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The landed gentry confronts the peasantry

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Approaching home in his car in the dark, the reporter noticed a woman walking a large dog. It was on a leash, but she apparently liked to let it go where it would, and so after the reporter parked in his usual spot, she let the dog stand four-square on the reporter's driveway, watching menacingly while the reporter emerged from his car.

It's my driveway, the reporter thought, it's dark, the dog is presumably still on its leash. Why doesn't she bother moving it along?

"Would you get your dog off my driveway?" he asked, irritated.

"It's not your driveway," the woman replied. "You're a renter!"

Bad timing award

And the trophy goes to ... the Alameda de las Pulgas landlord who chose the busy lunch hour on Friday, July 24, to have a tree chopped down. Just a couple of feet away from the doomed magnolia tree is the patio dining area of the Plantation Deli Cafe. Naturally, the patio was full of people attempting to enjoy lunch when suddenly the ear-splitting whirr of a chainsaw filled the air.

Riding in style

Atherton resident Willie Mays flew to the recent All-Star Game in good company — he got a ride with President Barack Obama from Michigan to St. Louis. Mr. Mays, a Hall-of-Fame center fielder, told reporters on the flight that he was so proud when Mr. Obama was elected president, he "cried for most of the night."

A photo of the two men stepping off Air Force One reveals that Mr. Mays topped his dapper-looking suit with a San Francisco Giants baseball cap.

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Gym project cleared for construction

By Sean Howell
Almanac Staff Writer

After two-plus months of debate and acrimony over a project to build a new gymnasium in Menlo Park's Civic Center complex, the proposed design plans for the gym sailed through the City Council with relative ease.

The council approved design plans by a 4-0 vote at its July 21 meeting, with Councilman Andy Cohen abstaining.

Funded jointly through a bond measure and by donor John Arrillaga, the gym will

front on Alma Street, with the recreation center, the skate park, and the parking lot adjacent to the library surrounding it.

The proposal had hummed through the city bureaucracy with little fanfare until members of the Friends of the Library foundation got wind of the plan to build the 50-foot-tall, 25,700-square-foot gym across the parking lot from the library, on a grassy plot of land off Alma Street. Members of the foundation and other library patrons worried that increased traffic and a packed parking lot would

discourage people from visiting the library.

After the outcry, city management met with library supporters, and rushed to schedule a meeting with the city's volunteer Library Commission. The commission voted to defer to the Planning Commission and City Council on parking and traffic issues.

The project narrowly cleared the Planning Commission on June 29 in a 4-3 vote, with commission members questioning the size of the facility, its architecture, and the adequacy of

nearby parking.

Residents and city officials expressed gratitude for Mr. Arrillaga's donation: He has agreed to pay for all direct construction costs over \$5 million, including installing solar panels on the roof of the facility.

But to Councilman Cohen and several members of the Planning Commission, the fear that Mr. Arrillaga would withdraw the donation if city officials quibbled with the design

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Photo by James Tensuan

Middle college student Melissa Sandoval reads at the Redwood City Library.

The draw of middle college

This alternative to a traditional high school has much appeal for many students

By Amanda Young
Special to The Almanac

Traditional high school was not the right fit for Melissa Sandoval.

"In freshman year, I did OK, but I got away with a lot of stuff," Melissa says. "Then in sophomore year, I just stopped trying and got Ds. I was completely bored, and felt that there was nothing gained from going to school."

When one of Melissa's teachers at Woodside High School noticed her falling grades, she recommended she apply to Canada

Middle College, a program conducted on the community college campus in Woodside.

Melissa attended middle college for her junior and senior years of high school.

"I don't think I would've graduated from high school without middle college because I would've been so bored and miserable," she says.

Melissa's story represents one of many reasons students enroll in middle college, an alternative to traditional high school for juniors

and seniors, where students fulfill the graduation requirements of the Sequoia Union High School District by completing high school courses while also taking college classes.

Some students want a challenge or need more guidance while others do not enjoy the social cliques and events associated with high school.

"We look for students with a lot of potential but who maybe aren't reaching that potential in a normal high school setting," says Jen Buchanan, an English teacher and one of three administrators

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Everest lawsuit says offer by Sequoia illegal

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Everest charter high school has followed through on its threat and sued the Sequoia Union High School District, claiming that the district's offer of facilities in East Palo Alto is illegal and that the district should pay damages.

In a 27-page civil complaint filed July 24, Everest alleges, in part, that the district violated state law by not offering facilities that are more like what students enjoy at Menlo-Atherton and Sequoia high schools.

The district's offer consists of six portable buildings — four classrooms and two for administration — on a residential parcel in East Palo Alto at the district's southern end. A nearby YMCA could offer physical activities, while amenities such as hot lunches and a full library would be available three miles away at Menlo-Atherton High School.

Everest officials rejected that offer in April, having asked for space on the Sequoia High campus in Redwood City, a more central location. The district refused, claiming that such accommodation would hurt the school's program for students learning English.

The lawsuit seeks "reasonably equivalent and contiguous" facilities, an injunction forbidding district actions "inconsistent" with that obligation, damages "in excess of \$25,000" to fully compensate the school for expenses associated with arranging commercial quarters, and damages reflecting the differ-

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Everest files lawsuit against district

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ence between what Everest students will experience and what they would have enjoyed in "compliant" facilities.

Everest's first freshman class is scheduled to begin school on Monday, Aug. 24, in an 18,000-square-foot space in an office building the school has leased at 305 Main St. in Redwood City.

"If the district is confident that the (East Palo Alto) offer complies with the law, then there will obviously be no damages awarded," Everest co-founder Diane Tavenner said in an e-mail. "However, if Everest prevails, as we are confident it will, it is highly likely that damages will be awarded because Everest has suffered as a result of the district's illegal acts."

The district office is closed on Mondays and Fridays this month. Calls to Superintendent Pat Gemma on his cell phone were not returned by press time.

New home

The Sequoia district is proceeding with installing the portable buildings in East Palo Alto despite Everest's official rejection.

Since April, Everest had been working toward obtaining a use permit for an office building on a former industrial site at 955 Charter St. in Redwood City. A staff report had noted residual toxic contamination on and near the site, but environmental officials had pronounced the site safe.

Citing the contamination and claiming that the district could end

up paying the costs of the Charter Street site, Mr. Gemma wrote to the city Planning Department of his concern for student safety and potential liability, and asked for "due diligence." A public hearing, and a chance to challenge the permit, was ahead.

With Everest's July 20 surprise announcement that it had chosen the Main Street site — seen as a maneuver to counter the Sequoia district's involvement in the use permit process — the Charter Street site was abandoned, as was the need for a permit and hearing. Everest exercised its right as a public school to exempt the new site from zoning requirements, Ms. Tavenner said.

The district has hired outside counsel to analyze whether charters can exempt themselves, and will be sending the city another letter, Sequoia district counsel John Beiers said in an e-mail.

"Everest is not the district's responsibility," Ms. Tavenner said, noting that its charter is from the state Board of Education and that Everest has already rejected the district's legally required facilities offer.

The district disagrees. "Our focus remains firmly fixed on the success of all students and responsible stewardship of community resources," Mr. Gemma said in a recent letter to The Almanac, calling Everest's move an "end run around regulators and local taxpayers."

Everest will receive about \$6,700 per student from the district's operating budget. Comprehensive high schools such as M-A and Woodside receive about \$11,500 per student,

an amount that should rise with the departure of students for charter schools.

Status quo sacrosanct?

Public records show classroom space available on the Sequoia High campus, Everest officials say. But assigning Everest that space "would actually cause us to collapse the English Language Development program," Assistant Superintendent James Lianides said at an April district board meeting.

Do charter schools have prerogatives in requesting space in public schools?

In the complaint, Everest attorney Paul Minney cited a 2005 case in which the state court of appeals "recognized the obligation of a school district to do more than simply look for empty space on its campuses" for charter schools.

"The regulations contemplate that some disruption and dislocation of the students and programs in the district may be necessary," the court said, including "some, if not considerable, disruption and dislocation among the district's students, staff and programs."

That case "is so extreme and so unlike our situation" in that it involved five facilities separated by a total of 65 miles, said Mr. Beiers, Sequoia's counsel.

Everest's "true intent," he added, "is not to be anywhere in East Palo Alto no matter how qualified the site is (and) not to share one of the district's comprehensive campuses but to simply get the district to pay for a stand-alone site in Redwood City." ■

M-A's theater to open in October

There's no furniture in it yet and the insides are still "very dusty," but Menlo-Atherton High School's new performing arts center at the corner of Ravenswood Avenue and Middlefield Road is complete, Principal Matthew Zito said in an e-mail.

The grand opening for the 490-seat, \$32 million theater is set for

the second weekend in October, with a Sunday, Oct. 11, concert for the public by the local chamber music ensemble Music@Menlo, Mr. Zito said. The Friday and Saturday events on Oct. 9 and 10 will be school-related, he said.

The theater's acoustics, which Music@Menlo will be testing soon,

according to Mr. Zito, are the work of Akustiks LLC's Paul Scarbrough, the principal designer and project manager for a \$36 million renovation of the Cleveland Orchestra's Severance Hall.

If the grounds around the theater look unfinished, that's because they are. Work on new landscaping is scheduled for August, Mr. Zito said.



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SLAC vandalism triggers FBI investigation, security review

■ FBI, San Mateo County officials probe weekend incident, which ruined 3,500 protein samples.

By Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto Weekly

An act of vandalism at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory over the July 18-19 weekend that left thousands of protein samples thawing to their destruction has prompted an FBI investigation.

Rob Brown, the Menlo Park laboratory's communications director, said about 3,500 samples were destroyed when someone removed them from their liquid-nitrogen storage units and left them thawing on the counter. The ruined samples were submitted to the laboratory by the Joint Center for Structural Genomics, a federally funded research institute based in San Diego County. Mr. Brown estimated the loss to be greater than \$500,000.

Lab officials discovered the vandalism Monday morning, July 20, when SLAC employees arrived at work, he said. The vandals also left Post-It notes on the counter, but Mr. Brown couldn't say what, if anything, was written

on the notes.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation at the scene before handing it off to the FBI, said Detective Sgt. Lisa Gibbons of the Sheriff's Office.

"It's not your garden-variety vandalism case," she said.

A spokesperson from the FBI's San Francisco office declined to comment on the investigation.

Mr. Brown said the laboratory has "many thousands" of frozen specimens in its Menlo Park facility. The ruined samples, he said, represent a very small fraction of the laboratory's collection.

The laboratory is home to the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource (SSRL), which uses intense beams of X-ray radiation to examine materials on a molecular level. The machine — which resembles a ring with booths around it — attracts a wide variety of visitors and researchers, Mr. Brown said.

"This SSRL is really used by

people from all over the world," he said. "They don't just come here to study the samples, they also submit samples to us."

The protein samples are stored in tiny, teardrop-shaped containers with a tail end. A robot picks up each sample by the long end and transfers it to the light beam for examination, he said. These containers are stored in cassettes, with each cassette containing about 100 samples.

Investigators were reviewing their laboratory's logs earlier this week to find who visited the laboratory over the weekend, Mr. Brown said. He said authorities are trying to determine whether the vandal was someone within the laboratory or a visitor. He said it didn't appear that anything was taken from the laboratory.

The Sand Hill Road facility already has two gateways a visitor must pass through, as well as additional security inside the building. But the incident has prompted a fresh look at the laboratory's security protocols.

"Overall security is something we're looking at now," Mr. Brown said. ■

Draw of middle college

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at Canada Middle College. "We want to attract kids who have that intrinsic intellectual curiosity, but who are bored or who don't want to do the normal busy work in a normal high school."

About 100 students are enrolled in the Canada program for the fall, up from around 85 last year. Canada's is one of 13 state-funded middle colleges in California.

No tuition

As the recession continues and universities raise tuition fees and cut back enrollment, middle college looks especially attractive to students because of its free tuition for those taking 11 or fewer college units.

"I don't think my parents would have been so on-board about middle college if I had to pay for it," Melissa says.

Mitch Roman, a history teacher and one of the middle college administrators, says the school is "extremely committed to free education."

However, tuition-free schooling was not the greatest benefit for Melissa, she says. Middle college

helped her regain motivation in school because of the responsibility that it demands of its students, she says.

"I got to choose classes that I was interested in and be in an environment where other students actually wanted to learn," she says. "I liked that middle college gives you a sense of independence, and it was your responsibility to pursue your

'I liked that middle college gives you a sense of independence, and it was your responsibility to pursue your schooling.'

MELISSA SANDOVAL

schooling."

While Ms. Buchanan acknowledges that independence, she also points out that students can receive more guidance from middle college teachers because there are fewer students than at a typical public high school.

"We've interviewed every single student and their parents, working with them to create their high school and college schedules," Ms. Buchanan says. "Because we're also their guidance counselors and administrators, we know the students very personally." ■

Exploring paths

Middle college can help students explore education and career paths. Alison Green, a middle college graduate this year, says middle college helped her decide the major she would pursue at Lewis & Clark University, which she will attend in the fall.

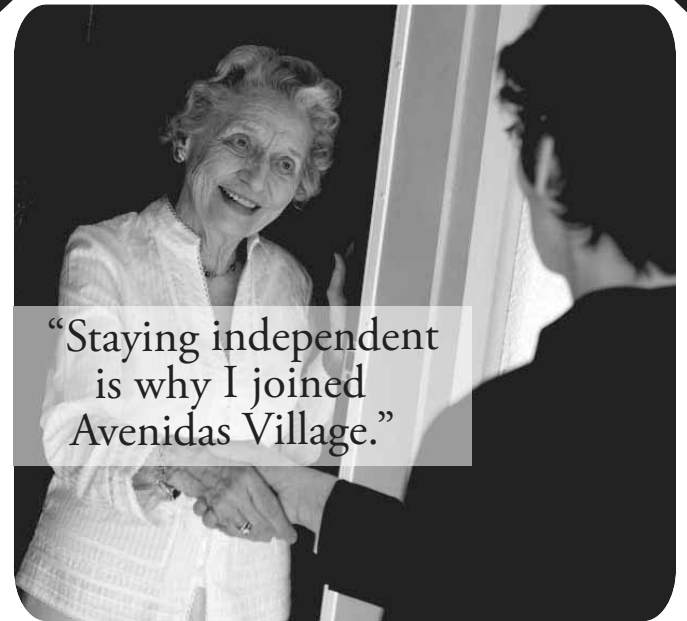
"For a while, I thought I wanted to major in psychology," she says. "Then I took an anthropology course at Canada [College] and realized that's what I truly loved. Without middle college, it would've taken me a much longer time to figure that out."

Because middle college students enroll in college classes, they accumulate college credits. Many students, such as Melissa, can graduate from college early.

"Essentially, I have about a year and a half or two years of college done," Melissa says. "I'll probably be at college for no more than two years."

Melissa plans to attend San Francisco City College in the fall, then graduate from either San Francisco State University or a University of California school.

"At Canada [College], I got a taste of a lot of different subjects," Melissa says. "It helped me experiment, and now I just want to narrow down my interests." ■



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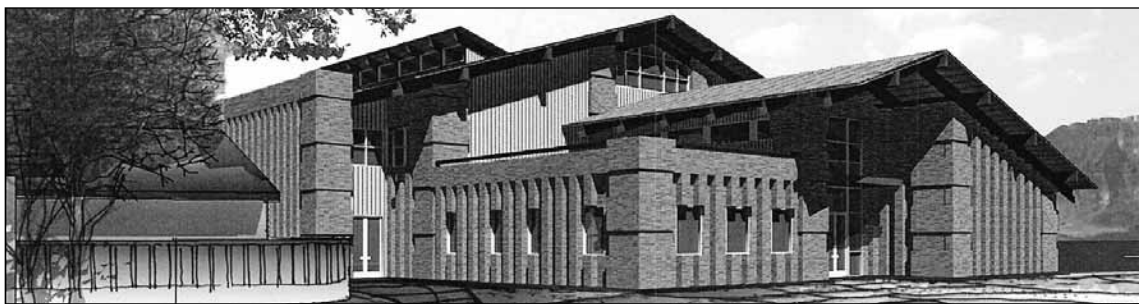
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Architectural rendering of the planned new gym, viewed from the existing Recreation Center.

What's LEED worth?

By Sean Howell

Almanac Staff Writer

What's it worth to have a building certified by the U.S. Green Building Council, the nonprofit group that sets the "LEED" green building standards?

About \$250,000, according to a majority of Menlo Park City Council members. The council voted 3-1 at its July 21 meeting to complete the documentation necessary to obtain LEED Silver certification for a new gymnasium in the Civic Center complex. Councilman John Boyle dissented in the vote, with Councilman Andy Cohen abstaining.

Going through the LEED process would not have any bearing on the materials or methods used to construct the gym, according to city management. So what's the purpose of getting it certified?

The council members who voted in favor of seeking certification — Kelly Fergusson, Rich Cline and Heyward Robinson — cited two reasons.

The first relates to economics. By obtaining the certification, the city would ensure that the facility is as energy-efficient as planned. That's an important consideration, because Menlo Park will be paying operating costs over the gym's estimated 50-year life, Ms. Fergusson noted.

The second reason has more to do with fairness: If the city doesn't go through the LEED process, how can it expect private developers to do so?

Councilman Boyle said the city could put the money toward better

use, arguing that it is using bond money designated for parks and recreation facilities to buy "paperwork."

Menlo Park isn't the only local jurisdiction grappling with the LEED process. Portola Valley doesn't expect its new Town Center, completed in September 2008, to be certified until August. Councilman Richard Merk said he heard one "expert" describe certification as costing \$100,000, and another describe it as costing over \$1 million. The town isn't tracking the cost, but Mr. Merk suspects it's closer to the \$1 million end of the spectrum.

Menlo Park has not yet adopted a policy on LEED certification. But two neighboring jurisdictions, Palo Alto and Stanford University, have found ways to promote green building techniques without tying themselves to the demanding LEED certification process.

Palo Alto's policy requires all new city buildings over 5,000 square feet to meet LEED Silver certification. But the City Council can hire an independent consultant to verify LEED compliance without actually obtaining a certificate, spending the money left over "to enhance the green building features of the project."

Stanford has created its own set of guidelines, specifically calibrated to educational facilities. It modifies them periodically, to line up with "current best practices," according to the university's Web site.

— Dave Boyce contributed to this report.

Gym project gets OK

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plan clouded the approval process. City management wouldn't speculate on whether a major modification of Mr. Arrillaga's design plans would have scuttled the donation, but management staff also refuted the allegation that the donor's involvement complicated the design process. In some ways, said Public Works Director Kent Steffens, Mr. Arrillaga's involvement helped to streamline and simplify that process.

Some residents who spoke at the meeting questioned the size of the facility and the decision to build two basketball courts, rather than allowing for other fitness-related uses. Some also said the city had rushed to put plans for the gym in place, overlooking important considerations.

Others noted that the city had been planning for a new gymnasium since the 2001 passage of the Measure T bond measure for parks and recreation facilities. They said a larger facility is sorely needed to accommodate the city's various youth- and adult-league basketball and volleyball teams.

The new gym will be 8,300 square feet larger than the existing gymnasium, which also houses gymnastics facilities. ■

The electrical system has not yet been planned, but the city plans to hire a design consultant with an eye toward incorporating energy-efficient methods.

Plans for the solar panels have not yet been hashed out in detail, but donor John Arrillaga agreed to pay for the panels when the city requested them, according to Public Works Director Kent Steffens.

Mr. Cohen abstained in the vote, saying little during the July 21 meeting to explain his position. "I hope I'm wrong, but at this point, after all the things I've heard and seen tonight, I am not going to be able to support this," he said. He clicked off his microphone and remained silent

For some, gym decision pits athletes v. readers

By Sean Howell

Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park's decision to place a new gymnasium near the library in the Civic Center complex has set up an opposition reminiscent of grade school, pitting library users against gym users, readers against athletes.

It appears that the idea that the gym would have any impact the library's function wasn't immediately obvious to anyone: city management, the steering committee that evaluated possible sites, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission, the City Council.

But members of the city-appointed Library Commission and the Friends of the Library foundation were surprised to learn recently that the city was planning to build a 50-foot-high gym, fronting on a parking lot opposite the library. They feared that the additional traffic would dissuade people from using the library, especially seniors and young children.

Tim Goode, who emerged as the library community's leading spokesman, had a tough time reconciling his advocacy for the library with his support of the bond measure that will help fund the gym. An avid recreational basketball player, Mr. Goode said he fully supported the gym, but not at the

expense of the library.

"Every time I see the entrance (to the gym) facing the library, I cringe," he said at the council's July 21 meeting. He said the library community never had a chance to weigh in on design plans. "We're talking about a (lack of) recognition of what the library does, of the mission of the library," he said.

The city agreed to add parking spaces to the lot that fronts on both the gym and the library, and to remove employee and city vehicles from the lot.

But it rejected calls for underground parking, and dismissed a proposal to shift the major entrance and drop-off area to the side of the gym that faces away from the library. Both proposals would have been too costly, city management said.

"The extra parking has not addressed what the library's been saying over and over again," Mr. Goode said. "It is not about parking spaces, it is about the congestion caused by people coming in to the same place, at the same time."

At the council meeting, Councilwoman Kelly Fergusson said the tweaks made to the project were a sign that the city was working to address residents' concerns.

But to Mr. Goode, the city's reluctance to make substantial modifications indicated that the project was already a "done deal." ■

New gym: By the numbers

25,700: The maximum floor area, measured in square feet, that a new gymnasium in Menlo Park's Civic Center complex will occupy. If the city decides to build a new gymnastics center in the Civic Center complex, the two facilities combined could occupy 49,600 square feet, eclipsing the 17,400 square feet of the existing gym and gymnastics building.

2: The number of high-school-sized basketball courts in the gym, in addition to a lobby and locker room.

236: The number of sports teams that will use the gym, according to a consultant. That includes 126 youth basketball teams, 56 girls volleyball teams, and 54 adult basketball teams. Most of the youth basketball and volleyball teams come from schools in Menlo Park, and about half the adult basketball players live in the city, according to Marc Nuckolls, the city's director of youth and adult sports.

5 million: Construction costs, in dollars, that Menlo Park is on the hook for in building the gym. Palo Alto donor John Arrillaga

will cover the remainder of the costs (an early estimate pegged the total price at \$14 million). That does not include approximately \$2.3 million the city expects to spend in studies, planning fees, and environmental certification.

133: The maximum number of parking spaces that will be available in the lot nearest the gym, library and recreation center, following construction of the gym.

98: The number of parking spaces gym users will require during peak weekday hours, according to a consultant.

32: The number of parking spaces available in that lot during peak hours on a recent school day, according to the consultant (those peak hours don't necessarily overlap with peak hours for the gym).

21: The number of different types of shrubs, perennials and grasses that will surround the facility. Mr. Arrillaga's contractor will also plant six types of trees, and six types of ground cover.

50: The expected life span of the gym, in years, according to city officials.

How 'green' is it?

With City Council members touting Menlo Park's commitment to environmentally sound practices, how "green" will the city's new gym be?

Green enough for a LEED Silver certification, according to city staff. Solar panels on the roof will

provide power and heat water for the locker room showers. Clerestory windows will let in natural light, and can open during warm weather to allow for better air circulation. And permeable pavers in a revamped patio area will allow rainwater to seep through.

Cohen: standing alone

■ Says colleagues tiptoed around key issues.

By Sean Howell

Almanac Staff Writer

Amid general enthusiasm among City Council members for a project to build a

new gymnasium in Menlo Park's Civic Center complex, Councilman Andy Cohen stood alone in withholding his support for the project.

for the remainder of the discussion.

Later, when Councilwoman Kelly Fergusson asked him to weigh in on whether the city should pursue LEED certification for the facility, Mr. Cohen declined.

In an interview, he said he

didn't vote to approve the project because he's worried that increased traffic congestion associated with the gym could force out users of the nearby library. But he also didn't want to seem ungrateful for the

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Council to consider new parking restrictions for Woodside Road

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

It would be lovely to get around in Woodside in a low-altitude balloon, especially when it comes to parking. You want to deliver your third-grader to school and spend a few minutes with her teacher? You're meeting someone for lunch at Bucks? How much space do you need for a concrete block and a tether?

Yes, well, enough daydreaming. If you're a Woodside Elementary School parent or a patron of downtown shops and restaurants, or a pedestrian or bicyclist for that matter, you've known the frustration of negotiating around the illegally parked vehicles along that half-mile of state Highway 84 (Woodside Road) between Canada and Miramontes roads.

During the school year, at least twice a day, traffic slows or stops and squeezes through aisles of cars parked in the bike lanes. The town government and the California Department of Transportation, it seems, have had enough.

The Town Council, when it met on July 14, sounded willing to adopt a proposal by Public Works Director Paul Nagengast to install no-parking-or-stopping signs on both sides of Woodside Road, with some exceptions for special events and the twice-daily student drop-off

and pick-up.

The council takes up the measure at its July 28 meeting, and it would need the approval of Caltrans, which has proposed a more far-reaching plan: no parking, no stopping, and no exceptions between Canada and Kings Mountain roads. The Woodside proposal is a step back from that.

Under the town's plan, Albion Road, a cross-street near the school where parents often park, would also be off-limits, Mr. Nagengast said. For special events, the town could disable the signs by covering them with bags.

The problem, in essence, is that the area has parking for 358 vehicles and needs parking for 420, according to a consultant's report. The bike lanes are often blocked, forcing cyclists of all ages out into the traffic lane. Students, both on bike and on foot, use the bike lane because there are no sidewalks, and the horse trail on the south side is narrow and can be muddy in winter.

The bike lane in winter also becomes slippery from parked vehicles tracking in mud, said Bob Page, a Woodside Road resident and member of the Bicycle Committee.

Barbara Weinstein, who also lives on Woodside Road, related to the council how tough it is getting out her driveway safely when there are parked vehicles

on either side, and how the roadside can become impassable for pedestrians.

"We'd love to take our grandchildren to the (Woodside) Bakery, but the side of the road is completely full down to Buck's," she said. "They can't walk safely on the right side of the cars, and they can't walk at all on the left side of the cars."

Some on the council wanted to move more slowly. Councilman Dave Tanner suggested introducing the restrictions in stages so as to more closely monitor the impact on parking. Parking is a like balloon, he said. Squeeze it out of one area and it will move to another.

Councilwoman Sue Boynton said the plan needs community buy-in and recommended setting up a task force. "We're a tiny little rural community," she said. "Maybe we need to look at how we create our events."

"While we are a small little community, this is not a small little road," Mr. Nagengast noted. "We may have a solution imposed on us."

For the long term, staff would look into the possibility of more parking in what is now open space behind the mini-mall at the corner of Woodside and Canada roads. Build a two-story parking structure back there, said Mr. Page, an idea that received a second from Mayor Peter Mason and no one else. ■

neighborhoods that wants to be a place of permanent residents? Those are the kind of values that I see being played out here."

Mr. Cohen believes his fellow council members tiptoed around key issues related to parking and traffic, afraid of offending Mr. Arrillaga. Asked why he didn't voice his concerns during the meeting, he said his colleagues weren't interested in hearing dissent.

"To my way of thinking, they're driven by the almighty dollar," he said of his fellow council members. "And when Arrillaga stepped in, they jumped. Staff jumped, the council jumped. ... I know when people aren't listening, and this council isn't listening (to the community). It's not my job to drag them along by the scruff of the neck."

"Frankly, as far as I'm concerned, I'm the only one who takes an even-handed approach to this problem."

"I don't really have any reaction to that," Mayor Heyward

Robinson said. "There's been no case where Andy hasn't had the opportunity, absolutely no case, where he hasn't had an opportunity to run things."

The vote underscored a growing divide between Mr. Cohen and his council colleagues. They have expressed frustration at what they see as his reluctance to engage in debate, and his tendency to position specific issues within a broader moral context.

Mr. Cohen, meanwhile, says he's felt marginalized on the dais since Mr. Robinson assumed the rotating position of mayor from him last December. He thinks he's been branded a "naysayer" in the press on the gym project, and worries that he'll be demonized for his non-vote.

"I don't see a bad guy here, and I'm afraid that that's what I became by my abstention," he said. "People will tell you, 'It'll be forgotten, it went through, you were lucky.' ... But I'm not so sure people forget, when you stand out alone." ■

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generosity of John Arrillaga, who has agreed to pay for construction costs over \$5 million.

"I feel nothing but gratitude for his generosity," he said. "This is not between Arrillaga and me. I think, when I abstained, I was saying, 'I'm resigned to the fact that this council is going along with his plan, rather than considering what is best for the entire city.'" In building the gym, the city is choosing athletes over library users, he said.

"What I saw here, overwhelmingly, was that we had accepted the fact that sports pretty much gets exactly what it wants."

Later in the interview, he portrayed the project as a benchmark in the battle for Menlo Park's future.

"What is Menlo Park?" he asked. "Is it a growing community with a lot more kids coming in? Or is it a stable, village-like community of beautiful neigh-



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County braces for state cuts

By Andrea Gemmet

Almanac Staff Writer

San Mateo County officials are expecting a big hit to property tax revenues as a result of the state budget compromise to bridge California's \$26 billion shortfall.

Supervisor Rich Gordon is not optimistic about the deal struck between Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state legislature to wrest about \$4.7 billion from cities and counties.

"I suspect that this budget will fall apart," he told The Almanac. "There are too many gimmicks in it, lots of pieces to it — if one falls out, other stuff will as well."

The exact hit to San Mateo County is still unknown, but the effects could be profound. Mr. Gordon cites state take-aways of redevelopment agency funds and property tax revenues, as well as funding cuts to health and social service programs administered by the county.

The lion's share of the state's money grab will likely come from property tax revenues. Legal challenges will probably thwart the state's attempt to take redevelopment agency funds, Mr. Gordon said.

At the last minute, Assembly Republicans blocked the proposed diversion of about \$1 billion in gas tax revenues. Gov. Schwarzenegger is expected to make additional line-item budget cuts before he signs the budget bill.

That leaves property tax revenues, which the state can borrow from cities and counties, but must pay back with interest within three years.

The take-away of property tax revenues will probably have to be made up in county program cuts, Mr. Gordon said. The county's general fund reserves probably couldn't absorb a loss of that size, although the exact amount isn't yet known, he said.

"The state is saying: Don't worry, you can go to the bank and borrow money, and show them that we're promising to pay

you back in three years. If I was a banker, I don't think I'd count on a promise from the state of California to pay me back," he said with a wry laugh. "They're going to borrow from us, so that we can borrow from banks!"

Local governments have a better credit rating than the state, because they're better money managers, Mr. Gordon said. San Mateo County made significant cuts, including eliminating 140 employee positions, when the supervisors passed a budget in June.

"There isn't much more we can do except look at what further we can eliminate. There aren't a lot of other choices," he said. "We have to go back and revisit the budget. At the moment, it's impossible to know."

On top of cuts to revenues, the county is also facing unfunded mandates from the state, Mr. Gordon said. One example is a directive to start fingerprinting everyone involved in in-home support services — not only the employees but also the recipients. Who exactly is going to pay for all that additional fingerprinting is unclear, he said.

"It looks like we might get

stuck with it," Mr. Gordon said.

The county provides fingerprinting services for school teachers and the like, but it charges a fee. It's unknown if the county could charge recipients for the fingerprinting — or if that would be a good idea.

"The people receiving the services are already indigent, that's why they're receiving services (from the county)," he said.

"We've worked very hard in San Mateo County to make sure we are fiscally responsible. We haven't overspent, we've used caution, but we are still able to find ways to deliver really good services," Mr. Gordon said. "Now we have to make further cuts. There's too much power centralized in Sacramento, particularly in the pocketbook."

While there is talk of calling a constitutional convention or creating ballot measures to fundamentally change the way the state conducts business, one thing is clear to Mr. Gordon.

"I'm not sure what the method is, but I'm absolutely sure we've got to change the way California is governed," he said. "This is not working."



PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

The Town of Portola Valley is accepting bids for the 2009 Resurfacing Project.

Bids are due to the Public Works Department at Town Hall on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009 by 11:00 a.m. at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked on the outside "2009 Resurfacing Project #2009-PW02". Fax bids or bids received after the designated time will not be accepted. Copies of construction documents are available at the Public Works Department:

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State budget: Less impact on local towns than first feared

■ Towns will keep gas tax, but Menlo Park's redevelopment agency may be in for a hit.

The budget approved by the California Legislature July 24 relies on taking or borrowing money from local towns and cities, but not to the extent initially proposed by state leaders.

In trying to narrow an estimated \$26.3 billion deficit, the state plans to take \$1.7 billion from local redevelopment agencies, and to borrow \$2 billion in property tax revenues from local

jurisdictions.

The bill approved by the state Senate also included a plan to take roughly \$1 billion in gas tax revenues from local governments. But after an outcry from cities and counties over the plan, the state Assembly removed the money grab from its bill. The funds are generally used to repair roads.

The borrowed revenues would have to be paid back within three years. They would amount to about \$981,000 for Menlo Park, \$435,000 for Atherton, \$230,000 from Woodside, and \$200,000 from Portola Valley, according to local officials.

Officials from Woodside and Menlo Park have said their towns plan to lend the money out of their general fund reserves.

Atherton's City Council expects to meet to decide whether the town would make budget cuts to free up the money, or lend it from its reserve, said Louise Ho, Atherton's finance director. Portola Valley also hasn't decided which programs it will lend the money from.

If approved by the governor, the budget would cut \$3.6 million from Menlo Park's redevelopment agency over the next two years, according to Carol Augustine, the city's finance director. The state would not be required pay back the money.

— by Sean Howell, Andrea Gemmet, and Dave Boyce



**STANFORD OUTDOOR SIREN TESTS
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Stanford University will test its newly installed outdoor emergency siren system on **Friday, Aug. 7.** The test, which residents of Menlo Park and Palo Alto may hear, will consist of a warning tone, followed by a verbal message.

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Lawsuit likely over planned redevelopment money grab

By Sean Howell

Almanac Staff Writer

A plan approved by the California Legislature to divert funding from the state's redevelopment agencies will likely be the subject of a lawsuit, according to local officials.

In the budget passed by both houses of the Legislature, the state would take \$1.7 billion from redevelopment agencies. That would cut \$3.6 million from Menlo Park's redevelopment agency over the next two years, according to Carol Augustine, the city's finance director. The state would not be required pay back the money.

Menlo Park's redevelopment district encompasses mostly territory on the east side of the city, including the Belle Haven neighborhood, and part of the nearby "light industrial" area.

The city has not yet decided what cuts it would make to its redevelopment budget, if the state succeeds in taking the money, Ms. Augustine said. Menlo Park's redevelopment agency receives approximately \$12 million in revenue annually, she said.

Under the budget passed by the Legislature, the state would take \$2.9 million from the city's redevelopment revenue in the current fiscal year, and an additional \$710,000 in the following fiscal year, according to Ms. Augustine.

If Gov. Schwarzenegger approves the plan, a court battle would likely follow. In April, the California Redevelopment Association successfully sued to prevent an earlier attempt by the state to take about \$350 million from redevelopment agencies.

"The use of redevelopment funds for non-redevelopment purposes is unconstitutional, and CRA expects it would prevail again in court," the group wrote on its Web site, after state leaders announced the budget proposal.

San Mateo County Supervisor Rich Gordon said in an interview that he thinks a lawsuit against the state's plan to take redevelopment funds would likely succeed.

"Most of us following this are pretty convinced that (taking redevelopment funds) will not fly," he said.

Redevelopment funds are drawn from property taxes within the redevelopment district, and can be used only within that district. The state authorizes counties and cities to form the agencies as a means for addressing blight and economic distress. ■

— Andrea Gemmet contributed to this report.

WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT PRIVATE

GENERAL REGULATION NO. 128

A GENERAL REGULATION AMENDING GENERAL REGULATION NO. 58 "A GENERAL REGULATION ADOPTING CODE OF GENERAL REGULATIONS"

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE District Board of West Bay Sanitary District that General Regulation No. 58, "A General Regulation Adopting Code of General Regulations," passed and approved on November 27, 1982, as heretofore amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 1.

Article IX, Section 900 (03) (A) and (B) are hereby amended in their entirety to read as follows:

(03) Residential Customers Sewer Service Charge.

(A) Residential Customers Rate.

The flat rate sewer service charge for fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for residential customers shall be Five Hundred Ten Dollars and no cents (\$510.00) plus Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per Single Family Residence.

The flat rate sewer service charge for fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for residential customers shall be Six Hundred Fifty Dollars and no cents (\$650.00) per Single Family Residence.

The flat rate sewer service charge for fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for residential customers shall be Six Hundred Ninety Dollars and no cents (\$690.00) per Single Family Residence.

(B) STEP System Residential Customers Rate.

The sewer service charge for residential customers served by a Septic Tank Effluent Pumping System (STEP System) for fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 shall be Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars and no cents (\$714.00) plus Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per Single Family Residence.

The sewer service charge for residential customers served by a Septic Tank Effluent Pumping System (STEP System) for fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 shall be Eight Hundred Fifty Four Dollars and no cents (\$854.00) per Single Family Residence.

The sewer service charge for residential customers served by a Septic Tank Effluent Pumping System (STEP System) for fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 shall be Eight Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and no cents (\$894.00) per Single Family Residence.

Section 2.

Article IX, Section 900 (04) (A), (AB), (AC), (AD), and (D) are hereby amended in their entirety to read as follows:

(04) Non-Residential Customers Sewer Service Charge.

(A) The rates for customers in the non-residential category for fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 shall be computed on the basis of:

(1) A flow rate charge of \$4.307 per hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption in accordance with the formula set forth for non-residential customers, **PROVIDED** that District may make adjustments where it appears to District that water consumption is not a reasonably accurate measure of wastewater discharge.

(2) A biochemical oxygen demand rate of \$0.1945 per pound per hundred cubic feet of water consumption; and,

(3) A suspended solids loading rate of \$0.2444 per pound per hundred cubic feet of water consumption.

(4) A supplemental flow rate charge \$0.4657 per hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption.

(AB) The rates for customers in the non-residential category for fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 shall be computed on the basis of:

(1) A flow rate charge of \$5.606 per hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption in accordance with the formula set forth for non-residential customers, **PROVIDED** that District may make adjustments where it appears to District that water consumption is not a reasonably accurate measure of wastewater discharge.

(2) A biochemical oxygen demand rate of \$0.1945 per pound per hundred cubic feet of water consumption; and,

(3) A suspended solids loading rate of \$0.2444 per pound per hundred cubic feet of water consumption.

(AC) The rates for customers in the non-residential category for fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 shall be computed on the basis of:

(1) A flow rate charge of \$5.976 per hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption in accordance with the formula set forth for non-residential customers, **PROVIDED** that District may make adjustments where it appears to District that water consumption is not a reasonably accurate measure of wastewater discharge.

(2) A biochemical oxygen demand rate of \$0.1945 per pound per hundred cubic feet of water consumption; and,

(3) A suspended solids loading rate of \$0.2444 per pound per hundred cubic feet of water consumption.

(D) STEP System Non-Residential Customer Rate.

The sewer service charge for non-residential customers served by a Septic Tank Effluent Pumping System (STEP System) for fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 shall be Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars and no cents (\$714.00) plus Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) Supplemental Charge for each 220 gallons per day, average annual daily flow rate, discharged to the District's sewer system.

The sewer service charge for non-residential customers served by a Septic Tank Effluent Pumping System (STEP System) for fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 shall be Eight Hundred Fifty Four Dollars and no cents (\$854.00) for each 220 gallons per day, average annual daily flow rate, discharged to the District's sewer system.

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Section 3.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Public Resources Code Sec. 2100 et seq., and the regulations promulgated pursuant to CEQA, the District Board finds that this Regulation establishes rates and/or charges for the purpose of meeting operating expenses of the District, meeting financial reserves needs and requirements of the District, and obtaining funds for capital projects which are necessary to maintain services within existing service areas in the District.

Passed and approved by the District Board of the West Bay Sanitary District on July 15, 2009 by the following vote:

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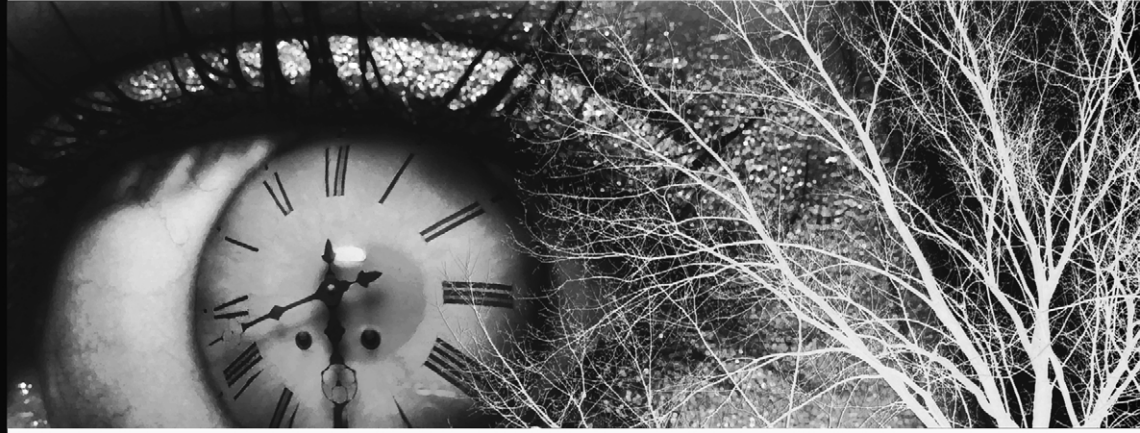
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Solar energy presentation set for Tuesday in PV

Solar energy is all around. The trick is capturing it and making it into something useful. It's easy if you're a flower, but if you're not, the next speaker in Portola Valley's monthly Green Speaker series may be able to help you take advantage of the sunshine around your home.

A free public talk, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Solar Energy But Were Afraid to Ask," is set to begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, in the Community Hall at 765 Portola Road.

The speaker is Craig Rush, a volunteer for local sustainability initiatives and a salesman for San Jose solar contractor

Horizon Energy Systems. He will explain how to tap into the sun's thermal radiation and its electrical potential, including how to figure out how big a system you need, according to an announcement from the town.

The town does not endorse the speakers or the information they disclose in this series.

An online bio describes Mr. Rush as certified to perform home energy audits by Palo Alto-based Acterra's Green@Home program, a member of the sustainability task force in Foster City, a voluntary adviser and solar-panel installer in low-income neighborhoods, and a master composter.

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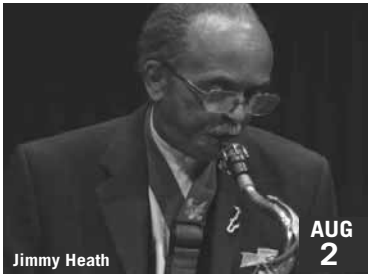
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Meeting on proposed bus fare increases, service cuts July 29

SamTrans will hold a community meeting on fare increases and proposed service cuts to bus routes and paratransit service at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, in the Menlo Park City Council Chambers, in the Civic Center between Laurel and Alma streets.

Some local routes under consideration for elimination, modification or reduction are: FX, KX, RX and 390, with stops in Atherton and Menlo Park; and 270, 280, 281 and 285, with stops in Menlo Park.

SamTrans is considering increasing the adult bus fare by 25 cents and all other fares by a corresponding amount, increasing paratransit fares by 75 cents, reducing paratransit service hours if bus service hours are reduced, and eliminating the 15 percent discount on SamTrans passes with the purchase of a Muni sticker.

The transit district faces a \$28.4 million shortfall for the current fiscal year. Since the fis-

cal year beginning July 1, 2008, more than \$11 million in state funds, or about 22 percent of the operating budget, have been eliminated.

SamTrans has already implemented a number of cost-cutting measures, such as a fuel-hedging program that will set a cap on the price of diesel fuel. The agency is undergoing an extensive reorganization, with layoffs likely this fall.

SamTrans will also hold a community meeting at its headquarters at 1250 San Carlos Ave. in San Carlos on Tuesday, July 28, along with two other meetings in the Bay Area.

For more information or to submit comments on the proposed changes, contact changes@samtrans.com or call 1-800-660-4287. Hearing impaired and non-English-speaking public hearing or meeting attendees can arrange for sign language or foreign language translation by calling 650-508-6242.

Alpine loses to Danville in all-star tournament

The baseball season came to an end for the Alpine/West Menlo Little League 10-11 all-stars July 22 as they lost 13-8 to Danville in the championship game of the Section 3 Tournament in Tracy.

Alpine had taken a 7-6 lead in the top of the fifth when John Bird hit a two-run homer, but Danville rallied with seven runs in the bottom of the inning on the strength of three home runs.

Alpine needed to win to force a winner-take-all challenge game for the title.

Earlier games

In July 21 play at the tournament, the Alpine team beat Tracy, 8-6. Andrew Cox hit a two-run homer to provide Alpine with the margin of victory. Alpine's top pitcher, Jared Lucian, threw 35 pitches.

On July 20, Alpine suffered its first loss in the tournament in a 7-3 decision to Danville. Jared Lucian and Mitch Martella both hit home runs for Alpine/West Menlo.

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JoAnn Loulan, center, welcomes a guest at the recent fundraising luncheon, which she organized for Breast Cancer Action in honor of her mother, who died of breast cancer. At right is BCA Executive Director Barbara Brenner.

Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

JoAnn Loulan's story of illness and sorrow is one heard far too often, told by our mothers, sisters, daughters and friends.

In Ms. Loulan's case, a 1993 diagnosis of breast cancer was part of an ongoing horror story: Her grandmother, mother, great-aunt, aunt, and other family members had also been afflicted with the disease.

Her mother, Billie Loulan, died of the disease when she was 53 — 13 years after her diagnosis. And it was at age 45 that JoAnn Loulan, a Portola Valley resident, was diagnosed. A single mother of an 11-year-old boy at the time, Ms. Loulan was delivered the blow on her late mother's birthday.

Considering her family history with the disease, Ms. Loulan was understandably terrified. "I luckily didn't die from my cancer, but my mother did... I know what it means to have the diagnosis and then have the sword of Damocles hanging over your head all the time."

It is that knowledge, and a strong dose of empathy, that have driven Ms. Loulan's involvement with the nonprofit Breast Cancer Action (BCA), a San Francisco-based national advocacy and education organization that has won the ear of the federal Food and Drug Administration, state lawmakers and the health advocacy community.

A major focus for BCA is eliminating what are believed to be environmental causes of breast cancer — toxic chemicals

in cosmetics, bisphenol A (BPA) in plastic water bottles, artificial growth hormones in dairy products, and other components encountered in everyday modern life.

"We believe that so much more breast cancer is caused by environmental factors than genetic factors, and that's why we're so invested in environmental issues," Ms. Loulan says.

A BCA board member for more than five years, Ms. Loulan is chair of the group's development committee, a role she seems well-suited for. Since joining the board, she

has organized five fundraising luncheons, held locally around Mothers Day, all in honor of her own mother.

Last May the event, held in Woodside, raised some \$46,000 for BCA, raising the five-year total to \$250,000, Ms. Loulan says.

Force to be reckoned with

Established in 1990, Breast Cancer Action is about 30,000 members strong, says Executive Director Barbara Brenner, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in

1993 — the same year Ms. Loulan was — and who recruited Ms. Loulan for the board.

Both women are forceful voices for the organization, which they say is unique in its ability to take on corporate interests that often resist its efforts. It's unique because the group "takes no money from any organization that makes money from breast cancer or that causes breast cancer," Ms. Loulan says emphatically, adding, "That means no money from (the pharmaceutical industry) or from any environmental polluter."

In addition to its own projects, the group works in coalitions of other environmental and health advocates to build a force to be reckoned with.

Last February, BCA trumpeted a major victory for environmental health advocates that it helped bring about: General Mills agreed to no longer use dairy products for its Yoplait brand yogurt that contain the synthetic growth hormone rBGH, which has been linked to breast cancer and other cancers. Two weeks later, Dannon followed suit.

Although the effort to get rBGH out of the dairy food supply has been ongoing in the United States for years, BCA's involvement might have been a key factor in pushing the two yogurt makers to

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Heeding the call to action



Portola Valley woman carries on fight with breast cancer by battling causes

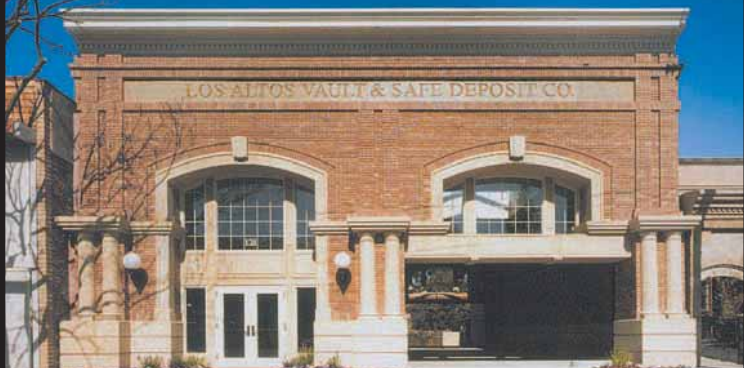
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Breast Cancer Action buttons promote the organization's Think Before You Pink and other campaigns.

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finally give in.

Last October, as part of its 2008 “Think Before You Pink” campaign, BCA began an intensive lobbying effort, organizing a campaign that bombarded General Mills’ CEO with tens of thousands of e-mails demanding the removal of rBGH from Yoplait, according to Ms. Brenner, BCA’s executive director.

Before that, other advocacy groups “led General Mills to the edge of the cliff, and we pushed them over,” she says.

When the change takes effect in several months, about two-thirds of the dairy products in the country will be rBGH-free, according to Ms. Loulan. But that’s not good enough, she adds, because not only will some people still be harmed by rBGH in this country, it will also still be widespread in a number of other countries in the world.

So now, she says, the group is focusing its efforts on persuading the Eli Lilly corporation to stop producing it altogether. “It’s another piece of the puzzle,” she says.

The BCA’s Think Before You Pink effort was launched in 2002 to call attention to “pink ribbon” marketing that might not be as beneficial to the anti-breast cancer cause as it might at first appear.

The 2008 effort targeted what the BCA calls “pinkwashers,” — “companies that claim to care about breast cancer by promoting sales-driven contributions, but manufacture products that are linked to the disease,” according to the BCA Web site.

Yoplait’s “Save Lids to Save Lives” marketing campaign was urging consumers to buy pink-lidded cups of its yogurt, then mail the lid back to the company, which would then donate to the fight against breast cancer.

Work continues

In May, BCA became the only breast-cancer group to join the American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit against Myriad Genetics to challenge the Utah-based private biotechnology company’s patent on two human genes.

The genes are present in everyone, but “people with certain genetic mutations on these genes are at an increased risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer,” according to the BCA. Because Myriad

was able to patent the genes, it has exclusive rights to do research and testing on them, the BCA says, noting that testing for the mutation costs more than \$3,000.

Ms. Loulan decries the lack of participation in the lawsuit by other breast-cancer advocacy groups, and emphasizes the need for advocacy groups to reject money from companies that profit from diagnosing and treating breast cancer — contributions that often lead to the silence of some groups on urgent issues, she says.

Two weeks ago, BCA board member Vernal Branch, another breast cancer survivor, spoke at a hearing of the FDA’s Oncologic Drug Advisory Committee, urging the committee to oppose approval of the drug Doxil to treat metastatic breast cancer.

The drug, according to the BCA, doesn’t improve overall survival but does have many side effects that substantially reduce the

quality of life for patients. The committee ended up voting 13-0 to recommend that the FDA reject the drug.

Ms. Brenner says the drug underwent only one trial. The BCA, she adds, was the only breast-cancer advocacy group that took a position on the drug, which she finds “absolutely appalling.” But she considers the committee’s decision a victory, and vows to follow through as the drug company takes its case directly to the FDA. “When we start something, we finish it,” she says.

Information — and an ear

Ms. Loulan, a psychotherapist with a 20-year-old practice in Portola Valley, says BCA’s Web site offers a wealth of information for breast-cancer patients and everyone seeking the latest about the disease. And, she says, it offers an ear, with staff members at the phones and available to the public.

The eight staff members also get out into the public and the halls of the state Capitol regularly, advocating for changes in laws and practices to minimize women’s risk of developing breast cancer.

“I feel I have an opportunity to help change the



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JOANN LOULAN

course of this epidemic, and I intend to do just that,” she says in explaining her involvement with BCA. “I am a fighter and I intend to fight this until I die of very old age.

“Surviving and living with cancer for me are the same. I don’t consider it over ever. ... Breast cancer can come back any time. I consider the experience to be right there, very vivid and very real.”

The reality of breast cancer was on Ms. Loulan’s mind last week even more than usual, which is saying a lot. Even as she recalled, for this story, her own experience with cancer and the advocacy work of the BCA, her cousin was undergoing a mastectomy. ■

For information on Breast Cancer Action, visit bcaction.org

Charity Horse Show opens Aug. 4 at Menlo Circus Club

More than 500 equestrians, including 2008 Olympic gold medalist Will Simpson, plan to compete in the 39th Menlo Charity Horse Show, set for Aug. 4 through 9 at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton.

"We consider ourselves very fortunate to be able to hold our own this year, especially when similar events have lost up to 40 percent of their past entries," says the show's founder, Betsy Glikbarg of Atherton, in a press release.

"Of course, it definitely added to our appeal when we were voted 'one of the best horse shows in America' by the subscribers to Phelps Sports.com and that the National Hunter Hall of Fame recognized us as one of the best shows in 2008," she says.

This year's show, which features continuous jumping in three arenas, takes place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The show is dedicated to the memory of Stuart Whittelsey of Woodside, a 20-year member of the horse show committee, who died in June. It was his responsibility to procure the flag-bearing color guards for the horse show's evening events.

Highlights of the event include The Rector Audi & Audi American Ryman Speed Jumping Class at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. The \$10,000 Grand Hunter Challenge takes place Saturday afternoon; the \$40,000 Grand Prix is slated for 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8.

The perennial crowd-pleaser, the children under 6, lead line class, takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

A gala sponsors' dinner dance titled "Spirit of the Horse" follows Friday night's speed-jumping class. The evening, underwritten by Laura A. Strasburg, includes silent and live auctions. A framed giclee print of the official artwork for the horse show, "Rhapsody" by Dr. Barrett Bryan of Atherton, valued at \$3,000, is among the auction items.

Nancy Collins is once again chairman of the evening gala. Tickets are \$200 each. For more information, call 322-7686.

As it has in past years, the Menlo Charity Horse Show will benefit Vista Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Last year's event raised a record-breaking \$500,000, a \$30,000 increase over the previous year, according to the press release.

In 2008, Vista Center assisted thousands of clients in San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

Tickets to the horse show are \$10 (cash only) at the main gate. Children under 12 and seniors over 65 are admitted free. Food and drinks will be for sale, and the club house and coffee shop will be open to the public each day.

The Menlo Circus Club is at 190 Park Lane. For further information, call 701-0543 or visit menlohorseshow.com.

If it weren't for Betsy...

The Menlo Charity Horse Show, which runs Aug. 4-9 at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton, almost didn't happen, according longtime horse show committee member Nan Chapman.

Seems that 39 years ago, members of the Circus Club decided there was no longer any need for its 60-stall horse barn and adjacent polo field and that a nine-hole golf course on the property would better suit members' interests.

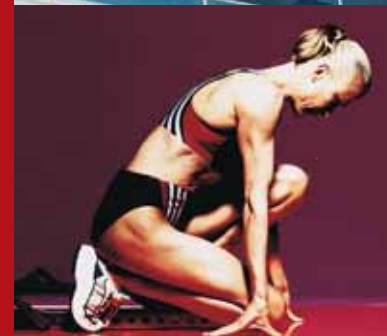
Enter Betsy Glikbarg, a club member and backyard horse owner. While she had never competed in a horse show, she decided to stage a family horse show. She then encouraged five of her good

friends to join a committee (Nan Chapman included) to put on a horse show.

The first show was held on a Saturday afternoon and was attended by 50 family members and friends of the competitors. Through the years, the show grew from a half-day non-rated event to its current six-day format with an AA ranking, the highest ranking a horse show can be granted by the U.S. Equestrian Foundation, says Ms. Chapman in a press release.

And Ms. Glikbarg's committee of five has grown to more than 150 volunteers. Last year, a record \$500,000 was raised for Vista Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired.

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Memoirists Lorraine Macchello of Menlo Park and Phyllis Matson of Cupertino will read from their work and share their life stories at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Menlo Park Library.

Ms. Matson's memoir, "War Orphan in San Francisco: Letters Link a Family Scattered by World War II," describes life as a child separated from her parents by war.

Ms. Macchello's "The Dowry:

Legacies of an Italian American Daughter" describes her childhood as the daughter of Italian immigrants in America during the 1920s.

"[She] has written a memoir about her life with immigrant parents that manages to convey both a novelistic sense of affection, while at the same time portraying the times and places they lived in as they really were, without embel-

ishment," said Lawrence DiStasi, author of "The Big Book of Italian American Culture."

Ms. Macchello also traces her mother's Italian roots and describes life in her mother's Italian village, providing a historical document of the history of Italian immigrants.

Ms. Mattson's memoir won the Bay Area Independent Publishing Association's "Best Memoir" award in 2005.

When she was only 10 years old, Ms. Mattson left her family in Austria to escape Nazi persecution and went to live in an orphanage in San Francisco. While separated, Ms. Mattson and her parents kept in touch through letters, which Ms. Mattson later used for her memoir.

"If the subject came up of where I was born, I always ended up telling the story of how I got separated from my family," Ms. Mattson said. "It always took about an hour be-

cause people had so many questions, so I knew that I had an interesting story."

After taking a writing class at Foothill College in 1987, Ms. Mattson began writing her memoir.

Free van service to the event is available for Menlo Park seniors and people with disabilities. For more information, call 330-2512 or e-mail Roberta Roth at rlrth@menlopark.org.

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St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park has received a \$10,000 grant from the Palo Alto Community Fund (PACF), an association that provides grants to Palo Alto-area nonprofit organizations, to offset the effects of increasing food costs and a significant decline in donations.

St. Anthony's, an organization that provides more than 500 hot, free meals daily to community members, has recently seen a steady rise in the number of visitors.

"In these tough economic times, it's really important to find sympathetic organizations that can help us see a light at the end of the tunnel," said Max Torres, manager

of operations at St. Anthony's, in a press release. "The grant from PACF will help us to continue providing the high-quality nutritional meals we are known for here."

St. Anthony's also supplies its patrons with fresh produce donated by local supermarkets and free clothing at its clothing distribution center. Other services include a mini-health program and a Christmas toy drive for all children.

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The 100-year-old athlete is Roger Gentilhomme of Falmouth, Massachusetts, who will be playing tennis in the 90-plus age bracket.

The games, held every two years, are sponsored by the National Senior Games Association, which promotes active lifestyles for those age 50 and over.

Organizers says they expect 35,000 visitors over the two-week period of the games. Stanford will showcase such sports as track and field, swimming, tennis, soccer, basketball, table tennis, water polo and volleyball.

To participate, athletes had to qualify at a state Senior Games championship in 2008.

Two local cyclists, John Novitsky and Dawn Neisser of Woodside, will participate in the games. Mr. Novitsky will cycle in the road races, and both cyclists will participate in the time trials.

This is the 12th Senior Games, and the first to be held in the West since 1997. The first games were held in 1987 in St. Louis, where 2,500 athletes competed.

The games will have a solar-powered, non-fossil-fuel torch and cauldron. At 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, the torch relay will conclude with a ceremonial lighting of the cauldron outside of Palo Alto City Hall at 250 Hamilton Ave.

Events will be held at many different venues on the Stanford campus, and some competitions will take place at sites other than Stanford. For more information, go to 2009seniorgames.org.

Lyme disease program Thursday in Woodside

A presentation on Lyme disease, a bacterial infection commonly transmitted by deer ticks to humans and other mammals, is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, in Independence Hall in Woodside, at the corner of Woodside and Whiskey Hill roads.

The disease is notable for its stubbornness, its progressively damaging effects, and the trouble that victims have in getting effective treatment and insurance coverage.

Common symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue and a skin rash, and it can spread to the joints, heart and nervous system, according to the Centers for Disease Con-

trol.

The scheduled speakers are Chindi Peavey, a vector ecologist for the San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District, and two Los Altos physicians — Dr. Deborah Metzger of Harmony Women's Health and family practitioner Dr. Christine Green.

For information on Lyme disease, go to the Web site for the county's mosquito abatement district at www.smcmad.org and choose Ticks under the Programs link.

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OBITUARIES

Albert "Steve" Rogers

General Electric executive

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church for Albert "Steve" Rogers. A reception will follow at Mr. Rogers' Menlo Park home.

Mr. Rogers died July 9 of complications following a fall. He was 91.

Born in Watertown, New York, Mr. Rogers grew up on a farm on the shores of the St. Lawrence River. He graduated in 1940 with a degree in electrical engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology. Drafted weeks after graduation, he became an Air Force fighter pilot and was sent to Europe, flying 72 combat missions in his P-38 in England, North Africa and Sicily.

Returning home, he moved to Los Angeles, where he married Beverly Piuma and began a 37-year career with General Electric. He retired in 1983 as the Western regional manager for industrial sales.

Upon retirement, he volunteered with the California Department of Rehabilitation, helping people with disabilities obtain

meaningful jobs.

During their 61 years together, the Rogers lived in Arcadia, Dallas, Atherton and Menlo Park, moving to Sharon Heights in 1986. Beverly Rogers died in 1995. His family was the great joy of his life, say his daughters, who remember him giving them wheelbarrow rides between yard-work tasks.

Hawaii was the couple's favorite vacation spot, and they traveled there more than 60 times for holidays, say family members.

Mr. Rogers is survived by his daughters, Denise Middleton of San Mateo and Cheryl Rogers of Piedmont; and one granddaughter.

Donations may be made to his favorite charity, which provides new clothes and shoes to homeless children for the first day of school: My New Red Shoes, 555 Airport Blvd., Burlingame, CA 94010.



Steve Rogers

Irene W. Stainback

Lived to be 101 years old

Irene W. Stainback, a resident of The Sequoias in Portola Valley, died July 18. She was 101 years old.

Ms. Stainback was born in England and moved to the United States as a small child. She attended the University of Minnesota



Irene Stainback

and married United Airlines pilot Robert C. Ashley. During her marriage, she lived in Kabul, Afghanistan, and traveled to many countries.

The couple retired to St. Petersburg, Florida. After her husband died in the early 1970s, she continued to attend the Retired United Pilots Association conventions. While there, she renewed her friendship with another retired pilot, Albert "Pinky" Stainback, and they were married.

The Stainbacks moved to Menlo Park in 1976, where she was one of the first volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels to seniors through the program at Little House, say family members. After Mr. Stainback's death, she moved to The Sequoias in 1987.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Ashley of St. Petersburg, Florida; granddaughter Lizanne Haddadin of Discovery Bay; and two great-granddaughters. Services were held July 27 at Christ Church Episcopal in Portola Valley.

Susan T. Burns

SF Giants team majority owner

Atherton resident Susan Trina Burns, the senior general partner of the San Francisco Giants baseball team, died of cancer on Sunday, July 19. She was 58.

Born in Anchorage, Alaska, she spent most of her life in Indiana and Kentucky before

moving to Maryland, where she began working at the Pentagon. There, she met her future husband, Harmon Burns, who preceded her in death in 2006.

A Bay Area financier, Mr. Burns was a key member of the investor group that purchased the Giants from Bob Lurie after the 1992 season and prevented them from moving to Tampa-St. Petersburg, according to MLB.com. Upon her husband's death, Ms. Burns became the majority owner of the Giants, and she was a fixture at home games and spring training camps.

The couple moved to California shortly after they married. Ms. Burns worked at Woodside Priory School in Portola Valley as a math teacher and chair of the math department.

"Sue was a remarkable mother, grandmother and friend whose loving and nurturing spirit touched everyone in the Giants family. Her unwavering loyalty to her beloved orange and black could be felt throughout the entire organization," said Giants managing general partner and CEO Bill Neukom in a statement quoted in an MLB.com story.

She is survived by her mother, Inge Trina; her daughters Trina Dean and Tori Burns; her brothers Jay, Tom, Marty, and Chris Trina; and two granddaughters.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Pius Church in Redwood City.

In lieu of flowers, donations

can be made to the Giants Community Fund or the Sequoia Hospital Foundation. Arrangements were by Crippen & Flynn Woodside Chapel.

Catherine R. McCartney

Former Portola Valley resident

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Woodside Village Church in Woodside for Catherine R. "Kitty" McCartney, who died July 21 at the age of 79.

Ms. McCartney and her husband, Bob, were married at Woodside Village Church 52 years ago. Former Menlo Park residents, they lived in Portola Valley (Woodside Highlands) for 28 years before retiring to Penn Valley on the shores of Lake Wildwood.

Their Portola Valley home was a log cabin, formerly used as a hunting cabin, says longtime friend Janie Barman. Their garden was featured in Sunset magazine, according to Ms. Barman. "They were both amazing gardeners."

Ms. McCartney is survived by her husband, Bob; children Bob McCartney and Nancy Dindzans; brother Jerry Bullis, sister Barbara Jamison; and four grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (www.fsma.org) in her memory and to honor her granddaughter, Ariana, who has spinal muscular atrophy.

POLICE CALLS

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

ATHERTON

Auto burglary reports:

- Window smashed and Apple iPod stolen, first block of Karen Way, July 19.
- Window smashed but unknown loss, first block of Winchester Drive, July 19.
- Window smashed, first block of Carolina Lane, July 19.
- Window smashed and cash stolen, Austin Ave., July 21.

Theft reports:

- Cell phone, wallet and keys stolen, Menlo College at 1000 El Camino Real, July 18.

- Apple iPod stolen from unlocked vehicle, Snowden Ave., July 21.

- Wallet stolen and credit card used, Meadow Lane, July 21.

- Blower stolen from truck, Faxon Road, July 22.

- Wallet stolen from purse, Sacred Heart Schools on Emilie Ave., July 22.

Fraud reports:

- Unauthorized use of credit card, Fletcher Drive, July 17.

- Identity theft, Rebecca Lane, July 19.

- Indecent exposure report: Heavy set Hispanic man in older gray truck, Alameda Ave. and Austin Ave., July 17.

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Auto burglary reports:

- Stereo system stolen, 1300 block of Willow Road, July 17.

- Purse, credit cards, \$200 cash and Apple iPhone stolen, 1600 block of Marsh Road, July 17.

- Two trucks broken into and two leaf blowers stolen, 1100 block of O'Brien Drive, July 20.

- Window smashed, speakers stolen and steering column damaged, first block of Henderson Place, July 21.

- Purse stolen, 900 block of Santa Cruz Ave., July 23.

- Several autos burglarized and Vidal Torres, 19, of East Palo Alto arrested on burglary charges, 700 block of Coleman Ave., July 24.

- Wallet stolen, 1100 block of Saxon Way, July 24.

- Window smashed and purse stolen, 1000 block of Sevier Ave., July 24.

- Commercial burglary report: Business broken into and \$150 in currency and checks stolen, 1000 block of Crane St., July 20.

- Residential burglary report: Light fixtures, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors stolen, 1200 block of Mills St., July 24.

Grand theft reports:

- Bicycle valued at \$550 stolen from carport, 700 block of Oak Ave., July 20.

- Two bikes together valued at \$6,500 stolen from garage, 100 block of Blackburn Ave., July 22.

- Locks cut and two bikes together valued at \$600 stolen, 1300 block of Mills St., July 23.

- Stolen vehicle report: Motorcycle stolen, first block of Coleman Ave., July 17.

- Adult protective services report: 300 block of Sharon Park Drive, July 20.

Fraud reports:

- Identity theft, 900 block of Santa Cruz Ave., July 20.

- Check for \$110 altered, 1200 block of Santa Cruz Ave., July 22.

- False check used to withdraw \$450 from account, 1100 block of Windermere Ave., July 23.

WOODSIDE

- Theft report: Mail stolen from mailboxes, 4000 block of Jefferson Ave. 700 block of South View Way, July 21.

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Menlo Park not best jail site

Menlo Park officials may have been shocked after hearing that a site on Haven Avenue off Marsh Road was being considered for a new county jail. But if Sheriff Greg Munks' remarks at a public meeting last week are any indication, there is no need to worry.

In introducing the seven sites under consideration, which have apparently been reduced to five or even four — two in Redwood City, one in San Carlos, and one in Menlo Park — Mr. Munks

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The opinion of The Almanac

made clear that proximity to the Maguire Correctional Facility at the County Government Center in Redwood City is a key criteria. The reason: jail inmates frequently need to be transported to the courthouse, and if the jail is not close by, expensive travel time adds up quickly. (Sites apparently no longer in the running include one in San Carlos, another in East Palo Alto and a third in Burlingame.)

The county motor pool, which is located in the government center, appears to be the favored site to build a five- to six-story building that would house up to 776 men and women. The second Redwood City site, at the former Dodge dealership on Veterans Boulevard, is relatively close, Mr. Munks said, but is bordered by residences.

Beyond concerns that the Haven Avenue site is too far away from the county courthouse, placing a jail at the Menlo Park site would take away the city's hope of attracting sales tax-generating car dealerships or retail stores to the area. And the Bohannon Organization's still-developing plan to build a hotel and nearly

700,000 square feet of office space just south of the site certainly would not be helped by the addition of a jail in the neighborhood.

Residents of the nearby Belle Haven and Flood Triangle neighborhoods could also be expected to find the plan a threat to their safety.

And besides losing the opportunity to eventually find a sales tax-producing business to join Carlsen Porsche-Audi on Haven Avenue, the city would lose any property tax income and could not control the size and density of any project built there by the county.

According to Mr. Munks, construction of a new jail is long overdue. Despite its estimated \$140 million cost, he thinks it would be a good investment. Currently, inmates are packed like sardines in the county's two jails, with 1,000 men living in space designed for fewer than 700, and 140 women in a jail designed to accommodate 84.

Although some Redwood City residents spoke out strongly against building a new jail in the government center, it appears that the 3.5-acre motor pool parcel, already owned by the county, makes the most sense for the new jail. Like it or not, downtown Redwood City has existed for years with the current jail and courthouse, as well as most other county offices. And as a county seat, jails are part of the landscape.

It was appropriate for Mr. Munks to include outlying sites in his list of new jail site prospects, but it appears that his first choice all along was Redwood City. And we doubt if he'll get any argument from Menlo Park or the other cities on the list.

LETTERS
Our readers write

Superintendent finds critics' charge 'shameful'

Editor:

The continued misrepresentation that the Sequoia district would impede in any way the success of any student is, in a word, shameful. Every student matters as part of our commitment to all students.

In making last week's surprise announcement that the Summit Institute is refusing a new school in East Palo Alto in favor of temporary space in an office building in Redwood City, Summit's chief executive states that she wanted to make an "end run" around the school district and exempt the new school from regulatory requirements.

She plans to needlessly spend taxpayers' money — without any public hearings or regulatory oversight — and then sue the district for the cost. Clearly, this is an "end run" around regulators and local taxpayers, not just the school district. (Incidentally, when the Sequoia district is granted local exemption, oversight authority transfers to the state, and all of this is done in



Woodside Library Collection

Our Regional Heritage

The early Woodside adobe home was built in 1840 by members of the Greer family near what is now the intersection of Woodside and Kings Mountain roads. The main building was destroyed in the 1906 earthquake.

the public arena.)

The district's new school that has been turned down by Summit — a quality learning environment that was planned, budgeted and approved by voters

some time ago — will assuredly house a quality educational program. Our focus remains firmly fixed on the success of all students and responsible stewardship of community resources.

Patrick Gemma,
Superintendent, Sequoia
Union High School District

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Fire board states position on union demands

By the Menlo Park fire district board of directors

We offer this letter to address the currently stalled labor negotiations and disparaging statements issued recently by the Menlo Park Firefighters Union concerning district personnel.

The district's current offer extends the labor contract until the end of the year, maintains present salary levels and improves the medical plan. This fiscally conservative approach is necessary and justified given the current uncertain economic conditions.

We thank the district employees represented by AFSCME (non-emergency workers) for ratifying a new cost-neutral contract, and unrepresented management employees for agreeing to defer a scheduled salary increase until January 2010. Such concessions in these challenging times are difficult for all and deeply appreciated.

The board also wishes to acknowledge our firefighters and thank them for their professionalism and dedication to the public, as recently demonstrated by the response to the July 16 Susan Gale Court fire in Sharon Heights. We are confident

the present deadlock in negotiations will not deter district employees from their common mission to serve and protect the public.

We are disappointed that more than a year of negotiations has resulted in unfair labor practice proceedings and an impasse on the issues of salary and benefits. We are confident Menlo Park firefighters are fairly compensated. Although we are looking to contain labor costs, we will continue to provide very competitive compensation. Firefighters earn on average \$125,900 in salary and benefits. Sixty-nine of our firefighters were paid more than \$100,000 last year. The average cost of employing a firefighter is \$170,000. In contrast, the median household income in Menlo Park was \$103,702 and East Palo Alto was \$49,267 in 2007.



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The district also provides a generous pension plan. Firefighters who work 30 years are entitled to 90 percent of their highest salary, and can retire at 50. These benefits cost approximately 39 percent of payroll, and this number is projected to increase to close to 50 percent by 2011.

During the present economic turmoil, the union demands an 11 percent salary increase this year and additional increases

thereafter. They also demand \$1,322 per month for medical insurance benefits, a 55 percent increase. The district cannot accommodate these demands given the uncertainty surrounding costs and revenue sources. The recently adopted state budget promises to take more money away from the district. We have a fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers to prudently plan and prepare.

A recent state economic crisis survey of local governments stated that 25 percent of responding agencies had reduced compensation by 6 percent, another 25 percent had unilaterally adopted reductions in compensation, and about 31 percent advised that next year's negotiations will be worse.

It has been suggested the district seek alternative means of financing the increases being sought, including using reserves to meet demands. Because property tax revenues are paid twice a year, we must keep a half-year's budget, or about \$15 million, in reserve, and we need another \$10 million in reserves for apparatus, equipment, and stations replacement. It would be fiscally irresponsible to utilize the district's critical reserves to fund salary increases.

The district has made a good-faith offer by including improvements in the areas of educational incentive pay, EMT and paramedic pay, bilingual pay and acting pay, and we offered to increase contributions

to employee medical insurance. Most significantly, we made repeated offers to the union leadership to return to the bargaining table with the help of a neutral mediator only to be rebuffed each time. Rhetoric must be replaced by bargaining to resolve this dispute.

Finally, the board must address the union's public mistreatment of the district's director of administrative services, Michele Braucht. Ms. Braucht is a dedicated public servant who must often say "no" and recommend hard decisions to maintain tight budgetary control. The board of directors has full confidence in Ms. Braucht and rejects the union's call for her termination.

We must also address the union's charges against Chief Schapelhouman and his administration. The chief has proven himself to be service-minded, dedicated and passionate about his office. He, too, has our full support.

The board is asking department members to strive toward excellence and to work with the district to resolve our present differences. Such resolution can only be achieved through open and good-faith communications at the bargaining table.

This statement was written and approved by fire board members Bart Spencer, president; Peter Ohtaki, vice president; Ollie Brown; Rex Ianson; and Peter Carpenter.

For the full text of this letter please visit Town Square at AlmanacNews.com or the fire district Web site at www.menlofire.org.

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State misses chance to slow retirement costs

Editor:

When things get tough, the tough get going. In California, local elected leaders continue to make tough choices to balance city and county budgets, while our state leaders have failed to lead.

In the late 1990s, the state of California enhanced retirement packages for firefighters and law enforcement unions and approved binding arbitration for contract negotiations. This gave police and firefighter unions tremendous leverage at the bargaining table, essentially forcing cities to enhance their retirement benefits for public safety workers.

Those enhanced benefits are an ever-increasing drain on city resources while other sources of revenue are shrinking. They cost Burlingame at least \$2.6 million more each year, forcing city leaders to make dramatic reductions in police, fire, library, park and recreation services.

When California ran out of money, city officials hoped that state elected leaders would

reverse these excessive retirement benefits and pave the way for cities to follow. It would have taken a modicum of courage to pass legislation that would have discontinued for all new employees the retirement option that gives 3 percent of salary for each year worked at 50 years of age. But the state leaders ducked their responsibility.

The evidence is clear that providing retirement benefits at this level will continue to require reductions in all city services and will likely result in more California cities following Vallejo into bankruptcy. For cities, employee benefit compensation represents 70 to 80 percent of general fund spending. Cities alone cannot change these state-wide compensation practices.

State legislative leaders failed to show courage under fire and also pushed Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to abandon his efforts to create a two-tier retirement system for state workers that would have discontinued the 3 percent formulas for all new state employees. Instead, they are attempting to balance the state budget on the backs of local cities.

Jim Nantell
Burlingame City Manager
(This letter appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle* July 24.)

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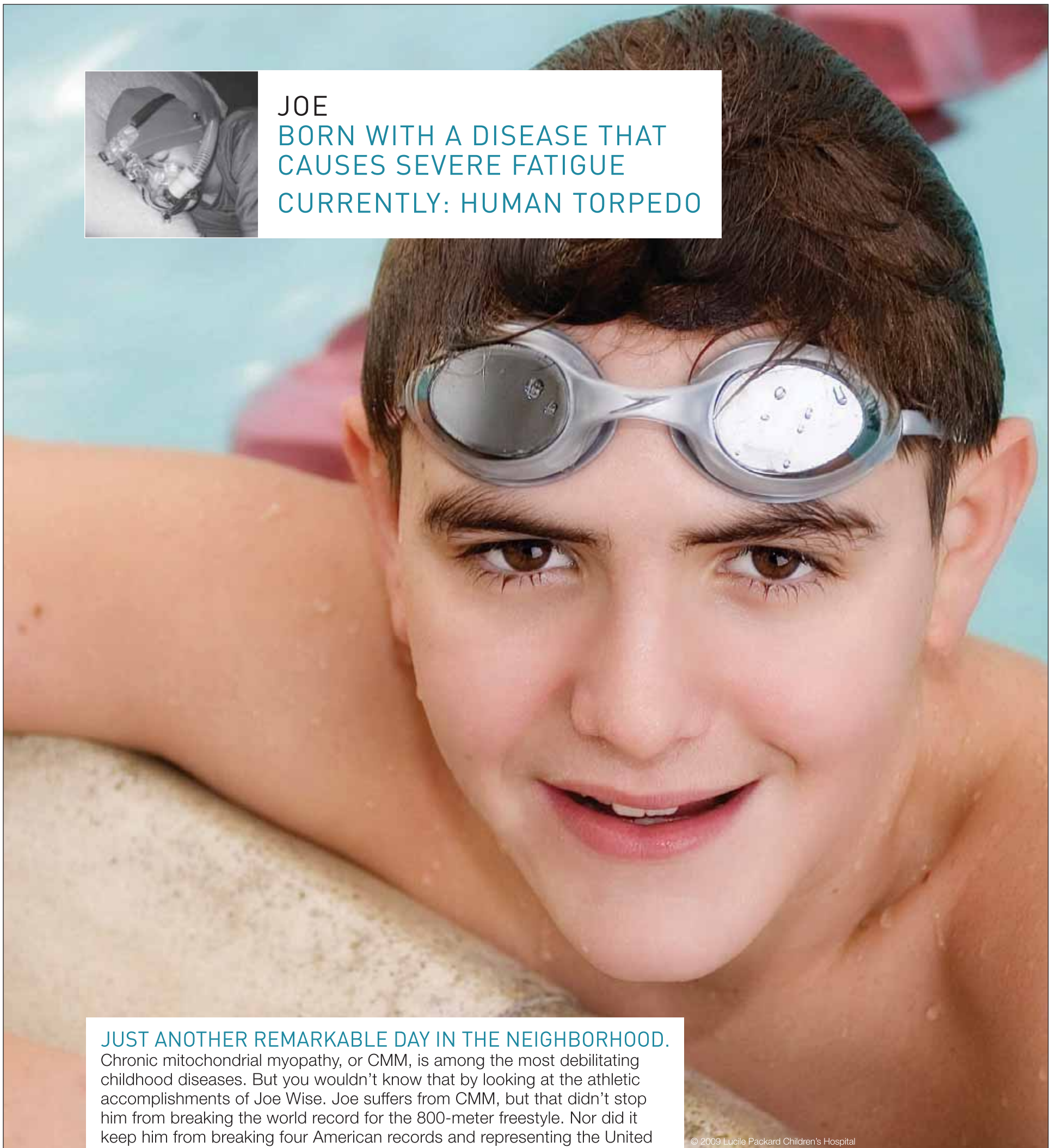
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On Stage

"Ernest Shackleton Loves Me." TheatreWorks 8th Annual New Works Festival presents the staged reading of the newest from GrooveLily duo Brendan Milburn and Valerie Vigoda, and the composer of Broadway-bound Memphis, Joe DiPietro. A sleep-deprived composer of video game music is phoned from beyond time by Ernest Shackleton. Aug. 8-15, \$15. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

"Libation Bearers" by Aeschylus. Stanford Summer Theater will present The Electra Festival through Aug. 27, an exploration of one of Greek theater's historic heroines through the stage and film. The festival will include a staged reading of "Libation Bearers" by Aeschylus in Pigott Theater on Stanford's campus. Wed., Aug. 5, 7-9 p.m. Free (reservations recommended). Pigott Theater, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 773-680-2233. summertheater.stanford.edu

"Tinyard Hill." TheatreWorks presents the world premiere of Tinyard Hill. Set in the 1960's, this new musical tells the story of a young blacksmith in Georgia. When true love and a draft notice arrive within days, his world is turned upside down. July 15-Aug. 16, \$29 (student) - \$67. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

The Sparrow and the Birdman. TheatreWorks 8th Annual New Works Festival presents a staged reading of "The Sparrow and the Birdman." In a song-filled drama, chanteuse Edith Piaf encounters Jean Cocteau in 1930's Paris. The mysterious star's unforgettable voice proves irresistible to the eccentric writer. Mon., Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m. \$15. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

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Menlo Park Summer Concert Series. Wednesday evenings downtown Menlo Park in Fremont Park (University & Santa Cruz Ave). Bring a picnic basket, blanket for an hour of music. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, University & Santa Cruz, Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200. www.menlopark.org

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presents the Grammy Award-winning singer, Maureen McGovern in "The Long and Winding Road: The Concert." Featuring the music of James Taylor, Carol King, and Bob Dylan. Aug. 6, 8 p.m. \$75. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

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Concerts

1959 Revisited. Pianist/violinist Victor Lin leads an exploration of the jazz of 1959. Wed., July 29, 7:30-10 p.m. \$20 general, \$10 students. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-725-ARTS (2787). www.stanfordjazz.org

Generations Jazz Project. The Generations Jazz Project is group featuring tenor player Eric Alexander, trumpeter Terrell Stafford, pianist David Hazeltine, bassist Ray Drummond, guest drummer Louis Hayes as well as the group's co-founder, alto saxophonist and educator, Andrew Speight. Mon., Aug. 3, 8-10:30 p.m. \$32 general, \$16 students. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. Call 650-725-ARTS (2787). www.stanfordjazz.org

John L. Worley Jr -- trumpet/flugelhorn artist. Worley performs Mon., Aug. 3, 6-8 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square - Downtown Redwood City, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. <http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/music.htm#JAZZ>

Madeline Eastman featuring Terrell Stafford. Bay Area musician Madeline Eastman with guest trumpeter Terrell Stafford. Sat., Aug. 1, 8-10:30 p.m. \$40 general, \$20 students. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-725-ARTS (2787). www.stanfordjazz.org

Music@Menlo. The Music@Menlo chamber-musical festival, with concerts, lectures and programs, will be held July 17-Aug. 8. Events are held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto, Menlo Park Presbyterian Church in Menlo Park and Menlo School in Atherton. This year's events are Mendelssohn-themed and include concerts, prelude performances, "encounters," "Carte Blanche programs," and special youth and string-quartet performances. See website for details and schedule. 7:30 p.m.

Event fees vary. Martin Family Hall, Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. Call 650-331-0202. musicatmenlo.org

Community Events

Be Green, Give Red at Stanford Blood Center's Bach & Bite Event. Food, classical music and blood donations at the Bach & Bite event at Stanford Blood Center's Hillview location in Palo Alto. Sat., Aug. 1, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Stanford Blood Center, 3373 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-723-7265. bloodcenter.stanford.edu

Talks/Authors

Legacy Memoirs. Phyllis Mattson, author of "War Orphan in San Francisco," and Lorraine Macchello, author of "The Dowry: Legacies to an Italian American Daughter" will discuss their life stories at the Menlo Park Library, Sat., Aug. 1, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2512. www.menloparklibrary.org

Dr. Keith Bloc's "Life Over Cancer: The Block Center Program for Integrative Cancer Treatment." Medical director of Block Institute, he has distilled almost 30 years of experience into the first book that gives patients a systematic, research-based plan to develop the physical and emotional vitality needed to meet demands of treatment and recovery. Thu., July 30, 7:30 p.m. free. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Fan Wu. Santa Clara author Fan Wu discusses and signs her book "Beautiful as Yesterday." Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Is Fiction a Higher Form of Truth? Abraham Verghese, MD, professor of medicine at Stanford University and author of "Cutting for Stone" and "My Own Country," will discuss the topic and field questions on any of his books. Thu., July 30, 7-9 p.m. Free. Stanford Blood Center, 3373 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-723-7265. bloodcenter.stanford.edu

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Cocktail Monkeys in the park

The Cocktail Monkeys, a band that plays rock and pop covers from all eras, will perform Wednesday, July 29, in Fremont Park, on Santa Cruz Avenue at University Drive in downtown Menlo Park. The concert, part of the city's Wednesday evening concert series, is scheduled to run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. People are invited to bring a picnic blanket and dinner, and to join the dancers of all ages up front. The concert series is scheduled to run through Aug. 12.



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July 31: The Opus 44 Quartets

August 7: The Final Quartets, opp. 80 and 81

AUGUST 1

The Brahms Sonatas for Violin and Piano

Joseph Swensen, violin / Jeffrey Kahane, piano

Violinist Joseph Swensen and pianist Jeffrey Kahane, both passionate interpreters of music from the Romantic period, join forces in a recital of Brahms's three luminous violin sonatas.

(TICKETS: \$45–\$65)

AUGUST 2

An Evening with Pianist Menahem Pressler

with Wu Han, piano

Having recently concluded his fifty-three-year journey as founding pianist of the legendary Beaux Arts Trio, pianist Menahem Pressler offers the profound late piano sonatas of Beethoven and Schubert. (TICKETS: \$45–\$65)



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Kevin Starr. Kevin Starr will discuss and sign his new book "Golden Dreams: California In an Age of Abundance 1950-1963," a work of cultural history. July 29, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Nuclear Weapons, Energy & The Environment. Philip Taubman, former N.Y. Times Washington and Moscow bureau chief, and Felicity Barringer, national environmental correspondent for the N.Y. Times, will discuss the forces guiding Obama's hand and the challenges he faces tackling these increasingly complex issues. Tue., Aug. 4, \$10 members; \$15 non-members. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 1-800-847-7730. commonwealthclub.org/sv

USGS July Evening Public Lecture. Restoring California's "Inland Sea", status of efforts to restore the Salton Sea. Hear about why proposed water transfers will result in loss of aquatic and wetland habitat, increased salinity, and degraded regional air quality, unless preventive actions are taken. Thu., July 30, 7-8 p.m. Free. USGS Menlo Park Science Center, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-329-5136. online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar

Art Galleries

Abilities United Art at Allegro Framing. 30 pieces of artwork from artists of Abilities United is on exhibit through the month of July. Individual artists showcased include Nick Golick from Palo Alto whose watercolors and acrylics have a southwestern desert theme with an influence from Georgia O'Keefe and Frida Kahlo. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Allegro Framing and Art, 3130 Alpine Road #370, Portola Valley. Call 650-618-3319. http://www.abilitiesunited.org/

Polar Bear Photography. Larry Calof's artwork is currently displayed at the Atherton

Library and will remain on display until July 31. 6-7 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. http://www.smcl.org/libraries/ath/events/index.html

The Color of Light by Weil and Stahl. Portola Art Gallery presents "The Color of Light," an exhibit of works in oil and pastel by award-winning artists Alice Weil of Menlo Park and Mary K. Stahl of Palo Alto. Exhibit dates: July 1-31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.portolaartgallery.com

Classes/ Workshops

"The Life You've Always Wanted." Singles Together (Singles 50+) begins a new series based on John Ortberg's "The Life You've Always Wanted" with DVD viewing followed by discussion. Sundays through Aug., 30, 11 a.m.-11:15 p.m. Free. 550 Glenwood Ave., Menlo Park. www.mppc.org

Exhibits

California Living the Sunset Way. Exhibit focuses on the creation of the ideal California lifestyle as portrayed in the pages of Sunset publications in three historically critical periods: the Great Depression; WWII; and the post-war 1950s suburban boom. Emphasis on the Lane family influence on the magazine's success. Through Oct. 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

Earthquake Exhibit. San Mateo County History Museum features "I Survived the Great Quake of 1989: Recollections of Loma Prieta Earthquake" through Dec. 6, with KGO-TV news coverage, photographs, artifacts and residents' personal accounts. You will have a chance to share your own personal stories. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$4 adults, \$2 students & seniors, kids under 6 free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200

Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-299-0104. www.historysmc.org

From the Bronze Age of China to Japan's Floating World. This exhibition will focus on acquisitions of Chinese and Japanese works of art. Highlights include ritual bronzes from central China, as well as prints depicting urban life from Edo period Japan. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thu. until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Introducing the Cantor Arts Center. These docent-led tours feature a sampling of objects from various eras and cultures. Every tour is different. Saturdays and Sundays. Meet in the main lobby. 1-2 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Family and Kids

Final Friday Flicks. An animated tale of mouse bravery, adventure and love. July 31, 7-9 p.m. Free. Atherton Public Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Musical Storytime. All ages are welcome to sing-a-long and listen to stories. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. 4-4:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. http://www.smcl.org/libraries/ath/events/index.html

Saturday Storytime and craft. All ages are welcome to listen to stories followed by a craft. Every 2nd Saturday of the month. 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. http://www.smcl.org/libraries/ath/events/index.html

Stamping Lavender Sachets. Crafts at the Library. Ages 7 and up. Parent helpers welcome. July 31, 3:15-4:15 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Summer Reading at Atherton Library. The summer reading program for children (babies through 5th grade) runs June 1st through August 15th. Finishers get

a free book, plus a raffle ticket for prizes. The theme is "Be Creative @ Your Library." The program for Teens (6th grade through 12th grade) is "Express Yourself @ Your Library." free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Health

Breast Cancer Connections Weekly Q&A Session. Each week a physician from a different breast cancer specialty is available to address medical questions and concerns. A therapist facilitates each session. BCC staff and volunteers are also available to connect with other helpful resources and offer support. Thursdays, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Breast Cancer Connections, 390 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-326-6686. www.bccconnections.org

Issues with food? Obsessed with food? Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous is a program for individuals recovering from addictive eating and anorexia based on the 12 steps of AA. No dues/no fees/no weigh-ins. Sundays, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 415-248-9347.

Skin Cancer Screening. A free skin cancer screening by dermatologists from Palo Alto Medical Foundation will take place on Wednesday, July 29 by appointment only. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-2453. avenidas.org

Outdoors

Sunday Baylands Birdwalks. Learn to identify the birds of the Palo Alto Baylands. Designed for beginners (ages 9 and up) and others interested in recognizing the area's birds by sight, sound and behaviors. Meeting time varies to coincide with favorable tides. Call or email for current schedule. Free. Baylands Nature Center, 2775 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2506.

Twilight Hike. Twilight, ranger-led hike. Ages 8 and up. Free. Meet at the Gateway Facility. Second Fridays, May 8 through

Aug. 14. No hike June 12. 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Pearson Arastradero Preserve, 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2423.

Seniors

Senior Ministries Dinners - Mexican Fiesta Night. Seniors are welcome to come out for an evening of fellowship, food and entertainment. No reservations needed. Fridays, 5:30-8 p.m. \$6 donation. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church - Fellowship Hall, 950 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. www.mppc.org

Sports

2009 Summer National Senior Games. 10,000 athletes, ages 50 and over, 18 medal sports, 7 demonstration sports, 25,000 visitors, Aug. 1-15 at venues at Stanford and around the San Francisco Bay Area. Free. Torch Relay comes to downtown Palo Alto Aug. 1 at 8:30 p.m. 1 p.m. Free. Stanford University, Stanford. Call 650-323-9400. www.2009seniorgames.org

Volunteers

Senior Games at Stanford. Volunteers are needed to staff the Avenidas booth at the Stanford Senior Games, starting July 31 through August 15. Shifts run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 1:30 to 6 p.m. each day. All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt. July 31-Aug. 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-2412. avenidas.org

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."



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City of Menlo Park Menlo Gateway Project (Bohannon Hotel-Office)

A proposed hotel and office development on 16 acres near US 101 and Marsh Road has the potential to significantly impact Menlo Park, both positively and negatively. If you are interested in future development in Menlo Park, your input on the proposed amendments to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance required for this project is very important, especially in determining public benefit needs the project might meet. The proposed project, at 100 to 190 Independence Dr. and 101 to 155 Constitution Dr., requires review and recommendation by the Planning Commission and final approval by the City Council. You are encouraged to attend any of the Community Meetings to provide your input. All Commission Meetings will also include time for public comment and you are welcome to attend.



Please visit the project page for more information and to sign up for the email list to be notified of future meetings:

http://www.menlopark.org/projects/comdev_iac.htm

For more information, please contact throggers@menlopark.org or 650-330-6722.

Si usted necesita más información sobre este proyecto por favor llamar 650-330-6718, y pregunta por Maria Juana.

Community Meetings

General Citywide

Wednesday, July 29, 2009 | 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Recreation Center Fireside Room, 701 Laurel Street
(This meeting follows two equivalent Community Meetings that took place on Thursday, July 23)

Commission Meetings

Housing Commission

Wednesday, August 5, 2009 | 5:30 p.m.
Administration Building, 701 Laurel Street

Transportation Commission

Wednesday, August 5, 2009 | 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel Street

General Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 | 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel Street

Planning Commission

Monday, September 14, 2009 | 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel Street

Project documents, including the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Draft Fiscal Impact Analysis (FIA), and project plans, are available for review at City offices and on the project page.

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

GREEN CONSTRUCTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 233611
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Green Construction at 98 Mar Vista Dr., Daly City, CA 94014, San Mateo County:
DAYNE MARTINS
98 Mar Vista Dr.
Daly City, CA 94014
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 June 11, 2009.
(Almanac July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009)

GREEN ORIGINS POWER COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 233875
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Green Origins Power Company at 340 Miller Ave., South San Francisco, CA 94080, San Mateo County:
KEVIN J. PAPPAS
340 Miller Ave.
South San Francisco, CA 94080
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 June 25, 2009.
(Almanac July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009)

MY LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 233745
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: My Little Schoolhouse

at 325 Ponderosa Road, South San Francisco, California 94080, San Mateo County:
EON JESSAMYN KING
325 Ponderosa Road
South San Francisco, CA 94080
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 June 19, 2009.
(Almanac July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009)

TIMOTHY DONOHUE PHOTOGRAPHY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234055
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Timothy Donohue Photography at 680 Sharon Park Dr. #20, Menlo Park, CA 94025:
TIMOTHY JAMES DONOHUE
680 Sharon Park Dr. #20
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 July 7, 2009.
(Almanac July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2009)

MENDOZA PARALEGAL SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234088
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Mendoza Paralegal Services at 171 5th. Av., #202, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County:
JOSE MARIO MENDOZA
1442 Gordon St. #5
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 04/22/1991.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 8, 2009.
(Almanac July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2009)

GOLDEN GATE ELECTRONICS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234136
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Golden Gate Electronics at 930 Mission Road #45, South San Francisco, CA 94080, San Mateo County:
LEONID SERGIYENKO
930 Mission Road #45
South San Francisco, CA 94080
VADIM POLYAK
1257 Laguna Ave.
Burlingame, CA 94010
This business is being conducted by a General Partnership.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 13, 2009.
(Almanac July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 2009)

MARK 1 AVIATION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234067
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Mark 1 Aviation at 1000 Henderson Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County:
MARK ERWIN
1000 Henderson Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025-2310
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 09/01/2008.
This statement was filed with the

County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 8, 2009.
(Almanac July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 2009)

LS LIMOUSINE SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234011
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LS Limousine Services at 1799 Bayshore Hwy., Ste. 143, Burlingame, CA 94010, San Mateo County:
JERA THIENWIVAT
1365 Broadway Apt. 9
Millbrae, CA 94030
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 6, 2009.
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SKINCARE BY D'ALMADEMI FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234021
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Skincare By D'Almademi at 736 Laurel St., San Carlos, CA 94070:
DIANA ARTEAGA
131 Alexander Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 10/01/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 6, 2009.
(Almanac July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 2009)

MARVSTER MEDIA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234139
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Marvster Media at 904 Chevy Street, Belmont, CA 94002, San Mateo County:
MARVIN SANDERS
904 Chevy Street
Belmont, CA 94002-1819
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s)

listed herein on 06/20/1997.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 13, 2009.
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LIGHTNING LABORATORIES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234027
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Lightning Laboratories at 1340 Crane St., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County:
LIGHTNING LABORATORIES LLC
1340 Crane St.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 7, 2009.
(Almanac July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2009)

CHIC ESSENTIALS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234026
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Chic Essentials at 1340 Crane Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County:
VICKI VASILAKOS BECKER
1340 Crane Street
Menlo Park, CA 94025
EUGENE BECKER
1340 Crane Street
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is being conducted by General Partnership.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 07/20/2004.
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INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS USA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234293
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: International Academy of Management and Economics USA at 680 Sharon Park Dr. #20, Menlo Park, CA 94025:
PRIMAVERA AND TIMOTHY DONOHUE

680 Sharon Park Dr. #20
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is being conducted by a Husband and Wife.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 07/27/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 21, 2009.
(Almanac July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2009)

KUK SOOL WON OF REDWOOD CITY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234017
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Kuk Sool Won Of Redwood City at 2135 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County:
HAFEZ ADLE
27536 Bahama Ave.
Hayward, CA 94545
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 6, 2009.
(Almanac July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2009)

BEMS M CO. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234231
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Bems M Co. at 20 Lemon Court, Hillsborough, CA 94010:
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San Mateo, CA 94402
SYLVIA CHAN
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23-27 Ho Man Tin St, Ho Man Tin Kowloon, Hong Kong
SHARON and EDWARD YEH
606 Bahama Lane
Foster City, CA 94404
CHAN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST
20 Lemon Court
Hillsborough, CA 94010
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listed herein on 8/10/1999. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 17, 2009. (Almanac July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2009)

VICO'S BEAUTY SALON FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234381
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Vico's Beauty Salon at 3225 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025.
ROSALBA VICTORIO
872 Corlista Drive
San Jose, CA 95128
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 22, 2009. (Almanac July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2009)

NATURES FOOTPRINTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234188
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Natures Footprints at 570 El Camino Real # 150-220, Redwood City, CA 94063.
JULIE TREMELLING
15 Upper Lake 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 07/01/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 15, 2009. (Almanac July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2009)

CARMINA'S TACOS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234294
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Carmina's Tacos at 108 Adrian Ave., So. SF, Calif. 94080.
MARIA MENDOZA
#108 Adrian Ave.
So. San Francisco, Calif. 94080
MARIA REYES
805 #A Baden Ave.
So. SF Calif. 94080
This business is being conducted by a General Partnership. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 21, 2009. (Almanac July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2009)

R&D OPTICAL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234355
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: R&D Optical at 2180 Camino a Los Cerros, Menlo Park, CA 94025.
TATIANA DIEDOVITCH
2180 Camino a Los Cerros
Menlo Park, CA 94025-6533
This business is being conducted by Sole proprietorship.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 07/10/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 24, 2009. (Almanac July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2009)

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No. CV485529
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner DOPIL PARK, YOON JUNG CHOI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CHANG HYUN PARK to SEAN

CHANGHYUN PARK.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: AUGUST 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Dept. PJ. 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: July 1, 2009
/s/ ROBERT D. FOILES
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(The Almanac July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009)

Trustee Sale No. 731829CA Loan No. 3018446884 Title Order No. 090223973-CA-MAI Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/7/2007. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 8/4/2009 at 12:30 PM California Reconveyance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 11/16/2007, Book , Page , Instrument 2007-163323 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by: MARK MIGDAL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE MARK MAGDAL 2000 REVOCABLE TRUST, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$3,211,500.86 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 445 GOLDEN OAKS DRIVE, Portola Valley, CA 94028 APN NUMBER: 079-124-020-3 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the

Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 03/17/2005, Book , Page , Instrument 2005-041932, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California, executed by: BERTIN R CHABOT II, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: THE MARSHALL STREET ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AND RECORDS, 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA Legal Description: A PORTION OF LOT "A" AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "LOS TRANCO'S WOODS TRACT NO. 1, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA" FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN MATEO COUNTY ON AUGUST 6, 1928, IN BOOK 17 OF MAPS AT PAGES 14 AND 15, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT, DISTANCE THEREON NORTH 30°22'03" WEST 88.02 FEET FROM THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID

situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT EXHIBIT DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Name: Ann Thorn Title: First Vice President Date: 7/3/2009 California Reconveyance Company, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com Deborah Brignac California Reconveyance Company is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Deborah Brignac, Vice President 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop N110612 Chatsworth, CA 91311 P591435 7/15, 7/22, 07/29/2009 (Almanac July 15, 22, 29, 2009)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee Sale No. 233356CA Loan No. 0687999748 Title Order No. 602125130 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/09/2005. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08/04/2009 at 01:00 PM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 03/17/2005, Book , Page , Instrument 2005-041932, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California, executed by: BERTIN R CHABOT II, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: THE MARSHALL STREET ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AND RECORDS, 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA Legal Description: A PORTION OF LOT "A" AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "LOS TRANCO'S WOODS TRACT NO. 1, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA" FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN MATEO COUNTY ON AUGUST 6, 1928, IN BOOK 17 OF MAPS AT PAGES 14 AND 15, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT, DISTANCE THEREON NORTH 30°22'03" WEST 88.02 FEET FROM THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID

LOT, NORTH 30°22'03" WEST 34.42 FEET AND NORTH 45°20'06" WEST 25.78 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 51°46'33" EAST 143.91 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 41°09'37" EAST 60.08 FEET THENCE SOUTH 51°46'33" WEST 143.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$618,908.25 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 134 RAMONA ROAD PORTOLA VALLEY, CA 94028 APN Number: 080-084-200-7 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. DATE: 07-07-2009 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9200 OAKDALE AVE MAILSTOP N110612 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 ASAP# 3176781 Almanac 07/15/2009, 07/22/2009, 07/29/2009

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No. CIV485664
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner SELU MATAELE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
FANE GLORIA MATAELE to FANE VUKI GLORIA MATAELE.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: August 28, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Dept. PJ. 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: July 07, 2009
/s/ Robert D. Foiles
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(The Almanac July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2009)

Trustee Sale No.: 20090134004290 Title Order No.: 090251709 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/20/2006. 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. NDEX West, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded

on 04/26/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-061935 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California. Executed By: HUE NGUYEN AND JIM NGUYEN, 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). Date of Sale: 8/11/2009 Time of Sale: 12:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Street Address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12 HESKETH DRIVE MENLO PARK, CA 94025 APN#: 071-032-170-4 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 \$1,369,697.93. 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. For Trustee Sale Information Please Call: Priority Posting & Publication 17501 Irvine Blvd., Suite One Tustin, CA 92780 714-573-1965 www.priorityposting.com NDEX West, LLC as Authorized Agent Dated: 7/16/2009 NDEX West, LLC may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. P593644
Almanac 7/22, 7/29, 08/05/2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Title Order No.: 5378680 Trustee Sale No.: 61816 Loan No.: 9033100272 APN: 060-183-130 You are in Default under a Deed of Trust dated 09/20/2007 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 proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer.
On 08/11/2009 at 12:30 P.M., DSL Service Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 09/28/2007, as Inst # 2007-142962 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by: Sabah Echkantana, a married woman as her sole and separate property, as Trustor, Downey Savings and Loan Association, F.A., as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3521 Middlefield Rd, 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

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note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$934,690.77 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. 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 and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in California Civil Code § 2923.53(k) (3), declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code section 2923.53 and that the exemption is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded. The timeframe for giving a Notice of Sale specified in Subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply to this Notice of Sale pursuant to California Civil Code Sections 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 7/12/09 For: DSL Service Company, as Trustee By: FCI Lender Services, Inc., as Agent 8180 East Kaiser Blvd., Anaheim Hills, CA 92808 U.S. Bank National Association, Customer Service Department (949) 823-6695 For Trustee Sale Information log on to: www.rsvpforeclosures.com or call: 925-603-7342. Vivian Prieto, Vice President, FCI Lender Services, Inc. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (RSVP# 161779) (Almanac 07/22/09, 07/29/09, 08/05/09)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20090187412249 Title Order No.: 090275324 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NONE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/05/07. 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. NDEX West, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/01/07, as Instrument No. 2007 157267 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of SAN MATEO County, State of California. EXECUTED BY: LUIS SOSA AND IRMA SOSA, 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) DATE OF SALE: August 11, 2009 TIME OF SALE: 12:30 PM PLACE OF SALE: At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 581 7TH AVE, MENLO PARK, CA 94025. APN# 060 065 020 4 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 \$711,095.12. 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. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION, INC. 3350 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, SUITE 202, CAMERON

PARK, CA 95682 (530) 672-3033, www.nationwideposting.com NDEX West L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Authorized Agent, BY: Ric Juarez Dated: 07/22/09 NPP0140857 Almanac 07/22/09, 07/29/09, 08/05/09

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No. CIV485870 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner FATIMA SYEDA KAZMI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: FATIMA SYEDA KAZMI to FAITH KAZMI. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: September 4, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Dept. PJ, Room: 2C. Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063, Southern Branch. 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: July 17, 2009 /s/ Stephen M. Hall JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2009)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No. CIV485628 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner NIKI OKCU filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: BERIVAN NIKI OKCU to NIKI BERIVAN OKCU THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: September 2, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Dept. PJ, Room 2C. Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063, Southern Branch. 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: July 10, 2009 /s/ Robert D. Foiles JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2009)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 10, 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/Yvette Keller and Mark Bessey/1015 Berkeley Avenue: Request for a use permit to construct single-story additions to an existing single-story, single-family, nonconforming residence that would exceed 75 percent of the replacement value of the existing structure in a 12-month period in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban) zoning district.

STUDY MEETING ITEMS

Study Session/Monte Rosa Land Company, LLC/2742 Sand Hill Road: Request for a study session regarding the demolition of an existing 835 square-foot deli building and construction of a new 8,030 square-foot office building as part of an existing office complex located at 2742 Sand Hill Road in the C-1-C (Administrative, Professional and Research District, Restrictive) 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, **August 10, 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.

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MOUNT CARMEL \$1,125,000
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MENLO PARK

3BR | 2BA

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Sparkling, spacious custom ranch has eat in kitchen and large family room w/wet bar, crown moldings, oak parquet flrs, lg Fr. windows.
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Stunning Brittan Heights Condo. Elegant L/R, gourmet kitchen w/granite counter-tops, remodeled baths. Views! Views! Pool, spa.
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4 BR 4 BA Located on a sunny knoll w/high ceilings & a light-filled contemp. design, completed with a New England flair. T.C., sep guest house, pool & BBQ area.	
Steven Lessard	650.851.2666
NEW LISTING! \$4,800,000	
4 BR 4 BA Located on approx 1.13 acres, this fabulous home blends with the natural harmony of the exquisite gardens. Los Lomas School District.	
Lyn Jason Cobb	650.324.4456
NEW LISTING! \$4,395,000	
5 BR 3.5 BA Welcome to this grand Tudor manor house, whose many amenities create the perfect setting for indoor-outdoor entertaining. Las Lomas schools.	
Hugh Cornish	650.324.4456
LUXURY & TRANQUILITY \$4,200,000	
5 BR 6.5 BA Serenity surrounds this remod. 6,400 sf gated home on a very private ac. Built around an inner courtyard & pool w/circular drive, gardens & Koi pond.	
Ed Kahl	650.851.2666
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3 BR 3.5 BA & recently built 2BR/1BA guesthouse. Exquisitely landscaped private grounds with pool, spa, multiple patios & 3 car garage. www.184Tuscaloosa.com	
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh	650.851.1961
NEW PRICE! \$2,395,000	
3 BR 2 BA Charming 2 level home w/woodland views. Updated & enlarged floorplan. Large LR & FR open to expansive deck overlooking cascading lawns. Las Lomas.	
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WILLOWS MEDITERRANEAN	\$1,899,000
4 BR 4.5 BA Great 4 BD/4.5BA home built in 2007 with separate guest quarters. Large lot, dramatic architecture, designer and green touches throughout.	
Elaine White	650.324.4456
STRIKING MENLO PARK HOME \$1,895,000	
4 BR 3 BA Soaring ceilings, lots of light, chef's kitchen, top appliances, Cherry flrs, granite & marble. Top quality all thru. Top neighborhood. Los Lomas Schools	
Vic Spicer	650.325.6161
NEW LISTING! \$1,799,000	
4 BR 3 BA 2 story, shingle exterior, 3 BR up & 1 down, high ceilings, lots of natural light, wonderful floorplan. Mature landscaping.	
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CHIC MENLO PARK RETREAT \$1,795,000	
3 BR 2.5 BA Two-story craftsman style home w/vaulted ceilings warm family room leads out to private backyard. Spacious master w/fireplace. Top Las Lomas Schools	
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3 BR 2 BA New! Updated Classic in tree-shaded Allard Arts. Huge kitchen/familyrm with vaulted ceilings and fireplace plus detached 1/1 guest cottage. Charming!	
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3 BR 3 BA Dramatic new 3BR hm+office. Fantastic grt rm w/entertainment system, soaring ceilings, cust cabinets w/slab granite & lg breakfast bar. Las Lomas!	
Elaine White	650.324.4456
NEW PRICE! WILLOWS. \$1,395,000	
4 BR 2 BA Light-filled living room/dining area w/lrg cusp FP. Gourmet kit w/granite counters & SS appliances. Lush landscaped backyard w/hot tub.	
Barbara Ellis & Mark Ankenman	650.324.4456
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3 BR 2 BA Stunning End Unit Features Views Of The Western Hills-Elegant L/R With Fireplace, Lovely Kitchen, Exquisite Master Suite W/Private BA-Walk To Downtown	
Keri Nicholas	650.323.7751
GORGEOUS TWO STORY HOME \$1,099,000	
4 BR 3 BA Elegant Living Room w/Fireplace Gourmet Kit Opens To Family Rm - Downstairs Guest Suite. Exquisite Master Ste w/Private Bath. Lovely Landscaped Yard.	
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Wendi Selig-Aimonetti	650.328.5211
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3 BR 2.5 BA Best value on the Circle! 3BR/2.5BA + family room, office, bonus room. 2 car garage!	
Deanna Tarr	650.324.4456
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John Nelson	650.324.4456

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ADORABLE HOME WITH CHARM	\$849,000
2 BR 1 BA Spacious living rm w/wood burning fireplace & many architectural details opens up to a cozy covered deck w/excellent indoor/outdoor flow. MP Schools.	
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Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh	650.851.1961
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Celeste Henzel	650.851.1961
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Eloise Pollock	650.323.7751

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Lana Rebert	650.851.2666

WOODSIDE	
3 ACRE SITE	\$3,995,000
3 BR 2 BA Amazing value on Woodside's finest country lane. Older home, pool, and pool house. Build new or renovate. Woodside Schools, and close to town center.	
Scott Dancer	650.851.2666
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3 BR 3 BA Private, rustic and expansive in the heart of Woodside. Classic ranch style home with pool, barn and heritage oaks. Long private lane of Tripp Rd.	
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OLD WOODSIDE CHARM \$3,300,000	
3 BR 3 BA Private, rustic and expansive in the heart of Woodside. Classic ranch style home with pool, barn and heritage oaks. Long private lane of Tripp Rd.	
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AMAZING VALUE \$3,275,000	
4 BR 3.5 BA Remodeled ranch style home on 1.9 acres. Very private garden with pool, waterfall and stables. Basement with full bath and office or 5th bdrm.	
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6 ACRE ESTATE W/BAY VIEW \$3,250,000	
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CENTRAL WOODSIDE \$2,395,000	
3 BR 2.5 BA + guest cottage w/full bath. Extensively remodeled home on almost one-half ac. Private outdoor patio & landscaped gardens. Woodside Elem. K-8.	
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DESIRABLE SKYWOOD ACRES \$2,350,000	
3 BR 2.5 BA Amazing architectural jewel w/walls of glass allow for vms of valley & bay. Light, bright, w/soaring vtd ceilings, grt rm, grmt kit & expansive deck.	
Athena Chilicas	650.851.2666
LOVELY TRADITIONAL \$2,195,000	
4 BR 2.5 BA Spacious 2-story w/LR/DR combination, eat-in kit, fam. rm & more. Lovely grounds, 1BR/1BA guesthouse, barn & riding ring on approx 1 ac. www.589RockyWay.com	
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh	650.851.1961
UPDATED HOME W/VIEWS \$1,995,000	
4 BR 3 BA Beautiful Western hills views from lg picture windows. Single lvl ranch style hm. Secluded location at the end of a priv driveway, yet close to town.	
Lyn Jason Cobb	650.324.4456
SKYWOOD ACRES \$1,648,000	
3 BR 2.5 BA Amazing architectural jewel w/walls of glass allow for vms of valley & bay. Light, bright, w/soaring vtd ceilings, grt rm, grmt kit & expansive deck.	
Judy Byrnes	650.851.2666
OCEAN VIEW HOME \$1,549,000	
3 BR 2.5 BA Stunning 2 AC Ocean Vu Property. 2 Story Main House With Remodeled Kitchen. Separate Addl 1 BR Inlaw & Sep Studio Apt. Great Addl Income Potential.	
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COUNTRY HM ON RUSTIC AC \$1,295,000	
3 BR 2 BA Close to town, over 1 ac. Hdwd flrs, frm LR, sep DR, kit, w/granite tile counters, inviting FR w/wdbnring FP. Access to deck & expansive yard w/pool.	
Scott Dancer	650.851.2666
CHARMING COTTAGE \$1,095,000	
1 BR 1 BA Located on a great lot with swimming pool. Woodside Elementary School District K-8. Plans & design by Tim Chappelle Arcanum Architecture.	
Steven Lessard/Tom Dallas	650.851.2666
AWESOME VIEWS UPDATED HM \$998,000	
3 BR 2 BA Lovely Updated 2 Story Home With Awesome Panoramic Bay View, Cherry Floors, High Ceilings, Granite Counters, Open Floor Plan, Gated Entry.	
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BAY VIEWS \$485,000	
2+ acres in Skyline Acres. Lovely trees on this wonderful wooded lot with gradual slope. Located at the end of a cul de sac in a private area.	
Margot Lockwood	650.851.2666



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ATHERTON – Traditional 6+BR/4+BA 1-Year new home. LR & DR both have fireplaces, 2 Master Bedroom Suites, 1 ground floor bedroom & wine cellar. Hardwood & tile flooring & guest quarters. Den & bonus rm. BBQ Area, patio & 3-Car attached garage.

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ATHERTON – Beautifully remodeled 2 story traditional home, gracious rooms, cooks kitchen, 5 bdrm/4 ba, private culdesac, prof landscaped grounds w/ pool, spa, fountain, fireplace and casita, walk to downtown Menlo Park.

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LOS ALTOS HILLS – Dramatic new construction is ideally located in Los Altos Hills. 6BR, incl a separate guest suite or office, 5BA + (2).5BA, LR & DR, 2 FR & gourmet kitchen. Amenities include media room, recreation room, wine tasting/DR & much more!

Farideh Zamani
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Offered at \$9,800,000



LOS ALTOS – Newly constructed lovely Capecod crafted with mastery! 5BR/4BA+2(.5BA), one master suite, state of the art kitchen with breakfast nook, 2 fireplaces, separate study & family room. A Must See!

Oak Lo
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MENLO PARK – Beautiful new 4RB/3.5BA home w/ luxurious finishes. Feat: high ceilings, gourmet kit w/ granite slate, hardwood flrs, wet bar, wrought iron railings, CAT5, pro lndscp w/stone patio & built-in bbq & wet bar. Close to shops, parks, fwys.

Dary Marhamat
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Price Upon Request

ATHERTON

Isabella Ave. is one of the most sought after streets in Atherton. This estate property offers a wonderful opportunity to build your dream home or renovate the existing & innovative residence to its original splendor.

Steven Gray
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Located in one of Atherton's most desirable neighborhoods, this 2-story 4BR/3.5BA Colonial features a floorplan that flows beautifully for both indoor/outdoor entertaining. Private, level yard & renowned Menlo Park School district.

Tony Fregoso
(650) 529-2900

Offered at \$3,299,000

FOSTER CITY

This spacious and bright waterfront 3bed/2bath home is a 10! New gourmet kitchen w/stainless steel appliances and granite counters. Family room, dining room, pantry & high ceilings. Award winning Foster City schools!

John Marshall
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Offered at \$1,299,000

4BR/2.5 Ranch Style home on the water. Newly redone eat-in kitchen, tile & hardwood flooring & wall-to-wall carpeting. Dual paned windows & ceiling fan(s). 2-Car Garage w/opener & fenced yard w/deck. Automatic sprinklers.

John Marshall
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LOS ALTOS

This spectacular remodel features 6 beds, 3 baths and luscious landscaping on large lot. Like new interiors with tasteful new countertops, paint, windows & so much more. Los Altos schools.

Camille Eder
(650) 614-3500

Offered at \$2,350,000

Charming, immaculate and spacious 4BR/3.5BA Tudor style home. Featuring gourmet kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances, Thermador range & center island plus large, finished basement & expansive lawns. Los Altos Schools.

Stephanie Savides
(650) 529-2900

Offered at \$1,750,000

MENLO PARK

First time on the market, must see to appreciate! Featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a separate family room.

Joann T Bedrossian
(650) 614-3500

Offered at \$2,100,000

Remodeled 2BR/2BA one-level condo in prime location. Kitchen includes slate counter tops, news appliances & cork flooring. Abundant natural light, hardwood floors, recessed lighting & fireplace. Convenient to Stanford & Hwy 280.

Mary Jo McCarthy
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Offered at \$699,000

Priced to sell. Stunning, remodeled 2bd/2ba top floor end unit. Great views of lawn and garden from balcony. Enclosed garage, extra storage area. Incredible West Menlo Park location. Las Lomitas schools.

Suzanne Scott
(650) 614-3500

Offered at \$679,000

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Sky is the limit in this home featuring cottage & outdoor entertainers dream! 2BD/2BA w/updated kitchen. Flexible floorplan cottage w/separate entry. In-ground pool and built-in BBQ.

Susan Berry
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Offered at \$1,249,000

PALO ALTO

Crescent Park Addition 3 bedroom 2 bath home in a park-like setting. Updated with dual pane windows, recessed lights, cherry floors & much more!

Jan Strohecker
(650) 614-3500

Offered at \$1,698,000

PALO ALTO

3BR/2BA single family Palo Alto charmer! Living room features cathedral ceilings & wood burning fireplace. Great neighborhood, close to parks, schools, shopping & restaurants.

Meryle Sussman
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Offered at \$895,850

PORTOLA VALLEY

Prime, Westridge view lot, near Alpine Rd. Spectacular views to Bay, Mt Diablo & Southeast mountains. Plans approved by Town of Portola Valley for 4 BD/4BA home. Minutes to Ladera shopping & Hwy 280. Sewer is at the lot line.

Elizabeth Daschbach
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Offered at \$3,300,000

Vintage Charm. 3BR/1BA Redwood Cabin home on a beautiful level lot. Lovely creek side setting. Redwood Interior w/Cathedral Ceiling Great Room. Detached garage w/adjacent guest unit potential.

Paul Shrabo
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Offered at \$1,395,000

REDWOOD CITY

4BR/4+BA remodeled home w/gourmet kitchen, ceiling windows & 2 Mstr BR Suites. Fireplaces in both FR & BR. Hardwood flooring & indoor pool w/retractable roof. Fenced yard & patio. Cul-de-sac location w/2-Car detached carport.

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Charming updated 4BD/2BA home located near prestigious Atherton border! Move right into this bright & clean home: SS appliances, AC, granite counters, hardwood flrs, landscaped grounds, a covered deck/patio suited for outdoor enjoyment!

Michelle Englert
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Offered at \$1,158,000

Retreat to this tempting, 4BR/2BA Traditional-style. Superlative touches in this rewarding residence include covered patio, deck and fireplace. Family room. Garage, labor-saving automatic sprinkler system. The pleasures of home!

Michelle Englert
(650) 614-3500

Offered at \$1,158,000

4BR/2.5 BA Ranch style home. Features separate FR, eat-in kitchen & FP in Living Room. Updated w/ newer windows, roof, plantation shutters & paint. Located on a cul-de-sac w/ a pool. Attached 2-car garage. WS/ Sequoia Union HS.

Brendan Royer
(650) 614-3500

Offered at \$999,950

5BR/3.5 2-Story Home located in the Horgan Ranch area. Updates include hardwood floors, crown molding & fresh paint making it move-in ready. Vaulted ceilings, FP in LR & Master BR. Patio & BBQ area, Automatic sprinklers.

Cristina Harper
(650) 614-3500

Offered at \$899,000

REDWOOD SHORES

Large & beautiful 3BR/3BA home featuring Family Room Kitchen, Living Room w/FP & 1 Master BR Suite. Dual paned windows, high ceilings, tile & area carpeting. Lg deck w/hot tub & 2-car attached garage.

Joann Bedrossian
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Offered at \$995,000

Great opportunity - don't miss out! This townhome is an end unit with largest floorplan. Kitchen, family room, and bedrooms have breathtaking views of the lagoons and walking trails. Call for appt today!

Cristina Harper
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Offered at \$739,000

SAN MATEO

One level 2BR/2BA spacious penthouse located on the top floor of 4-story building. Privately positioned master suite. Close to downtown shops & transportation.

Enayat Boroumand
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Offered at \$700,000

Charming 2 bedroom home with brand new kitchen, black granite countertops, spacious breakfast room and inside laundry. Well landscaped front and back yard.

Sally Kwok
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Offered at \$679,900



MENLO PARK – Custom built, this 4 bedroom, 4.5+ bath Mediterranean-inspired home has been lovingly maintained by the original owners. Featuring a Sharon Hills premier lot, magnificent views, over sized tennis court and Las Lomitas Schools.

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MENLO PARK – Rare opportunity to secure a classic 4 br 3 ba home on a good sized lot. Heritage Redwood Grove and specimen oaks. Home is ready for renovation or a perfect setting for your new construction!

Tom Boeddiker
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MENLO PARK – Remodeled inside & out 3BR/2.5BA home. Living Room w/FP, separate FR & eat-in kitchen. High ceilings, skylights & dual paned windows. BBQ area, deck & fenced yard. Corner lot w/2-car garage. Front & rear automatic sprinklers.

Suzanne Scott
(650) 614-3500

Offered at \$1,789,000



MENLO PARK – Move right in to this 4br/2ba home. Gourmet Kit w/granite, SS appl. & maple cabinets. Kit/ opens to dining area & great room. Outstanding Las Lomitas Schools.

Stephanie Savides
(650) 529-2900

Offered at \$1,195,000



MENLO PARK – Picturesque Menlo Park 3BR/1BA, peaceful tree-lined street, updated, open floor plan, granite kitchen, spacious bedrooms, large serene backyard with lawn, hot tub, Top Menlo Schools.

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PORTOLA VALLEY



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8 Buck Meadow Dr. **\$4,895,000**
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ATHERTON



A Resort-like Retreat **\$4,295,000**
6 BR 4.5 BA Remodeled, Skylit Kitchen, Master Suite opening to pool/spa, sport court, inset trampoline, & playhouse w/access to Las Lomitas Schools.



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PORTOLA VALLEY



GREAT NEW PRICE!

Sophisticated Home **\$3,200,000**
4BR/3BA Unparalleled Windy Hill views, formal DR, family rm, gourmet kitchen, office, expansive deck & pool, private yet convenient loc. www.75hillbrook.com



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MENLO PARK



JUST LISTED!

Las Lomitas Schools! **\$2,250,000**
4 BR 3.5 BA. Spectacular kitchen w/dining area. Oversized FR, spacious bedrooms, abundant natural light, HW flrs, Large & private backyard ideal for entertaining.



Cristina Bliss

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PORTOLA VALLEY



OPEN SUNDAY!

281 S. Castanya **\$1,695,000**
4BR/3.5BA +office, fam.rm/sunroom, hill views. Dramatic LR, lovely MBS w/French doors to patio & yd. 4th bed w/ sep entrance.



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WOODSIDE



Big 2 Story Home On 1 Acre **\$1,399,000**
3 BR 2.5 BA Spacious 2 Story On 1 Acre W/Great Floor Plan. Wood Floors, Fireplace, D/R, Large Office, Big Family Room W/High Ceilings, Separate Dining & Wine Cellar



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MENLO PARK



Drastic Price Reduction! **\$1,375,000**
3 BR 2 BA The combo LR/DR w/ built-in enter. cntr, FP & FR drs/ wndws showcase the patio & lush landscaping. The bdrm wing offers 3 spacious bdrms & 2 baths.



Margot Lockwood

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REDWOOD CITY



OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY!

201 W. Oakwood **\$665,000**
Great remodeled 2 BR/1 BA home on an oversized lot one block from Atherton! Gourmet kitchen, refinished HW floors, spacious & bright rooms, inviting FP in LR.



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