therapy, she added, since they're losing income every time they go.

Despite these stressors, 60 of the

76 residents of Belle Haven, East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks The Almanac interviewed said they plan to stay in the community for the next five years, and 59 said they felt a sense of belonging in their community.

"I've lived here my whole life," said East Palo Alto resident Gregoria Villarreal Diaz. "Where else would I go?"

Jesus Ruiz, also an East Palo Alto resident, said that even though he and his family sometimes live paycheck to paycheck and his household's monthly rent has increased by \$400 in the last three years, he's been in the community for 23 years and considers himself a part of it. "We have jobs, family and friends here," he said.

Given the urgency and broad health risks that housing challenges create for low-income locals in particular, health care professionals in San Mateo County are increasingly focused on helping people make lifestyle changes to boost their health, or "manage wellness" instead of treat diseases, Singh said.

This shift has prompted health providers including the Ravenswood clinic to try to address broader challenges in the community that affect health, termed the "social determinants of health" — defined by the World Health Organization as "the circumstances in which people are born, grow up, live, work and age, and the systems put in place to deal with illness."

"The reason we exist — while we call ourselves a medical home for patients — is essentially to reduce access barriers to care," Buada said. "It all goes together. Our work is about health justice." ■

## Edward Ehelebe

January 6, 1926 – August 20, 2019

Edward Ehelebe of Portola Valley passed away on August 20th at 93 ½. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Ed studied at the University of Oregon. He was a Merchant Marine with travels from New Guinea to the Philippines as well as ventures to Europe and South America. He was a late draftee to the Army and spent time in Paris where he met his wife of 63 years, Pam, in Paris. Ed worked at IBM as a Systems Analyst for 30 years.

A huge fan of tennis, he was a regular at Alpine Hills Swim and Tennis Club. Until a few weeks ago he regularly attended a dinner set up for all the "Old Guard" at the Club. He was a lover of nature and felt lucky to live in Portola Valley. Ed also owned several acres of land on the coast of Oregon. He first went to that area as a boy scout and later purchased some of the land that he had camped on as a child. He loved aircraft and had a regular breakfast with pilot friends who shared that interest. He made many friends up until the end of his life with his positive attitude.

Ed's family consists of his wife Pam (preceded him in death 11 months ago), son Michael of Washington state and his daughters Diane Ehelebe-Read of San Jose and Nancy Tevanian of Palo Alto. His grandchildren, Zack, Anna and John were his greatest treasures. Ed's spirit was strong until the end.

PAID OBITUARY

# Public Notices

## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

MPH DESIGN  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 282108

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

MPH Design, located at 242 Donohoe Street, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

SARAH CAPLAN

242 Donohoe Street

East Palo Alto, CA 94303

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 2, 2019.

(ALM Aug. 14, 21, 28; Sep. 4, 2019)

JESSICA R. CLARK, LMFT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 282110

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

Jessica R. Clark, LMFT, located at 655 Oak Grove Ave. #170, Menlo Park, CA 94026, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

JESSICA R. CLARK

655 Oak Grove Ave. #170

Menlo Park, CA 94026

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 2, 2019.

(ALM Aug. 14, 21, 28; Sep. 4, 2019)

MENDOZA TRUCKING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 282193

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

Mendoza Trucking, located at 200 Santa Inez Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

MARIA GUADALUPE DURAN SALDIVAR

200 Santa Inez Ave.

San Bruno, CA 94066

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 9, 2019.

(ALM Aug. 14, 21, 28; Sep. 4, 2019)

LAW OFFICE OF KHLOE LEE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 282074

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

Law Office of Khloe Lee, located at 303 Twin Dolphin Dr. Ste. 600, Redwood City, CA 94065, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

KYOUNGHWA LEE

138 Fleetwood Dr.

San Carlos, CA 94070

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Nov. 16, 2015.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 30, 2019.

(ALM Aug. 28; Sep. 4, 11, 18, 2019)

SEAM Partners

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 282199

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

SEAM Partners, located at 592 Sand Hill Circle, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

ED REV II LLC

592 Sand Hill Cir

Menlo Park, CA 94025

California

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06-26-2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 9, 2019.

(ALM Aug. 21, 28; Sep. 4, 11, 2019)

COLSIN TRUCKING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 282204

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

Colsin Trucking, located at 1928 Cooley Ave. Apto-60, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):  
ADOLFO LOPEZ LOPEZ  
1928 Cooley Ave. Apto-60  
East Palo Alto, CA 94303  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/01/2019.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 12, 2019.  
(ALM Aug. 21, 28; Sep. 4, 11, 2019)

DUOTECH  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 282260

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

Duotech, located at 1134 Crane Street Suite 216, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

MUSA AHMADU KIDA

7 Ikoyi Club Road

Lagos Lagos Nigeria

ADEGBOYEGA MABOGUNJE

2353 Thompson Court

Mountain View, CA 94043

This business is conducted by: A General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 23, 2004.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 15, 2019.

(ALM Aug. 21, 28; Sep. 4, 11, 2019)

EQUIST PERFORMANCE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 282279

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

Equist Performance, located at 130 Hildebrand Rd., La Honda, CA 94020, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

SUZETTE HAINES

130 Hildebrand Rd.

La Honda, CA 94020

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 19, 2019.

(ALM Sep. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019)

WPV-READY

WPV-CERT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 282373

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

1.) WPV-Ready, 2.) WPV-CERT, located at 808 Portola Valley, Portola Valley, California 94028, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):

CITIZENS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM, INC.

808 Portola Road,

Portola Valley, California 94028

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 August 26, 2019.

(ALM Sep. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019)

## 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.: 19CIV04452

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: DAVID ZEKE CHEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

DAVID ZHANG to DAVID ZEKE CHEN.

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: September 24, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ 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: August 8, 2019

/s/ John L. Grandsaert

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(ALM Aug. 21, 28; Sep. 4, 11, 2019)

# Artscene

PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## A season of plenty: Autumn arts on The Midpeninsula

By Karla Kane

What do Willie Nelson, stunt dogs, and man-eating musical plants have in common? They're all a part of the local arts scene this fall.

Whatever your particular interests, it's time once more to check out our annual picks for things to see, hear and experience on the Midpeninsula this September, October and November.

### Exhibitions and fine art

#### 'The Blue Marble: Art for The Environment'

**Where:** Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto.

**When:** Sept. 6-25.

Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Opening reception Friday, Sept. 6, 5:30-8 p.m.

**Info:** pacificartleague.org.

Following last autumn's successful "cause-based exhibit," which supported wildlife advocacy, Pacific Art League (PAL) this September is returning to an environmental theme with "The Blue Marble: Art for the Environment." Seven Bay Area artists (Barbara Boissevain, Sukey Bryan, Steve Curl, Joe Decker, Michele Guieu, QT Luong, and Hannah Rothstein) will exhibit work celebrating the beauty of planet Earth. The exhibition will also aim to raise awareness of pressing environmental issues and of steps locals might take to help.

Rothstein's ironic "National Parks 2050" series, for example, mimics the classic look of vintage national parks posters with updates to show how climate change will impact many of the country's beloved landmarks. "Visit melted permafrost, snowless peaks and vanished tundra,"

reads a poster for Alaska's Denali National Park. The effect is both grimly humorous and harrowing.

Partnering with PAL are local environmental and science organizations including NASA, The Sierra Club and Environmental Volunteers.

#### Other exhibitions

■ "Seascapes and Landscapes in Pastel," Portola Art Gallery (September). Jan Prisco, artist. Info: portolaartgallery.com.

■ "Encounters: Honoring the Animal in Ourselves" at the Palo Alto Art Center (Sept. 14-Dec. 29). Info: tinyurl.com/exhibits04.

■ Lynda Benglis at Pace Gallery (through Oct. 23). Info: pacegallery.com.

■ "Left of Center: Five Years of the Anderson Collection" (Sept. 20-Sept. 20, 2020), Jim Campbell (Sept. 5-Aug. 3, 2020) and "Process and Pattern" (through Feb. 17, 2020) at Anderson Collection. Info: tinyurl.com/anderson04.

■ "The Melancholy Museum: Love, Death, and Mourning at Stanford" (Sept. 18, ongoing), "West x Southwest: Edward Weston and Ansel Adams" (Sept. 26-Jan. 6, 2020) and "Jordan Casteel: Returning the Gaze" (Sept. 29-Jan. 5, 2020) at the Cantor Arts Museum. Info: tinyurl.com/cantor04.

■ "Kids and Art Exhibition"

(Sept. 29), "Cats: From Artistic Expression to Devotion" (Nov. 4-11) at Cubberley Artist Studio Program. Info: tinyurl.com/CubbKids04.

■ "Bauhaus Centennial: Taking Shape" (Through Sept. 16) at Art Ventures Gallery. Info: artventuresgallery.com.

### Music

#### David Crosby and Friends

**Where:** Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City.

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 8 p.m.

**Cost:** \$53-\$106.

**Info:** foxrwc.com.

Music legend David Crosby rolls into Redwood City with his "Sky Trails Band" (James Raymond on keys, Mai Leisz on bass, Steve Di Stanislao on drums, Jeff Pevar on guitar and Michelle Willis on keyboards and vocals) for a performance at the Fox Theatre on Sept. 4. Locals can also catch Marwan Khoury (Oct. 4) and Three Dog Night (Oct. 24), among others, at the historic venue this fall.

#### Other concerts

■ At the Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center: Tall Men Group (Sept. 14); "Bird with Strings," presented by The Palo Alto Jazz Alliance (Oct. 12). Info: pajazzalliance.org.



Photo by Joyce Goldschmid

**Palo Alto Players** presents the musical "Bright Star," written by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell.

■ From Stanford Live (Bing Concert Hall and Frost Amphitheater): Mumford & Sons (Sept. 18), Lucibela (Sept. 27), Hang-gai (Sept. 28), St. Lawrence String Quartet (Sept. 29), Trey McLaughlin & The Sounds of Zamar (Oct. 1), "Triptych (Eyes of One on Another)" (Oct. 3), "From the Middle Kingdom to the Wild West: A Symphonic Concert" (Oct. 6), "Rob Kapilow's What Makes It Great?" (Oct. 10), Willie Nelson (Oct. 12), Max Richter with the American Contemporary Music Ensemble (Oct. 13). Info: live.stanford.edu.

■ From Earthwise Productions at the Mitchell Park Community Center: John Santos Sextet (Sept. 13), Sun Kil Moon (Sept. 27), Amendola/Dunn/Greenlief (Oct. 11), Tom Harrell Quartet (Oct. 24). Info: tinyurl.com/Earthwise04.

■ From the Community School of Music and Arts: Axel Schmitt (Sept. 14), Marian Concus and

Joshua Horowitz (Sept. 29), Floboe Productions Studio (Oct. 12). Info: arts4all.org.

■ Filoli's "Bluegrass at the Barn" series: Goat Hill Girls (Oct. 13), Wildcat Mountain Ramblers (Oct. 20), Stringed All-stars (Oct. 27). Info: tinyurl.com/BlueGrass04.

■ Redwood Symphony's fall concerts (Sept. 28, Oct. 27, Nov. 23). Info: redwoodsymphony.org.

■ Palo Alto Philharmonic's fall concerts (Sept. 7, Oct. 19, Nov. 9). Info: paphil.org.

■ Schola Cantorum's "Schola Swings" concerts (Oct. 26-27). Info: scholacantorum.org.

■ California Bach Society's fall concert in Palo Alto (Oct. 5). Info: calbach.org.

■ New Esterhazy Quartet's fall concerts in Palo Alto (Sept. 15, Nov. 24). Info: newesterhazy.org.

■ San Francisco Early Music Society presents: The Costanoan Trio (Sept. 20) and Aquila & Tres Hermanicas (Nov. 22) in Palo Alto. Info: sfems.org.

### Theater

#### TheatreWorks' golden season continues

**Where:** Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

**Info:** Go to theatreworks.org.

It's a big year for TheatreWorks Silicon Valley. Not only is it the 50th anniversary season, it's also the last with founder Robert Kelley serving as artistic director, plus the organization is still riding high from its recent Tony Award for regional theater. This autumn, TheatreWorks is featuring the screwball comedy/thriller "The 39 Steps," running through Sept. 15; and "Mark Twain's River of Song," featuring traditional tunes (Oct. 2-27).



Photo courtesy of Art Ventures Gallery

**Artists represented at the Bauhaus Fiber Art Exhibit at Art Ventures Gallery in Menlo Park include, from left, Theresa Giammattei, Dotti Cichon and Susie Taylor.**



Photo courtesy of Chris Perondi's "Stunt Dog Experience"

### "Stunt Dog Experience"

features rescue dogs performing tricks, comedy antics and more at the Oshman Family JCC.

### Other upcoming productions

■ From Palo Alto Players: "Bright Star" (Sept. 13-29); "A Christmas Story, The Musical" (Nov. 9-24). Info: paplayers.org.

■ From The Pear Theatre: "An Ideal Husband" (through Sept. 15); "Sweat" (Oct. 18-Nov. 10). Info: thepear.org.

■ From Los Altos Stage Company: "Admissions" (Sept. 5-29); "Little Shop of Horrors" (Oct. 25-Nov. 3). Info: losaltosstage.org.

■ From Dragon Theatre: "Hickorydickory" (Sept. 6-29); "Anne of the Thousand Days" (Nov. 1-24). Info: dragonproductions.net.

■ From West Bay Opera: "Nabucco" (Oct. 18-27). Info: westbayopera.org.

### Miscellaneous highlights

#### Authors, talks and more

■ Presented by Kepler's: Esther Wojcicki (Sept. 9), Emma Donoghue (Sept. 11), Madeline Miller (Sept. 13), Naomi Klein (Sept. 27), Dave Barry and Adam Mansbach (Oct. 21), Richard Dawkins (Oct. 26). Info: keplers.org.

■ At Books Inc (Palo Alto and Mountain View): Mike Chen (Sept. 4), Meg Waite Clayton (Sept. 9), Jane Solomon (Sept. 14), Cara Wall (Sept. 19), Anita Felicelli (Sept. 26), Rainbow Rowell (Oct. 4), Flynn Coleman (Oct. 16). Info: booksinc.net.

■ At Stanford: David Guttenfelder, "A Rare Look - North Korea and Cuba" (Oct. 30); Aleesa Alexander, "Black Codes: The Art of Post-Civil Rights Alabama" (Nov. 18). Info: events.stanford.edu.

■ At the JCC: Adeena Sussman (Sept. 10), TEDxPaloAltoSalon (Sept. 21), Sarah Hurwitz (Sept. 23), Julie Hirschfeld Davis and Michael D. Shear (Nov. 4), Margaret O'Mara (Nov. 13). Info: paloaltojcc.org.

■ Menlo Park Library's Storytelling Festival (Sept. 7-Oct. 2). Info: menlopark.org.

### Dance and circus arts

■ At the Palo Alto JCC: Cirque Mei (Sept. 18), "Stunt Dog Experience" (Nov. 23). Info: paloaltojcc.org.

■ At the Dragon Theatre: "Cosmos" (Oct. 10-11). Info: dragonproductions.net.

dragonproductions.net.

■ Zoppe Italian Family Circus in Redwood City (Oct. 10-Nov. 3). Info: zoppe.net Zoppe.

### Film

■ The Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival (Palo Alto and Saratoga, Oct. 27-Nov. 17). Info: svjff.org.

■ The United Nations Association Film Festival (Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Stanford and San Francisco (Oct. 17-27). Info: unaff.org.

■ Tuolumne River Film Festival (Sept. 7, Atherton). Info: tuolumne.org/events/filmfestival. ■

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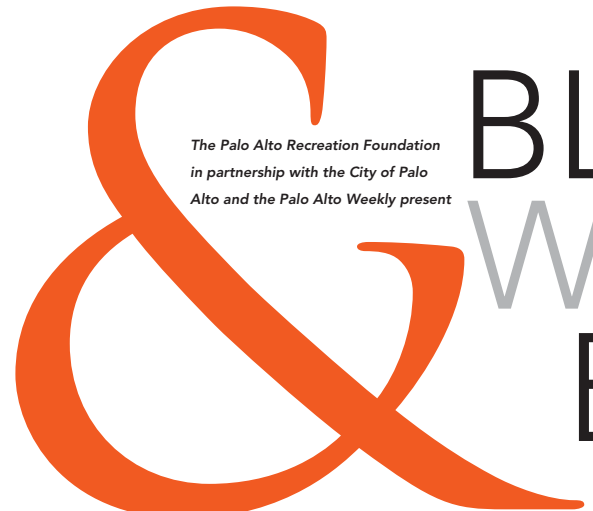












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to see more calendar listings

## Theater

**'Admissions'** The Los Altos Stage Company presents "Admissions," a new satire that takes a no-holds-barred look at privilege and power in liberal white America. Sept. 5, 11, 18 and 25, 8 p.m. \$20-\$30. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. [losaltosstage.org](http://losaltosstage.org)

**'An Ideal Husband'** In this play directed by Jenny Hollingsworth, an ideal husband explores political corruption, public persona versus private virtue and the inevitable disappointments that come with holding others to one's own rigid ideals. Through Sept. 15; times vary. \$34; discount for students, seniors. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. [thepear.org](http://thepear.org)

**thepear.org/Hickorydickory'** The Dragon Theatre presents "Hickorydickory," a tale about a girl who is stuck at age 17 for eternity. Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 7-29; times vary. \$39.50; discounts for students, seniors. The Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. [dragonproductions.net/](http://dragonproductions.net/)

**'The 39 Steps'** TheatreWorks' acclaimed comedy returns in a spoof of Alfred Hitchcock's silver-screen classic, in which a London man fights to clear his name after stumbling upon a ring of spies. Through Sept. 15; times vary. \$25-\$60. Discounts available; pricing subject to change. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org)

## Music

**Between the Notes** The Menlo Park Library hosts this event for attendees to delve into classical compositions by listening to excerpts of major works and discussing the pieces. Sept. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**Palo Alto Philharmonic Baroque Concert** Philharmonic musicians perform an array of music from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Sept. 7, 8-10 p.m. \$22; discounts for students, seniors. First Lutheran Church of Palo Alto, 600 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. [paphil.org](http://paphil.org)

## Talks &amp; Lectures

**'The Vaping Phenomenon: What it is, why it happened, and what we can do about it'** Dr. Halpern-Felsher presents her research on e-cigarettes, addiction and adolescent use of nicotine products. Sept. 11, noon-1 p.m. Free. Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford Auditorium, 725 Welch Road, Stanford. Search [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for more info.

**Menlo Park StoryFest** For the first time since 2016, a variety of storytellers — including seasoned professionals and talented youths — come together to share tales from around the world. Sept. 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**'A Cup of Coffee: Stories from Kosovo and Beyond'** The Menlo Park Library hosts its fourth annual storytelling festival with tandem storytellers Tom and Sandy sharing traditional and contemporary tales. Sept. 11, 7-8 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**Katy Rose Pool** Author Katy Rose Pool discusses her book, "There Will Come a Darkness," a fantasy trilogy that explores everything from ancient history to apocalyptic prophecies. Sept. 6, 7-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [keplers.org](http://keplers.org)

**Emma Donoghue** Internationally acclaimed novelist Emma Donoghue debuts her new book "Akin," about a retired New York professor who uncovers the details of his mother's life during Nazi occupation. Sept. 11, 7:30-9 p.m. \$20 or \$40 with book; discount for students. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [keplers.org](http://keplers.org)

**The Road to Resegregation** Author Alex Schafran visits the Menlo Park Library to discuss his book, "The Road to Resegregation: Northern California and the Failure of Politics." Sept. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**Writers' Panel: Publishing** Authors from the California Writers Club discuss the many paths toward getting published, share their experiences and answer questions. Sept. 4, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

## Family

**'Mutt Strutt' Super Heroes Dog Show** Muttville Senior Dog Rescue hosts the Mutt Strutt Super Heroes Dog Show with music, games and dogs available for adoption. Sept. 8, noon-2 p.m. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive, Menlo Park. [friendsofmuttville.org](http://friendsofmuttville.org)

## Museums &amp; Exhibits

**Public Tour: Anderson Collection** The Anderson Collection features modern and contemporary American paintings and sculptures assembled by a Bay Area family who built the collection over the last 50 years. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 18, 12:30 p.m. Free. Anderson Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**'The Blue Marble: Art for the Environment'** The Pacific Art League presents an opening reception for a new major exhibit, "The Blue Marble: Art for the Environment," featuring works from seven prominent Bay Area artists. Sept. 6, 5:30-8 p.m. Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto. [pacificartleague.org](http://pacificartleague.org)

## Film

**Tuolumne River Film Festival** This year's Tuolumne River Film Festival will feature short films from the Wild and Scenic Film Festival and the International Ocean Film Festival, live music, and more. Sept. 7, 6:30-9 p.m. \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. [tuolumne.org/events/filmfestival/](http://tuolumne.org/events/filmfestival/)

**Menlo Park Outdoor Movies** This weekly event features outdoor screenings of films from all genres, including animated, adventure, sci-fi, comedy and romance. Through Sept. 20; times vary. Free. Burgess Park, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**Stanford Global Studies Summer Film Festival** "Tomorrow," a documentary that focuses on people suggesting solutions to climate change, is the last screening in this film festival, which featured a total of 10 films from countries around the world, including India, Norway, Germany and Hungary that focus on the theme "Earth: Habitat for All." Sept. 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Sapp Center Auditorium, Room 111, 376 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [sgs.stanford.edu](http://sgs.stanford.edu)



## At Portola Art Gallery

Paintings by Jan Prisco are on exhibit at Portola Art Gallery through September. This painting, "Pescadero State Beach Beauty," is among the works in Prisco's exhibition, "Seascapes and Landscapes in Pastels." A reception is set for Saturday, Sept. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the gallery, located in the Allied Arts Guild complex at 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park.

## Lessons &amp; Classes

**ESL Conversation Club** Non-native and native English speakers talk together with the aim of developing English speaking and listening skills. No registration required. Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

## Outdoor Recreation

**Hike: Edgewood Park** Participants will explore Edgewood Park while hiking several miles through woodlands, hills and meadows. Sept. 8, Oct. 13 and Nov. 10, 8 a.m.-noon. Edgewood Park, 10 Old Stage Coach

Road, Redwood City. [sequoia-audubon.org/calendar.html](http://sequoia-audubon.org/calendar.html)

## Community Groups

**4th Annual Atherton Community Emergency Drill** The Menlo Park Fire Protection District CCM CERT, the Atherton Disaster and Preparedness Team, the Town of Atherton and the Atherton Police Department present a live and simulated communitywide emergency event within a multiblock neighborhood setting. Sept. 7, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Ave., Atherton. [business.menloparkchamber.com](http://business.menloparkchamber.com)

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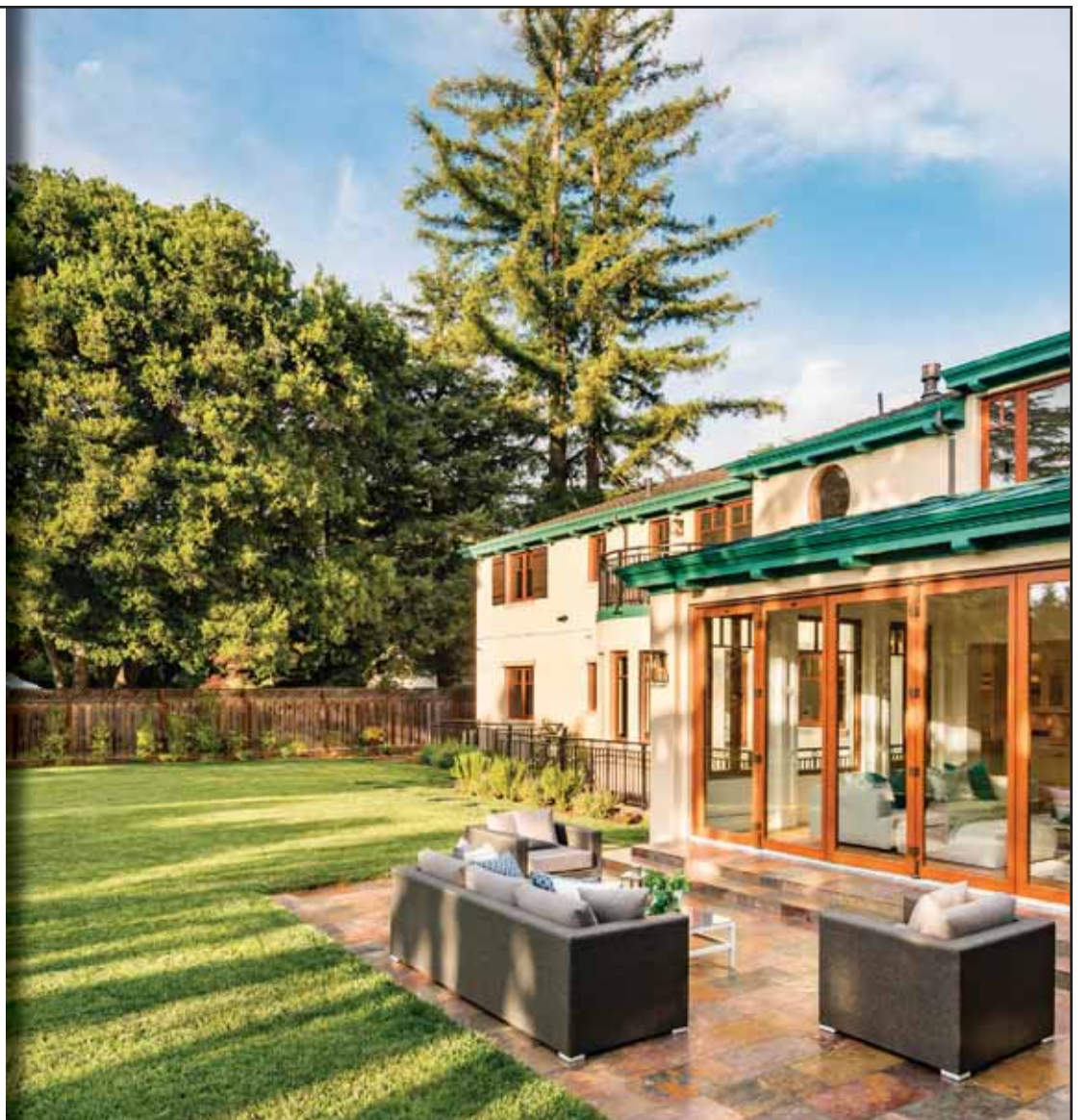


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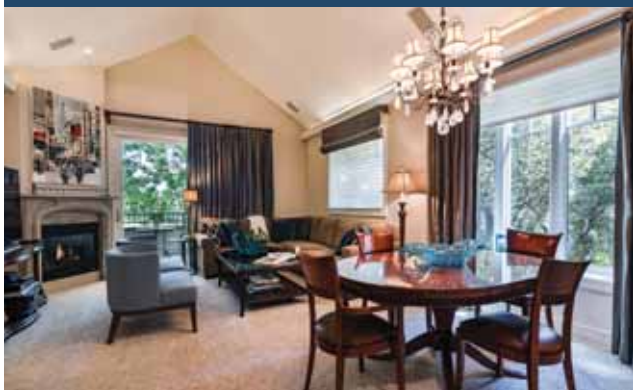
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