READERS’ CHOICE 2007
Our readers tell us where to go for coffee, clothing, books and services

The Almanac’s 15th annual Readers’ Choice contest produced some fresh results, and lots of repeat winners. Readers named their favorite places for a range of goods, services and special occasions — from staging a child’s birthday party or meeting people to getting your car repaired or pictures framed. Here are their choices, beginning with two Santa Cruz Avenue favorites that have recently expanded into greater and grander quarters.

JEWELRY STORE:
Hirzel moves, doubles store size

With all the changes that have occurred over the years in downtown Menlo Park, one thing shoppers could depend on: Hirzel Fine Jewelers, our readers’ favorite jewelry store, would be there on Santa Cruz Avenue, as it has been for 55 years. But this year, shoppers had a surprise. Hirzel moved to a new location in June. Well, it was only next door, but it was a big move because it just about doubled its floor space.

Why did Carl Weimer — who has owned the business since 1993 when he brought it from its retiring founder, George Hirzel — decide to make the move to 730 Santa Cruz? “Business was growing to a point where we needed more space,” says Mr. Weimer, who worked for Mr. Hirzel for seven years before acquiring the business. (Mr. Hirzel died just a few weeks ago at age 93.)

The additional space has enabled Hirzel to add a private showing room for clients and more room for the bench jewelers to do repairs and make custom jewelry.

Mr. Weimer attributes the jewelry store’s longevity and growth to its “full service” approach, which is not just a cliche.

“We are willing and capable to do a lot of things,” says Mr. Weimer, from replacing a watch battery for $10 to selling a piece of hand-made custom jewelry for $250,000.

Hirzel has six full-time employees, including Mr. Weimer and his wife, Shauna Todd, who manages the store and does sales and design.

“Everything is speeded up,” Mr. Weimer acknowledges. “Our job is to do two things: speed up, but not lose track of classic ideas.”

He and his staff are “constantly re-educating ourselves,” he says.

As a certified gemologist and appraiser with the American Gem Society, he is re-tested every year, he says. Others on the staff take classes from the Gemological Institute of America.

The ability to change is built into the Hirzel culture, he says, noting that founder George Hirzel started as a watchmaker, but with gems becoming more important in the business, became a gemologist when he was 65.

“He was willing to change with the times,” Mr. Weimer notes.

Hirzel Fine Jewelers, 730 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 328-6030.

TOY STORE
Cheeky Monkey Toys

For seven years, Almanac readers have picked Cheeky Monkey Toys in Menlo Park as their favorite toy shop, but this year they have a lot more to cheer about. This summer Cheeky Monkey moved a couple blocks up Santa Cruz Avenue to 640 Santa Cruz, where there is three times the space — a total of 3,500 square feet, says Anna Chow, who owns the store with her husband Dexter Chow. The new store, which opened July 14, offers a deeper selection from its existing lines, some new lines, an expanded science area, an arts and crafts section, and a new selection of Kumon educational workbooks, Ms. Chow says. “Kids learn through play,” says Ms. Chow. “We want to provide more tools for parents to use at home with their kids.”

Cheeky Monkey has added party supplies and is hosting birthday parties in the store, says Mr. Chow. It’s involved in a number of community activities, such as fundraising drives with local schools and sponsoring a kids’ bounce house at recent downtown block parties, when the city closed Santa Cruz Avenue to vehicle traffic. As part of its ongoing open house celebrations for the new store, live musicians will be at Cheeky Monkey at 11 a.m. on Saturdays, Sept. 8, Mr. Chow says.

Cheeky Monkey Toys, 640 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 328-7975.
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MOM AND DAD RESTAURANT

Diners love the eclectic atmosphere and friendly service of Buck’s in Woodside. Owner Jamis MacNiven points to his restaurant’s long history as a reason for its popularity with moms and dads of all ages. He notes that many of the children who grew up in the restaurant now either work there or have kids of their own. Around for 17 years, Buck’s is also known as a hub for many of Silicon Valley’s venture capitalists. Parents and business people alike can enjoy the menu, which offers everything from breakfast and burgers to crab cakes and filet mignon.

Su Hong, 1039 El Camino Real; 323-6852.
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PLACE FOR A DATE/INTIMATE DINING

The Village Pub is Almanac readers’ top choice for a romantic place to wine and dine that special someone. Chef Mark Sullivan’s award-winning food, the sumptuous surroundings and friendly, unobtrusive service make the Pub an obvious choice for starry-eyed dining duets. The menu changes seasonally to showcase the produce that comes from the Pub’s own farm on Skyline, and it usually features a dish for two, most recently a rib-eye steak, says general manager Kevin Biggerstaff.

Dutch Goose, 3567 Alameda de las Pulgas Menlo Park; 854-3245.

PLACE TO DINE WITH KIDS

It’s no surprise that the Dutch Goose has won for the best place to dine with kids. Although the Menlo Park institution has been a longtime favorite with college students craving beer and burgers, the place stands out for its kid-friendly attributes. No need to worry about getting peanuts on the floor when you chow down at the ancient wooden booths or play the arcade games. Kids love hearing their name called on the intercom when their order is ready, says owner Gregory Stern. He also said that the restaurant will film kids’ sporting events for free so that the whole team can come over to watch on the big plasma televisions afterwards, dirty cleats and all. For those who want healthful options, the Dutch Goose also offers grilled items, fresh salads and fruit cups.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Whether you wake up early or sleep in late, Sunday brunch at St. Michael’s Alley in downtown Palo Alto aims to satisfy. On Sunday (and Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., you can choose from a range of cook-to-order breakfast and lunch menu items. Owned by Jennifer Youll and Michael Sabina, St. Michael’s Alley integrates fresh, local ingredients into its brunch offerings.

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Birthdays are happy indeed at Color Me Mine, the paint-your-own ceramics studio where kids can take home more than the typical goody bag. With the help of one of the studio’s birthday hosts such as employee “Cookie” Samueld, kids can flex their creative muscles by painting bisque items ranging from boxes to animal figurines. Party-goers can then pick up the finished products about a week later, after the ceramics are fired. The birthday boy or girl will also receive a special birthday plate, decorated with the fingerprints of everyone who attended the party. In addition, the studio coordinates cake and snacks to be served before or after the painting process.

Color Me Mine, 602 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 328-4846.

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Readers this year chose The Fish Market in Palo Alto as their favorite seafood restaurant. From wild salmon and shrimp cocktails to shellfish linguini and sushi, the restaurant offers an expansive menu of seafood choices. Look for the menu’s rotating specialty box, which changes according to what’s in season. Henry Hiatt, a manager at the restaurant, remarks that many of the Fish Market’s employees eat at the restaurant every day, ensuring the quality of the food. The restaurant also features an adjoining retail fish market that offers fresh fish, frozen seafood items and to-go items that you can order from the restaurant’s menu.

The Fish Market, 3150 El Camino Real, Palo Alto; 493-9188.

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Downtown Menlo Park’s Carpacchio has won readers over with its authentic Italian cuisine for yet another year. With cheese imported from Parma and meats from Trieste, Carpacchio works to remain as close to its Italian roots as possible. Every year, the restaurant’s managing partner Ciya Martorana travels to Italy with a group of customers for a culinary and wine-tasting tour and returns with new ideas for the restaurant. “We’re always trying to improve,” she said. According to Ms. Martorana, the lasagna and the Bombetta di Parmigiano — a cheese soufflé — are popular menu choices. Round out the meal with a dessert like tiramisu or panna cotta.

Carcaccio, 1120 Crane St., Menlo Park; 322-1211.

FRENCH RESTAURANT

Menlo Park’s Left Bank continues to charm Almanac readers with its French fare. The sidewalk dining is quite popular, but even a seat amidst the bustling activity inside might transport you to a French brasserie for the duration of your meal. The menu changes with the seasons, but popular favorites such as the duck à l’orange or mussels Florentine remain constant. Indulge in pommes frittes or try some creme brulee or tiramisu.

Left Bank, 635 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 473-6543.

MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Although it’s only been open for four years, Celia’s has become a local favorite for its Mexican food. According to restaurant manager Fernando Mancera, favorites on the menu include the fajitas and the Cancun platter, a
dish of shrimp, crab and scallops sauteed in wine and covered in melted, grated cheese. The family-friendly restaurant is known for a large menu and equally large portions. A live mariachi band heats up Celia’s on Sunday nights from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Celia’s, 1850 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 321-8227.

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Readers have chosen Naomi Sushi in Menlo Park as their favorite place to savor some satisfying sushi. You don’t have to be a football fan to enjoy the 49er roll, which features white tuna and avocado on top with spicy yellow tail inside. Although the omakase, which is the chef’s changing creation, is also a popular choice, restaurant-goers can also design their own rolls. For those who don’t desire raw fish, there are plenty of other choices such as udon noodles, tofu and katsu — Japanese-style fried chicken.

Naomi Sushi, 1328 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 321-6902.

INDIAN RESTAURANT

Almanac readers have once again chosen Mountain View’s Amber India as their favorite Indian restaurant. The Amber restaurant and the Amber cafe are only a few miles apart from each other, and both have extensive menus despite their different atmospheres. Both locations offer a popular lunch buffet that features 15 to 20 dishes, from starters and salads to meat dishes and desserts. The dinner menu includes favorites like the tandoori mixed grill, chicken tikka and lamb curry. For a tasty meatless choice, try the dal bukhara (lentils slow-cooked with spices and creamed tomatoes) or Palak Paneer (spinach with farmer’s cheese and spices). No Indian meal would be complete without warm naan bread, which comes in many varieties at Amber India.

Amber India Restaurant, 2290 El Camino Real, Mountain View; 968-7511.
Amber India Cafe, 600 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View; 968-1751.

THAI RESTAURANT

For a taste of Thai, readers have chosen Thai City in Palo Alto. The popular lunch combinations include a main dish, satay, salad and a choice of pad Thai, fried rice or steamed rice, says restaurant manager Meng Dan. The extensive lunch and dinner menus feature a wide range of Thai cuisine, from noodle and rice dishes to curries and sautes. According to Mr. Dan, favorites include chicken satay, yellow curry, cattfish curry and pad Thai. He notes that if you’re craving the sweet milky flavor of Thai iced tea, you can order it by the liter.

Thai City, 3691 El Camino Real, Palo Alto; 493-0643.

BREAKFAST

Stacks’ in downtown Menlo Park is winner of the “best breakfast” award for the fourth year. General Manager Bryan Godfrey attributes the win to great service. “Really nice people work here,” he says. Sit down to pancakes, waffles, French toast or eggs prepared in more ways than you could possibly imagine. Breakfast favorites include the banana macadamia pancakes, bacon waffles and crab crepes, but low-carb options and lighter fare such as fruit salads are also available. Although it’s known for its breakfast, Stacks’ also serves lunch. “Our burgers

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Izzie Nada concentrates on a piece of pottery at Color Me Mine, voted the best place to have a child’s birthday party.
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DESSERT

Those with a sweet tooth once again chose Prolific Oven in downtown Palo Alto as their favorite place to indulge. The chocolate cakes — offered in rum, orange almond, mocha and double chocolate flavors — remain the most popular, but they also have creamy French-style cakes in flavors ranging from amaretto cream to green tea mousse. Store manager Adrian Ortiz remarks that the bakery and coffee house just introduced a new product, Apricot Bliss, which is a white cake filled with apricot jam, walnuts and whipped cream, topped with more whipped cream and fruits. In addition, it offers cookies, pastries, individual cake slices and lunch choices.

Prolific Oven, 550 Waverley St., Palo Alto; 326-8485.

ICE CREAM

Readers chose the endless possibilities of Cold Stone Creamery for the second year since the ice cream shop opened its Menlo Park location. The franchise is known for its “mix-ins” — nuts, candy, sauces and other goodies that are folded into the ice cream on a frozen slab of granite. Customers can create their own ice cream and milkshake concoctions or choose from the stores’ expansive menu of ideas. The manager of the Menlo Park location, Andrew Agius, notes that “cake batter” is the most popular flavor of ice cream — especially with local teens. Fittingly, the store’s layered ice cream cakes are also a big seller. Although there are more than 1,000 Cold Stone franchises in the country, each location makes its own ice cream daily in the back of the store.

Coldstone Creamery, 611 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 325-4500.

COFFEE, ESPRESSO, TEA

Caffeine junkies have relied on the Peet’s Coffee and Tea at the corner of Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive for 37 years to provide them with their invigorating beverage of choice. Store manager Dan Green says he believes that people frequent the location because “we [at Peet’s] know the community.” After ordering an ever-popular latte, you can also pick up fresh-roasted coffee beans, bulk teas and assorted pastries brought in from local bakeries. Although Peet’s prides itself on its consistency, it has recently added new blended ice drinks such as the Matcha green tea freddo and the Scharffen Berger chocolate caramel freddo.

Peet’s Coffee and Tea, 899 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 325-8989.

BAGELS

The selections at The Posh Bagel in downtown Menlo Park hit the spot for bagel-lovers once again this year. Among the 24 bagel flavors, sesame and plain remain favorites. The cream cheese spreads known as “schmears” are also popular, with the plain, tomato basil and veggie leading the pack. For those who want to jazz up their typical breakfast sandwich, the store offers a variety of hot “eggwiches.” Bagel sandwiches and pizza bagels are also available for the lunch crowd.

The Posh Bagel, 869 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 325-7674.

JUICE BAR

People can’t get enough of the healthful and tasty smoothies at Jamba Juice in Town and Country Village. Despite newer, non-fruit flavors such as the “Matcha green tea blast” or “peanut butter moo’d,” the most popular flavors remain razzmatazz and Carib-

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bean passion. Store manager Duong Duong notes that Jamba has introduced “all fruit smoothies” in addition to its “Jamba Light” varieties for those who want even more healthful alternatives to the many sherbet or yogurt-based smoothies. Jamba Juice will also soon be revamping its “boosts,” the special blends of vitamins and minerals that you can add to your smoothie.

Jamba Juice, Town and Country Village, Palo Alto; 325-2582.

SANDWICHES
People have been coming to Lutticken’s for the past 27 years for sandwiches and other lunch fixings. Manager Judy Congdon cites the deli’s fresh ingredients and good prices for their flock of regulars. In addition to typical sandwich fare, the deli also serves grilled sandwiches and hot side orders like French fries and onion rings. Ice cream, shaved ice and smoothies are available to round out the meal. They also offer catering services for many local events and organizations.

Lutticken’s, 3535 Almeda de las Pulgas; 854-0291.

BAR, LIVE MUSIC
British Bankers Club has been chosen for the eighth straight year as the best bar and live music venue. Now a classic bar and dining hall, the BBC has gone through many changes in the past 80 years. It was once occupied by American Trust and Savings in 1922 before becoming Menlo Park’s city hall, police department and jail, with the public library upstairs. Although the BBC has stopped offering live music for the time being, the historic building still comes alive with DJ dance parties every Wednesday night, and karaoke on Tuesday and Saturday nights.

British Bankers Club, 1090 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 327-8769.

PLACE TO MEET PEOPLE
A Readers’ Choice staple, Cafe Borrone has once again been named the best place to meet people. The family-owned, European-style cafe has been drawing crowds to the Menlo Center plaza for 17 years. The popular dining spot offers breakfast, and an all-day menu that lists a variety of salads, sandwiches, and cheese and pate plates. It’s open until midnight on Friday and Saturday for the late-night coffee and dessert crowd.

Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 327-8769.

BEST BAKERY
For scrumptious baked goods, our readers chose two local favorites: Draeger’s and Woodside Bakery.

Draeger’s, a Menlo Park institution for more than 50 years, features in its bakery “fresh ingredients and recipes we develop in house, made 100 percent fresh from scratch every day, with no mixes,” says Richard Draeger. Popular items are European-style breads made by master bakers trained in Europe; a new ginger scone made with fresh ginger; single-serving mousse cakes with a gelatin finish; and — always — fresh fruit tarts.

Woodside Bakery, now owned by Woodside’s Mark Sweeney, helped by his sister Jan Sweeney, takes pride in being one of the last true European bakeries in the Bay Area. “We never compromise; we use all butter,” says Jan. Last year the bakery introduced several new healthful muffins with carrot and pineapple.

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Jesus Mendoza, head pastry chef, ices cakes at the Woodside Bakery.
Morning pastries are always popular, as are fruit tarts, breads, pies and special-occasion cakes.

**Woodside Bakery and Cafe**, 3052 Woodside Road, Woodside, 851-7247.

**BEST BUTCHER**

Need a good rib-eye steak or quality ground beef for the grill? How about a leg of lamb or pork loin roast to stuff with herbs and goat cheese for a special meal? Our readers have again voted for **Draeger's** as the place to go to buy meat. The store has a wide and interesting range of meats, and makes its own sausages.

**Draeger's**, 1010 University Drive, Menlo Park; 324-7700.

**GROCERY**

**Trader Joe's** has won the hearts and stomachs of Almanac readers this year. Whether you've got champagne taste on a beer budget, or you just like the ever-changing selection of imported foods and spirits, Trader Joe's is the place to go. There's always a new recipe to sample, interesting new products to try, and lots of options for vegetarian, organic and prepared foods. It's kid-friendly, with balloons and stickers for little ones.


**PRODUCE**

An array of organic and conventional fresh fruits and vegetables, much of it grown locally and purchased directly from farmers, is the foundation of **Sigona's Farmers Market**, founded by the three Sigona brothers and still family-owned. Local growers ensure that produce is picked ripe and is as fresh as possible, from just-picked summer corn that arrives daily, or the highly prized Blenheim apricots, says marketing director Lieth Steel. Sigona's stocks an impressive selection of dried fruits and nuts, as well. Gourmet specialty items include gelato, fresh-press olive oil, and Sigona's popular balsamic vinegar.

**Sigona's Farmers Market**, 399 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 329-1340; and 2345 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, 368-6993.

**NURSERY**

The family-owned **Roger Reynolds Nursery** takes the top prize for the seventh year in a row. The knowledgeable salespeople spend plenty of time helping customers choose the perfect plants, a nursery supervisor says. Besides garden design, soil preparation and planting help, Roger Reynolds has a new Web site that features a monthly garden to-do list. Special events include the annual August tomato tasting, sales twice a year, and a holiday open house.
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featuring refreshments and a 10 percent discount at the Carriage Stop gift shop — this year, it’s on Nov., 16-17.

Roger Reynolds Nursery, 133 Encinal Ave., Menlo Park; 323-5612.

FLORIST

Readers have once again chosen Cindy’s Flowers and Gifts in Menlo Park as their favorite florist. Owner Cindy Smith is currently relocating her store from its previous location near Oak Grove Avenue, in the back of the post office, to a bigger space at 558 Santa Cruz Ave., the site of the former Wessex bookstore. The new store is set to open during the first week of September; Ms. Smith says. Look for new flower arrangements, more high-style vases and a walk-in flower refrigerator among the fresh flowers and gifts baskets.

Cindy’s Flowers and Gifts, 558 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 321-4864.

BARBER

Seven-time winner Golden Shears is a tranquil oasis inspired by the natural hot springs of Tassajara. It’s also Almanac readers’ favorite day spa. Offering nine private hot tub rooms, nature-inspired spa treatments, and several types of massages, Watercourse Way has been soothing, scrubbing and soothing the stress out of Midpeninsulans since 1980. Gift certificates and discounts are available.


HAIR SALON

For about 20 years, Images of Woodside has offered everything from a simple trim to “the works,” as well as manicures, facials and waxing. The staff of 11 hair stylists, manicurists and aestheticians has years of experience and impressive qualifications, keeping their faithful clientele coming back for more. Located near Buck’s restaurant.

Images of Woodside, 3040 Woodside Road, Woodside; 851-7103.

MANICURE

When it comes to elegant hands with glossy nails and well-tended cuticles, Almanac readers say their fingers prefer the attention of manicurists at LaBelle Day Spas. LaBelle offers specialty manucutures to treat dry hands and problem nails, coddles customers with snacks and beverages, and offers long hours, seven days a week, to make appointments convenient, says corporate manager Mila Recania. The spas also offer hair-styling, pedicures, facials, hair removal, massages, scrubs and wraps.

LaBelle Day Spas, 36 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 326-8522; and 95 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, 327-6943.

FITNESS FACILITY

As the famous Village People song suggests, readers find there’s a lot to do at the YMCA of the Midpeninsula, which operates centers in Palo Alto, Redwood City, and East Palo Alto. The Palo Alto Family YMCA offers a range of fitness programs and exercise options, including access to the gym and pool, group exercise, personal training, and sports leagues for adults and children.

Palo Alto Family YMCA, 3412 Ross Road, Palo Alto; 856-9622.

BICYCLE SHOP

Menlo Velo pedaled to the top of the heap again this year. Selling equipment, including mountain, racing and commuter bikes, as well as doing bike repair and rentals, Menlo Velo focuses on customer service. In business since 1985, the shop is the country’s biggest retailer of Breezer commuter bikes. Menlo Velo is also the sponsor of the Stanford University Cycling Team, the 2007...
collegiate national champions, and will take a turn housing the trophy this year.

Menlo Velo, 433 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 327-9137.

PET STORE

For 15 years, husband and wife Marc and Lynn Macy have owned and operated The Pet Place, and for 15 years the couple’s Menlo Park pet store has won the Almanac’s Readers’ Choice award. The Santa Cruz Avenue spot provides food, supplies and knick knacks for pets. With the help of shelters and rescue organizations, the Macys also help reunite lost pets with owners, and find homes for abandoned animals.

The Pet Place, 777 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 325-7387.

CLEANERS

It’s a tie between longtime laundry favorites Country Club Cleaners and Peninou French Cleaners.

In business for over 100 years, Peninou French Laundry & Cleaners will be relocating its Menlo Park branch from its location at 558 Oak Grove Ave. to 1145 Crane St. in downtown around October, says store manager Alma Pulido. The store is known for handling formal gowns, wedding dresses and fine linens. Ms. Pulido cites their “all green” methods of cleaning — which include the use of a mild solvent — and quality service for their repeated wins as best cleaner.

Owned by Thomas Chang and Joanne Ji, Country Club Cleaners offers one-day laundry service and also one-hour pressing service. According to Ms. Ji, the store, which has been around for about 17 years, uses no chemicals in its dry cleaning supplies.

Peninou, 558 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park; 322-7562.
Country Club Cleaners, 3536 Alameda, Menlo Park; 854-5474.

PHARMACY

For the sixth time in seven years, readers say Preuss Pharmacy is the best place to get their prescriptions filled. “Customer service has always been our hallmark,” says owner John Celidon, whose family has owned and operated the Santa Cruz Avenue pharmacy for 18 years. The pharmacy now delivers prescriptions to customers as far north as Daly City, and far south as Mountain View, Mr. Celidon says. In recent months, staff has launched a Web site, PreussPharmacy.com. In addition to prescriptions and cosmetics,
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Preuss also offers prescription compounding for hospice, pain management, and some veterinary programs.

Preuss Pharmacy, 844 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 321-8045.

**HOTEL**

The Stanford Park Hotel was voted the best hotel by readers for a sixth-straight year, but the competition is about to get tougher. The 120-room Rosewood Hotel being built off Sand Hill Road will be up and running by 2008, but Jonathan Farrington, the hotel’s general manager, isn’t too concerned by the new competition. “We know our place and our sense of service,” Mr. Farrington said, noting that 45 percent of the hotel’s visitors are repeat customers. “We’re not a cookie-cutter environment — we have the ability to adapt to the needs of the public.” Management is currently trying to expand the European-style luxury hotel by building a new conference center to allow for larger business seminars and catered events.

Stanford Park Hotel, 100 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 322-1234.

**BOUTIQUE**

Year after year, Almanac readers name Calla as their favorite boutique for women’s clothes and accessories. A monthly calendar keeps customers apprised of the frequent events, and the wide selection of clothes, accessories and gift items keeps them coming back, says owner Lee Murphy. New lines, such as Juicy Couture, and established customer favorites such as Nanette Lepore and Lacoste make for an eclectic mix.

Calla Kicks, around the corner at 1060 Evelyn St., now houses Calla’s shoe selection.

Calla, 895 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 322-5524.

**WOMEN’S SHOE STORE**

The winner of this new category is Nordstrom, a department store well-known for its customer service and friendly return policy. Its huge selection of women’s shoes includes hard-to-find sizes. Members of the sales staff are certified in fitting and regularly meet with vendors to learn about their shoe lines, says Donya Disperati, first assistant manager of the women’s shoe department at the Stanford Shopping Center store. “We started as a shoe company, so we’ve always been great with shoes,” she says. Special events regularly showcase new shoe styles by brands such as Munro, Danko and Ecox.

Nordstrom is also known for selling “intentional mismatches” to people with one foot that is at least one-and-a-half sizes larger than the other foot.

Nordstrom, 550 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto; 323-5111.

**STATIONERY STORE**

Village Stationers was once again our readers’ favorite stationery store. It carries a large inventory of office supplies, stationery and greeting cards, plus gifts for kids and their elders. A family business in Menlo Park for more than 30 years, Village Stationers knows its customers and gives them personal service. “We have a real symbiotic relationship with the people of Menlo Park,” says owner Kerry Hector.

Village Stationers, 719 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 321-6920.

**TRAVEL AGENCY**

For the second year in a row, Almanac readers liked the one-stop service and thoroughness of the AAA Travel Agency. Besides helping plan automobile trips across the country, the full-service travel agency helps plan exotic vacations around the world, including reservations. It also offers maps, tour books, TripTiks and help with the DMV.

AAA Travel Agency, 430 Forest Ave., Palo Alto; 321-0470.

**BEST BOOKSTORE**

More than just their favorite bookstore, readers continue to value Kepler’s Books and Magazines as a community catalyst dating back generations.

Kepler appears to be thriving after the meltdown two years ago when the store abruptly closed then was revived through an outpouring of community support. Now, 1,800 people have joined the independent bookstore’s “Literary Circle.”

September’s schedule shows 23 events, including authors, story times, family events, book club meetings, and even a Klutz 30th birthday party. Owner Clark Kepler looks forward to continuing this summer’s popular “Go Green” programs into the fall, and to more activities with community partners. Mr. Kepler is proud of signing up 200 book clubs last year; now the book club section has taken up a sizable area in the middle of the store. “It’s the most dynamic part of the store,” he said. “People see the books the community is reading.”

Kepler’s Books and Magazines, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 324-4321.

**WINE & LIQUOR STORE**

Beltramo’s has deep roots in the Peninsula’s terroir so it’s no wonder readers have again chosen it as their favorite place to buy wines and spirits. Established in 1882 by Giovanni Beltramo and still family-owned — the store specializes in small-estate wines from around the world, at very competitive prices. “If anybody had it, I figured that you would,” is a phrase often uttered by customers looking for rare, hard-to-find bottles, says wine consultant Rebecca Rapszky. Tastings are held on Saturdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. There will also be a series of special evening tastings this fall; call for details.

Beltramo’s Wines and Liquors, 1540 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 325-2806.

**ORIENTAL CARPETS**

Two downtown Menlo Park galleries tied for first place: the Oriental Carpet and Stephen Miller Gallery.

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The Oriental Carpet’s 5,000-square-foot showroom houses a wide variety of traditional, contemporary and decorative carpets and rugs. Proprietors Syd and Linda Smith are direct importers who select handmade carpets from India, Pakistan, Nepal and Iran. The business began in Palo Alto in 1972; it moved to Menlo Park 12 years ago, and its loyal customers followed. "We specialize in all forms of contemporary rugs," says Mr. Smith. "We have a wide variety of merchandise and we’ve been in business a long, long time." The Oriental Carpet also offers cleaning, repairs and appraisals.

The Oriental Carpet, 707 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 327-6608.

Owner Stephen Miller is celebrating his 30th year in business; the Stephen Miller Gallery has been in Menlo Park since 1991. "While we love to find customers for the rugs, we pride ourselves on finding rugs for the customers," Mr. Miller says. "People shouldn’t be bashful to just come in and look around." The gallery’s selection of hand-woven carpets includes antique, traditional and contemporary designs, as well as custom-made pieces and reproductions. The store also offers cleaning and restoration.

Stephen Miller Gallery, 800 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 327-5040.

FURNITURE STORE

For 15 consecutive years, Flegel’s Home Furnishings has been named the favorite furniture store by Almanac readers. On display at the downtown Menlo Park store are numerous hand-crafted, heirloom-quality items from such noted manufacturers as Baker, Stickley, and Alfonso Marina. The store has a team of interior designers who work closely with clients. A Menlo Park landmark for 53 years, Flegel’s is headed by president and CEO Mark Flegel, son of the founders, Arthur and Cleora Flegel. Recently, Mark’s son, Brian, joined the company.

Flegel’s Home Furnishings, 870 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 326-9661.

AUTO REPAIR

Almanac readers for the eighth year in a row singled out Menlo-Atherton Shell as their favorite auto repair shop. A family-owned business since 1968, M-A Shell does all auto repairs “from top to bottom,” says Don Bajada, son and manager. “We also will give customers a ride home when their car is in the shop.” Specializing in repairing Mercedes and BMWs — as well as domestic vehicles — the shop offers maintenance and mileage servicing. Making an appointment is recommended. Customers can have their vehicles towed to the shop 24 hours a day.

Menlo-Atherton Shell, 1400 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 325-1280.

BANK

Almanac readers chose Wells Fargo as their top banking choice. In its 55th year in downtown Menlo Park, the bank offers a variety of services, including online banking; checking and savings accounts; financial consulting; retirement and investment plans; and student, home and auto loans. Other branches are in Sharon Heights and Woodside. Also, there is an ATM in the Ladera Professional Center, corner of Alpine Road and La Honda Road; Portola Valley. Wells Fargo, downtown branch, 735 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 289-1036.

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PAINTERS
In business for 17 years, Rubens Custom Painting owner Ruben Citoros says he emphasizes good environmental practices — not because it’s politically correct to do so, but because he believes in them. While painting houses on the Midpeninsula is the backbone of the business, Rubens Custom Painting also specializes in restoring tile roofs and applying heat-reflective and waterproof coatings that lower energy bills and keep old roofing materials out of landfill. Families with children, or asthma and allergy sufferers, benefit from paints and coatings with very low VOC (volatile organic compounds), he says. Other services include refinishing cabinetry, glazes, and antique and faux finishes.
Rubens Custom Painting, 1259 El Camino Real, No. 333, Menlo Park; (800) 554-7655.

PAINT STORE
Family-owned Gray’s Paint and Wallpaper beat out the big box stores as Almanac readers’ favorite place to buy paint. Gray’s wide selection includes Benjamin Moore, Pratt & Lambert, and Fuller O’Brien paints. The Redwood City location offers two-ounce sample paint pots in more than 4,000 colors. “People act like it’s the best thing since sliced bread,” says owner Bob Gray. “Our cash register’s ringing all day with people buying six at a time.” The Redwood City store also offers a wide range of wallpaper, but all Gray’s locations offer excellent service and color selection, says Mr. Gray.
Gray’s Paint and Wallpaper, 717 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, 322-2238; and 1411 Woodside Road, Redwood City, 365-6222.

PLUMBER
Taking good care of their customers is what distinguishes Guy Plumbing, says Dave Guy, the co-owner of the family-owned business founded by his grandfather David nearly 60 years ago. Because most of their customers are repeat business, Guy Plumbing saves money because it doesn’t need to advertise, he says. “We haven’t had to raise our rates. A lot of other places have, because gas prices and advertising rates have gone up.” Guy Plumbing offers a range of services from remodeling and installation to repair.
Guy Plumbing and Heating, 1265 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 323-8421.

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Park Ace Hardware two years ago at the same location as the venerable family-owned Menlo Park Hardware, which closed in 2001 after 77 years in business. A well-stocked hardware store has returned to downtown, and Almanac readers showed their support by voting for this business as “the best” hardware store. “We try to have everything customers need and offer friendly service,” says employee Trey, who worked for the old Menlo Park Hardware and is happy to be back in the store. The owners now are Menlo Park residents. They also own Handyman Hardware at Market and 16th streets in San Francisco.
Menlo Park Ace Hardware, 700 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 325-2515.

Server Sarah Dellinges passes by one of the many eclectic decorations at Buck’s restaurant.

THE FISH MARKET

Thank you to Almanac readership for voting The Fish Market #1 Seafood Restaurant.

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ATHERTON

Beautifully Remodeled $5,595,000
5 BR 4 BA French doors lead to beautiful private setting with lush landscaping. Abundant verandas & entertainment areas. Private master suite. By appointment.

MENLO PARK

UPDATED ELEGANCE $1,699,000
4 BR 3 BA Remodeled home in Menlo Park with updated kitchen and large family room. Los Lomitas schools. Tom LeMieux 650.323.7751

WOODSIDE

Spectacular Views $1,995,000
3 BR 2.5 BA + 2 BR/2BA guest cottage. There are ocean views from every room in this country estate. Decks surround the home for enjoyment of the view.

MENLO PARK

REMODELED! $719,000
2BR/2BA Hidde floors throughout, granite counter, master bath with jacuzzi tub, Halogen track lighting, huge storage space in basement. Central AC.

SAN GREGORIO

Build Your Dream Home $2,200,000
Spectacular estate property with views galore & gated entrance is 20 acres with mature redwoods & oaks. Guesthouse & horse stable in an ideal setting.

SAN MATEO

Sophisticated Living at “The Top of The Mounds” $995,000
2 BR 2 BA Spacious corner unit remodeled views, living room, formal dining area, eat-in kitchen, den & expansive terrace. Community pool/spa, 24-hour security & more

WESTLAKE KNOLLS $689,000
3 BR 1 BA Great neighborhood Close to shopping, freeways, hills. Beautiful hardwood flrs, fresh interior paint, DBL pane windows. Remod. bath, tons of storage! Tara Jaramillo 650.323.7751

Daly City

IDEAL SETTING $1,895,000
3 BR 2.5 BA 1/2 mile from multi million dollar Atherton homes is this lovely ranch style home with a great floor plan! Hanna Shacham 650.324.4456

NEW LISTING! $2,295,000
4 BR 2.5 BA - Hidden gem in the heart of Los Altos. Desirable Country Club area nestled upon beautifully landscaped grounds. Hanna Shacham 650.323.7751

WINDSOR

PRIME LOCATION $5,980,000
4BR 3BA Approx 1.25 acres of prime horse property offers spacious stall-level stables, high beam ceiling, tandem plank flrs, expansive home stable & direct trail access. Great potential! Celeste Henzel 650.851.2666

NEW LISTING $7,100,000
6 BR 4 BA 9,000+ SF of living space on nearly 2 AC. Lg deck/pool, 2 car garage. Large front yard. Furnishings not included. Betty Todd 650.324.4456

SAN GREGORIO

CUSTOM ENGISH TUDOR $6,400,000

NEW OASIS $15,000,000
7 BR 7.5 BA Unparalleled luxury and landmark architecture await you at this gorgeous home with 10,666sf on 1.3+ acres of exquisitely landscaped grounds. Moments from town-PA Schools. Hanna Shacham 650.323.4446

NEW LISTING $4,895,000
6 BR 5.5 BA Gorgeous home in Prime Menlo Park Elegant LR, DR, gourmet kit w/ breakfast bar, ensuite master suite, media room, landscape. 2 ac. MP schools. Keri Nicholas 650.323.7771

WESTLAKE KNOLLS $2,395,000
1 BR 1 BA Elegant home, formal dining rm, gourmet kit w/ granite countertops, spacious family rm, ensuite master suite w/private BA. Lovely landscaped backyard. Karl Keil 650.323.7771

NEW LISTING $2,199,000
East Palo Alto $2,449,000
6 BR 6.5 BA Gorgeous home in Prime Menlo Park Elegant L/R, DR, gourmet kit w/ breakfast bar, ensuite master suite, media room, landscape. 2 ac. MP schools. Hanna Shacham 650.323.4446

HORSE PROPERTY

NEW LISTING $5,100,000
6 BR 4.5 BA Stately & classic Yorkshire style manor on 3 ac w/courtyard, pool, in-law. Luxury estate. Keri Nicholas 650.324.4456

NEW LISTING $1,699,000
4 BR 2 BA Beautiful ranch style home with a great floor plan! Hanna Shacham 650.324.4456

NEW LISTING $2,295,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Two plus acres with a recent remodel and beautiful home! Keri Nicholas 650.324.4456

NEW LISTING $2,495,000
4 BR 3.5 BA - Modern, luxurious, w/3 car garage. East Palo Alto. Idyllic. Hanna Shacham 650.324.4456

NEW LISTING $3,199,000
3 BR 2 BA Willow! Serene location. Midcentury remodelled kitchen & baths. Open floor plan, hardwood floors, laundry room, 2 car garage. Darcy Freeman 650.323.6616

NEW LISTING $2,499,000
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REDWOOD CITY

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$799,000

4 BR 2 BA + Den. Modern, well-maintained home with 5400 sf. 3 car gar., 4 BR w/2 dens, OPPA Home. Fully landscaped. Beautiful views.
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WOODSIDE

PREMIER WOODSIDE

$12,500,000


NEWLY CONSTRUCTED

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4 BR 3.5 BA. New Construction.  Great location, close to downtown. Chef’s kitchen, gym, 4 car gar., pool/spa, firepl.

SAN CARLOS

MEDITERRANEAN VILLA

$4,695,000


SAN MATEO

TUDOR MANSION 65$+

$58,000,000

7 BR 6.5 BA. Adorable home near downtown + White Oaks St. Great Federal charm, new updates, oil heat. Must see. Walk-in closet, gorgeous bedding & bonus playroom

SAN MATEO

OLD WORLD LUXURY, MODERN

$2,395,000

3 BR 2 BA Single level law condo in 1 unit building. Recent construction. Secure building. Richly detailed Mahogany doors, paneling, fitness center, more.

MEDITERRANEAN VILLA

$4,695,000

4 BR 4.5 BA Excl. country lane… 4(+/-) ac w/beautiful gardens, Formal dining room, 2 fireplaces. 3100+ sf. Superb craftsmanship throughout. Fully landscaped.

WOODSIDE

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4 BR 6 BA A gorgeous new 2000+ sqft. home designed by Tim Chappelle for 2009 completion. Adj. 3 ac lot avail. Create a magical estate amidst stately oaks & redwoods.

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WOODSIDE

CENTRAL WOODSIDE

$2,100,000

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Kings Mountain Art Fair celebrates its 44th year

Known for its stunning location among the redwood and for its unusual and varied artists, the annual Kings Mountain Art Fair will be held one again on Labor Day weekend, Saturday through Monday, Sept. 1-3, on the forested grounds of the Kings Mountain Community Center and Firehouse at 13889 Skyline Blvd. (Highway 35), above the town of Woodside.

In its 44th years, the fair starts with breakfast at 8 a.m. The artists’ booths are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The event benefits the Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Brigade and other community activities, including the Kings Mountain Elementary School. It is staffed completely by volunteers from the local community.

Fair admission and parking are free.

Check the West site for directions and parking information.

There are several routes: for example, six miles south of Highway 92 (west of Highway 280, “the path of least resistance”); or two miles north of Kings Mountain Road (up from Woodside, “the path of most resistance”); or six miles north of Highway 84 (somewhere in between least and most).

Parking is located along Skyline Blvd. A free shuttle van runs one mile in each direction of the fair, with shuttle stops marked by signs. Visitors are asked to park to the right of the red tree to avoid a parking ticket.

Visitors can take several foot-paths through the redwoods that run adjacent to Skyline Boulevard for their stroll to the fair. Southbound on Skyline, take two or three steps up any driveway on the west side and you will find the path.

Northbound on the east side of Skyline you can pick up Huddart Park’s Ridge (Skyline) Trail.

“Plowed Fields” by Atherton artist Stephen Osborn is typical of his “twisted landscape” paintings. He will be exhibiting again this year at the Kings Mountain Art Fair.

The organizers ask that pet remain at home, except service dogs.

Bicyclists are asked to park their bikes in a rack before strolling through the redwoods to see the art.

For more information, go to www.kingsmountainartfair.org.

Retired scientists sought for middle-school science program

Careers in science and technology may not be for everyone, but a reservoir of citizens who can grasp and appreciate the meaning of scientific principles when they encounter them can be a real plus in a complex world.

Toward these ends, a group of retired local scientists are contributing their time and energy to help educate middle-school students and are seeking colleagues to join them through project RE-SEED (Retirees Enhancing Science Education through Experiments and Demonstrations).

The Boston-based national program has had a branch in the Bay Area since 2000 and focuses on bringing an engaging viewpoint to earth, physical and life sciences for kids in grades 6 through 8, says local coordinator Peter K. Mueller, a retired Palo Alto chemist and a volunteer at Selby Lane School in Atherton.

To match volunteer to classroom, administrators from the Partnership for Student Success in Science, a project funded by the National Science Foundation, determine the appropriate grade level, subject matter, driving distance and need, Mr. Mueller says.

Classroom duties can range from daily teaching to weekly prepping and cleaning of labs to a monthly visit to demonstrate a scientific principle, Mr. Mueller says. Training is available.

Along with his science-based assistance, Mr. Mueller has also volunteered to tutor algebra. While he says it can sometimes be frustrating, “it’s a lot of fun, it’s very satisfying, and it’s really needed.”

For more information, call Mr. Mueller at 303-6893 or send e-mail to pklausm@mac.com.
Swing time at Holbrook-Palmer

By Andrea Gemmet
Almanac Staff Writer

It's going to be a swinging party at the Sunday, Sept. 9, “Swing in the Park” fundraiser for Atherton’s Holbrook-Palmer Park.

The centerpiece of the event will be a live auction of one-of-a-kind swings, ranging from artistic porch gliders to innovative playground sets.

“Several local artists, architects and contractors have been working to create unique swings for the Swing in the Park auction,” said Denise Kuppermian of the Atherton Dames. “Generous benefactors include kinetic artist Ben Truistman, glass artist Nikolais Weinstein, and fabulous furniturermaker Roger Heitzman.”

Also set for the auction block is a Lexus vehicle, and there will be a silent auction of gift baskets and gift certificates.

Andy Garcia memorial run on Labor Day

The sixth annual Andy Garcia Memorial 5K Run-Walk-Bike event will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 3, starting at 9 a.m. at Triangle Park, at the intersection of Alpine and Portola Roads in Portola Valley.

This event, which also finishes in the park, commemorates the Aug. 28 birthday of Mr. Garcia, who lost his life in the United Airlines Flight 93 crash on Sept. 11, 2001, in Pennsylvania. This would have been his 69th birthday.

“We’ve had amazing support from the community over the years,” said his daughter, Kelly Garcia Arrilaga. “We hope friends and community members will join the family for both the run/walk and a free pancake breakfast in the park after the run.”

Every year, families, friends and pets have come out for the event on foot, on bikes, in strollers and even on roller blades, she said. “It has really been a wonderful tribute to my dad,” said Ms Arrilaga.

The Garcia family—Andy, wife Dorothy and their children Kelly, Audrey and Andrew—moved to Portola Valley in 1976. He and his wife founded a business that represented manufacturers.

The town of Portola Valley has planted a tree and installed a plaque in Triangle Park in Mr. Garcia’s memory.

Comments period extended on Huddart/Wunderlich EIR

Anyone who wants to weigh in on the draft program environmental impact report (EIR) for the Huddart/Wunderlich master plan has until Wednesday, Sept. 12, to register comments.

The master plan for development of the two mountain parks in and near Woodside over the next 20 years was prepared in 2006 after extensive public hearings and input.

At a public hearing Aug. 2, the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission only heard from the small group of Woodside residents who live along Greer Road in Woodside. Those residents have current issues with access to Huddart Park from their narrow road, and use of trails that connect to Raymundo Drive in Woodside.

The draft program EIR may be viewed at the county parks Web site, www.eparks.net; click on the “Park Planning” link on the left, and then “Other Planning Efforts” in the center of the page.

People with questions or comments may contact Senior Planner Sam Herzberg at 363-1825 or at sherzberg@co.sanmateo.ca.us. Or write Mr. Herzberg at San Mateo County Parks Department, 455 County Center, 4th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063.
Energy expert to speak in Menlo

Stanford professor James Sweeney, an expert on how energy economic policies affect the environment, and an economic adviser to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, will speak at a special meeting of the Menlo Park Green Ribbon Citizens Committee on Aug. 29.

Mr. Sweeney, who is also a member of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, will start his talk at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at the Civic Center, between Laurel and Alma streets.

USGS lecture on Sierra Nevada caves

Geologist John Tinsley will explore the caves that perforate the southern Sierra Nevada at the August public lecture at the U.S. Geological Survey on Thursday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m., in Building 3 of the Menlo Park campus at 345 Middlefield Road.

Over the past five million years, water has carved successively deeper caves as John Muir’s “Ring of Light” was uplifted. Lliburn Cave, the longest, has 21 miles of passages; the most recent cave was discovered in 2006. For information, call 329-3000.

Talk on safety of medications

Pharmacist David Burris of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation Pharmacy will lead an Aug. 27 discussion in Menlo Park on how to safely and effectively use over-the-counter medicines. The program starts at 4 p.m. at the Little House activity center, 800 Middle Ave, and will be followed by a shrimp dinner, barbershop music and a raffle. The discussion and dinner are free. Call 235-2025, ext. 230, for reservations.

Volunteers sought for church event

The Menlo Park Presbyterian Church is seeking volunteers to help hold a barbecue at Burgess Park for the homeless on Saturday, Sept. 15. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will be a “scaled down” version of the church’s Compassion Weekend Picnic. People interested in helping should contact Renee Masterson at 323-4439.

Impressionist era: fashion and culture

An illustrated art lecture on 19th century Parisian fashion as captured by Impressionist painters is the topic of a talk at the Little House activity center from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4. The center is at 800 Middle Ave in Menlo Park. Admission is $1 for members and $2 for others.

Holocaust survivor talks at Little House

Helen Farkas will speak on her experience at the Auschwitz concentration camp in a talk at Little House activity center in Menlo Park from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11. The program is part of the Little House series of “Tuesday Teas.” Little House is at 800 Middle Ave. For more information, call 326-2025.

Remembering your life and passing it on

Todd Keitz of Think Back Films will speak Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Little House activity center in Menlo Park on the topic, “Remembering Your Life and Passing It On.” The program runs from 2 to 3 p.m. and is part of the Little House series of Tuesday Teas. Little House is at 800 Middle Ave. For more information, call 326-2025.

Woodside’s Dick Tagg gives blood 500 times

Richard Tagg is conscientious about giving blood regularly to help others. In fact, he gives as often as he can.

Mr. Tagg, 79, of Woodside, set a record when he made his 500th blood donation Aug. 24 at the Stanford Blood Center in Palo Alto.

He has been donating blood for more than 35 years and has tried to make the maximum allowed 24 donations a year over the last several years.

“We hope that bringing attention to Dick’s amazing dedication to saving lives will encourage others to donate as well,” said Michele Hyndman, blood center spokeswoman.

The effort is especially appreciated, Ms. Hyndman said, because of continuing shortages. The center had less than a one-day supply of O blood in mid-August.

When he became a donor long ago after reading an ad in a local newspaper asking for blood donors for children with leukemia.

“Our kids were about the same age and we were able to meet the kids and their parents,” he said.

“It was very personal.”

For more information on the Stanford Blood Center, go to: www.bloodcenter.stanford.edu.

— Don Kazak, Palo Alto Weekly

Rich Gordon launches Webcast

Does it sometimes appear that San Mateo County government is distant, obscure and inaccessible? Supervisor Rich Gordon would like to correct that impression by going high-tech. He’s launched a Webcast on his county Web page called “Community Message” to promote dialogue with constituents.

“I want to inform the residents but also hear from them,” he said. “I’d like to know what people think about what we are working on here in the county.”

In his first Webcast for July and August, Supervisor Gordon outlined three current county issues and asked for responses. Under a new committee structure for the supervisors, Supervisor Gordon chairs a new Environmental Quality Committee, which is initially focusing on watershed, global warming and recycling.

Mr. Gordon urged residents to support county agriculture by patronizing restaurants and food establishments that feature the farm bureau’s “As Fresh as it Gets” program. He also talked about the budget, and the long-term challenge to the county of paying for the prison system and health care for the indigent.

Mr. Gordon, who lives in Menlo Oaks and represents District 3, which includes Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley, and most of the Coastside, encouraged people to contact him about their interests and concerns.

“Not everyone has time to attend our board meetings,” he said. “I understand that, so hopefully people will find five minutes to get caught up on county affairs in the comfort of their own home or office.”

Supervisor Gordon’s Community Message can be found under the San Mateo County web page, www.co.sANmateo.ca.us; click on the “Board of Supervisors” link on the left, and then “Rich S. Gordon.” Or send messages to rgordon@co.sanmateo.ca.us.

NOTICE OF CANCELLED ELECTION FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because the number of persons running for Town Council does not exceed the number of offices to be filled at the general election scheduled for November 6, 2007, and there is no other matter on the ballot, the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley, at its August 22, 2007 council meeting has cancelled the election for Councilmembers.

Angela Howard
Clerk of the Town of Portola Valley

August 24, 2007

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**Special Events**


**Camille Saint-Saens’ opera “Samson and Delilah”**

by John Okell

**Tribute to Master Community Calendar**

by Jane Austen

**At TheatreWorks**

Lianne Marie Dobbs stars in “Emma,” TheatreWorks’ 50th anniversary production. This musical, from Tony-nominated composer Paul Gordon, is based on the Jane Austen novel. At the Peninsula Centre, 200 Castro St. in Mountain View. Admission is $25-35. For show times and other information, call 650-363-4660 or go to www.theatreworks.org.

Photo by David Allen

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Religion/ Spirituality
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Seniors
Avenidas Early Literacy Program Volunteer Recruitment. Tutor local schoolchildren as part of Avenidas Early Literacy Program. Aug. 22-31, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. $75. PCC Building, 3951 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-961-0545. www.evils.org

Support Groups
ADHD Discussion-Information Group. Adults with ADHD and parents of children with ADHD. Sponsored by CHADD Silicon Valley. Third Wednesday of the month. 7:30-9:30 p.m. $5 suggested donation, free to CHADD members. The Friends Meeting House, 957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 208-445-7115. www.health.groups.yahoo.com/group/CHADD

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SVASE And PWC Present “Shaking The MoneyTree.” This wewatchHouseCon- cert will unveil the “MoneyTree report” (a quarterly study of global venture capital investment activity) followed by a discussion from venture capitalists who will explore what they perceive as the key current and future trends in venture financing for Silicon Valley. Thu., Sept. 6, 6-8:30 p.m. $20. $15. Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (WilGRI Campus), 950 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-585-9577. http://svase.org/index.php?option=com_extcalendar &Itemid=149&extmode=view&extid=1031

To Life! 8th Annual Jewish Cultural Street Festival. Enjoy free live entertainment while you check out the arts and Judaism for sale, visit community booths and have fun at the kids activities area. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. California Avenue, Palo Alto. Call 650-832-3506. http://www.paloaltocpjc.org

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Environmental Volunteers Training. Work with small groups of children and involve them in hands-on, discovery-based learning. Teach children about Bay Area environments. Wed., Sept. 5, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. $75. PCC Building, 3951 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-961-0545. www.evils.org

P.G.G.S. Annual Rock Show. The Peninsula Gem & Geology Society is having its annual show. View, free of charge, displays of gems, minerals and fossils. Gold panning demonstrations and sales of polished stones, rock crafts and goodes will be offered by enthusiastic rock lovers and gold miners. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Rancho Shopping Center, Foothill Expressway and Springer Avenue, Los Altos. Call 408-242-2190.

Organ Recital by James Welsh. Organist James Welsh performs repertoire of Bach and composers from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, France, Italy and Austria. Sun., Sept. 2, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Free. First Church of Christ, Scientist. 3045 Cowper St., Palo Alto. Call 650-856-9700. www.welchorganist.com

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Mi Taqueria, 1065 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 5, 2007. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 12, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 221655
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, KNV Joint Venture, 1222 Matthew Drive, Suite 104, Newbury Park, CA 91320, Matthew H. Robins, 365 Canyon Street, Redwood City, CA 94063. This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 8, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 221675
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Ramin, 6283 Mission Street, Suite 902, San Francisco, CA 94112, Anagica Tavu, 279 Lincoln Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043. This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 8, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 221891
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, ScuPocket Inc., 107 Big Tree Way, Woodside, CA 94062, William A. Regan, 19 Big Tree Way, Woodside, CA 94062. This business is being conducted by a corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 8, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 221877
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Curtiss1 International, 1015 Willow Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, Momentum Technology Corporation, 701 South Treat Street, Redwood City, CA 94063. This business is being conducted by a corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 8, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 222016
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, MTS Auto Sales, 2052 Cypress Street, Redwood City, CA 94062. This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 8, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 222035
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Mi Taqueria, 1065 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 8, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COURT TO USE BUSINESS NAME(S)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 222079
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Blue Pools, Pools, 10404 Blue Road, San Jose, CA 95127, Adriol Gonzalez Jr., 189 Harriet Avenue, San Jose, CA 95122. This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 20, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 222043
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, 140 Ramona Road, Portola Valley, CA 94025, Denise Marie Arruda, 140 Ramona Road, Portola Valley, CA 94025. This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein on October 1, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 30, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 222267
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Adolfo Gonzalez Jr., 189 Harriet Avenue, San Jose, CA 95122. This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 16, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 222349
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Benevolence Center, 220134 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California. Executed by: Mary C. Nair, 1700 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063. As more fully described in the above record, the following person (persons) will be the exclusive owners, stockholders, and/or partners of the business: 1340 Windermere Street, East Palo Alto, CA 94303, for the purpose of: [as shown on record], as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the terms of the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. THE PETITION requests the court's order, with and without court approval, to take action to protect your property. If you are in default under a Deed of Trust, you may be able to take action to protect your property. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell, or notice of default and election to sell, to be recorded in the county where the property is located. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell, or notice of default and election to sell, to be recorded in the county where the property is located. The Trustee: Specialized, Inc. recorded 09/01/2006 as instrument 263 Verbena Dr, East Palo Alto, CA 94303: Denise Marie Arruda, 140 Ramona Road, Portola Valley, CA 94025. This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 16, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 222356
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Beneficia, 92-1701 Dolores Street, San Francisco, CA 94122, S. L. Delucia, 92-1701 Dolores Street, San Francisco, CA 94122. This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 16, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 222377
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Mi Taqueria, 1065 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 8, 2007 (Almanac: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)
New listing! $4,095,000 4BR/3BA, ranch-style home located on a flat, approximately 42,355 square foot corner lot in Atherton. Updated.

Lovely updated Ladera home $1,495,000 Expansive lot with stunning views, serene English cottage garden, and a great family room/kitchen!

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