

DISPATCHES

from the home front

What moms do

Recently I was working on a volunteer project with a friend who made the mistake of asking me if I



BARBARA WOOD

felt, like he did, that I had been spending all my time doing things for other people.

This is not a good question to ask a mother. Doing

things for other people is what we do. It's our job description.

To answer his question, I told him what I had done the previous evening.

I had just fed the neighbors' cat and was cooking dinner after spending the day working on a photo display for the Woodside Community Museum.

My 16-year-old daughter arrived home at 5:15 and announced that her cross-country coach wanted her to visit a doctor to see if antibiotics would clear up a nasty respiratory ailment she'd had for weeks. I made her an appointment for 6:20 that night and then went back to preparing dinner — a frittata of chard, zucchini and tomatoes from our garden and eggs from our chickens.

My daughter told me she did not want to drive herself to the doctor, but I needed to go to Back-to-School night at her school that night, and it started at 6:30. But I agreed to take her because I'm her mom and she wanted me to.

I checked with my husband to make sure he remembered Back-to-School night, since he had just returned from an overseas trip. He had not, and had to attend a meeting instead.

As I finished making dinner I remembered we should leave for the doctor a half hour before the appointment. Unfortunately, it was then 20 minutes away. I begged my husband to take the frittata out of the oven and my daughter and I jumped in the car, getting from Woodside to Kaiser in Redwood City in

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Photos by Kathy Anderson

Young ballerinas (above, from left), Jessica Fry, Brooke Warren, Evelyn Vaughan, Angelica Hardison and Laura Anderson, each recently donated 10 inches of their hair to "Locks of Love," a nonprofit that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. (At right is the "after" picture.) The idea came from Laura Anderson, who enlisted four of her fellow dancers from Menlo Park Academy of Dance. Shawn Blackburn, owner of Visions Artwear & Salon in Menlo Park, cut the girls' hair and treated them to favors from his salon and goodies from the Sugar Shack. Mr. Blackburn and Sarah-Jane Measor, co-owner of Menlo Park Academy of Dance, are shown in the back row.



A night to remember at Yosemite

By **KATIE BLANKENBERG**

Ever since I can remember, going to Yosemite National Park with my class was one of the reasons I looked forward to being an eighth-grader at Saint Raymond Catholic School in Menlo Park. Every eighth-class has had the privilege to go. Now, it was finally our turn, but little did we know the kind of welcome committee that was waiting for us.

During the first night at Curry Village, my friends and I were awakened to light banging noises coming from our "bear proof locker" just outside our cabin. Luckily our new night companions lost interest in a few minutes and we were able to get back to sleep.

Our last night, however, was much differ-



Katie's Corner

Katie Blankenberg, 14, lives in Portola Valley and attends Saint Raymond Catholic School in Menlo Park.

ent. We awoke to our chaperones and our eighth-grade teacher, Sister Ann McGowan, yelling, "Go away bear!!!!" — while warning us to stay in our cabins.

Needless to say, we were pretty tense but more than a little curious to see the bear(s) ourselves. Sister Ann, however, would hear none of it and kept us in our cabins.

We were visited two more times that night. A few boys in the class — in addition to Sister Ann and the chaperones — saw a bear climb up their cabin stairs. At one of the other cabins, eighth-grader Matthew McNamara opened the door and found a bear on top of his bear locker.

He told Sister Ann McGowan and she scared it away. The night watchman, Andy, was warned about this incident as this was too close for comfort. He then

called up two other rangers and a policeman to help him patrol for other bears. After, this, we thought it was the end of the bear sightings.

However, we were wrong. About half an hour later, another classmate, Eric White, could see another black bear climb up on his cabin steps. He alerted the three other people in his cabin.

Willie DeWitt, a member of his cabin, did not believe him so he put his hand against the screen door. After feeling the bear sniffing his hand, Willie quickly changed his mind and warned everybody that there was a bear just outside.

Despite all the late night excitement, the bears gave up on finding any food and decided to leave us alone. It was definitely a night to remember.

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Juniors, too, are under pressure

By Miles McMullin

Ah, the college process. Many say for seniors it like another class — with applications, college tours, college meetings during school time, and much, much more.

Yet, seniors are not the only ones feeling the pressure. As a junior, one feels enormous amounts of pressure about the college process, even if juniors are still a year and a half away from acceptance letters.

A senior cannot see and tour every college in the first half of his or her senior year. So tours and massive amounts of research start early on in junior year. Like right now.

Planning college trips and tours, making sure you do not see unnecessary places, but just enough ... to make the RIGHT choice. And traveling across the country in a weekend although you still have homework and tests is not the most relaxing thing you can do.

And besides the massive amount of work that goes along with junior year, come the SATs. They are not just one four-hour period

of testing inundation by filling in bubbles. They are much more.

It is the hours upon hours of studying for the SATs. Then it is the multiple times taking the PSATs, and the other variations of tests: AP Exams, SAT Subject tests, and ACTs. And those are just the required tests you have to take junior year.

Besides the college requirements, a junior also has to deal with choosing the right classes in order to pursue the college he or she wants. And three variations on ceramics class won't put you at the top of the college admission list.

But besides all the grunt work, it's also a little bit exciting planning the next big step of your life, even if it is not a day at the zoo everyday.

Still, being a junior isn't as stressful as being a senior, at least not the first semester seniors. After all of it is done, the junior has generally the next four years of his or her life set up, and then nothing to worry about until graduate school (except getting INTO grad school).

But I will address that in another seven years. Until then, I'm busy getting carpal tunnel syndrome filling in practice test bubbles. ▀



MILES FILES
Miles McMullin is a local resident and in the 11th grade at Crystal Springs Uplands School in Hillsborough.



St. Raymond eighth-graders ready to leave for Yosemite on Sept. 30.

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While most bear encounters like the ones we had were mostly just noise and a sleepless night, they can be quite serious and life-threatening. If you don't have Sister Ann McGowan nearby to ensure your safety,

here are a few things that the Yosemite Park rangers suggest to do when encountering a bear:

■ If you, by chance, see a bear, you should stay calm and use your head. Do not run; the bear might chase you.

■ Only make loud noises if you are in a group to try to scare the bear. Do not make eye contact and try to slowly walk away.

■ Make sure there is no food or scented materials in the place you stay. Instead, stand tall. Make noise if you are in a group.

If you follow these do's and don'ts, you should have a bear-safe trip in Yosemite National Park.

You can read more about how to handle bear encounters at these Web sites: www.yosemitepark.com and www.bebearaware.org. ▀

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a record-breaking 12 minutes. On the way I remembered my daughter had a mandatory 4-H meeting that night.

The doctor saw my daughter even before her appointment, and there was no line in the pharmacy so we were out in time for me to make it to her school by 7 p.m. I dropped her at 4-H on the way.

I found the one remaining spot in the parking lot at the

school, sprinted into the classroom and sat down, having only missed a small part of her first teacher's presentation.

As I sat listening to her second teacher, my daughter arrived in the classroom. She had caught a ride from the 4-H meeting. When the class ended she asked me to drive her home. She had the next 10-minute class period free, and there were two five-minute passing periods between classes, so we jumped in the car, drove home, I dropped her off, zoomed back, found parking,

sprinted to the next classroom and — was not tardy!

I visited each of her teachers and then returned home, at about 9 p.m., and ate my dinner.

So, to answer the question, yes I do spend a lot of my time doing things for other people, but I don't think about it much. It's what moms do. ▀

Barbara Wood is a freelance writer, photographer and gardener from Woodside. Her column runs the third week of the month.

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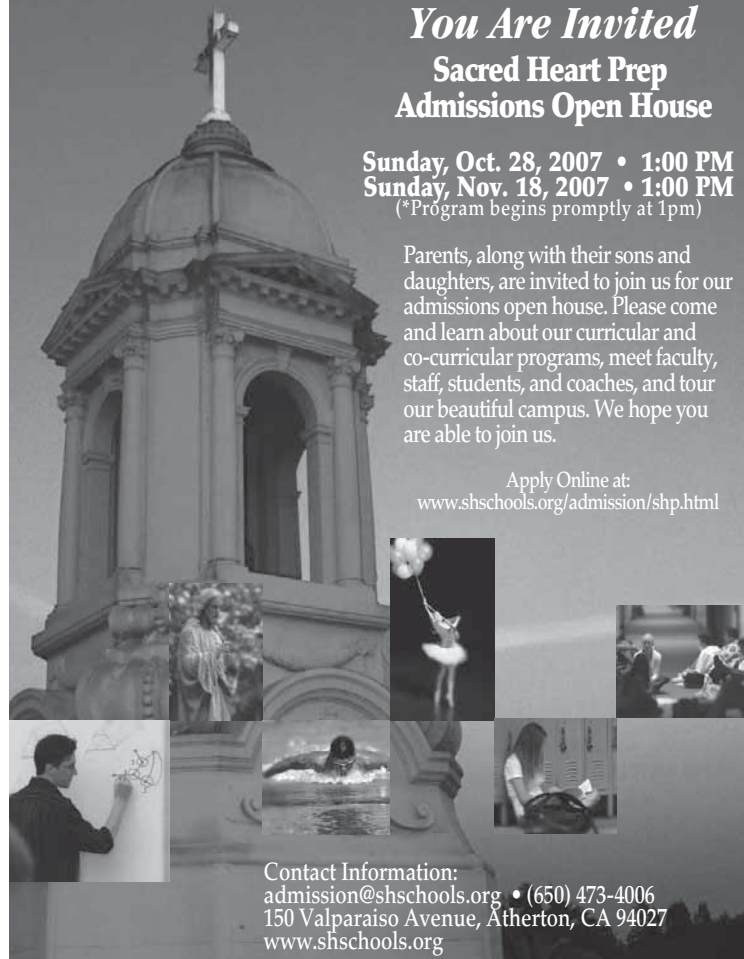
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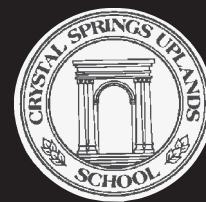
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Community

NEWS OF LOCAL PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Peninsula Open Space Trust adds two directors from Menlo Park

Brad O'Brien and Steve Blank, legal and financial leaders from Menlo Park, have joined the board of directors of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), a private non-profit land trust that has preserved more than 60,000 acres of open land on the Peninsula.



Steve Blank, left, and Brad O'Brien have joined the board of the Peninsula Open Space Trust.

Mr. O'Brien brings legal expertise and thousands of hours of pro bono work to the POST board. He is a senior partner in the real estate and environmental practice at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto.

Mr. O'Brien began giving to POST in 1991 and soon began helping craft legal agreements for POST's land acquisitions, including Rancho Corral de Tierra north of Half Moon Bay, and Whaler's Cove and Lobitos Ridge south of Half Moon Bay. He also helped negotiate the recent purchase of POST's new headquarters at 222 High St. in Palo Alto.

Besides helping POST, Mr. O'Brien serves as a director of

Eastside College Preparatory School in East Palo Alto, and has done pro bono work for other organizations, including Ronald McDonald House, Sempervirens Fund, Environmental Volunteers, Menlo School, and the Woodside High School Foundation.

Mr. O'Brien wants to help expand POST's network, reach out to the next generation, and serve as an example to the community. "I believe in protecting natural lands, especially in areas like ours where the development pressures on open space are so great," he said.

Mr. Blank brings entrepre-

neurial skills to the POST board. Now retired, he has co-founded several companies, including E.piphany, MIPS Computers, Ardent, and Rocket Science Games. He teaches entrepreneurship at Stanford, the University of California Berkeley, and the Columbia Business School. He also serves on the California Coastal Commission and the board of directors of the National Audubon Society, as well as chair of the board of Audubon California.

In addition to their home in Menlo Park, Mr. Blank and his wife, Alison Elliott, own a ranch on the coast near Pescadero. In 2004, they donated \$1 million to POST's Save the Endangered Coast campaign through their family foundation.

POST exemplifies the new model of entrepreneurial conservation, Mr. Blank said. "It is creative, agile and effective. POST has become a model for 21st-century land conservation, saving threatened properties that

define our experience of California and the American West."

POST President Audrey Rust welcomed the two new board members. "POST is now, more than ever, equipped to broaden

its conservation work," she said. "Their business acumen, passion for the environment, and commitment to POST will serve us well as we work to safeguard our most vulnerable open space lands."

Pledging to stop domestic violence

To acknowledge Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Menlo College's football players, along with other college and high school football teams and local dignitaries will assemble at Russell Center on Menlo's campus at 7:30 Wednesday, Oct. 24, to pledge to work toward ending violence against women.

The football team that gets the most players to sign the pledge will receive \$500.

The event is part of the White Ribbon Campaign, championed by state Sen. Leland Yee, whose district includes Portola Valley and Woodside.

The public is invited to attend. Others invited are San Mateo County Supervisor Rose Jacobs

Gibson; Assemblyman Ira Ruskin; Melissa Lukin, director of CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse); former 49er Jamie Williams; and community leaders such as John Anagnostou, owner of the Fox Theater.

A trio of Menlo football players will entertain the crowd with Hawaiian music and Menlo's head football coach, Mark Kaanapu, will be honored by Sen. Yee for his efforts to fight domestic violence. Since 2002 Mr. Kaanapu has urged Menlo players to attend the annual march against domestic violence.

Menlo College is at 1000 El Camino Real in Atherton. For more information, call 543-3840.

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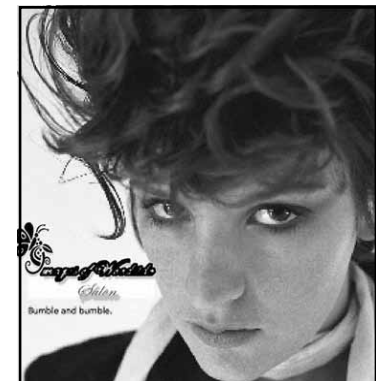
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Boys & Girls Clubs honors 'leading citizens'

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula will honor the winners of its 2007 Leading Citizens Awards at a gala on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Cabana Hotel in Palo Alto.

The honorees are James and Rebecca "Becky" Morgan and their family, Oracle Corp., and Stanford University.

Mr. Morgan is the chairman of the board of Applied Materials and chairman of the Morgan Family Foundation. He also on the board of the Nature Conservancy.

4-H clubs aim to double their membership

The 4-H Youth Development program is one of the oldest nationwide organizations focusing on youth development, yet in San Mateo County it's one of the least known, says May Meyer, a county 4-H representative.

A program of the UC Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H has more than 500 members in the county. Local clubs hope to double that with their current recruitment drives, she says.

Open to all youth ages 5-19, 4-H is recognized by its green clover and the four Hs that stand for head, heart, hands and health.

"4-H youth learn leadership, citizenship, and life skills," Ms. Meyer says. "Many people know 4-H from the San Mateo County Fair. But, in addition to raising animals, members can go camping and learn how to cook, sew, build a Web site, and be a leader in the community."

Nationally, 4-H Youth Development is a community of more than 6.5 million young people, she says. During October, clubs in the county are hosting events to bring attention to 4-H program and recruit new members.

For more information on 4-H or to locate a club nearby, call the San Mateo County Cooperative Extension office at 726-9059, ext. 106.

Ms. Morgan is a former California state senator and former president and CEO of Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network, which brings together people from business, government, education and the community to act on regional issues.

Through their foundation, the Morgan family has invested in the clubs' academic program, called LEARN (Literary Engagement and Achievement Right Now).

Oracle and its foundation has contributed about \$2 million to the clubs' academic program. Safra Catz, Oracle's president and chief financial officer, will accept the award.

Stanford students and staff from the athletic department, business school, education school, the Haas Center for Public Service, and the John W. Gardner Center for Youth have volunteered at the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Business students help with homework and athletes help with team activities. Students run SuperStars, a science class at all seven club sites. Staff and students from the School of Education assist in program planning and evaluation.

The 2007 Leading Volunteer Award will be presented to former Redwood City Mayor Daniela "Dani" Gasparini, a former club board member.

Some 3,200 children are involved in programs at the three clubhouses and four school-based locations, said development director Christiana Canter. The programs focus on academics, science and technology, athletics and physical fitness, social education, and visual and performing arts.

For more information on the Oct. 17 event, call Mr. Canter at 646-6128.



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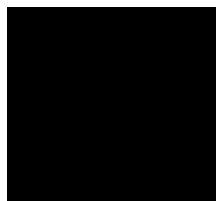
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OCTOBER 17, 2007

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), notice is hereby given that the City of Menlo Park intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed **Terminal Avenue Housing Site Remediation Project**. A Negative Declaration is a finding by the City that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The proposed **Terminal Avenue Housing Site Remediation Project** is a City sponsored project intended to remove petroleum hydrocarbons from the soil and groundwater at a City owned property located immediately north of 297 Terminal Avenue. Geotechnical investigations of the site have revealed that diesel fuel oil contaminates the soil and groundwater across an area of approximately 6,500-sq-ft and to a depth of 16.5-ft. As the property owner, the City is required by law to remove the contamination. The cleanup work proposed by the City will adhere to a remedial action work plan previously approved by the San Mateo County Health Department, Division of Environmental Health. In general, the proposed work will include: site dewatering and groundwater treatment, excavation, shoring, off-hauling and disposal of contaminated soil, importing and backfilling of clean fill, and grading of the site.

The proposed Negative Declaration is currently available at the City's Engineering Division. Pursuant to CEQA guidelines, the City is providing a 20-day public review period of the document. The public review period begins on the date of this notice and ends on the date that comments are due. Comments on the proposed Negative Declaration are due to Lawrence Johmann, Senior Civil Engineer, Engineering Division, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025-3469 by 5:30 P.M. on November 5, 2007.

It is anticipated that the proposed Negative Declaration and any comments received during the public review process will be presented to the City Council for consideration at its December 11, 2007 regular meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. and will be held at the City Council Chambers located at 701 Laurel Street.

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Prize-winning drama "Proof" staged in Portola Valley

They strutted across the stage in "The Music Man," danced the hora in "Fiddler on the Roof," and now, Portola Valley Theatre Conservatory (PVTC) actors take a serious turn with "Proof," the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by David Auburn.

The play will be presented Oct. 26 to 28 and Nov. 2 to 4 in the Lane Family Hall at Valley Presbyterian Church in Portola Valley.

"Proof" is a story about family relationships and the delicate balance between genius and madness. The cast of four will be directed by Noelle Goodman-Morris, a June graduate in theater and dance from the University of California, San Diego.

The director is the daughter of Valley Presbyterian Church's

co-ministers, Mark and Cheryl Goodman-Morris. You could say she grew up at Valley Presbyterian, since her parents were appointed to the church 20 years ago. "On the first Sunday Mark was in the pulpit, she called out 'Daddy, Daddy,' and ran up the aisle to him," says Cheryl Goodman-Morris with a laugh.

Noelle Goodman-Morris, 22, is also interning at the Magic Theater in San Francisco and teaching theater classes, through PVTC, at Ormondale and Corte Madera schools in Portola Valley and at East Palo Alto Academy. A portion of the proceeds from "Proof" will be used to support the academy's theater arts program.

"Proof" is about a brilliant mathematician who revolutionizes the math world twice with brilliant



Noelle Goodman-Morris is directing "Proof."

theorems by age 23. He then spends the rest of his life trying to duplicate his early success but eventually goes mad in the process.

His daughter, college-age Catherine, inherits some of her father's genius. Eventually she decides to put her own life on hold to care for her father. After he dies, she finds

she must deal with a darkly troubling question: Will her father's fate become her own?

Amanda Selson performs the role of Catherine; Kevin Kirby is her father, Robert; Erin Hoffman is Claire, Catherine's sister; and Nick Frangione is Hal, a former student of Robert's.

"We picked 'Proof' because we were really interested in finding a smaller drama that would be appropriate for the community" says Ms. Goodman-Morris. "We had seen it at TheatreWorks three or four years ago and the story stuck with us.

"This play deals with perfection, success, and grief. It also deals with loss and love, and the difficulty of balancing all of those."

"Proof" may be familiar to movie-goers. It was made into a

film in 2005, starring Gwyneth Paltrow as Catherine and Anthony Hopkins as her father.

After the performances of "Proof," the actors and director will come back on stage to informally talk about the play with members of the audience. "We find that about one-third or so of the audience likes to stay and discuss the work they just saw," says Cheryl Goodman-Morris, who founded PVTC in 1994. She has directed many of its productions.

Tickets for "Proof" may be purchased by calling 851-8282, ext. 411. They are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students. The show is recommended for high school-age students through adults.

Valley Presbyterian Church is located at 945 Portola Road.

Sudden Oak Death workshop on Oct. 20

A workshop and demonstration of spraying for Sudden Oak Death will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Mounted Patrol grounds, 521 Kings Mountain Road in Woodside. The event is sponsored by the Woodside Fire Protection District and the towns of Woodside and Portola Valley.

Landscape workers and do-it-yourself sprayers are invited to learn how to spray Agri-Fos and Pentra-Batk to prevent Sudden Oak Death. The program will include a presentation by Matteo Garbelotto, a forest pathologist at the University of California at Berkeley and top

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researcher on SOD.

Since space is limited, people interested in attending should contact Fire Marshal Denise Enea at 851-6206.

In the article on Sudden Oak Death in the Oct. 10 Almanac, the telephone number for the San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner was incorrect. The correct number is 363-4700. This is the number to call for information on Sudden Oak Death or if you have pests such as light brown apple moth or if you have a sample for testing.

Two talks on homemade quilts

There will be two talks on Saturday, Oct. 20, in connection with an exhibition of homemade quilts at Little House.

At 11 a.m. Martha Walker from the De Young Museum in San Francisco will present a slide lecture on "The Quilts of Gee's Bend."

At 1 p.m. Joyce Rosenstiel of the Peninsula Quilters Guild will talk about "The History and Mystery of Quilting."

Admission to the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. event is \$2. There will also be vendors and demonstrations relating to quilting. Little House is located at 800 Middle Ave. in Menlo Park.

Music, wine at Alice's Restaurant

Alice's Restaurant presents an afternoon of music by Rock 'n' Rose and free wine tasting from Thomas Fogarty Winery and Dreyer Sonoma Wines on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 3 to 5 p.m., at the restaurant, 17288 Skyline Boulevard in Woodside. For more information, call 851-0303.

Picasso Ensemble performs Oct. 20

The Picasso Ensemble — which includes pianist Josephine Gandolfi of Menlo Park — will present a chamber music concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road in Palo Alto.

In addition to Ms. Gandolfi, the ensemble members are Susan C. Brown on violin, Janet Witharm on cello, and Wendy Hillhouse, mezzo soprano.

The program will include Irish folksong settings by Beethoven



Evolutions of paint and sound

"Polar Growth," part of artist Ryan Hackett's new work, "Evolutions of Paint and Sound," will be shown from Oct. 18 to Nov. 17 at SPUR gallery, 888 Portola Road in Portola Valley. A reception for the artist will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the gallery. Mr. Hackett's work blends painting, photography, video and sound art. For more information, call 529-2040.

and an instrumental version of Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite."

The concert is part of the Palo Alto Performances series. Admission is \$14 general, \$12 students/seniors. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 463-4940.

Magic Dan at Atherton Library

Magic Dan will present a magic show at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the Atherton Library. The show is for children ages 3 and over. The free program is sponsored by the Suzanne and David Skolnik family. The library is located at 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane in Atherton. For more information, call 328-2422.

Robert Griffin joins Make-A-Wish board

Robert Griffin of Menlo Park, vice president and regional investment manager of Wells Fargo Bank in Menlo Park, is one of five new members of the board of directors of the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Bay Area Foundation is one of the largest chapters nationwide and has granted more than 4,400 wishes in its 23-year history.

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West Bay double bill provides rich rewards to opera-lovers

By Renee Batti
Almanac News Editor

Traditionally staged together, Mascagni's "Cavalleria rusticana" and Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci," when performed well, have what it takes to treat opera-goers to a night of entertaining storytelling and moments of exquisite music.

And that's the kind of evening local audiences can expect with West Bay Opera's production of those two short operas, which are being staged through this Sunday in Palo Alto's Lucie Stern Theatre.

Although it would be a stretch to call either work an operatic masterpiece, both operas include lush orchestral passages as well as arias and duets that give good singers an opportunity to shine.

Under the direction of Jose Maria Condemni, West Bay's production features outstanding singing in the lead roles and well-realized theatrics on the small, smartly designed stage. (Bravo to designer Jean-Francois Revon for a set that, with a little adjustment, worked effectively for both operas.)

Audiences are also treated to a double bonus with this production: West Bay traditionally alternates singers in the lead roles for its longer operas, with two singers sharing a major part and switching each night, avoiding back-to-back performances. That's good for the singers, but frustrating for audience members who'd like to hear all the lead singers perform.

With the shorter operas now being presented, most of the lead singers perform every night — a real gift to the audience, given the tremendous talent of these singers.

The lead cast members do alternate operas each night, however, and in the performance I heard, each singer was well-suited to his or her role. (Because of scheduling and deadline considerations, I attended the final dress rehearsal on Oct. 11.)

Set in the south of Italy, both operas spin tales of passion, betrayal, heartbreak and violence. In "Cavalleria," tenor Scott Six makes an impressive West Bay debut in the role of Turiddu, a former cavalryman who loves a married woman and wrongs the woman who loves him, the now-pregnant Santuzza. This situation can end only in tragedy — it is Italian opera after all.

Mr. Six and soprano Sharon Maxwell, as Santuzza, give powerful performances, as does baritone David Hodgson as Alfio, also making a welcome West Bay debut.

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Although "Pagliacci" offers only empty calories on the plot-and-character menu, it also holds the promise of rich musical moments, which this cast delivers. The high point for me came in the first act, with the duets *Decidi il mio destino* and, especially, *E allora perche'*,

di', tu m'hai stregato, sung by the superb soprano Gail Sullivan as Nedda and fine baritone John Dalton Frederick.

Tenor Vincent Chambers is a snarlingly outstanding Canio and baritone Alex Britton gives a powerful voice to the creepy, vengeful Tonio.

Rick Rubenstein didn't even have to open his mouth to turn in

his bravura performance in "Pagliacci." If you're a fan of juggling, Mr. Rubenstein's your man.

All the fine onstage performances are impressively supported by an orchestra conducted by West Bay's general director, Jose Luis Moscovich.

This double-bill production is an excellent beginning to West Bay's 52nd season. It's well worth the trip to Lucie Stern Theatre for both opera-lovers and for those who'd like to explore the genre without jumping into the deep roiling waters of the heavyweights. ■

INFORMATION

"Cavalleria rusticana" by Pietro Mascagni and "Pagliacci" by Ruggero Leoncavallo will be performed Friday through Sunday, Oct. 19-21, at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto. For show times and ticket information, call 424-9999; e-mail BoxOffice@wbopera.org; or go to wbopera.org.

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Special Events

Candidate Forum: Portola Valley School Board. Meet three candidates running for Portola Valley district school board: Steve Humphries, Judy Mendelsohn and Brad Turner. Free public forum sponsored by South San Mateo County League of Women Voters and Portola Valley PTO. Thu., Oct. 18, 7-8 p.m. Free. Corte Madera School, Room 605/Music Room, 4575 Alpine Road, Portola Valley.

Make a Difference Day. Join local churches, community groups, and members of the Costano School/49er Academy community for Make a Difference Day. A day of service to enhance the educational environment at Costano School/49er Academy. Games, live music, BBQ. Sat., Oct. 20, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Costano School/49er Academy, 2695 Fordham St., East Palo Alto. Call 650-323-6167.

Music and wine tasting. Alice's Restaurant in Woodside presents music by Rock 'n' Rose and free wine tasting from Thomas Fogarty Winery and Dreyer Sonoma, Sunday, Oct. 21, 3-5 p.m. Alice's, 17288 Skyline Blvd., at the intersection with Woodside Road (Hwy. 84).

11th Annual Sidewalk Arts and Crafts Fall Fest. Ninety artists and craft makers, including Zen and Tao-inspired collages, sterling and karat gold jewelry, photography, wood sculptures, paintings and more. Oct. 19-21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Downtown Menlo Park, Santa Cruz Avenue off El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-325-2818. <http://www.menloparkchamber.com/>

On Stage

"Cavalleria" and "Pagliacci" at West Bay Opera. West Bay Opera's new, fully staged production of "Cavalleria rusticana" and "Pagliacci." Through Oct. 21. \$15 to \$50 - Group discounts. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9999. www.WBOpera.org

"Proof." "Proof" is a story that navigates the territory between genius and madness, the relationships between fathers and daughters, and the nature of truth and family. Oct. 26-Nov. 4, 8-10 p.m. \$20 adults / \$10 students. Valley Pres. Church, 851 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-8282. www.valleypreschurch.org

M-A Drama presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream." M-A's International Thespian Society presents Shakespeare's romantic comedy, "A Midsummer's Night Dream." Oct. 18, 19, 20 and 26 at 7 p.m.; also Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. \$5 for students, \$8 for adults. Menlo-Atherton High School, Outdoor Amphitheater, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton.

TheatreWorks presents "Golda's Balcony." Chronicling the rise of Golda Meir, this one-woman drama is a valentine to perseverance. Through Oct. 28, Tue.-Wed., 7:30 p.m., Thu.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 and 7 p.m. \$20-56 TheatreWorks at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

Talks/Authors

Nancy Farmer. With honors such as the Newbery, the Printz, and a National Book Award, Nancy Farmer has endeared herself to many children with her novels. Fri., Oct. 19, 7-9 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2530. www.menloparklibrary.org

An Evening with Orhan Pamuk. This Turkish writer won the 2006 Nobel Prize for literature. Mon. Oct. 22, 6-8 p.m. Free and open to public. Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-736-8169.

Asian Art Lecture. "Witches, Demons and Spirits" will be discussed by docent Jane Norbeck in the Little House Auditorium. These other-worldly beings have definite significance in Asian cultures. Thu., Oct. 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m. \$1 members, \$2 nonmembers. PV Inc Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Bestselling author Ken Follett reads and signs his newest novel "World Without End." Eighteen years after publication of "The Pillars of the Earth," Ken Follett has written the sequel: "World Without End." Mon., Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Jennifer Ackerman discusses her new book, "Sex Sleep Eat Drink Dream: A Day in the Life of Your Body." Science writer Jennifer Ackerman lends her voice to this exploration of the human body. Wed., Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

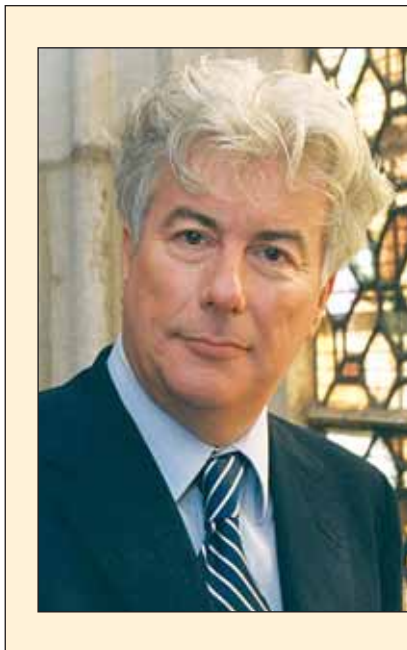
New Silicon Valley: Will Silicon Valley Save the World from Oil Dependency? The Great Issues of Our Day Series: As Silicon Valley goes green, will the "next big thing" revolve around alternative energy? Moderator Todd Johnson. Wed., Oct. 24, 6-8 p.m. \$55 VC Taskforce members, \$67 affiliates, \$87 general. Jones Day, 1755 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-687-4116. <http://www.VCTaskForce.com>

Nick Hornby discusses his new novel "Slam." After writing several humorous novels about men who just don't seem to want to grow up, Hornby tackles the story of a teenage boy who is trying to learn to be a man. Tue., Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Think Like a Start-Up to Build a Sustainable Innovation Strategy. Join John Dilts as he discusses sustainable innovation and how to think like a start-up when creating a company's long-term innovation plan. Thu., Oct. 18, 7:30-10 a.m. Advance: members/students/affil. \$25, nonmembers \$35. All onsite \$40. SRI-Stanford Research Institute, International Building, 333 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. Call 800-462-8910.

Art

Menlo Art League Exhibition. Menlo Art League's annual art exhibit will be on view



At Kepler's

Ken Follett, the bestselling writer of thrillers and historical fiction, will talk about and sign copies of his latest novel, "World Without End," at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, at Kepler's bookstore in Menlo Park. The book is a sequel to his historical novel, "The Pillars of the Earth," and is set in the 14th century. The event is free. Kepler's is at 1010 El Camino Real. For more information, call 324-4321.

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through Oct. 27, There are 60 paintings in watercolor, oils, acrylic and pastel. It is juried by East Bay teacher Pam Delia. Noon-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma Street, Menlo Park. Call 650-322-6867.

ArtMoves Studios Grand Opening. Palo Alto's ArtMoves Studio Art Gallery will celebrate its grand opening with a wine-and-cheese reception. Paintings and photography, Alla Viksne and Paula Leslie are the featured artists. Oct. 20-21, 2-6 p.m. Free. ArtMoves Studio, 315 College Ave., Palo Alto.

Evolution of Paint and Sound: New work by Ryan Hackett. Opening Reception open to the public Oct. 18, 6-8 p.m. Exhibit runs through Nov. 17, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. SPUR Projects, 888 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-529-2040. www.SpurProjects.com

Classes/ Workshops

College Night. Canada College and Sequoia Union High School District present College Night, an opportunity for high-school students to meet with college representatives and learn about admission procedures, financial aid, scholarships and more. Thu., Oct. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Canada College Gym, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Woodside. Call 650-306-3493. www.canadacollege.edu

Focusing on Retirement. Discussion on retirement planning and tricks. It is only informational and no products will be sold. Wed., Oct. 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Burgess Recreation Center, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-463-4569.

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designer John Black teaches "Designing the Family Garden." The three, two-hour classes may be taken in sequence or individually. Sat., Oct. 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Members: \$50 each/\$130 series. Non-members: \$60 each/\$160 series. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-1356 ext. 201. <http://www.gamblegarden.org>

Halloween Greeting Card Workshop. Make your own Halloween greeting cards at a workshop. Fee includes materials and instruction. Taught by Donnasue Jacobi, print and book creator. Oct. 17, 4-6 p.m. \$30. PV Inc Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

New Classes at Little House. "Medical Qi Gong." Class runs Fridays through Nov. 7, 9:45-10:45 a.m. \$96 members, \$120 non-members. PV Inc Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025, ext.230. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

World Religions. Noble Stockton will lead a class on Fridays in the Conference Room on "World Religions: an Overview." A short lecture will be followed by a coffee break and then an informal chat about the materials covered. Through Nov. 30, 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers. PV Inc Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Concerts

California Pops Orchestra "Gershwin & Friends" Show. The Pops with conductor Kim Venaas present a show of music of the 1920s and 1930s by George Gershwin Cole Porter and Irving Berlin. Guest: Premier society pianist Frederick Hodges. Sun., Oct. 21, 3-5 p.m. Tickets: \$25 adults; \$20 seniors;

\$15 students (with student ID); \$5 children 10 and under. Spangenberg Theater, 780 Arastadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-856-8432. www.californiapopsorchestra.com

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra's Season Opening Concert. The Jacques Thibaud String Trio from Berlin and clarinet "star" Dimitri Ashkenazy. Program includes Mozart Clarinet Concerto; Mozart Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola, Cello; Tchaikovsky Serenade for Strings. Sat., Oct. 20, 8 p.m. \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 students. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University. Call 650-856-3848. <http://www.pacomusic.org>

Palo Alto Philharmonic Gala Concert. 20th Anniversary Season Gala Concert. "Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D minor" with Cantabile Chorale. World premiere: "Lee Actor's Celebration Overture." Sat., Oct. 20, 8 p.m. \$20 general; \$18 senior; \$10 student Spangenberg Theatre, 780 Arastadero Road, Palo Alto. <http://www.paphil.org>

Kids & Families

Chess For Fun at the Atherton Library. For children in second grade and up. Participants learn about chess strategies and practical techniques and have the opportunity to play one another. Knowledge of basic chess moves a must. Presented by Dennis Myers, USCF Expert. Sponsored by Atherton Police Activities League. Wednesdays, through Nov. 7, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Chess For Fun at Atherton Library, #2 Dinkelspiel Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. <http://smcl.org/libraries/ath/>

Go-Green Story Time with Madeleine Dunphy: "Here Is the Coral Reef." As part of its continuing GO-GREEN series, Kepler's brings author Madeleine Dunphy to present "Here Is the Coral Reef." Sun., Oct. 21, 11:30 a.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Magic Show with Magic Dan. This performance is intended for ages 3 and older. Children are invited to come in costume. Mon., Oct. 29, 4-4:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. <http://www.smcl.org>

Musical Storytime. Family storytime with sing-a-longs and stories. For all ages. Wednesdays, through Nov. 14, 4-4:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. <http://www.smcl.org>

Parents Nursery School Carnival. Parents Nursery School announces its fall carnival; a day of entertainment, games, prizes and fun for the whole family. Featuring: magic, music, games, craft sale, raffle, bake sale, silent auction, food and fun. Music by Mr. David. Magic by "Mr. Horsefeathers." Costumes welcome. Sun., Oct. 21, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Free. Parents Nursery School, 2328 Louis Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-856-1440.

Scare on the Square. Series of Halloween-inspired outdoor movie nights on the Courthouse Square. Oct. 13: "Wallace & Grommit" (G), start time 6:45 p.m.; Oct. 20: "Young Frankenstein" (PG), start time 6:45 p.m.; Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. <http://www.>

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Health

Flu Shot Clinics in Menlo Park. Sutter VNA and Hospice (www.suttervna.org) has nine public flu shot clinics scheduled in Menlo Park for adults, children ages 9-13 (with a doctor's note/prescription) and ages 13-18 (with parental permission). There is no charge with proof of Medicare Part B (red/white/blue card). Oct. 23, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 at Preuss Pharmacy, 844 Santa Cruz Avenue, noon-3 p.m.; Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and Nov. 10 at Menlo Park Pharmacy, 1610 El Camino Real, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$25 each. Call 650-856-1607. www.vnaa.org/vnaa/Flu/FindClinic.aspx

Outdoors

Migrating Birds. Witness the travels of thousands of birds as they stop at these wetlands to rest and feed on their way south. Meet at the east end of San Antonio Road. Ages 8 and up. 20 max. Sat., Oct. 20, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Palo Alto Baylands, east end of San Antonio Rd. Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2506. www.enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org

Seniors

Fall Prevention Class. Free 5-week class sponsored by Sequoia Hospital. Class will cover exercises to increase balance, strength and coordination for fall prevention. As well as discussion on risk factors and how to reduce those risk. Advance registration required. Thursdays, Oct. 18-Nov. 15, 9:30-11 a.m. Free. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto.

Et Alia

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Democratic Presidential Straw Poll.

Vote for your favorite presidential candidate at the San Mateo County Democratic Straw Poll. Must be present to vote, voting ends at 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee to help 2008 campaign efforts. Sun., Oct. 21, 2-5 p.m. \$25 adults, children are free. San Mateo Events Center, Oak Hall, 2495 S. Delaware St., San Mateo. Call 650-344-1714. www.strawpoll2008.org

The Dances George Washington Loved.

English country dancing. Live music, informal instruction, no complicated footwork. Beginners welcome. No partner necessary. Low, comfortable shoes suggested. Light refreshments at the break. Fri., Oct. 19, 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$10 per person, \$5 students with ID. Palo Alto Masonic Temple, 461 Florence, Palo Alto. http://www.baocds.org/series/english

Reading of "Play of Daniel." A new one-act play by Joan Marx. Co-sponsored by The Book Rack & Menlo Park Library

Book Group. The premiere presentation of a new look at The Book of Jonah, with seven readers. Wed., Oct. 24, 7-8:15 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. http://www.menloparklibrary.org

Child Advocates Volunteer Information Session. Child Advocates of Silicon Valley has been serving abused and neglected children for 20 years. Thu., Oct. 18, 6-7 p.m. Free. Cooley Godward LLP, 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto Square, Palo Alto. Call 408-573-5611. www.BeMyAdvocate.org

Artistry in Fashion. Professional designer sale & student fashion show. Meet professional designers and shop for one-of-a-kind fashion pieces. Benefits students with scholarships and serves as a learning experience in event planning and marketing. Sat., Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$8 donation at the door. Canada College Main Theater, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Woodside. Call 650-306-3370. www.artistryinfashion.com



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If you want a glimpse of the future, cast your eyes toward Australia, where there is heightened awareness of the potential dangers posed by the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays. According to the headmaster at Sydney's Arncliffe Public School, the wearing of sunglasses has been made compulsory among students in grades kindergarten through six. This effort is being undertaken to limit cumulative exposure to UV rays, which have been linked to cataract formation and certain cancers. The hope is that students will adopt the

healthy habit of protecting their eyes early on. Wearing sunglasses has been deemed so important that the education minister of New South Wales indicated that the government would consider making sunglasses compulsory on all public school playgrounds.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD OF PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ADOPTION OF THESE MATTERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 8:00 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers (Historic Schoolhouse), 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California. The zoning ordinance amendment is intended to clarify the definition of basements. The Planning Commission will consider all evidence, written and oral communications pertaining to the proposed amendment. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Planning Commission to be heard at the time and place herein above mentioned,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed Negative Declaration regarding the above mentioned ordinance amendments has been prepared and is available for review. The Planning Commission will consider the proposed Negative Declaration at its meeting of November 7, 2007 at 8:00 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers (Historic Schoolhouse), 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California. Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the Planning Commission meeting or presented at the meeting. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Planning Commission at the time and place herein above mentioned at the time and place which will be noticed, Copies of the proposed Negative Declaration are available at Portola Valley Town Hall, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California.

Dated: October 10, 2007
Signed: Leslie Lambert, Planning Manager

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS ADOPTING UPDATED BUILDING, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, AND ELECTRICAL CODES

MENLO PARK CITY COUNCIL

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

The Menlo Park City Council will hear public comment on proposed amendments to Title 12 (Buildings and Construction) of the Menlo Park Municipal Code and the adoption of the **2007 California Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Codes** at its Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 30, 2007. The regular meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said City Council will hold a public hearing on these items in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on **Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 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 these items 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 Community Development Department, 701 Laurel rlafrance@menlopark.org or at (650) 330-6704 if you have any questions or comments.

DATED: October 11, 2007 Silvia M. Vonderlinden, City Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 222314

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, JL Dixon Stables, 3348 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062: Jennifer Dixon, 3348 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on September 1, 2007. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 4, 2007. (Almanac September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2007)

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The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Martinez Cleaning Services, 1657 Van Buren Street, San Mateo, CA 94403: Christina Martinez, 1657 Van Buren Street, San Mateo, CA 94403 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 30, 2007.

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The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Psychic Boutique, 545 Airport Blvd., South San Francisco, CA 94080: Duda Williams, 407 Harvey Way, Pacifica, CA 94044 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 17, 2007. (Almanac September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2007)

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The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Brothers Produce, 125 Terminal Ct., #63, South San Francisco, CA 94080: Fernando Holquin Gutierrez, 1144 B Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94133 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 September 7, 2007. (Almanac October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 222452

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Tacos Conchita, 326 Shaw Road, South San Francisco, CA 94080: Angela Huerta, 356 3rd Avenue, 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 September 12, 2007. (Almanac October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2007)

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File No. 222631

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, The Red Currant, 75 Arbor Road, #B, Menlo Park, CA 94025: The Red Currant, Inc. California, Menlo Park, CA 94025 This business is being conducted by A Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on October 1, 2007. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 21, 2007. (Almanac October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2007)

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File No. 222788

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Momentum Group, 116 Hillside Drive, Suite 200, Woodside, CA 94062: Randall S. Kehrbeg, 116 Hillside Drive, Suite 200, Woodside, CA 94062 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on September 26, 2007. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 28, 2007. (Almanac October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2007)

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File No. 222887

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, TRINN, P.O. Box 936, Menlo Park, CA 94026: 19 Pinehurst Lane, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019: Torr Vincent Sterling Lewis, 19 Pinehurst Lane, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 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 October 3, 2007. (Almanac October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2007)

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File No. 222720

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Hill Circle, Menlo Park, CA 94025 This business is being conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on October 23, 2002. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 26, 2007. (Almanac October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 222915

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Domestic Diva, 1150 Deanna Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025: Suzanne P Jeuck, 1150 Deanna Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025 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 October 5, 2007. (Almanac October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2007)

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TSG No.: 3382543 TS No.: 20079134005493 FHA/VA/PMI No.: Notice Of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/9/2006 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. On 10/30/2007 at 12:30 PM First American Loanstar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/28/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-029370, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California. Executed by: Cecilia Calderon, Jaime Calderon, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924f(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# 063-085-150-9 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES Date of Filing Application: September 19, 2007 To Whom It May Concern: The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are: Marshall Pacific Holdings. The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 683 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025-4512 Type of license(s) Applied for: 41 - ON-SALE BEER & WINE- EATING PLACE (Almanac 10/10, 17, 24, 2007)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO No. 466461 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Bernadette M. Connolly & John F. Mulroe filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as

follows: John Connolly Mulroe to Jack Connolly Mulroe. 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: November 14, 2007 at 9am, Dept. P.J. 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: September 27, 2007 /s/ Robert D. Foiles, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Almanac 10/10, 17, 24, 31, 2007)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO No. 466580 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Michael Sloane Citron and Judith Ann Citron filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Avital Citron to Talia Rachel Citron. 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: November 14, 2007, 9am, Dept. P.J. 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: Menlo Park Almanac. Date: October 3, 2007 /s/ Robert D. Foiles, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Almanac 10/10, 17, 24, 31, 2007)

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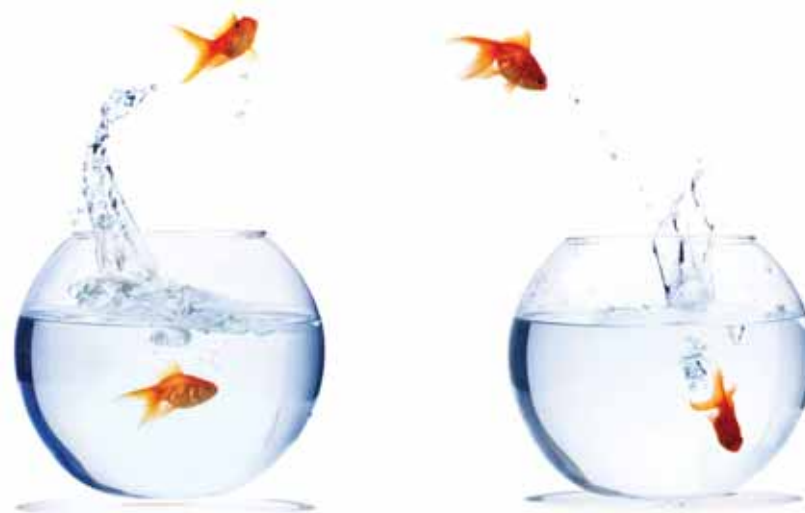
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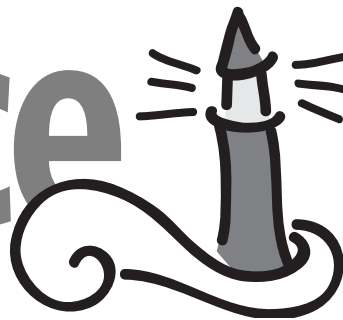
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO No. 466212 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Chen-Jung Stella Li filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Chen-Jung Stella Li to Stella Chen-Jung Tsai. 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: November 21, 2007, 9am, 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: October 3, 2007 /s/ Robert D. Foiles, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Almanac 10/17, 24, 31, 11/7, 2007)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO No. 466217 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Karl Edward Sebastian Thoreson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Karl Edward Sebastian Thoreson to Karl Edward Sebastian. 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: November 21, 2007, 9am, 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: October 3, 2007. /s/Robert D. Foiles. JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac 10/17, 24, 31, 11/07, 2007)

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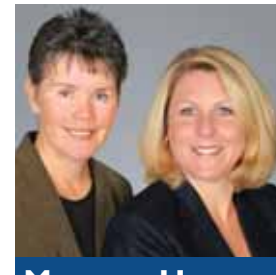


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