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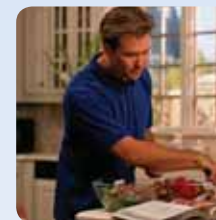
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Out with the old

Menlo Park's 1300 El Camino Real enters a new stage of life: demolition. Preparations for construction of an 110,000-square-foot office and retail center began during the third week of August, nearly a month after anonymous plaintiffs forced a \$38,000 lawsuit settlement out of developer Sand Hill Property Management. The agreement scaled down the size of a planned grocery store on the site. Only one plaintiff has been named to date — Tony Alexander of San Jose, the political director of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, which represents employees of grocery stores including Draeger's and Safeway.

City Council dives into pool bids as five-year contract nears end

■ City also seeks Belle Haven pool bids and a broader base of bidders.

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Considering that it was a Menlo Park City Council meeting, there was little dissent among council members on Aug. 24 as they voted to request bids on the operating contract for the Burgess swimming pools.

Cherise Brandell, community services director, pointed out three areas the city needs to improve in for the next contract: better communication with the contractor, particularly around maintenance; clarification of the split between city and contractor responsibilities; and following through on preparing annual reports about the facility.

Council members Andy Cohen and Rich Cline requested that

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the city broadly distribute the request for proposals among possible vendors, rather than approaching only the three mentioned in the staff report: Team Sheeper, which currently runs the aquatics center; SOLO Swim Club; and California Sports Center.

"That's precisely what was missing the last time around," Mr. Cohen said, encouraging city staff to have as broad a base of bidders as possible.

Staff indicated they would try to expand the list of potential bidders

The council voted four years ago to hand over operation of the then brand new Burgess facility to Team Sheeper, a private contractor, without charging rent or putting the contract out to bid. The current lease expires in May 2011.

Mr. Cohen asked whether pool operator Tim Sheeper would now be willing to disclose his income from the past four years of running the Burgess pools.

In an apparent response, Ms. Brandell said that each proposal may include confidential sections at the request of the bidder, such as trade secrets or business plans.

When Mr. Sheeper spoke before the council, he asked that it consider lengthening the lease from five years to 10 to maintain continuity and quality of service.

Menlo Park will ask potential contractors to submit bids for the Burgess pools alone, and for both the Burgess and Belle Haven pools. Councilman John Boyle suggested that the city also ask that bids include scenarios with monthly rent and any resulting fee hikes, and minimal rent with no fee changes. City staff estimated a base monthly rent of \$19,444.

The council expects to award the new contract in December. ■

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Menlo council reviews red-light camera issues

■ Police department releases accident data showing collision rates only slightly lower.

By Sandy Brundage
Almanac Staff Writer

The issue of red-light cameras causes controversy wherever it goes, even during City Council meetings.

On Aug. 24 Menlo Park's City Council approved a response to the San Mateo County grand jury report released in June that chided the city for, among other things, how far away warning signs were placed at the three intersections with cameras, and how much money the city earns from citations resulting from violations at those intersections.

The Menlo Park police department didn't

track accident rates specifically related to red lights at those intersections until The Almanac asked in July whether rates had decreased because of camera installation. The police compiled the results for accidents two years prior to the installations, and for post-installation in 2008 through July 10, 2010.

These statistics indicate only accidents caused by either red-light running or turning right on red without stopping first, both of which the cameras are meant to minimize:

■ El Camino Real/Glenwood Ave: 0 accidents before, 0 after

■ El Camino Real/Menlo Ave/Raven-swood Ave: 1 accident before, 0 after

■ Bayfront Expressway/Willow Rd: 6 accidents before, 5 after

Police spokesperson Nicole Acker said the department would continue tracking the data.

The grand jury report indicated the city collected, on average, \$94,500 per month.

This doesn't include the costs to the city of running the program; The Almanac has been trying to obtain a breakdown of those costs from the city. City Manager Glen Rojas said staff will research the personnel expenses.

During a presentation to the City Council, Sgt. Sharon Kaufman reported that collisions along the entire stretch of El Camino Real from 2008 to last month had decreased from 133 to 109, but Councilman John Boyle suggested that there "could be a hundred reasons" for the decrease, such as the depressed economy leading to fewer cars sharing the road.

Although a man who received a red-light camera ticket in Menlo Park has now filed a class action lawsuit against the cameras, City Attorney Bill McClure said the city has not yet been served papers as a party to the suit.

Menlo Park's contract with Redflex, the Arizona-based company responsible for operating and maintaining the cameras, dif-

fers from those of other Peninsula cities such as San Carlos and San Mateo. At issue is the so-called cost neutrality clause, which lets cities off the hook for paying for the services if revenue doesn't cover the cost.

The Menlo Park contract, Mr. McClure told the council, doesn't have a cost neutrality clause, and only postpones payment to Redflex in the event that fees from monthly citations don't match the \$5,000 to \$6,000 per camera cost of operation.

San Carlos and San Mateo recently deleted that clause from their contracts after citations were dismissed by appellate judges in San Mateo County and Orange County on grounds that this created a financial incentive to issue citations.

Regarding the grand jury's complaint about the distance of warning signs from intersections, the city maintains the distance is appropriate, and it will not be making a change. ■

BevMo scores permit for Menlo Park store

By Sandy Brundage
Almanac Staff Writer

Second time's the charm: Beverages & More (BevMo) scored a use permit from the Menlo Park Planning Commission to open an 8,900-square-foot store at the former site of the Chili's restaurant on El Camino Real.

The planning commissioners voted 4-3 to grant the permit after listening to nearly two hours of public comment. They also agreed to review the permit after three years.

Seventeen people spoke against the permit, including Dan Beltramo Jr., whose voice roughened with emotion as he thanked everyone for supporting his family's store, and other local wine sellers.

"They're not going to put anyone out of business; they're going to dilute the business," said Janet Benson, a local sales representative for Richmond-based Wine Warehouse.

Five speakers asked the commissioners to allow BevMo into Menlo Park; three are company employees. Jeff Sealy, the chain's vice president of real estate, said approximately 1,600 Menlo Park residents belong to the store's rewards program, and the store would create 12 to 15 new jobs.

Commissioners Kirsten Keith and Katie Ferrick voted against the permit on grounds that Menlo Park doesn't need

another liquor store, and the city should protect independent local businesses.

Vice Chair Vincent Bressler also opposed the action, suggesting that denying the use permit could force the building's owner to remodel the strip mall.

"For heaven's sake, what was in there was Chilis. If anything, BevMo is a step up," responded Commissioner Henry Riggs, who described the vacant space as "a peculiar building in a peculiar situation."

Local alcohol retailers such as Beltramo's sent out anonymous mailers urging residents to oppose the permit, claiming that a large chain store would threaten homegrown businesses and damage the city's character. The majority of the commissioners said they didn't believe BevMo was a threat to local merchants.

Three years ago, BevMo shelved plans for a store on Santa Cruz Avenue in the face of protests from the same group of retailers using the same arguments about character and competition.

However, not everyone who lives in Menlo Park shared that sentiment, then or now. During the past month residents bombarded the Planning Commission with e-mails asking them

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Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Varsity and junior varsity girls' volleyball teams practice in the new court at Menlo School Athletic Center.

Menlo School Athletic Center opens

Finally, a home for the Knights. After years of sharing a gym with Menlo College, Menlo School has a handsome new 54,000-square-foot athletic center of its own.

The \$18 million building was completed in 14 months, just in time for the beginning of the school year, with opening ceremonies held Aug. 24. The bi-level complex will accommodate the school's basketball and volleyball teams and provide fitness and training rooms.

The center features two courts, with complete support facilities so that the middle school and high school can hold events at the same time. The center, which includes the main court and the west court, can be set up for one NCAA regulation-size basketball court with bleacher seating for nearly 1,000, or three full-size basketball courts or four regulation-size volleyball courts.

"All Menlo athletes will benefit from this incred-

ible new facility," says Craig Schoof, athletic director and basketball coach. "While it is great for our volleyball and basketball teams ... all sports will benefit from the performance and fitness centers and have a place to practice when they are rained out."

The girls' volleyball team gets first play on the courts when it meets San Mateo High School in a non-league match in its home opener Sept. 9.

The wellness center is located on the building's upper level. It includes a performance room for weight-lifting, a fitness room containing cardiovascular equipment, and a training room to help students recover from injuries.

There are also two rooms for health education and a multipurpose room for yoga, Pilates, aerobics and martial arts.

The center will also be used for all-school assem-

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Con man remains behind bars

■ Defense attorney claims arrest the result of a 'lovers quarrel.'

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

As Simon Gann shuffled into the San Mateo County courtroom for a preliminary hearing on Aug. 27, he looked meek and rather as if his orange jumpsuit and shackles were a size too large.

He left the same way he came in, escorted by a bailiff, after the judge upheld charges of theft by false pretenses, resisting arrest, and grand theft.

Mr. Gann was arrested Aug. 16 in Menlo Park. His alleged 32-year-old victim met him at a Palo Alto Starbucks nearly three weeks before

she realized he had assumed a false identity and lied about being a stockbroker with a degree in math from MIT.

Menlo Park police officer Felicia Byars offered the hearing's only sworn testimony. She said the pair developed a relationship, and spent two afternoons gambling at the Artichoke Joe's casino in San Bruno. Mr. Gann claimed that Asperger's syndrome gave him "the ability to count cards like Dustin Hoffman in (the movie) Rain-man."

Officer Byars testified that the defendant won about \$1,200 playing blackjack.

During the relationship, she said, the victim loaned Mr. Gann approximately \$1,900 "because she believed him and trusted him" when he talked about losing his

wallet and passport in Los Angeles.

After Officer Byars testified, defense attorney Edward Pomeroy spun a scenario of two lovers who had quarreled. "He tells a woman he is something he's not," Mr. Pomeroy told the judge. "We have a tendency to do that. This case doesn't belong in criminal court."

Judge James Ellis was not amused, telling the attorney, "I ask that when you say (we), you don't include me."

Mr. Gann remains in custody, with bail set at \$100,000. The court scheduled an arraignment for Sept. 10.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said the 29-year-old man could serve up to four years in prison if convicted of all charges.

His bail tripled after Menlo Park police discovered his convictions for five counts of fraud and two for uttering threats in Canada last fall. After California resolves this case, an outstanding warrant awaits him in New Hampshire.

His identical twin brother, Jordan, is serving five years in a Florida prison for talking a woman out of thousands of dollars by posing as an Ivy League oncologist and real estate mogul in 2008. ■

Four businesses cited for selling alcohol to minor

■ Police run decoy operation again in Menlo Park.

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Employees at four Menlo Park businesses fell for the police department's minor decoy trap on Saturday (Aug. 28).

Rosewood Sand Hill, Eric's Gourmet, Applewood Pizza, and Lutticken's sold alcohol to a minor, according to the police department. The businesses face fines of up to \$1,000, and possibly 24 to 32 hours of community service. The state department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) can also levy fines or sus-

pend liquor licenses.

Police spokesman James Luevano said a \$6,000 grant from ABC paid for three minor decoy operations and educational training for businesses possessing a license to sell alcohol.

The decoys must be younger than 20 years old, and not dressed to appear older during the sting, according to police department guidelines. Officer Luevano said the department recruits minors at job fairs, law enforcement outreaches, and other programs for those interested in careers as police officers.

In July, a similar operation tagged four Menlo Park restaurants for selling alcohol to a minor. ■

Caltrain says it's likely to keep weekend service

Caltrain is likely to keep two of its services instead of cutting them as previously discussed to help close a \$2.3 million budget gap, a Caltrain spokesman said Friday.

Services to Gilroy and weekend services are likely to remain, at least until next July, Caltrain Executive Director Michael Scanlon said.

"Based on estimates of the potential cost savings and input from our customers, we would like to preserve these two important services," he said.

Cutting service to Gilroy would save Caltrain \$385,000 annually, spokeswoman Chris-

tine Dunn said. Cutting weekend service would save \$209,000 annually, she added.

Caltrain officials are still considering other service cuts, including a reduction of weekday early morning, midday, and late evening service.

Other proposals include a redefinition of youth to ages 17 years and younger. Currently, high school students who are 18 years old still qualify for youth-related discounts.

A formal public hearing at the Caltrain headquarters in San Carlos is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 2.

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



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New year brings changes to high schools

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

There is significant newness to be found in programs and plans for the 2010-11 school year at Woodside and Menlo-Atherton high schools, and more electives at Summit Preparatory and Everest high schools, both of which are small charter schools.

Green at Woodside

With record high temperatures in Russia, catastrophic flooding in Pakistan, devastating mud slides and floods in China, and persistent heat waves seemingly everywhere but California, it's been a summer for renewed interest in climate change.

It is timely then that at Woodside High, what's new for the school year concerns the state of the planet that these kids will inherit.

For ninth-graders, the renamed "global science" class considers a notion from astronomer and science-for-everyone advocate Carl Sagan: "Science is more than a body of knowledge. It is a way of thinking." The point of the new name and new focus, said instructional vice principal Diane Mazzei, is to help students "deal with 21st century topics that have relevance to their lives."

Woodside is also applying for a grant to improve the conditions of so-called safe routes for kids who want to bike, walk or skateboard to school, Ms. Mazzei said.

Woodside's Green Academy, in its second

year, aims to provide graduates with skills useful for engineering, science and urban planning majors in college as well as for entry-level jobs in the green economy. The academy has three new offerings:

■ The Green Careers and Professions class looks at occupations in landscape design, alternative energy, and geographic information systems (GIS), a mapping technology in wide use in commercial and public enterprises.

■ The Environmental Analysis through Chemistry class, borrowed from Menlo-Atherton High School, uses basic principles of chemistry to study soil fertility, plant nutrition, air and water quality, and climate change, said science teacher Ann Akey.

■ For juniors, the academy offers a mentor program with local businesses, said history teacher Marin Aldrich. An example: A student in the culinary program may land a mentorship at Buck's restaurant in Woodside. All academy students read "Omnivore's Dilemma," a critique of industrial farming by Michael Pollan, Ms. Aldrich said.

Woodside initiates a first-year language course in Mandarin this year, with more levels to come in following years. A poll of ninth-grade students in advanced English classes showed a preference for Mandarin over Japanese, said French teacher Gay Buckland-Murray.

A sister school in China and a travel program are also in the plans. Mandarin students may be lent Apple iPads, a convenience

for learning a character-based language, perhaps, but also reflective of a broader move toward electronic textbooks, Principal David Reilly said.

A second college-level AP math class begins this year. Calculus BC covers the topics of calculus AB and more, according to collegeboard.com. Some 70 Woodside students completed a summer math-acceleration program, Mr. Reilly said.

Digital natives, kids who've grown up with the Internet, have better computing skills than their predecessors, so Woodside has updated its computer applications and keyboarding course to address "digital citizenship in the 21st century," Ms. Mazzei said.

Sleep in!

The big news at Menlo-Atherton High School is a redesigned main hallway, lights for the football field, and a starting time for most students of about an hour later than normal. There's also a Russian angle.

M-A's juniors and seniors can study Russian literature and history this year, a new elective that includes a trip to Russia for students interested in a fuller experience. As a matter of policy regarding such travel opportunities, the school will not turn away students who lack the financial wherewithal to pay for them, Principal Matthew Zito said.

Students with six periods a day — most students — now start school at 8:45 a.m. M-A has long had a culture of 7:50 a.m., and 66 percent of faculty and staff objected to a

schedule that starts at 8:30 or later, Mr. Zito said in January. But administrators at the school and district levels have been persuaded by research showing that teens need extra sleep. (A similar schedule has been in effect at Woodside High since the spring of 2009.)

Friday night football, not an M-A tradition, is on tap for some home games this fall using temporary light towers at the normally unlighted field. An experimental night game in November 2009 created a sensation in the school community, with receipts up 212 percent at the gate and 343 percent at the snack bar.

A lighted field has distressed a group of residential neighbors to the point that they have filed a lawsuit against the school district, claiming violation of environmental and zoning regulations.

The Sequoia district's investigation into the feasibility of permanent lights will include an environmental analysis of noise, traffic, artificial light, and safety, Superintendent Jim Lianides has told the Sequoia Union High School District board.

More light is not controversial in Pride Hall, M-A's once dark and tunnel-like central passage. Over the summer, the hall acquired "soaring new ceilings," new lights, new paint, and new large windows that overlook the adjacent courtyards, said Bettylu Smith, a spokeswoman for the district.

As with Woodside, M-A has a new envi-

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blies. It is equipped with a projection screen, audio-visual technology and theater lighting. A Hall of Fame walkway from the lobby to the gym showcases trophies and Knights memorabilia.

Kevin Hart Architecture of

San Francisco designed the center, with Tim Morshead as lead designer. Construction was by Vance Brown Builders of Palo Alto.

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On the cover

Sophomores Matt Bradley, from left, Connor Paterson and Connor Stastny walk by the exterior south wall of the new Menlo School Athletic Center. Designer Tim Morshead of Kevin Hart Architecture says, "The south wall was designed to be fun, beautiful and beguiling. The folded surface rebounds a ball played against it in surprising ways, while markings on the wall and ground plane denote distance and height. Together, these encourage the middle school kids, who will use this courtyard, to invent new site-specific games."

Photo by Michelle Le.

Las Lomas school district explores possible parcel tax increase

The governing board of the Las Lomas Elementary School District agreed unanimously to hire a pollster to test voter opinion on a possible increase in the \$311 in parcel taxes that property owners pay annually to the district.

The board agreed to spend about \$20,000 to engage pollster Brad Senden of the San Rafael-based Center for Community Opinion, according to a staff report.

The residential survey should happen some time in November or early December, Superintendent Eric Hartwig told *The Almanac*.

"We, like other districts, are really struggling to make ends meet and we really have to consider this seriously," Mr. Hartwig said. The survey is the institutional equivalent of licking

one's finger and sticking it into the wind, he added.

If the survey shows support for a tax increase, an election would probably happen in the spring, he said. Any tax measure would need the approval of a two-thirds majority of voters.

The Las Lomas district consists of some 4,000 parcels, of which about 3,400 are taxed, providing the district with about \$1 million per year. Senior property owners can claim an exemption, and some 600 property owners do so, Mr. Hartwig said.

The last time the district asked voters to raise the parcel tax was in March 2007, when a 75 percent majority approved an increase of \$115.

More light coming to Town Center at night

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

The Portola Valley Town Council endorsed a go-slow approach to increasing artificial light at the Town Center, which now is so naturally dark that a recent star-gazing party had a view of the Milky Way.

Seeing the edge of our spiral galaxy with the naked eye is a tall order for most Silicon Valley communities. But such darkness can be a problem for those whose night vision is not what it used to be. Crossing the Town Center to a parking lot under a sliver moon can be an anxious journey.

A working group that included council members John Richards

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and Ted Driscoll, and Public Works Director Howard Young have devised an approach to improving visibility at night.

The council agreed in principle on Aug. 25 to replace with clear lenses the current light-diffusing lenses on the many downward facing lamps mounted on short posts that mark the Town Center paths at night, according to a staff report. The town will also add reflectors inside the lamp housings.

The entranceways to Town Hall, the library and the community hall will each receive a hanging porch light; the low sitting wall outside the com-

munity hall will have a light at each end; and the path through the redwood grove near the Historic Schoolhouse will have five new lights on posts marking the path, the report said.

Before taking the step to permanently light the ends of the seat wall, the town will experiment with portable solar-powered LED lights, Mr. Young told the council.

The town has a budget of \$45,000 for this project, but would use only \$20,000 for the current proposal, Mr. Young said. If these steps are insufficient, the town can gradually increase the wattage of the bulbs.

"I like the stepwise approach," Mayor Steve Toben said. ■

Sidewalk re-opens at Watkins construction site

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Through heavy rains in winter and long dry days in summer, Menlo Park pedestrians waited for the sidewalk along El Camino Real near Watkins Avenue to become theirs again. On Aug. 23, it did.

Project manager Phil Giurlani confirmed that the sidewalk is now open for business. For

months, cyclone fencing surrounding the construction site of a two-story, 9,852-square-foot medical and dental office complex at 1906 El Camino Real forced pedestrians to walk in the busy roadway.

Despite the progress, Mr. Giurlani was not entirely pleased.

Referring to *The Almanac's* posting of the defaulted tax owed on the property and questioning of the project's financial

status, he said, "I don't think that was really fair. You're talking about \$12,000, and it's a \$10 million project."

Mr. Giurlani said the defaulted tax has now been paid. The *Almanac* was unable to confirm that with the San Mateo County Tax Collector's Office last week.

Mr. Giurlani declined to discuss estimated timelines for finishing the complex. ■

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to approve the store, suggesting that the empty space may as well be put to use generating an estimated \$18,000 in sales tax revenue.

But foes of the store aren't throwing in the towel. City some 1,000 comment cards mailed to the city protesting the store, Dan

Beltramo released a statement asking the community to "come forth now more loudly than ever and voice their concerns." He attributed the permit approval to commissioners who would rather fill a vacancy than listen to "the voices of the people and the city's vision plan which states a commitment to supporting independent businesses versus

formula driven chain stores."

The statement did not specify whether Mr. Beltramo would ask the City Council to reverse the permit approval, and Mr. Beltramo did not respond to *The Almanac's* question before press time.

However, Tony Draeger said Draeger's market will not appeal the ruling. ■

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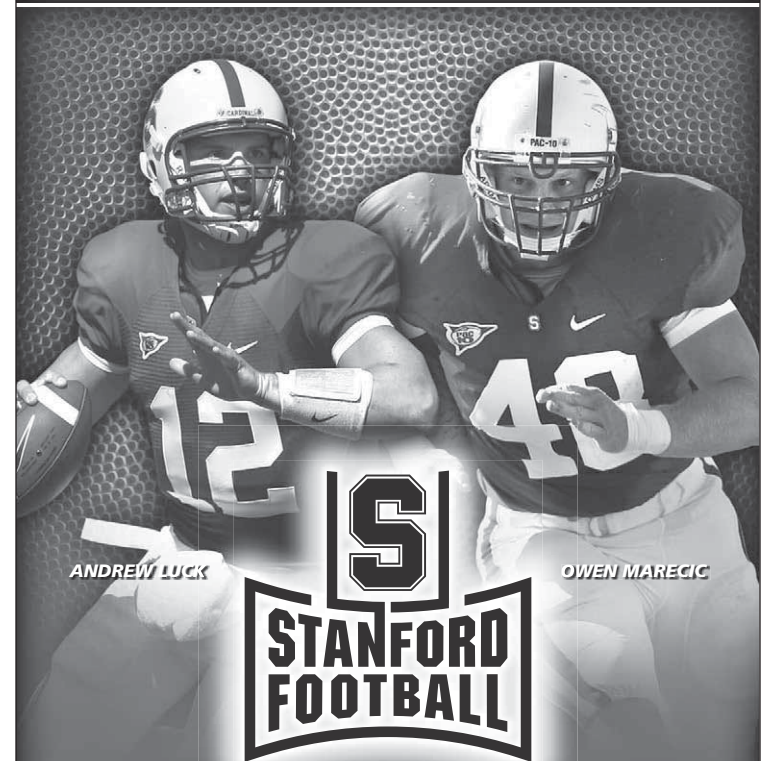
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ronmental science course built on what was called integrated science. The class will include field trips and gardening, Ms. Smith said.

A new class in three-dimensional animation begins and covers such topics as preproduction, storyboarding, modeling, rigging, animating and texture mapping. The teacher "is excited to teach this brand new course that will help students get ready for the 21st century job market," Ms. Smith said.

Bricks and mortar

If state financing of some \$3 million for each school comes in, M-A and Woodside will break ground on environmentally designed digital-media-studies buildings. If state financing does not come in, the schools will probably break ground anyway.

The schools are competing statewide and district-wide for grants connected with the state's career technical education (CTE) initiative, but the Sequoia district probably has enough voter-approved construction bond money to construct the buildings, spokeswoman Smith said.

The intention at Woodside is to have students collaborate under one roof using different media, including photography, audio, video and

animation, Mr. Reilly said. The "wildly popular" audio production class launched a second section this year, he said.

M-A's goal, Ms. Smith said, is to offer career paths in the field of media and design arts to about 600 students per year, including opportunities for "entry-level employment, advanced training or higher education through a rigorous, integrated course of study combined with specialized training through work-based learning opportunities."

A "model school"

At Summit Prep in Redwood City, the 2010-11 school year will include visitors from distant lands touring the school. The School Redesign Network at Stanford University has invited Summit to be a "model school," said Todd Dickson, the school's executive director.

Sister-school Everest begins its second year with new freshman and sophomore classes; the school occupies the entire first floor of a former office building on Main Street in Redwood City, said Executive Director Jon Deane.

(With enrollment by lottery, about 25 percent of Summit and Everest students typically live in the Almanac's circulation area.)

Many of the two schools' teachers are graduates of Stanford's school of education; Summit will host 11 student teachers from the education school this year, and Everest will host two, the executive directors said.

Among the new electives at Summit this year are Aikido, robotics, and internships for 12th-graders at local businesses, Mr. Dickson said.

The electives take place during intersession, a month-long break from regular classes that happens at the end of each semester. Everest is a partner with Summit during intersession.

The math department is initiating intersession and summer support classes for freshmen and sophomores who need the help to be successful at college-level math, Mr. Dickson said. ■



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Downtown parking on agenda

Downtown parking is on the agenda when the Menlo Park City Council meets Aug. 31, and among the questions considered will be whether to shorten parking time limits from two hours to one hour along Santa Cruz Avenue, while adding 15-minute spots at the street's corners.

Under a plan to be discussed, forty-three spaces along Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Avenue, El Camino Real, University Drive, and Santa Cruz Avenue near Fremont Park would get longer limits, changing from one hour to two hours.

Finally, parking plazas one, off El Camino Real, and five, off Santa Cruz Avenue, would provide two hours of free parking, then charge an hourly rate. The number of annual permits for plaza two, off Oak Grove Avenue, would be reduced from 47 to 24, and reallocated among the other plazas.

City staff estimates that implementing those changes will cost \$55,000. The proposal is the result of a user survey and parking study commissioned by the city last year.

Details on the proposed changes are available on the city's website at http://www.menlopark.org/council/city_council.html. Click on the Aug. 31 agenda to view the staff report.

■ MENLO WATCH

Library closed over Labor Day weekend

Menlo Park's libraries will close during Labor Day weekend, from Sept. 4 through 6. The reduced hours are the result of service cuts made as part of the city's 2010-11 budget; the main library will close for a total of nine days during the year, generally following holidays.

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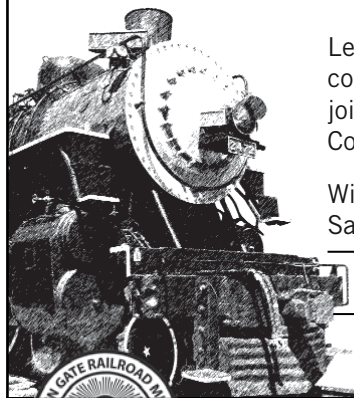
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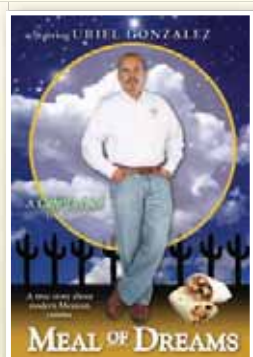
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Andy Garcia memorial run set for Labor Day

The ninth annual Andy Garcia Memorial 5K Run-Walk-Bike event takes off on Labor Day, Sept. 6, from Triangle Park in Portola Valley.

The run commemorates the birthday (Aug. 28) of Mr. Garcia, who lost his life in the United Airlines Flight 93 crash on Sept. 11, 2001, in Pennsylvania. This would have been his 71st birthday.

The run starts at 9 a.m. at Triangle Park, the intersection of Alpine and Portola roads, and finishes at the park.

There will be a free pancake breakfast at the park following the race. There is no charge to take part in the run.

"Our hope is to honor and remember, not only my dad, but all the passengers and crew aboard United Flight 93," says Mr. Garcia's daughter, Kelly

Garcia Arrillaga.

Ms. Arrillaga reports that construction is under way on the national Flight 93 Memorial, located at the cash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The memorial will be dedicated next year on the tenth annual observance of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The memorial will include a 1,000-foot-long viewing plaza that will surround and protect the crash site, which will be left undisturbed. A wall engraved with each of the 40 passengers' and crewmembers' names will be located at the end of the plaza.

Flight 93 Memorial is a national memorial within the National Parks system. The National Park Service will be the permanent steward for the memorial, says Ms. Arrillaga.

'The Music of Irving Berlin' benefit at Menlo School

AROUND TOWN

"The Music of Irving Berlin" with vocalists Steve Gill and his daughter, Anne, will be performed Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 4 and 5, at Menlo School in Atherton as a benefit for the Lighthouse for the Blind.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. in Spieker Ballroom, 50 Valparaiso Ave. The suggested donation is \$10.

Current and former members of the Menlo School community will also perform. Mr. Gill, a veteran singer with local theater groups, is a retired member of the Menlo School faculty.

In 1997, Anne Gill was in a near-fatal car accident that left her blind and brain-injured. After a long rehabilitation period, she came home in the spring of 1998.

While many programs serve those with brain injuries and others help the blind, few resources are designed to help adults with multiple disabilities. The Gills discovered that the Lighthouse for the Blind offers a session at its Enchanted Hills Camp in Napa Valley for the visually impaired, such as Anne, who have other disabilities as well.

In gratitude, in 1999 Mr. Gill organized the first con-

cert to support the Lighthouse for the Blind and Enchanted Hills.

For more information, call Steve or Nancy Gill at 948-4648. Those who cannot attend the concert but wish to make a donation may send a check made out to Lighthouse for the Blind to the Gill family, 640 Orange Ave., Los Altos 94022.

Creative writing workshops

Author and editor Phyllis Butler of Menlo Park will conduct four creative writing workshops at 1:30 p.m. Thursdays, starting Sept. 9, at Little House, 800 Middle Ave. in Menlo Park. Each session lasts one hour.

Ms. Butler will instruct students in creative writing of short stories, memoirs, and family histories. She said she also can offer professional evaluation and final editing of manuscripts.

Cost of the four-week workshop is \$25 for Little House members; \$30 for non-members. For more information, call Ms. Butler at 326-0723.

Conrad Welling

Sought potential of marine minerals

Conrad G. Welling, a resident of Atherton for 51 years, died Aug. 20 after a short illness. He was 91.

Mr. Welling was born in St. Louis, Missouri, but spent his youth in Houston, Texas. At age 17 he joined the military and earned his wings as a naval aviator. During his 20-year career with the military, he flew a wide range of aircraft, including carrier landings with the S2-F. He also served at the Pentagon, where he contributed to the development of the Polaris missile program.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy, he worked for Lockheed Missiles and Space. He formed an industrial partnership, International Mineral Company, to investigate the potential of marine minerals.

According to the family's statement: "Through Mr. Well-



Conrad Welling

ing's leadership, Lockheed Ocean Minerals Company, an international consortium, became the first U.S. licensee under the Deep Seabed Hard Minerals Resources Act and, in 1978, successfully tested a remotely operated ocean mining vehicle, for which the technology has yet to be matched."

The mining systems influenced the design of mining systems through the world and added credibility to a venture regarded by many at the time as too futuristic, say family members.

Mr. Welling is survived by his children, Conrad G. Welling, Bonnie Welling, and Patricia Leugers; and two grandchildren. His wife of 62 years, Bunny Welling, died in October 2006.

Services have been held.

■ 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.

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Fraud report:

Loss of \$500 after unauthorized use ATM card, Middlefield Road, Aug. 23.

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Residential burglary report: Computer stolen, 1200 block of Willow Road, Aug. 26.

Grand theft report: Bicycle stolen, 500 block of Santa Cruz Ave., Aug. 20.

Stolen vehicle report: Green two-door BMW 325, intersection of Hamilton Ave. and Madera Ave., Aug. 21.

Fraud report: Unauthorized opening of cell phone account, reported at main police station at 701 Laurel St., Aug. 25.

Elder abuse report: 1300 Hollyburne Ave., Aug. 24.

WOODSIDE

Theft report: Air compressor and mitre saw stolen from construction site, 400 block of Summit Springs Road, Aug. 20.

Auto burglary report: Window smashed and purse with credit cards stolen and later used, intersection of La Honda Road and Skyline Boulevard, Aug. 21.

WEST MENLO PARK

Auto burglary report: Window smashed

and GPS device valued at \$200 stolen, 1900 block of Camino a los Cerros, Aug. 22.

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Time for a truce in Atherton

Atherton could take a step back from the challenges over public records that recently have stymied the town staff — if money can be found to complete a software upgrade in the building department.

During the Aug. 20 confrontation at the Town Hall counter between two unhappy members of the public — former employee John Johns and resident Kimberly Sweidy — and Atherton City Manager Jerry Gruber. Mr. Gruber would say only that he could not respond to the public record requests each of them had made.

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The opinion of The Almanac

Both are seeking records from the town's building department. The encounter was filmed by resident Jon Buckheit, who is suing the town on another matter, and was later posted on YouTube and The Almanac's Town Square forum. The video shows Mr. Gruber reading from a script saying the requested records are not available. Mr. Johns, the town's former finance director, is seeking the records of the town's building permits issued between 2000 and 2007. Ms. Sweidy is seeking all building department records of her own building project, which began in 2003. She claims that "gross negligence" on the part of the building department will force her to spend millions of dollars to repair her multi-million dollar home, and has threatened to sue to the town to cover her costs to correct the construction errors.

In the Aug. 20 confrontation, Mr. Johns told City Manager Gruber that he expected to be given the records he had requested about 10 working days earlier — the grace period given to public agencies to fulfill such requests. The video of the angry exchanges between Mr. Johns and Ms. Sweidy with Mr. Gruber remains on YouTube

despite a request from an employee, who briefly appeared in it, to take it down.

Mr. Gruber told The Almanac last week that once the migration of data from the old to new software is complete, he fully intends to hand over whatever information is requested. If he sticks to his word, it would be the first positive step we have seen in some time between the town and some of its adversaries.

Nevertheless, in the meantime there is little doubt that Ms. Sweidy is likely to file suit against the town to recover damages she says were caused by an unqualified building inspector who approved substandard work on her home. Her public records request seeks all building department correspondence that concerns construction of her home, where she, her husband Raymie Stata and their two daughters have lived in since September 2007.

We believe Atherton is fully prepared to give up the records requested by Ms. Sweidy and Mr. Johns, when the software upgrade has been completed. (Mr. Johns, who said he is familiar with the old software, disagrees with the town's contention that the information cannot be handed over in its present form.) Nevertheless, the town is out of compliance with the state's Public Records Act and may have to pay the price if a court decides the issue.

In our view, the best course for now is for all parties to take a time-out, then discuss how the record requests can be settled amicably, perhaps with help from a third party. It does neither side any good to continue the angry confrontations like we saw broadcast on YouTube and The Almanac website. When all parties have the information they requested, the disputes can move on to a courtroom, where a judge and possibly a jury will decide whether to assess any damages.

LETTERS
Our readers write

Reduced parking time in Menlo will hurt business

Editor:

For years I have complained that the city of Menlo Park is anti-business.

The recent proposal to shorten the time people can park downtown for free takes the cake. Why don't they set up toll booths at every business and charge admission?

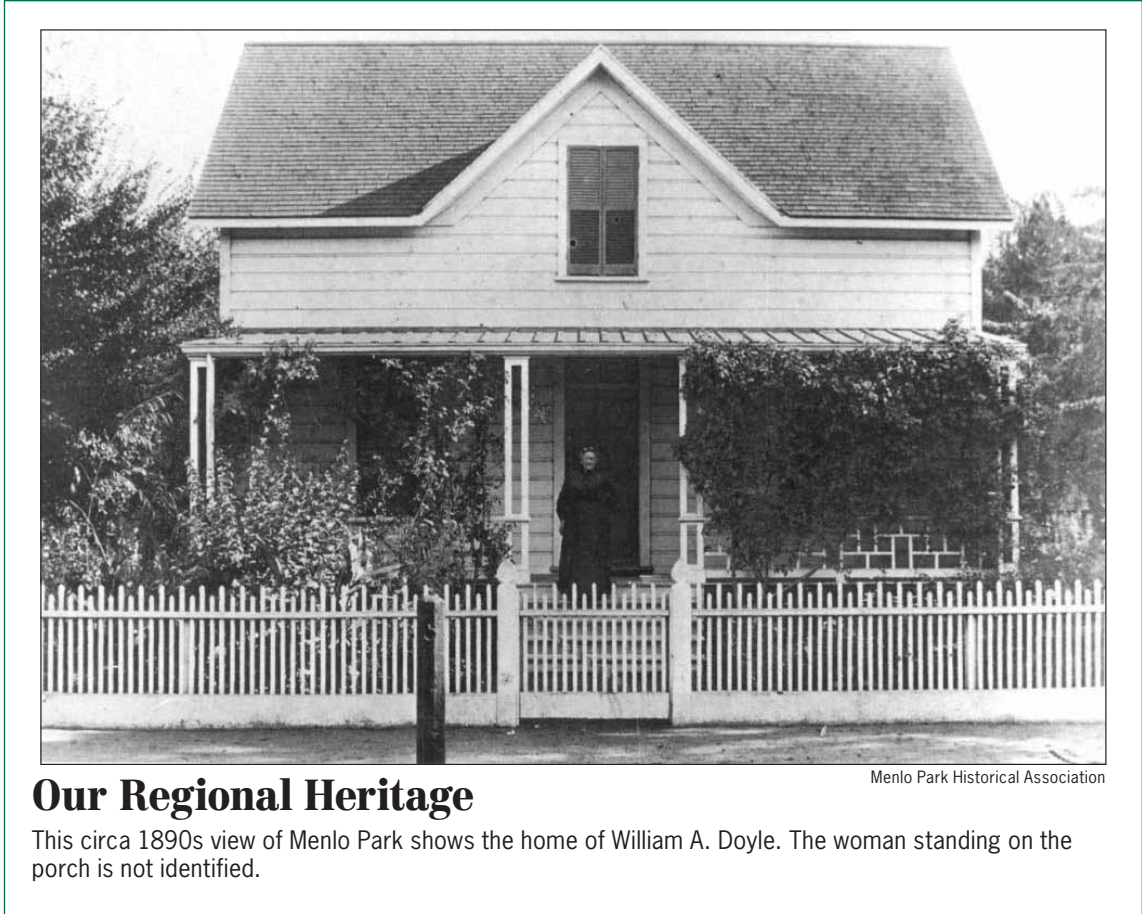
The real problem is that we keep attracting the same type of candidates for local office. That is, people who can't think and who have no common sense. This year is no exception.

Pat White
Fremont Street, Menlo Park

Another side to the argument for BevMo

Editor:

In last week's letters, Paul A. Lewis lists six points in favor of allowing BevMo to occupy commercial space on El Camino Real. However, every one of Mr. Lewis' points applies just as well if the space is occupied by a locally owned business. In addition, a



Menlo Park Historical Association

Our Regional Heritage

This circa 1890s view of Menlo Park shows the home of William A. Doyle. The woman standing on the porch is not identified.

regional chain like BevMo, unlike a local business, would suck money not only out of the local economy but out of the city, the state, and possibly the country, while competing not only with long-

established local businesses but with its own stores on El Camino in Redwood City and Mountain View as well.

Chains like BevMo and Wal-Mart have a well-established record

of putting their own interest first and those of the community a distant second. Finally, Mr. Lewis' statement, "Let capitalism prevail:

See **LETTERS**, next page

Time to bring fairness to state sales tax

By Clark Kepler

As consumers and retailers, we expect that economic competition will be based on opportunity and fairness, but in California that's not the case.

Common sense would dictate that when you buy something online you would pay sales tax, just as if you had made that same purchase in my store in Menlo Park. Unfortunately, for both me and the state, out-of-state online retailers have practiced sales tax avoidance for years. As a result, hundreds of millions of dollars in sales tax go uncollected.

That's money that current law says is due and that could help bridge our massive budget gap and help protect us against further tax increases.

The good news is that a proposed state budget plan includes a provision that makes clear that online retailers with affiliates in California have a legal presence in our state and, therefore, must collect sales tax, just as I and every other in-state retailer does.

Not surprisingly, giant out-of-state retailers are lobbying hard to keep the status quo. By not collecting sales tax, they maintain a crucial price advantage over in-state retailers. But a sale, is a sale, is a sale, and the current, unfair situation undermines locally owned stores such as mine, businesses that studies have shown contrib-

ute far more economic benefit to our communities. On a level playing field, I and thousands of other local retailers create new jobs that are crucial in an economic recovery.

According to estimates from the University of Tennessee, California's loss of total state and local sales tax revenue for 2011-12 is more than \$3.5 billion. Enacting the proposed budget plan would fix our antiquated system and would help recoup monies that would go toward keeping police protecting our neighborhoods, teachers in neighborhood classrooms, and first responders in nearby firehouses.

Importantly, these changes are both fair and doable. Currently, most retailers that also sell online — including Wal-Mart, Barnes & Noble, and Sears — already collect and remit sales tax for online purchases. Technological advances have greatly simplified and automated this task, and the proposed sales tax equity provision contains an exemption for small retailers in California whose businesses are not focused on extensive out-of-state online sales.

Adopting a state budget that includes sales tax equity will make sure that all businesses play by the same rules, that our state fosters job growth and opportunity, and that we take important steps toward lasting economic growth and fiscal responsibility.

Clark Kepler operates Kepler's Books in Menlo Park and is president of Hometown Peninsula, an independent business alliance.



GUEST OPINION

LETTERS

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Let BevMo sink or swim," reflects a sadly myopic view of society in which the only thing that matters is cash and commerce: The citizens of Menlo Park know and deserve better.

I agree with Mr. Lewis that the mailers sent to city residents by Beltramo's et al were self-serving, but that doesn't mean they were wrong.

L. Peter Deutsch
Santa Margarita Avenue,
Menlo Park

Redwood City conflicts

Editor:

The Fair Political Practices Commission got it exactly right in its recent ruling against Redwood City Council member Rosanne Foust. The watchdog agency said Foust violated the law when she voted to move the Cargill salt pond development application forward while at the same time receiving a salary from SAMCEDA, a business lobby group that is pro-Cargill.

But sadly, this is just the tip of the iceberg. I raised this issue two years ago when I filed a public records act request in Redwood City seeking information regarding (then) Mayor Foust and her conflict of interest. The city refused to release any information, but the FPPC

has now validated my concern.

The conflict of interest issue is not just Foust's. There are numerous Redwood City officials and committee appointees who are walking a thin line on conflicts of interest. For example, Jeri Richardson-Daines, who was appointed to the Housing and Human Concerns Committee, which is responsible for decisions regarding potential housing development in Redwood City, is employed by the Cargill Saltworks developer, DMB Associates.

Nori Jabba, who was appointed to the Historic Resources Advisory Committee, which is responsible for making recommendations to the planning commission on historic preservation issues, is employed by DMB Associates.

Council members Foust, Jeff Gee, Mayor Jeff Ira and Planning Commission Chair Nancy Radcliff all hold board positions on the Redwood City San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce. The chamber has been a force behind the Saltworks project for years; that's its job.

Public servants cannot serve two masters. The ongoing concern is the question of who do these people represent? In their elective or appointed positions, do they represent the interests of their employer, DMB? The Chamber?

Cargill's massive development project to fill in 1,400 acres of fully restorable bay salt ponds is

hugely controversial. All decisions on this project must be free of behind-the-scenes special interests.

Marsha Cohen
Redwood City

GOP a disappointment

Editor:

I have been a Republican for many years — both a voter and a financial contributor — but no longer.

Now, all I hear is NO! No more taxes! No cooperation! Nothing that will help improve our lives or our country.

Never do I hear we are for better education, more jobs, help to solve the banking situation, or doing whatever it takes to accomplish these objectives. Now, all the GOP wants to do is cut, take from the poor to guarantee tax breaks for super wealthy.

They say they want less government, yet that gave us the Katrina mess, Enron, the banking meltdown, and now the BP fiasco. Republicans have gone AWOL as far as our future is concerned.

We need full and active participation. We need more effective government. We need more jobs. Jobs will help cut the deficit. That's the way we rebuild America. I'm disgusted, and certainly won't vote Republican this time.

Robert Rutherford
Portola Road, Portola Valley

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The Almanac Food & Drink

New restaurants, recipe ideas, and profiles of local chefs. ■ September 1, 2010



John Bentley's restaurant in Redwood City features Black Mission figs with gorgonzola and arugula as a seasonal appetizer.

The fabulous fig

Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Who says we don't give a fig about this luscious fruit?

By Jane Knoerle Almanac Lifestyles Editor

Fresh figs are sweet, sensuous and in season.

Markets are now featuring figs, a delicious fruit that has a flavor unlike any other. It's a subtle taste you learn to love. As a kid I hated figs. Like most Americans in those days, the only figs I knew were found in Fig Newtons, a poor excuse for a cookie.

A sweeter memory for me is, years later, eating ripe figs right off a tree in Seville. The taste was wonderful because the fruit was just picked. Unless you're lucky enough to have a fig tree in the backyard, your best bet is shopping for them at a farmers' market or market known for quality produce. Figs that have gone through the distribution system and been refrigerated lose some of that delicate flavor.

Figs are perishable and spoil quickly. The best are plump and tender. They can be refrigerated, but are best eaten at room temperature.

Since they are very perishable, they should be purchased a day or two in advance of eating them. Look for figs that have a deep color.

A little history

Figs can trace their history to the earliest of times. They are mentioned in the Bible (Adam and the fig leaf) and other ancient writings. They are thought to have been first cultivated in Egypt. From there they spread to ancient Greece, where they became a diet staple.

Figs were later introduced to other regions of the Mediterranean, then brought to the Western hemisphere by the Spaniards in the early 16th century. Today, California is one of the largest producers of figs, in addition to Turkey, Greece, Portugal and Spain, according to the WH Foods (World's Healthiest Foods) website, whfoods.com.

Figs grow on the ficus tree, which is a member of the mulberry family.

There are more than 150 varieties of figs. Some of the most popular are: Black Mission (black skin and pink flesh), Kadota (green skin and purple flesh), Calimyrna (greenish skin and amber flesh), Brown Turkey (purple skin and red flesh), and Adriatic (light green skin, pink flesh, used in fig bars), says the WH Foods website. Black Mission figs are the most available in our area.

Figs are a versatile fruit because they work in both sweet and savory dishes. They combine well with salty flavors. John Bentley's restaurant in Redwood City serves an appetizer of Black Mission figs stuffed with Gorgonzola cheese served on a bed of arugula. Figs are delicious in salads with toasted nuts and prosciutto. The fruit can also be grilled to serve with lamb or chicken, and, of course, there are dozens of fig desserts (think figgy pudding).

Food writer Marion Burros, in a

2000 article in the New York Times, suggests slicing figs in half and topping each half with a dollop of sour cream and a sprinkling of grated orange peel. She also quarters figs, marinates them in a bit of brandy, and serves them with sour cream mixed with a little orange liqueur.

Although fresh figs are my favorite, I could easily be tempted by a dessert featured at Iberia restaurant in Menlo Park, which specializes in Spanish cuisine. The dessert, Higos Rellenos, features dried figs poached in port wine and stuffed with a mixture of chopped walnuts, pistachios, and chocolate drizzled with a port reduction.

Karen Groscup Murphy, who grew up in Menlo Park, now lives in Novato, where she and her husband, Kevin, are both good cooks. The recipe on the right is for a salad she recently made for Father's Day at her parents' home in Sharon Heights. ■

Fig and arugula salad

6 medium handfuls of arugula (Karen prefers wild arugula, if available)
4 figs, quartered and drizzled with olive oil
4 ounces goat cheese, crumbled into large pieces
3-4 parmesan crisps broken into small pieces (available at Trader Joe's)
Combine above ingredients and toss lightly with dressing.

Salad dressing

Karen has created her own version of her Grandmother Groscup's salad dressing:

Blend together:
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 large shallot, minced
1 generous teaspoon sugar
Salt and pepper to taste
Dash of Italian seasoning



Photo by Phyllis Neumann

Kings Mountain Art Fair

Local artist Rebecca Holland's work is an example of the fine art available in the Mountain Folk Art section of the Kings Mountain Art Fair, which takes place Sept. 4, 5, and 6 at 13889 Skyline Blvd. in Woodside. A pancake breakfast with the artists starts at 8 a.m.; the artists' booths are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the fair is free. Visit www.kingsmountainartfair.org for more information.

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Art Galleries

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Buildings on Paper "Buildings on Paper: Architectural Drawings." This exhibition features architectural drawings by Frank Lloyd Wright and others. Through Oct. 17, Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford.

Mami Wata The exhibition highlights both traditional and contemporary images of Mami Wata and her consorts from across the African continent, as well as from the Caribbean, Brazil, and the United States. It offers a variety of media including magnificent masks, kinetic sculptures, and vibrant paintings. Through Jan. 2, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford.

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PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

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/Joann Gann/500 Morey Drive: Request for a use permit for interior modifications and second-story addition that would exceed 50 percent of the existing square footage of an existing nonconforming, single-story structure located on a substandard lot with regard to lot width and area in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban) zoning district. The proposed modifications would also exceed 50 percent of the replacement value of the existing structure in a 12-month period. The proposed remodeling and expansion are considered to be equivalent to a new structure.

Use Permit/Jon Jang/970 Altschul Avenue: Request for a use permit for first-story and second-story additions that would exceed 50 percent of the existing square footage of an existing nonconforming, single-story structure on a substandard lot with regard to lot width in the R-1-S (Single-Family Suburban) zoning district. The proposed modifications would also exceed 50 percent of the replacement value of the existing structure in a 12-month period. The proposed remodeling and expansion are considered to be equivalent to a new structure. In addition, a use permit is required for excavation (removal of more than 12 inches of dirt) within the required front setback for landscaping improvements. The construction of the proposed residence would require the removal of two heritage size trees, a 53.7-inch diameter blue gum in fair condition and a 22.2-inch diameter Monterey pine in poor condition.

Minor Subdivision/Brooke Heckert/1340 Arbor Road: Request for a minor subdivision to create two single-family residential parcels where one parcel currently exists in the R-E (Residential Estate) zoning district.

Use Permit/Ellen Ackerman for MTR/943 Hamilton Avenue: Request for a use permit for indoor storage and use of hazardous materials for the research and development (R&D) of membrane materials and processes at an existing building located in the M-2 (General Industrial) zoning district. The applicant has also submitted a use permit application for indoor storage and use of hazardous materials for the suite located at 953 Hamilton Avenue, in the same building.

Use Permit/Ellen Ackerman for MTR/953 Hamilton Avenue: Request for a use permit for indoor storage and use of hazardous materials for the research and development (R&D) of membrane materials and processes at an existing building located in the M-2 (General Industrial) zoning district. The applicant has also submitted a use permit application for indoor storage and use of hazardous materials for the suite located at 943 Hamilton Avenue, in the same building.

Use Permit/Neil Winterbottom/4040 Campbell Avenue: Request for a use permit for indoor storage and use of hazardous materials for the research and development (R&D) of medical devices at an existing building located in the M-2 (General Industrial) zoning district.

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, **September 13, 2010**, 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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Website Building for Beginners This seminar teaches how to build and publish a simple website with Weebly. No HTML or technical skills required. Wed, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422.

Clubs/Meetings

Woodside Library Book Club The Woodside Library Book Club, reading "Anna Karenina" by Leo Tolstoy over a two-month period. Read Part Four to the end for the concluding discussion! Tue., Sept. 7, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147. www.smcl.org

Community Events

Kings Mountain Art Fair This is a fair of 130 juried artists, kids' arts and crafts, and food, beer, and wine, in a redwood forest set-

ting. Proceeds benefit the KM Volunteer Fire Brigade and local elementary school. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Kings Mountain Community Center, 13889 Skyline Blvd., Woodside. www.kingsmountainartfair.org/

Thursday Evening Dance Fox Trot, Waltz, Polka and more every Thursday evening. Light refreshments will be served. Come alone or bring a partner. Thursdays, 7-10 p.m. \$7 per person. PV Inc Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025. www.penvol.org

Exhibits

Picture This! A History of Photography Exhibit showcases examples of how photography has contributed to our comprehension of life and history as the technology of making and preserving images has been improved. An exhibit highlight is "Capturing Light and Time", a presentation of the photographic work of Wayland Lee. Through Oct. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. free. museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer

Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

Health

Early Memory Loss Wellness program A program for people experiencing changes in memory or Mild Cognitive Impairment is offered at Rosener House, 500 Arbor Rd, Menlo Park, on Wednesdays. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$20 per class PV Inc Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025. www.penvol.org

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Talks/Authors

Deborah Willis signs her debut collection of short stories: Vanishing The collection explores emotional and physical absences, the ways in which people leave and are left, and whether it's ever possible to move on. Thurs, Sept. 9, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

The Dos and Don'ts of Social Media This will teach how to use social media effectively. Tues, Sept. 7, 6-9 p.m. \$35. Orrick, 1000 Marsh Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-386-5015. www.gaba-network.org

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Deborah's Palm Volunteer Opportunities Deborah's Palm is a women's resource center located in downtown Palo Alto. It has many volunteer opportunities available ranging from front desk greeters, fund raising, grant writing, special events and much more. Deborah's Palm, 555 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto. www.deborahspalm.org


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**Community Workshop
Emergency Water Supply Project**

Thursday, September 9, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.
Burgess Recreation Center
700 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

The Menlo Park Municipal Water District (MPMWD) is beginning the process of developing an emergency water supply project for the eastern service area of the district. The eastern service area includes properties in the Belle Haven, Willows, Flood Park and Burgess Park areas that receive water from the City of Menlo Park.

The eastern service area is entirely dependent on the availability of water from the Hetch Hetchy water system operated by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). The City of Menlo Park is planning to construct a network of 2-3 groundwater wells to act as a back-up emergency water supply in the event of a disruption of service from the Hetch Hetchy system.

The purpose of the Community Workshop is to provide residents and businesses with information about the City's project and to afford interested residents the opportunity to participate in developing criteria for prioritizing future well sites.

The City held a Community Meeting on June 30, 2010 to develop and prioritize criteria for potential well sites. In the hopes of obtaining additional community feedback, the City has decided to hold a second Community Meeting on September 9, 2010. The presentation and information will be the same, and data collected from both meetings will be presented to Council in October 2010.

For more information, contact Engineering Services at (650) 330-6740, or visit the City's website at <http://www.menlopark.org/projects/wellsproject.htm>.

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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 239763

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as: Roosevelt Wash N
Dry at 2117 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood
City, CA 94062, San Mateo County: Is
(Are) hereby registered by the following
owner(s): LANDMARC PROPERTIES,
INC., 3475 Edison Suite A, Menlo Park,
CA 94025 This business is conducted
by: A Corporation. The registrant com-
menced to transact business under the
fictitious business name(s) listed herein
on 01/15/2010. This statement was
filed with the County Clerk-Recorder
of San Mateo County on July 2, 2010.
(Almanac August 11, 18, 25, September
1 2010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 239764

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as: Plaza Wash N Dry,
1507 Woodside Rd., Redwood City,
CA 94062, San Mateo County: Is (Are)
hereby registered by the following
owner(s): LANDMARC PROPERTIES,
INC., 3475 Edison Suite A, Menlo Park,
CA 94025. This business is conducted
by: A Corporation. The registrant com-
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on 11/15/2009. This state-
ment was filed with the County Clerk-
Recorder of San Mateo County on July
2, 2010. (Almanac August 11, 18, 25,
September 1, 2010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 240381

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Crunch at 1150 Park Place, San Mateo,
CA 94403; Mailing address: 22 W 19th
St. 3rd Fl., New York, NY 10011.
Registered owner(s):
CRUNCH, LLC
22 W 19th Street 3rd Fl.
New York, NY 10011
Delaware
This business is conducted by:
A Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on June 21, 2010.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on August 11, 2010.
(Almanac Aug. 25, Sep. 1, 8, 15,
2010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 240380

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Crunch at 515 Veterans Blvd., Redwood
City, CA 94063; Mailing address: 22
W 19th Street, 3rd Fl., New York, NY
10011.
Registered owner(s):
CRUNCH, LLC
22 W 19th Street, 3rd Fl.
New York, NY 10011
Delaware
This business is conducted by:
A Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on June 22, 2010.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on August 11, 2010.
(Almanac Aug. 25, Sep. 1, 8, 15,
2010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 240443

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as: Cooper-Nolan
Enterprises at 634 4th Ave., Redwood
City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
THOMAS J COOPER
634 4th Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94063
DEBORAH M NOLAN
634 4th Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is conducted by: General
Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on 8/20/10.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on August 16, 2010.
(Almanac Aug. 25, Sep. 1, 8, 15,
2010)

ART-CAL POWER WASHING WOOD RESTORATION/PROTECTION, FINISH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 240638

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Art-Cal Power Washing Wood
Restoration/Protection, Finish at 1028
Valota Rd., Redwood City, CA 94061.
Registered owner(s):
ARTURO CALVARIO
1028 Valota Rd.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An
Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business

COOPER-NOLAN ENTERPRISES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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County on August 16, 2010.
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SPROUT GARDEN SUPPLIES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 240143

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as: SPROUT GARDEN
SUPPLIES, 1 N. Amphlett Blvd. Suite
D, San Mateo, CA 94401, San Mateo
County: Registered owner(s):
LAN GIANG
3140 Madera Ave.
Oakland, CA 94619
This business is conducted by: An
Individual. Registrant has not yet begun
to transact business under the fictitious
business name(s) listed herein. This
statement was filed with the County
Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on
July 27, 2010. (Almanac Aug 18, 25,
Sep 1, 8, 2010)

WEST COAST FABRICATION CO., INC. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 240426

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as: WEST COAST
FABRICATION CO., INC. at 595 Taylor
Way #2, San Carlos, CA 94070, San
Mateo County: Registered owner(s):
WEST COAST FABRICATION CO., INC
595 Taylor Way #2
San Carlos, CA 94070
This business is conducted by: A
Corporation. The registrant commenced
to transact business under the ficti-
tious business name(s) listed herein on
11/12/2009. This statement was filed
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1028 Valota Rd.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An
Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number: **M-228192**

The following person(s) has withdrawn
as a general partner(s) from operating
under the following fictitious business
name (s). The information give below is
at it appeared on the fictitious business
statement that was filed at the County
Clerk-Recorder's Office.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
JDA ENTERPRISES
617 Veterans Blvd., #214
Redwood, City, CA 94063
FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY
ON: 08/18/2010 REGISTRANT'S
NAME(S):
NOE VASQUEZ MEJIA
4780 Portola Redwood Lane
San Jose, CA 95124
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo
County on August 18, 2010
(Almanac Aug. 25, Sep. 1, 8, 15,
2010)

(are) doing business as: WEST COAST
FABRICATION CO., INC. at 595 Taylor
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Mateo County: Registered owner(s):
WEST COAST FABRICATION CO., INC
595 Taylor Way #2
San Carlos, CA 94070
This business is conducted by: A
Corporation. The registrant commenced
to transact business under the ficti-
tious business name(s) listed herein on
11/12/2009. This statement was filed
with the County Clerk-Recorder of San
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2010)

THE BOXWORKS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 240511

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
The Boxworks at 625 Oak Grove Ave.,
Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo
County:
Registered owner(s):
NADEREH JAHANI
239 St. Francis St.
Redwood City, CA 94062
This business is conducted by: An
Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on August 19, 2010.
(Almanac Sep. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2010)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee Sale No. : 20100015004325 Title
Order No. : 100293805 FHA/WA/PMI
No. : YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A
DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/03/2006.
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 08/09/2006 as
Instrument No. 2006-119449 of official
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Recorder of SAN MATEO County,
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BY: WILLIAM G MACKENZIE AND
MARGARET R MACKENZIE. WILL SELL
AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST
BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/
CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of
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able at time of sale in lawful money
of the United States). DATE OF SALE:
09/08/2010 TIME OF SALE: 1:00 PM
PLACE OF SALE: AT THE MARSHALL
STREET ENTRANCE TO THE HALL
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COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA.
STREET ADDRESS and other common
designation, if any, of the real property
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171-290-4 The undersigned Trustee
disclaims any liability for any incorrect-
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herein. Said sale will be made, but with-
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or encumbrances, to pay the remaining
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said Deed of Trust, with interest there-
on, as provided in said note(s), advanc-
es, under the terms of said Deed of
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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

NOTICE OF HEARING

October 5,
2010, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2C.
Superior Court of California, County
of San Mateo, 400 County Center,
Redwood City, CA 94063.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
shall be published at least once each
week for four successive weeks prior to
the date set for hearing on the petition
in the following newspaper of general
circulation, printed in this county:
THE ALMANAC
Date: August 13, 2010
/s/ Stephen M. Hall
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(The Almanac Aug. 25, Sep. 1, 8, 15,
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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
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THE ALMANAC
Date: August 13, 2010
/s/ Stephen M. Hall
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(The Almanac Aug. 25, Sep. 1, 8, 15,
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By: Jodi Parker
 Agent for Owner
 (Almanac Sep. 1, 8, 2010)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 CHARLES W. FREUDENTHAL aka CHUCK FREUDENTHAL
 Case No.: 120270

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CHARLES W. FREUDENTHAL, aka CHUCK FREUDENTHAL.
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MICHELE A. CLEMONS in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO.
 The Petition for Probate requests that: MICHELE A. CLEMONS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed

action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 28 of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
 /s/ David L. Ach, Esq.
 Jorgenson, Siegel, et al
 1100 Alma Street, #210
 Menlo Park, CA 94025
 (650)324-9300
 (Almanac Sep. 1, 8, 15, 2010)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
 Case No.: CIV497950
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner SUSAN STARNES for Jaylen Slade Starnes filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 JAYLEN SLADE STARNES to JAYLEN

SLADE EDRALIN.
 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: October 6, 2010, 9:00a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2C, Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063-1655.
 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
 3525 Alameda de las Pulgas
 Menlo Park, CA 94025
 Date: August 16, 2010
 /s/ Stephen M. Hall
 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
 (Almanac Sep. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2010)

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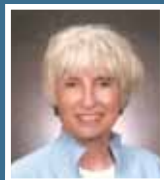
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John Marshall
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The home features 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, plus a fam room. Large kitchen w/pantry & breakfast bar. Separate DR has big sliding doors that open out to expansive decks & garden. The living room has wood burning fireplace & tall ceilings.

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MENLO PARK – Beautiful 2 story, 3BR/2BA stand alone home in 5 home development. Move-in condition! 3 fireplaces, cathedral ceiling in LR, granite kit, custom entertainment center in FR. Close to town, restaurants, shops & train.

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MENLO PARK – Charming home on a quiet tree lined street. This 3/2 offers relaxed living in a prime West MP loc w/updated kitchen. Beautiful hardwood floors-fireplace, 2 car garage.

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