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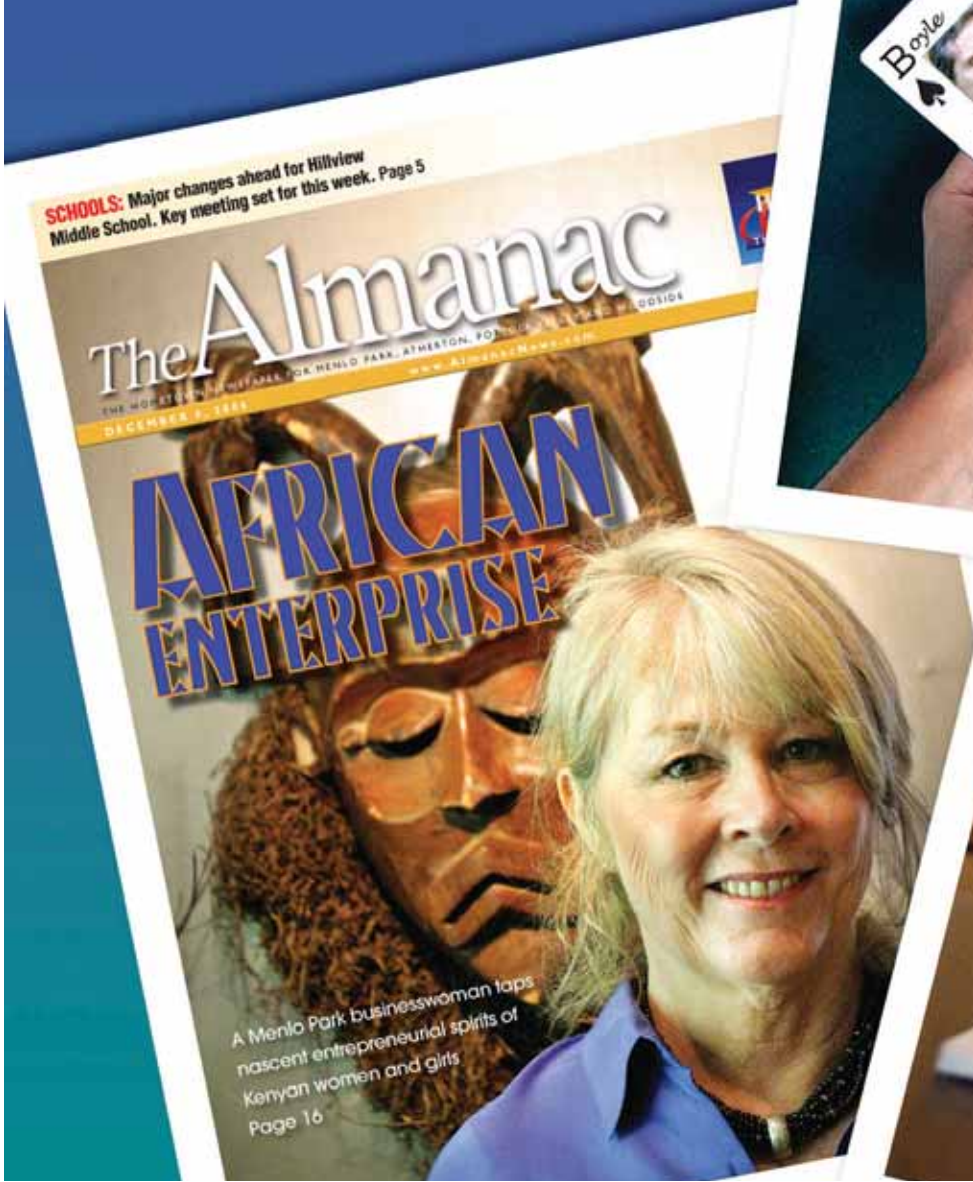
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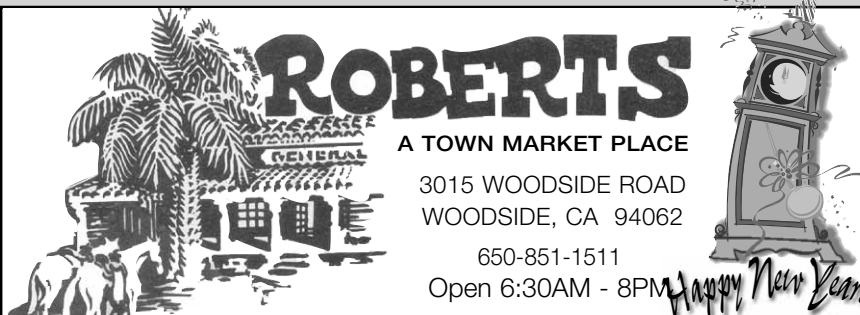
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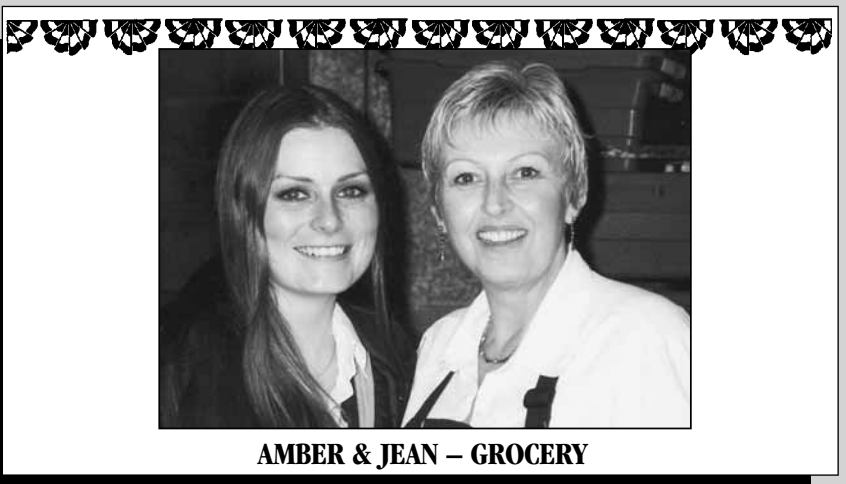
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## County swears in a new sheriff Monday

■ Greg Munks of Portola Valley has served as undersheriff for 13 years.

By **Marion Softky**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Law enforcement must be in Greg Munks' blood. San Mateo County's soon-to-be new sheriff has worked in government for 30 years, in law enforcement for 27, and in San Mateo County for 17.

Sheriff-elect Munks will also be the first sheriff in recent memory to live in the South County. He lives in Portola Valley with his wife, Brenda, his sons Brian and Riley, two horses, two

dogs, three cats and a goat. He has two grown daughters from a previous marriage.

Elected without opposition last June, Mr. Munks will be sworn in to replace retiring Sheriff Don Horsley on Monday, Jan. 8, at 4 p.m. at the San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway in Redwood City.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to serve," Undersheriff Munks said in an interview in his third-floor office in Redwood City. "Don has left the depart-

ment in good condition. My challenge is to continue that."

Sheriff-elect Munks has a long history both with the Sheriff's Office and with the man he will succeed. He went to work as a sheriff's deputy in 1977 right after graduating from Menlo College with a business degree. His boss was then-Sgt. Don Horsley.

After 12 years in Palo Alto as a police officer, then Human Resources manager, he was invited back to San Mateo County as undersheriff in 1993, when Don Horsley was elected sheriff. He has been second in command to Sheriff Horsley for the last 13 years.

Mr. Munks will head a strong department with 630 employees, 450 of them in uniform, and a budget of \$125 million.

"The Sheriff's Office is very different from a city police department," Mr. Munks noted. Besides patrolling streets and investigating crime, the Sheriff is also responsible for:

■ Running the county's jails, which hold some 1,200 prisoners in the men's and women's facilities.

■ Enforcing court orders, including evictions, seizure of property, and restraining orders.

■ Providing security for the courts.



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**Undersheriff Greg Munks** won his new post in an uncontested election last June.

■ Running the Office of Emergency Services, which responds to disasters, and — since Sept. 11 — Homeland Security programs related to terrorism.

■ Investigating crimes at San Francisco Airport as part of a multi-agency security effort.

■ Providing leadership in regional issues such as narcotics, gangs, high-tech crimes, and sexual predators. "It doesn't make sense for anybody to solve regional issues on their own," Mr. Munks said.

In addition, the Sheriff's Office provides local police protection to vast unincorporated areas of San Mateo County. "We serve very diverse communities: North Fair Oaks, Pescadero, Woodside and Portola Valley," he said.

### Local roots

Greg Munks was born and raised in Palo Alto. He became involved in law enforcement early, and worked for the Woodside Patrol

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### Play ball

Menlo Park firefighter John Giraudo shoots the ball to Zack Katz, left, during a quick pick-up game of four square at with fourth-graders at La Entrada School last month. Mr. Giraudo came to the school as part of the firefighters' Toys for Tots team collecting toys donated by community service club kids.

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## Portola Valley shows its green bona fides in 2006

■ Momentum in Menlo Park, other local towns, may grow in 2007.

By **David Boyce**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Chances are very good that 2007 is beginning, like most years since the start of the Industrial Revolution, with a higher level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere than the year before — a trend that scientists say leads to global warming and dangerous climate change.

While it's a certifiable global issue, the impact of a warmer planet could become disturbingly local if, as shown in Al Gore's 2006 movie "An Inconvenient Truth," half the ice in Greenland and the Antarctic were to melt, causing sea water from the San Francisco Bay to lap at the shoulders of U.S. 101 near Menlo Park and Atherton.

Some local residents, particularly in Portola Valley, are taking Mr. Gore's message to heart and treating global warming as a local matter.

In September, the Portola Valley Town Council unanimously agreed to join Palo Alto, Los Altos Hills and some 350 other cities and towns nationwide in signing the U.S. Mayors Agreement on Climate Change.

The Climate Change agreement commits local governments to set an example for residents and businesses by trying to lower municipal greenhouse gas emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2012.

The idea of signing the agreement has come up in Menlo Park and Woodside

council meetings, but no official action was taken in 2006.

In Atherton, the council rejected on a 2-2 vote a proposal from Councilman Charles Marsala to sign the agreement. Mayor Alan Carlson and Councilman Jerry Carlson were opposed, and Councilman Jim Janz supported the proposal; Councilwoman Kathy McKeithen was absent.

Citing Atherton's existing programs to recycle yard clippings and materials from home demolitions, Mayor Carlson said he didn't see the point of signing an agreement because "it makes us feel good about ourselves."

### How it's done

How does a small town come up with a

substantial list of greenhouse gas-lowering ideas? Portola Valley will use the services of the Toronto-based International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives. ICLEI offers long-term guidance and energy audits to small- to medium-sized cities and towns for a \$600 annual fee.

Replacing one standard traffic signal with a light-emitting diode signal can save 10,000 watts per year, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Denver saved 5,300 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) when it converted its 20,000 signals, the EPA reported.

Portola Valley has no traffic lights. Woodside has one that was converted long ago, said Town Manager Susan

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# New sheriff sworn in next week

## NEW SHERIFF

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while he was studying business administration at Menlo College.

"It's a great job," he said. It involves problem solving and helping people.

Rising through the ranks with San Mateo County, and then Palo Alto, Mr. Munks did just about everything a cop can be assigned, from working in the jail and patrolling, to training, investigation and personnel. He has received commendations for outstanding arrests and bravery. In 1985 he received the Police Officer of the Year Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

As undersheriff in San Mateo County, Mr. Munks chairs the San Mateo County Terrorism Working Group, and helped develop the Community Alliance to Rebuild Our Neighborhood (CARON) to combat gang violence in North Fair Oaks. He was "incident commander" throughout the Scott Peterson murder trial.

Beyond police work, Mr. Munks has been active in the community, from coaching youth sports teams to chairing the board of the San Mateo County Historical

Association when it was raising \$20 million to restore the domed courthouse in Redwood City to its 1908 facade and plaza.

Mr. Munks is a current or former member of numerous boards of directors of organizations that work with troubled youth and social problems. They include the Service League of San Mateo County, Youth and Family Enrichment Services, Rebuilding Together, and the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center.

He credits his father-in-law, Bill Lane of Portola Valley, as his mentor. Mr. Lane is the former publisher of Sunset Magazine and ambassador to Australia, and is a leading philanthropist locally and nationally.

"I learned a lot from him (Bill) about civic engagement and giving back to the community," Mr. Munks said.

### Challenges ahead

With violent crime on the upswing throughout the state, not to mention the threat of terrorism, Sheriff-elect Munks and his department face daunting challenges.

Among them: managing and staffing overcrowded jails, as well

as planning and financing a new women's jail; combating gangs and gang violence; and cracking down on other increasing crimes, such as identity theft and methamphetamine sales and use. "They're the number-one drug threat in San Mateo County," Mr. Munks said. "It's at epidemic level in California."

### Methamphetamines are 'the number-one drug threat in San Mateo County. It's at epidemic level in California.'

SHERIFF-ELECT GREG MUNKS

The Maguire jail, opened in 1994, houses close to 1,000 men in a facility designed for 800 to 850, Mr. Munks said. Part of this overcrowding is due to the closure of five correctional facilities in the last 12 years, including the Honor Camp and the work-furlough program, because of budget cuts.

Among the challenges posed by overcrowding is keeping members of conflicting gangs separated from each other and the mentally

ill. "Our jails and prisons have become primary treatment centers for the mentally ill," he said.

As sheriff, Mr. Munks will continue working with the courts and mental health organizations to identify non-violent offenders and get them help. "I would rather intervene to get them into treatment instead of into jail," he said.

Staffing the jails and the sheriff's department "24/7" is another problem. With 60 percent of new employees living two or three counties away, and predictable gaps in staffing, overtime costs can bust budgets. "We are working to develop a plan for a relief staffing pool," Mr. Munks said.

A huge challenge is to plan, finance and build a new women's jail to replace the existing overcrowded jail. "My challenge is to have overflow space for men from Maguire," Mr. Munks said. "We're hoping to break ground in 2007."

The county may be gaining on gangs, Mr. Munks said, thanks to the countywide Gang Task Force started in 2005 and the Gang Intelligence Unit started in 2006.

San Mateo County has some 50 gangs with at least 2,000 members, Mr. Munks said. "Last year was a bad year. There were at least 14 gang-related homicides in East Palo Alto."

The county is concentrating

on both enforcement and prevention, Mr. Munks said, and so far this year has been better, with more than 300 arrests. "I think we're making headway on enforcement."

Sheriff-elect Munks will advocate an approach like the feds used on the Mafia, he said. "We should treat them like criminal organizations and put them out of business."

He will also focus on getting information on crime to the public — for example, issuing warnings about a string of burglaries in a community.

Already, there is a Web site where people can learn about warnings and sign up to receive alerts. To keep posted on warnings and crime-related information in the area, log on at [smcalert.info](http://smcalert.info) and at [smsogang.org](http://smsogang.org). ■

### Correction

In the Dec. 20 article on "SRI: 60 years of innovation," the Almanac mistakenly referred to Carl Bennion as one of the SRI scientists who founded Ridge Vineyards in 1961. It was Dave Bennion who founded Ridge, along with Hew Crane and Charlie Rosen. Carl is his son.



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# Retired math teacher learns new math of fundraising

Menlo Park woman helps build a school in Kenya

By David Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

It can be a puzzle, what to do when a dream long deferred turns out not to be what you anticipated.

Consider the ambition of retired Menlo-Atherton High School trigonometry teacher and Menlo Park resident Margo McAuliffe.

"Throughout my life, for years, I'd come out of a daydream and realize that I'd been thinking of teaching girls in Africa," she told the Almanac recently.

In September 2005, after making some preliminary arrangements, she packed for Kenya's equatorial climate and headed for the airport.

"I just kind of did it," she says. "I was 69 at the time. I got on the airplane and they closed the door and I said, 'My God, what have I done?'"

But shortly after she arrived, she says, she realized that teaching math in Kenya was not in the cards for her. The teachers she met "were very good," she says. "If I were to come there and teach, I would be taking away a Kenyan teacher's job." Besides, she says, there was a greater need: fundraising.

Back in 2004, when she retired from M-A, Ms. McAuliffe discussed her teaching plans with Father Daniel Kiriti, a Kenyan priest who visits the area occasionally and says Mass for her Palo Alto-based church group, the Thomas Merton Center for Catholic Spiritual Development. Father Kiriti welcomed her desire to teach math, she says.

At the time, he was in the first phase of separating a coed Kenyan high school into boys and girls schools and was developing plans for a new girls high school in Naivasha, a town of 350,000 located 65 miles north



**Margo McAuliffe**, above, of Menlo Park is fundraiser-in-chief for a new girls' high school in Kenya. At right, **Father Daniel Kiriti**, who visits the Peninsula from Kenya occasionally to say Mass and raise money for his new girls school.

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of the capital, Nairobi.

Father Kiriti needed help raising money for the school, and Ms. McAuliffe volunteered to help him raise it. "It was only after I got started that I realized that (the \$300,000 project) didn't have any money," she says. "I'm the only fundraiser for the school."

In the last 14 months, she says, she's collected about \$100,000 from friends and members of her church as well

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MARGO MCAULIFFE

as other churches. Asked what fundraising has done to her routines, she was lighthearted: "What has it done? Taken over my life."

On a recent trip to Beaverton, Oregon, with Father Kiriti, she arranged for him to say Mass a couple of times at St. Cecilia Church and give five homilies over five Masses. That effort alone raised \$10,400, Ms. McAuliffe says.

"I've always hated asking people for money," she adds. "It's been a real stretch for me. This is so much work, and to

just one school."

She has had occasional thoughts of setting up a foundation, but that would have to come later, she says. "Right now, I just want to make sure I get one school built."

## Teaching in Kenya

As fundraiser-in-chief for the new school, Ms. McAuliffe is busy here in the United States, but she does manage to teach both boys and girls when she's in Kenya — about once a year. While in Naivasha, she says, she splits her time between tutoring and team-teaching.

She walks to school, about 2 miles uphill, and makes the journey twice a day. During the day, students stay put while teachers move from room to room, and classes are supposed to start at 8:10 a.m.

She says she has tried appealing to the students' sense of approaching adulthood in hopes of inculcating promptness and responsibility. Some students arrive in the afternoon, some casually miss whole days, she says.

To engage students, Ms. McAuliffe says she has been using the Socratic method: She presents a question and allows the children to reflect and propose answers.

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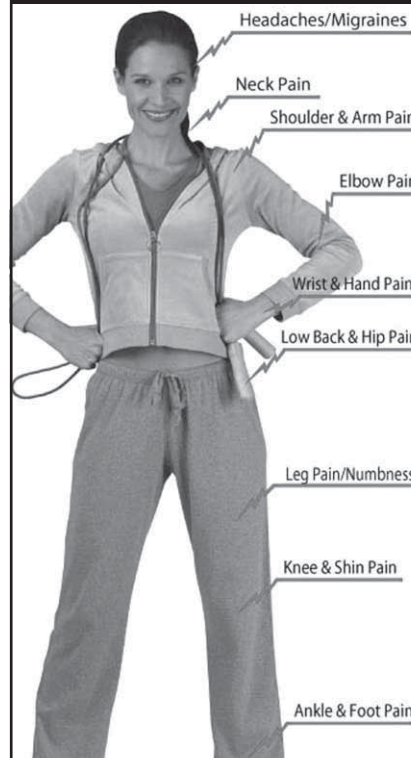
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# Portola Valley shows its green

## GLOBAL WARMING

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George. Menlo Park has already converted, as has Atherton, officials said.

## Sustainability survey

In a 2006 survey conducted by the nonprofit Sustainable San Mateo County, the city of Menlo Park shows steadily lower emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> as the use of natural gas and electricity dropped over the last five years.

Menlo Park's new mayor, Kelly Fergusson, included global warming as a major issue for the council to address in 2007.

Atherton answered the survey question on carbon emissions by citing the "optimal efficiency" of its "well maintained" vehicles, according to documents provided by town officials.

Portola Valley noted its Climate Change agreement participation and its plans to use ICLEI.

Atherton did replace about 40 187-watt street lights with newer 70-watt models in West Atherton. The electricity savings will be "huge," said Steve Tyler, public works supervisor.

Atherton's Environmental Programs Committee is also meeting this month to discuss a range of issues, including Earth Day, green building practices and joining ICLEI, said Councilman Marsala.

Woodside was still preparing its survey answers as the year was ending, and has just begun to study utility bills for its two buildings, Town Manager George said. "It's making us put on our thinking caps a little bit."

"To be perfectly honest," she

added, "in a lot of cases, some of our residents have homes that are twice as large as Town Hall and they may have several buildings on their (properties)." If one or two of them were to live greener lives, it would have more impact, she said.

In one office building, San Mateo County government in 2006 cut in half the number of fluorescent bulbs while maintaining the same light levels by using so-called T8 bulbs and ballasts, said Dianne Anderson, the RecycleWorks programs coordinator.

The county also held its first

**Menlo Park's new mayor, Kelly Fergusson, included global warming as a major issue for the council to address in 2007**

annual swap meet, open to all, to encourage re-use of goods and materials, she said.

## Portola Valley's effort

Recently some 25 Portola Valley residents formed a Climate Change Protection Task Force, with four initial objectives: gathering local statistics, thinking about energy-efficient building practices, educating residents on how to lower emissions, and coming up with ideas for lowering vehicle-based emissions. The group next meets on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Historic Schoolhouse.

Among the questions at the group's Dec. 5 meeting: What

can be done to reduce fuel consumption by out-of-town vehicles delivering construction materials and other goods? How do you help even energy-conscious residents ignore the inner voice that demands more new energy-sucking gadgets for their homes? How do you begin to develop a baseline for the town's future CO<sub>2</sub> measurements?

There's no need for exact numbers to get moving, said resident and environmental activist Craig Breon. Volunteers could serve as reliable sources for residents' questions.

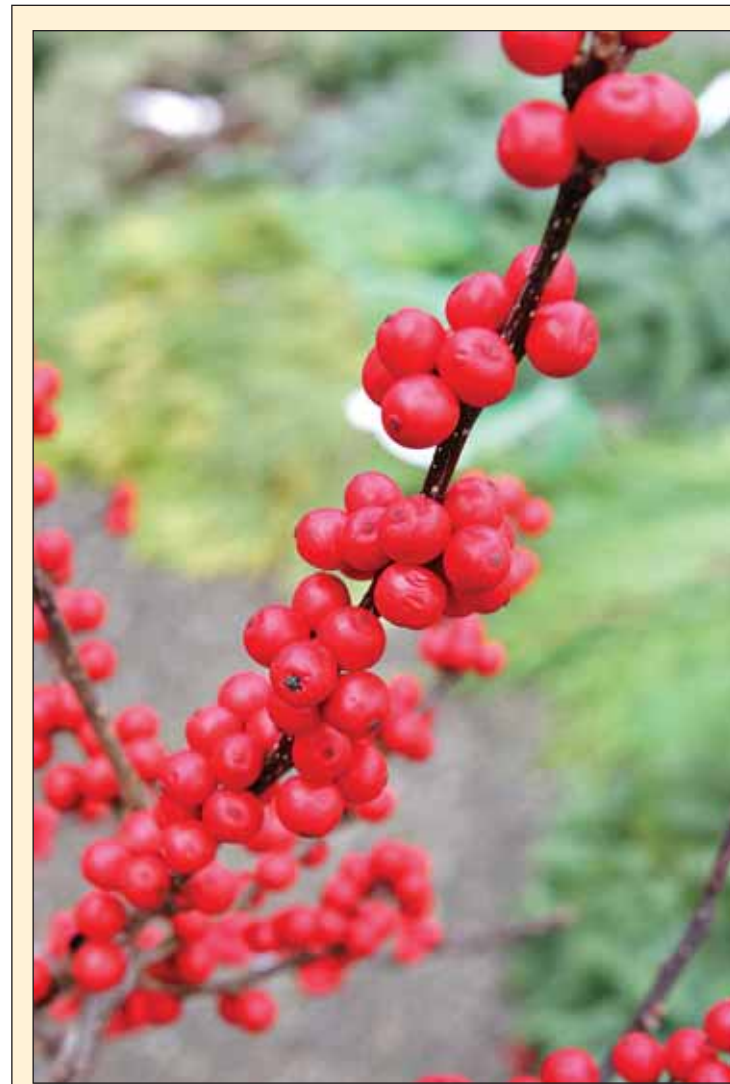
A campaign for a compact fluorescent light bulb in every house is a small step to ask of residents "but the (environmental) impact is big," said David Coale, a member of a Palo Alto environmental task force who dropped in on the Portola Valley meeting.

"We may never have the average person thinking (at the task force's) level, but if we can make it easier for them to take steps, then we can make progress," Mr. Breon said.

For ideas on green design, Portola Valley residents have a ready resource at the town's Planning Department Web page. About once a quarter, Planning Technician Carol Borck prepares an article on an alternative to a traditional practice in home furnishing and design.

This year, she's written articles on terrazzo kitchen countertops made from recycled glass or aluminum, on nontoxic home insulation made from shredded blue jeans, and on decking alternatives, she said.

"I get a lot of good feedback,"



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## A splash of color

Winter berry branches decorate the entrance of Ladera Garden and Gifts in Ladera Shopping Center in December.

# Learning new math

## MATH TEACHER

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Participation of girls with boys in the room was a particular concern, and a primary reason behind Father Kiriti's decision to split up the school. In her coed classes, "by the end of two weeks, the girls were speaking up just like the boys were," she says.

## Breaking bread

As a homemaker, Ms. McAuliffe knows her way around an oven, but her skills were tested in Kenya one day when she taught a group of six prostitutes to bake bread. Life Bloom, a group that helps commercial sex workers, planned the day.

The class took place in the home of a female prison guard at least a mile's walk away, which

they hiked loaded down with ingredients, she says. Along the dusty way, she says, playing children would try to shake her hand, asking "How are you?" in their high-pitched voices.

Her classroom was a living room about 10 feet by 10 feet and jammed with furniture, a portable oven with a broken adjustment knob, and a couple of coffee tables to use as kneading surfaces, she says.

After moving some furniture outside, she got started, teaching her students about yeast and kneading and punching down risen dough, all amid salty teasing and chit chat, some of it in Swahili. "We had lots of good laughs," she says.

The women were very grateful, and not least because Ms. McAuliffe sat and ate with them, she says. ■

# Open space district buys the Driscoll Ranch from POST

The largest property ever purchased for public use by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District will open new opportunities for hiking and low-key recreation just over Skyline Ridge.

On Dec. 13, the district board bought the 3,681-acre Driscoll Ranch, located along Highway 84 in La Honda, from the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for \$9 million. POST bought the active cattle ranch from the Driscoll family in 2002 for \$21 million as part of its Saving the Endangered Coast campaign.

The district will be undertaking a master planning program to integrate public use of the ranch with continued grazing. District General Manager Craig Britton said, "Over the next two years, we plan to hold a series of public workshops to make sure people have a chance to provide meaningful input about the future use of the ranch."

The district plans to merge the Driscoll Ranch with the adjacent La Honda Creek Open Space

Preserve. The resulting preserve will become the district's largest in San Mateo County, spanning a total of 5,759 acres.

The Driscoll Ranch is the district's third acquisition of land originally bought by POST this fall:

■ In October, the district bought the 183-acre lower Purisima Creek from POST for \$2.25 million. The scenic property may some day serve as a critical link in a trail system linking Skyline with the coast.

■ On Dec. 13, the district also bought the 238-acre Stevens Canyon Ranch from POST as an addition to the Saratoga Gap Open Space Preserve. Located near Monte Bello Open Space Preserve and Lower Stevens Creek County Park, the property lends itself to regional trail connections. It is also a historic family ranch dating back to the 1880s, with ranch buildings, an orchard, and an old stone winery with doors decorated by fading paintings of two dancing ladies.

# County beefs up gang task force

■ Gangs in county have grown 'to epidemic proportions,' police official says.

By Marion Softky  
Almanac Staff Writer

As street gangs in San Mateo County become smarter and more deadly, the Board of Supervisors is beefing up its Countywide Gang Enforcement Task Force and putting it on a more formal basis.

On Dec. 6, the board unanimously approved a formal agreement to be signed with participating cities. These "operational protocols" spell out legal details of responsibility and liability in cases of injury property damage.

Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson cited the gang task force for its sensitivity to community issues and compassion for people. "It really is a model," she said.

First established in the summer of 2004, the Gang Enforcement Task Force enlisted 30 law enforcement officers from throughout the county to tackle the criminal activities of street gangs on a countywide basis. "Every single jurisdiction in the county has participated," said Sheriff Don Horsley in his last presentation to the supervisors. He is retiring after 13 years as county sheriff.

The task force was reconstituted in 2005 as "Operation Safe Summer." In 2006, the county established a Gang Intelligence Unit to collect and coordinate information on gang members and activities.

The net result has been 482 adult arrests, 70 juvenile arrests, and a decrease in crime in East Palo Alto, Sheriff Horsley said. "We're going to start tracking crime rates."

"Gangs in San Mateo County have grown to epidemic proportions," South San Francisco Police Chief Mark Raffaelli warned the board. "They have grown smarter and more sophisticated."

San Mateo County has some 50 gangs with at least 2,000 members, said Undersheriff Greg Munks in an interview. He will succeed

*'The task force allows us to have county resources in our area when we have problems.'*

CMDR. TERRI MOLAKIDES  
MENLO PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Horsley on Jan. 8.

The county is concentrating on both enforcement and prevention, Mr. Munks said. "I think we're making headway on enforcement."

Most gangs have cultural underpinnings, he said. While some gangs are into pushing narcotics and crime, many are made up of kids in bad social settings. They need to belong to a group; they need social protection; they are lured by the gang lifestyle.

"A lot of these kids don't have hope. They don't see a future for themselves," he continued.

Besides cracking down on gang members and gang activities, Mr. Munks said, "We're trying to partner with community organizations, like the

Boys and Girls clubs and faith-based organizations, to offer kids a positive future, an alternative to gangs."

Menlo Park has participated in the task force since its beginning, and plans to continue, said Cmdr. Terri Molakides of the Menlo Park Police Department. She had not yet seen the new participation agreement.

"The task force allows us to have county resources in our area when we have problems," Cmdr. Molakides said. She noted that gangs don't follow jurisdictional boundaries. Problems in Redwood City and East Palo Alto spill over into Menlo Park, and vice versa.

The Menlo Park department also has its own Narcotics Enforcement Team with three members, she said.

"We do have gangs," she acknowledged. "They are often high-level drug dealers. They are very violent people."

## New Web site

San Mateo County's Gang Intelligence Unit now has a new tool to provide the public with information about gangs and to receive secure tips on gang members and gang activities.

On Dec. 13 Sheriff-elect Munks presented a Sheriff's Commendation to Redwood City resident Jon Heyward. As a volunteer project, the Serra High School student prepared a Web site for the Gang Intelligence Unit. "In addition, you translated the public version into the Spanish language," Mr. Munks said.

To learn more about gangs, or to submit information, log on to [smso.gang.org](http://smso.gang.org). ■

# Sequoia's norovirus outbreak likely over

The public dining room at The Sequoias retirement community in Portola Valley appears to be back in business and residents no longer must eat in their rooms to avoid a highly contagious norovirus, signaling the end of an outbreak that began Dec. 10, said a resident in an e-mail message to the Almanac.

Sequoia's management reopened the dining room Wednesday, Dec. 27, after being cleared to do so by the San Mateo County Health Department, the resident said.

During the outbreak, routine gathering spots such as the library, lounge and exercise facilities were also closed, said Sequoias spokeswoman Susan Rotella shortly after the outbreak was reported last month. These restrictions have been

removed and everything is "back to normal," the resident said.

Ms. Rotella did not return the Almanac's phone calls last week requesting an update, and the phone operator at The Sequoias would not confirm an official end to the outbreak or the reopening of any group facilities.

The county health department never has confirmed or denied

that an outbreak of norovirus occurred at The Sequoias in December. But after more than 40 residents were stricken with vomiting, diarrhea and other severe symptoms of intestinal illness, two residents tested positive for the virus.

As of late December, 50 to 52 cases were reported at the retirement community, according to Ms. Rotella.

## Market robbed at gunpoint

Three men armed with handguns robbed La Michoacana Market on Willow Road in Menlo Park at about 7:40 p.m. on Dec. 26, according to the Menlo Park Police Department.

The trio demanded money from the store clerk, and after

taking it, also robbed a customer, then assaulted another customer as they were fleeing the store, police said.

The police are asking anyone with information regarding the case to call the department's Investigations Division at 330-6300.





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## Grant to help fight county's invasive weeds

Starting in April, Woodside neighbors of the Thornewood Open Space Preserve will get more help in eradicating slender false brome, an invasive non-native grass, thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the state.

The grant from the state Department of Food and Agriculture will allow the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and partner agencies to attack infestations of slender false brome, pampas grass, St. John's wort, and other exotic weeds spreading into parks and open spaces in San Mateo County.

Slender false brome, an aggressive perennial grass originating in southern Europe and North Africa, is found only in Woodside and Oregon. In Oregon it has overrun 10,000 acres.

In Woodside it has been mostly eradicated from Thornewood, but is spreading onto neighboring private properties.

"It is destroying the forest ecosystem," said Cindy Roessler, resource management specialist for the open space district.

In November, the state promoted slender false brome to an A-rated noxious weed. Of the grant's total, \$10,000 will supplement the district's 10-year, \$1.2 million program to get rid of it. There are also small patches in the La Honda and Corte Madera open space preserves, Ms. Roessler said.

The district has hired a contractor to plan a control program and outreach to nearby homeowners. "In April we will start setting up workshops in Woodside," Ms. Roessler said.

Other projects to be funded by the state grant include:

- \$50,700 to help restore native grasslands at Edgewood Natural Preserve.

- \$19,800 to the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to help eradicate St. John's wort spreading on POST lands near Gazos Creek.

- \$10,000 to POST for its program to remove pampas grass from its 119-acre Pillar Point Bluff property and restore native plant communities.

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**Clockwise**, starting at the top of opposite page, Brooks Humphrey, 15, sails the air at Menlo Park's skate park.

**Proper technique** is fundamental in Tiny Ballerina classes at the Burgess Recreation Center in Menlo Park, where, from left, Claire Anderson, 4, Sofia Wills, 4, Hazel Shah, 4, Anna Zigmund-Ramm, 3, and Shreya Khare-Arora, 4, follow the lead of teacher Lois Wood.

**Before the performance** are rehearsals, and so it is for Molly Pam, left, of Menlo Park and Frankie Rosas at Crystal Springs Uplands School.

**Amanda Foster**, left, and her sister Sarah enjoy treats, not tricks, at the 2006 Halloween Trick-or-Treat event in Menlo Park's Fremont Park.

**Pierre Beau De Lomenie's** imagination stands in for the lack of a railroad track on the carpet in the toddler's room at the Menlo Children's Center.

**Brett Sterns** of Ormondale School in Portola Valley inspects a fossilized scale from the back of a crocodile extant 110 million years ago.

**A day under sail** with the Peninsula Youth Sailing Foundation in the Bay off Redwood City can be a soothing counterpoint to teenage angst.

**Atherton's Hollie Kucera's** years of rodeo experience make lassoing look easy. In the 2006 high school state championships, she took first place in cutting and separating a cow from the herd.

**Like migrating birds**, cyclists on the daily noon ride sweep along Portola Road in a subdued cacophony of conversation and spinning chains.



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**Clockwise**, from top left, Menlo-Atherton High's class of 2006 says hello to adulthood with the encouragement of biology teacher Rick Longyear and outreach coordinator Geri Nicholas.

**Analysis can coexist** with a sense of wonder in the minds of third-graders, as seems evident here in, from left, Ludbins Ponce, Zacherie Misch, Johnny Hamren and Andy Parker, all of Encinal School in Atherton.

**Elliot Owen**, right, of Oak Knoll School reacts to an illusion available when wearing 3D glasses. Nicholas Fratt, behind Elliot, made the glasses for the school's 2006 science fair.

**Elisa Ouyang** and her daughter Adrienne Yue tour the toddlers' room at the Menlo Children's Center, where dolls can help kids express their nurturing urges.

**Bret Hinrichs**, right, gazes upon his work, a predatory bubble made at a workshop at the 2006 science fair at Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park.



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# Community

NEWS OF LOCAL PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

## Songs from the heart

Woodside teen dedicates CD to her dad; proceeds benefit pancreatic cancer research

By Marjorie Mader  
Almanac Staff Writer

Adriana Kwicinski of Woodside and her dad Larry Kwicinski, an avid outdoorsman, were dog sledding in the snow fields of his native Canada and camping in the Arctic tundra for the fourth time in May 2005, when she was 13.

Life changed dramatically after they returned home. Larry Kwicinski was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and the prognosis was not favorable.

Adriana, with encouragement from her mother, Nanci Caldwell, decided to sing and record her first CD with four of her dad's favorite jazz songs as a Father's Day gift that he could listen to while undergoing chemotherapy.

In just nine short months, Larry Kwicinski lost his battle with cancer. He died on Feb. 18, 2006, at age 57.

Adriana and her mother decided to do something to help raise public awareness of the need for a breakthrough in pancreatic cancer treatment and early detection. Drawing on her musical talent and her first recording experience, Adriana made

another CD — "Irreplaceable."

The CD is dedicated to her dad, "the best dad any kid could ever imagine," she says. All proceeds go to PanCan, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

"When you take something you really love and combine it with something you're passionate about — a good cause — it makes one feel better," says Adriana, now 14 and a freshman at Menlo School.

She sings favorites such as "Cheek to Cheek," "Lullaby of Birdland," "Embraceable You" and "Three Little Words" on the CD, with accompaniment by well-known jazz musicians Larry Dunlap, piano; Seward McCain, bass; and Jim Zimmerman, drums.

"We chose songs that were her father's favorites and songs that were appropriate for a young girl," said Adriana's vocal coach Wendy McCain, a jazz singer and a faculty member of the Stanford Jazz Workshop.

Adriana's interest in jazz took off when she was in sixth grade at Portola Valley's Corte Madera School. Juliet Green, the school's music specialist, introduced Adriana to jazz and encouraged

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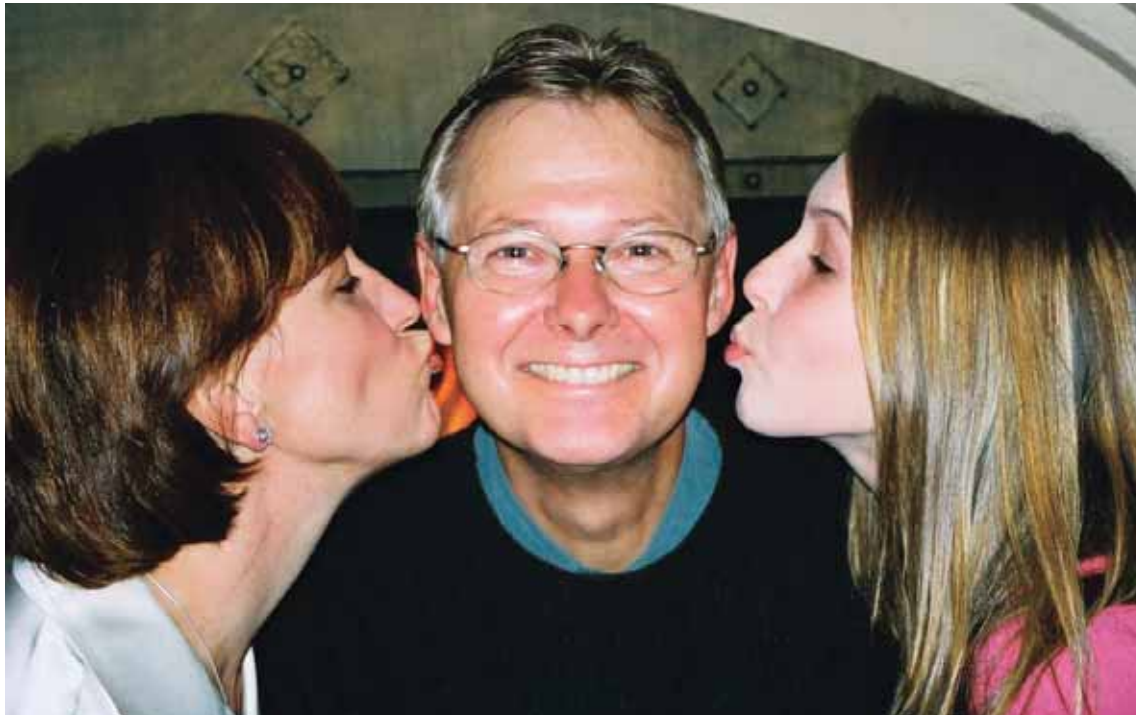


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**Above:** Larry Kwicinski was the love of their life for his wife, Nanci Caldwell, left, and their daughter Adriana. At left: Adriana Kwicinski recorded "Irreplaceable," a CD of jazz songs, as a tribute to her father, who died of pancreatic cancer last February. All proceeds from sales will go to the nonprofit Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

## Hewlett Foundation awards arts grants

Four major performing arts organizations in San Francisco are the beneficiaries of \$25 million in grants from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation of Menlo Park, the foundation announced on Nov. 17.

The San Francisco Opera has received \$10 million for its endowment for new works, education, technology and the training of young artists.

A \$5 million grant was given to the San Francisco Symphony for its education program endowment. American Conservatory Theater (A.C.T.) and San Francisco Ballet each have received \$5 million for their new works endowments.

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# From the heart

**SONGS**

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her to audition for "Panache," Corte Madera's vocal jazz group.

She was one of only two sixth-graders accepted. That summer she participated in the Stanford Jazz Workshop and was invited to perform at several events.

Ms. Green, who was in the studio during Adriana's first recording session, describes Adriana's voice as "very pure

and natural, with perfect pitch. I appreciate that she always sounds like herself, not affected or imitative the way many young singers are.

"She is a great soloist, but also can blend with a group, which reflects her personality."

"Music is my number one focus," Adriana says. She sings soprano in the Lorelei, the chorus at Menlo School, practicing four times a week at school; practices four to five hours a

week at home; and continues to study with Ms. McCain.

In the spring, she'll travel with the Menlo chorus on its tour to South America, with stops in Peru, Chile and Argentina.

In the CD jacket notes, Adriana said she made the recording because she wanted to do something that would make a difference. "If only we could find a treatment that was more effective at fighting cancer. ... Although it is too late for my family, it doesn't have to be for other families, and I want to do everything I can to help." ■

## Performances, CD sales support cancer research

Adriana Kwicinski not only uses her CD to raise funds for pancreatic cancer research, she has performed at three benefits recently in Los Angeles, Portola Valley and a gallery in Toronto.

Her biggest challenge was singing to an audience of 750 at the PanCan benefit "Evening with the Stars" in the Renaissance Grand Ballroom in Hollywood on Nov. 4, where she introduced her CD, "Irreplaceable."

"It was fun and nerve-wracking the first time," she said.

Performing at a reception hosted by friends Sheryl and Bud Hyler in their home on the former Lauriston estate in Portola Valley was more comfortable and like a homecoming with friends of all ages, including school friends who have supported her.

Adriana and her mother, Nanci Caldwell, have set the goal of raising \$50,000 for pancreatic cancer research. So

far, they've raised over \$35,000 from the sale of the CD.


"Every penny from the sale of the CD goes to PanCan (Pancreatic Cancer Network)," says Ms. Caldwell, who funded the up-front costs of producing the CD.

She is looking for philanthropically minded businesses and people who would be interested in helping to distribute the CD so that 100 percent of the \$20 cost will go toward fighting pancreatic cancer, the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States.

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"With higher student enrollment there is a growing recognition that more attention must be paid to the quality of education. By focusing on quality, this partnership marks a major step forward, building on interna-

tion efforts to make a primary school education available to children everywhere."

The Gates Foundation, which will contribute \$40 million to the effort, tends to focus on reducing poverty, improving health and expanding access to information. The collaboration reflects the Gates Foundation's recognition of Hewlett's commitment to education in the developing world, Mr. Brown said.

The Hewlett Foundation will oversee the distribution of grants to organizations that focus on helping students master advanced learning skills, find interesting work and participate fully in civic life, Mr. Brown said.

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Photos courtesy of Juliet Green

Hannah Trotte, from left, Claire Junglieb and Katie Lannin are watching a Beatles concert in their school's "That's So 40 Years Ago" stage production, set for Jan. 9.

## Corte Madera students turn back the clock

Corte Madera School's seventh- and eighth-graders are putting together a tribute to the past — "That's So 40 Years Ago" — that takes center stage on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Portola Valley school's multi-use room.

"They have researched the music, culture, history and politics of the 1960s and written a very fun tribute show," said Juliet Green, the school's drama, music and chorus teacher.

The big performance will include scenes based on the television program *Laugh-In*, the stage production "West Side

Story," and the Beatles, as well as the more serious Vietnam War and the protests surrounding it, and the Martin Luther King and the Kennedy assassinations. There also will be lots of great music and fashions from the 60s, Ms. Green said.

Students' research included interviews with some teachers who shared their memories of the decade.

Proceeds from the show will go toward the fund to build the new Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C. The suggested donation for the performance is \$10 per person, but no one will

be turned away for lack of funds.

When the eighth-graders visit Washington, D.C., in the spring, they will be able to see where the memorial is going up, and know they had a hand in making it happen, said Ms. Green.

Another musical event at Corte Madera will be the annual spring concert on Thursday, Jan. 18, featuring the school's bands and choirs. The concert will be at 7 p.m. in the school's multi-use room.

Corte Madera, the Portola Valley district's grade 4-8 school, is located at 4575 Alpine Road, Portola Valley.

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# Business

BUSINESSES AND LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS



Trish Mitchell of Menlo Park is shown with diffusers for her line of Napa Valley Scents.

## Enjoying the sweet smell of success

Menlo Park mom starts her own fragrance business

By Jane Knoerle

Almanac Lifestyles Editor

Trish Mitchell of Menlo Park had been a “volunteer mom” for 10 years and a president of the Hillview Parent Teacher Organization when she decided to go into business for herself.

Her first idea was to become associated with the wine business. Her brother, Mike Yates, is president of the Napa Redwoods Estate winery. “My family has been in the wine business forever,” she says, “but I realized there was a lot I would have to learn.”

Her solution? To produce a line of reasonably priced (\$30) fragrance diffusers packaged in small wine bottles called Napa Valley Scents. “I had recently bought a fragrance diffuser that cost \$85. I loved it and carried it from room to room. I wanted to make one that was affordable.”

She says the wine bottle is her tie-in with Napa. Her first fragrance was Christmas Cabernet. Coastal Grigio, Citrus Syrah, and Hawaiian Lei Chardonnay

soon followed.

The fragrances don’t actually smell like wine, she hastens to add. “Christmas Cabernet smells like clove, orange and cinnamon.”

To get the business started, she searched the Internet for suppliers for the diffusers and oils needed to produce the product.

A fragrance diffuser consists of porous reed sticks that are inserted in a bottle of scented oil. The intensity of the fragrance can be regulated by the number of reeds you put into the bottle and how often you turn them over in the open bottle. Each 6.3 ounce (187 ml) wine bottle comes with eight sticks. Diffusers last an average of six months.

Producing the product became a family affair. Trish’s husband, Mark, and sons Flint and Alden were all put to work in the family garage. As the business expanded, the Mitchells renovated a small barn on the family’s ranch in Napa Valley, where they now have “the best smelling office on the planet.”

Working together to produce the product is actually fun, she says.

Ms. Mitchell began marketing her diffusers at holiday boutiques and by calling on local stores. Napa Valley Scents are carried locally by Occasions and Home & Garden in downtown Menlo Park and the Ladera Garden Center

A booth at the San Francisco International Gift Show brought additional business. Now 40 retail outlets throughout the country carry her product.

She has created a special fragrance, “Vineyard at Sunrise,” for celebrity chef Michael Chiarello’s line of NapaStyle products.

Napa Valley Scents has now added a new line called RoomFumes. Customers were requesting diffusers for small rooms and children’s rooms, she says, and the new 4-ounce bottle seemed more suitable. The fragrances carry names like Sweet Dreams, Clean Laundry, Vanilla Bean, and Fresh Lemon.

Napa Valley Scents is also producing customized fragrances to be sold as favors for weddings or birthday parties, or as thank-you gifts for businesses.

Trish Mitchell is finding a lot of satisfaction in her home-grown business. “My goal for next year is to just keep growing,” she says. ■

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The Almanac



CEO Michelle Tsui of Menlo Park.

## ‘Director’s Cut’ announces its new Web log

By Stephanie Cadora

Special to the Almanac

My Director’s Cut, a company specializing in preserving old family films and video on DVD, has launched a Web log for customers to post their experiences creating and showing their DVDs.

“With the My Director’s Cut blog, we offer a focused forum for our customers to share the experiences and emotions that

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# Bouffant salon opens in Woodside

Wyndie Carter's salon features mother-of-the-bride fashions

By Jane Knoerle  
Almanac Lifestyles Editor

Since everyone else fusses over the bride, designer Wyndie Carter decided to open Bouffant, her new Woodside salon that caters to that oft-forgotten woman: the mother of the bride or bridegroom.

You won't find any frumpy blue lace ensembles in Ms. Carter's collection. She designs for women like her mother, Judy Nusbaum of Woodside. "My mom is a size 2 and a personal

trainer. Today's '60-something' moms are so youthful," she says.

When looking for a dress for her daughter's wedding a few years ago, Ms. Nusbaum found the clothes either too sexy or too matronly. Ms. Carter ended up creating her mother's dress, as well as her own wedding dress.

"She got me started making mother-of-the-bride dresses," Ms. Carter says. The salon caters to the woman who appreciates a "classic structured

look enhanced with a modern designer flair."

For their son's or daughter's wedding, she says, mothers want to feel special and not look dowdy.

She has two approaches to creating a Bouffant ensemble: made-to-order and complete custom. The made-to-order collection has uncomplicated silhouettes in both cocktail and evening length. A popular example is a fitted empire silk cocktail dress with a matching length coat with a hint of beaded detail.

"Women often want a simple silhouette made from beautiful fabric with just a touch of glitter," she says. A popular choice for warm weather is a sheer princess-style coat over a simple sheath.

In the made-to-order collection, the client chooses the style, color, fabric and size. The ensembles cost around \$700 to \$800 and take 10 weeks to complete.

One-of-a-kind custom outfits start at \$1,500 and take a period of months. "There are at least two mock-up fittings before we make the dress," she says.

Ms. Carter has always been interested in fashion. She majored in textiles at the University of Washington and did post-graduate work at the Fashion Institute of Design in San Francisco. As Wyndie Nusbaum, she had an 11-year career as a designer in the wholesale trade.

Her career took her from designing "trendier suit wear" sold in upscale stores nationwide to designing bridesmaids' dresses sold to retailers, mainly on the West Coast. She also did custom bridal gowns. "Today, I won't turn a bride down, but I really want to be there for the moms."

When Ms. Carter married in 2002, she "dropped out for a while." Her son, Wesley, was born last year. Now she is looking forward to operating her first retail business.

She plans to introduce her fashions to local women with two fashion shows in January.

Why the name Bouffant? "The retro look from the 50s is very popular right now and it seemed to fit," she says.

Bouffant is open by appointment only. It is located at 2920 Woodside Road in Woodside. For an appointment, call Ms. Carter at 464-0139. ■



Ms. Carter models fashions from her salon.



Designer Wyndie Carter opened her new salon in December.

## DIRECTOR'S CUT

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are spawned from the family memories they captured," CEO Michelle Tsui of Menlo Park said in a press release.

Ms. Tsui co-founded My Direc-

tor's Cut three years ago with Danny Loh, also of Menlo Park.

The new Web log is called "Video Memories." Ms. Tsui said that some of the DVD projects her company has helped bring to fruition are so meaningful that she hopes "Video Memories" stories

will inspire other families to create their own keepsake DVDs.

Three years ago, Ms. Tsui, then a software engineer, found she loved her avocation — taking videos of her twin girls and editing them — so much that she got the idea to start My

Director's Cut, she said in an interview.

She has posted her own entry on the new Web log, which is at [mydirectorscut.com/blog](http://mydirectorscut.com/blog).

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# Menlo Park police officer involved in Dec. 22 fatal shooting of suspect

By **Stephanie Cadora**  
Special to the Almanac

A Menlo Park police officer has been placed on paid administrative leave after being involved in the Dec. 22 fatal shooting of a teenage boy in an East Palo Alto shooting and robbery, according to Capt. Don O'Keefe of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

The Menlo Park Police Department had not released the name of the officer as of the Almanac's Dec. 29 press time.

Shortly after the late-night robbery, two Menlo Park police officers and one sheriff's deputy sergeant spotted two suspects at Saratoga Avenue and Alborni Street in East Palo Alto, said Capt. O'Keefe.

As a Menlo Park police officer

tried to detain 16-year-old Maeli Longi of East Palo Alto, the two struggled and the officer lost his balance, said Lt. Tom Alipio of the East Palo Alto Police Department.

Lt. Alipio said the boy then pulled a gun from his waistband and shot two rounds at the officer, missing him.

The other Menlo Park police officer and the deputy sergeant

then shot and killed the teenager, said Lt. Alipio.

The Sheriff's Office identified the sergeant as 23-year veteran Peter Ralls, who might return to work this week if he is considered ready.

Menlo Park police would not say which of its officers were involved, nor did police officials return calls seeking information about the department's policies regarding officers involved in a shooting.

A second suspect, Kilipeni Pahulu, 18, of East Palo Alto, was charged with armed robbery; he posted bail on Dec. 26, said Lt. Tom Alipio.

The suspects allegedly robbed and shot a man in the back and neck. The 39-year-old shooting victim was taken to Stanford Hospital, where he was in critical but stable condition as of Dec. 28, Capt. O'Keefe reported.

Police are asking anyone with information regarding the incident to contact Detective Jeff Liu of the East Palo Alto Police Department at 853-3131, or Inspector John Minahan of the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office at 363-4834. ■

## Tree branch falls on van; traps driver

A large redwood tree branch knocked loose by heavy winds fell on a cargo van on Willow Road in Menlo Park on Dec. 27, trapping a man in the crushed cab until he was freed by firefighters.

The man suffered only minor injuries, according to Menlo Park Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Greg Auger.

The 40-foot branch, about 8 to 10 inches in diameter, smashed the front windshield and struck almost the entire cab, Mr. Auger said. Several firefighting units responded to the 11:21 call in the 200 block of Willow Road, he said.

"They used the Jaws of Life to free him," he added, referring to the hydraulic tool used to pry open parts of a vehicle. "It took around 10 minutes — they had to cut the doorway and remove part of the door to release him."

He said the man walked away after being freed and went to lie on the gurney that was waiting for him. "He was very fortunate."

The man was transported to Stanford Hospital, where he was treated and released, said Mr. Auger.

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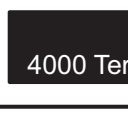


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### MENLO PARK

#### Auto burglary reports:

■ Two men arrested, 900 block of Continental Drive, Dec. 24.

■ CDs stolen, 200 block of Santa Monica Avenue, Dec. 26.

■ Spousal abuse report: 200 block of Santa Margarita, Dec. 27.

### WOODSIDE

■ Burglary report: Five hundred dollars in cash stolen from unlocked office, Buck's Restaurant at 3062 Woodside Road, Dec. 24.

### PORTOLA VALLEY

■ Auto burglary report: Two vehicles in open garage ransacked and hand-capped placard stolen, 100 block of Ash Lane, Dec. 24.

## OBITUARIES

## Lincoln Moses

Professor emeritus at Stanford

Lincoln E. Moses, who spearheaded the development of biostatistics at Stanford University, died Dec. 17 at his home in Portola Valley. He was 84.

Mr. Moses held a split appointment between Stanford's department of statistics and the School of Medicine's department of health research and policy. The two interests led him to become one of the early leaders in moving statistics from the academic to the applied and to his founding of the medical school's division of biostatistics.

Statistics departments in the 1950s and 1960s focused mainly on mathematics, said Bradley Efron, Stanford professor of statistics and of health research and policy. He said Mr. Moses opened

"a window on a different world of statistics for me and for many people."

Mr. Moses held important administrative posts on campus. He was head of the department of statistics from 1964 to 1968. He also served as associate dean in humanities and sciences and as dean of graduate studies.

Mr. Moses was born in Kansas City, Missouri. He graduated from Stanford with a bachelor of arts degree in 1941 and a doctorate in statistics in 1950. He served in the U.S. Navy and later spent two years on the faculty of Columbia University before returning to Stanford in 1952.

Mr. Moses shared a passion for bird watching with his wife, Mary Lou, as well as some of his colleagues. They traveled across California, southern Africa, the Arctic Circle, China and Mongolia in pursuit of birds.

One of his skills was the ability to extract a cork from a bottle of wine without using a corkscrew. "Somehow he'd sort of bounce the bottom of it against the wall, gently, several times and the cork would pop out," said Mr. Efron. "It was really fun to see him do it."

Mr. Moses is survived by his second wife, Mary Lou Moses, and nine children, four from his first marriage and five from his second.

A memorial service will be held in January. For more information about the service, call Kevin Horner, Department of Health Research and Policy at Stanford University; 723-5082.

## Thomas Dent Lay

Former Menlo Park resident

Thomas Dent Lay of Denver, Colorado, died Dec. 2 from a long-term illness. He was 58.

Mr. Lay graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School in 1967 and graduated from Colorado State University in 1971. While in high school, he worked at Shreve's Sport Shop in Menlo Park and was active in the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church youth group. At Colorado State he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

For more than 20 years after college, he lived in the resort community of Silverthorne, Colorado, where he was employed by a property management company.

His interests included downhill skiing, golf and river rafting. His outgoing and caring nature allowed him to make many enduring friendships in the community, say family members.

Mr. Lay is survived by his father, Dent Lay, and stepmother, Peggy Lay, of Boulder City, Nevada; and sister Patricia Lay of Reno, Nevada. His mother, Elsa Lay, died in 1983.

The date and time for a local service has not been determined. For information, call 207-6063.

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turned into pasture. Eventually, pastures are degraded into desert through overgrazing, compaction, and erosion.

Animal agriculture contributes more pollution to our waterways than all other human activities combined. Principal sources are animal wastes, as well as soil particles, minerals, organic debris, fertilizers, and pesticides from feed cropland. Most of the world's water supplies are used for irrigating animal feed crops.

Animal agriculture is also a key source of man-made greenhouse gases that are responsible for global warming. Sixty-five percent of nitrous oxide, the most damaging of these, is emitted by animal waste, according to the report, and 37 percent of methane comes from cattle's digestive process. Operation of farm machinery and transport trucks account for 9 percent of carbon dioxide emissions.

We don't have to wait for Earth Day to help save our planet. We can start with the next trip to the grocery store.

Miles Barne  
Sharon Park Drive, Menlo Park

## Need for light at busy intersection already shown

Editor:

Your Nov. 22 article, "Another pedestrian hit at tricky downtown intersection," quotes Transportation Manager Chip Taylor as saying that the city staff will evaluate the accident report and determine if there is a need for a traffic light. Mr. Taylor should be made aware that the need for a traffic light has already been determined by the city.

On Oct. 1, 2004, Menlo Park

city staff retained the services of TJKM Transportation Services to assist in a feasibility study for installing a light at the intersection. Staff reported the study results to the City Council on Nov. 30, 2004. The study concluded that a traffic signal would improve pedestrian safety and traffic operations. The installation of a traffic light was recommended by staff to the City Council on Jan. 25, 2005. At (that meeting), the council unanimously voted to "immediately carry out the installation of a traffic signal at the corner of University Drive and Menlo Avenue."

The council did not explicitly fund the light, however, and instead directed staff to submit an application for a federal grant, which was turned down (not surprising to me, considering the grant program is intended to help struggling communities improve traffic safety — can any of us truthfully say that Menlo Park is in general a "struggling" city?). Once the grant fell through, the item was not placed as a budget priority — so here we sit with no traffic light. The politics of the previous council may or may not have had something to do with the decision, I don't know. Also, some people might have thought that the new flags and striping were enough to make the intersection safe. They were wrong.

A search of the Almanac archives for articles about traffic accidents and that intersection, or just reading the above-mentioned article, will provide the information any reasonable person needs to see that this is the case. Reading the Oct. 1, 2004, and Jan. 25, 2005, staff reports (available on the city's Web site)

regarding the intersection also clearly illustrates the need.

The new City Council should fund this light immediately and see that it is installed before another person is injured or killed.

Roxie Rorapaugh  
Sherman Avenue, Menlo Park



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Free orientation on Monday, January 8, 6:30 – 9 p.m. The program designed to help people learn how to deal effectively with physical and emotional stress by providing training in breathing, meditation and gentle yoga.

## "Managing Your High Blood Pressure," Tuesday, January 23, 3 – 5 p.m.

This class provides information on causes, risks and treatment of high blood pressure, and approaches to successful reduction, such as exercise and medication.

## "Good Nutrition and Feeding Practices for Toddlers," Wednesday, January 24, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

This class will address parental concerns regarding nutrition and feeding practices. It should be attended by parents or caretakers only.

## "Supermarket Wise," Thursday, January 25, 2 – 4 p.m.

Learn techniques for making healthier food choices in a local supermarket with tour dietitian Karen Ross, M.S., R.D.

## "Taking Charge of Your Body," Mondays, January 29 – March 12, 6 – 8 p.m.

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For information on class fees and to register, call the Education Division at (650) 853-2960.

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## Conservation easements: the Lanes show the way

The problem: How to preserve land with scenic, habitat or recreation value that is in private ownership in developed communities, so that it will not be subdivided and built up by future owners?

The irrepressible Bill and Jean Lane of Portola Valley have come up with an answer: a conservation easement. This is a legal agreement that limits future uses of the land to protect environmental values. Donors can gain substantial tax benefits.

Last month, the town of Portola Valley granted the Lanes a conservation easement that protects their 10-acre hilltop spread in Westridge. Under the easement, future owners of the property will not be allowed to develop the three parcels separately, or build large new mansions; any future owner will be restricted to a one-story house of limited size. The town will monitor and enforce the easement into the future.

As land prices soar and mega-houses sprout in the semi-rural communities of Portola Valley and Woodside, the Lanes are showing the way for others who may have land worth preserving.

Conservation easements are already preserving thousands of acres in San Mateo County in open space, forest, recreation, and agriculture, particularly in the mountains near Skyline and along the coast. The Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) holds numerous conservation easements that protect coastal farms and ranches, as well as the Djerassi Resident Artists Program, from future development.

However, the Lanes' conservation easement marks a milestone in applying the valuable tool on a much smaller scale — 10 acres in a subdivision in a local town, compared with hundreds and thousands of acres in the county's still-rural areas.

Woodside and Portola Valley are both enthusiastic about the Lanes' gift. They see it as a model for others to follow, and as one means to preserve conservation values on which both towns are founded.

Conservation easements are not for everyone. In order to qualify for a federal tax break, the donor of a conservation easement must demonstrate a public benefit. These are spelled out in federal, state and local rules. They would not apply to residents of Portola Valley Ranch, for example, where conservation easements are already included in the original subdivision approval.

The Woodside Open Space Committee is actively encouraging residents who might be able to offer a public benefit to contact the town and learn more. Public benefits in Woodside may be as varied as land in its natural condition, habitat for rare or threatened species, wildlife corridors, agricultural land, or historic structures or landscapes. Recreational use and trail easements could also qualify.

Getting a conservation easement is not easy; it took the Lanes more than three years. The first step is to contact Town Hall and see if you qualify under the town's regulations. Then find a good lawyer with experience in the field to help design a conservation easement tailored to your specific property and needs.

There is incentive to act promptly. At least one of the tax breaks expires at the end of 2007.

Conservation easements can provide a valuable tool to preserve land in its natural state, and improve the rural environment in local towns. They should not, however, be used just to enhance personal property or make these communities even more exclusive.

The Lanes deserve thanks for bringing conservation easements to smaller properties in more developed communities. We hope others with similar opportunities will follow in their steps. The land and the public would benefit.

**EDITORIAL**

*The opinion of The Almanac*

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*Our readers write*

### Big rides exacerbate cyclist/motorist tensions

*Editor:*

I am appalled at Brian Peterson's piece printed in the Dec. 13 Almanac. He devotes paragraph after paragraph to defending his cycling club from blame, trying to paint Ms. Baglietto in a bad light for noting that the water bottle said Alto Velo on it.

Who cares whether or not it was one of the club members? It was a cyclist, and someone was hurt by a deliberate act. For some reason nobody seems to note that the water bottle was thrown hard enough to hit someone on the side of the road in the face, and it was, apparently, intended to hit a car. Is that somehow better than hitting a woman in the face? Is it fine to throw a water bottle at a car in anger?

Had it been a rock thrown by an inner-city teenager, somebody would probably be in jail right now. Had it been a bullet, even one shot in self-defense, would the

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Atherton Heritage Collection

### Our Regional Heritage

This brown shingle summer residence of Charles Woods was built in 1911 at the corner of Mandarin Lane and the Alameda in Atherton. The San Francisco architects, Bliss and Faville, also designed the three Edward Hopkins homes in Atherton — on Altree, Lowry and Parkwood. The Charles Woods house is no longer standing.

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innocent bystander be to blame?

I note John Higgins' letter in the same issue that says, "I'll prove it to you: ride your bike." Though the point is good, it misses the fact that most motorists don't hassle bicyclists, particularly those that are riding safely.

The cyclist/motorist tension has been growing in Portola Valley and the riders are defiant, not looking for a solution so much as making sure to take their rights directly into the middle of the road to make sure the point is made. Guess what? That irritates motorists, who then do something unsafe to make their point.

The problem is pretty localized to these morning rides and packs of cyclists, and the cars among which they ride. The point that is being missed is that these are the same motorists, and the same cyclists, day after day, and it's more like a playground fight than it is any deep-seated cultural problem.

I know that these letters from cyclists are written to try to underscore the very real problem that cyclists get harassed by drivers. Unfortunately, even though my sympathies are with cyclists more than motorists, the elitist, self-righteous "morning ride" crowd does more disservice to the sport than anything else.

It's hard to feel badly for poor Mr. Peterson who seems upset that someone should blame his group for an act committed by someone he and his cyclists just happened to be riding with, and probably knows by name. Somehow my sympathies are not with cyclists, but with Ms. Baglietto, the innocent bystander.

If only Mr. Peterson had ended his letter with his first sentence, where I was congratulating him in my mind, rather than being defensive and ending by demanding an apology from a 62-year-old woman who was hit in the face by a water bottle. Good grief. Maybe the Alto Velo club should boycott the morning ride to show that you do not condone such actions.

Glenn Reid  
Woodside

### Can cyclists change pack mentality?

Editor:

Thank you for covering the Portola Valley bicycle pack trouble last month. While many of us who ride are embarrassed by the event, the riding habits of the pack is long overdue for discussion.

Weekly rides are not ecology events, but neither are they "us

## Opening a new door to the American Dream

By Jerry Hill

San Mateo County does not want to become a part of a house of cards, toppling down because of an unbalanced housing market. We are one of the wealthiest counties in the nation, yet for most residents, incomes have not kept up with housing costs, and the American Dream of home ownership, once attainable, is quickly becoming an illusion.

When I was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1998, we were in the early stages of the dot-com boom, and housing prices, while still expensive in comparison to the rest of the Bay Area, were not unreasonable. Little could we have predicted that in eight years the median priced home in San Mateo County would be hovering at \$900,000 and the annual income

required to purchase such a home would be about \$200,000. The percentage of residents in our county that can afford to purchase continues to decline. And the rents our residents pay are also unsustainable.

Whether people want to acknowledge it or not, the truth is that we are losing our middle class. Our children struggle to live here. How many stories have we heard about kids graduating from college and moving back in with mom and dad? Or the kids move out of the area because they can actually afford to rent, or even buy, on an entry-level salary elsewhere.



We joke that the safest place to be in the event of a major emergency is Tracy. That, after all, is where our first-responders have fled in search of affordable housing.

But, this is not a laughing matter. And, it is not an issue that San Mateo County can solve on its own. That is why on Nov. 30 the county hosted a housing forum and we invited the outgoing chair of the state Assembly Housing Committee, Assemblyman Gene Mullin, to speak, along with the incoming chair, Assemblywoman Lori Saldana.

The purpose was not only to identify the need but also to explore dedicated revenue sources for local housing trusts. Housing trusts distribute funds to increase the supply of affordable housing by helping to build new or rehabilitate old housing, assist families in buying a home or help out with rental assistance.

The goal of many in the audience was to put the American Dream within reach of more families before the middle class flees, not only urban areas but older suburbs as well. Advocates said that providing housing that is affordable to working families can create an economic boon by revitalizing areas and increasing the size and diversity of the workforce near available jobs — a crucial need in California.

But California, so often on the knife-edge of innovation, lacks a far-reaching remedy for the dearth of affordable housing. What California needs is to create new means

for local governments to raise money to increase the supply of affordable homes.

New sources may include fees charged any time a document is entered into the official record, a share of the increase in real estate transfer taxes, sales taxes or property taxes, developer fees or many others. Local governments may already raise some fees individually but, acting alone, the amount raised cannot make a significant increase in the supply of affordable housing.

What's needed is a reliable source of revenue available statewide, so long-term housing plans can be made and fulfilled, and every single community has an opportunity to create affordable housing for all segments of the population.

The problem is clear; potential solutions have been offered. I, along with many other supporters of housing trusts, look forward to working with the business community, environmental groups and other stakeholders committed to securing the future of our state.

What we need now is the political will from the state to be an equal partner in working toward a solution. Local government is ready to make the commitment, but without a strong partner, 58 disparate county solutions to address a statewide issue will surely topple like a house of cards.

Let's not gamble with the housing future of our state.

*Jerry Hill is president of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.*

against them." Unfortunately, a healthy group event has become, as Nancy Baglietto put it, about pack mentality. Apparently when enough bikes get together, rules of the road (along with simple manners and common sense) are suspended. I have been on many peninsula rides where the peloton sweeps through a stop sign into cross traffic without pause.

And I have seen the self-righteous cyclist hit fenders or grab for car antennae. While throwing a water bottle is uncommon, the mentality is not, and that's what needs a little daylight, for the sake of those of us who ride as well.

Henry Riggs  
Callie Lane, Menlo Park

### No track classes at Summit, unlike M-A

Editor:

I have two children in high school, one at Menlo-Atherton and one at Summit.

Both are happy and thriving at their respective schools. But if you compare my two children's classes in terms of minority students, there is a huge difference. At M-A, my daughter is one of only a few Hispanics in her AP/AS classes. At Summit, my son's classes have a much larger percentage of Hispanic students.

Why? Because at Summit, all students — no matter their

background — are on the same track. They all take the same coursework.

We all want the best for all the students in our district. It seems to me there may be many ways to reach that goal. Summit has one method that is hugely successful for certain students, especially students who might not get into the AP/AS track at the comprehensive high schools. At a cost of \$6,200 per student (versus over \$10,000 for an M-A student), Summit would seem to be a bargain for the district.

Instead of trying to tinker with what works at Summit or fight its charter, it would seem to me the district should be proud to have such a successful school under its umbrella.

Joan Westley  
Hedge Road, Menlo Park

### Pack cyclists disregard vehicle code

Editor:

Another battle has erupted in the war between the cyclists and the motorists/pedestrians in Portola Valley. It seems that there is little objection to the ordinary

use of bicycles for transport or exercise. In fact, it is encouraged as a healthy activity.

The objections are to the use of the roads by organized groups who are emulating the Tour de France race. You can recognize a cyclist as racing when:

1. He dresses in spandex attire often adorned with logos from companies with which he has no connection.
2. He disregards the vehicle code and rides in the main vehicle lane as part of a large pack.
3. He keeps his arms centered on his body to lower wind resistance and make steering most difficult.
4. He is within six inches of the bike in front of him.

He is doing what our mothers and fathers told us not to do — playing in the street. If a motor vehicle exhibited similar conduct the operator would be cited for participating in a speed contest. Cyclist time trials on Old La Honda Road are indefensible as speed contests.

Other parts of the vehicle code clearly establish the police powers of local authorities to govern the conduct of cyclists, especially when safety of themselves or oth-

ers is involved. One in every 20 cyclists is injured annually, and 760 died in California last year. Falls account for 59 percent of all crashes. Running into other bicycles are 9 percent and encounters with motor vehicles account for 11 percent. Local authorities could prohibit riding in a pack as a safety measure to lessen collisions with other cyclists or motorists, thus preventing 20 percent of the injuries and deaths.

Local officials would need political courage to regulate this behavior because it is a current fad to race on the streets in costume.

Bruce Campbell  
Santa Maria Avenue  
Portola Valley

### Getting at the true cost of meat production

Editor:

A recent report by the United Nations on livestock warns of the dire environmental consequences of the world's growing meat and dairy production.

According to the report, animal agriculture uses 30 percent of the earth's land surface for pasture and feed-crop production. It is the driving force in world-wide deforestation and wildlife habitat destruction, with 70 percent of the irreplaceable Amazon rainforest

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# Ed Kahl's exciting new listing: six-acre Woodside estate.

## THE LAND

Six sun-swept acres spread out across gently rolling meadows bordered by oak groves and stands of redwood trees. This very private property offers panoramic views of the dark green western hills, especially stunning at sunset or when the fingers of fog spill over the ridges.

The property is located in Hidden Valley, a secluded neighborhood tucked away at the southern end of Woodside; an area once owned by Filoli's Roth family who grew alfalfa for their famed American Saddlebred horses there.

This six-acre parcel accommodates a long circular drive, an artfully remodeled home, separate guest cottage, pool, gardens, tennis court, and acres of natural meadows. Woodside zoning permits 12 horses. The road is secluded, the neighborhood exclusive, and the property is exceptional.



*Space, tranquility, scenic views*

## THE HOME

The sophisticated contemporary design of this home creates an interplay between the indoors and the gardens outside. Glass walls, skylights, clerestory windows, and glass-walled gallery-halls bring the outdoors into the 6-bedroom, 4-bath home. Two fireplaces, a beautifully remodeled chef's kitchen, radiant heat, an intimate mezzanine over the living room – all add to the delightful tranquility of this home. Award-winning Portola Valley Schools. **\$6,500,000**



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