

Longtime local vet has seen it all

Portola Valley's Larry Wengren talks about changes in care of animals

By Kate Daly

Special to the Almanac



Portola Valley veterinarian **Larry Wengren** checks the heartrate of Bess, an 8-year-old beagle.

"I see something new every week," says Larry Wengren, even after practicing veterinary medicine in Portola Valley on the same block for more than 30 years.

Some unusual cases that stand out over the years include the dog that slurped up water in a hot tub and ingested two plastic ducks that had to be surgically removed. There was the dog that ate a vest studded with metal, and then the operations to extract tennis ball pieces and rocks out of more than one dog.

Perhaps more challenging was treating the dog that ate a marijuana brownie. Chocolate can be toxic for a dog, and pot can cause other complications.

Most of Dr. Wengren's days are more routine at his one-man shop, Windy Hill Veterinary Practice at 884 Portola Road, where he rents space from veterinarians Bill Klein and Bill St. Lawrence. However, Dr. Wengren has noticed some changes in the business over time such as an "obesity epidemic."

"People are feeding their animals too much. They are killing their dogs with love and giving them treats," he says.

He has observed an uptick in diabetes problems, too, "because fat cats are more prone to developing diabetes."

He explains how it can be tough to regulate the right amount of insulin, so he sometimes confers with a specialist on diabetes cases. He notes

there are a lot more specialty practices in veterinary medicine these days — internal medicine, ophthalmology, and surgical specialists.

"I will refer clients to them if they offer the best care. ... When I first started out, I would do a few more different things than I do now," he admits.

Dr. Wengren grew up surrounded by dogs, cats, chickens, cows, rabbits and hamsters in Chelsea, Michigan, home to one of the oldest veterinary hospitals in the U.S.

Fresh out of Michigan State University's vet school, he drove down the coast from Oregon to California in 1981, "looking in the telephone book for veterinary offices." He walked in unannounced to Carlo Besio's clinic at 808 Portola Road and was hired on the spot. Dr. Wengren stayed there until 1995, when he moved a few doors down to his current office.

He comes across as low key, dressed in jeans, a plaid flannel shirt, comfortable shoes, a beard and glasses. Occasionally he brings his mixed breed shelter dog to work, or leaves him at home in Woodside with two cat companions.

In the Portola Valley-Woodside area "in general, people take better care of their pets," Dr. Wengren says. "Most of the animals are family members and people have a lot more interaction with their animals than years ago when I was growing up."

He gives the example of his elderly customers with elderly pets. "There are a few 18-year-old cats living in the Sequoias because people tend to keep them indoors, and their cats live a long time."

Larry Wengren has seen a shift toward more emphasis on preventive care.

One downside to more interaction between people and dogs can be more sports injuries. He recommends pet insurance "for certain people with certain kinds of dogs," he says. "Labradors and goldens have problems with their knees because they're active dogs."

According to Dr. Wengren, knee surgery is the most common insurance claim, and replacements can run about \$5,000.

In the Portola Valley-Woodside area, he sees a lot of larger breeds, but has also noticed more mixes: Labradoodles, goldendoodles (Labrador and golden retrievers that are crossed with poodles), and puggles, a pug-beagle cross. Small dogs such as Chihuahuas and schnauzers are popular, too. He estimates half his customers own purebreds, and the other half own mixes rescued from shelters.

One worrisome observation he

has made is that golden retrievers "are getting cancers at an early age, 8 or 9 years old, in the spleen or around the heart."

He postulates it could be caused by exposure to pollutants in the air and/or on the ground.

He suggests a somewhat new vaccination to guard dogs against leptospirosis, a disease spread through contaminated water that can cause kidney problems.

In his business he has seen a shift toward more emphasis on preventive care. Every year he mails out postcards to remind clients to bring in their animals for wellness checks. He says shots are now given less often than they used to be because most vaccinations last longer than a year.

But he still encourages his clients to come in for an annual appointment. "People are always glad to hear their animals are doing well, and find out what to look out for as they get older."

Margie Mackenzie has been taking her dogs and cats to Dr. Wengren ever since she moved to Portola Valley 18 years ago. When two of her cats were hit by cars, she remembers his thoughtfulness in calling the following days to monitor their recoveries.

When her Westie suffered renal failure and then her Scottish had advanced lymphoma, Dr. Wengren put them both down.

"We (her family of four) were all there," she says. "It was a very gentle passing."

"End of life issues" as he calls them, are all part of his practice. He's willing to make house calls if an older client can't manage to load an animal in the car, or wants to do "everything at home."

"Many clients have a hard time figuring out when is a good time" to turn to euthanasia, he says. "It's a blessing in this business that we can assist them."

Over the years Dr. Wengren has noted a slight increase in heartworm cases in the Los Trancos and Mountain Home Road neighborhoods, and other places where mosquitoes have access to water year-round.

Foxtails are a common problem everywhere, depending on the season. He urges clients to check dogs' noses, ears, and paws after hikes.

Other potential hazards found locally are poisonous plants such as oleander, lilies and some wild mushrooms. He warns that eating drugs and foods meant for humans can be harmful, too. Tylenol can kill cats, and dogs can develop toxic reactions from consuming macadamia nuts, raisins, grapes, onions and garlic.

Feeding pets table scraps in small portions is OK with him as long as it is a little meat or vegetables, but not bacon grease, as that could lead to his first lament: obesity. ▣

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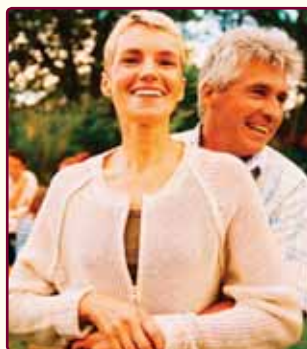
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Service Saturday for David Thysen

David Thysen, a resident of Portola Valley for 38 years, died Jan. 22 ending his courageous fight with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, his family said. He was 68.



David Thysen

The community is invited to celebrate his life at a memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church in Menlo Park.

He grew up in Hillsborough, attended Burlingame High School, and graduated with an engineering degree from San Jose State University. He received an MBA from Golden Gate University.

In 1968, he joined the Peace Corps and served as a teacher for two years in Ethiopia.

He had a long career as a packaging engineer, spending the last two decades as an independent consultant for health care and pharmaceutical companies. He also worked in both engineering and management positions at Syntex Labs, Verbatim Corp. and Memorex.

Growing up, he developed a strong connection with the outdoors and throughout his life joined his family on many backpacking, camping and skiing trips, the family said.

"This love of nature led him to move his young family to Portola Valley in the early 1970s, where he purchased a home at the top of Los Trancos Woods and explored its many hills, trails and creeks with his three children," said his daughter, Lisa Scholin.

In 2002, he married Beverly Rees. They developed a strong circle of friends through Menlo Park Presbyterian Church and later through their local ALS support group.

Through his church, he volunteered with Bread of Life providing meals to the hungry in his local community, and serving as a leader of support groups.

His family was heartbroken to learn of his diagnosis with ALS in October 2008. The progressive motor neuron disease caused him to lose all use of his arms and hands and weakened his body, his daughter said.

"Even during this time, he always looked on the bright side and never complained," his daughter said. "He enjoyed his final years immensely, spending winters in Palm Springs surrounded by friends and family."

Survivors include his wife, Beverly; three children, Lisa

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Scholin, Erik Thysen and Janel Thysen; and two grandchildren. His 96-year old mother, Betty Thysen, also survives him, as does his sister, Dixie Laws and brother, Mark Thysen, and several nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made to the ALS Guardian Angels (www.alsguardianangels.com).

Visit tinyurl.com/David-592 to leave a remembrance on Lasting Memories.

Rolf Georg Spamer

The life of Rolf Georg Spamer will be celebrated at a memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Ladera Community Church, 3300 Alpine Road in Portola Valley. Dr. Spamer died Jan. 17 at his home in Ladera, surrounded by his family. He was 76.



Rolf Georg Spamer

Dr. Spamer, a former president of the California Society of Pediatric Dentists, spent more than 46 years treating children in his Hayward office, after first practicing in Menlo Park.

Rolf Spamer was born and grew up in Chicago. After his undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois, he went on to dental school and ROTC at Northwestern University. In 1959, he married Carol Trevillian and served as a Naval officer in San Diego. The Spamers moved to their home in Ladera in 1965.

A lifelong sportsman, Dr. Spamer spent many years coaching softball teams, as well as serving as an umpire for Little League baseball. A member of the Ladera Community Church for 40 years, he served in many lay leadership roles and on the preschool board. He was a fixture at the church's annual Bass Lake retreat, camping there with the Spamer clan, say family members.

He was a grief counselor for the KARA organization and a longtime member of the Hayward Rotary Club.

In 1999, Dr. Spamer married fellow Ladera resident Betty Hubbard, embracing the new brood of grandchildren they shared and enjoying everything from golf to opera, say family members.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; their combined family of six children: Brynn Spamer Williams, Kristin Spamer Miller, Jenny Spamer Harris, Jason Hubbard, Sarah Hubbard Foley,

and Neal Hubbard; brother Ronald Spamer; sister Marianne Spamer; and 17 grandchildren. His first wife, Carol, died in 1996.

Donations in Dr. Spamer's memory may be made to the Ladera Church Youth Music Program.

Kenton Sutherland

Kenton Kienzle Sutherland of Menlo Park died unexpectedly at Brookside Nurse and Care Facility in San Mateo on Jan. 1 while recovering from an E. coli infection he contracted while on assignment at the State University of Malang in East Java, Indonesia. He was 76.



Kenton Sutherland

He began his teaching career at College of the Desert in Palm Desert and soon after moved on to City College of San Francisco.

In the early 1970s, he started teaching at newly formed Canada College in Woodside. He was a fundamental contributor to the school's English Institute, which later developed into the current ESL Department, the family said.

As a linguist, he used melody and rhythm to encourage language learning, but it "was mostly his intelligence, his exuberance and his entertaining personality that left its mark on the thousands of students he taught," the family said.

"A lifelong learner and teacher, Kent or Kenny, as he was known to friends and family, loved dancing, theater, literature, music, cinema, camping, people and pets, but right in line behind his greatest love of all, his family, was his love for traveling," the family said.

During his 12 years of retirement, he added to the list of more than 60 countries he visited and "that the adventure was still in him as his three final assignments led him to China, Iraq and Indonesia," the family said.

He received a Ph.D. in linguistics from Stanford University in 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Sheilla Sutherland, owner of The Children's Shoppe in Sharon Heights; his children, Scott of San Mateo, Mark of San Mateo, Grant of Tujunga, Jason of San Mateo, Evan of Brooklyn, New York, and Sabrina of San Francisco; and two granddaughters.

A celebration of his life is to be held at Canada College for

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NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said City Council will hold a public hearing on these items in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on **Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. If you challenge these items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Author serves up steps to smarter tennis

By Jane Knoerle

Almanac Lifestyles Editor

Marcus Cootsona of Menlo Park has been teaching tennis for the past 30 years, so he knows a thing or two about the game.

Now he has written, "Occam's Racquet: 12 Simple Steps to Smarter Tennis," (192 pages, \$15.99).

The title "Occam's Racquet" refers to the medieval philosopher, William of Ockham, remembered for his Occam's Razor theory — "if a number of explanations describe a situation or solve a problem, the simplest explanation is the best."

The book takes tennis instruction, explains it, and simplifies it, giving players the tools to understand and improve their game.

He says simple doesn't mean "simple minded." His book is not "Tennis for Dummies." Each of the 12 chapters focuses on one area of the game, then breaks it down and shows players how to change their approach to learning and playing the game.

Dick Gould, director of tennis at Stanford, says about the book: "The premise is good, so simple and yet so true. It contains information relevant to players of all levels who want



Marcus Cootsona has played tennis since age 4. His parents, Tom and Ruth Cootsona, owned Top Spin Tennis shop on the Alameda in West Menlo Park from 1981 to 2004.

to take control of their physical and mental games."

Mr. Cootsona has been playing tennis since he was 4. His parents, Tom and Ruth Cootsona, are both tennis enthusiasts. The family owned and operated Top Spin Tennis shop on the Alameda in West Menlo Park from 1981 to 2004.

A graduate of Menlo School and San Jose State University, he competed in tournaments until college. He says, at that point, he realized instructing was more suited to his interest in the game than competing, and he began teaching.

For the past 20 years, he has taught on a private court in Atherton. His pupils range in age from 5 to 80.

Is there a right age for kids to start tennis? A lot depends on the child: his strength, attention span, and coordination. Age 5 is good, but 8 is not too late. He thinks it's a good idea to expose a child to as many different sports as possible.

Marcus and Melinda Cootsona's son, M.J., a freshman at Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles, "is an excellent tennis player and a better golfer," says his dad.

While M.J. was growing up, father and son played golf every Sunday, often at Cinnabar Hills in the San Jose area.

Melinda Cootsona also excels at tennis, but is better known as a serious artist. She chose to stay home on golfing Sundays. "It gave her a chance to paint," says Marcus. Ms. Cootsona also teaches art in her studio in Menlo Park.

During the past 30 years, Marcus Cootsona has been a retailer, a produced playwright, and a screenwriter, as well as a tennis instructor. "I discovered it was on the court that I was happiest," he says. ■

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family, friends, students and colleagues. Please contact the family for further details. The family asks that any gifts be made to a favorite charity in Dr. Kenton Sutherland's name. Visit tinyurl.com/Kenton-494 to leave a remembrance on Lasting Memories.

Beverly Parkin Benz

Beverly Parkin Benz, who

worked for ambassadors in U.S. embassies in London and Dublin, Ireland, in the 1950s, died Jan. 3 at her home in Santa Rosa. She was 81.

Ms. Benz was born in San Francisco and graduated from UC Berkeley in 1951 with a major in international studies.



Beverly Parkin Benz

She joined the Foreign Service and worked abroad until 1954, when she married Frederick D. Benz. The couple lived in several cities in San Mateo County before settling in Menlo Park, where they lived for more than 50 years.

For 30 years, Mr. Benz ran a day care facility. After retiring, she joined Ace Hardware to keep in touch with friends in the community, say family members. She and her husband enjoyed traveling, visiting many sites in Europe and Asia.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Frederick D. Benz; three of her five children, Frederick R. Benz, Pamela A. Benz, and Andrew D. Benz; and 11 grandchildren. Services have been held.






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'Marvin's Room' Dragon Productions Theatre Company presents this Scott McPherson play about life, death, mental illness and family. It follows two estranged sisters who are reunited when one of them needs the family to be tested for a bone marrow donation. 1992 Drama Desk Award for Best Play. Jan. 19-Feb. 12. Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m., and Sun. at 2 p.m. \$16-\$30. Dragon Theatre, 535 Alma St., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-2006. www.dragonproductions.net/

'Moon for the Misbegotten' This Eugene O'Neill play is a story of blarney, scheming and betrayal. Directed by Jeanie Smith. Jan. 13-Feb. 5. Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. \$15-\$30. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View. thepear.org

'The Pitmen Painters' TheatreWorks presents "The Pitmen Painters," a Lee Hall comedy-drama play about six 1930s miners who become stars of the art world. Jan. 21-Feb. 12, with afternoon and evening performances Tue.-Sun. \$19-\$69. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

Talks/Authors

'Not for Profit' Martha Nussbaum speaks on such questions as: "What is education for democracy?" Feb. 2, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Cubberley Auditorium, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-0997. ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu

'The Power of the Horn: Charlie Parker to John Coltrane' Alisa Clancy, operations director of KCSM 91.1 FM and co-host of "Morning Cup of Jazz," will speak. She will discuss the evolution of jazz saxophone and the lives of Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Lester Young and others. Feb. 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2512. www.menloparklibrary.org

Russ Feingold Former U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold will speak on public service and citizenship, presented by the Haas Center for Public Service. Feb. 8, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Free. CEMEX Auditorium, 641 Knight Way, Stanford.

Sebastian Seung, professor of computational neuroscience at MIT, will speak and sign his new book, "Connectome: How the Brain's Wiring Makes Us Who We Are." Feb. 14, 7 p.m. Audience members must buy the event book or a \$10 gift card to admit two. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/sebastian-seung

Youth Event: Love Maia discusses and signs her new book, "DJ Rising," about an unassuming high school junior who breathes in music like oxygen and cares for his heroin-addicted mother. Feb. 9, 6 p.m. Free. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/youth-event-love-maia

Art Galleries

'Calindas, Monlinsky and Bertolet' The Menlo College Art Committee presents the art of Marconi Calindas, Aaron Molinsky and Edwin Bertolet, the winners of the Menlo College Plein Air Art Show. A reception is set for Feb. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m., with the exhibition open weekdays, Jan. 23-March 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Menlo College Administration Building, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton. Call 650-543-3901. www.menlo.edu

Abilities United art exhibition Forty original works of art by artists from Abilities United are on display. All art is available for purchase, with the proceeds going to the artist. Daily through Feb. 10, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-618-3319. www.cafezoemenlopark.com

Benefits

Canary Luncheon 2012 In "Foremost Good Fortune," Susan Conley chronicles her family's move to Beijing and her subsequent experience with breast cancer. She will speak at the launch of Canary Foundation's new Breast Cancer Program at Canary's 3rd Annual Cancer Early Detection Series Luncheon. Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m. Menlo Circus Club,

190 Park Lane, Atherton. Call 650-646-3199. canaryevents.org/ceds2012/

Colbie Caillat The Children's Health Council (CHC) presents a benefit concert with singer/guitarist Colbie Caillat. CHC helps children with autism, ADHD, depression, anxiety, learning disabilities, developmental delays and other challenges. Feb. 4, 8:15 p.m. \$150-\$750. Fox Theatre, 2223 Broadway, Redwood City. www.chcbenefit.org

Classes/Workshops

'America's Historic Newspapers' Class on searching this database through the Canada College Library and the San Mateo County Peninsula Library System. Feb. 7, 2:30-4 p.m. Canada College Library, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Woodside. Call 650-306-3423. smcgs.org

'Women's Financial Power Circle' Thursday, Feb. 2, and first and third Thursdays of each month. Teresa Dentino, founder/CEO of The Financial 411, leads women's financial-education group. Pre-registration required. 7-8 p.m. \$20 per meeting. Portola Valley; details disclosed upon registration. Call 650-851-8959. www.thefinancial411.com

'YouTube Class' The class will cover the basics of searching and viewing videos on YouTube, as well as making videos and uploading them. Feb. 1, 4-5 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

Matt Abrahams, author of "Speaking Up Without Freaking Out: 35 Techniques for Confident, Calm, and Competent Presenting," leads a workshop on practical techniques to help manage speaking anxiety. Feb. 8, 7 p.m. \$10. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Concerts

Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra Concert The program features Martin Rokeach's new Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra, with Diane Maltester soloist. Feb. 5, 2:30 p.m. (Program also to be performed at 7:30 Feb. 4 at St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park.) \$5-\$20. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. www.mastersinfonia.org

Family and Kids

'Rabbit Day' Students from Sacred Heart Schools and the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Club will bring rabbits for participants to meet, and will talk about the rabbits living locally. Feb. 11, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

African Drumming with Onye The percussionist and educator Onye will present an "African village celebration" in honor of Black History Month. The audience will be encouraged to participate in drumming, dancing, songs and stories. 4:30-5:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

Et Alia

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance Live entertainment by the Jerry Jay Quartet, and a three-course dinner. Cocktails at 5 p.m.; dinner at 5:30; dancing from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 9. \$18. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025, extension 222. www.penvol.org

'Breaking The Stigma: Teen Self-Esteem' Presented by Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS), a forum of panelists and keynote speaker Roni Gillenson discuss teen self-esteem and self-image. Feb. 9, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. La Entrada Middle School-Multi Use Room, 2200 Sharon Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-424-0852. www.acs-teens.org

Woodside Library Adult Book Club The February discussion covers "the worst book I ever finished" and other memorable books. Feb. 6, 1-2 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147. www.smcl.org

Lunar New Year Celebration This Asian celebration of change and the Year of the Dragon will include lion dancers, acrobats, live music, refreshments and children's activities. Feb. 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. www.redwoodcity.org/events/lunarnewyear.html

'Birds of Bedwell Bayfront Park' Walkers will learn about some wintering birds of Bedwell Bayfront Park: ducks, geese, egrets. Families welcome on the walk, which meets along the park's entrance road. Heavy rain cancels the event. Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Bedwell Bayfront Park, the end of Marsh Road, at Bayfront Expressway, Menlo Park. Call 650-325-7841. www.friendsofbedwellbayfrontpark.org



Left: "Rocky Shoreline" is a pastel by Mary Stahl of Palo Alto. Right: "The Foothills" is a painting by Alice Weil of Menlo Park. The paintings are part of the exhibit, "Two Artists; Two Views," on display at the Portola Art Gallery at Allied Arts Guild.

'Two Artists; Two Views' at Allied Arts

A joint exhibition of recent plein air and studio works by Alice Weil of Menlo Park and Mary K. Stahl of Palo Alto is on display at Portola Art Gallery through Feb. 28. The

exhibit features landscapes from across California, including the local foothills and coastline.

A reception for the artists will be held from 1 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4, at the gallery, located at Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

David Paul Thyssen
February 27, 1943 – January 22, 2012



David Thyssen, a longtime Portola Valley resident of 38 years, died January 22, 2012 ending his courageous and honorable fight with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

David was born to his parents Paul and Betty Thyssen and grew up in Hillsborough, California with his sister Dixie and brother Mark. He attended Burlingame High School and graduated with an engineering degree from San Jose State University. He received an MBA from Golden Gate University. In 1968, David joined the Peace Corps and served as a teacher for two years in Ethiopia, an experience that always remained an important part of his life.

David enjoyed a long and respected career as a packaging engineer, spending the last two decades as an independent consultant developing solutions for companies such as Johnson & Johnson and many others in the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries. David also worked in both engineering and management positions at Syntex Labs, Verbatim Corporation and Memorex.

Growing up, David developed a strong connection with the outdoors and throughout his life joined his family on many backpacking, camping and skiing trips – spending time in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, as well as many state and national parks. This love of nature led him to move his young family to Portola Valley in the early 1970s, where he purchased a home at the top of Los Trancos Woods and explored its many hills, trails and creeks with his three children.

People who knew David remember him as one of the most honest and genuine people they have ever met. He loved to laugh and spend time with those closest to him.

In 2002, he married Beverly Rees, who brought David much joy throughout their relationship. They developed a strong circle of

friends through Menlo Park Presbyterian Church and later through their local ALS support group. The two enjoyed filling their home with laughter and friends, hosting many parties and dinners throughout the years.

Through his church, David volunteered with Bread of Life providing meals to the hungry in his local community, and serving as a leader of support groups.

David's family was heartbroken to learn of his diagnosis with ALS in October 2008. The progressive motor neuron disease caused David to lose all use of his arms and hands and weakened his body. Even during this time, he always looked on the bright side and never complained. He enjoyed his final years immensely, spending winters in Palm Springs surrounded by friends and family, visiting the Rees family in Pennsylvania, and on annual Thyssen family trips. He was an amazing role model for those dealing with a life-ending disease.

David is survived by his wife, Beverly; his three children, Lisa Scholin, Erik Thyssen and Janel Thyssen; and two grandchildren, Rye and Sev Scholin. His 96-year old mother, Betty Thyssen also survives him, as does his sister, Dixie Laws and brother, Mark Thyssen, and several nieces and nephews.

The community is invited to celebrate David's life at a memorial service on Saturday, February 4 at 10 a.m. at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church in Menlo Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Guardian Angels (alsguardianangels.com), which works to greatly improve the quality of life for those diagnosed with ALS.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 248226
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Pix & Pieces, located at 350 Sharon Park Dr., #S-26, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
DEBORAH ANN MAUFER
350 Sharon Park Dr., #S-26
Menlo Park, CA 94025-6842
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 09/18/2011.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 30, 2011.
(Almanac Jan. 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 2012)

FAMILY JEWELS DESIGNS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 248446
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Family Jewels Designs, located at 1965 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):
DEBORAH KAREN BERRY
1965 Avy Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 17, 2012.
(Almanac Jan. 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2012)

FREE WESLEYN CHURCH TONGAN-AMERICA/EAST PALO ALTO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 248432
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
FREE WESLEYN CHURCH TONGAN-AMERICA
2493 Pulgas Ave.
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on January 13, 2012.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: CIV510648 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EILEEN EVANS SCHEFSKY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: EILEEN EVANS SCHEFSKY aka EILEEN EVANS TO EILEEN EVANS. 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

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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: January 4, 2012 /s/ Beth Labson Freeman JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 2012)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No.: CIV511154

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SERENE HU filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A.) CONNIE REBECCA KUO to CONSTANCE REBECCA HU B.) CLARA AMANDA KUO to CLARA AMANDA HU

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: February 28, 2012, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room:

2E 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: January 17, 2012 /s/ Beth Labson Freeman JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac Jan. 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2012)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 6059884 TS No.: CA1100236495 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN:072-230-100-9 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/22/06. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On February 21, 2012 at 12:30 PM, First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 06/29/06, as Instrument No. 2006-096847, in book , page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of SAN MATEO County, State of California. Executed by: ERIC J. WEINER AND MANTHI NGUYEN, TRUSTEES OF THE NGUYEN-WEINER FAMILY TRUST CREATED OCTOBER 29, 2004. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 072-230-100-9. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1650 BEAR GULCH ROAD, WOODSIDE, CA 94062. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrect-

ness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$1,155,900.58. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's Trustee. The beneficiary or servicing agent declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporations a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/or The timeframe for giving Notice of Sale specified in subdivision (s) of California Civil Code Section 2923.52 applies and has been provided or the loan is exempt from the requirements. Date: 01/28/12, First American Title Insurance Company First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Authorized Agent, Chet Sconyers — FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916) 939-0772. First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. Any Information obtained may be used for that purpose. NPP0195481 02/01/12, 02/08/12, 02/15/12 Almanac

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