

Remembering the troops



Local kids make holiday cards for Marines stationed in Iraq

Kids from the Boys & Girls Club in Menlo Park wanted to send a message to the troops in Iraq. They recently prepared colorful holiday cards to send to soldiers that they don't even know.

The good deed came about after the club's volunteer director, Leila Ganz, told them about her brother, Brian Herrin, who is a Marine corporal y stationed

in a city just west of Baghdad.

He and a number of other Marines have found a home away from home living with eight Iraqi army soldiers. The house has no plumbing or heat and the weather has become extremely cold and windy.

Cpl. Herrin recently told his sister that they had set up a wall so they can hang up cards and letters to boost their spirits

Cards made by kids (left) with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula were sent to Marines stationed in Iraq.

through the holidays. The kids' cards will adorn the wall when they arrive later this month.

Founded in 1958, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula is now the largest youth development organization on the San Francisco Peninsula, says Chris Canter, director of development.

"Through clubhouses and

schools in the most challenged neighborhoods of East Palo Alto, east Menlo Park and Redwood City, where half the students drop out of high school, youths can participate in programs that focus on academics, science and technology, social and physical education, life skills, athletics and visual and performing arts," he says.

Many of these programs are offered in partnership with local schools and other community organizations. The clubs' annual budget of \$4.4 million is made possible largely by foundation grants, corporate support and individual contributions.

Gifts to the Almanac's Holiday Fund also benefit the organization. ■

DISPATCHES from the home front

A procrastinator's call for help

I was really trying to be organized, so I ran my ovens through the self-clean cycle a whole week before Thanksgiving and three days before the cast of the community theater production was coming by for the cast party.

Alas, the next day I noticed one oven no longer put out heat, so after making sure it wasn't an electrical supply problem, I called an appliance repairman. This was something I'd been meaning to do for quite some time, so I had a few other things I needed to get fixed.



BARBARA WOOD

When I called for an appointment, the receptionist spent at least 20 minutes writing down the problems and the model numbers.

My dishwasher hadn't worked for about a year and a half. It went through the cycle but without water. But I really didn't mind washing the dishes by hand, so I never got around to calling about that.

My washing machine, though, had started leaking water out the bottom, and after sopping it up with a towel for a few weeks, we pulled it out to see if it was just a loose hose or something. It wasn't anything we could see, and I'd been meaning to call as soon as I got a minute.

My refrigerator also had a few problems. The door on the bottom freezer wouldn't stay shut and ice kept building up inside my "frost-free" freezer. I propped a stool in front of the door to keep it shut and every once in a while defrosted the ice so I actually had some freezer to use. However, since every-

thing in the bottom two refrigerator drawers kept freezing, due to the ice build-up, I could use them as a freezer.

In addition, my dryer, for quite some time now, had exhibited the annoying habit of eating socks, gloves, thin shirts and strings of sweatshirts. The small things would get stuck between the dryer drum and the dryer wall and while I could usually get them out, it tended to leave scorch marks. This usually didn't bother me much, but my daughters seemed irritated if it was a brand new item of clothing they'd just babysat for a week to buy.

We'd also been using pliers to operate the dryer for at least three years, after the control knob broke. I had the vague idea that I could order a new knob on the Internet, but I hadn't ever tried. The only time it was really annoying was if someone borrowed the pliers for some other use and didn't return them and you were forced to use a hammer,

or your teeth, to turn the knob.

However, for the first time in our lives we did usually know where the pliers were.

The repairman couldn't work on the oven in place so he took it to the shop, ordered parts for the dryer and freezer, declared the washer not repairable, and fixed the dishwasher by nudging the float valve back into place.

The day before Thanksgiving he returned my oven and fixed the dryer and freezer. By then, however, I'd discovered the dishwasher was leaking. He's been back twice but it is still leaking.

And our family is not going anywhere this Christmas, since our repair bill is, so far, over \$900. Once we pay it off, we can buy a new washer.

But I am really enjoying that new knob on the dryer! ■

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The founders of the TKCC Charity Group, with Sister Christina (second from right) are, from left, Teresa Tiso, Katie Nachtsheim, Claire Huo and Caoimhe Macrunnels.

For kids, giving is year-round enterprise

By Katie Blankenberg

Special to the Almanac

Christmas is a time for giving. However for Teresa Tiso, Claire Huo, Caoimhe Macrunnels, and Katie Nachtsheim in the fourth grade at St. Raymond School in Menlo Park, giving is something that happens all year round.



Katie's Corner

These four girls are the founders of the TKCC (Teresa, Katie, Claire and Caoimhe) Charity Group and have been running their charity since December 2005. Although they enjoy giving to everyone in need, their main focus is the St. Francis Center, run by Sister Christina Heltsley in Redwood City.

"La Casita" or "The Little House" of the St. Francis Center provides food and clothing to some 500 families a month, and the Holy Family School provides elementary-grade education for 12 children from Central and South American

immigrant families.

The girls of TKCC use their own hard-earned money to buy supplies for St. Francis Center. They have held fundraising drives and set up lemonade stands to raise money for such things as baby food, Christmas gifts, clothes and toiletries.

"I've learned from this experience that you have to give up certain things to help others," says Caoimhe Macrunnels.

Add Teresa Tiso: "I am lucky to have what I have and I want to help others be as lucky as me."

The girls' proud parents are delighted that their children have this chance to be more aware of the needs around them.

Sister Christina says it makes her happy to see that no matter your age, you can make a difference in another person's life.

To learn more about the St. Francis Center, call 365-7892 or go to stfrancisrws.org.

Katie Blankenberg, 13, is a seventh-grader at St. Raymond School in Menlo Park. She lives in Portola Valley.

It's wild out there in the wilderness

By Miles McMullin

The outdoors — normally a fun and inviting place to spend quality time with the family — can turn into a nightmare if you don't take the right precautions.

With all the news about people getting lost in the wilderness, I wanted to learn more about what someone should do in a wilderness predicament.

I have some critical tips that will help you prevent a camping or wilderness accident, and to know what to do when the unthinkable occurs.

I have known a couple of people, both kids and adults, who have had almost fatal run-ins with Mother Nature. Whether it was a skiing accident, or a hiking mishap, they came out alive, yet they might not be so lucky next time.

In the past I spoke with one of them concerning what strategies he used to survive a skiing accident. The No. 1 thing about skiing is never ski alone. Also, have a partner with you and have others back at the lodge who know your plans in case something does happen.

Try to avoid skiing out of bounds as much as possible, even though you might think you're invincible. Something I do when I ski is bring a box of matches. It may sound a little ridiculous but you never know when you're going to have to fire up a wild bunny for sustenance. Just kidding.

But for warmth, matches are a great way to get the heat waves flowing. If you know you're going to be in it for the long haul, build a snow fort to keep warm, and try not to eat too much snow because this risks hypothermia.

But let's say you're not surrounded by frozen water, what would you do if you got stranded in the desert? An unlikely occur-

rence for many, but nonetheless here are some tips I have learned from various travel advisories.

Always have lots of water, and something one might not expect for use in the desert: an umbrella. The umbrella can be used for instant shade in temperatures rising well above 100 degrees.

Also, on an off-topic note, avoid the local wildlife. If you hear a rattle in the desert, don't assume someone left their baby under that rock; it's most likely a snake.

Always make sure someone knows your plans in case of an emergency. And please, always stay on the trail. In the most common of occurrences, you are exceedingly more likely to be rescued if you stay put.

There are many survival books with full details on what to do. Until then, remember the Miles three S's: Stay Put, Stay Hydrated, Stay Warm. ■

Miles McMullin is in the 10th grade at Crystal Springs Uplands School.

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Programs to recycle electronics and reduce junk mail have earned San Mateo County agencies two awards from the California Resource Recovery Conference in San Jose. The awards recognize innovative and collaborative programs that promote reduction of waste going to landfills.

For example, people can drop off unwanted computers and other electronics products at any Goodwill Industries drop-off

center in the county.

Three agencies — Vocational Rehabilitation Services, RecycleWorks, and Goodwill Industries — report they have jointly diverted 1,200 tons of electronics from disposal and created 18 job-training positions for county residents in less than a year.

This Electronics Reuse and Recycling Program won the three agencies an “Innovative Electronics Program” award.

In addition, the county’s Recycle-

Works program to stop junk mail in collaboration with other Bay Area counties won an award for “Innovative Waste Prevention.”

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For more information, or to receive a free Reduce Junkmail Kit, call the RecycleWorks hotline at 1-888-442-2666, or go to RecycleWorks.org.

Encinal names interim principal

Maria Clemo, vice principal at Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park, has returned to Encinal School as interim principal of the grade 3-5 school in Atherton.

She has taken over for Principal Stacy Marshall, who went on maternity leave earlier than expected on doctor’s orders.

Ms. Clemo previously taught at Encinal and was on the school’s administrative team before moving over to Oak Knoll several years ago.

Sharing the vice principal’s responsibilities at Oak Knoll will be a team of three: Oak Knoll teachers Karen Clancy, third grade, and Joan von der Linden, first grade; and Marianne Walters, former vice principal, who retired from the district last June. The two teachers, who are working on their administrative credentials, will continue spending part of their time in their classroom, said Principal David Ackerman.

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Project Read matches English tutors with students in pairs to increase people's literacy. It serves both native U.S. citizens and English as a second language learners at the Menlo Park and Belle Haven libraries. To become involved with the program, call 330-2525 between 2 and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

NOTEBOOK

Portola Valley seeks volunteer inspectors

The town of Portola Valley is looking for licensed architects and structural engineers who reside in town and who are willing to serve as deputy building officials in disasters and emergencies, such as a major earthquake or fire.

A deputy's role would be to conduct a post-disaster initial analyses to identify the "apparently safe and the obviously unsafe" homes and buildings, said Assistant Town Administrator Steven Willis. The program provides liability protection.

Following the initial inspec-

tions, a town building official or authorized representative would conduct more detailed examinations to determine whether structures are "safe, potentially dangerous or unsafe," Mr. Willis said.

For more information, call Senior Building Inspector Gary Fitzer at 851-1700, ext. 13, or send e-mail to gfitzer@portola-valley.net.

Federal study may back energy-efficient computers

The federal government will be researching ways to reduce energy consumption of computer servers and data centers if President Bush signs a bill recently passed by Congress and sponsored by Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Atherton.

The bill, which passed unanimously in the Senate and won strong bipartisan support in the House of Representatives, directs the Environmental Pro-

tection Agency to study the potential energy and cost savings from federal and corporate purchases of energy-efficient servers.

The study is to be completed within 180 days of the bill becoming law.

"The energy demands of computer servers and data centers are expected to grow by about 50 percent over the next five years," Rep. Eshoo said. "We all rely on this technology, so it's critical that we find ways of conserving energy and reducing energy costs."




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Mark Gallagher brings 25 years' experience to his Atherton gallery

Jane Knoerle
Almanac Lifestyles Editor

■ BUSINESS

Mark Gallagher is a hometown boy. Growing up in Sharon Heights, he attended Las Lomitas district schools and graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School.

At 15 he began working for Albert Smith at the Atherton Gallery in Menlo Park. Last month Mr. Gallagher opened his own framing business, Atherton Fine Art, at 700 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

He and his wife, Kathleen, also live in Menlo Park with their three children.

His first job for Mr. Smith, one of the Peninsula's pre-eminent artists and framers, was cleaning the gallery. Through the years, he became more of an apprentice. During two-and-a-half years at UC Berkeley, he worked at Atherton Gallery on weekends and summers.

When one of the full-time employees left and extra help was needed, he left Berkeley and "never went back." After Atherton Gallery closed last June and Albert Smith retired, Mr. Gallagher decided to open his own framing business.

His new Menlo Park location is the culmination of 25 years of experience and months of planning. It's a bright, airy space in Menlo Station. Along with his aesthetic skills, Mr. Gallagher

is using the latest technology in mat cutting and mounting art.

"I felt the need to update my equipment and move into the 21st century, but I still cherish the traditional skills and techniques of framing," he says.

Matting at Atherton Fine Art is done with a Wizard 8000 computerized mat-cutter. "With computerized designs, you can do anything with mats," he says. Only acid-free matting is used.

Mr. Gallagher is the youngest of five children. While he is not an artist himself, it runs in the family. "My mom (Dolly Gallagher) is a painter. She does oils and watercolors. My brother, Peter, is an excellent artist."

Mr. Gallagher sees himself as a designer. "You work with people's rooms," he says. He has done framing for private collections; his clients include donors of museum-quality art.

"If I had to frame posters, I'd don't think I'd still be doing this," he says.

He is enthusiastic about the quality of frames today. Gold and silver finishes and leather find favor with clients. He also carries candy-color thick acrylics fashioned into ready-made frames.

Last year he traveled to Peru to visit "the guys who are making leather frames." He also admits



Mark Gallagher of Menlo Park has just opened a new framing shop, Atherton Fine Art.

his wanting to see Machu Picchu had something to do with making the trip.

The gallery is holding its first art show in December featuring whimsical acrylic paintings by Australian artist Jim Olsson.

Through December, large-scale photography by Mark Dubovoy will be on display. His photographs are included in a number of private col-

lections, as well as in the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Mexico City, and the Museum of Modern Art in Nanao, Japan.

"We didn't have shows (at

Atherton Gallery), so this is something new," says Mr. Gallagher, who has become acquainted with quite a few artists over the years.

Of his new venture, he says, "It's fun, starting over." ■

WEDDING

Marshall-Kim

Emiko Beth Marshall and Martin Shane Kim were married Oct. 7 at Bernardus Lodge in Carmel Valley, where a reception followed.

The bride is the daughter of Lynn and Howard Marshall of Portola Valley. She is a graduate of Menlo School and the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. She is a freelance commercial display designer and handbag designer.

The bridegroom is the son of Ms. Young Hwang of Seoul, Korea. He is a graduate of the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena with a degree in product design. A former professional snowboarder and snowboard boot designer, he is employed at DC Shoes Inc. in Carlsbad.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Tamiko House. Bridesmaids were Anne Manrique and Sophie Kim. Ella House was flower girl. Eli Marmar was best



Emiko Marshall and Martin Kim

man. Jose Arzate gave a reading. The groomsmen were Luther Salinas, Howard Lu and Elliot Marshall.

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Supporting the troops ... one soldier at a time

Menlo Park woman organizes holiday care packages for Iraq

What started as an e-mail correspondence between a Menlo Park family and an Army Ranger in Iraq has resulted in holiday care packages being sent to hundreds of soldiers overseas from people all over the United States. And it all began with Kiristin Eberwein of Menlo Park.

Ms. Eberwein and her family began e-mailing Capt. Ben Grover of the 82nd Airborne Division, cousin of their friend Sharon Inman of Menlo Park, when he shipped out to Iraq.

"One of the things we asked was if there were items he wanted or missed from home that he couldn't find in Iraq," says Ms. Eberwein. "He wanted the simplest of things: peanut butter, a flag to decorate the barracks, nail clippers, and a loofah."

Ms. Eberwein asked if there were other soldiers who might appreciate a pen-pal and a small Christmas care package. Capt. Grover sent back 30 names, saying, "Some of these men don't even get letters from home."

Armed with the names, Ms. Eberwein asked around her neighborhood and church and was soon swamped with e-mails from people who wanted to help. Soon she was receiving five to 10 e-mails a day requesting the names of other soldiers.

Capt. Grover suggested they adopt an entire company, more than 135 men and women he trained with.

Ms. Eberwein put together a seven-page outline suggesting what items were needed, how to package and address a box, and a little about the project.

Suggested items for the care packages included: Artificial Tears eye drops, Corn Huskers lotion, dental floss, Q-tips, travel-size shampoo, sun screen, lip balm, cereal, and granola bars. The men and women also appreciated Zip Lock bags (so sand and dirt doesn't infiltrate their "stuff"). Cost of the average package was around \$50 with mailing an extra \$20-25.

Extra goodies included: gum, movie DVDs, magazines, beef jerky, white crew socks, phone

■ INFORMATION

Those interested in being in touch with a soldier in Iraq may contact Ms. Eberwein at kristin@eberweinfamily.com

cards, and pocket Bibles.

"I was overwhelmed by the support," says Ms. Eberwein. "I would be standing in line at the post office with all these boxes, and people would ask me where I was sending them. When I told them, they gave their names and made me promise to add them to the list. Others gave money for postage."

Menlo Park Presbyterian Church members sent care packages. Carrie Jackson of Jackson Square Fine Jewels in Redwood City organized a drive at St. Raymond School where the kids sent 23 boxes to soldiers. A teacher at Las Lomas School adopted a soldier and filled a box. Oak Knoll School second grade Cub Scout Den 6, led by Suzy and Steve Farnworth, filled six boxes.

The packages had to be mailed



Kristen Eberwein is shown with packages ready to ship to Iraq.

by Dec. 1, but Ms. Eberwein stresses the need doesn't end at Christmas time. She's hoping that e-mail friendships will develop and many lonely soldiers will be "adopted." "No matter how tough you are, you always want to hear from home," Capt. Grover told Ms. Eberwein. ■

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Bill and Jean Lane act to preserve scenic character of their property

■ Town will oversee property's evolution, regardless of who owns it.

By David Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

In a move that Portola Valley officials hope will become a trend for owners of large land holdings in town, longtime residents Bill and Jean Lane have guaranteed that their 10 acres in the Westridge neighborhood will continue to evolve at nature's pace into perpetuity.

In a 4-0 vote Dec. 13, the Town Council, with Councilman Richard Merk absent, agreed to adopt a conservation easement to ensure that the Lanes' property will not be subdivided, graded or developed in any substantial way beyond what is already there: a one-story main house, a guest house and a stable.

The easement obligates the town to be responsible for monitoring the use and development of the property. If a new house is built there by a new owner, for example, the house must be one story, and the total square footage of all structures on the property could not exceed 11,189 square feet. That figure includes a 1,400-square-foot increase as a result of the merging of the three parcels the Lanes own into one 10-acre plot.

A vineyard of no more than two acres with a driveway would be allowed, but existing trees native to the area are protected, as are wetlands, streams, ponds and the property's "scenic and natural character." Like many properties in town, it already includes a trail for hikers and equestrians.



Bill and Jean Lane, in concert with the town of Portola Valley, have taken steps to permanently preserve the natural elements of their Westridge neighborhood property.

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The National Wildlife Federation recognized the easement with a certificate of "exceptional merit" for its value in preserving "backyard wildlife habitats."

The Lanes are setting a precedent in establishing a conservation easement, said Planning Manager Leslie Lambert. Other such easements exist in Portola Valley, but they are associated with subdivisions such as Portola Valley Ranch and the Blue Oaks neighborhoods.

"(The Lanes) are, in effect, showing the major landowners in town the right way to take care of the land," said Mayor Ted Driscoll at the Dec. 13 council meeting, where the easement

was announced.

Councilman Steve Toben agreed and noted that a federal tax benefit associated with conservation easements expires January 1, 2008. "I want to raise the flag on this (provision) in hopes of inspiring others," he said.

"It's kind of an emotional thing for us," Mr. Lane said. "We have a great deal of feeling, and thank you for your nice compliments."

Commenting on the trails and open spaces in Portola Valley and the recreational value they represent to residents and non-residents alike, Mr. Lane said the town faces a "long challenge" to protect its natural amenities. "There is no magic bullet," he said. "Jean and I hope that our conservation easement is one step to help." ■

Dogs on trails: Town to try mediation

By David Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

In addressing the controversial issue of whether to allow people to walk their dogs on the six miles of wildland trails in the Portola Valley Ranch subdivision, the Town Council is trying an alternative: have the community try to work out their differences with a mediator's help, then have both sides cooperate on a nonbinding report to the council.

Dogs are allowed on most of the 36-mile trail system in town, but have never been allowed on Ranch trails. But residents report that the no-dogs rule is being ignored, as is the San Mateo County rule about never

allowing a dog off its leash.

In a 4-0 vote at the Dec. 13 council meeting, with Councilman Richard Merk absent, the council approved a proposal by Councilman Steve Toben to seek volunteers for a committee of 10 to 12 people to equally represent those who would continue to prohibit dogs and those who would admit them.

The committee will have public meetings on two Saturdays, Jan. 20 and March 3, at the Historic Schoolhouse with Mr. Toben serving as mediator, a role he said he has trained for and has played frequently.

"It really calls for creative listening skills and problem solving skills to make any kind of progress," he said. "I'm hopeful

that we'll get a good turnout."

The group will also be invited on three Saturday hikes on trails that do and do not allow dogs.

For more information, click on the "Trail Use Discussion Group" link on the Portola Valley home page at portolavalley.net.

Pro and con

"There's so much history (on this issue) that many of the various facts and nuances are lost as people rush to their (partisan) poles," said Councilman Ed Davis in a comment on his hopes for the committee's report.

"This problem has festered for a long time," Mr. Toben noted.

Those against allowing dogs

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Cutting horse champ, car dealer wins 'horseperson' award

By Stephanie Cadora

Special to the Almanac

Richard "Rick" Corso of Woodside, this year's winner of the Outstanding Horseperson-Citizen Award from the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County, has been riding horses since he was 6, starting on one of his grandfather's plow horses.

Today, Mr. Corso, a resident of San Mateo County for 60 years and of Woodside for 26 years, owns five horses — two for leisure and the rest for competitions. "I'd like to think of myself as a cowboy," he says.

A five-time winner of the Grand National Cutting Horse Show at the Cow Palace and the current defending champion, Mr. Corso is the 22nd winner of the Mounted Patrol's annual award, given to horse riders who have made contributions to the community. Among his contributions is his work on search-and-rescue missions for the Woodside-based Mounted Patrol.

"Once, a couple of kids got lost in Wunderlich Park in Woodside, an area of steep canyons and tall redwood trees," Mr. Corso recalls. "We went out to look for them. It was very emotional for the family. Fortunately, we were successful in finding the kids."

Howard Boone, a past captain of the Mounted Patrol and 1994 award recipient, cites Mr. Corso's rise from an apprentice mechanic

to partnership in two Putnam GM dealerships, "while taking time off to do charitable work for our community ... and become a nationally acclaimed cutting horse champion."

Mr. Corso has served in leadership roles with many auto dealership groups, including as president of the Northern California Buick Dealers Association for 10 years.

In 2001, Joe Putnam, also of Woodside, and Mr. Corso became partners in a new venture in Burlingame, adding three more GM franchises to the Putnam Dealer Group — Chevrolet, Cadillac and Hummer — with Mr. Corso now serving as general manager over six GM franchises.

He was instrumental in getting national Buick sponsorship of the East/West Shriners football game, and served as chairman for the East/West Shriners game golf tournament, which raised more than \$300,000 for the Shriners Hospital organization.

"It's a humbling experience to see children in burn, orthopedic and other units," he says of his work for Shriners hospitals.

Mr. Putnam and Mr. Corso have put on numerous cutting and reining competitions in Woodside,



Richard "Rick" Corso rides his horse, Flash, at a 2005 cutting horse competition in Paso Robles, when they won the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association "cow cutting" championship.

raising more than \$50,000 for local charities.

National competitions for "cutting" — separating cattle from the herd — can pay up to \$250,000 for the winner, he says. Mr. Cor-

so, who is vice president of the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association, says he has pocketed about \$100,000 in prize money.

"It means a lot to me personally," Mr. Corso says of the award he will

receive Jan. 13 at a Mounted Patrol event at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton, when the patrol will also install its 66th captain (president), Mike Lewine, who succeeds Ed Begun. ▀

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on Ranch trails include a unanimous Conservation Committee, a majority of the Trails and Paths Committee, and a unanimous Ranch neighborhood board of directors. Because the trails pass through land owned in common by Ranch residents, some also assert that their rights are superior.

Dogs are not welcome, they say, because some hikers are afraid of them and they scare wildlife.

The other side includes dog walkers from other neighborhoods, a minority of Trails Committee members and an unknown number of Ranch residents. A compromise is appropriate, they say, because dog-owners have a right to enjoy the wilder trails with their four-legged companions.

In the middle is the council, which has authority by virtue of the town's conservation easements covering the trails, and a civic obligation to rule, said Mr. Toben. The Trails Committee has received more than 100 signatures on separate petitions from both sides. ▀



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Holiday Activities

Children's Christmas Pageant Sun., Dec. 24, 5 p.m. Ladera Community Church, 3300 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. www.ladera.org

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Sun., Dec. 24, 6 p.m. Sing and hear the Christmas story in celebration of Jesus' birth. Free. First Baptist Church, 1100 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 323-8544. www.firstbaptist.com

Cookies and Coloring for kids. With the Kepler's staff Sundays, Dec. 24-31, 11:30 a.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 324-4321. www.keplers.com

"Bethlehem A.D." The annual live nativity Dec. 21-23, 6-9:30 p.m. Attractions include two baby camels, a miniature horse and more. Visitors walk through the living recreation of Bethlehem on the first two nights and a drive through option begins on the third night. Free. Peninsula Christian Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. Call 366-8212. www.bethlehemad.com

Stanford Symphony Orchestra Jindong Cai, director Dec. 23, 8 p.m. The orchestra features pianist Aaron Kofman, winner of the Concerto Competition, in Ravel's

Piano Concerto for the Left Hand, and the Stravinsky classic Rite of Spring. \$10/\$5. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Dr., Stanford. Call 723-2720. <http://music.stanford.edu>

"Keep the Yuletide Gay" Presented by Theatre Q. Christmas comedy by Dale Albright. Through Dec. 30. Thu.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. \$10 previews/\$25 opening night/\$20 regular/\$15 seniors. Dragon Theatre, 535 Alma St., Palo Alto. www.theatreq.org

"Merry Art at Main" Holiday show features contemporary art and fine crafts by 23 artists. Through Dec. 23. Holiday hours: Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Main Gallery, 1018 Main St., Redwood City. www.themaingallery.org

Children's Holiday Tea Ages 6 and up accompanied by an adult. Entertainment includes the "Merry, Merry Christmas" show. Dec. 20, 1-2:30 p.m. \$15. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 329-1356 ext. 0. <http://gamblegarden.org/>

Christmas Caroling and Chili Supper Go Christmas caroling to retirement centers; chili supper after. Families and children welcome. Dec. 21, 5:45 p.m. Optional donation. First Baptist Church, 305 N. California Ave, Palo Alto. www.firstbaptist-paloalto.org

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"The Learned Ladies of Park Avenue." Presented by TheatreWorks. Set in the Jazz Age of Cole Porter's New York. Through Dec. 23. \$20-\$60. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.; Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 and 7 p.m. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

Art Galleries

"Beaches" Pastels by Waif Mullins. Features new works on paper of his travels to exotic islands in the South Pacific, Caribbean and Mexico. Through Dec. 31. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.portolaartgallery.com

"Merry Art at Main." Holiday show features contemporary art and fine crafts by 23 artists. Through Dec. 23. Holiday hours: Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Main Gallery, 1018 Main St., Redwood City. www.themaingallery.org

"Serigraphs and Drawings." Presented by artist Susan Tubow. Landscapes of the Mendocino coast. Thu.-Sun., through Dec. 31. Free. 1870 Art Center Gallery, 1870 Ralston Ave., Belmont. Call 261-1086. www.1870artcenter.org

Allegro Fine Art. Jill Coolidge, watercolor artist and teacher displays work through Dec. 31. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Allegro Gallery, 3130 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. Call 851-4300. www.allegroframing.com

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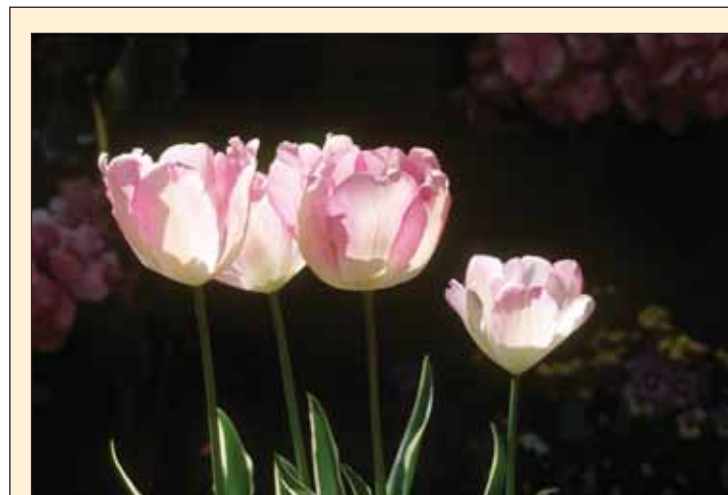
Peninsula Pops Orchestra Openings. For advanced players of all instruments. Rehearsals Tuesdays, through Dec. 31, 7-10 p.m. Call for appointment. Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road Room M1, Palo Alto. Call 856-8432. www.peninsulapops.org

Classes/ Workshops

December Community Forums. Dec. 20: "An Introduction to Reverse Mortgages." 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Holiday Horsemanship Camps. Dec. 18-22 and Dec. 26-29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Riders grouped according to experience; no experience necessary to attend. \$350 per week/\$70 per day. Spring Down Equestrian Center, 725 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 851-1114 ext. 0. www.springdown.com

PYT Drama Camp. Peninsula Youth Theatre will offer a winter vacation drama camp for children ages 8-14. Tuesdays through Fridays,



Art at Little House

"Descanso Gardens 2001," a photograph by Dawn Ishimaru Frazier, is included in a display of her photographs at Little House Gallery through Jan. 15. A resident of La Canada, California, Ms. Frazier began studying photography at age 50 at Pasadena City College, where she was the oldest student in the class.

Dec. 26-Jan. 5, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$250. Peninsula Youth Theatre, 2500 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. www.pytnet.org

12:30 p.m. Free. El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve. www.openspace.org

Concerts

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Dance

Thursday Night Dance. Ballroom dancing to live music. Thursdays, 7-10 p.m. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Outdoors

Explorer Hike. With docents Siefken Krieger, Dennis Smith, and Bill Blodgett. Moderately paced excursion of about 3-5 miles with a variety of elevation gains. The route will be determined based on prevailing trail and weather conditions. Meet at the Jacques Ridge parking lot. Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve. www.openspace.org

Tafoni Trek. 4.8-mile hike along the El Corte de Madera Creek, Fir, and Tafoni Trails to view outside evergreens and learn about tafoni sandstone formations with docents Sarah Schoen and Pamela Relford. Dec. 23, 9 a.m.-

Exhibits

"Bountiful Bowls, Platters of Plenty." A collection of distinctive serving pieces. Tue.-Sun., 9 a.m.-9 p.m. through Dec. 24. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Call 329-3168. www.paacf.org

"Classic and Timeless Toys." Palo Alto Sport Shop and Toy world and the Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-1004. www.moah.org

"Flowers, Fruit and Fungi, Trees and Travel." Photographs by Dawn Ishimaru Frazier on display through Jan. 13. Free. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

"Mystery of Venice." An atmospheric view of La Serenissima during Carnavale. Photography by D. Cichon showing through Jan. 13. Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Keeble & Shuchat Photography, 290 California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 327-8996. www.kspphoto.com

Art Exhibition. "Reflections" contemporary figurative paintings by local artist, Laura Varich. Paintings are rendered using the "alla prima" technique. Through Feb. 2. Mike's Cafe, 150 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 321-3520.

Art for Life presents Shadows and Fog. Art for Life, a quarterly exhibition celebrating the gift of life blood donors provide others in our community. Through Jan. 2. Shadows and Fog, done by a community of San Francisco Bay Area artists. Stanford Blood Center, 3373 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. Call 723-8270. <http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu>

Art in Action Library Show. Art in Action opens a 6-month long art show series featuring artwork from local students grades K-8. Through May 5. For a list of participating schools see website. Free. Art in Action, 3925 Bohannon Dr., Menlo Park. Call 566-8339. www.artinaction.org

Multimedia Student Art Show. Original works of digital paintings, imaging and photography will on display through Jan. 20 by students. Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Canada College Main Theater Foyer, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City. Call 306-3330. www.canadacollege.net/multimedia/

Paintings and Collage. Oil Paintings by Bohdanna Kesala; watercolors by Amy Da-Peng King, and collage by Melissa Shields. Through Feb 8. Free. Stanford Art Spaces, 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 725-3622. <http://cis.stanford.edu/~marigros>

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ARCHITECTURAL AND SITE
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The Architectural and Site Review Board reviews and makes recommendations to the Planning Director on residential, site design and commercial applications.

Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month, 4:30 p.m. Appointments are for a four-year term.

Interested residents may request information and applications Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, by telephone at (650) 851-6790, or through the Town's web site at www.woodsidetown.org. Deadline for applications is Friday, January 12, 2007, 5:00 p.m.


Town of Portola Valley

In recognition of the
Holiday Season, the
Portola Valley Town Hall
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adults with docents in Art Dialogues program. Saturdays, through Dec. 22, 2 p.m. Private tours available. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

Repetitious Antics. Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through March 23. Photographs and collages by Jessica Walker and Cyane Tornatzky, blending gender issues and technology to blur the edges of the natural and the artificial. Free. Serra House, 589 Capistrano Way, Stanford. Call 723-1994. <http://gender.stanford.edu>

The Mondavi Family Gallery Reinstalled. New installation presents the Center's 19th-century European and American collection. Through Dec. 31. Hours: Wed.-Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu., 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; closed Mondays and Tuesdays. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Dr., Stanford. Call 723-4177.

Visions of Dharma: Thai Contemporary Art. Exhibition highlights the work of two of Thailand's artists. Works are contemporary and explore a wide range of subjects and styles. Hours: Wed.-Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu., 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Through March 4. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Dr., Stanford. Call 723-3469. <http://museum.stanford.edu>

Kids & Families

Children's Author Reads. Sheralee Hill Iglehart, children's author, teacher, tutor, will read her latest book, "A Very, Very Special Birthday." Dec. 23, 10 a.m.-noon Free. Starbucks, 361 S. California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 324-2021. B, Cgateayvert

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Cookies and Coloring. With the Kepler's staff Sundays, Dec. 24-31, 11:30 a.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 324-4321. www.keplers.com

Health

Walking Group. Meets Thursdays, 9 a.m. December meet at Little House. Explore local streets. Walk about 3-4 miles. Call Hal Makin 948-2310 for weekly location. Free. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Religion/ Spirituality

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Seniors

Seniors Holiday Party Luncheon. For seniors 60 years and older. Call 322-3742 for reservations. Lunch served starting at 11:15 a.m. \$2 contribution suggested. La Comida, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 322-3742. <http://avenidas.org/site.php?page=lacomida>

Volunteers

Huddart Park Docents. Huddart Park's Friends program is in need of docents to lead young children on short hikes within Huddart Park a few weekday mornings during Fall and Spring. Training is provided. Through May 15. Huddart Park, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside. Call 529-0305.

Volunteer Guide Opportunity. Volunteers needed to introduce children to nature, farm animals, and an organic garden. No experience needed. Training provided. Ongoing. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 949-8655. www.hiddenvilla.org

YES Reading. Tutor volunteers needed for students who are reading below grade level at under-served schools. Tutors are needed at Belle Haven School in Menlo Park and Selby Lane School in Atherton. Mondays-Thursdays through June 30. E-mail info@yesreading.org for more information.



Town of Portola Valley

ANNOUNCEMENT

As of December 2006 the terms of appointment end for two members of the Town's Architectural & Site Control Commission (ASCC) and one of the Planning Commission.

If you are interested in an appointment to either the ASCC or Planning Commission contact Leslie Lambert, Planning Manager at (650) 851-1700, extension 12 or lambert@portolavalley.net.

By the end of December 2006

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Districts 2 and 6

The Planning Commission participates in the administration of the planning laws and policies of the Town. It is responsible for recommending ordinances and resolutions necessary to implement the General Plan to the Town Council. The Commission also conducts necessary public hearings to administer the planning laws and policies of the Town and acts upon applications for zoning amendments, conditional use permits, variances, subdivisions and other related functions as may be assigned by the Council.

The Commission makes recommendations to the Town Council regarding land use, reviews proposed development projects, and advises as to the overall development and maintenance of the General Plan of the Town.

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.; Commissioners are appointed for a four-year term.

District 2 includes Cedar Acres, the area west of Albion Avenue to south of Olive Hill Lane, the Bear Gulch area, and the Kings Mountain Road area.

District 6 includes Greenways, Woodside Heights, Quail Meadows, and the area east of Cañada Road to beyond Dean Road, and east of Mountain Home/Manzanita Roads.

Interested residents may check residency requirements and request information and applications Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, or by telephone at (650) 851-6790. Applications can be obtained from the Town's web site at www.woodsidesidetown.org. Deadline for applications is Friday, January 12, 2007, 5:00 p.m.

TOWN OF WOODSIDE INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR COMMITTEES

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Meets third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises and recommends to the Town Council on the policies for planning, developing, maintaining, and usage of Town's bikeways system.

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Meets fourth Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises and assists the Town Council, Planning Commission, and staff on conservation, open space, noise, public services and facilities as pertaining to the elements of the Town's General Plan.

LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Meets fourth Wednesday of each month; 5:30 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises the Planning Director on applications for commercial stable permits, dog kennel permits, and exception requests to the private stable regulations.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Meets fourth Thursday of each month, 4:30 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises and assists the Town Council, Planning Commission and staff in implementing the policies and goals of the Open Space and Conservation elements of the General Plan, specifically with respect to acquisition and maintenance of conservation easements and open space preservation.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meets on call of Chair; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises the Town Council and staff on issues of community public safety, including police and fire services provided within the Town.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Meets first Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm; appointed for three-year term.

The Committee guides the activities of the community recreation programs.

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Meets second Thursday of each month, 3:00 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee reviews land divisions, subdivisions and conditional use permits for locations for equestrian, pedestrian and bicycle trails and makes recommendations to the staff and to the Planning Commission.

WOODSIDE HISTORY COMMITTEE

Meets first Thursday of each month, 9:30 a.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises the Town Council and staff regarding actions, policies and plans relating to historic preservation.

Committees are volunteer positions and serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Council.

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By **Kate Daly**
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That's a good kick. Did I teach you that, lad?" Encouraging words like these pour out of Tom Gregson's mouth in a smooth British accent.

He's a professional soccer player from England who recently spent two months teaching coaches and hundreds of AYSO soccer players in Region 25, covering Woodside, Portola Valley and La Honda.

He and two other European players under contract with Major League Soccer Camps, a for-profit business based in England, worked with some 50 teams.

They have returned to their homelands in England, Scotland and Holland.

Gregson played at the University of Leeds and is now on the Hinkley United team. He came to the states in July to work at MLS summer camps in the Bay Area, and stayed on



Photo by Kate Daly

Hal Tuttle, left, of Woodside receives positive coaching tips from Tom Gregson, a professional soccer player from England.

to help coach AYSO. Part of the contract included free room and board at local homes. Maclean Osborne, 13, of

Woodside, says Gregson was helpful in teaching his team "control, making runs, and getting open to make better passes to score."

Woodside parent Dave Nowicki coaches that team and has been volunteering for AYSO for a number of years.

He says the MLS coaches have been great; a few years ago, the MLS coaches taught the teams drills that are still being used.

For example, assistant coach Andy Bonham of Portola Valley says they still use the rapid-fire drill he learned from MLS coaches.

Region 25 AYSO Commissioner John Novitsky of Woodside says there's a real value in adding professional coaches to the mix. "We can't pay a penny to (volunteer) coaches or refs, but we make resources available to train them."

Gregson says he observed more American children playing soccer than any other sport. "I've been surprised at how many kids play soccer here," he says. "We're trying to make it an even more popular sport by making it fun." ■

Corte Madera wins league flag football title

Corte Madera School's flag football team has won the Small School Intermediate League championship for the second straight year.

Coaching the Portola Valley team to a 10-0 record were Dan Flahavan, athletic director at Corte Madera, and assistant coaches Avi Shah and Steve Meyer.

To cinch the championship,

Corte Madera defeated Woodside Priory School 8-6 on Nov. 7. The Priory was blanking Corte Madera 6-0 until the end of the third quarter when Grant Carr caught a touchdown pass from Thomas Gore-Schreck. Nicky Gebhart ran in the conversion for two points.

Players on the Corte Madera's championship team are: Ryan

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This business is conducted by a Corporation: DAVID BIDER, INC., Menlo Park, CA 94025.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 10, 2000.

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This business is conducted by an Individual: SHOLY MALEKSALEHI TRUT, 11910 Walbrook Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217402

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MICROLINE, 270 Redwood Shores Parkway, #118, Redwood City, CA 94065.

This business is conducted by an Individual: KEN WONG, 26 Dockside Circle, Redwood City, CA 94065.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217371

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CLUB MAOZ, 24 Santa Elena Avenue, Daly City, CA 94015; P.O. Box 2181 Daly City, CA 94017.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife: (1) ALEKSANDRA FLIEGLER, 24 Santa Elena Avenue, Daly City, CA 94015-4035; (2) ROBERT FLIEGLER, 24 Santa Elena Avenue, Daly City, CA 94015-4035.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217373

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: (1) VINO FAIRE; (2) PHOTOGRAPHIC ESCAPES; (3) MAAS RIVER; (4) U.S. TERROR WATCH, 2995 Woodside Road, Suite 400, Woodside, CA 94062.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217452

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AUTO PRIDE CAR WASH, 195 El Camino Real, San Carlos, CA 94070.

This business is conducted by a Corporation: AUTO PRIDE CAR WASH, 909 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217453

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AUTO PRIDE CAR WASH, 1095 Carolan Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010.

This business is conducted by a Corporation: AUTO PRIDE CAR WASH, 909 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AUTO PRIDE CAR WASH, 1095 Carolan Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217463

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AUTO PRIDE CAR WASH, 1095 Carolan Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010.

This business is conducted by a Corporation: AUTO PRIDE CAR WASH, 909 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217464

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AUTO PRIDE CAR WASH, 1095 Carolan Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010.

This business is conducted by a Corporation: AUTO PRIDE CAR WASH, 909 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217082

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A TALE OF TWO TRUFFLES, 2101 Carlmont Drive, Suite 311, Belmont, CA 94002.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband & Wife: (1) NICOLA MAGLodi, 2101 Carlmont Drive, Suite 311, Belmont, CA 94002; (2) MATYAS MAGLodi, 2101 Carlmont Drive, Suite 311, Belmont, CA 94002.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217083

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HERITAGE OAK QUILTING, 333 Leland Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025-6159.

This business is conducted by an Individual: JULIA M. CURRY, 333 Leland Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025-6159.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217084

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HERITAGE OAK QUILTING, 333 Leland Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025-6159.

This business is conducted by an Individual: JULIA M. CURRY, 333 Leland Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025-6159.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217085

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HERITAGE OAK QUILTING, 333 Leland Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025-6159.

This business is conducted by an Individual: JULIA M. CURRY, 333 Leland Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025-6159.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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Almanac staff members, front row, from left: Liz Reiter, Linda Atilano; second row, from left: Elise Eisenman, Tanya Ortega, Donna Berryhill, Jane Knoerle, Renee Meil; third row, from left: Andrea Gemmet, Neal Fine, Raul Perez, Nancy Hwang, Renee Batti, Katie Cvitkovich, Marjorie Mader; back row, from left: Monica Asborn, Tom Gibboney, Rory Brown, Marion Softky, Richard Hine, Eric Kinnaird, Bill Rayburn and David Boyce.

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