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Shakespeare scholar Michael P. Jensen of Menlo Park has donated about 200 items of "Shakespeareana" to Southern Oregon University's library in Ashland, Oregon. He's shown with a small portion of the other items he is cataloging to add to the collection — and he's on the lookout for more. Photo by Marjan Sadoughi. See story, **Page 12**.

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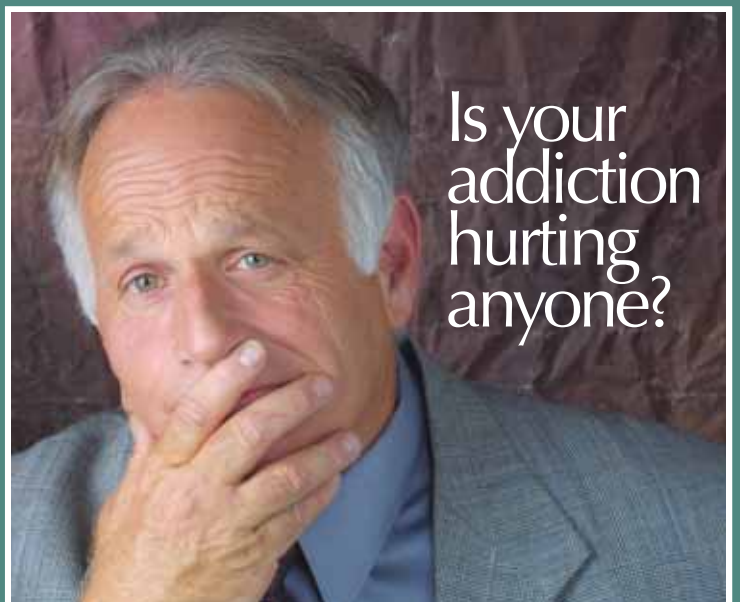
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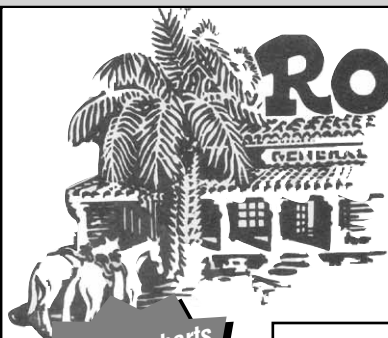
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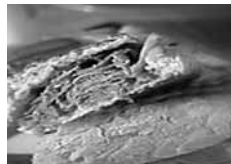
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New council now must name new city manager

David Boesch resigns to take county post, but won't discuss it now.

By Rory Brown
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park City Council members have called for reforming the city's decision-making process, but if changes are made, they will come under the watch of a new city manager.

In an e-mail **MENLO PARK** to city employ-

ees Thursday night, City Manager David Boesch said he would resign soon to become the assistant county manager of San Mateo County.

Mr. Boesch, who was hired as city manager in July 2000,

will leave no later than March 7, he said in a memo to the City Council. The matter may be discussed at the council meeting Tuesday night, Jan. 9.

Mr. Boesch declined to discuss his resignation with the Almanac, adding that he would do so after the county issues a press release about his appointment.

When asked about Mr. Boesch's resignation, council members had only praise and best wishes for the city manager, but over the last several months, that hasn't always been the case.



David Boesch said he would discuss his resignation after the county issues a press release about his appointment as assistant county manager.

Council members Andy Cohen and Kelly Fergusson and the newly elected Heyward Robinson and Richard Cline have questioned the city's decision-making processes, including rushed

decisions on major issues, such as privatizing the operation of the city's new aquatics center, and pursuing the development of Bayfront Park.

They said information pro-

vided by Mr. Boesch's staff was sometimes limited to prove the point of the then-council majority, rather than provide impartial analysis.

Not pushed out

Despite their criticisms, council members stressed that Mr. Boesch was not pushed out. They said they didn't think his decision was related to the recent election, and their frustrations with the city are rooted in past actions taken by the former council majority, not the city manager.

In the election, the two incumbents who strongly backed Mr.

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Parks backers look to partners, volunteers to plug funding gap

By Marion Softky
Almanac Staff Writer

San Mateo County's parks need help from the people who love them and use them.

Following the failure in November of Measure A, a 1/8th-cent sales tax that would have raised some \$16 million a year for county and city parks, the county is looking for new ways to maintain and improve almost 16,000 acres of parkland with major historical structures and environmental wonders.

San Mateo County Parks Director David G. Holland is looking to private/public partnerships, volunteers, and user fees to keep the quality of parks from declining in the face of increasing demands and sagging budgets.

"Such partnerships may mean the difference between preserving the Folger Stable in Woodside and the Sanchez Adobe in Pacifica, two valuable historic resources," Mr. Holland wrote in a report being circulated to newspapers.

"These historic structures are part of the fabric of the county," said Supervisor Rich Gordon. "We have a duty to preserve buildings like these so that future generations will have a connection with history."

"Those are major projects,"

Mr. Holland told the Almanac. "We are trying to highlight opportunities for local folks to engage in programs they have a passion for."

Fortunately for the county, these and other park projects already have strong and organized public support. Half a dozen county parks have "Friends of" groups that raise money for special projects, and recruit volunteers to clear trails, remove exotic weeds, patrol trails, and educate school groups and the public.

The group called Friends of the Fitzgerald Marine Preserve, for example, is planning an interpretive center to explain the tidal reefs off Moss Beach. Some 45 volunteer docents guide wet-footed visitors around the anemones and starfish and other critters that inhabit the edge of the ocean. "It's so much fun to share the wonder of it all — I just love it," said Friends president Mary DeLong.

South County partnerships

Three strong parks support groups, based in South San Mateo County, are partnering with the county and other organizations to raise money, develop projects, and support parks.

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation, headquartered in Flood Park in



Edgewood park is backed by the group, Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve, which engages volunteers to maintain and patrol the park famous for its spring displays of native wildflowers.

Menlo Park, has provided \$6.8 million to county parks, supporting over 30 projects, since it was founded in 1998.

The group called Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks marshal volunteers for education and maintenance programs in the Bayside's two wilderness parks. They are also more than half way to the goal of raising \$5.2 million toward restoring the historic Folger Stable as a resource for the community.

In a three-way partnership,

the stable committee is working with the county parks department and the San Mateo County Historical Society. Co-chair Susan Lang envisions the restored stable, complete with horses, as introducing school children and the public to the period of great estates.

"This is much more than a stable," she said. "It's a community treasure in our back yard. The horses will bring life to history."

The group Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve engages volun-

teers to maintain and patrol the park famous for its spring displays of native wildflowers, just west of Interstate 280 by Edgewood Road. Most notable are their efforts to remove invasive weeds, lead wildflower walks starting in March, and — this year — restore the endangered Bay checkerspot butterfly to the park.

The group is about half way toward raising the funds to build an interpretive center that will

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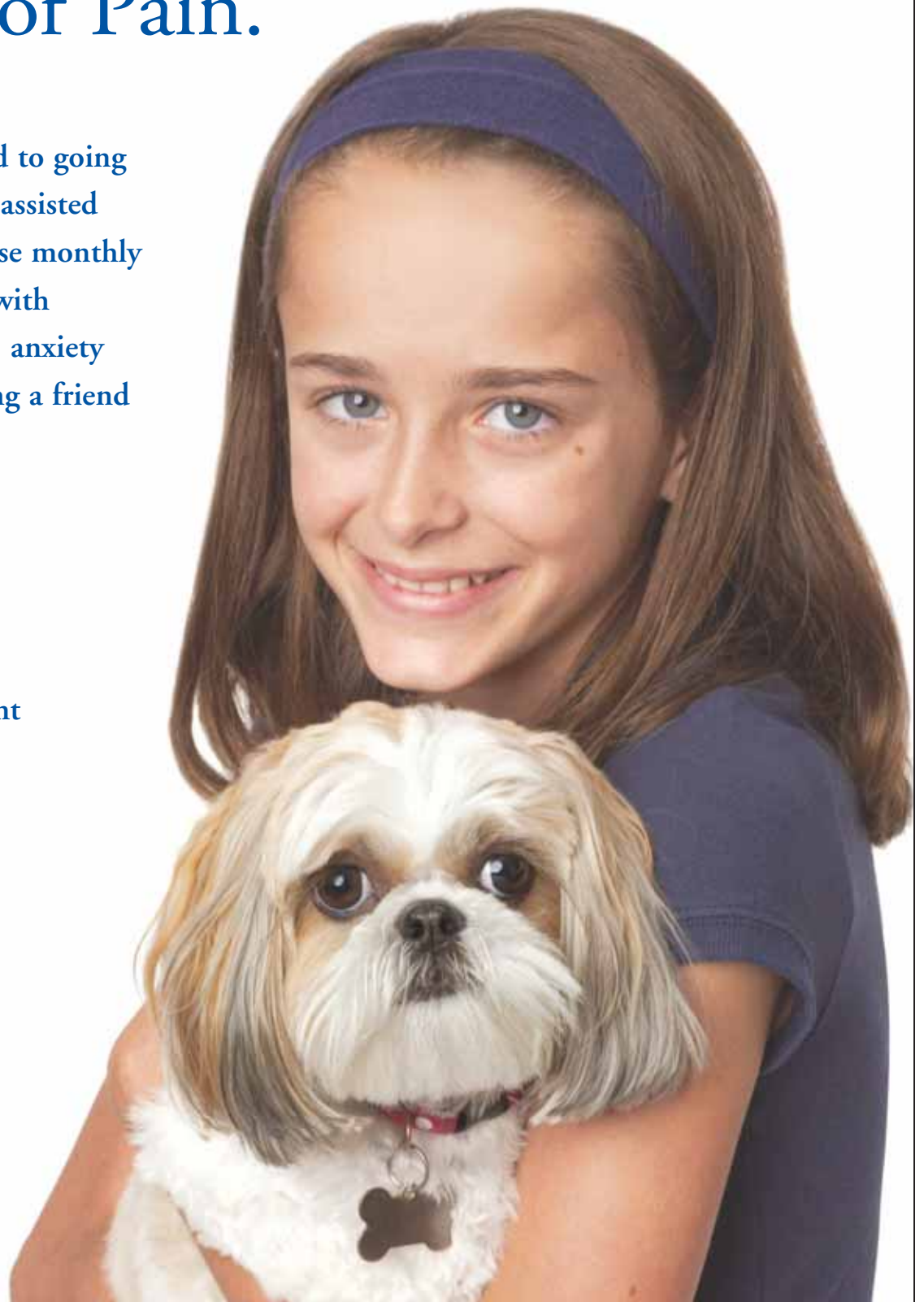


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Senior Megan Putnam, center, plays Eve in Sacred Heart Schools' performance of "Children of Eden." She is surrounded by the Snake, portrayed, from left, by Alle Cacchoine, Andie Rodriguez, Ian Rhine, Lisa Flynn and Rachael Henry.

'Children of Eden' at Sacred Heart

The combined Sacred Heart Schools of Atherton will present the musical "Children of Eden" Jan. 12-21 in the Campbell Center for the Performing Arts on campus.

With music and lyrics by Steven Schwartz — who also composed music and wrote lyrics for Broadway plays "Wicked" and "Godspell" — "Children of Eden" is structured around stories from the Old Testament. Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and his family are all used to explore the ongoing challenges of human relationships.

The result is an amusing and moving portrayal of how these families deal with children, growing up, accepting responsibility, and generational influences, said director Stacey Ardelean.

This production is a joint effort of Sacred Heart Preparatory and St. Joseph's School of the Sacred Heart, with student actors ranging

in age from 3 to 18. The principal characters are backed by a strong contingent of mixed-age ensembles that fill out a cast of 80 students.

"This is a fun and interesting musical to perform because of the mixed ages of the students," said senior Megan Putnam, who plays the part of Eve. "Our age differences reflect the generational differences of the characters."

The production is directed by drama teacher Stacey Ardelean, with musical direction by band teacher Jamie Craddock and vocal direction by choral teacher Will Skaff.

Performances will be held at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12 and 13; at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19; at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. Tickets, at \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors, may be ordered at any school office on campus or by calling 322-9931. ■

Science salon in Menlo Park

Cafe Scientifique Palo Alto, the informal monthly salon in which the public can listen to and talk with scientists and technologists, is getting a new name — Cafe Scientifique Silicon Valley — and a new home at SRI International in Menlo Park.

The next scheduled speaker, Terry Root of Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment, will talk on global warming and how protecting biodiversity can limit climate change. The free event, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9, will take place at SRI's International Building at 333 Ravenswood Ave.

Over the past three years, Cafe guest speakers have explained

aspects of many phenomena, including tsunamis, the chemistry of chocolate, the science of weather, human biology and nanotechnology.

Ms. Root, who holds a Ph.D. in biological sciences and is a senior fellow at the Woods Institute, is also active practitioner of making scientific information accessible to decision makers and the public,

according to her online profile.

"As science impacts so many aspects of our lives, it is wonderful to have a venue where researchers can engage in dialogue with Silicon Valley residents," said Walter Moos, a Cafe board member and vice president of SRI's Biosciences Division.

The event's sponsor is Roxro Pharma, Inc., of Menlo Park. For more information on Cafe Scientifique Silicon Valley, go to cafescisv.org.

Correction

The "Our Neighborhoods" publication, which was inserted in the Dec. 27 issue of the Almanac, contained the following errors:

■ The Menlo Park Facts box on Page 23 contains statistics pertaining to Atherton.

■ The words "Pine Forest" on the map should be "Park Forest."

■ The map on Page 83 for Woodside Highlands in Portola Valley is the map for Woodside Heights in Woodside. Corrections will appear in the online version of Our Neighborhoods. The Almanac regrets the errors.

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



California Incentive Programs

Q: I am building a new home and want to include solar power if it is a good and cost effective system. Are there incentive programs I can take advantage of?

A: The State of California is providing solar energy incentives for homebuilders and owners of existing homes. The California Energy Commission administers incentives if you are building a new home, and if you are retrofitting an older home with solar systems, the California Public Utilities Commission handles the incentive program. California has set a goal that by 2017; solar-produced energy will provide 3000 megawatts of electricity. There will also be expand-

ed use of renewable source of energy to provide electricity.

The initial incentives expired December 31, 2006 but there are revised programs beginning this month. You should be able to take advantage of one of these incentive programs to get a tax credit on both your state and federal tax returns. Solar energy systems have been changing and adapting to be more modern in design and more efficient. It will be a gradual process but in 10-15 years solar energy will be much more common in California and other states. You are wise to include a solar energy system in your new home because this is the way of the future for energy in California.

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Gang of thieves prompts Draeger's market to lock one door in evenings

By David Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Anyone shopping at Draeger's in Menlo Park during the evening recently and trying to enter the store on the Menlo Avenue side may have noticed the traditional supermarket indication of a locked door — a six-foot pile of shopping baskets blocking the entrance from the inside.

The door at Menlo Avenue and University Drive will be locked every night at 7:30 p.m., said store co-owner Richard Draeger. A gang of professional shoplifters is in the area “and they're hitting stores such as ours later in the day,” he said. “This is going to make it a little more difficult for them.”

Store management took the step after the closed-circuit TV system recorded a team of

thieves in action, Mr. Draeger said. While it may not be possible to catch them in the act — “There's only so many eyes and ears that you have,” he said, — the locked door adds an obstacle and may prompt the thieves to leave the store alone and/or leave the area.

“It's a very, very significant issue,” he said. “It's only grown over the years.” Mr. Draeger said he did not have figures at hand on how much the store had lost to shoplifting over the past year, but added that he is working with the Menlo Park Police Department.

Draeger's “is very sensitive to customer convenience” and picked a time of day to lock the door when the usage of the private parking lot at Menlo Avenue and University Drive is at a minimum, Mr. Draeger said. ■

BOESCH

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Boesch were defeated.

Mr. Cline said Mr. Boesch's resignation just after the election is “coincidental timing.”

“I don't think [Mr. Boesch] was ever solely responsible for the lack of openness,” Mr. Cline said. “Things were rushed because he was responding to the will of the council.”

“Government openness was an issue covered during the recent campaign, and now we have to try and translate that into some action,” Mr. Robinson said. “It would be good to see staff take a more neutral position, even though it is hard to say ‘no’ to council.”

Mr. Cline and Councilman John Boyle said the city should find an interim manager “as soon as possible.” Mr. Robinson estimated it would take four to six months for the council to recruit, interview and hire a new manager.

‘Unpleasant relationship’

Former councilwoman Mickie Winkler said the city manager's resignation is far from coincidence, and is tied to the new makeup of the council.

She said Mr. Boesch is “an exemplary city manager,” but he and his staff would be susceptible to “an overload of criticism” under the new council.

“An unpleasant relationship was in the works, and I'm not at all surprised [Mr. Boesch] is

■ MENLO PARK

leaving the Menlo Park scene,” she said.

But Mr. Cohen, who has been particularly critical of how Mr. Boesch and his staff have dealt with budget cuts and program changes to the lower-income Belle Haven neighborhood, said he feels “neutral” about the city manager's resignation.

“I like David Boesch. Even though I didn't always agree with him, I thought he was a good manager,” Mr. Cohen said.

Critics of the city manager are more outspoken, and tie him to unpopular decisions made by the previous council majority.

“A lot of problems have erupted over the last four years, and it turns out [Mr. Boesch] was one of them,” said resident Don Brawner, who has opposed a slew of development projects OK'd by Mr. Boesch's staff.

“So many things have been done out of order, outside of the public eye and contradictory to our general plan.”

Councilman John Boyle acknowledged that some may associate Mr. Boesch with the “old regime, if you will,” but said that the city manager was “never aligned” with council members.

Mr. Boesch was Sunnyvale's director of community development before coming to Menlo Park in 2000 to succeed Jan Dolan, who became city manager in Scottsdale, Arizona. ■



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The dirt beneath our streets

Earthmoving equipment of all kinds found employment on Camino Al Lago in Atherton last week as workers prepared new parking spaces at Las Lomas Elementary School, part of an overall plan to rearrange parts of the campus to make room for portable classrooms.

Key events under City Manager Boesch

David Boesch began his tenure as Menlo Park's city manager on July 1, 2000. These are some key moments that defined his time in the city staff's top post.

■ **2001:** Prompted by the burst of the dot-com bubble, Menlo Park embarks on five consecutive years of service reductions and fee increases to compensate for falling revenues. Among the reductions are staff cuts and closing city offices to the public on alternate Fridays.

■ **November 2001:** Voters overwhelmingly pass Measure T, a \$38 million bond measure to fund recreation and other community services projects.

■ **November 2002:** Lee Duboc, Nicholas Jellins and Mickie Winkler are elected to the City Council, giving the council a three-member, pro-business and pro-development majority.

■ **May 2004:** Ordinance 926, a set of changes to the city's home-building rules backed by the council majority, is rescinded after a referendum campaign led by Kelly Fergusonson.

■ **September 2005:** The city begins the “your city/your decision” community budget process, which asks residents how they would reduce services and/or increase taxes and fees to balance the city's budget.

■ **November 2005:** A developer proposes building a golf course and sports fields at the 160-acre Bayfront Park, pitting sports enthusiasts against environmentalists. The developer eventually withdraws the proposal, citing public opposition and environmental hurdles.

■ **February 2006:** Operation of the city's newly built, publicly

funded Burgess Aquatics Center is handed over to a private company just four weeks after the operator came forward with his proposal to run the \$6.8 million facility.

■ **September 2006:** An effort to privatize the city's Burgess child care programs ends prematurely when the only serious outside bidder withdraws its proposal, citing public opposition.

■ **October 2006:** The residents' group Menlo Park Tomorrow leads a successful referendum campaign against the Derry condo-commercial project.

■ **November 2006:** Three candidates run for council on a platform of opposing the council majority, and vowing to reform the city's decision-making process. Two of them — Richard Cline and Heyward Robinson — are elected.

Movie trailer of teens' Nepal trek online

Local kids who trekked through Nepal and filmed their eye-opening adventures have a five-minute trailer of their work-in-progress documentary posted on YouTube.com. To view it, just search YouTube for “Himalayan High School.”

Menlo-Atherton High School alumni Kenny Meehan and Matt McCroskey led a group of high school students, including some from

Menlo-Atherton and Summit Prep, to villages in the remote Himalayas, where they got to know teenage Nepali students. Besides testing their physical stamina, the experience challenged their assumptions about life in a developing nation such as Nepal.

To prepare for the trip, the group took photography and video classes at the Riekes Center in Menlo Park, and they hope their documentary, when

it's finished, will get picked up by PBS stations and the film festival circuit.

An Almanac cover story about the Nepal documentary project appeared in the Oct. 11, 2006, issue. It can be found online at AlmanacNews.com by searching the Almanac archive. Information about the Riekes Center, a nonprofit mentoring organization founded by Gary Riekes of Woodside, is online at Riekes.org.

Half-million dollar wine theft reported

Atherton police are looking for 177 bottles of valuable wine that were reported stolen from the basement of a home on Fair Oaks Lane in Atherton on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Each bottle has a street value of about \$3,000, said Detective Kristin Nichols of

the Atherton Police Department. The investigation into the \$531,000 heist is "still in the beginning stages," she added.

Anyone who has an encounter with someone trying to unload wine known to be of high value but for a much

lower than expected price should call Atherton police at 688-6500, Ms. Nichols said.

Ms. Nichols said she did not know whether the wine was white or red, nor did she provide any details on how the wine might have been removed from the basement.

Shooting: Officers on administrative leave

Two Menlo Park police officers remain on paid administrative leave after being involved in the Dec. 22 fatal shooting of a teenage suspect in an East Palo Alto shooting and robbery, according to Nicole Acker, a Menlo Park Police Department spokeswoman.

Ms. Acker said the officers will not be identified unless the ongoing investigation of the shooting leads to prosecution of the officers.

The Menlo Park department is undergoing an internal affairs investigation, which is separate from the criminal investigation that the East Palo Alto Police Department, the San Mateo

County Sheriff's Office and the county District Attorney's Office are conducting, she said.

The shooting occurred when two Menlo Park police officers and one deputy sergeant from the Sheriff's Office encountered two robbery and shooting suspects in East Palo Alto, said Capt. Don O'Keefe of the Sheriff's Office.

As a Menlo Park officer tried to detain suspect Maikeli Longi, 16, 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 teenager then pulled a gun from his waistband and shot two rounds at the officer,

missing him. The other Menlo Park officer and the deputy sergeant then shot the boy, he said.

The second suspect has been identified as Kilipeni Pahulu, 18, of East Palo Alto. He is charged with armed robbery, and posted bail on Tuesday, Dec. 26, Lt. Alipio said.

The man allegedly shot by the two suspects survived his wounds.

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

Court to hear murder case arguments

Joseph Morrow, the Menlo Park man accused of murdering his wife and burying her body in Los Gatos 15 years ago, is getting a bit closer to having his day in court.

Maneuvering by his defense attorneys brought his trial to a halt just as a jury was being selected last spring, and it has been on hold ever since.

A dispute over the previous prosecutor's handling of evidence is awaiting a decision by the state Court of Appeals in San Francisco, and the two sides are set to present oral arguments on Janu-

ary 24, said prosecutor Steve Wagstaffe of the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

Once the oral arguments are presented, the appeals court has 90 days to hand down a decision, Mr. Wagstaffe said.

Mr. Morrow's attorneys are seeking the removal of presiding San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Craig Parsons because the case's former prosecutor, Jack Grandsaert, may be called to testify. Mr. Grandsaert is now a county Superior Court judge himself, and defense

attorneys have argued that asking Judge Parsons to rule on a colleague's handling of the case is a conflict of interest.

The defense team's request was denied by an out-of-county judge, and then denied in a one-line decision by the appellate court, Mr. Wagstaffe said. The state Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal and directed the appellate court to set aside its denial and craft a full written response, he said.

A case status conference is set for Feb. 9 in San Mateo Superior Court.

Woman sentenced in theft of nuns' mail

The woman who pleaded "no contest" to stealing mail from Menlo Park Dominican nuns in 2005 was sentenced Friday, Jan. 5, to a maximum of six months in San Mateo County jail.

Linda Chlubna, 59, was also given three years of probation and ordered to undergo psychiatric counseling. She was sentenced by San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Craig Parsons.

Ms. Chlubna had agreed to one count of second-degree burglary and one count of mail theft in exchange for jail time but no prison, said San Mateo County Deputy District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

The mail theft charges coin-

cided with her work as a receptionist at the Corpus Christi Monastery at 215 Oak Grove Ave. in Menlo Park. She was caught using a Target store gift card that had been sent to a nun, and later admitted to stealing nuns' mail, the report said.

After 60 days in jail, Ms. Chlubna can apply for house

arrest during which she would wear an electronic monitoring bracelet, Mr. Wagstaffe said. The Target store in Redwood City and the monastery are off-limits for her, and she is not allowed to be employed in a position of trust.

She was also fined \$240 and required to provide a DNA sample.

Corrections

■ The correct name of the 16-year-old who was killed in East Palo Alto on Dec. 22 in an alleged shootout between the teenager and police is Maikeli Longi. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office originally misspelled his last name as "Longi."

■ In the Dec. 27 issue of the Almanac, Portola Valley Ranch resident Armand Neukermans was incorrectly referred to as president of the Ranch's neighborhood association. In fact, he is not an officer of the neighborhood association but is a resident of the neighborhood.

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Student photo exhibit explores 'The Five Senses'

Advanced photography students at Sacred Heart Prep in Atherton are exhibiting their work in a show at the Bank of America lobby at 633 Santa Cruz Ave. in Menlo Park through Jan. 27.

Titled "The Five Senses," the show features the work of 10 juniors and seniors and explores sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste.

The exhibit highlights a collection of black and white prints, produced by students enrolled in the upper-level photography program offered for the first time this fall at Sacred Heart Prep. Their teacher is Lars Howlett.

Students photographers are Michelle Miller, Marie Hamilton, Sarah Peterson, Rita Bolous, Greg Randall, Rebecca Abbe, Sandy Navaro, Pallavi Menon, Molly Dickinson and Ali Walters.

The collection can be seen at Bank of America from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The "Harmonica Player" is the work of Greg Randall, a junior at Sacred Heart Prep in Atherton.



This photo, called "Eyes" was taken by Pallavi Menon, a junior at Sacred Heart Prep.



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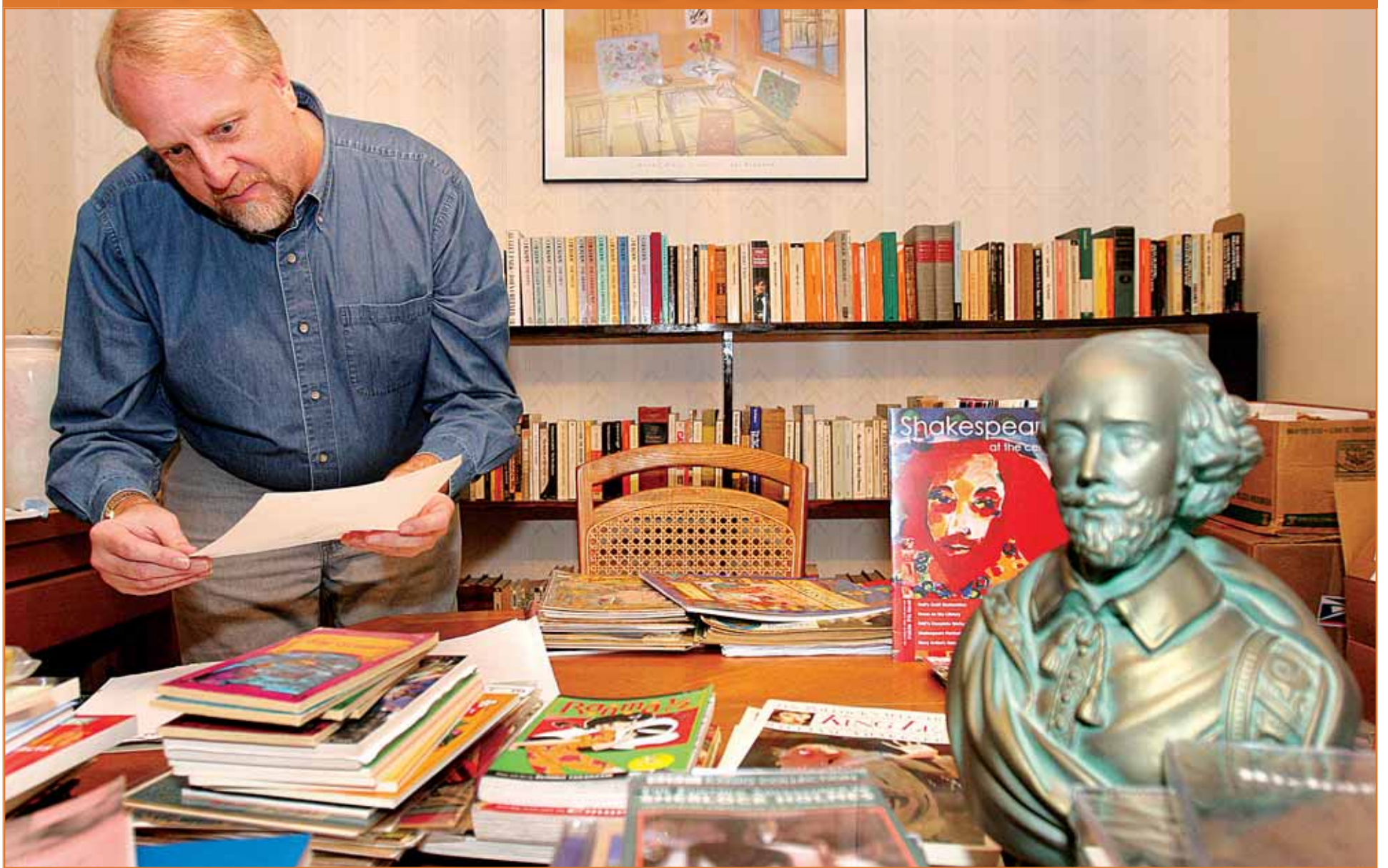
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WHERE THERE'S A



Shakespeare scholar Michael P. Jensen sorts through material that will eventually be added to the Shakespeareana collection he established last year at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon.

Story by Renee Batti ● Photos by Marjan Sadoughi

Menlo Park writer collects ‘Shakespeareana’ — artifacts that reflect how the Bard has influenced the world and popular culture

Bad television has been blamed for much wretched behavior and many social ills in modern times, so it may come as a surprise that a “really terrible” TV series is what set Menlo Park writer Michael P. Jensen on the happy path of his life’s pursuit.

It was 1978, and the BBC’s production of William Shakespeare’s “As You Like It” was decidedly not as the young Mr. Jensen liked it. “It was terrible, I knew ... but I also knew there was something going on with that language that was worth knowing more about,” Mr. Jensen, now 53, recalls.

Deciding to dig in for the duration of the series, he began to read each Shakespeare play before its broadcast “so that I would understand the story and could listen to the language,” he says. “And it worked for me.

“And so this really bad series on television ... became kind of a magical experience for me.”

The magic didn’t go away after the series disappeared, however. Nor did his hunger to learn more about the

‘Shakespeare is sufficiently inexhaustible that, after all this time, there’s far more that I want to know than I ever shall.’

MICHAEL P. JENSEN

Bard and his nearly 400-year-old work. Three decades later, Mr. Jensen is an independent Shakespeare scholar whose reputation in the world of fellow scholars has led to invitations to conferences as a presenter, contributions to scholarly publications, and what has to be one of the largest, most unusual collections of “Shakespeareana” imaginable.

A grand collection

Last year, he gathered a large portion of this collection — books, movies, comics, gadgets, trinkets and toys with some connection to the Bard — and hauled it up to Southern Oregon University’s Hannon Library in Ashland, Oregon, where it now

exists under a grand title: The Michael P. Jensen Collection of Shakespeare in Mass Media and Popular Culture.

He chose the university library to house the collection because its hometown, Ashland, is also home to the celebrated Oregon Shakespeare Festival. It’s also a second home for Mr. Jensen and his wife, Cydne.

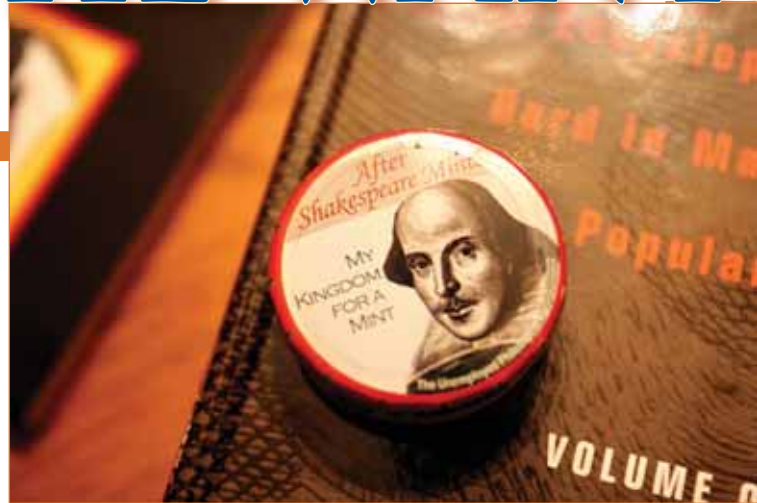
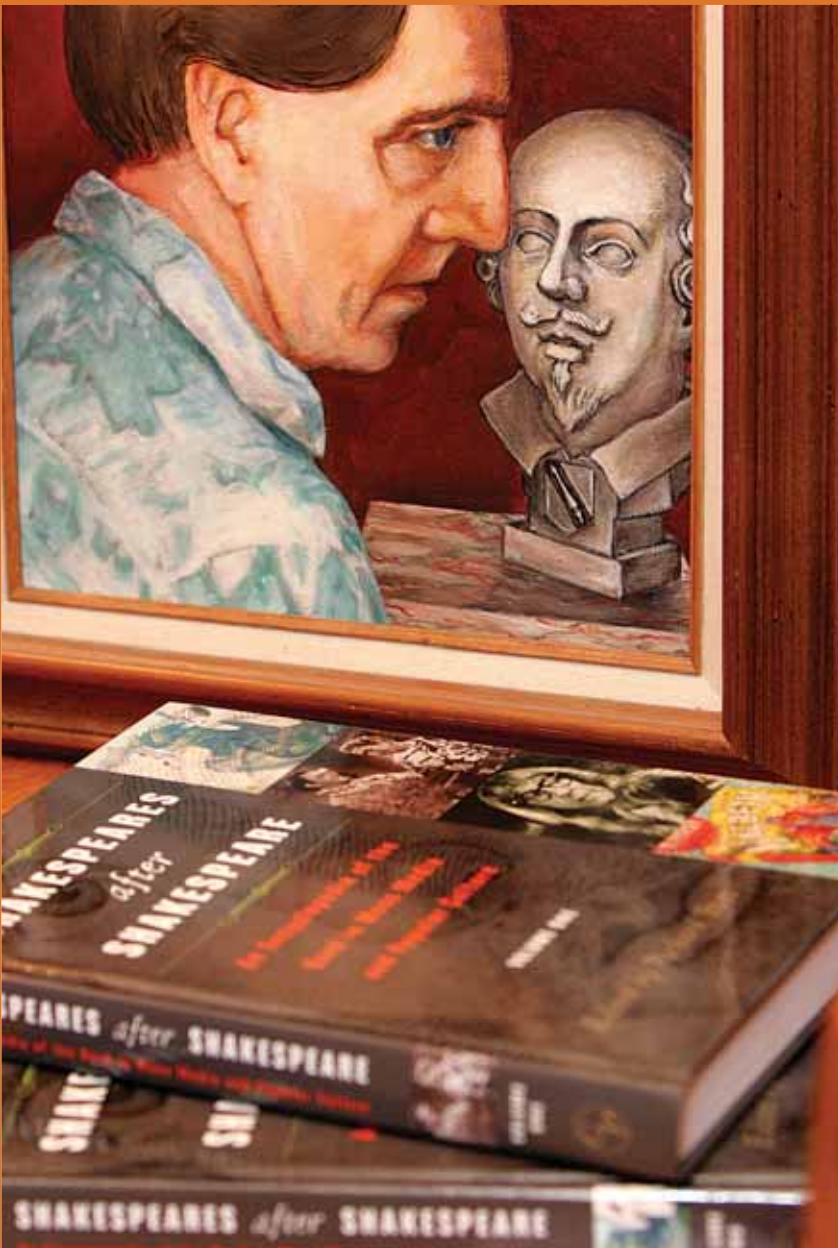
The new collection was launched last October, and at that time Mr. Jensen delivered a “Shakespeare in the Library” series talk at the Hannon on the history of radio broadcasts of the festival’s performances.

Mr. Jensen, a freelance writer who has lived in Menlo Park for about 17 years, delivered about 200 items to launch the collection and has many more he hopes to donate soon. On the list of future donations are comic books, stickers, bookmarks, mints in a tin, and a rubber ducky-style bathtub toy. There are early to mid-20th century books and periodicals, and a 21st century computer software program for classroom instruction on Macbeth.

Some of the more unusual items

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HE WANTS IT



'There are so many ways of discovering and experiencing Shakespeare ... and pretty much all of them fascinate me.'

MICHAEL P. JENSEN

going through a crisis in my writing life," he recalls. "I'd been writing for a long time, but (had started) asking myself, what do I really want to write about? Then this opportunity just fell into my lap."

Although he initially saw the article as "a one-time thing" in the area of Shakespearean topics, he says, he found himself enjoying the community of fellow Shakespeare lovers he found himself in more and more, and started coming up with good ideas for more articles.

He followed through with those ideas, slowly establishing a support system of scholars and editors, including editor and scholar Bernice Kliman, who he says became "a sort of mentor."

"And the world opened wider and wider — the door opened wider and wider," he says.

Independent scholar

When Mr. Jensen began serious research as an independent Shakespeare scholar, he did so "with great intimidation," he admits.

Not only does he not have a doctorate in Shakespearean studies, he did miserably in a class on the Bard he took as an undergrad.

"There were all these people with Ph.D.s, and (I imagined they were saying), how dare I try to swim in their swimming pool," he recalls.

"I kind of expected to be swatted away, and I wasn't," he adds, crediting what he found to be an immense generosity within the

Clockwise, from far left: **Mr. Jensen's uncle, Roy A. Lineer**, also known as Mike, painted this self-portrait, "Mike Contemplating a Bust of Shakespeare" — a piece that will remain in Mr. Jensen's personal collection. In the foreground is the two-volume reference work that includes more than 700 entries by Mr. Jensen. Above, the Shakespeareana collection includes a tin of mints. Below, Mr. Jensen found and used this book — issued in 1935 by Warner Bros. at the same time the company released its "Midsummer Night's Dream" movie — to help another Shakespeare sleuth in his research of the film's history.

already in the collection: a party-favor noisemaker bearing Shakespeare's image, a Shakespeare action figure, and a bobble-head Bard.

He's a magnet for such items, he concedes. "Friends and family know that I'm on the lookout for this stuff."

They not only send objects his way, they also alert him to possible Shakespearean allusions in movies, television shows and publications. Those alerts often launch him into his own investigations, furthering his expertise in a growing field of Shakespeare studies: the influence of the Western world's most famous playwright on popular culture.

On that topic, he can elaborate till dawn. Among his many published articles are expositions on the evolution of modern speakers' use of the name Romeo; uses of Shakespeare in the comic strips Dick Tracy, Alley Oop and Crazy Kat; and actor Mel Gibson's views on Hamlet.

He also was one of only 13 contributors to a massive, two-volume reference book published last month, "Shakespeares After Shakespeare," focusing on the Bard in the mass media and popular culture. Mr. Jensen wrote more than 700 entries in the radio and the comics sections.

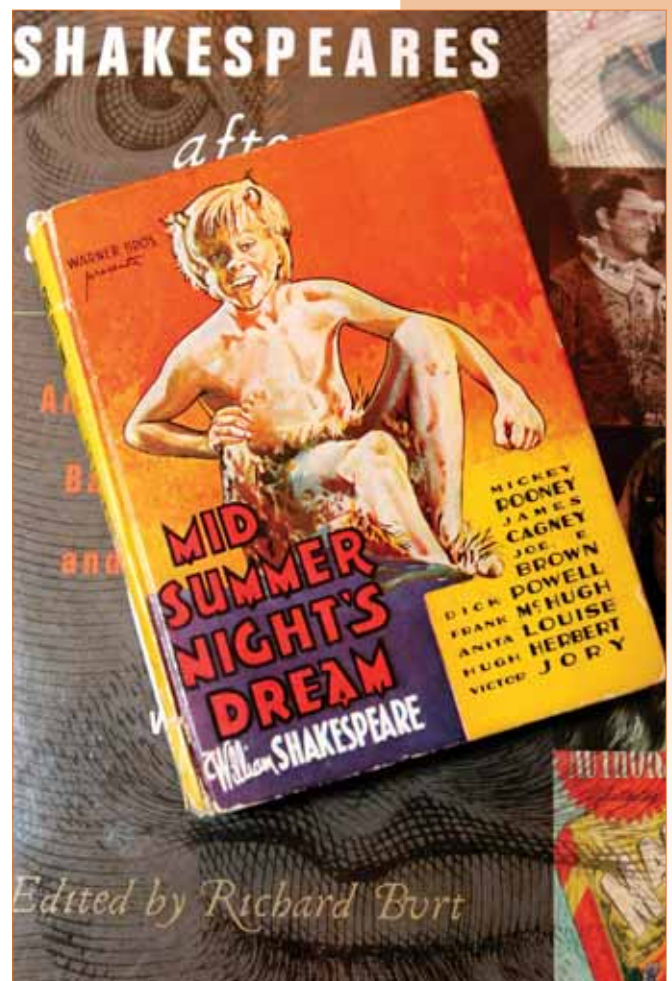
Dramatic debut

It was the article he wrote on Mel Gibson, who starred in the 1990 film "Hamlet," directed by Franco Zeffirelli, that boosted his visibility in the world of Shakespeareans and opened doors to him.

Mr. Jensen had attended a Hamlet conference in Berkeley around the time the film was being issued, and Mr. Gibson showed up unexpectedly. The actor then spoke at the event, and afterward, Mr. Jensen managed to snag a few minutes with him.

"I was really impressed with his professionalism, and began to see Hamlet through an actor's eyes," he says.

Only afterward did he decide to write the article. "I was sort of



See **WILL**, next page

C O V E R S T O R Y



Mike Jensen points out a Mister Boffo comic strip, above, that includes Shakespeare's wife giving the Bard some feedback on writing "Romeo and Juliet." Below, from left, a rubber-ducky style bathtub toy, and a sampling of films derived from Shakespeare plays.

WILL

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Shakespearean community.

Today, he is a contributing editor of the Shakespeare Newsletter, and his work is cited in a range of Shakespearean publications. For the newsletter, he created and writes the "Talking Books" column — interviews with Shakespeare scholars.

He has also co-taught two courses in the Stanford Continuing Studies program.

Through the holiday season he was hard at work at the Stanford library and other research outlets preparing for lectures this month and in March.

Lifelong study

Before getting hooked on the Bard, Mr. Jensen says, he had taken up other inter-

ests with passion and steady focus. For example, his fascination with the actor and film director Orson Wells kept him occupied for about two years, he notes.

"But with most things, you get to a point where you know it, then move on," he says.

Then came those poorly executed BBC television productions of Shakespeare plays that caught his imagination.

"Shakespeare is sufficiently inexhaustible that, after all this time, there's far more that I want to know than I ever shall," he says. What hooked him, he explains, is the "breadth and depth" of the man and his work.

"There are so many ways of discovering and experiencing Shakespeare," he says.

"You can (know him) through his times, through the other plays that were written at that time and his place in that

mosaic, through his language, through his performance history, through modern performance, through studying the ways Shakespeare has been studied over the centuries, through his characters — I could add three times as many to that list and pretty much all of them fascinate me." ■

Donating to the collection

Have any Shakespeareana lying around the house or boxed up in your closet? Mike Jensen would love to have it so that he can catalogue it and add it to the Michael P. Jensen Collection of Shakespeare in Mass Media and Popular Culture in Ashland, Oregon. He can be contacted by e-mail at mikejensen16@hotmail.com. "We're not looking for cash, but a few new Shakespeare trinkets would be great," he says.



Winter holiday DUI arrests down in San Mateo County Honors, celebration for Dr. King

The police in San Mateo County Over were busy over the holidays, arresting 315 people for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs over the 18 days between Dec. 15, 2006, and Jan. 1, 2007, for an average of about 18 arrests per day.

This year's total for the period is slightly lower than last year's 325, according to statistics published by the California Avoid program, an annual county-by-county campaign meant to catch people who indulge and drive over major holidays.

In the Bay Area as a whole, the 2006 winter-holiday tentative total is 3,037 arrests, up 40 percent from the 2005 total of 2,177, said Officer Mike Wright of the California Highway Patrol. There were seven deaths

this year compared to two in 2005, he said.

There were no DUI related deaths in San Mateo County for 2006. About 43 of DUI arrests were made by officers from the 23 law enforcement agencies in the county who collaborate in the "Avoid the 23" campaign, Mr. Wright said.

A highway check point yielded three arrests, and the other 261 came about as a result of "routine traffic stops" by local police and sheriff's deputies, police said.

Overall, the 2006 total in the county of 489 arrests — over Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day and the winter holiday — is 5 percent higher than in 2005, when there were 464 arrests and one fatality, police said.

New rules of road for 2007

California drivers are subject to several new traffic laws that went into effect Jan 1, including a zero-tolerance law that makes underage driving with any amount of alcohol in the blood a criminal offense and eliminates the option for administrative action.

For adults, driving with a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or greater is illegal. The threshold used to be 0.01 percent for anyone under the legal drinking age of 21, but it is now 0.0 percent, said Sgt. Les Bishop of the California Highway Patrol.

Freeway drivers approaching the flashing lights of a stopped emergency vehicle or tow truck are now required to either slow down or safely move to another lane to avoid the new "emergency incident zone," Sgt. Bishop said. State Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, was the author of this new law.

Drivers still have 18 months

— until July 1, 2008 — before the enactment of a new law, also authored by Sen. Simitian, requiring use of a hands-free cell phone when making a call while driving.

Most government offices and schools will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, in honor of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year the holiday falls on his actual birth date.

He was born in Atlanta in 1929. He began his civil rights crusade in 1955 when he led the boycott of buses in Montgomery, Alabama, protesting discrimination against black passengers. On April 4, 1968, he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, at the age of 39.

Community celebration
"Carry the Vision," the theme of the 20th annual commu-

nity and interfaith celebration honoring the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will take place Sunday, Jan. 14, at 3 p.m. in the First Methodist Church at 625 Hamilton Ave. in Palo Alto.

LaDoris H. Cordell, retired Santa Clara Superior Court judge and Palo Alto councilwoman, will be the keynote speaker.

Many organization are sponsoring the program, which includes music by an interfaith choir and youth speakers from

Costano School in East Palo Alto. Loretta Green, former columnist with the San Jose Mercury News, is the master of ceremonies.

Refreshments will be served in the church's fellowship hall immediately after the program.

Singers are welcome to join the chorus. Rehearsal will be from 1:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the church before the event. Participants are asked to wear choir robes or white shirt or blouse and black pants or skirts.

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Community

NEWS OF LOCAL PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Menlo Park activist named 'Breast Cancer Hero'

By **Stephanie Cadora**

Special to the Almanac

Eighteen months after her diagnosis with breast cancer, Lauren John became an activist for the cause. Twelve years into her survival, she is more committed than ever to finding a cure and empowering other women.

Now, Breast Cancer Action, a national organization, has named Ms. John, a Menlo Park resident, for a Breast Cancer Hero award. Lifetime Television honored Ms. John and other survivors as a part of screenings for the movie, "Why I Wore Lip-

stick to my Mastectomy," that aired Oct. 23.

Ms. John got her start with activism after her cousin, Ronni Shapiro, died in the middle of stem cell research to cure Ms. Shapiro's own metastatic breast cancer. Ms. Shapiro had also lobbied her insurance company to cover the experimental treatment. "She lobbied for what ultimately killed her," says Ms. John in an interview.

At the time of her diagnosis in 1994, Ms. John was a journalism student in Boston and was able to complete a master's degree program. In 1996, she moved to the Bay Area and joined Breast



Cancer Action.

For the past 10 years she has been writing for the organization's newsletter on such topics as politics, the environment, and women's choices for treatment.

Women's diet and exercise also are hot topics. An inactive lifestyle can lead to the overproduction of estrogen in the body, a possible link to breast cancer, she says.

Lauren John was named for a Breast Cancer Hero award on Lifetime Television.

Since 2000 she has traveled to Washington, D.C., to take part in the National Breast Cancer Coalition.

"The coalition taught people enough science to review grant proposals from institutions to do breast cancer research," says Ms. John. "From 2001 to 2003 I was the breast cancer activist on a panel with 10 scientists."

There are many research questions, she says, such as how to tailor chemotherapy to patients, whether there is such a thing as a breast cancer personality, and why more black than white women die from the disease. ▀

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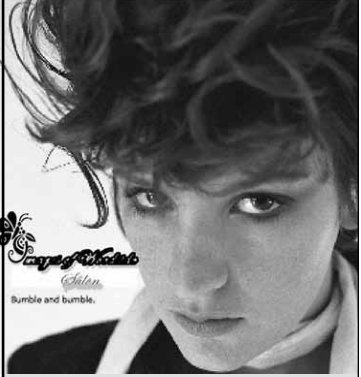
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Trip south to Oaxaca darkened by reports of torture

■ Portola Valley woman goes to Mexico to learn about grassroots protest.

By David Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Civil strife in southern Mexico, begun in 1994 in the state of Chiapas by peasants angry over inequities associated with the North American Free Trade Agreement, appears to be spreading to Oaxaca, a vacation spot for tourists.

After an eight-day trip to Oaxaca in early December to interview people involved in the uprising — including teachers, human rights advocates and business people — Portola Valley resident Peggy Law has come back with reports of torture and disappearances at the hands of government forces, and to advocate for a change in U.S. trade policies.

Ms. Law was one of 12 members of a Witness for Peace delegation that traveled to Oaxaca (pronounced wahaca) to get a first-hand view of the crisis. She will be speaking about her trip at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church at 305 N. California Ave. in Palo Alto.

The talk, "Eyewitness Oaxaca: Grassroots Rebellion in Mexico," is sponsored by the Peninsula Peace and Justice Center; the suggested donation is \$5 to \$10.

Ms. Law is also the founder of the National Radio Project, which covers stories missed or ignored by mainstream media. She has been to Central America twice before: to Nicaragua and Guatemala during the wars in the 1980s, and to machiladora factories along the U.S./Mexican border.

Wakened by water cannons

The roots of unrest lie in the passage of NAFTA which, she said, has disrupted the traditional corn economy by allowing U.S. farmers to export low-priced corn to Oaxaca, undercutting local farmers. When farmers can't make ends meet, foreigners can buy their land thanks to an amendment to the Mexican constitution made just before NAFTA passed, Ms. Law said.

The current situation began last spring with a teachers' strike over "a little more money"



Peggy Law is advocating a change in U.S. trade laws.

and breakfast for children who weren't getting any and who were having "tortillas and salt" for lunch, Ms. Law said.

The strike climaxed when the teachers, who had camped out in Oaxaca's main square, were attacked with water cannons by police one morning at 4:30 a.m. Teachers are "highly prized professionals" in Oaxaca, Ms. Law said. The incident sparked a wider protest that brought in

others, including indigenous peoples, students and farmers.

In the ensuing unrest, protesters defaced buildings with graffiti and set fire to unoccupied vehicles. Arrests were made, but without charges being filed and without visits allowed by lawyers or family members, Ms. Law said. Some 200 people have not been heard from since, she added.

In her interviews, she said protesters showed her scars, still healing and reportedly made by broken bottles wielded by jailors. Protestors were sexually assaulted, "severely beaten (and) hung by the hair and spun," Ms. Law said she was told. Asked how she gauged truthfulness, she replied: "It was clear to me that they were talking about real experiences."

Ms. Law said that no one in her group tried to speak with the governor of the state, whose resignation the protestors are demanding. The Almanac was unsuccessful in seeking comment from Central American scholars.

What to do?

Without talks, trouble is ahead, said a local businessman who spoke with Ms. Law and

who, she said, has been labeled a traitor by his government-friendly colleagues: "If there can't be a dialogue," he said, "if the government and politicians are not going to sit down and talk with the people, there will be civil war. It will be totally ungovernable."

As a U.S. citizen and an implicit party to NAFTA, Ms. Law said she wants to work the issue from her end, spreading the word about protestor maltreatment.

If you haven't been to places like Oaxaca, it's hard to understand how much protection the residents are given when Americans speak out, she said.

There are important questions U.S. citizens need to ask, she said: "Do we bear any responsibility? What is the price of silence? As a nation, as a citizenry, is it OK to not know? Is it OK to know and not speak up?"

She said she is hoping to influence the new Democratic majority in Congress to demand changes to NAFTA rules from the Bush Administration in exchange for renewed "fast-track" authority to negotiate trade deals. ■

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Park backers look to partners, volunteers

PARKS

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explain the special environments where native plants and flowers that once dominated the Peninsula still flourish. "We hope to begin construction in 2008," said board member Bill Korbholz.

Challenges ahead

Even with enthusiastic partnerships to improve its 16 parks and three regional trails, the county still faces challenges in keeping them in good condition, as use increases and budgets flag. "Most people won't engage to give \$20,000 for a toilet," Mr. Holland grumbled.

Each year, more than two million visitors enjoy the county's diverse parks, which range from redwood forests and rugged coastlines to a fishing pier and picnic grounds. Mr. Holland noted, "This growth has placed enormous strain on the ability to maintain and upgrade campgrounds, marinas, trails and historic structures."

Over the past five years, San Mateo County has lost 35 percent of its parks staff, Mr. Holland said. Its backlog of planned but unfunded maintenance is \$112 million.

Mr. Holland appreciates the

INFORMATION

Below is contact information on county park:

■ San Mateo County Parks Department, 363-4020; eparks.net

■ San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation, 321-5812; supportparks.org

■ Friends of Huddart and Wunbderlich Parks, 851-2660; parksupport.org

■ Friends of Edgewood Natural Preserve, 1-866-GO-EDGEWOOD

■ Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Preserve, PO Box 451, Moss Beach, CA 94038; fitzgeraldreserve.org

work of volunteers in cleaning up trails and weeds, patrolling trails and educating the public. "The Friends groups do a great job," he said. "They create a future constituency for parks."

Comment deadline for park master plan

The deadline is Monday, Jan. 15, to submit comment on environmental issues that should be addressed in the forthcoming environmental impact report on the master plan for Huddart and Wunbderlich parks. The draft master plan can be reviewed at

eparks.net, under "Park Planning," and "Master Plans."

Comments should be sent to Sam Herzberg, senior planner, San Mateo County Parks Department, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. For information, call Mr. Herzberg at 363-1823.

But the county still faces the tasks that volunteers can't or won't do, like repairing bathrooms, bridges, culverts, or roads. "Those take cash," Mr. Holland said. "That's a challenge."

Meanwhile, the park supporters who spent years crafting November's Measure A are regrouping; they are analyzing what may have defeated the measure, and thinking about trying again, maybe in 2008.

"We're not giving up," said Mr. Korbholz, president of the parks foundation board. "We are trying to figure out what to do next."

"The need is still there," said Julia Bott, executive director of the parks foundation. She hopes to come back with "a strong, well-designed campaign that has support from diverse sections of the community."

"The need didn't go away." ■

Arnold drive dropped; backer pursues biofuel

By Andrea Gemmet

Almanac Staff Writer

If you passed by the Almanac's office on Alameda in Menlo Park this week, you may have noticed a big moving van out front.

The Almanac's across-the-hall neighbor, Amend for Arnold, is pulling up stakes to pursue another venture: producing biofuel from algae.

Lissa Morgenthaler-Jones of Woodside is CEO of LiveFuels Inc., as well as the head of Amend for Arnold, an organization devoted to changing the U.S. Constitution to allow foreign-born Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to run for president.

"Before we started Amend for Arnold, we were involved in biofuel (research)," Ms. Morgenthaler-Jones told the Almanac. "The amendment effort will be handed off to others."

The governor would like a chance to run for president, but his wife, Maria Shriver, is not in favor of it, she said.

"We're putting it off to the

side, and if any of his staff wish to resume it, they can," she said.

In the meantime, LiveFuels is moving to a biotech incubator in Menlo Park on Adams Drive, to pursue what some have called the Holy Grail of biofuel: producing fuel from algae, rather than food crops such as soybeans or corn.

"Ninety percent of what's in your gas tank right now was algae 90 million years ago," Ms. Morgenthaler-Jones said.

Transforming algae into crude in fewer than 90 million years has not proved easy.

"It's been tried off and on for 50 years," she said. "It's not a small challenge."

And there is a connection between Ms. Morgenthaler-Jones' two ventures: Gov. Schwarzenegger, who had been criticized for driving a gas guzzling Hummer, is embracing alternative fuels. He's reportedly going to convert his Hummer to hydrogen or fuel cells, and guests at his inauguration were ferried about in fuel-cell vehicles. ■

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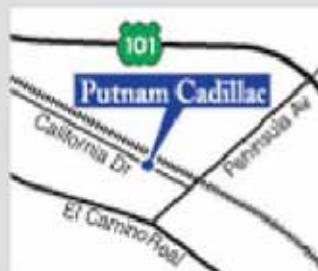


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■ Local author Lalita Tademy revisits her fascinating family history in this fictionalized account of an 1873 riot in Colfax, Louisiana, where white supremacists massacred more than 100 black men. She'll dis-

cuss "Red River" on Friday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

■ Outrageous, best-selling author Christopher Moore will sign copies of his new book, "You Suck: A Love Story," about vampire couple Tommy and Jody, whose previous escapades were chronicled in "Bloodsucking Fiends." Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Seats are on a first-come, first-served basis; tickets to the signing line will be issued with purchase of Mr. Moore's new book.

■ Martin Amis, whose bestsellers include the novels "Money," "London Fields" and "The Information," brings his latest work to Kepler's on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m. "House of Meetings" is the

story of a love triangle between two brothers and a Jewish girl set in 1946 Moscow, penned by a man the Wall Street Journal describes as "a dazzling star of wit and insight."

■ Atherton resident and NFL superstar Jerry Rice will sign copies of his new book, "Go Long! My Journey beyond the Game and the Fame," on Friday, Jan. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. The Super Bowl champion's book shares his life strategy for succeeding on and off the football field. Tickets to the book signing will be issued with purchase of "Go Long!"

■ Calvin Trillin offers a loving portrait of his late wife, a woman he described as having "a weird predilection for limiting our family to three meals a day," in his book "About Alice." He will be at Kepler's on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

■ Po Bronson, author of "The Nudist on the Late Shift," spent three years interviewing more than 700 people to research his new books, "Why Do I Love These People?" and "What Should I Do with My Life?" This off-site author's event takes place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 29, at Le Petite Trianon, 72 N. Fifth St. in San Jose. For reservations and tickets, go to commonwealthclub.org/sv.html or call 800-847-7730.

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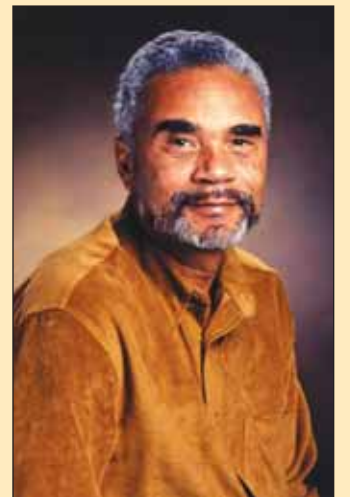
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OBITUARIES

Bernice Garrett Silber

Volunteer, Atherton resident

Bernice Garrett Silber, a volunteer with international relations organizations, died Dec. 28. She was 94.

Ms. Silber was raised in Los Angeles, graduated from University of California at Los Angeles, and earned a master's in social work from U.C. Berkeley in 1936. She met her future husband, Dr. Bernard Silber, while working as a medical social worker at Los Angeles County Hospital.



Bernice Silber

She and her husband built a home in Atherton, where they lived for 53 years.

In 1942, Ms. Silber worked at the Japanese internment camp at Manzanar, where she developed a lifelong interest in both international relations and social justice. Locally, she volunteered at the Peninsula School's library and Stanford's International Center, tutored with its English-in-Action program, and served as a buyer/retailer at the UNICEF shop in Palo Alto.

Jun Wako, a Stanford University visiting scholar from Japan, said Ms. Silber was not only his wife's English-in-Action partner, but a mentor and role model during their two years in America.

POLICE CALLS

This information is from the Atherton and Menlo Park police departments and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Under law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

ATHERTON

Burglary report: Wine valued at \$531,000 stolen, first block of Fair Oaks Lane, Jan. 4.

MENLO PARK

Burglary reports:

Storage locker broken into and ladder stolen, 300 block of Waverley Street, Dec. 28.

Residence broken into, 600 block of Pierce Road, Jan. 1.

Computer monitor stolen from office, 200 block of Oak Grove Avenue, Jan. 1.

Assault with a deadly weapon report: Stabbing reported, 500 block of Pierce Road, Dec. 28.

Fraud report: Identity theft, 1300 block of University Drive, Dec. 28.

WOODSIDE

Burglary report: About \$400 in construction equipment stolen from site, 100 block Marva Oaks Drive, Dec. 29.

PORTOLA VALLEY

Domestic violence report: 100 block of Pinon Drive, Dec. 31.

WEST MENLO PARK

Burglary report: Two computers valued at about \$2,200 stolen from residence, 3000 block of Alameda de las Pulgas, Jan. 2.

"For Chizuru, my wife, Mrs. Silber (was) the center of her life in Palo Alto," he said.

Ms. Silber was also an avid swimmer and she earned many medals for backstroke with the Rinconada Masters Swimmers in Palo Alto, where she and Mr. Silber were members for 30 years, said their son Marc Silber.

Ms. Silber is survived by her husband, Bernard, of Palo Alto; her children, Jennie Silber Butah of Watsonville, Katy Silber of Berkeley and Marc Silber of Atherton; and 11 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held sometime in late January. For information, contact Marc Silber at 323-9776 or Katy Silber at (510) 684-3898, or e-mail jennysb@earthlink.net.

The family prefers memorial contributions to UNICEF, Planned Parenthood, the Peninsula School in Menlo Park, or the Community Committee for

International Students at Stanford University.

William Fleming

Longtime Menlo Park resident

William R. (Bill) Fleming, a Menlo Park area resident for 62 years, died Dec. 28 following a long illness brought on by Parkinson Disease. He was 81.

Mr. Fleming was born in Blairsville, Pennsylvania. He served in Europe in World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart by the U.S. Army. He was a tool and die maker for 50 years and a devoted San Francisco Giants fan.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; children Bill Fleming of Redwood City, Rick Fleming of Clarksburg, Pennsylvania, Pat Frey of Sacramento, Katy Dulik of Morrison, Colorado, Coleen Gilbride of San Mateo, and Bridget Fleming of Menlo Park; and six grandchildren.

Private services will be held.

Donations may be made to the Salvation Army or the USO.

Leda Voropaeff

Former SRI employee

Leda Voropaeff, who moved from Menlo Park to Hollister in 2006, died Dec. 30.

Ms. Voropaeff worked for SRI International and was a medical translator, volunteering at Stanford Medical Center. She was also a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

She is survived by her husband, Victor Voropaeff of Hollister; sons Nicholas Voropaeff of Hollister and Andrew Voropaeff of El Granada; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials in Ms. Voropaeff's name may be made to The American Diabetes Association. Interment was in the Serbian Cemetery in Colma. Arrangements were under the direction of Black Cooper Sander Funeral

Home in Hollister.

Lucille Marino

Menlo Park resident

Lucille Marino, a life-long resident of the Menlo Park/ Palo Alto area, died Dec. 22 at the age of 89.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda McCarley, Elaine Kamm and Debbie Cramer, brother Albert Stvra; and four grandchildren.

Contributions to a favorite charity may be made in her name.

Marion Bellamy

Real estate agent

A celebration of the life of Marion K. Bellamy will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Peninsula Volunteers Little House, 800 Middle Ave. in Menlo Park.

Ms. Bellamy died Dec. 1. Her obituary appeared in the Dec. 13, 2006, issue of the Almanac.

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Can cyclists, motorists coexist?

When a participant in a group ride through Portola Valley tossed a water bottle at a car that instead hit and injured a pedestrian last November, it unleashed a torrent of criticism of the speeding packs of cyclists that often ignore traffic laws and common courtesy.

No rider could defend such bad behavior, but more often the charges come from irritated motorists who are forced to wait at stop signs or inch cautiously around a pack that can take up a good part of the roadway. The individual cyclists may be law-abiding people in their other life, but when they team up with 50 other riders, the group takes on the characteristics of a Tour de France peloton, without the corresponding traffic control.

Most complaints focus on the Morning Ride, the Noon Ride, or the Tuesday-Thursday Ride, which start in Palo Alto and wind through Menlo Park, Portola Valley and Woodside. Only elite riders or very fast amateurs participate in these rides, which often are led by top racing cyclists who set a torrid pace. Stop signs or traffic signals rarely impede the progress of these riders, who must focus on the bike in front of them to avoid crashing.

And that is the rub. By disregarding stop signs and even traffic signals, this small group of riders is spoiling life for the thousands of others who range from novice to expert and who are simply enjoying the sport of cycling, sometimes alone or with a few friends. These are law-abiding citizens who keep fit by riding around the loop (Portola and Alpine roads) or even up Old La Honda or Kings Mountain roads on their way to Skyline Boulevard or the coast.

Like it or not, all these roads are public thoroughfares,

which means cyclists have every right to be there as long as they do not violate the law. Any idea that cyclists could be banned from these public roads is a non-starter, no matter how frustrated motorists might be about being stuck behind an ascending or descending cyclist on one of the hilly, winding roads that lead up to Skyline. Even Woodside's restrictions on bicycling events may have to be scuttled if a recent legal opinion is correct.

Ever since Lance Armstrong began his successful quest to conquer the Tour de France some eight years ago, people of all ages have flocked to the sport of cycling. That trend is bound to continue, which means even more riders will crowd local roads, especially on the weekends.

This means that motorists and cyclists are going to have to figure out how to get along, on their own. Law enforcement agencies simply do not have enough staff to crack down on every infraction committed by cyclists or motorists.

If letters and e-mails to the Almanac are any indication, the first step in the peace process should be an effort to convince pack riders to abide by the law. That alone would drastically reduce the number of complaints about cyclists. Other efforts might include installing "share the road" signs on the more popular bike routes, and enlisting help from all the local bike clubs like Alto Velo and Western Wheelers. The word "courtesy" should be paramount in all these efforts.

These and other initiatives should be led by the bike committees of local governments. They, more than anyone, should know that many residents are concerned about the behavior of cyclists using their roadways. But motorists, too, must learn that they often have to give way, whether they like it or not. There is much to be done, but it is not too late to start.

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More to say on chloramine issue

Editor:

Thank you for the Dec. 27 article on chloramine.

I would like to address the statement by Tony Winnicker, spokesman of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, who said: "It wouldn't be productive or a good use of anyone's time to meet again [with Citizens Concerned About Chloramine] about the exact same issues and exact same thing when there's no new information on either side."

We are insulted by this statement.

There is information on our side that the commissioners have never heard in the first place. In fact, they have never heard a presentation from CCAC where we can share important peer-reviewed scientific data that we have gathered. One-minute comments "from the public" do not suffice.

Our group sent a letter in July

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Portola Valley Archives

Our Regional Heritage

This 41-year-old wooden bridge near the Stanford Golf Course collapsed on March 22, 1929. Four passengers were injured, but 12 others and the driver escaped unharmed.

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to the PUC requesting a time to present our information to the commissioners. They never responded. The next and only letter we received was dated Dec. 5, 2006. There was nothing in there acknowledging our request. Instead, it was the same old "chloramine is great" story.

Board members from two of the major water districts in the area have sat down with us in meetings, listened to our presentation, and were happy to receive and read the very important material we have found. As a result, both the NCCWD (in Pacifica) and (the regional) BAWSCA members are much more informed about chloramine than the commissioners of the SFPUC.

It is clear from Mr. Winnicker's statement that the SFPUC is afraid of the information we have to offer. If they learn what we know, they will have to take some kind of action on the chloramine situation in the Hetch Hetchy water system, something they are loathe to do.

The SFPUC may keep its head in the sand and try to keep everybody else's there as well, by attempting to control what the public does and does not hear about chloramine. It would be nice to have equal time with other agencies to make our presentation to the commissioners on our scientific data and its implications.

Hundreds of us have established a clear-cut cause and effect between our symptoms and chloraminated water by using water that is free of chloramine. This is an inconvenient fact that the SFPUC consistently tries to deny. It could be easily and inexpensively established that our symptoms are due to chloraminated water if the San Francisco Department of Public Health was willing to do a simple cause-and-effect evaluation of its own, instead of spending \$100,000 of taxpayers' money on propaganda.

We are not going away. To learn more, visit www.chloramine.org
Denise Johnson-Kula
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Concerned About Chloramine
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Chloramine meetings handled poorly

Editor:
Thank you for your Dec. 27 article on chloramine.

I attended the November meeting of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the October meeting of the city's public health department in Andrew DeGraca's office and was appalled at the way the meetings were handled.

Dinner with Congressman and Betty Ford

By Fran Kearton

In early fall of 1954, my husband Reg and I were staying at the beautiful Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. At the time Reg was an executive with Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and was sent to the Greenbrier Clinic for his annual physical exam.

One evening on the way to dinner in the main dining room with another Lockheed couple, Vern Johnson and his wife Dorothy, Vern caught a glimpse of Rep. Gerald and Betty Ford in a small room filled with Bingo players.

Vern was head of Lockheed public relations in Washington so he knew most of the politicians, including then-Rep. Ford.

Some of Vern's best funny but sad stories were his days playing golf with President

Richard Nixon at Washington's Burning Tree Club and President Nixon's unattainable stiff efforts to be a regular guy and one of the boys.

On the other hand, Vern said Rep. Ford was really a regular guy and we would enjoy meeting him and Betty. After the introductions, Vern suggested that, if not otherwise engaged, perhaps Gerry and Betty would like to join us for dinner.

Which they did. Remember, this was long before he was president or even higher up in the House. He was not important enough for a Secret Service entourage.

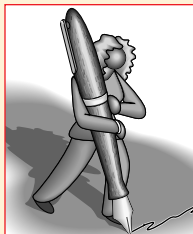
Even then Betty Ford suffered painful pinched-nerve problems which strike unannounced. Doctors claim the pain is triggered by stress, although Ms.

Ford said perhaps her time as a dancer before her marriage was the source. I confided that my nerve problems came from being hit by a truck at age 16.

So while the men talked politics we had a ball comparing our shared pinched-nerve ailment horror stories. Of course nothing I went through later in life as far as stress could ever compare with what fate handed Betty Ford. That particular ailment caused her such pain that she became addicted to painkillers and alcohol, resulting in her founding of the world-renowned Betty Ford Clinic in Palm Springs.

Fortunately, my attacks have not driven me to extremes, but I always felt a kinship with her and she became my favorite First Lady.

Fran Kearton lives on Mansion Court in Menlo Park.



GUEST OPINION

The public and members of CCAC gave a lot of feedback to Mr. DeGraca and June Weintraub from the health department, which was ignored when they did their presentation at the Nov. 14 SFPUC meeting.

There were about 18 people at the Oct. 31 meeting, many who told them how they had established cause and effect between symptoms and chloraminated water. Several of them had doctors' documentations linking their symptoms (skin, respiratory and/or digestive) to the chloraminated water.

People who use chloramine-free water find that their symptoms are completely gone. It was suggested that the public health department could do a preliminary investigation into the cause and effects of exposure to the chloramine. Ms. Weintraub was completely opposed to any kind of investigation of cause and effect.

Nor did she want to ask doctors to report whether there were any increases in skin, respiratory or digestive symptoms since chloramine was introduced in our water in February 2004. Ms. Weintraub wouldn't even consider asking the EPA or an independent agency, such as a university, to conduct any studies. She maintained that chloramine was safe in spite of the fact that **no** studies have been done on these effects.

I am concerned about all of the health effects that hundreds (probably more) people, including myself, are having to suffer through. No one at the S.F. Health Department or the SFPUC seems to want to do anything about this. They just spent \$100,000 to cover this issue up.

We need help. Assemblyman Ira Ruskin is looking into a bill to get chloramine out of our water. Please contact his office at 650-691-2121. See www.chloramine.org for more information.

Jan Frederiksen
Notre Dame Avenue, Belmont

Two paths to improve African high schools

Editor:

Congratulations on the excellent and timely article on local efforts to assist in the construction of a high school for girls in Naivasha, Kenya.

The article highlights the selfless efforts of Margo McAuliffe of Menlo Park, whom I know, to assist Father Daniel Kiriti in Naivasha. I had the pleasure of meeting Father Kiriti two years ago, thanks to Ms. McAuliffe.

Simultaneous with this article came international media reports on the opening of a magnificent high school for girls in South Africa, underwritten by Oprah Winfrey.

What a contrast of macro and micro efforts by McAuliffe and Winfrey, dollar-wise: A fundraising goal of \$300,000 by McAuliffe; a personal commitment of \$40 million by Winfrey. Yet, underlying their independent efforts is the common recognition of the necessity of educating young African women.

These efforts should not be viewed as missionary work, but as a substantive investment in the future of the continent. I fear some readers may conclude from Winfrey's commitment: "Well, she has taken care of that." Africa is a huge continent. Winfrey's school is in South Africa. The

school McAuliffe is assisting is a half-continent away.

Here is an opportunity for individuals locally to be engaged in a global mandate. I urge those with an interest to contact McAuliffe at: margomca2@sbcglobal.net

Henry Organ
Euclid Avenue, Menlo Park

Suspicious of need for red light cameras

Editor:

I want to echo the sentiments of Claude Leglise, (Letters Dec. 13) who was quite eloquent on the subject of adding red light surveillance cameras in Menlo Park. When are we, as a population, going to protest the legalized spying on us and our privacy?

This grows more prevalent every day. Are red light violations a big concern in Menlo Park, or is the business of raising revenues really the bigger concern? I never run a red light, but what will be defined as a "red light?" We all have had the experience of heading into the intersection when the light is yellow, and later turns red.

It's my understanding that some of these camera companies have actually shortened the length of a yellow light to increase their revenues, since they are paid on the basis of fines levied. In such instances, they are actually creating the crime to line their coffers.

When are we going to look to local government to serve and protect us, not spend time thinking of ways to drive revenues on our backs?

Ray Sun
Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park

Summit Prep deserves accolades

Editor:

Among the top local stories in 2006 is the April announcement by the state of the first 10/10 API

high school in San Mateo County history: Summit Preparatory.

Summit rated highest among all high schools in the county, ahead of considerably less diverse schools, by achieving success with students of all backgrounds. Summit had the highest Latino scores in Silicon Valley and the highest Caucasian scores in Silicon Valley — all on a significantly lower budget.

Summit's achievement is all the more important for leading the way to revitalize public high schools — as the Almanac outlined in its cover story of Aug. 30 last year — as innovation from Silicon Valley is applied to public education.

Chris Buja
Wayside Road, Portola Valley
(Chris Buja is a board member and co-founder of Summit Prep.)

Superman lived in our community

Editor:

One year ago, Officer Richard May was shot and killed in East Palo Alto while performing his pledged duty to serve and protect.

Sadly, for all of us who believe in good and strive to instill values in our children that will help them choose between right and wrong, we have lost a special local citizen, unselfish public servant, loving son, brother, father, friend and role model. I am grateful that I had the good fortune to know Rich from the time he was only 7 years old and had been able to see him mature into such a wonderful, productive adult.

Those of us who were lucky enough to know Rich personally were never fooled by his "Clark Kent" mild-mannered nature — we knew all along he was Superman. On Jan. 7, 2006, he revealed his true identity to the rest of the community.

Jay Gertridge
College Avenue, Menlo Park



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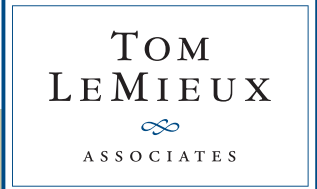
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