



TEACH YOUR (VIRTUAL) CHILDREN WELL

MENLO PARK STUDENTS USE THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN "BETTY'S BRAIN" TO LEARN BY TEACHING

By Andrea Gemmet

Almanac Staff Writer

Kiira Greene's class of fifth-graders are getting ready for a quiz show in Encinal School's computer lab. The subject is photosynthesis, and the multi-hued contestants are all virtual.

Students send their customized "teachable agents" into small groups to compete in a Jeopardy-type show on their computers, where the avatar-like agents will answer questions based on what the students have taught them. Groans, cheers and animated chatter fill

the room as the competition gets started. It's a slightly unusual way to end a lesson on plant biology, but it may be a sign of things to come.

The fifth-graders in the Menlo Park City School District are participating in a research study run by Stanford University's AAA Lab, using a program called "Betty's Brain." All of Encinal's fifth-graders and half of Oak Knoll's are using the program, while the remaining students act as a control group.

Betty's Brain weds artificial intelligence with an elegantly simple concept: If you truly know a subject, you should be able to teach it to someone else.

After learning about photosynthesis through more traditional classroom methods, the kids get on the computer and create something called a concept map, linking causal relationships in order to teach their agents about the subject.

"Right now, they're inside their characters' brains. They'll spend about 30 minutes building a map and then they'll play the game show," says Ms. Greene, surveying her roomful of students.

"It's better than just memorizing vocabulary words," she says.

How well the agents are taught turns out to be a good predictor of how well the students themselves understand the subject, says Dan Schwartz, the associate professor at Stanford's School of Education who heads the project.

"Betty's Brain turns out to be interesting because we can automatically test the agent, so rather than give the kids a test, we can give the agents a test," says Prof. Schwartz.

While a student might balk at being tested over and over again on the same material, students using Betty's



Photos by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Inset: The agents compete in a quiz show, which shows how well they've been taught about science.

Encinal School fifth-grade teacher Kiira Greene helps Miguel Alcazar work on Betty's Brain, a program that allows kids to teach science concepts to virtual students, called agents.

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DAN SCHWARTZ, STANFORD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

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Peninsula Easter Services



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Maundy Thursday— April 9

*Monastic Supper & Liturgy of the Word followed
by Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar*

❖ 6:15pm

Good Friday — April 10

Stations of the Cross Reflections

❖ Noon to 2:00pm

Labyrinth Stations: A Walking Meditation

❖ 2:00 to 3:00pm

Good Friday Prayer and Meditation

❖ 7:30 to 8:30pm

Easter — April 12

Easter Vigil, Eucharist & Baptism

❖ 5:30am

Festive Breakfast & Family Easter Activities

❖ 8:00am

Festive Holy Eucharist

❖ 10:00am

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APRIL 9
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APRIL 10**

Noon - 3:00 pm:
Solemn Liturgy of The Passion
7:00 p.m.: Holy Communion
Service

**EASTER SUNDAY,
APRIL 12**

10 am: Holy Communion
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Saturday, April 11 – 5:30 p.m.

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Holy Week Services

April 9 6:00 pm Seder Dinner
April 10 Noon & 7:00 pm Good Friday Services
April 12 9:30 am Easter Festival Service
(Children's Easter egg hunt follows)



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Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday (4/5 | 8:30 am, 10:45 am)

Easter Vigil (4/11 | 7:30 pm)

Maundy Thursday (4/9 | 7:30 pm)

Easter Sunday (4/12 | 8:30 am, 10:45 am)

Good Friday (4/10 | 12 pm & 7:30 pm)

child care available at all services

Experience Easter

**April 5, 9:30 am Palm Sunday parade, with
"Voices from the Cross"
dramatic presentation**

**April 5, 11:00 am Interactive "Walk through
Holy Week," ages 4 through
middle school; lunch served**

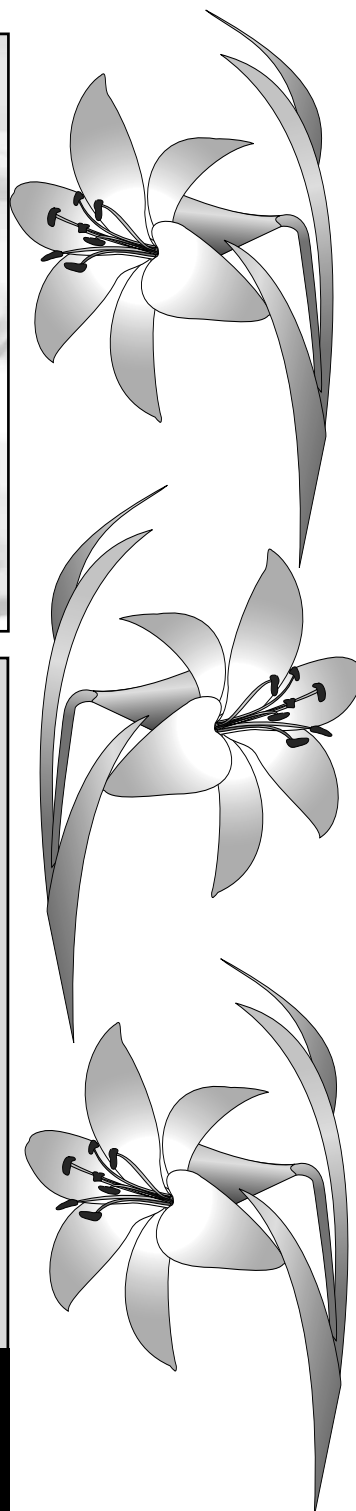
**April 9, 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday:
A Tenebrae Service
recalling the Last Supper**

**April 10 Good Friday: Sanctuary open
for prayer 8 am to 8 pm**

April 12, 6:30 am Outdoor Sunrise Service

April 12, 9:30 am Traditional Easter Service

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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday, April 9

6:30 pm - Holy Eucharist & Agape Meal in Trinity Hall
(Childcare 4 and under)

Good Friday, April 10

7:00 am - Good Friday Service (Chapel)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Good Friday Service (Church)
Labyrinth will be open Noon - 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 11

8:30 am - Holy Saturday Liturgy (Church)
8:30 pm - Easter Vigil (Stanford Old Union)

Easter Sunday, April 12

6:30 am - Sunrise Eucharist (Memorial Garden)
8:30 am & 10:30 am - Festive Choral Eucharist (Church)
Easter Egg Hunt follows the 10:30 service

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Brain are willing to repeatedly quiz their agents, go back and fine-tune the concept maps, and even revisit the source material. In fact, Prof. Schwartz says kids are even willing to step away from the fun computer game, pick up a book and do research, before going back to it. That's something you don't see when kids are playing a typical video game.

"When an agent doesn't do well, kids don't say, 'I'm stupid,' but they say, 'I have to teach my agent better.' Their attitude is more proactive," says researcher Doris Chin, who has been working with Prof. Schwartz on the Betty's Brain project for more

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LAURA RICH, BOARD MEMBER,
MENLO PARK CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT

than two years.

Mr. Schwartz has been working with Betty's Brain for about eight years, in collaboration with Vanderbilt University, with funding from federal grants from the National Science Foundation and the Institute for Educational Science.

Working with the Menlo Park district has been wonderful, he says. "They see themselves as cutting-edge, they want to try out new things," says Mr. Schwartz.

It was a comment he made at a quarterly roundtable meeting between academics and local school board members that brought Betty's Brain to the Menlo Park district. "He said he had difficulty connecting with the right people in a district," says school board member Laura Rich, who was at the roundtable meeting.

That was on a Friday, and by Monday, she'd set up a meeting for Mr. Schwartz with district officials, she says.

The project is a perfect fit for the district and its emphasis

on integrating technology into the classroom as part of its 21st century learning initiative, says Ms. Rich.

"There have been many times when a professor or researcher wanted to do things in the district, but so often it doesn't fit in with what we're working on, or takes us off task, or the requirements are burdensome," says Ms. Rich. "You can't have an open door for anyone who wants to do anything, but every once in a while, something works together beautifully, and Betty's Brain is an example of that."

While students are enjoying Betty's Brain, teachers appreciate the steady flow of feedback it provides about students' grasp of the material.

"We're always looking for new ways to assess students," says Toni Barone, the district's instructional technology coordinator who is acting as a project manager for the study.

"The minute class is over, the teacher knows exactly where each student is at," she says. "Our big test, how students perform against larger measures, we won't know until they take the science assessment in May."

Betty's Brain also gives students lots of opportunities to go back and fill in gaps in their knowledge, says Ms. Rich. How many of us would go back to a regular test, sit down and work through the answers we'd missed, she asks rhetorically.

"It's a nice idea, to go back and find out what you didn't know, but frankly, in fifth grade, there's no way they're going to do that. With (Betty's Brain), you test the agents and keep working at it until it gets to be right, and that's the best kind of education," she says. "And it's the best example of what 21st century learning is about — you keep trying different approaches until you get the result you're looking for."

Betty's Brain doesn't just offer improved assessments of students, but also improves learning, says Prof. Schwartz. The program is less about memorizing facts than it is about causal reasoning, he says.

"Schools tend to do tests of what you studied, it's retrospective," he says. "We want to prepare students to learn when they go out into the real world. One way to do that is to give them something to learn while they take the test."

He says he also hopes to



Image by Michelle Le and Eric Lawson

Encinal fifth-graders created virtual students, or agents, that they teach about science.

improve the homework experience for students. Homework tends to take the worst part of school — doing isolated seatwork — and makes kids miss out on the fun parts of being at home, like socializing and learning in an informal way, Prof. Schwartz says.

"Part of our intent, although I think it takes a while for people to get their heads around it, is to prepare students to learn, not to practice what they learned the day before," he says.

Kids really seem to enjoy the social aspect of Betty's Brain, especially the secure chat room so they can collaborate online with other kids when they're at home, he says.

"At first they'll be talking about American Idol, but then they'll be talking about science content at the end," he says.

Back at Encinal's computer lab, the chat function is turned off, so kids lean over each other's monitor or call to each other to form trios and quartets to play

"Super Agent," the quiz show finale to the lesson.

Most kids have created agents that look nothing like themselves. Some have the green skin and pointed ears of a space alien. Others cross racial and gender lines.

The original agent was a blond girl named Betty, explains Ms. Chin, thus the name of the program. Eventually, the ability to customize the agents was added, and she says she's noticed that since students created their agents just after the presidential election, there are quite a few named Barack.

Although the agents do the heavy lifting in the quiz, answering questions such as — "If photosynthesis decreases, what happens to water?" — the students decide how many points to wager on their agents answering correctly. A confident student will bet the whole 500, while a student who realizes his agent isn't well-taught might only bet 50.

If the agent gives a wrong answer, they lose the points.

Several kids re-open their concept maps to help their agents do better on the quiz show.

"These concept maps have been around for a long time, we just improved them," says Prof. Schwartz.

Students have shown a great willingness to suspend disbelief and engage in the program, he says.

"They feel sorry for the agent when it gets it wrong," he says. "Even though this isn't social, they get all the social responses."

And that, he says, stimulates learning and keeps students focused and engaged.

"A lot of instruction puts the computer in charge of the kid, so we're switching it around and putting the kid in charge of the computer," Prof. Schwartz says.

His hope is that the study will demonstrate that such a model leads to important learning outcomes, and will influence other software designers to incorporate some of its ideas.

"We're a starter shop," he says. ▀

Portola Valley holds cleanup event Saturday Macdonald named to foundation board

Portola Valley residents are invited to dispose of items they have no use for at a free neighborhood cleanup day at Ford (baseball) Field from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at the corner of Alpine Road and Westridge Drive in Portola Valley.

Residents (who must bring a garbage bill to prove residency) can bring old furniture, electronic equipment, appliances, plastic toys and scrap metal. Among items not accepted are

hazardous wastes, such as oil, paint and pesticides; refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners that contain CFC refrigerants; and tires and batteries.

Residents can also dispose of unused prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs. A deputy from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will be on hand from 8 to 10 a.m. to accept the medications.

Throwing medications down the toilet may cause trace amounts

to get into the water supply since sewage treatment plants aren't equipped to remove them.

For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable materials, go to tinyurl.com/pvWaste. For more information, call Assistant Town Manager Janet McDougall at 851-1700, ext. 218.

For information on drug-disposal programs in other communities, go to www.baywise.info and click on the link at the bottom-left of the page.

Woodside resident and Peninsula native Anne F. Macdonald has been appointed to the board of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which manages \$1.5 billion in assets and some 1,500 philanthropic funds.

Ms. Macdonald, a partner at Palo Alto accounting and consulting firm Frank, Rimmerman & Co., has 24 years of accounting experience. Her clients include business executives, venture capitalists, businesses and nonprofit organizations.



Anne Macdonald

Ms. Macdonald is a graduate of Castilleja School in Palo Alto; the University of Oregon, where she received a bachelor's degree in business; and Golden Gate University, where she received a master's degree in taxation.

She serves on the Castilleja School development committee and chairs the planned-giving department.

More for SLAC

The U.S. Department of Energy has announced \$8 million in funding for cleanup activities at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park, including the excavation and disposal of contaminated soil.

The source of the funding is the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, said Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, in a statement. In March, the DOE earmarked \$68 million in Recovery Act funds for SLAC to support equipment upgrades, experiments and seismic retrofits.

A portion of this latest installment will go toward a groundwater treatment system at SLAC, Ms. Eshoo said.

"These targeted resources will speed clean up efforts, create jobs, and restore areas that have been impacted by chemical contamination," she said in the statement. "SLAC has always been at the forefront of research and science and this money will ensure that the environment in which these discoveries are made is safe and well managed."

USGS gets money

The Menlo Park campus of the U.S. Geological Survey will receive \$6.9 million in federal stimulus money to upgrade its facilities, Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, announced April 1.

She called the Menlo Park Science Center the "flagship research center" for the USGS on the West Coast.

"This research facility performs crucial studies on earthquakes and seismic activity that have an impact on every Californian," she said in a press release. "With these building renovations, scientists and researchers will be able to focus on making the important discoveries that will serve the Bay Area and California for years to come."



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CITY OF 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 item:

Determination of Traffic Impacts/1706 ECR LLC /1706 El Camino Real: Consideration of a request for the City Council to determine that certain potential traffic impacts identified in the 1706 El Camino Real Transportation Impact Analysis are less than significant for a 10,166-square-foot medical/dental office building.

A Transportation Impact Analysis was prepared for the proposed project and identifies potentially significant delays at the intersections of Buckthorn Way and El Camino Real during the AM (7-9 a.m.) and PM (4-6 p.m.) peak hours and Spruce Avenue and El Camino Real during the PM peak hours. The analysis also determined that restricting left turns from westbound Buckthorn Way and Spruce Avenue during the applicable peak hours is a feasible mitigation that would reduce the level of the potential impact to less than significant. Through several meetings, members of the neighborhood have expressed general opposition to these feasible mitigation measures. The City Council will have an opportunity to make a determination on the potential traffic impacts. If the impacts are deemed less than significant, a Mitigated Negative Declaration may be prepared for the project in lieu of an Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the provisions outlined in the City's Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said City Council will hold a public meeting on this item in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on **Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 7:00 P.M.** or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon.

Documents related to this item 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 Street, Menlo Park. Please call Deanna Chow, Senior Planner, if there are any questions or comments on this item. She may be reached at 650-330-6733 or email at dmchow@menlopark.org.

Si usted necesita más información sobre este proyecto, por favor llame al 650-330-6702, y pregunte por un asistente que hable español.

DATED: April 2, 2009 Margaret Roberts City Clerk
PUBLISHED: April 8, 2009

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 20, 2009

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

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Use Permit and Variances/Kristin L. Cox/247 Oakhurst Place: Request for a use permit for first- and second-story additions that exceed 50 percent of the existing floor area and 50 percent of the replacement cost of an existing nonconforming, single-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot width in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban) zoning district. The proposed remodeling and expansion are considered to be equivalent to a new structure. In addition, a request for a variance for additions that would encroach approximately 25 feet into the required front setback of 54.8 feet, which is required by Subdivision Ordinance Section 15.16.110. In addition, a request for variances to increase the wall and overall heights of an existing garage that is nonconforming with regard to the required front setback, and to reconstruct an eave overhang that would exceed the maximum side setback intrusion of 18 inches.

Use Permit/Menlo Business Park LLC/1600 Adams Drive: Request for a use permit for the use and storage of hazardous materials inside a building and associated with research and development purposes in the M-2 (General Industrial) zoning district.

PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS - None

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on public hearing items in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on Monday, April 20, 2009, 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.

The project file may be viewed 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 call the Planning Division if there are any questions and/or for complete agenda information (650) 330-6702.

Si usted necesita más información sobre este proyecto, por favor llame al 650-330-6702, y pregunte por un asistente que hable español.

DATED: April 2, 2009 Deanna Chow, Senior Planner
PUBLISHED: April 8, 2009 Menlo Park Planning Commission

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Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events

Egg Hunt. City of Menlo Park is hosting its annual Egg Hunt. Activities will include an egg hunt for ages 8 and under, a visit from the Bunny, rides on the "Old Tom" fire truck, bounce houses, and other springtime festivities. Admission is free. Sat., April 11, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Burgess Park, Burgess & Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200. www.menlopark.org

Easter Egg Hunt in Atherton. Activities include entertainment with Gerald the Magician, photos with the Easter Bunny, police car and fire truck viewing. Breakfast and specialty coffees also included. For children third grade and younger. Sat., April 11, 10 a.m.-noon. \$5/person. Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Ave., Atherton. Call 650-853-0503.

On Stage

"Distracted." TheatreWorks presents Lisa Loomer's new play about attention deficit disorder and the unconventional path one mother takes to help her son. April 4-26, Tue.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m., Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 and 7 p.m. Contains mature language. \$21-64. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

"The King and I." Palo Alto Players present Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical week-ends, April 14-May 10, 8 p.m. \$20-\$31. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.palayers.org

Student-directed One-act Play Festival. Foothill Theatre Conservatory Program will present "History in the Faking," one-act vignettes satirizing historical icons. April 10-19, 8-10 p.m. \$7-\$14. Foothill College Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. <http://www.foothill.edu/fa>

Talks/Authors

Alva Noe's "Out of Our Heads: Why You Are Not Your Brain, and Other Lessons from the Biology of Consciousness." A philosopher at UC-Berkeley, Noe challenges assumptions underlying neuroscientific studies of consciousness. Thu., April 16, 7:30 p.m. free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Conservation in the West Lecture. "A Century of Land Acquisition Strategies for Conservation in the West, How the West Was Spun Colloquia." Sally Fairfax, professor of forest policy, UC Berkeley. Put on by the Bill Lane Center for the American West. Tue., April 14, 3-5 p.m. Free. Environment and Energy Building (Y2E2) Room 299, 473 Via Ortega, Stanford. Call 650-721-2252. west.stanford.edu

eWomenNetwork 'Accelerated Networking' Lunch. Speaker: Francine Ward. Topic: Different ways to protect yourself in business. Fri., April 10, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$55 eWN members, \$65 thru noon 4/6, \$75 after. Crowne Plaza Cabana, 4290 El Camino, Palo Alto. Call 408-288-8484.

Forum on Charting Change, Challenging Power: Women Leaders in Muslim

For all listings: This Calendar contains partial listings of community events. To see all listings, go to TheAlmanacOnline.com and on the green navigation bar on the left, click on "Community Calendar."

Contexts. Panelists address the challenges faced by Muslim women in politics, education, human rights. Baroness Kishwer Falkner (House of Lords, U.K.), Prof. Nouzha Guessous-Idrissi (human rights advocate, Morocco), Dr. Shahida Jaffrey (founder & vice chancellor of Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's Univ., Pakistan). Wed., April 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Annenberg Auditorium, Stanford University, Cummings Art Building, 435 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-736-8169. of Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University Pakistan

Frank Delaney's "Shannon: A Novel." Frank Delaney, author of "Ireland" and "Tipperary," presents his new novel. Wed., April 8, 7:30 p.m. free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Rodin at Stanford. Cantor Arts Center Curator Bernard Barryte will discuss the total reinstallation and new presentation of the entire Rodin collection followed by a docent-led tour of the sculptures. Thu., April 16, 4:15-6:15 p.m. \$25 members/\$30 non members. Cantor Arts Center Auditorium, Lomita Drive & Museum Way, Stanford. Call 650-726-1667. museum.stanford.edu

The Future of Religion and the Religion of the Future. Roberto Mangabeira Unger, law professor at Harvard University, discusses the revolution in the religious consciousness of humanity. April 15, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Levinthal Hall, Stanford Humanities Center, 424 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. Call 650-736-2629.

The George Gryc Memorial Symposium. Advances in Circum: Pacific Earth and Marine Resources and Hazards. Free lunch. Wed., April 15, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. USGS Menlo Park Science Center, 345 Middlefield Road, Bldg. 3, Conf. Rm A., Menlo Park. Call 650-329-5136.

Where Art Originates: Artists & The Creative Process. Video artist Eva Davidova and poet Robert Pesich discuss examples of their current work. Q&A follows the presentations. Thu., April 9, 7-8:30 p.m. Free; reservations required; call 329-2366. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. www.djerassi.org

Classes/Workshops

Beekeeping. Learn about the benefits, methods, startup equipment and technicalities of backyard beekeeping. Sat., April 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$29. Common Ground Organic Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072.

Harmonica for Health. Victor SungHee Yun, chairman of the Harmonica & Health Com-

mittee of the American Harmonica Society, leads classes on breathing and relaxation. Spring classes start soon. Cost of harmonica approx \$10. Wednesdays, April 8 through 29, 11 a.m.-noon. \$25 members/\$35 non-members. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5436. avenidas.org

Journeys into Great Music. Norbert Molder, Ph.D., will give sneak previews of Bay Area symphony concerts. Series continues for 8 weeks. Tuesdays, April 7 through 30, 2-3 p.m. \$10/\$15 series or \$3/5 per lecture. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St, Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5436. avenidas.org

Women's Writing Workshop. Saturdays through April 25, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Room D-11, 1111 University Drive, Menlo Park. mppc.org

Concerts

Good Friday Concert. "O Love Divine," music for the Easter Season with The Valparaiso Singers. Judith Stewart, conductor; James Welch, organist; string ensemble; and Jennie Litster (Opera San Jose), guest soloist. Includes music of Bach, Beethoven, Berger and Lauridsen. Fri., April 10, 7:30 p.m. Free. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1105 Valparaiso Ave., Menlo Park.

Kids & Families

Baby Storytime. An 8-week session held every Tuesday. For babies 6-18 months old. Through May 12, 11-11:30 p.m. Free. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436.

Bell System Music Group. The Bell System, a music performance group for children in grades 3-8, teaches the basics of music and bell technique. Thursdays, ongoing. 3:45-5 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Pres., 950 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. mppc.org

Chess for Fun at Atherton Library. Children second grade and older learn chess strategies and play one another. Wednesdays through May 6, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

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Submitting items for the Calendar

Submit information online. Go to TheAlmanacOnline.com and on the green navigation bar on the left, click on "Calendar Event." That will take you to the Palo Alto Online Master Community Calendar page with a form to enter your information. If the event is of interest to a large number of people, also e-mail a press release to Editor@AlmanacNews.com.

ton. Call 650-853-0503.

Ladybug Story Time. The adventures of Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy. Sun., April 12, 11:30 a.m. free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Folk signer Nancy Cassidy will be at the Atherton Library for all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Mon., April 13, Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Paws for tales at Atherton Library. Children ages 5 and older can sign up to read to a trained therapy dog. 11 a.m. to Noon, the

fourth Saturday of each month. Call the library to sign up. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Storytime and Craft at Atherton Library. The Atherton Library has a monthly family storytime. A simple craft will be provided for all ages. Second Saturdays through June 13, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

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**TOWN OF WOODSIDE
2955 WOODSIDE ROAD
WOODSIDE, CA 94062**

**PLANNING COMMISSION
April 15, 2009
7:30 PM**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. Paul and Liz Cushman VAR#2009-001
1307 Portola Road

Review of a request for a variance to setbacks in order to construct an addition 20 feet from the front property line, where a 50 foot front setback is required. The existing main residence is located as close as 20 feet from the front property line, and the applicant proposes to construct an addition adjacent to the existing non-conforming portion of the residence. The property is zoned SCP-7.5.

All application materials are available for public review at the Woodside Planning and Building Counter, Woodside Town Hall, weekdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Woodside Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.

Singers give Good Friday concert

The Valparaiso Singers, under the direction of Judith Stewart, will present a Good Friday concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1105 Valparaiso Ave. in Menlo Park.

Organist James Welch will accompany the singers, as will a string ensemble. Jennie Lister will be the guest soloist.

The event is free and open to the public.

Gay men's chorus in Ladera

The Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus will present a concert, "Spring Mix," at 4 p.m. Sunday,

April 26, at the Ladera Community Church, 3300 Alpine Road in Ladera.

The concert celebrates the church's 11 years of welcoming the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered) community to join in worship and church activities, according to church spokesperson Linda Thomas. The concert will feature both Broadway show tunes and sacred music.

There is no charge for the concert, but donations will be accepted. A reception follows the concert. For more information, call 854-5481.



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'Book Buddies' give books to pre-schoolers

By Jane Knoerle

Almanac Lifestyle Editor

Five "Book Buddies" from Woodside Elementary School have donated 30 books to the pre-school located in the Fair Oaks Community Center in Redwood City. The boys, all fifth-graders, raised \$750 to buy the books through two bake sales in front of Roberts Market.

The boys, who have been members of a parent/son book club since they were in third grade, donated the books through the "Bring Me a Book" program, whose mission is to provide easy access to the best children's books. "Bring Me a Book" encourages reading aloud to children, said to be the most important factor in determining a child's success in reading.

After a ribbon-cutting cer-



Photo by Jeanne Rosner

"Book Buddies," from left, Oliver Weiss, Joey Coslet, Sasha Novitsky, Hal Tuttle and Karl Arvidsson.

emony at the Redwood City Child Development Center, each of the boys read a book aloud to the young children.

"Book Buddies" and their parents meet about every six weeks and discuss the book chosen for that month. Both a parent and

son read the book. The boys lead the discussion, rate the books, and choose books for the next month.

"Book Buddies" taking part in the March 25 dedication were Oliver Weiss, Joey Coslet, Sasha Novitsky, Hal Tuttle, and Karl Arvidsson. ■

CALENDAR

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The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin. The San Mateo County History Museum will present stories from the Past, a pre-school children's storytime. Learn about famous inventors in our county. Fri., April 10, 11 a.m.-noon. Kids 5 years and under free \$2-\$4 student/adults. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-299-0104. www.historysmc.org

Toddler Storytime at Atherton Library. Songs, finger plays, flannel boards and stories for children 18-36 months. Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Woodside Library Baby Musical Storytime. Rhymes, songs and lap-sit activities for parents and infants. For ages newborn to 2 years old. Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. www.oodside.smcl.org

Health

Bones for Life. This 12-week program uses natural weight-bearing movements to teach safe transmission of force through the bones without stressing the joints. Instructor is Aviva Bernstein. Tuesdays, April 7 through June 23, 1-2 p.m. \$55 members/\$65 non-members. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5436. avenidas.org

Live Music

Bluegrass Jams. Different bands alternate every Wednesday playing bluegrass tunes. 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Fandango Pizza, 3163 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. fandangopizza.com/Fandango%20bluegrass.htm

Brazilian Jazz at Pampas. Bossa Deep Groove. A contemporary jazz take on Brazil's bossas and sambas. Saturdays, 7-10 p.m. Free. Pampas, 529 Alma St., Palo Alto. www.pampaspaloalto.com

DJ's at Melt. There are two DJ's on Friday and Saturday nights. Upstairs, one DJ will play house and mashups, while downstairs a DJ will spin R&B, Old School and hip-hop. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Cover after 10 p.m. Melt Ultra Lounge, 544 Emerson St., Palo Alto. www.meltpaloalto.com/

Eddie Gutierrez. Acoustic guitarist Eddie Gutierrez will perform during dinner hours Thursday nights. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. British Banker's Club, 1090 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.britishbankersclub.com/index.html

Irish Music. Different bands alternate every Tuesday performing Irish songs and tunes. 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Fandango Pizza, 3163 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.fandangopizza.com/Irish%20Music.htm

Mike Bastian's Pentimento Jazz.

Lavanda Wine Bar & Restaurant presents Mike Bastian's Pentimento Jazz every Sunday night. American jazz songbook with drums/vocals by Mike Bastian. No cover. 5:45-9 p.m. Lavanda, 185 University Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-3514. www.lavandarestaurant.com

The Upside Trio. Fusion jazz band The Upside Trio will play music by jazz artists Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Herbie Hancock and others during dinner Wednesday nights, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. British Banker's Club, 1090 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.britishbankersclub.com/index.html

Support Groups

Caregiver Support Group. "Straight Talk About Dementia - A Caregiver's Perspective." Documentary explores issues on dementia: changes, handling difficult behaviors including sundowning. Video and discussion led by Rosener House Social Worker. Respite provided. Thu., April 9, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Rosener House, 500 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-322-0126. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Et Alia

From the Coast to the Foothills: Julia Seelos. Exhibit of plein air oil paintings by Julia Seelos of the Northern California landscape. Artist's reception and live music, April 11, from 1-4 p.m. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.portolaart-gallery.com

Silk Painting Demonstration by Renata Radcliffe. Menlo Art League. Wed., April 8, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free Menlo Park Recreation Center, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-854-4656.

Book sale. All books 50 percent off. Sat., April 17 and Sun., April 18. All proceeds benefit San Mateo County Historical Association. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Funders Bookstore, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-299-0104.

Outside the Box, Inside the Frame. Artists Nina Lyons & Gary Tolomei exhibit their paintings at Menlo College through July 30. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Menlo College Administration Building, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton. Call 650-543-3901. www.menlo.edu

Free Tax Assistance. 2008 tax returns prepared by AARP tax aides at no cost. By appointment. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5436. avenidas.org

"Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" is a free video/discussion series with Peter Scazzero, Ph.D. in Marriage & Family ministry. Series runs 10 weeks beginning April 19. Sponsored by Menlo Park Presbyterian Church's Singles Together (age 50+). 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, 550 Glenwood Ave., Menlo Park. mppc.org

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MENLO PARK **2BR | 1BA**
GREAT OPPORTUNITY **\$899,000**
 Las Lomitas Schools. 5-year roof, HW floors throughout. Upgraded kitchen & bathroom. Garage conversion into studio or bonus room done with permits.
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MENLO PARK **3BR | 2.5BA**
NEW LISTING! **\$798,000**
 Menlo Park Schools. Great location in Menlo Park, and close to Palo Alto too. This is a lot of home for the money...LR, Huge FR, 2-FR, 2-CG, 7,800 lot & 2,000+ sf. home!
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ATHERTON

EXTENSIVELY REMODELED **\$7,395,000**
 4 BR 4 BA Located on a sunny knoll w/high ceilings & a light-filled contemp. design, completed with a New England flair. Sep guesthse, swimming pool & BBQ area.
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TRADITIONAL NEW ENGLAND **\$6,850,000**
 6 BR 7 BA 2005 Construction. Quality craftsmanship with amazing detail and design. Large basement with home theater. Chef's kitchen & luxurious master suite.
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STUNNING PRIME LOCATION **\$3,950,000**
 4 BR 3 BA Gorgeous 1.16 acre property in prime cul-de-sac location. Property has mature trees & a sparkling pool. Award-winning Las Lomitas Schools.
Keri Nicholas **650.323.7751**

ONE ACRE IN WEST ATHERTON **\$3,650,000**
 5 BR 3.5 BA Ranch-Style home on gorgeous lot. Las Lomitas schools. Great for remodel or rebuild. Backyard has large patio, pool and pool house.
Pat Jordan **650.325.6161**

BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED! **\$3,588,000**
 4 BR 3.5 BA Traditional home in Maple Manor with gourmet kitchen and hardwood floors. Patio area with outdoor fireplace overlooking lovely landscaped yard.
Nathalie de Saint Andrieu **650.324.4456**

NEW PRICE! **\$3,450,000**
 4 BR 3.5 BA Exquisite garden setting w/spectacular back yard. Lovely updated ranch hm w/ 1BR/1BA guest hse, pool, spa & cabana. Fabulous kitchen-cherry cabinets.
Lyn Jason Cobb **650.324.4456**

LOVELY LINDENWOOD RANCHER **\$3,400,000**
 4 BR 3 BA Extensively remodeled. Very large master suite. Pool. Nearly 1 acre lot with trees. Lovely setting
Nancy Goldcamp **650.325.6161**

GORGEOUS REMODELED HOME **\$3,195,000**
 5 BR 4 BA Elegant LR w/fireplace, formal dining room, gourmet eat-in kit, spacious family room, exquisite master suite, lovely backyard w/pool and sport court
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RANCH STYLE APPEAL **\$2,795,000**
 5 BR 4 full BA + 2 half Renovated kitchen with skylight. Moldings, wood floors. Pool house with two bedrooms plus hobby room. Cul-de-sac. Excellent schools.
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ATHERTON ARTIST RETREAT **\$1,995,000**
 4 BR 3 BA Gourmet kitchen. Many rooms open to gardens and patios. Oak floors, fireplace, designer touches. Separate professional art studio. Pool.
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MENLO PARK

PRIME MENLO PARK HOME **\$3,250,000**
 6 BR 4 BA Updated two story home with partial basement. Two master bedrooms suites, main level bedroom on private lot, convenient to town & Mp Schools.
Tom LeMieux **650.323.7751**

PRICED REDUCED! **\$2,950,000**
 5 BR 4.5 BA Spacious and elegant executive home in prime West Menlo Park.
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ATTN TO QUALITY & DETAIL! **\$2,895,000**
 5 BR 4 BA Three levels. Soaring coffered ceilings, library, chef's kitchen adjoins family room, sauna, game and media rooms. Walk to desirable Encinal school!
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THE BEST OF WEST MENLO! **\$2,849,500**
 5 BR 3.5 BA Custom home in the heart of W. Menlo. Features include: formal LR/DR w/FP, gourmet eat-in kitchen, large FR w/FP, master suite, spa & much more!
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 5 BR 3.5 BA Price slashed! Further reduction on largest Vintage Oaks floor plan. Almost 4,000 SF home on huge (18,500 SF) lot with its own park-like setting.
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ALLURING VINTAGE OAKS **\$2,450,000**
 4 BR 3 BA A Vintage Oaks Treasure! Beautiful and spacious home with swimming pool, spa, and BBQ patio...an escape from today's busy lifestyle!
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TWO-STORY TRADITIONAL **\$2,095,000**
 4 BR 3 BA Remodeled home w/ lg mstr suite, home office & hdwd flrs throughout. Apprx 2,950 sf hm on a 10,000 sf lot. Oak Knoll Elem Schl. Close to town center.
Steven Lessard **650.851.2666**

ELEGANT WEST MENLO **\$1,995,000**
 4 BR 2.5 BA West Menlo Ranch, Hardwood Floors, Cathedral Ceilings, Fireplace, Remodeled Kitchen, Master Suite W/Sky Lit Bath, Level Rear Lawn, Menlo Park Schools.
Tom LeMieux **650.323.7751**

NEW LISTING **\$1,963,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Exceptional home w/character + full 1BR/1BA guest house. Gourmet kitchen, HW floors. Lovely lg landscaped yard. Located near downtown PA, MP schools.
Nathalie de Saint Andrieu **650.324.4456**

VIEWTIFUL SHARON HEIGHTS **\$1,949,000**
 5 BR 3.5 BA Room for everyone! Oak Floors, 2 fireplaces. Formal DR, FR, Very lg. master ste w/study. 2nd master ste. Big 2-level yard. Lg. garage. Views.
Nancy Goldcamp **650.325.6161**

EXCEPTIONAL SHARON HTS! **\$1,925,000**
 4 BR 2.5 BA Exceptional Sharon Heights Home With Fabulous Master Bedroom Suite Addition By Douglass Co. Great Floor Plan, Privacy & Las Lomitas Schools.
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GORGEOUS TWO-STORY HOME **\$1,895,000**
 4 BR 2.5 BA Elegant L/R W/Fireplace, Formal D/R, Spacious Gourmet Kit. Leads To Family Room. Exquisite Master Suite W/Private Bath. Lovely Landscaped Backyard.
Keri Nicholas **650.323.7751**

UNIQUE RESIDENCE **\$1,699,000**
 3 BR 2 BA The combo LR/DR w/lovely blt-in enter. ctr. FP & FR drs/wndws showcase the patio & lush landscaping. The brdm wing offers 3 spacious brdms & 2 baths.
Margot Lockwood **650.851.2666**

PRIME WILLOWS LOCATION **\$1,495,000**
 4 BR 2 BA Light-filled living room/dining area w/lrg cozy FP. Gourmet kit w/granite counters & SS appliances. Lush landscaped backyard w/hot tub. 2-car garage.
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SERENE AND UPDATED **\$1,450,000**
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UNIVERSITY HTS. CHARMER! **\$1,395,000**
 3 BR 3 BA University Hts. Charmer With High Ceilings And Space! Three Bedroom Suites, Beautiful Kitchen With Island Opens To Eating Area And Family Room!
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DESIRABLE WILLOWS **\$1,369,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Excellent opportunity to own a home in one of Menlo Park's most sought-after locations. Updated kitchen, remodeled baths. Convenient to downtown PA!
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BEAUTIFUL SHARON OAKS **\$1,190,000**
 4 BR 2.5 BA Welcome to this spacious and light Sharon Oaks townhome that feels like a single family home. Convenient location, acclaimed Las Lomitas Schools.
Karen Fryling & Rebecca Johnson **650.323.7751**

TOTALLY UPDATED TOWNHOME **\$1,135,000**
 2 BR 2 BA Completely modernized Sharon Oaks townhome. New granite in kitchen & baths. New flooring, crown moulding & baseboards. Fresh paint. Lovely rear garden
Deanna Tarr **650.324.4456**

STUNNING 1920'S CHARMER **\$1,095,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Lovely hardwood flrs, built-in crown molding, elegant LR w/fireplace, formal DR. Remodeled baths - exquisite master bedroom. Walk to downtown!
Keri Nicholas **650.323.7751**

NEW LISTING! **\$1,095,000**
 4 BR 2 BA Totally remodeled home in desirable West Menlo Park. 2 car garage. 6600+ sq ft. lot. Las Lomitas Schools!
Cristina Bliss **650.324.4456**

PRICE REDUCED! **\$1,060,000**
 3 BR 2.5 BA Extra large LR & sep DR all new kitchen w/granite counters. Extra large double oven. Lots of light. Dramatic entry. Looks like SFR.
Deanna Tarr **650.324.4456**

GREAT WILLOWS LOCATION! **\$950,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Newly refinished hardwood floors & fresh paint throughout area a few of the inviting features of this lovely home situated on a tree-lined street.
Janet Cross **650.324.4456**

PINE COURT **\$839,000-939,000**
 2 BR 1.5 BA Newly converted Condo Development of 6 large two story units each with a 1 car garage and private fenced yard.
Scott Dancer **650.851.2666**

UPDATED HOME-DOWNTOWN MP **\$899,000**
 3 BR 2.5 BA Granite counters, Shaker cabinets, high ceilings, gated driveway for complete perimeter fencing, new lawn, 1/2 BA for guests. MP schools!
John Nelson **650.324.4456**

LAS LOMITAS SCHOOLS **\$849,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Great cul-de-sac lot: 7800 SF (lane not incl). New paint in/out, new flooring, good floor plan. Expansive backyard. Near shops and transportation.
Jackie Coppel **650.324.4456**

GREAT WILLOWS STARTR HOME **\$849,000**
 2 BR 1 BA Charming home with open, spacious feel. Warm hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, & bonus/sun room. Large yard with deck for summer entertaining.
Lynne Mercer **650.325.6161**

GREAT NEW PRICE! **\$829,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Beautifully expanded and remodeled over past 9 years! Beautifully maintained! Wonderful street appearance and lovely corner landscaping. Gleaming HW!
Steve Bellumori **650.324.4456**

GREAT NEW PRICE! **\$515,000**
 2 BR 2 BA Quiet location with garden views. Expanded unit. Master bedroom with sitting area. Fresh paint. Light & bright unit. Age restrictions.
Sue Crawford **650.324.4456**

MENLO PARK

UPDATED CONDO MENLO PARK **\$425,000**
 1 BR 1 BA Vw Of Pool/Garden New Paint/Carpet New W/D Menlo Commons Incl Pool/Spa Rec Rm, Exercise Rm, Close To Shops/Stanford/Transportation Easy Access 280 55+
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MOUNTAIN VEIW

PANORAMIC VIEWS **\$6,650,000**
 4 BR 3 BA In the heart of PV, approx 9.4 acres. Amazing setting w/Bay, Windy Hill & Southern hill views with 4 bed, 3 bath home, Palo Alto schools.
Celeste Henzel **650.851.1961**

PALO ALTO

SPACIOUS HME PLUS COTTAGE **\$1,895,000**
 4 BR 3 BA Beautiful Midtown Home On Approx 10750 SQFT Lot & 2BR 1.5BA Cottage. Lots Of Windows Hardwood Floors. 2 Master Suites, Family Kitchen. Formal Dining.
Ken Morgan & Arlene Gault **650.323.7751**

QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP **\$5,900,000**
 4 BR 4 BA Unique custom home on approx 1.8 acs. Additional historic structure w/guest apt, office & game room. Total 6-car garage, sunny yard & hill views.
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STUNNING VIEWS! **\$4,400,000**
 Unique Parcel, Prime 4 1/2 + acres w/unobstructed views of Windy Hill, awaits world class estate. Water, sewer & utilities on site.
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh **650.851.1961**

COUNTRY CHARM **\$4,200,000**
 4 BR 3 full BA + 2 half English-style estate set on approx. 1.7 ac. Exquisite finishes throughout & barn with full equestrian facilities for 3 horses with an arena + an office.
Judy Byrnes **650.851.2666**

MID-CENTURY MODERN **\$3,495,000**
 2 BR 3 BA Stunning views, separate studio with BA & office-extensive horse facilities on approx. 2.9 very usable acres in central PV.
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh **650.851.1961**

EXCEPTIONAL VIEWS **\$2,995,000**
 3 BR 3 BA Spacious main house w/stunning views, plus separate 2BR/2BA residence offer great flexibility for living, working & entertaining on approx. 2 3/4 ac.
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh **650.851.1961**

UPDATED WITH VIEWS **\$1,497,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Pristine condition w/views toward Stanford Hills on cul-de-sac setting! Updated kitch, hrwd flrs, beam ceilings, sep FR., Las Lomitas Schools
Celeste Henzel **650.851.1961**

STYLISH CONTEMPORARY! **\$1,195,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Tasteful remodel w/granite kitch, tiled baths, hdwd flrs, lg dining/fam rm off kitch, spacious MB. Sunny yd, patio & deck. Less than 5 mins to Hwy 280!
Celeste Henzel **650.851.1961**

GENTLY SLOPING LOT **\$399,000**
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as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/30/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-180982, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California. Executed by: STEVEN MANUMA, 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# 060-144-150-4 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 638 18TH 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 \$668,989.44 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: 3/19/2009 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 For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 P542335

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Loan: 2004446635 Other: 3747414 TS#: 08-75604 A.P.N. 062-103-150-9 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/25/2007, 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. Notice is hereby given that the real property for which the address is purported to be: 1254 Carlton Avenue Menlo Park, CA 94025-1502 Assessor's Parcel Number: 062-103-150-9 will be sold at public auction at At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA on 4/15/2009, at 12:30PM to the highest bidder, payable at the time of sale, for cash or 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 California. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness evidenced by said Deed, executed by Luis E. Garcia, a single man as trustor, recorded on 07/03/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-100501, in Book No. , page , of the Official records of San Mateo County, California. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$567,912.18. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorse as a matter of right. Dated: 3/17/2009 Five Star Service Corporation, as said Trustee C/o its agent Pite Duncan, LLP 525 East Main Street El Cajon, CA 92022-2289 For Sales Information Call: (714) 573-1965 By: Shannon Munro Declaration of Due Diligence CA Civil Code Section 2923.5 (c) I, the undersigned, am an officer of CitiMortgage, Inc., servicing agent

for the beneficiary of a Deed of Trust encumbering real property located at 1254 Carlton Avenue Menlo Park, CA 940251502 executed by Luis E. Garcia as grantor/mortgagor(s) and borrower(s), and I declare as follows in support of the filing of the Notice of Sale: 1. A Notice of Default pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2924 was filed prior to September 6, 2008 and a Notice of Rescission of said Notice of Default has not been filed 2. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(c), as a prerequisite to the filing of a Notice of Sale under California Civil Code Section 2924(f): [] CitiMortgage, Inc., has contacted the borrower to assess the borrower's financial situation and to explore options for the borrower to avoid foreclosure. [X] CitiMortgage, Inc., has attempted without success to contact the borrower as follows: [] The borrower has surrendered the property as evidenced by either a letter confirming the surrender or delivery of the keys to the property. [] The Borrower has contracted with an organization, person, or entity whose primary business is advising people who have decided to leave their homes on how to extend the foreclosure process and avoid their contractual obligations to mortgagees or beneficiaries. [] The borrower has filed for bankruptcy, and the proceedings have not been finalized. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on March 17, 2009, at O'Fallon, MO. By: Tamra Williams Name: Tamra Williams Title: Assistant Vice President P548334.

The Almanac 3/25, 4/1, 04/08/2009

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No. CIV480568 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CAROL and CHRISTOPHER THOMSEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: WILLIAM SCOTT THOMSEN to WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER THOMSEN. 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: April 29, 2009, 9:00 a.m., 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: March 24, 2009 /s/ Stephen M. Hall JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 2009)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HELEN LOUISE HIGGS Case No. 118712

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of HELEN LOUISE HIGGS, aka HELEN L. HIGGS, aka HELEN HIGGS aka HELEN COLE. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: OBIE COLE in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that OBIE COLE 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 APRIL 28, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 14 Room 8B of the Superior Court of California, San Mateo County, located at 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/ Richard H. Dwigings

425 Sherman Avenue, S. 320 Palo Alto, CA 94306 (650)321-3540 (The Almanac April 1, 8, 15, 2009)

TSG No.: 3743538 TS No.: 20089070803648 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/18/2005. 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 04/28/2009 at 12:30 PM, FIRST AMERICAN LOANSTAR TRUSTEE SERVICES, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 06/23/2008, as Instrument No.2008-072232, in book ,page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of SAN MATEO County, State of CALIFORNIA. Executed by: ALEJANDRO ANDRADE, MARTHA ANDRADE, 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 MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CITY HALL OF RECORDS 401 MARSHALL STREET REDWOOD CITY 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# 063-700-200-7

The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1208 BEECH STREET, EAST PALO ALTO, CA, 94303 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 \$447,559.08. 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 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Authorized Agent FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 619-590-1221 Date: 03/30/2009 FIRST AMERICAN LOANSTAR TRUSTEE SERVICES MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED

MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Requirements of SB1137 have been met pursuant to the Notice of Sale Declaration of record. Authorized Signature: Chet Sconyers 04/08/09, 04/15/09, 04/22/09 R:228108 (The Almanac 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 2009)

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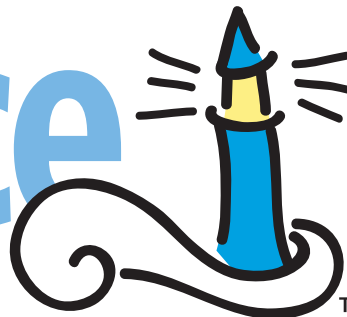
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File No. 231808
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Willows Rampant Farm, 140 Burns Valley Road, Loma Mar, CA 94021, San Mateo County:
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140 Burns Valley Rd.
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JEDIDIAH BAIN WORMHOUDT
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(Almanac March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2009)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 231706
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as, Sports Authority, 1775 East Bayshore Rd., East Palo Alto, CA 94303, mail address, 1050 W. Hampden Ave.,

Attn. Tax Dept., Englewood, CO 80110: TSA STORES, INC.
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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 03/27/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 25, 2009.
(Almanac March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2009)

CYBERTARY SAN MATEO MOMTONOMY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 232034
The following person(persons) is (are) doing business as, 1.) Cybertary San Mateo, 2.) Momtonomy, 904 Chevy St., Belmont, CA 94002, San Mateo County, mailing address, 1024 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Suite 120, Belmont, CA 94002:
VICTORIA ANNE SANDERS
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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 March 13, 2009.
(The Almanac 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 2009)

FLORES GARDENING SERVICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 232036
The following person(persons) is (are) doing business as, Flores Gardening Service, 696 Second Av., Redwood City, CA 94063:
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696 2nd. Av.
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This business is being conducted by an individual.
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File No. 232072
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 16, 2009.
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FLEA STREET CAFE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 232047
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as, Flea Street Cafe, 3607 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Menlo Park, CA 94024:
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 16, 2009.
(The Almanac 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 2009)

STRIVE FITNESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 232164
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Strive Fitness, 605 Cambridge Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County:
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Menlo Park, CA 94025
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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 3-01-09.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 20, 2009.
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MARYKNOLL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 232085
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Maryknoll Alumnae Association of California, 1335 Garden Lane, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County:
MARYKNOLL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 17, 2009.
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2009)
AT THE VERY LEASH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 232025
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, At the Very Leash, 311 San Carlos Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County:
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311 San Carlos Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061
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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
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997 All Other Legals

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