



READERS' CHOICE 2007

Our readers tell us where to go for coffee, clothing, books and services

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

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Carl Weimer, co-owner of Hirzel Fine Jewelry.



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Katia Martha, 6, snuggles with her new stuffed friend at Cheeky Monkey toy store.

JEWELRY STORE: Hirzel moves, doubles store size

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

Why did Carl Weimer — who has owned the business since 1993 when he brought it from its retiring founder, George Hirzel — decide to make the move to 730 Santa Cruz?

"Business was growing to a point where we needed more space," says Mr. Weimer, who worked for Mr. Hirzel for seven years before acquiring the business. (Mr. Hirzel died just a few weeks ago at age 93.)

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

Mr. Weimer attributes the jewelry store's longevity and growth to its "full service" approach, which is not just a cliché.

"We are willing and capable to do a lot of things," says Mr. Weimer, from replacing a watch battery for \$10 to selling a

piece of hand-made custom jewelry for \$250,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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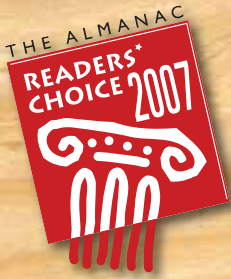
For seven years, Almanac readers have picked **Cheeky Monkey Toys** in Menlo Park as their favorite toy shop, but this year they have a lot more to cheer about. This summer Cheeky Monkey moved a couple blocks up Santa Cruz Avenue to 640 Santa Cruz, where there is three times the space — a total of 3,500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

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

Cheeky Monkey Toys, 640 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 328-7975.

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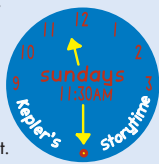
KLUTZ 30th Anniversary Party! Friday, Sep. 14, 6:00 p.m.

Kitchen Playdates with Lauren Bank Deen Saturday, Sep. 15, 9:30 a.m.
Location: The Left Bank Brasserie, 635 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park
For reservations, visit the store, call 650-324-4321 or visit the Family Events section on www.keplers.com.

AMERICAN GIRL LAUNCH PARTY with Megan McDonald
Sunday, Sep. 16, 2:00 p.m.

PAJAMA PARTY with MO WILLEMS Friday, Sep. 21, 6:30 p.m.
Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity

KEPLER'S STORY TIME EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:30 A.M.



Sep. 2nd - Quilting Story Time

During this old-fashioned quilting bee, children will create their own quilt block which will be joined together to create a whole quilt.

Sep. 9th - Grandparents' Day Story Time with Joy Hulme

Hulme gives grandparents an opportunity to introduce their grandchildren to a fascinating mathematical concepts, the Fibonacci Sequence.

Sep. 16th - Mr. Men Story Time with Kepler's Own Antonia Squire

Wobbly Mr. Jelly is a big fraidy cat...will he ever find his courage, especially with pirates around?

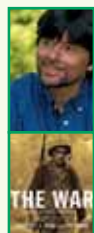
Sep. 23rd - Story Time with Andrea Stryer

We'll have a volunteer on hand to sign the story as author Andrea Stryer reads. Afterwards, stay a bit longer for a fun Sign Language Workshop!

Sep. 30th - Story Time with the Menlo Park K-9 Unit

Human and dog members of the Menlo Park K-9 Unit will be on hand to demonstrate what they do best.

FEATURED AUTHORS



Ken Burns

The War: An Intimate History, 1941-1945

Saturday, Sep. 15, 11:30 a.m.
The magnificent companion volume to the fall 2007 PBS series—the American experience of World War II captured in the hearts and minds, words and deeds of those who made history on the battlefields and on the home front.



Sherman Alexie

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Thursday, Sep. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Known for his candid, honest depictions of the triumphs and struggles faced by Native Americans, Sherman Alexie has received many accolades. His newest offering marks his first foray into the world of young adult literature and is a striking, much needed contribution to this genre. It is, without a doubt, one of the best young adult novels to emerge within recent memory, but it will have a profound effect on all readers, regardless of age.

DON'T MISS THESE OTHER EXCITING AUTHOR EVENTS!



Joshua Spanogle
Flawless
Wednesday
Sep. 5, 7:30 p.m.



Ann Packer
Songs Without Words
Thursday
Sep. 6, 7:30 p.m.



Mark Schapiro
Exposed: The Toxic Chemistry of Everyday Products
Wednesday
Sep. 12, 7:30 p.m.



Alan Alda
The Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself
Wednesday
Sep. 19, 7:00 p.m.
Location: San Jose Rep
101 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose
www.commonwealthclub.org/sv



Ian Klaus
Elvis Is Titanic: Classroom Tales from the Other Iraq
Wednesday
Sep. 19, 7:30 p.m.



Ian Ayres
Super Crunchers
Thursday
Sep. 20, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Michael's at Shoreline
2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View
www.commonwealthclub.org/sv



Terry Pratchett
Making Money
Tuesday
Sep. 25, 7:30 p.m.



Maureen Draper (editor), Kenneth Fields, Nils Peterson, and cellist Monica Scott
The Music Lover's Poetry Anthology
Wednesday
Sep. 26, 7:30 p.m.



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MOM AND DAD RESTAURANT

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

Buck's, 3062 Woodside Road; 851-8010.

CHINESE RESTAURANT/TAKE OUT

Almanac readers have chosen **Su Hong** as their favorite Chinese restaurant for the 14th year. The classy but comfortable establishment is touted for its consistent offerings at both lunch and dinner time. Restaurant manager Bee King notes that the chicken salad, pot stickers, walnut prawns

and "Spicy General's Chicken" are the most popular dishes. When it's time to reach for the take-out menu, nearby **Su Hong To Go** has once again won for best take-out, offering practically the same menu as the restaurant.

Su Hong, 1039 El Camino Real; 323-6852.

Su Hong To Go, 630 Menlo Ave.; 322-4631.

PLACE FOR A DATE/INTIMATE DINING

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

The Village Pub, 2967 Woodside Road, Woodside; 851-9888.

PLACE TO DINE WITH KIDS

It's no surprise that the **Dutch Goose** has won for the best place to dine with kids. Although the

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

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

SUNDAY BRUNCH

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



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Walnut prawns are a specialty at Su Hong.

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its "hearty California cuisine" — so expect some seasonal menu choices like summer vegetable

omelets. According to employee Rigel Erlich, a popular brunch choice is the chilaquiles — eggs scrambled with strips of corn tortillas, ham, green chilies, tomatoes and feta cheese, served with sour cream, salsa, black beans and

potatoes. Everything from Belgian waffles to a range of salads can also be found on the menu.

St. Michael's Alley, 806 Emerson St., Palo Alto; 326-2530.

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PLACE TO HAVE A CHILD'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

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

Color Me Mine, 602 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 328-4486.

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

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

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

HAMBURGERS

Readers have voted **The Oasis** in Menlo Park as their favorite burger joint. A local favorite for hanging out and watching a sports game since its opening in 1958, Oasis still retains its comfortable charm — carved tables and booths, vintage memorabilia and the same classic burgers. Over the years, the owners have expanded the menu from eight items to over 20. In addition to favorites such as patty melts and cheeseburgers, options such as a turkey avocado burger or a savory chicken sandwich also appear on the menu. French fries, onion rings and spicy curly fries are some of the popular side orders that you can choose to accompany your burger. Oasis also offers signature pizzas, a make-your-own pizza option and a range of salads.

The Oasis Beer Garden, 241 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 326-8896.

PIZZA RESTAURANT

Readers have once again chosen **Applewood Inn** in Menlo Park

for the best pizza pie around. Since 1983, Applewood has charmed local residents with its fresh toppings and specialty combinations. Among Applewood's 18 specialty pizza combinations are the Florentine (marinated artichokes, mushrooms, bell peppers, fresh tomatoes), the Scandinavian (smoked salmon, red onions, sour cream, capers, parsley, dill) and the Santa Fe (tomatillo sauce, Southwestern chicken, red onions, green chilies, cilantro pesto, red bell peppers). A longtime favorite remains The Menlo Combo — pepperoni, salami, Italian sausage, mushrooms, black olives and red onions. If you'd rather design your own pizza, you can choose from over 30 toppings, ranging from pineapple to smoked salmon.

Applewood Inn, 1001 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, 324-3486; and **Applewood 2-Go**, 989 El Camino Real, 328-1556.

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

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

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

FRENCH RESTAURANT

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

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

MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Although it's only been open for four years, **Celia's** has become a local favorite for its Mexican food. According to restaurant manager Fernando Mancera, favorites on the menu include the fajitas and the Cancun platter, a

dish of shrimp, crab and scallops sauteed in wine and covered in melted, grated cheese. The family-friendly restaurant is known for a large menu and equally large portions. A live mariachi band heats up Celia's on Sunday nights from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

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

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

INDIAN RESTAURANT

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

Amber India Restaurant, 2290 El Camino Real, Mountain View; 968-7511.

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

THAI RESTAURANT

For a taste of Thai, readers have chosen **Thai City** in Palo Alto. The popular lunch combinations include a main dish, satay, salad and a choice of pad Thai, fried rice or steamed rice, says restaurant manager Meng Dan. The extensive lunch and dinner menus feature a wide range of Thai cuisine, from noodle and rice dishes to curries and sautes. According to Mr. Dan, favorites include chicken satay, yellow curry, catfish curry and pad Thai. He notes that if you're

craving the sweet milky flavor of Thai iced tea, you can order it by the liter.

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

BREAKFAST

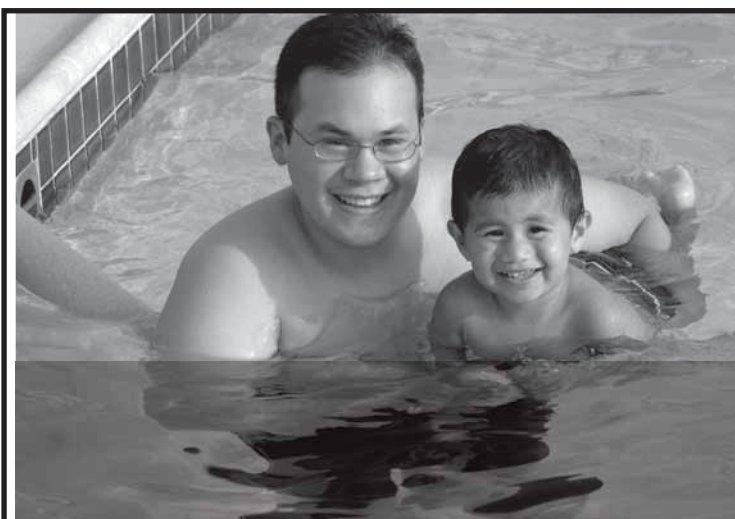
Stacks' in downtown Menlo Park is winner of the "best breakfast" award for the fourth year. General Manager Bryan Godfrey attributes the win to great service. "Really nice people work here," he says. Sit down to pancakes, waffles, French toast or eggs prepared in more ways than you could possibly imagine.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



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



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are off the hook," Mr. Godfrey promises.

Stacks', 600 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 838-0066.

DESSERT

Those with a sweet tooth once again chose **Prolific Oven** in downtown Palo Alto as their favorite place to indulge. The chocolate cakes — offered in rum, orange almond, mocha and double chocolate flavors — remain the most

popular, but they also have creamy French-style cakes in flavors ranging from amaretto cream to green tea mousse. Store manager Adrian Ortiz remarks that the bakery and coffee house just introduced a new product, Apricot Bliss, which is a white cake filled with apricot jam, walnuts and whipped cream, topped with more whipped cream and fruits. In addition, it offers cookies, pastries, individual cake slices and lunch choices.

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

ICE CREAM

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

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

COFFEE, ESPRESSO, TEA

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

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

BAGELS

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

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

JUICE BAR

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



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

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

SANDWICHES

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

Lutticken's, 3535 Alameda de las Pulgas; 854-0291.

BAR, LIVE MUSIC

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

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

PLACE TO MEET PEOPLE

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

Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 327-0830.

BEST BAKERY

For scrumptious baked goods, our readers chose two local favorites: Draeger's and Woodside Bakery

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

Draeger's Bakery, 1010 University Drive, Menlo Park, 324-7751.

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

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Jesus Mendoza, head pastry chef, ices cakes at the Woodside Bakery.

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Butcher Tom Henning checks out Draeger's meat department display.

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Morning pastries are always popular, as are fruit tarts, breads, pies and special-occasion cakes.

Woodside Bakery and Cafe,
3052 Woodside Road, Woodside,
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loin roast to stuff with herbs and goat cheese for a special meal? Our readers have again voted for **Draeger's** as the place to go to buy meat. The store has a wide and interesting range of meats, and makes its own sausages.

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

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Trader Joe's, 720 Menlo Ave., Menlo Park. 323-2134.

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

NURSERY

The family-owned **Roger Reynolds Nursery** takes the top prize for the seventh year in a row. The knowledgeable salespeople spend plenty of time helping customers choose the perfect plants, a nursery supervisor says. Besides garden design, soil preparation and planting help, Roger Reynolds has a newsy Web site that features a monthly garden to-do list. Special events include the annual August tomato tasting, sales twice a year, and a holiday open house

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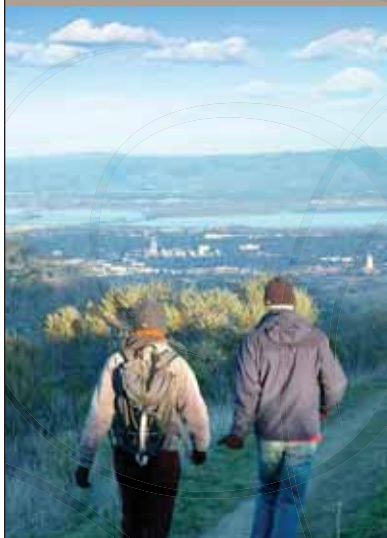
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featuring refreshments and a 10 percent discount at the Carriage Stop gift shop — this year, it's on Nov. 16-17.

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

FLORIST

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

and gifts baskets.

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

BARBER

Seven-time winner **Golden Shears** is a downtown Menlo Park mainstay for lots of local families. Owned by Louie Arneas for 44 years, the stylists at this classic barbershop offer their clients modern looks as well as more traditional do's. **Golden Shears**, 814 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 325-0943.

DAY SPA

Despite its location in bustling downtown Palo Alto, **Watercourse Way** is a tranquil oasis inspired by the natural hot springs of Tassajara. It's also Almanac readers' favorite day spa. Offering nine private hot tub rooms, nature-inspired spa treatments, and several types of massages,

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Watercourse Way, 165 Channing Ave., Palo Alto; 462-2000.

HAIR SALON

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

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

MANICURE

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

LaBelle Day Spas, 36 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 326-8522; and 95 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, 327-6964.

FITNESS FACILITY

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

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

BICYCLE SHOP

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

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collegiate national champions, and will take a turn housing the trophy this year.

Menlo Velo, 433 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 327-5137.

PET STORE

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

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

CLEANERS

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

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

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

Peninou, 558 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park; 322-7562.

Country Club Cleaners, 3536 Alameda, Menlo Park; 854-5474.

PHARMACY

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


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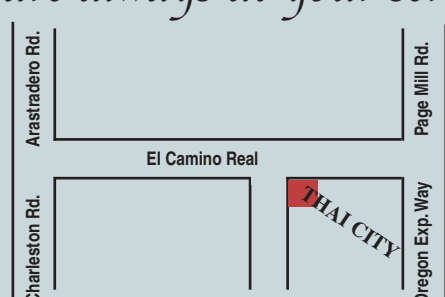
Pharmacist **Olga Vanderzwan**, right, fills a prescription while Martina Ciardella helps with an order at Preuss Pharmacy.

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Preuss also offers prescription compounding for hospice, pain management, and some veterinary programs.

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

HOTEL

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

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

BOUTIQUE

Year after year, Almanac readers name **Calla** as their favorite boutique for women's clothes and accessories. A monthly calendar keeps customers apprised of the frequent events, and the wide selection of clothes, accessories and gift items keeps them coming back, says owner Lee Murphy. New lines, such as Juicy Couture, and established customer favorites such as Nanette Lepore and Lacoste make for an eclectic mix. Calla Kicks, around the corner at 1060 Evelyn St., now houses Calla's shoe selection.

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

WOMEN'S SHOE STORE

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

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Danko and Ecco. Nordstrom is also known for selling "intentional mis-mates" to people with one foot that is at least one-and-a-half sizes larger than the other foot.

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

STATIONERY STORE

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

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

TRAVEL AGENCY

For the second year in a row,

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

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

BEST BOOKSTORE

More than just their favorite bookstore, readers continue to value **Kepler's Books and Magazines** as a community catalyst dating back generations. Kepler's appears to be thriving after the meltdown two years ago when the store abruptly closed then was revived through an outpouring of community support. Now, 1,800 people have joined the independent bookstore's "Literary Circle."

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

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

WINE & LIQUOR STORE

Beltramo's has deep roots in the Peninsula's *terroir* so it's no wonder readers have again chosen it as their favorite place to buy wines

and spirits. Established in 1882 by Giovanni Beltramo — and still family-owned — the store specializes in small-estate wines from around the world, at very competitive prices. "If anybody had it, I figured that you would," is a phrase often uttered by customers looking for rare, hard-to-find bottles, says wine consultant Rebecca Rapaszk. Tastings are held on Saturdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. There will also be a series of special evening tastings this fall; call for details.

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

ORIENTAL CARPETS

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

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

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

Owner Stephen Miller is celebrating his 30th year in business; the

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

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

FURNITURE STORE

For 15 consecutive years, **Flegel's Home Furnishings** has been named the favorite furniture store by Almanac readers. On display at the downtown Menlo Park store are numerous hand-crafted, heirloom-quality items from such noted manufacturers

as Baker, Stickley, and Alfonso Marina. The store has a team of interior designers who work closely with clients. A Menlo Park landmark for 53 years, Flegel's is headed by president and CEO Mark Flegel, son of the founders, Arthur and Cleora Flegel. Recently, Mark's son, Brian, joined the company.

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

FRAME STORE

The **Great Frame-Up** in Menlo Park has again reached our readers' winners circle. Owned by Marcy Magatelli, the shop offers an extensive selection of frames and framing styles for anything one might want framed: from artwork and family portraits to certificates and diplomas. The trained staff is adept at preserving customers' most sensitive pieces for generations to come. On-site custom framing and a diverse selection of frames and prints are available.

The Great Frame-Up, 1047 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 323-1097.

AUTO REPAIR

Almanac readers for the eighth year in a row singled out **Menlo-Atherton Shell** as their favorite auto repair shop. A family-owned business since 1968, M-A Shell does all auto repairs "from top to bottom," says Don Bajada, son and manager. "We also will give customers a ride home when their car is in the shop." Specializing in repairing Mercedes and BMWs — as well as domestic vehicles — the shop offers maintenance and mileage servicing. Making an appointment is recommended. Customers can have their vehicles towed to the shop 24 hours a day. **Menlo-Atherton Shell**, 1400 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 325-1280.

BANK

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

Wells Fargo, downtown branch, 735 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 289-1036.

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

Menlo Park Ace Hardware, 700 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 325-2515.

PAINTERS

In business for 17 years, **Rubens Custom Painting** owner Ruben Citores says he emphasizes good environmental practices — not because it's politically correct to do so, but because he believes in them. While painting houses on the Midpeninsula is the backbone of the business, Rubens Custom Painting also specializes in restoring tile roofs and applying heat-reflective and waterproof coatings that lower energy bills and keep old roofing materials out of landfill. Families with children, or asthma and allergy sufferers, benefit from paints and coatings with very low VOC (volatile organic compounds), he says. Other services include refinishing cabinetry, glazes, and antique and faux finishes.

Rubens Custom Painting, 1259 El Camino Real, No. 333, Menlo Park; (800) 554-7655.

PAINT STORE

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

Gray's Paint and Wallpaper, 717 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, 322-2238; and 1411 Woodside Road, Redwood City, 365-6222.

PLUMBER

Taking good care of their customers is what distinguishes **Guy Plumbing**, says Dave Guy, the



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

co-owner of the family-owned business founded by his grandfather David nearly 60 years ago. Because most of their customers are repeat business, Guy Plumbing saves money because it doesn't need to advertise, he says. "We haven't had to raise our rates. A lot

of other places have, because gas prices and advertising rates have gone up." Guy Plumbing offers a range of services from remodeling and installation to repair.

Guy Plumbing and Heating, 1265 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 323-8421. ■

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Hdwd floors throughout, granite counter, master bath with jacuzzi tub. Halogen track lighting, huge storage space in basement. Central AC.



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MENLO PARK

UPDATED ELEGANCE

\$1,699,000

4 BR 3 BA Remodeled home in Menlo Park with updated kitchen and large family room. Las Lomas schools.
Tom LeMieux 650.323.7751



WOODSIDE

PRIME LOCATION

\$1,998,000

4BR 3BA Approx 1.25 acres of prime horse property offers spacious split-level flrpln, high beam ceiling, random plank flrs, expansive horse stable & direct trail access. Great potential!
Celeste Henzel 650.851.1961

ATHERTON

STATELY GRAND ESTATE

\$17,900,000

6 BR 4 BA 9,000+ SF of living space on nearly 2 ac. Lrg 1BR/2BA gst hse w/full basement. Regulation sized tennis ct&pool. Prime Menlo Circus Club area location
Hanna Shacham 650.324.4456

STUNNING ATHERTON HOME

\$11,900,000

5 BR 5.5 BA One of a kind estate. 1930's Tudor on 1.87 acre w/manicured grounds. Gorgeous pool house, wine cellar, spacious guest house, tennis ct, pool.
Keri Nicholas 650.323.7751

JUST LISTED!

\$7,495,000

6 BR 7 full BA + 2 half Spectacular new Roger Kohler designed Craftsman home on oak-studded lot. Approx. 8000 SF home includes media room, wine cellar, elevator, library.
Elaine White & Brigid Van Randall 650.324.4456

CUSTOM ENGLISH TUDOR

\$6,490,000

3 BR 4.5 BA Exception gardens surround exceptional house. Guest house. 2 garages. Built 1999. Outstanding kitchen. English conservatory. Pond, waterfalls.
Nancy Goldcamp 650.325.6161

REMODELED HM ON 1.04 AC

\$4,295,000

5 BR 3.5 BA Warm, traditional Ranch. Over 4,300 sq. ft. Circular driveway with two security gates. Excellent in shape, size and location for a new estate.
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EXCELLENT MP SCHOOLS

\$3,500,000

4 BR 3 BA Updated, ranch-style home nestled behind a picket fence in desirable Lindenwood. Well-equipped kitchen. Expansive patio surrounds the swimming pool.
Hugh Cornish 650.324.4456

DALY CITY

WESTLAKE KNOLLS!

\$689,000

3 BR 1 BA Great neighborhood! Close to shopping, frways, schls. Beaut. hardwood flrs, fresh interior paint, DBL pane windows. Remod. bath, tons of storage!
Tara Jaramillo 650.323.7751

EAST PALO ALTO

COMPLETELY REMODELED!

\$539,000

3 BR 1 BA Remodeled kitchen w/granite counter top, tile floor, new stove & refrigerator. Remodeled bath. New carpet, double pane windows, fresh paint in & out.
Amelia Middel 650.324.4456

REMODELED HOME

\$519,000

2 BR 1 BA Kitchen & Bathroom completely remodeled. New Carpet. Freshly painted inside and out.
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\$475,000

3 BR 1 BA Perfect for a first time home buyer or investors. Good sized backyard.
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JUST LISTED!

\$475,000

3 BR 1 BA Living room with fireplace. Large front yard! Must see to appreciate! Garage converted to bedroom.
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NEW LISTING!

\$445,000

3 BR 1 BA Excellent condition! Priced to sell! One-car garage.
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WEST OF 101

\$269,000

1 BR 1 BA Sharp updated top floor condo. West of 101. Purchase this affordable condominium and ride the redevelopment to increased property values. Won't last!
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LOS ALTOS

HIDDEN GEM ON LRG LOT

\$2,388,000

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\$4,495,000

6 BR 5.5 BA Gorgeous home in Prime Menlo Park Elegant L/R, D/R, gourmet kit w/ breakfast bar, exquisite mastr suite, media room, landscaped .25 acres. MP schools.
Keri Nicholas 650.323.7751

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\$3,200,000

5 BR 3.5 BA Custom design for the owners who are originally from the south, this 7 year old mediterranean style home is reminiscent of the best Southern living
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ENGLISH COUNTRY STYLE

\$2,595,000

4 BR 3 BA In sought-after Vintage Oaks. Very functional flr pln. Great rm. Romantic master suite. Wood floors. Abundant storage. Attached 3-car garage. Idyllic.
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GORGEOUS 5YR. OLD HOME

\$2,295,000

3 BR 2.5 BA Elegant livrm, formal dining rm, gourmet kit w/ granite countertops, spacious famm, exquisite mastr suite w/private BA. Lovely landscaped backyard.
Keri Nicholas 650.323.7751

SUPERB LOCATION

\$1,995,000

3 BR 2.5 BA In Sharon Heights with Western Hills view. LR, high ceiling, FP, separate DR, bonus study/tv rm, 2 car garage & pool. Easy access to 280.
Carla Priola-Anisman 650.851.2666

IDEAL SETTING

\$1,895,000

3 BR 2 BA This home is located on a large lot in desirable central Menlo Park. Incl. formal entry, LR/DR combo w/high ceilings and opens to lovely pool & deck.
Margot Lockwood 650.851.2666

DESIRABLE WEST PALO ALTO

\$1,599,000

3 BR 2 BA Located in a multi million dollar Atherton homes is a great home with a great floor plan!
Maya Sewald 650.323.7751

1397 WOODLAND AVE

\$1,299,000

Open Sat & Sun, 1:30-4:30
3 BR 2 BA Willows! Serene location. Pristine remodled kitchen & baths. Open floor plan, hardwood floors, laundry room, 2 car garage.
Dulcy Freeman 650.325.6161

VINTAGE COTTAGE COMPOUND

\$998,000

2 BR 2 BA Remodeled Old World charm. New gorgeous, quality HW floors throughout. Beautiful, extra large, 8480 SF lot. Pool. Full 1BR guest house.
Nathalie de Saint Andrieu 650.324.4456

DREAM SHARON HTS CONDO!

\$979,000

2 BR 2 BA Gorgeous condo in desirable 1200 Sharon Park Dr. community overlooks vintage Oak trees and Sharon Heights golf course.
Maya Sewald 650.323.7751

A MUST SEE!

\$759,950

4 BR 2 BA Beautiful ranch style home with separate FR. LR w/FP, Marble & HW floors. Large backyard, landscaped front yard. Master BR w/2 closets.
Amelia Middel 650.324.4456



REDWOOD CITY

DELIGHTFUL \$799,000
2BR 1BA home close to Woodside Plaza with updates throughout. Inviting LR, Updated Kitchen with Nook, sep DR, covered Patio, HW floors+ more!
Margaret Brush 650.324.4456



WOODSIDE

PREMIER WOODSIDE \$12,500,000
4 BR 4 BA Excl. country lane... 4(+/-) ac w/beautiful gardens, views... sunny pool. 4bd/4ba main hse w/2 mstr suites. Gst quarters -3br/2ba. Understated elegance.
Thomas Dallas 650.851.2666



REDWOOD CITY

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED \$2,495,000
4 BR 4.5 BA Stunning new Monterey Colonial. Family room, Formal dining room, 2 fireplaces. 3100+ sf. Superb craftsmanship throughout. Fully landscaped.
Diane Prater 650.851.2666



WOODSIDE

PRIVATE SETTING \$995,000
4 acre lot with big views of the bay, directly adjacent to Huddard Park. Private cul-de-sac off of Kings Mt Rd. Easy trail access. Woodside Schools.
Scott Dancer 650.851.2666

MENLO PARK

REMODELED! \$719,000
2 BR 2 BA Hardwood floors throughout, granite counter, master bath w/jacuzzi tub. Halogen track lighting, huge storage space in basement. Central AC.
Beatrice Goodman 650.324.4456

UPDATED DOWNTOWN CONDO \$675,000
2 BR 2 BA Beautiful updated condo in downtown location. Fireplace, inside laundry, 2-car parking, balcony. Pool in complex. Menlo Park schools.
Pam Piers Hammer 650.324.4456

NEW PRICE! \$589,000
3 BR 1 BA This home has all the basics along with a great yard for landscaping. It is perfectly situated on a quiet street with sidewalks. Move right in!
Tory Fratt 650.324.4456

610 GILBERT AVE #28 \$509,000
2 BR 1 BA Bright End Unit Condo! 875 sq. ft. Detached Garage, Spacious Living Room, Updated Bathroom w/ Granite & Tile, Washer & Dryer. Drive by only.
Greg Stange 650.325.6161

NEW LISTING! \$499,000
2 BR 2 BA Priced to Sell! Lovely unit ideally located at the serene back of the complex! Call for first showings! 55 and over.
Steve Bellumori 650.324.4456

MONTARA

OCEAN VIEW ESTATE \$2,850,000
4 BR 4 BA New custom +5000 sq.ft. home on 4.7 acres. Au pair/guest quarters with separate entrance above garage. Unbelievable views, private road.
Bil Derow 650.712.2461

MOUNTAIN VIEW

WHISMAN STATION \$995,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Conveniently located in heart of Silicon Valley and public transportation. FR/kitchen, hardwood flooring, two story, freshly painted interior.
Brigid Van Randall & Elaine White 650.324.4456

GOOD LOCATION, 2 MASTER \$699,000
2 BR 2.5 BA Outstanding 2BR Townhome desirable complex good location remodeled kit nice fireplace in LR. Hardwood floors vaulted ceilings 2 balconys 12.25 SQFT.
Hossein Jalali 650.323.7751

TOP FLOOR CONDOMINIUM \$399,000
2 BR 1 BA Top floor condominium. Large deck overlooking pool and courtyard. Two assigned parking spaces. New carpet and paint.
Arn Cenedella 650.324.4456

GROUND FLOOR CONDO \$365,000
1 BR 1 BA Ground floor condo on Palo Alto border. Peaceful courtyard and pool. Convenient location near shops and stores.
Arn Cenedella 650.324.4456

PALO ALTO

NEW LISTING! \$5,299,000
6 BR 6 BA Enjoy sophisticated living, just blocks from downtown PA w/nearly 6,500 sq ft of living space (buyer to verify), on 3-level floor plan.
Hanna Shacham 650.324.4456

NEW LISTING! \$1,695,000
2 BR 2 BA Crescent Park-lovely tree-lined street. 7,400 SF lot. 2BR/2BA + Den. Lovely use of moldings, woodwork, and used brick.
Steve Bellumori 650.324.4456

PA REDWOODS "A" BUILDING \$550,000
1 BR 1 BA PA Redwoods "A" Building. Lovely 1BD/1BA +Den. Secure parking, 2 spaces. Additional storage. Pool, spa, sauna. Club House. Beautiful Common Grounds.
Tom Hilligoss 650.323.7751

PORTOLA VALLEY

MEDITERRANEAN VILLA \$4,695,000
6 BR 4 BA Two story home with beautiful tile roof. Large yard with total privacy. Surrounded by large oaks, sunny open meadow. Assoc. pool.
Scott Dancer 650.851.2666

STUNNING LADERA HOME! \$1,995,000
3 BR 3.5 BA Custom built in 2002 this beautifully appointed Mediterranean style home in Ladera features a fabulous great room, gourmet kitchen & lovely views!
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LOVELY UPDATED LADERA HM \$1,495,000
Stunning views, serene English cottage garden, and a great family room/kitchen! Expansive lot w/many possibilities.
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RARE OPPORTUNITY! \$300,000
Foothills Park vista only minutes to Stanford. 7,000 sf +/- Third parcel on the right, up from #120. Trails nearby. Trees + sunshine.
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REDWOOD CITY

NEW PRICE! \$899,000
4 BR 2 BA Charming home w/detached 1 car garage. Inviting front porch. HW flrs, FP, updated kitchen and baths. Partial Basement. Claw foot tub. New landscaping.
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LIGHT & BRIGHT HOME! \$799,000
2 BR 1 BA Charming home close to Woodside Plaza. Updated bath, kitchen. New windows. Delightful front porch & covered rear patio.
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A DELICIOUS DUPLEX DEAL! \$799,000
Great duplex for investor or owner-user! Near community center and shopping. Lg units: 3 BD/1.5 BA down & 2 BD/1 BA & charming porch up.
Linda Umbach 650.324.4456

2BR 1BA PLUS BONUS ROOM \$675,000
2 BR 1 BA Great starter home, This home has been totally updated with pergo floors, updated tile kit, remodeled BA, new windows and a large yard.
Silvia Mirabal 650.323.7751

BEAUTIFUL HOME! \$649,000
3 BR 1 BA High beamed ceiling, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen. Long driveway with two car garage.
Amelia Middel 650.324.4456

WELL MAINTAINED UNITS \$619,000
3 BR 2 BA Front Unit is a One Bed/One Bath, Rear Unit is a Two Bed/One Bath, separate yards and PG&E meters. Alley access provides additional parking.
Prieto Team 650.325.6161

REDWOOD SHORES

PRISTINE REDWOOD SHORES \$589,000
2 BR 2 BA Spacious feeling. Direct access to hwy 101. Near shopping & parks. Balcony, vaulted ceilings, 2 pools, spa, fireplace in LR, 2 parking spaces-car port
Carol Wilkinson 650.325.6161

SAN BRUNO

772 & 774 WALNUT ST. \$629,000
Great Opportunity! Duplex-1 bedroom units, One Unit with extra bonus room, Fresh Paint, Washer & Dryer Hookups Inside, Skylights, Double Pane Windows.
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SAN CARLOS

THE PERFECT ANSWER \$1,150,000
3 BR 2 BA Tastefully remodeled, close to downtown San Carlos. Gourmet eat-in kitchen with granite counters. Separate dining room, hardwood floors.
Kathie Christie & John Matlock 650.851.1961

SAN CARLOS

1343 GREENWOOD AVE \$1,149,000
3 BR 2 BA Adorable home near downtown + White Oaks School! Granite cntrs, new applincs, recessed lights, mstr ste w/walk-in closet, gorgeous bkryd & bonus playrm
Dulcy Freeman 650.325.6161

SAN MATEO

OLD WORLD LUXURY. MODERN. \$2,345,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Single level luxe condo in 9 unit building. Recent construction. Secure building. Richly detailed. Mahogany floors, paneling, fitness center, more.
Nancy Goldcamp & Mark Johnson 650.325.6161

GREAT HOME W/BONUS ROOM \$699,000
3 BR 2 BA This home has a remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors and a great floor plan with lots of lgts. Walking distance to the Lake and other shops.
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WOODSIDE

TUDOR MANSION 16,000 SF+ \$18,500,000
7 BR 8 full BA + 2 half Desirable 4.9 sunny, level acres in Central Woodside. Spacious foyer, indoor pool, tennis ct., barn, guest house. Surrounded by high brick walls.
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PRIME WOODSIDE \$16,500,000
6 BR 4 BA Gorgeous new 9000+ sf home designed by Tim Chappelle for 2009 completion. Adj. 3 ac lot avail. Create a magical estate amidst stately oaks & redwoods.
Thomas Dallas 650.851.2666

CUSTOMIZE TO YOUR TASTE \$12,800,000
6 BR 4 BA New dramatic 7000+ sf home being designed and built for 2009 completion. Close to town and Woodside Elem. Beautiful lot and location.
Thomas Dallas 650.851.2666

TUSCAN ESTATE - A GEM! \$5,250,000
4 BR 4 BA An easy stroll from Roberts & Woodside Elementary, this exquisite home blends tranquility and convenience. Views of the western hills & a sunny pool.
Ed Kahl 650.851.2666

COUNTRY CAPE COD CHARM \$3,875,000
4 BR 4 BA Total remodel/expanded w/hdwd flrs, FR drs, gorgeous mstr suite, library could be bdrm #5. Vineyard, 2 stall barn, pool/spa w/remod cabana. Views!
Barbara Piuma/Tom Stafford 650.851.2666

CENTRAL WOODSIDE \$3,595,000
6 BR 6.5 BA Spacious home on approx. 5 ac. Views of Western Hills, private cul-de-sac. Approx. 6000 sf. Room for horses, TC, pool, & guest house. K-8 WDS schools.
Judi Kiel 650.851.2666

DRY STACK ROCK WALLS \$3,550,000
4 BR 3 BA House rebuilt by owner, not yet lived in. New construction throughout, fully irrigated & groomed acreage. Cozy hearth rm/gourmet kitchen.
Judith Beisler 650.851.2666

GREAT VALUE \$2,850,000
4 BR 3.5 BA 3 acre estate lot with large ranch style home and beautiful views of the mountains and bay. Pool and spa, useable land. PV Schools.
Scott Dancer 650.851.2666

VIEW OF JASPER RIDGE \$2,650,000
4 BR 4 BA Quiet, close in 6 ac lot. Part of old WDS Country Club in 1930s. Approval of 6,000 sf hm. Poss GH, TC. Price does not incl cost of hm.
Ed Kahl 650.851.2666

CENTRAL WOODSIDE! \$2,395,000
5 BR 3 BA Completely remodeled. Over 1/3 of an acre. New kitch and new hardwood flrs. Great gardens, grassy yrd. Close to school and town.
Erika Demma 650.323.7751

WOODSIDE

CENTRAL WOODSIDE \$2,100,000
3 BR 2 BA + bonus rm. Beautiful level aprx. .93 ac. Circular driveway. LR w/FP, hdwd flrs throughout, mstr ste w/full bath. Close to schools, shops & library.
Tammy Tiscornia-Cole 650.851.2666

UPDATED THROUGHOUT \$1,638,000
3 BR 2.5 BA A country contemporary in a dramatic 1 acre setting among the Redwoods. An open floor plan with vaulted ceilings. Flat lawn, patio and large deck.
Phil Poms 650.851.2666

REMODELED, OCEAN VIEW HOME \$1,499,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Beautiful remodeled home on 1+ acre w/view. Great cook's kitchen w/granite & hardwood floors. Master suite, large deck garage, and office.
Valerie Trenter 650.323.7751

VINTAGE 2/1 COTTAGE \$1,195,000
2 BR 1 BA On sunny 1+ filtered Bay View acre w/guest cottage. Livable fixers/potential to build new. 2 parcels. EZ commute, Horses OK, PV Schools.
Janis Grube 650.851.2666

OCEAN VIEW CONDO \$998,500
3 BR 2 BA Watch the sunsets from this great remodeled ocean view condo w/ wood floors, open floor plan, fireplace, decks, spacious bedrooms & seperate office.
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF MENLO PARK
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2007**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Menlo Park, California, is scheduled to review the following items:

**The following items require a Notice of
Public Meeting or Public Hearing:**

Use Permit/Conor Medsystems/1003 Hamilton Ct: Request for a use permit for the use and storage of hazardous materials and for outside storage of equipment in the M-2 (General Industrial) zoning district, in association with a proposal for an emergency generator.

Study Session on a Use Permit, Architectural Control, and Tentative Parcel Map/Joe Colonna/1706 El Camino Real: Request for a use permit, architectural control, and tentative parcel map to demolish an existing one-story, 6,875-square-foot commercial building (formerly Gaylord's Restaurant) and construct a new two-story, 10,934 square-foot office building for medical/dental use, the related site improvements, and 52 parking spaces based on the proposed uses where 66 spaces would be required in the C-4 (General Commercial, Applicable to El Camino Real) zoning district. The application includes a request for a tentative parcel map to subdivide one parcel into four commercial condominium airspaces.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this item in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on Monday, September 10, 2007, 7:00 p.m. or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Documents related to these items may be inspected by the public on weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, with alternate Fridays closed, at the Department of Community Development, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Please note that the items listed are only the agenda items that require a public hearing. Please call the Planning Division if there are any questions and/or for complete agenda information (650) 330-6702.

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Deanna Chow, Senior Planner
Menlo Park Planning Commission

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Kings Mountain Art Fair celebrates its 44th year

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

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

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

Fair admission and parking are free.

Check the Web site for directions and parking information.

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

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

Visitors can take several foot-



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

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

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

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

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

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

Retired scientists sought for middle-school science program

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

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

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

To match volunteer to classroom, administrators from the Partnership for Student Success in Science, a project funded by the National Science Foundation, determine the appropriate grade level, subject matter,

driving distance and need, Mr. Mueller says.

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

Along with his science-based assistance, Mr. Mueller has also volunteered to tutor algebra. On occasion, by explaining an unfamiliar word or two, he says he can release a Latino student's potential to solve a math word problem.

While he says it can sometimes be frustrating, "it's a lot of fun, it's very satisfying, and it's really needed."

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

Swing time at Holbrook-Palmer

By Andrea Gemmet
Almanac Staff Writer

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

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

"Several local artists, architects and contractors have been working to create unique swings for the Swing in the Park auction," said Denise Kupperman of the Atherton Dames. "Generous benefactors include kinetic artist Ben Trautman, glass artist Nikolas Weinstein, and fabulous furniture-maker Roger Heitzman."

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



The "Zephyr," designed by San Francisco-based Harrison Architects, is among the one-of-a-kind swings that will be auctioned at the Sept. 9 "Swing in the Park" fundraiser at Holbrook-Palmer Park in Atherton.

from local restaurants and businesses.

It's one of the park's largest fundraising events and

will feature a catered meal by Absolute B-B-Q, said Ms. Kupperman. The event lasts from 2 p.m. to dusk and is sponsored by the Atherton Dames and the Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation.

Proceeds from the family-friendly festivities will go toward future improvements at the 22-acre park located at 150 Watkins Ave., such as a new walking path, creek restoration and an amphitheater, as outlined in the park's landscape master plan.

For the kids, there will be pony rides, a bounce house and balloon-sculpting clowns. For the adults, there will be a cash wine bar and live music from the Porkbellies and T2.

Tickets are \$700 for a table of 10, \$75 for individual table seats, or \$35 to picnic on the lawn. Children's lawn tickets are \$10. For reservations call 752-0536. ■

Andy Garcia memorial run on Labor Day

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

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

"We've had amazing support

from the community over the years," said his daughter, Kelly Garcia Arrillaga. "We hope friends and community members will join the family for both the run/walk and a free pancake breakfast in the park after the run."

Every year, families, friends and pets have come out for the



Andy Garcia

event on foot, on bikes, in strollers and even on roller blades, she said. "It has really been a wonderful tribute to my dad," said Ms Arrillaga.

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

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

Comments period extended on Huddart/Wunderlich EIR

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

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

At a public hearing Aug. 2, the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission only heard from the small group of Woodside residents who live along Greer Road in Woodside. Those residents have current issues with access to Hud-

dart Park from their narrow road, and use of trails that connect to Raymundo Drive in Woodside.

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

People with questions or comments may contact Senior Planner Sam Herzberg at 363-1823 or at sherzberg@co.sanmateo.ca.us. Or write Mr. Herzberg at San Mateo County Parks Department, 455 County Center, 4th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063.

BIRTHS

Menlo Park
■ Camille and Scott Robinson, a daughter, Aug. 16, at Sequoia Hospital.

COLLEGE GRADS

■ Alice Pencavel of Menlo Park received a bachelor of fine arts from Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York. She is the daughter of John and Louise Pencavel.

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Energy expert to speak in Menlo

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

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

USGS lecture on Sierra Nevada caves

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

Over the past five million years, water has carved successively deeper caves as John Muir's "Range of Light" was uplifted. Lilburn Cave, the longest, has 21 miles of passages; the most recent cave was discov-

AROUND TOWN

ered in 2006. For information, call 329-50000.

Talk on safety of medications

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

Volunteers sought for church event

The Menlo Park Presbyterian Church is seeking volunteers to help hold a barbecue at Burgess Park for the homeless on Saturday, Sept. 15.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will be a "scaled down" version of the church's Compassion Weekend

Picnic. People interested in helping should contact Renee Masterson at 323-4439.

Impressionist era: fashion and culture

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

Holocaust survivor talks at Little House

Helen Farkas will speak on her experience at the Auschwitz concentration camp in a talk at Little House activity center in Menlo Park from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11.

The program is part of the Little House series of "Tuesday Teas." Little House is at 800 Middle Ave. For more information, call 326-2025.

Remembering your life and passing it on

Todd Keitz of Think Back Films will speak Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Little House activity center in Menlo Park on the topic, "Remembering Your Life and Passing It On."

The program runs from 2 to 3 p.m. and is part of the Little House series of Tuesday Teas. Little House is at 800 Middle Ave. For more information, call 326-2025.

Woodside's Dick Tagg gives blood 500 times

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

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

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

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

The effort is especially appreciated, Ms. Hyndman said, because of continuing shortages. The

center had less than a one-day supply of type-O blood in mid-August.

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

"Our kids were about the same age and we were able to meet the kids and their parents," he said. "It was very personal."

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

— Don Kazak, Palo Alto Weekly



Dick Tagg

Rich Gordon launches Webcast

Does it sometimes appear that San Mateo County government is distant, obscure and inaccessible?

Supervisor Rich Gordon would like to correct that impression by going high-tech. He's launched a Webcast on his county Web page called "Community Message" to promote dialogue with constituents.

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

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

Mr. Gordon urged residents to support county agriculture by patronizing restaurants and food establishments that feature

the farm bureau's "As Fresh as it Gets" program. He also talked about the budget, and the long-term challenge to the county of paying for the prison system and health care for the indigent.

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

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

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

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

Angela Howard
Clerk of the Town of Portola Valley

August 24, 2007

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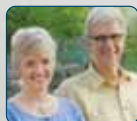
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Special Events

6th Annual Andy Garcia 5K Run-Walk-Bike. The 6th Annual Andy Garcia 5K Run-Walk-Bike will take place on Labor Day. There will be a free pancake breakfast in the park following the event. All are welcome. 9-10:30 a.m. Free Triangle Park, Intersection of Alpine and Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-283-5881.

Kings Mountain Art Fair. 135 juried artists and 25 locals present fine arts and crafts. Breakfast w/ artists at 8 a.m. Lunch, wine, beer starts at 11:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit fire brigade. Sept. 1-3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Kings Mtn Community Center / Fire Station, 13889 Skyline Blvd., Woodside. www.kingsmountainartfair.org

Taste Desserts for Literacy. Project Read's Menlo Park Dessert Tasting Fundraiser. Tickets available at the Project Read office. Awards to businesses, churches, groups and individuals who supported Project Read this past year. Testimonials from adult learners and tutors. Silent auction included. Thu., Sept. 6, 6:30-8 p.m. Advance \$20; at the door \$25. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2525. www.menloparklibrary.org/pread.html

Woodside Village Band Summer Concert. The Woodside Village Band will present its 20th annual free summer concert at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1. The program will include works by William Schuman, Sir Arthur Sullivan and George Gershwin, among others, as well as some favorite marches. Free; donations welcome. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. http://windband.org/woodside/index.htm

On Stage

"Man of La Mancha." The musical adaptation of Cervantes' "Don Quixote" tells of Cervantes' brush with the Spanish Inquisition through the eyes of his enlightened idealist, Quixote. Sept. 6-30 at the Hillbarn Theatre. Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. \$17-\$34 Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City. www.hillbarntheatre.org

Shakespeare Production in the Woods. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare. Directed by Stuart Bousel. Performed outdoors as part of a leisurely hike through Woodside's redwood forest. Weekends, Aug. 4-Sept. 2, 1 p.m. \$20 General Admission, \$15 TBA Members/Students/Seniors. Theatre in the Woods (a branch of AtmosTheatre), 2170 Bear Gulch Road West, Woodside. Call 415-370-8945. www.atmostheatre.com

"Three Sisters" by Anton Chekhov. The Pear Avenue Theatre opens its 6th season with the classic story of the Prozorov sisters lost in nostalgia and inertia. Brand new adaptation by award-winning playwright Craig Lucas. Sept. 7-30. Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m.; Sun. at 2 p.m. Order tickets by phone or online. \$15-\$25 The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View. www.thepear.org

TheatreWorks presents "Emma." TheatreWorks presents its 50th World Premiere, "Emma," from Tony-nominated composer Paul Gordon. This musical is based on the classic novel by Jane Austen. Weds., Aug. 22 through Sun., Sept. 16, Tue.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m.; Sun. at 2 and 7 p.m. \$25-61. TheatreWorks at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

Talks/Authors

The Unreleased Beatles. Richie Unterberger will discuss his book "The Unreleased Beatles: Music and Film," which details the wealth of music the Beatles recorded that they did not release, as well as musical footage of the group. The presenter will play rare Beatles recordings and show an hour of rare film clips. 7-9 p.m. Portola Valley Library, 4575 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. http://smcl.org/libraries/pvl

"Samson and Delilah" Opera Pre-view Lecture. Dr. Timothy Flynn, assistant professor and music program director at Olivet College (Michigan), speaks about Camille Saint-Saens' opera "Samson and Delilah." Dr. Flynn is the 2005 recipient of the Leland Fox Award for Scholarship from the National Opera Association. Tue., Sept. 4, 7:30-9 p.m. \$8/\$10 payable at the door.

Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-329-1374. www.sfopera.com

Stanford Med Student Joshua Spanogle discusses his new thriller "Flawless." Forensic suspense. Wed., Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 324-4321. www.keplers.com

Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. Psychiatrist Michael Lara emphasizes the critical role that exercise can play in mitigating symptoms. Sponsored by the nonprofit organization CHADD Silicon Valley. Wed., Sept. 5, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$5 suggested donation; free to CHADD members. The Friends Meeting House, 957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. **Little House Forums on Retirement.** The Wednesday forums at Little House will center on retirement living. Sept. 4: 899 Charleston - A New Concept in Retirement Living; Sept. 12: Multigenerational Living; Sept. 19: Aging in Place Safely; Sept. 26: Demystifying the Home Selling Process. Refreshments served. Garden Room. 11 a.m.-noon. Free. PV Inc. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Open Mic Poetry. Poetry Action Movement meets the last Thursday of the month. After a featured poet reads, all other poets are invited to participate. Through Aug. 30, 7-9 p.m. Free. Burgess Recreation Center, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park., Call 650-325-5257.

The Impressionist Era. Look at the world of 19th century Parisian fashion as captured in paintings by Impressionist artists. Docent Lecturer: Ellen Hardin. Tue., Sept. 4, 2-3 p.m. \$1 members, \$2 non-members. PV Inc Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

USGS August Evening Public Lecture. USGS geologist John Tinsley will be providing recent insights from his experiences exploring and studying southern Sierra Nevada caves and karst topography. This presentation on John Muir's "Range of Light" will describe how the Sierra has been uplifted and more. 7-8 p.m. Free. USGS, Building 3, Conference Room A, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-329-5136. online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar

Art Galleries

"In the Garden: Images of Allied Arts." Exhibit runs through Aug. 31, Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.portolaartgallery.com

Allegro Framing and Art presents. Bay Area artist Maralyn Miller. Through Aug. 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Allegro Framing and Art, 3130 Alpine Road, #370, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-4300. www.allegroframing.com

Eugene Carriere and his circle. Features the work of the painter and printmaker Eugene Carriere (1847-1906) and fellow artists and critics. Works by Odilon Redon, Auguste Rodin, Felix Bracquemond and others. Aug. 8-Dec. 12, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thu. until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, Just off Palm Drive, at Museum Way and Lomita Drive, Palo Alto. http://museum.stanford.edu/visit/public_tours.html

Silver-work demonstration. The last two weeks of the "Art of Being Tuareg: Sahara Nomads in a Modern World", Tuareg brothers Salah and Ousman Saidi will be here from Africa, working in the gallery and in the courtyard (when using a torch). Wed.-Sun., Aug 16 through Sept. 1, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, just off Palm Drive, at Museum Way and Lomita Drive, Palo Alto. Call 650-723-4177. http://museum.stanford.edu

The Life of Dr. Seuss. Learn more about the life and creative works of Ted Geisel, the infamous Dr. Seuss. Aug. 10-Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Peabody Gallery, 603 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-322-2200. www.peabodyfineart.com

Yosemite's Structure and Textures: Photographs by Eadweard Muybridge, Ansel Adams, and Others. The work of three photographers (1860-1940) illustrates not only Yosemite but also the evolution of photographic technology. Through Oct. 28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, Cantor Arts Center, just off Palm Drive, at Museum Way and Lomita Drive, Stanford. http://museum.stanford.edu/visit/public_tours.html

Auditions

"Music Man" Auditions. Woodside Community Theatre holds auditions for Mer-

edith Willson's musical "The Music Man," Aug. 9, 10, 19, 25, and 26, in Woodside. All roles are open, age 6 and above. Non-AEA. Check website for the details. Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road, Woodside. www.woodsidtheatre.org

LAYT's Terry Pratchett's "Wyrd Sisters." Directed by Nichole Hamilton. No prep needed. ages 10-20. Sept. 4-5, 4-5 p.m. Reg. fee if cast/schol. available. Los Altos Youth Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-947-2796. www.ci.los-altos.ca.us/recreation/layt

Clubs/Meetings

Little House Book Club. The September book selection to be discussed is "Perfume" by Patrick Suskind. All interested persons are welcome. 11 a.m.-noon. Free. PV Inc. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025, ext. 230. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Portola Valley Nonfiction Book Group. Please join in the discussion of "The Looming Tower" by Lawrence Wright. 1-2:30 p.m. Portola Valley Library, 4575 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. http://smcl.org/libraries/pvl

Woodside Library Book Club. Discussion of "Dreams From My Father" by Barack Obama. Tue., Sept. 4, 11:15 a.m.-noon. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Rd., Woodside. Call 650-851-0147.

Dance

Dancing on the Square. Free series of dance, including salsa, swing, ballroom dancing, county line dancing, hip hop and more. Thursdays through Sept. 13, 6-8 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-780-7253. www.redwoodcity.org/events

The Mesgana Dancers of Ethiopia. Ten girls ages 7-12 perform Ethiopian dances from a variety of cultural regions of Ethiopia, wearing traditional dress. Tickets are available online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/17498. Fri., Sept. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. Adults \$20; Children \$5. Spangenberg Theatre at Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-326-8381. www.mesgana.com

Thursday Evening Dance. With live music by Mike Johnson and the Sound Wizards. Thursdays, through Dec. 14, 7-9:30 p.m. \$7. PV Inc Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Exhibits

"Art of Being Tuareg: Sahara Nomads in a Modern World." Tuareg art, culture, and history. Features more than 200 objects, including jewelry, clothing, leatherwork, and other distinctive items of these semi-nomadic North African people of Niger, Mali, and Algeria. Wed.-Sun., through Sept. 2, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Stanford Cantor Arts Center, Lomita Dr. and Museum Way, Stanford. Call 725-5317. museum.stanford.edu/news_room/Tuareg.html

"Service Above Self: 100 Years of Rotary." Temporary exhibit explores the work of the Rotary clubs of district 5150, which includes Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. Exhibit includes memorabilia, photographs and video that highlight the service projects completed by the clubs. Through Nov. 3. Museum Admission \$4 adults/\$2 seniors and students. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-299-0104. www.historysmc.org

Stanford Art Spaces & Artists. Paintings and prints, Arturo Bolanos; photo-montages, Patricia McClung; mixed media paintings, Claire Iris Schencke. Reception Aug. 17 at CIS from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 13-Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Stanford Art Spaces, 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 650-725-3622. http://cis.stanford.edu/~marigros

Woodside Community Museum Open Sundays. Visit the Woodside Community Museum, now featuring an exhibit celebrating the town's incorporation in 1956. The museum's photo and historic resource collection is also available for public use. 2-5 p.m. No charge. Woodside Community Museum, Town Center, Whiskey Hill and Woodside Roads, W2oodside.. Call 851-1294.

Submitting information to the Calendar

Information for Calendar listings must be submitted online. Please go to www.AlmanacNews.com, page down to "Master Community Calendar" on the left, and click on the link, "Post an Event." For all Calendar listings, click on the link, "Search Entire Calendar."



At TheatreWorks

Lianne Marie Dobbs stars in "Emma," TheatreWorks' 50th world premiere. This musical, from Tony-nominated composer Paul Gordon, is based on the classic novel by Jane Austen. The play runs through Sept. 16 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. in Mountain View. Admission is \$25-\$61. For show times and other information, call 463-1960 or go to www.theatreworks.org.

Photo by David Allen

Kids & Families

Children's Library Grand Re-opening. The renovated and expanded Palo Alto Children's Library is ready to re-open on Saturday, Sept. 29. To celebrate the re-opening, a full day of special events is planned. 10-5 p.m. Free. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2516. http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/library

Family Fun on Theatre Way. Comedy, juggling, magic, drumming performances and environmental presentations featuring live birds of prey. Saturdays through Aug. 31, Noon-3 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-780-7253. www.redwoodcity.org/events

Infant Storytime. For infants ages 0-18 months. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Music, finger-plays, and puppets. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Movies on the Square. The summer in the city experience continues with a showing of 10 movies on Wednesday evenings starting at sundown. Come early for the best seats (limited number available). June 20-Aug. 29, 8:45 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-780-7311. http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/Movies.html

Quilting Story Time. Children will create their own quilt block which will be joined together to create a whole quilt. Sun., Sept. 2, 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 324-4321. www.keplers.com

Woodside Library Read for the Record. Help set a Guinness World Record for the most number of people reading the same book to children on the same day. 4-5 p.m. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147.

Woodside Library Summer Reading Club. "Get A Clue" and read all summer long to win prizes. Open to kids, teens and adults. Through Aug. 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147.

Woodside Library Toddler Musical Storytime. For children ages 18 to 36 months. Wednesdays through Aug. 29, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147.

Film

August Wednesday Movies at Little House. Aug. 8, "The Little Colonel"; Aug. 15, "Dimples"; Aug. 22, No movie; Aug. 29, "Just Around the Corner." 1-3 p.m. \$1 members, \$2 non-members. PV Inc Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Final Friday Flicks. The Atherton Library hosts family films on the last Friday of the month. Contact the library for this month's film title. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Through Oct.

26, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. http://www.smcl.org

Monday Movies at Little House. No movie on Labor Day, Sept. 3. Sept. 10: "Miss Potter"; Sept. 17: "The Lives of Others"; Sept. 24: "The Holiday." All films screen in the auditorium. 1-3 p.m. \$1 members; \$2 non-members. PV Inc. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Health

CBHP Open House. Each week a doctor from a different breast cancer specialty and a therapist are available to address medical questions and concerns. Every Thursday evening. 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Community Breast Health Project, 390 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto. www.cbhp.org

Combating Pediatric Obesity. An overview of steps to prevent or combat obesity in young children and adolescents. A whole-family approach to nutrition and exercise. Thu., Sept. 6, 7-8 p.m. Free. Elephant Pharm, 4470 El Camino Real, Los Altos. www.elephantpharm.com

Live Music

Lunchtime on the Square. Singers, songwriters and musicians with a variety of genres and styles. July 25-Aug. 31, Noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-780-7253. www.redwoodcity.org/events

Nancy Gilliland CD Release Concert. Nancy Gilliland will be releasing her fourth CD, "Isn't It Romantic?" at a concert to be held at the Little Fox Theatre. She will be singing CD selections as well as other tunes from Gershwin, Porter, Rodgers and Hart, Arlen and Kern. Sun., Sept. 16, 7 p.m. \$18/advance; \$20/door. Little Fox Theatre, 2209 Broadway, Redwood City. www.foxdream.com

Outdoors

"Walk in the Wild" Sculpture Tours. Djerassi Program's sculpture tours, located on a private ranch. Approximately 40 sculptures located on hiking trails. Director's tours (July 15, Aug. 18, Sept. 9 and Oct. 6) and two-mile tours (Aug. 19, Aug. 30, Sept. 22, Oct. 4 and Oct. 27). Reservations required. 9:45 a.m. Director's tours: \$40; Two-mile tours: free. Djerassi Resident Artists Program, 2325 Bear Gulch Road, Woodside. Call 650-747-1250. www.djerassi.org

Calling All Junior Naturalists. Explore nature. Learn to observe, take field notes, make drawings, play games and more. Bring a small notebook and pencil. Meets the first Saturday of every month. Through Dec. 1, 9:30-11 a.m. \$12 Palo Alto residents / \$15 non-residents. Pearson-Arastradero Preserve, 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2423. enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org

That's a big check!

Peninsula Volunteers Vice President Mary Young, center, and Executive Director Michelle Knapik, left, enjoy receiving a check of \$200,000 — donated by Evan Baker, John Jerrehian and fellow members of the Sovereign Order of the Knights of St. John. The donation was used to rebuilt the kitchen at Little House activity center in Menlo Park.



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Religion/Spirituality

Sounding of the Shofar. Hear the healing sounds of the ram's horn in honor of the Jewish New Year, a season for new beginnings. Enjoy apples and honey. Mon., Sept. 10, noon-1 p.m. Free. Stanford Hospital Atrium, 300 Pasteur Drive, Stanford. Call 650-723-3808.

Seniors

Avenidas Early Literacy Program Volunteer Recruitment. Tutor local schoolchildren as part of Avenidas' Early Literacy Program. Aug. 22-31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5419. www.avenidas.org

Support Groups

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

Volunteers

Environmental Volunteers Training. Work with small groups of children and involve them in hands-on, discovery-based learning. Teach children about Bay Area environments. Wed., Sept. 5, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$75. PCC Building, 3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-961-0545. www.evols.org

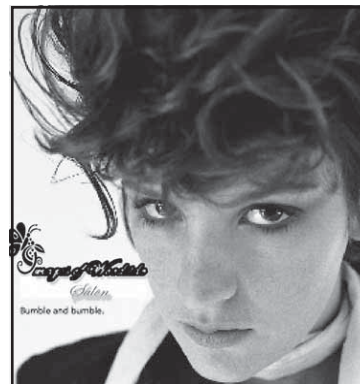
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SVASE And PWC Present "Shaking The MoneyTree." PricewaterhouseCoopers will unveil the "MoneyTree report" (a quarterly study of global venture capital investment activity) followed by a discussion from venture capitalists who will explore what they perceive as the key current and future trends in venture financing for Silicon Valley. Thu., Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m. \$20 - \$59. Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (WSGR Campus), 950 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-585-9577. http://svase.org/index.php?option=com_extcalendar&Itemid=149&extmode=view&extid=1031

To Life! 8th Annual Jewish Cultural Street Festival. Enjoy free live entertainment while you check out the arts and Judaica for sale, visit community booths and have fun at the kids activities area. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. California Avenue, Palo Alto. Call 650-852-3506. http://www.paloaltojcc.org

P.G.G.S. Annual Rock Show. The Peninsula Gem & Geology Society is having its annual show. View, free of charge, displays of gems, minerals and fossils. Gold-panning demonstrations and sales of polished stones, rock crafts and geodes will be offered by enthusiastic rock lovers and gold miners. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Rancho Shopping Center, Foothill Expressway and Springer Avenue, Los Altos. Call 408-242-2180.

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



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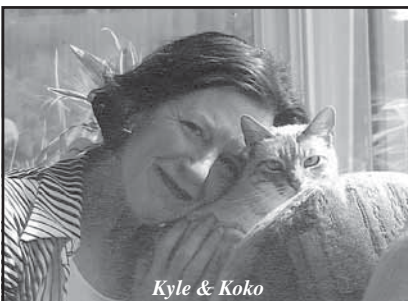
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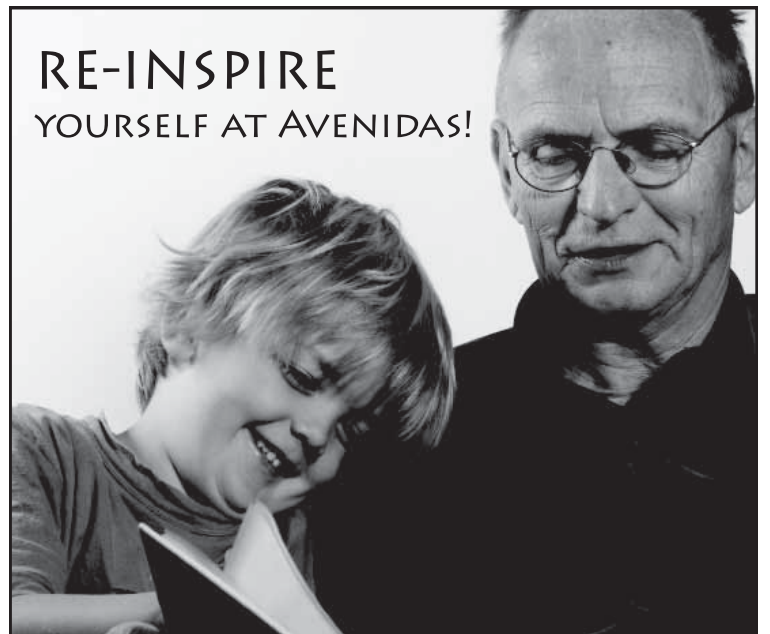
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ATHERTON – Presenting the height of Atherton grandeur, this Tudor estate offers magnificent light-permeated interiors perfect for elegant California lifestyles. Situated in west Atherton on exquisite grounds including pool, tennis court and a garage complex accommodating 8+ cars. 7+ bedrooms, 6.5 bathrooms in main house plus carriage house apartment.
Mary Jo McCarthy \$10,995,000



BELMONT – Recently updated 3BR/1BA home. New paint, crown moulding, refinished Hardwood Floors. Beautiful new pool, deck, roof. Close in proximity to Cal Train, Highway 101, Twin Pines Park and Oracle.
Ginna Arnold-Lazar \$775,000



LOS ALTOS – This secluded & tranquil 4BR/3BA home is ideal for entertaining w/spectacular views from every room. Substantially renovated, 2mbr ste, high ceiling, Sep. LR/DR/FM. Flat Lot surrounded by lush garden, oak & redwood trees. Top LA Schl.
Farideh Zamani \$2,795,000



MENLO PARK – Majestic Oaks and Redwoods surround this beautifully landscaped home located on one of the most desirable streets in West Menlo Park. This spacious, remodeled 6BR/4BA home combines a thoughtful floor plan w/tasteful appointments & quality workmanship. Ideal for comfortable living with a serene atmosphere.
Susan Furstman \$3,350,000



MILLBRAE – Hidden hillside cottage with view on quiet cul-de-sac. New paint inside & out, 2BR/1BA, hdwd flrs, sep. DR, Fireplace, 2 car garage. Unwarranted 1BR/1BA downstairs w/kitchen, LR & sep entrance.
Carol Christie \$825,000

ATHERTON

Extraordinary European Country Estate. The serene grounds include pool, outdoor entertaining pavilion & expansive lawn. This one of a kind custom built 2 story masterpiece is the ideal house for entertaining. Includes formal LR, DR, master bdrm suite, formal study, wet bar complete w/wine storage. The kitchen is a chef's delight designed w/attention to detail.
Michelle Englert \$5,995,000

Stunning Atherton 3BR/2BA home with views. Remodel or build on this spacious property. Has a pool and is priced to sell quickly.
Steve Gray \$2,750,000

DALY CITY

Watch the lights twinkle over the Bay from the deck of this updated 2BR/1.5BA townhome in a private gated community. New paint, Stainmaster carpet, Duraceramic kit flr, Bosch SS range, microwave. Corian kitchen countertop. Undgrd util.
The Clarke Team \$585,000

EAST PALO ALTO

Great starter home or investment. Updated interior, Designer paint & crown moulding, bonus rm. w/sep. entry. Lrg private bckyd & BBQ area. Corner lot w/unique stone fence, large side parking area.
Barbara Klem \$595,000

Recently remodeled 3BR/1BA home w/hardwood floors, marble counters in Kitchen, stainless steel appliances. Beautiful garden in backyard.
Gordana Wolfman \$590,000

LA HONDA

Pristine, remodeled, country home located on a large lot. 3BR/2BA with separate hobby room and double car garage. Spacious, flat, sunny yard bordered by year-round creek provides lots of possibilities.
Janet Lawson \$1,199,000

Property has 3 structures, a main, a barn & a studio to be permitted by the new owners. It has numerous pre-existing structures. The property has its own well & its own power generating source.
Gary Mchae \$795,000

Charming cabin in the redwoods behind Applejacks, it backs up to Playbowl Park. Perfect starter or weekend home. 2 stories, 1+BR & MBR suite. Fireplace, decks.
Maureen Love \$435,000

LOS ALTOS

In one of the most desirable Los Altos Hills neighborhoods, this home is conveniently located in close proximity to downtown Los Altos. This home has 4BR/3+ baths, plus guest house sits on a large lot and comes complete with pool, tennis court and beautiful views...A rare find!
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A spectacular Italian Villa Loc in Prestigious LA Country Club area. Cstm Hm, Excpnl Flr plan Blt to unprecedented Stand of Dsgn & Qlty. 4BR/4.5BA, Ofc, 3 car Gar, plus pool house, pool/spa & lawn. Close to shopping, Fwys & top LA Schls.
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Carmel charm in downtown. Private woody setting, formal entry, spacious kitchen, Cathedral ceiling over formal DR, light & airy LR w/Fireplace, large deck area, lots of windows.
Meryle Sussman & Laurence Collins \$850,000

MENLO PARK

Bright 3BR/2BA extensive remodel. Granite kitchen, cherry cabinets, breakfast bar, FP in LR and hdwd flrs. Spacious open floor plan and vaulted ceilings.
Karen Thut \$1,248,500

New listing! Best location in complex, top floor over looking garden & pool. Rare 3BR/2BA with high vaulted ceilings, fireplace & AC. Close to downtown PA or Menlo Park. A must see!
Dan Morgan \$775,000

MOUNTAIN VIEW

New Traditional Style home. Quality construction with outstanding floor plan Downstairs BR/Suite. 4BR/3BA, separate LR, DR, FR, Granite Kitchen with Center Island Hdwd Floors, Professionally Landscaped. Move Right In. Los Altos High School.
Paul Shrabo \$998,000

PALO ALTO

New construction located in Old Palo Alto. 6BR/4.5BA home + office exudes sophistication and beauty. This 2-story home w/fully finished basement is charming in its uniqueness w/ a grand spiral staircase, magnificent kitchen opening to the great room, & beautiful display of designer details such as bay windows, stunning ceiling designs, gleaming hardwood floors, & granite countertops.
G. Lazar/T. Tuite \$3,188,000

PESCADERO

Gorgeous 4BR/3.5BA Equestrian estate in prime Pescadero. Master suite w/office/nursery, walk in closets & fireplace. Master BA w/travertine flrs, Jacuzzi. Gourmet kitch. features granite counter, custom cabinetry, top appliances & walk in pantry. Formal LR & formal DR. Brazilian wood decks surround the home. 3-car garage.
Steve Gray \$3,168,000

PORTOLA VALLEY

Estate property with stunning 3BD/2BA main home. Completely updated. Spacious kitchen and family room. One plus useable flat acres. Separate 1BD/1BA guest house. 2 stall barn, paddock and pool.
Dana Cappiello \$3,495,000

This 4BR/3BA home has an interior that welcomes the chef and the entertaining bug within you. The large kitchen sports a Wolf Range & a center set at a height for the cook. Entry to the home can be gotten directly from the 3 car garage. With a separate laundry rm. & sep. quarters at the end of the house w/separate BA.
Gary Mchae \$2,799,000

REDWOOD CITY

This 4 BR/3BA stunning home offers spectacular bay views from every room! Elegant high ceiling Living room, Gourmet Kitchen, gracious Master Suite & many more a must see.
Monica Yeung Arima \$1,799,999

Wonderful location close to Atherton border, quiet neighborhood. Charming updated 2BR home, with den/study, plus separate studio with kit & bath, on a large lot. Eat in kitchen with granite counters. Hardwood floors in living rm, den and bedrooms. Pretty yard with fruit trees and roses, and redwood tree.
Anne Negus/Jacqui Feldman \$895,000

Cute Westside home. 3BR/2BA, marble entry & FP, plantation shutters, lrg eat-in kitchen, hdwd flrs. Yards professionally landscaped.
Larae Fiorese \$849,000

Great location! 2 blocks from new development in Redwood City. Zone R-4 great possibilities! Close to shopping & transportation.
Carolyn Rianda \$839,000

Charming 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath home in Redwood City bordering Atherton. Gated property lined with beautiful rose bushes in front. Detached garage. Must see!
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Sally Kwok \$1,288,000

Spacious 4BR/2.5BA home. Formal dining room, double pane windows and privacy with valley view.
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SAN MATEO

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Gordana Wolfman \$699,000

SANTA CLARA

Beautiful remod. Home. Quiet street, great neighborhood. M/BA marble & granite. Gourmet kitchen, stainless appl. Hdwd floors, dbl. paneled windows & French doors to heated patio.
Garnett S. Williams \$749,000

SUNNYVALE

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Steven Gray/Elizabeth Daschbach \$6,950,000



MOUNTAIN VIEW – Duplex in very desirable area, close to Sylvan Park. 3BR/2BA is beautifully remodeled. Large private backyard, great freeway access to all arteries. Additional unit is a 2BR/1BA.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW – New Craftsman Style Home. Quality Construction with outstanding floor plan. 4BR/3BA, separate LR, DR, FR, Granite Kitchen with Center Island. Hrdwd Flrs, Professional Landscaped, wrap around Porch. Los Altos High School.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW – Los Altos Schools! Top floor Hasting Square unit w/nice upgrades including: crown molding, tile Kitch Flr, fireplace w/marble, & designer paint colors. Secure building, balcony w/fountain view. Washer/dryer hookup inside unit.
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SUNNYVALE – Most affordable home in Sunnyvale. Ground level. Patio. Quiet complex. Convenient location. Sharp unit. Double paneled windows. Close to schools and parks. Homestead High. Great Value.
Cristina Page \$395,000



WOODSIDE – Elegant, mid-century estate home near Horse Park of Woodside. 6BR, 5.5+BA includes guest quarters, equestrian facilities, pool, and grounds designed by Thomas Church. Unobstructed, expansive views of Windy Hill. Sprawling one-level with private master suite, family living wing, and banquet-sized dining room.
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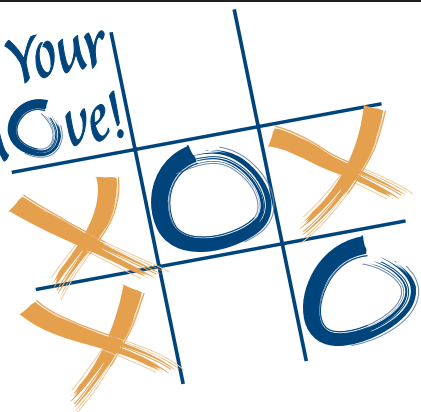
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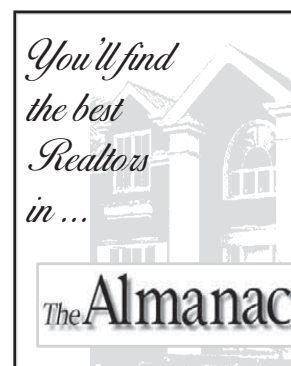


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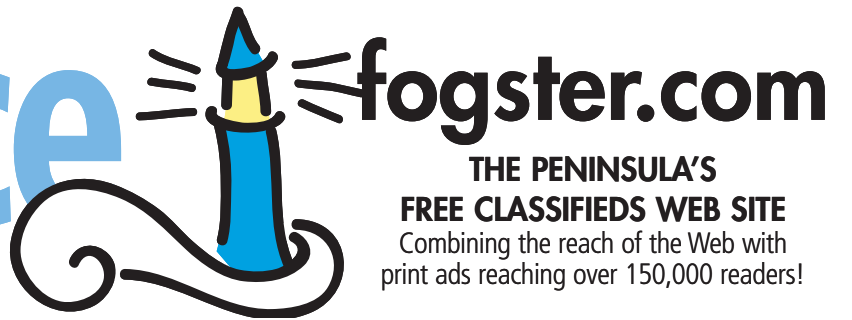
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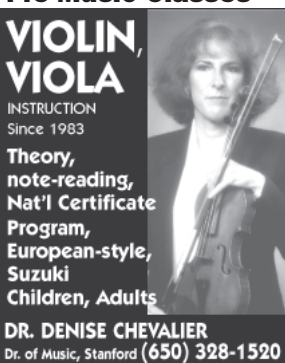
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 221355
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, T-Trim Auto Solutions, 202 Cypress Street, Redwood City, CA 94061: Ruben Arce, 202 Cypress Street, Redwood City, CA 94061 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 12, 2007. (Almanac August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 221655
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, KNJV Joint Venture, 1220 University Drive, Suite 104, Menlo Park, CA 94025: Joyce D. Nash, PH.D (AKA Joyce D. White), 55 Skywood Way, Woodside, CA 94062; Pamela Kaiser, PH.D., 1315 Crane Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025 This business is being conducted by a Joint Venture. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on October 1, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 30, 2007. (Almanac August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 221675
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Riann, 6283 Mission Street, Daly City, CA 94014: Riann Aningacan Tavu, 275 Lincoln Avenue, Daly City, CA 94015 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 30, 2007. (Almanac August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 221876
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Big Tree Maintenance, 19 Big Tree Way, Woodside, CA 94062: Matthew J. Hanlon, 19 Big Tree Way, Woodside, CA 94062 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 8, 2007. (Almanac August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 221891
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Scooters11 International, 1259 El Camino Real, #262, Menlo Park, CA 94025: Momentum Technology Corp., California This business is being conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 8, 2007. (Almanac August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 221877
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Umax Mortgage, 2000 Broadway St., Redwood City, CA 94063: Umax Capital Corp., California This business is being conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 8, 2007. (Almanac August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 222016
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Mi Taqueria, 1065 Holly Street, #B, San Carlos, CA 94070: Jessy V. Medina, 3432 Bay Road, Redwood City, CA 94063 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 15, 2007, 2007. (Almanac August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 222079
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Blue Aura Pools, 426 Willow Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025: Adolfo Gonzalez Jr., 198 Harriet Avenue, San Jose, CA 95127 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 20, 2007. (Almanac August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 222043
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Happy Trails Dog Hiking, 140 Ramona Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028: Denise Marie Arruda, 140 Ramona Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on August 16, 2007. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 16, 2007. (Almanac August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2007)

997 All Other Legals

TSG No.: 3324494 TS No.: 20079019202346 FHA/VA/PMI No.: Notice Of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/14/2005 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 9/4/2007 at 12:30 PM First American Loanstar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/29/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-207796, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California. Executed by: Maria N. Cardenas, a married woman as her sole and separate property and Leonel Zea, a married man as his sole and separate property, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 055-372-110-1 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1340 Windermere Avenue , Menlo Park, CA 94025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$601,083.33 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. Date: 8/15/2007 First American Title Insurance Company First American LoanStar Trustee Services 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 First American Loanstar Trustee Services may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Original document signed by Authorized Agent Teresa Marianos - For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 P307887 8/15, 8/22, 08/29/2007 (Almanac 8/15, 22, 29, 2007)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF San Mateo No. CV464683 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Douglas Timothy Rose filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Douglas Timothy Rose to Douglas Arthur Rose. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: September 13, 2007, 9 a.m., Dept. 21, Rm 2E. Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Almanac. Date: August 1, 2007 /s/ Robert D. Folles, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Almanac 8/15, 22, 29, 9/5, 2007)

TS No. 06-78814CA Insurer # Loan No. 0000318870 Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/7/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a deed to trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the notice of sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Inez Thompson, as unmarried woman and Jacqueline Wattes an unmarried woman as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Specialized, Inc. recorded 12/16/2005 as instrument No. 2005-220134 in book , page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, Date of Sale 9/5/2007 at 12:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$390,020.47 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 263 Verbena Dr, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 A.P.N.: 063-553-070 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this notice of sale. Date: 8/1/2007 Specialized, Inc., Trustee 4180 Via Real, Suite B P.O. Box 5013 Carpinteria, California 93014-5013 (800) 688-8430 Sale Information Voice Line (714) 573-1965 www.priorityposting.com Jessica Weber, Manager This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose P310917 8/15, 8/22, 08/29/2007 (Almanac 8/15, 22, 29, 2007)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Dan G. Sully 116738 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Dan G. Sully. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: Christine Ann Sully in the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Christine Ann Sully be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 19, 2007 at 9am, Dept. Probate, of the Superior Court of California, San Mateo County, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: /s/Robert N. Grant/Judith V Gordon, 525 University Avenue, Ste. 1325, Palo Alto, CA 94301, (650) 614-3800 (Almanac 8/15, 22, 29, 2007)

T.S No. 07-13428-11 Loan No. 0010162691/ZAMORA Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/22/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction to sell the highest bidder for cash a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a deed to trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the notice of sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Rafaela Zamora an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation recorded 09/01/2006 as instrument No. 2006-132282, in Book ---, Page --- of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, Date of Sale: 9/12/2007 at 12:30PM. Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$557,351.02, estimated. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1128 Camellia Drive , East Palo Alto, CA 94303. A.P.N.: 063-562-280-6. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: 8/13/2007 The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation 38 Corporate Park Irvine, CA 92606 (949) 720-9200 Foreclosure Dept. Fax (949) 608-0130 Sale Information Only (714) 573-1965 Gaby Ospino, Trustee Sale Officer P311989 8/22, 8/29, 09/05/2007 (Almanac 8/22, 29, 9/5, 2007)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 3339239 TS No.: 20079134004763 You are in Default under a Deed of Trust, dated 08/24/2006. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. On 9/18/2007 at 12:30 P.M., First American LoanStar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 9/11/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-136892, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California. Executed by: Cheryl Beckum, Will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b). (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 062-092-190-8 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 720 Newbridge St, Menlo Park, CA 94025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$481,287.98. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. First American LoanStar Trustee Services may be

acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: 8/29/2007 First American Title Insurance Company, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Authorized Agent, Teresa Marianos - For Trustee's Sale information please call 925-603-7342 (RSVP# 89688)(08/29/07, 09/05/07, 09/12/07)(Almanac 8/29, 9/5, 12, 2007)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Robert T. Jackson 1-07-PR-161840 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Robert T. Jackson.A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: Robert D. Cecil, Santa Clara County Public Administrator. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Robert D. Cecil, Santa Clara County Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 21, 2007, 9am, Dept. 15, of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: /s/ Tamara K. Lopez, Deputy County Counsel, 373 West Julian Street, Ste. 300, San Jose, CA 95113, (408) 491-4200 (The Almanac 8/29, 9/5, 12, 2007)

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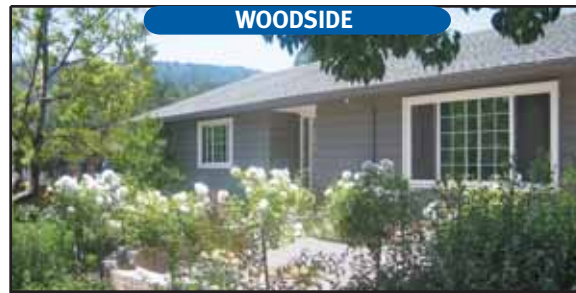
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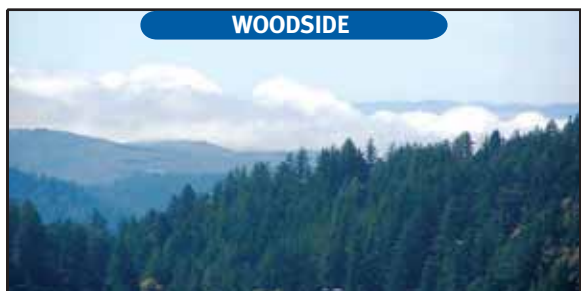
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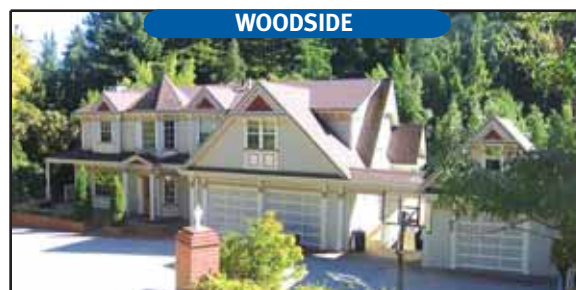
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