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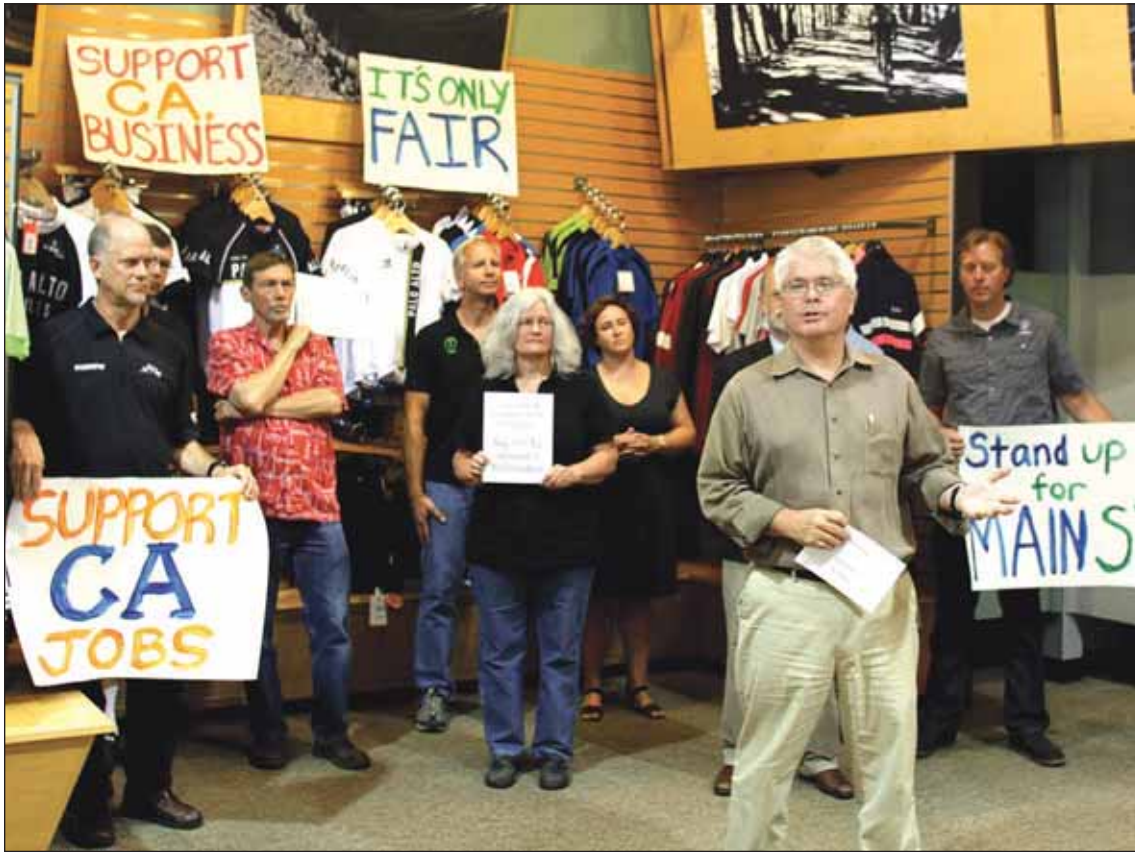


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Clark Kepler, front, owner of Kepler's Books and Magazines, speaks during a press conference with fellow small-business owners on Aug. 17 at Palo Alto Bicycles. They gathered to express support for an e-fairness law and to protest special tax benefits for online retailers.

Businesses protest Amazon tax resistance

■ Brick-and-mortar retailers call Amazon a 'scofflaw' for trying to repeal an Internet sales-tax bill.

By Sue Dremann

Embarcadero Media

Brick-and-mortar businesses that pay sales taxes are protesting Amazon.com's attempts to get an exemption for Internet sales it conducts in California.

A coalition of small businesses from Menlo Park and Palo Alto held a press conference Wednesday morning, Aug. 17, at Palo Alto Bicycles to address the issue. Participants included Kepler's Books in Menlo Park, Palo Alto Bicycles, Bell's Books, Chain Reaction Bicycles of Redwood City, wholesalers and the California Teachers Association.

The group is taking part in a statewide campaign by the nonprofit group Stand With Main Street to raise awareness of Amazon's attempt to repeal a state law. California legislators approved the e-fairness bill in

June to expand sales-tax collection to more Internet retailers. The state could receive an additional \$200 million annually from the sales-tax revenue.

Amazon has spent a reported \$3 million for a ballot referendum to try to overturn the law that requires retailers with a physical presence in the state to collect sales tax.

Amazon has fired thousands of California affiliate businesses that sell merchandise through its website because their physical presence would make the online retailer have to pay sales tax under law.

But local business owners said Wednesday that Amazon should pay, given that the state is cash-strapped and an exemption creates an unfair advantage for the Internet giant.

Brick-and-mortar retail businesses already have difficulty

competing with large e-tailers that offer products at lower cost, they said. Online-only mega-retailers that exploit the loophole have an advantage of nearly 10 percent, according to the group Stand With Main Street. Brick-and-mortar retail businesses that employ California workers are losing an estimated \$4.1 billion annually in sales to online retailers.

That number is expected to rise. Goldman Sachs estimates online shopping will increase from 4.4 percent of all retail sales to 17.1 percent in the near future. Since 2000, online sales have more than tripled.

Clark Kepler, owner of Kepler's Books, said his 56-year-old business nearly closed six years ago because it couldn't compete with Amazon. Kepler's was brought back to life because the community rallied on its behalf.

There needs to be a mind shift if people want local retail

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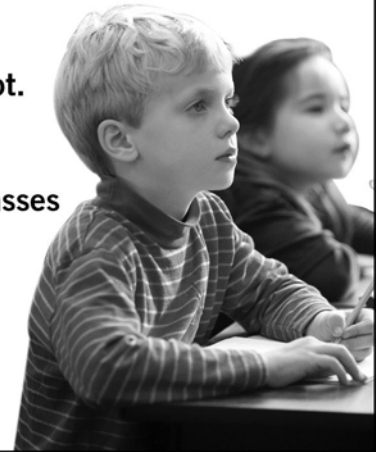
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Study: High-speed rail could use Caltrain corridor

■ Analysis looks at running bullet trains on upgraded Caltrain tracks.

**Bay City News Service
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Caltrain officials presented the results of a study on Aug. 17 that tested the feasibility of integrating high-speed rail with Caltrain on its Peninsula tracks.

While stressing the preliminary nature of the study results, Marian Lee, the acting director of the Caltrain Modernization Program, said the possibility clearly exists for a “blended system” that could accommodate high-speed trains and a modernized Caltrain along a shared two-track corridor.

“The blended track system has merit,” she said.

The study, conducted by LTK Engineering Services using computer simulations, concluded that

if Caltrain were to electrify all of its operating trains, upgrade its signal system, and construct a 7- to 8-mile stretch of “passing tracks” in the middle section of the line, the existing two-track right-of-way could accommodate up to four high-speed trains and six Caltrain trains per hour.

The analysis supported a concept proposed by Peninsula lawmakers Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, state Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, and Assemblyman Richard Gordon, D-Menlo Park, who in April called upon the California High-Speed Rail Authority to revisit its plans to build out a high-speed rail system that would run separately from Caltrain between San Francisco and San Jose.

A high-speed rail system running independently from Caltrain would be duplicative and would never earn local support, the lawmakers said in a joint statement issued two months ago.

‘The blended track system has merit.’

MARIAN LEE, ACTING DIRECTOR,
CALTRAIN MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Sen. Simitian said Aug. 17 that he welcomed the results of Caltrain’s test study.

“My colleagues and I have been making the case that High Speed Rail ‘done right’ means a ‘blended system’ along the San Jose to San Francisco corridor — a system that integrates High Speed Rail with a

21st century Caltrain,” Simitian said in a statement.

Since California voters approved Proposition 1A in 2008, which authorized \$9.95 billion for the high-speed rail system, Peninsula residents and officials have vociferously debated the merits of the rail plans, including design options that entailed adding aerial tracks and tunneling underground.

Ms. Lee cautioned against overplaying the results of the analysis, emphasizing that much more research would need to be done before plans to construct a blended system could move forward.

“This is an ongoing study,” she said. “There are a lot of assumptions we still have to think through.”

She said the test did not consider freight train use along the corridor, the impact to cities like Belmont where passing tracks would be

installed, or the need to accommodate increased train traffic by lowering crossing gates and blocking street traffic at more than 50 intersections between San Francisco and San Jose.

The California High-Speed Rail Authority CEO Roelof van Ark emphasized in a statement Aug. 17 that the shared-track plan would be an “initial” step for the bullet-train system, which eventually would call for four tracks and the ability to run 10 to 12 trains per hour.

The two-track plan would “allow us to provide a reduced but adequate initial level of high-speed service in the near term,” he said.

“I look forward to working closely with our planning partners along the corridor to evaluate this provisional study and pursuing a regional consensus to advance this segment,” Mr. van Ark said. ■

Unreleased iPhone trafficked in Menlo Park Starbucks

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

A deal consummated at the Starbucks coffee shop at 3590 Alameda de las Pulgas in unincorporated Menlo Park will result in misdemeanor charges for Brian Hogan, 22, of Redwood City who allegedly found an unreleased version of a next-generation Apple iPhone, and Sage Wallower, 28, of Emeryville, who allegedly helped arrange its sale for a reported \$5,000.

The men found the phone in the Gourmet Haus Staudt restaurant on Broadway in Redwood City on March 18, 2010, prosecutors said. “They realized fairly quickly what it was that they had,” San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said in an interview.

Each man is charged with one count of misappropriation of lost property, prosecutors said. Mr. Wallower is also charged with one count of possession of stolen property.

A misdemeanor conviction could mean a year in jail. “A lot will depend on their attitude,” Mr. Wagstaffe said. “Generally, people don’t go to jail (for something like this).” An arraignment in Superior Court is set for 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25.

Not being charged in the case, prosecutors said, is Jason Chen, who bought the phone. At the time, Mr. Chen was an editor at Gizmodo.com, which published details of the phone’s capabilities to the consternation of Apple Inc., which was instrumental in alerting authorities to the loss of the phone.

To charge Mr. Chen, Mr. Wagstaffe said, prosecutors would have had to prove a) that he is not a journalist as defined by the state’s “shield” law, which protects a journalist from revealing sources for stories; and b) that he was knowingly in receipt of stolen property.

“The shield law is not conclusive that he is practicing as a journalist,” Mr. Wagstaffe said. The big question, he added, is whether online commentators such as bloggers are in the same category as reporters writing news stories with the oversight of editors in actual newsrooms.

“The shield law has not caught up with the modern world,” he said. “Even if we could prove (that Mr. Chen is not a journalist), there is the stolen property issue.”

Bay City News Service contributed to this report. ■



Photo for the Almanac by Nick Gonzales

An inside view of construction at Hillview Middle School.

Public hears update on Hillview rebuild

By Barbara Wood

Special to the Almanac

By next fall, sixth- through eighth-grade students from the Menlo Park City School District should have a brand new school, complete with the latest technology and a solar system that should produce much of the energy used by the campus.

Construction of

85,000-square-feet of new buildings for Hillview Middle School is continuing on schedule and should be ready for students in less than a year, neighbors and parents were told at a public meeting held on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the school.

Neighbors at the meeting seemed most concerned about the landscaping planned to help screen the views of the new two-story buildings from

the surrounding homes.

The district’s director of facility planning and construction, Ahmad Sheikholeslami, said he has consulted most of the immediate neighbors and checked out the views from their backyards.

He said he is juggling the wishes of immediate neighbors who want small trees that

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Police arrest suspects in Menlo Park robbery

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

A trio of men suspected of strong-arm robberies throughout two counties were arrested for a Menlo Park crime on Aug. 17.

Menlo Park police said they believe the men carried out a robbery on July 12 when they assaulted a man walking with a couple of friends, snatching a gold necklace off his throat. The assailants fled in a silver pickup truck.

Evidence led to Aaron Martinez, 18, of San Jose; and Miguel Zamora, 19, and Antonio Sotelo-Lozano, 18, both of Palo

Alto, according to police, who worked closely with Mountain View detectives as the men were suspected of a similar robbery there.

The investigation into whether they're also responsible for crimes in other cities in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties continues.

Mr. Martinez was arrested in Redwood City, while Mr. Zamora was taken into custody at his home when he drove up in the same pickup truck believed to be used in the robbery. Mr. Sotelo-Lozano was already in jail for a Mountain View theft, police said. **A**

Merchants protest Amazon tax fight

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to survive, he said. Retail businesses will gain some advantage against online sales “when people start to think of themselves as a resident of a community rather than as a citizen alone.”

“We’re asking residents not to sign Amazon’s petition,” he said.

Jeff Selzer, owner of Palo Alto Bicycles, said that, though online retailers can offer discounted products, brick-and-mortar stores provide service and expertise. It’s frustrating when customers try out new products and take advantage of the store’s expertise, then turn around and buy the product online, he said.

Paying sales tax is also about funding government services, he said.

“The tax is not just good for local businesses but for the entire state,” he said.

“We’ve been doing business in this state for 81 years. Our state is not doing well. It seems to me absolutely ludicrous” for the state to exempt online companies from sales taxes while the tax base for basic services is shrinking, he said.

Faith Bell of Bell’s Books said Amazon is disingenuous when the company claims it doesn’t have a physical presence in California but its Kindles are produced in San Jose and distributed in the Bay Area.

Bell’s has been in downtown

Palo Alto for 76 years. Sales tax pays for local road and infrastructure repairs, she said.

“I don’t know how much money we’ve collected that went toward infrastructure in the state and county,” she said. “It irks me that others can sell their products without benefiting anybody but themselves,” she said.

Don Dawson, a California Teachers Association board member for Silicon Valley, said declining sales-tax revenue has been devastating for schools.

For the past three years, schools have lost \$20 billion in funding statewide, affecting class sizes and school programs and shrinking class sections in all grade levels from kindergarten to college, he said.

Mr. Selzer of Palo Alto Bicycles said: “All we’re looking for is parity.”

Amazon could not be reached for comment, but Paul Misener, Amazon’s vice president of public policy, was quoted in the Wall Street Journal as saying: “This is a referendum on jobs and investment in California. ... At a time when businesses are leaving California, it is important to enact policies that attract and encourage business, not drive it away. Amazon looks forward to working again with tens of thousands of small business affiliates in California that were harmed by the new law’s effect on hundreds of out-of-state retailers.” **A**



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The oak trees (left) in the sunlight along the edge of the meadow in the 500 block of Portola Road belong to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and are shorter and denser than they would be in nature. They need thinning, experts say, but someone reportedly took 10 to 12 feet off the top of them.

No leads in oak tree beheadings

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

Violence was done to the tops of about 25 oak trees late last year along the 500 block of Portola Road in Portola Valley, a town known for its pride in its trees, and particularly its oak trees. The perpetrator left the branches lying at the base of the damaged trees and in the nearby field, a town landmark known as the Neely/Myers meadow.

Topping trees like this on open space land without permission is a misdemeanor, said Brian Malone, an area supervisor for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, in an interview. The open space district has police powers and owns the part of the meadow where the trees reside, but without leads as to who cut the trees, the district is not pursuing a prosecution, Mr. Malone said.

The district learned of the incident in a report dated Dec. 10, 2010, written by a ranger who participated in an investigation in response to someone who called the office about it on Nov. 30, Mr. Malone said.

"I did not see any leads," Mr. Malone said, reflecting on his visit to the site. The topping probably involved a boom truck and was probably done in broad daylight when such operations are inconspicuous, he said. It was unusual, he added, in that the cut branches were not

chipped — a common practice of professional tree cutters.

The result is a massive hedge. The trees compensate for the damage on top by growing horizontally, further obscuring the view of Windy Hill and nearby hills for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers on Portola Road.

That particular view of the hills has been a matter of concern for the town's Conservation Committee, member Paul Heiple said. The committee has considered recommendations to the district on

The illegal topping operation will probably be done again when the new growth reaches its old height, Mr. Malone said. When that happens, after having spread the word about this incident, there may be more eyes and ears on the lookout, including those of district rangers. "Hopefully we can catch the person in the act," Mr. Malone said.

Mayor Ted Driscoll, when asked for a comment, said he learned of it recently in an overheard hallway conversation. "Obviously, I don't condone it," he said. "It's obviously a misdemeanor. It's obviously against the law to do that."

It's also a long-term problem, he added, and said he knows of a half dozen incidents in town when residents appear to have cut the tops off trees on someone else's land to improve the view from their own homes. Even one of the redwood groves at Town Center had this done to it surreptitiously about 18 years ago, Mr. Driscoll said.

"I'm sympathetic with the open space district," he said. "I'm unhappy when I see trees being treated like topiary."

"Treat us like you would another neighbor," Mr. Malone told the Almanac. "A reasonable person wouldn't go to a neighbor and chop down a tree for a view. Please treat open space as your neighbor and be respectful of the vegetation and land on the other side of the fence." ■

Twenty-five oaks were topped in Neely/Myers meadow in Portola Valley.

thinning these trees, all of which sprouted spontaneously, as well as getting rid of the non-native trees and allowing the remaining oaks to grow apart from each other, Mr. Heiple said. The current hedge-like pattern "wouldn't happen in nature," he said.

At the time of the topping incident, Mr. Heiple said the committee received a call from the open space district asking if members knew of the perpetrator, which they said they did not.

Mr. Malone said he visited every residence that might have a potential interest in seeing the tree heights lowered and interviewed someone on each visit. No one would admit to involvement, he said. He would not say whom he talked to.



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Hillview should be ready in a year

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won't shade their backyards and swimming pools, and of those more distant who want taller trees to block views of the buildings. The compromise may be, he said, to put trees and shrubs that won't surpass 15 feet on the property lines and taller trees closer to the new school buildings further from the neighbors.

Right now neighbors can see partial views of the steel skeletons of the buildings. Mr. Sheikholeslami said that the contractors are finishing the framing and getting ready to put on second story decking and roofs. Rough plumbing, electrical and heating and cooling systems are being installed and soon the exterior walls will start going up.

While Hillview is expecting its student population to grow by as much as 25 percent from current levels, up to as many as 1,000 students, neighbors may actually hear less noise coming from the new campus because of its design. The new buildings cluster around a central courtyard where most student activities will take place.

The new school is being built on the former playing fields at Hillview so students can continue to attend classes in the existing buildings during construction.

When the new buildings are completed next June, the current school, except for the existing gym, will be demolished. A new artificial turf field and running track will be put where the current school is and should be completed by December 2012. In the meantime students have only basketball courts to use for outdoor sports.

The current school is bursting at the seams, with 800 students expected to be enrolled by the fall of 2012. Mr. Sheikholeslami promised neighbors that construction noise should soon diminish as the exteriors of the buildings are completed and work begins on the interiors. Next summer, when demolition begins, it may again be noisy and dusty for a while, he said.

The new school will have 48 classrooms, including specialized rooms for computers, music, choir, broadcast, science, industrial technology, art and special needs.

The school will have a 400-seat performing arts building with stage and dressing rooms, new basketball courts that can double as overflow parking, a student activity room, and a lunch shelter. There will be more parking and a new pickup and drop-off area.

In addition to the photovoltaic solar system, the school will have energy-efficient lighting

that turns on and off automatically and a charging station for electric vehicles that will be available to the public. Windows will all open and sun shades will block sunlight and views into neighbors' back yards. Roofs will be light colored to reflect heat and rainwater will be collected to use in the school garden.

The school's design has already received recognition. The architects of the project, Deems Lewis McKinley Architecture, were given a Design Award of Excellence from the Society of American Registered Architects, California Council. The Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) program has also verified the school meets its design and energy-efficiency standards.

The athletic field will be shared with the city of Menlo Park. Tinker Park, the existing small park for young children, will also remain off Santa Cruz Avenue as will the large oak near the park. ■

Barbara Wood is a freelance writer, photographer and gardener who lives in an old farmhouse in Woodside.

■ WEBCAM

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CALTRAIN

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Rep. Eshoo said she was "pleased" with the findings but that more work needs to be done in order to reach a consensus.

"The preliminary analysis shows

a viable path forward that minimizes community impacts by keeping the project substantially within the existing Caltrain right-of-way, avoids unwanted aerial viaducts, and saves taxpayers billions of dollars," she said.

The cost of the high-speed

rail system, which is planned to stretch from Los Angeles to San Francisco, was recently estimated at \$67 billion.

Caltrain has scheduled an outreach meeting on Friday, Sept. 2, with the Peninsula Cities Consortium. ■



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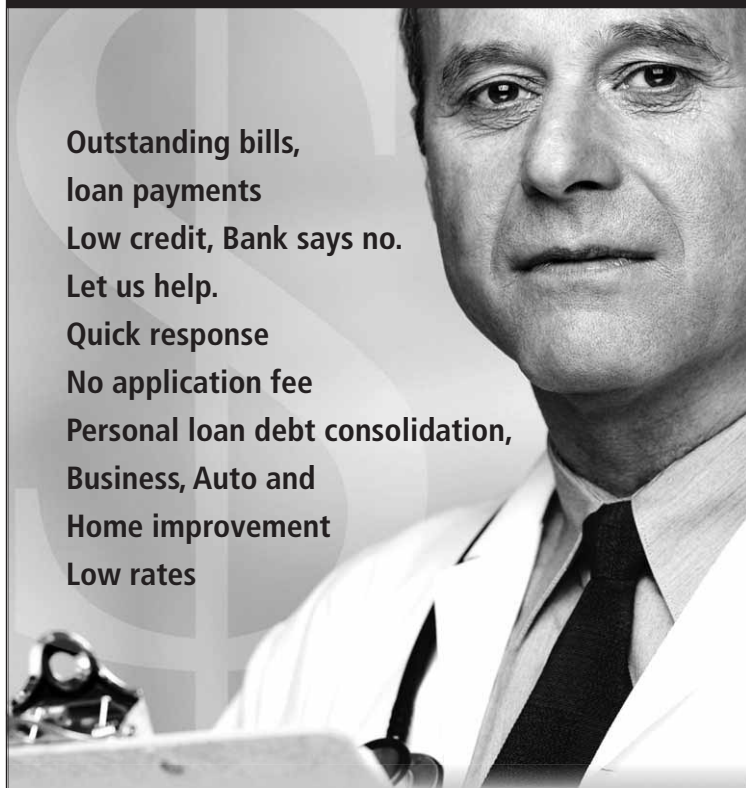
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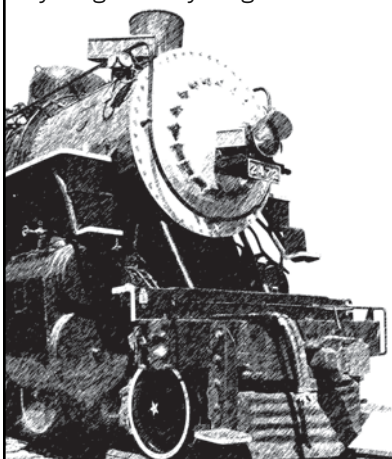
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Police seek killer of man, 19, in Menlo Park

■ Unknown gunmen opened fire on car.

By **Sandy Brundage**

Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park police responding to a report of gunshots on Aug. 18 found a 19-year-old man, Carl Purvis Jr., dead behind the wheel of his car.

The dark blue Pontiac was resting on the curb in the 500 block of Pierce Road, a few blocks away from where investigators discovered broken automobile glass. Medics reported that Mr. Purvis, a resident of Stockton and East Palo Alto, had been shot in the torso.

According to police, unidentified gunmen in an older model red American car with large rims and a spoiler opened fire on the Pontiac at the corner of Newbridge Street and Almanor Avenue around 6 p.m. on Thursday. Witnesses reported the red

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car fled south on Newbridge.

So far nothing links the case to other local shootings, said police spokesperson Nicole Acker. East Palo Alto has been fighting to stem a string of violence that led to four deaths in 12 days, including that of a 3-month-old boy and a 19-year-old Menlo Park woman.

The police ask anyone who might have information regarding this case to call 330-6300 or the anonymous tip line at 330-6395.

Car strikes stroller

A Toyota Prius struck a stroller, tossing a child out, as the driver tried to make a left turn on to Ravenswood Avenue from Laurel Street around 10:23 a.m., according to a Menlo Park police report for Wednesday, Aug. 17. Police stated the driver said he didn't see the woman walking with the

stroller. The child didn't need hospital care.

Alleged shoplifters return to store

Two women who allegedly shoplifted household items from a Menlo Park Walgreens returned to the store on a different day, and were spotted by staff who recognized the pair from surveillance video, police said. Tiara Lackey, 22, and Janet Austin, 55, both of San Francisco, were arrested for burglary and attempted burglary on Wednesday, Aug. 17, around 11:21 a.m.

Rape reported

A woman reported being raped by an unknown male suspect on Wednesday, Aug. 17, around 3:47 p.m. According to Menlo Park police, the woman said she was intoxicated and assaulted in Kelly Park on Terminal Avenue. Police are continuing to investigate.

Five contested elections in Almanac area

■ No contests for town councils in Woodside and Portola Valley.

By **Dave Boyce**

Almanac Staff Writer

There will be five contested elections in the Almanac circulation area in November, but not on the town councils of Woodside and Portola Valley.

With the filing period closed on Aug. 17, there are only two candidates for two council seats in Portola Valley. And in Woodside, there are four candidates for four seats.

The councils have the option of appointing the candidates to the councils instead of holding elections. That decision may be made this week.

Woodside's council meets in Independence Hall to address this question at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24. The Portola Valley council may do the same at its meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m. that evening in the Historic Schoolhouse.

The towns' traditions diverge on uncontested elections. In Portola Valley, the council tends to forgo them, citing the cost (about \$10,000 this time). Woodside tends to have them anyway.

Running in Portola Valley this time are energy consultant Jeff Aalfs and incumbent



Councilwoman Ann Wengert.

In Woodside, there are seven districts. A candidate must live in the district, but runs town-wide. This year, four of the seven seats are up for election. The three incumbent candidates are Ron Romines in District 1, Dave Burow in District 5, and Peter Mason in District 7. The new candidate, Thomas Shanahan, an investment banker, is running in District 3.

Elections do allow write-in candidates to run.

Contested elections

Following are the candidates in contested elections. Candidates are listed in the order shown on a roster at the website of the San Mateo County Registrar of Voters.

■ **Sequoia Union High School District:** Five candidates are running for three open seats on the five-member school board. The candidates are: East Palo Alto nonprofit director Larry Moody, San Carlos School District board member Carrie B. Du Bois, Stanford University law school lecturer and Menlo Park resident Allen Weiner, and incumbents Lorraine Rumley and Olivia Martinez.

■ **Menlo Park Fire Protection District:** Five candidates are running for two seats on the five-member board. The candidates are: incumbent Bart Spencer, business executive Scott Barnum, security consultant Robert Silano, community activist Virginia Chang Kiraly, and former board member and electrician Steve Kennedy. (This fire district covers Atherton, East Palo Alto and some unincorporated areas in addition to Menlo Park.)

■ **San Mateo County Community College District:** Six candidates are running for three seats. The candidates are: incumbent Dave Mandelkern, Jaime Diaz, incumbent Patricia Miljanich, incumbent Karen Schwarz, education nonprofit director Joe Ross, and businessman Michael Stogner.

■ **Woodside Elementary School District:** Three candidates are running for two seats. The candidates are: lawyer and parent Kevin P.B. Johnson, businessman and parent Rudy Driscoll, and incumbent and lawyer Virginia "Ginger" Bamford.

■ **Los Trancos County Water District:** Three candidates are running for two seats. The candidates are: retired executive director Claudia C. Mazzetti, community volunteer Susan Coons, and community volunteer Nancy Neuer. ■

Commission backs specific plan, 3-1

■ City releases fiscal impact analysis.

By Sandy Brundage
Almanac Staff Writer

Four members of the Menlo Park Transportation Commission tried their hand at telling the future on Aug. 18 during a special meeting called to discuss the proposed downtown/El Camino Real specific plan.

The commissioners asked: How will a child now in first grade need the city to look, 25 years from now? What features will make life in Menlo Park easier for tomorrow's senior citizen? Can one specific plan, designed to guide downtown and El Camino Real development for the next quarter of a century, meet everyone's needs?

In the end, the commissioners voted 3-1 to ask the City Council, which has the responsibility for determining the final shape of the plan, to move forward with the plan. But commissioners expressed concerns.

Commissioner Maurice Shiu said the plan fails to address the aging population, citing as an example that limited mobility can make it hard to check traf-

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fic around cars parked at street corners, but that removing those parking spaces could then create a need to add others elsewhere, which isn't considered in the specific plan.

Vice Chair Charlie Bourne, casting the lone dissenting vote, said the plan shouldn't go forward. He pointed to potential unanticipated impacts from other upcoming projects, such as the Bohannon Gateway development and high-speed rail. "All this activity is not considered seriously in this specific plan," he said.

Commissioners Penelope Huang and Ray Mueller recused themselves for conflicts of interest, while colleague Martin Engel was absent due to travel. However, along with a handful of other people, Mr. Mueller did appear at the podium to speak as a resident, saying among other points that adding housing along El Camino Real presented an opportunity to reduce commute traffic.

Mr. Mueller said after the meeting that he thought the commission took a good first

step. "But the specific plan is going to require a vigilant commitment, for many years into the future, to public transit, bicycling and walking.

"There are risks associated with this plan," he commented in an email. For example, Menlo Park's commitment to public transit will be crucial, as will the need to make the added housing appealing to those using public transportation to commute. "In many ways the execution of the specific plan will be far more important than how it was developed."

Financial analysis

In other specific plan news, the city released the project's fiscal impact analysis (FIA), just in time for the Planning Commission's final meeting on Aug. 22 to compose its recommendations to the council.

Go to tinyurl.com/plan-163 to review the FIA and other documents associated with the specific plan. ■

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Community Meeting

Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club Irrigation Well

Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club is proposing a public/private partnership with the City to construct a groundwater irrigation well at Nealon Park that would provide non-potable water for golf course irrigation and would potentially be available to meet some of the irrigation needs of parks and school grounds along the pipeline's proposed alignment.

This project, if constructed, has the potential to save more than 60 million gallons per year of potable water used in the City (i.e. San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Hetch Hetchy water).

The well would be located adjacent to the two tennis courts on Middle Avenue near the entrance drive to the park, and it would blend in visually by using the same fence material as the tennis courts. Enclosed behind the fence would be the well, a pump control valve, flow meter, gate valve, and an electrical panel box. To minimize noise, a submersible well pump, located several hundred feet underground, would be used. The footprint of the fenced area would be minimal and all piping outside the fence would be located underground.

Join us for a community meeting to learn more about this project and provide us with your feedback.

**Wednesday, August 24, 2011
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Tapping well water to irrigate golf course?

■ Community meeting set for Wednesday.

By Sandy Brundage
Almanac Staff Writer

The Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club would like to keep its greens well-watered; Menlo Park would like to help, it seems. The city has called a community meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, to discuss the club's proposal to build a groundwater irrigation well in Nealon Park.

According to city staff, using the well's non-potable water to irrigate the golf course, and schools and parks next to the pipeline, could save about 60 million gallons of potable water a year.

The park, located at 800 Middle Ave., has its share of neighbors who are less than thrilled with the plan. In a letter to city officials, Elizabeth Houck challenged the city's assertion that the well could save water, saying only the source of irrigation would change, not the amount. Tapping a public aquifer to service a private club runs the risk of depleting local drought reserves for the benefit of only a few, she wrote.

JoAnne Wilkes, who lives next to the park, questioned whether the plan even conforms to regulations governing the use of open space districts such as Nealon Park.

Former mayor and environmental advocate Steve Schmidt added his comments to the chorus of concern. "The fundamental question lies in the wisdom of drilling for ground water anywhere and at any time and especially if the driving force behind this idea is to irrigate a

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golf course," he said. "I presume there would be extensive testing of the ground water affected by this well and the potential impacts on the aquifer underlying Menlo Park."

The Aug. 24 meeting will be held at the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center at 700 Alma St. in the Civic Center.

Council to weigh Walgreens appeal

Beer and wine are on the menu for the next meeting of Menlo Park's City Council. Walgreens has appealed the Planning Commission's 4-3 denial of a permit to sell beer and wine at its Santa Cruz Avenue store.

Daniel Beltramo of Beltramo's Fine Wines and Spirits submitted the single letter opposing the appeal, arguing that Menlo Park already has more than its quota of alcohol outlets.

Meanwhile, Walgreens representatives contend that the zoning along downtown Santa Cruz Avenue allows alcohol sales without creating exceptions based on business type, and that there's no empirical evidence supporting opposition statements that the sales would be detrimental to community welfare.

The council will also receive an update on negotiations with employee unions, and select a recruitment firm to find a replacement for now-Interim City Manager Glen Rojas.

The meeting starts on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers in the Civic Center at 701 Laurel St. ■

Thieves snatch \$14,500 in copper

Approximately \$14,500 worth of copper wire disappeared from two Menlo Park sites during the weekend of Aug. 13.

One thief cut through a chain-link fence and padlock at the Pacific Gas & Electric substation in the 2000 block of Willow Road, and stripped copper from grounding tools, according to police. Price tag: \$4,500.

Then, someone removed \$10,000 worth of copper wire from a parking garage in the 800 block of Oak Grove Avenue.

Copper thefts aren't new. During the summer, the new Facebook campus on Constitution Drive lost approximately \$18,500 of copper wire weighing more than two tons total.

But the state's trying to make the crime more expensive —

for the thieves. AB 316, a bill currently under consideration by the state Senate, proposes a mandatory fine of \$10,000 for committing grand theft copper by stealing more than \$950 worth of the metal.

The value of copper has been rising and is now at \$4 per pound. High prices lead to high risk. Several men have been electrocuted during attempted copper thefts in California during the past year, including a 16-year-old boy in April, according to other news reports.

— Sandy Brundage

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Founder and CEO of Accelerate Center Abigail Robinson (center right) participates in a yoga exercise with her employees at the center on Menlo Avenue in Menlo Park.

Menlo center offers multiple therapies

By Alison Myoraku

Special to the Almanac

Menlo Park resident Abigail Robinson recently opened Accelerate Center, a multidisciplinary therapy center, on Menlo Avenue in Menlo Park.

The center offers occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physical therapy, reading classes, and social skills workshops. Its clients range from infants to adults, said spokesper-

son Samantha Houston.

"We are also the only therapy center in Menlo Park of its kind in that we provide multiple therapies under one roof," she said.

Nine employees of Accelerate Center work in a 600-square-foot office at 644 Menlo Ave., Suite #100.

Abigail Robinson is the owner. The employees include clinical director Megan Cauthen, occupational therapists Dora

Thalwitz and Myron Dang, speech-language pathologist Jenna Mendoca, speech therapist Maya Baluta, pediatric physical therapist Gina Calloni, behavior analyst Kirk Change, message therapist Liz Elms, and educational therapist Cathy Wilkins.

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St. Pat's Seminary holds gala Sept. 17

St. Patrick's Seminary & University will hold its fourth annual Four Pillars Gala on Saturday, Sept. 17, on the seminary grounds in Menlo Park.

The evening includes Vespers followed by dinner and an award presentation.

This event will directly fund the mission of the seminary: to prepare men for priesthood; to encourage and strengthen brother priests through ongoing education and formation; and to help permanent deacons and lay leaders in the church, said spokesperson Katie Bailey.

Last year 350 guests attended the event, and 450 are expected this year, a seminary spokesperson said.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact Ms. Bailey at (650) 289-3321 or use the reservation link at stpatricksseminary.org under Four Pillars Gala.

Jane Fonda on life, longevity and activism

By Jeff Carr

Special to the Almanac

Actress, activist, author and fitness guru Jane Fonda spoke and signed copies of her new book at Kepler's bookstore in Menlo Park on Aug. 18.

"Prime Time: Making the Most of Your Life" aims to provide a comprehensive blueprint for healthy, fulfilled living well into what Ms. Fonda calls the Third Act of life. Via email, she answered our questions about longevity, its effects on humanity, and activism for seniors.

ALMANAC Q&A

Q: There are other books about living well in old age. What inspired you to write "Prime Time," and how does it add to the conversation?

A: There are many books out there on aging, some very good, none that cover the gamut as my new book does. There are books called things like "How to Live to be 100," catchy sort of titles that promise all sorts of things. There are many books about how to extend your lifespan (not supported by most scientists), how to do financial and legal planning for the Third Act, books about wisdom and soul.

But none that I know of include all those subjects along with issues of intimacy and how to maintain a safe and pleasurable sex life as you age — things people have told me they have never been able to find out about elsewhere. As my editor says, "This is a very generous book." I have done four years of intense research and I am very proud of what this book can bring people.

Q: Recent reports show that San Mateo County residents live longer than just about anyone else in the country. Are we buying more of your videos? What are we doing right?

A: That's terrific! I know that Loma Linda (in Southern California) is one of what are called "Blue Zones," which are places where there is an unusually high number of centenarians. The reason this is true in Loma Linda is because many of that town's population are members of a religion (Seventh-Day Adventist) that encourages healthy eating and lots of physical exercise as a normal part of their days.

Q: How should those still in Act II be "rehearsing" for Act III? What about those in Act I?

A: I have heard from a number of people in their forties who have already read my book and tell me they learned a great deal about how to begin preparing for their Third Act. I offer many questions that readers can ask themselves about people and events in their first and second acts — questions that will help them understand themselves better — what they can change and what they can't about their character and personality.

Act II is a perfect time to start thinking about the future. For example, begin a life review. This was so important to my own sense of well-being now as I age. Begin to think about savings and budgeting. Start becoming more physically active if you haven't already.

Q: You talk about a "longevity revolution" changing everything, including what it means to be human. Expand on that bold statement.

A: When you add a new room onto a house, it isn't just that new room that is different — how you use the entire house is altered. This is a good way to think about the 34 years that have been added to the average American lifespan over the last century. It represents an entire second adult lifetime. This changes (or potentially changes) our notions of marriage, of relationships in general, of how we pace ourselves through life. We are able to experience our own species' effects on the planet in ways we couldn't when we only lived to an average of 45 years.

Q: In addition to your work with fitness, you're known for passionate social and political activism. Is that sort of thing compatible with old age or is that strictly a younger person's game?

A: Activism is not only compatible with old age, it is quite usual for people, women in particular, to become more radical when they're older. We have less to lose. We're beyond the pleasing stages.

I feel our task is to mentor, encourage, teach the younger generations and to use our increasing numbers, ongoing zest (Post-Menopausal Zest, or PMZ, as Margaret Meade called it) and wisdom to make the world a more peaceful, equitable place. ■



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OBITUARY

Robert Allan Beuttler

Robert Allan Beuttler, a resident of Menlo Park, died Aug. 6 at the age of 90.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Diana, his son Jeremy Beuttler of El Dorado Hills, California; and his daughter Cynthia Ishler of Park River, North Dakota.

Born in San Francisco in 1920, he grew up there and in Palo Alto. He attended Palo Alto High School, San Jose State College, and graduated from UC Berkeley in 1942 with a bachelor's degree in political science and a “newly discovered love of statistics,” his family said.

Shortly after graduation, he was hired by U.S. Steel Corp., where he rose to a management position in the sales department in late 1948. Unfortunately, after a few months in this position, the company made “organizational changes” and he found himself having to take a forced vacation, the family said.

He decided to see the world, and boarded a tramp steamer headed for Buenos Aires, Argentina, via the Panama Canal. He wound up in Cruz Chica, Argentina, a small town on the western edge of the Pampas, working as a soda jerk in an ice cream parlor while he courted the woman who would become his wife. He met her while staying at

a hotel owned by her parents.

After they married, Bob and Diana traveled to England, where he landed a job working at the headquarters of the Third U.S. Air Force in South Ruislip, Middlesex.

In 1954, in the process of returning to the Bay Area, they traveled across the U.S. by train. After working several jobs on the Peninsula, he ended up at Stanford Research Institute, now SRI International, where he worked as a compensation administrator for 30 years and 30 days until he retired in 1990.

He led the company to use then newly introduced computers in the area of compensation analysis, the family said.

After he retired, he enjoyed taking walks around his Felton Gables neighborhood and chatting with his neighbors, as well as traveling around the U.S., England and Argentina with his wife.

He also bowled regularly at the Palo Alto Lanes until after his 90th birthday when his declining health finally forced him to stop.

Memorial donations may be made to Pathways Hospice Foundation, 585 N. Mary Ave., Sunnyvale, CA, 94085.

Obituaries are based on information provided by families and mortuaries.

CALENDAR

Go to AlmanacNews.com/calendar to see more calendar listings

Special Events

Kids Fun Run Second annual 5K Fun Run hosted by Kids 4 Sports kicks off Sunday, Aug. 28. After group warm-up at 8 a.m., the run starts at 8:30 a.m. at Oak Knoll School, 1895 Oak Knoll Lane in Menlo Park, and travels through residential streets. Runners get a T-shirt and a festival after the race. Registration fees are \$20 for adults and \$15 for those under 18. Proceeds benefit sports programs for underserved East Palo Alto and east Menlo Park kids. Sign up at active.com or email: info@kids4sportsfoundation.org with questions.

Talks/Authors

‘College 101: Miss Independent’s Guide to Empowerment, Confidence, and Staying Safe’ Kathleen Baty discusses and signs her guide to personal safety on campus. Aug. 25, 7 p.m. Members free. General admission requires purchase of event book or a \$10 gift card. Kepler’s, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321.

Lev Grossman presents his newest fantasy book, “The Magician King.” Aug. 24, 7 p.m. Members free. General admission requires purchase of event book or a \$10 gift card. Kepler’s, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

SVForum: ‘Navigating Gender Differences for Business Success’ Aug. 30, 7:30-10 a.m. \$25 SVForum members, \$35 non-members. White & Lee LLP, 541 Jefferson Ave. # 100, Redwood City.

Classes/Workshops

Landscaping with Edibles Learn about foundation landscape herbs, climbers, ground covers and edibles for the garden. Aug. 30, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$43. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. landscapingwithedibles.eventbrite.com

Clubs/Meetings

Model Railroad Club Open House The West Bay Model Railroad Association holds monthly open houses the fourth Wednesday of every month, and the club is currently seek-

ing new members who are interested in model railroading, regardless of their skill level in the hobby. 7-10 p.m. Free. West Bay Model Railroad Association, 1090 Merrill St., Menlo Park. Call 650-322-0685. wbmrra.ning.com

Kids & Families

Musical Storytime Atherton Library presents musical storytime for all ages. Aug. 25, 4-4:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Science Night Science Night at the Museum of American Heritage for ages 7 and up. Hands-on activities with: static electricity, electromagnetic games and toys, Theremin and Tesla Coil. Aug. 27, 5-7 p.m. \$20 at door/\$17 if booked in advance. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

Film

‘Queen of the Sun: What are the Bees Telling Us?’ is a look at the global bee crisis revealing both problems and solutions in renewing a culture in balance with nature. Presented by Kepler’s and Cinema Connect. Talk and honey tastings by Cat Fraley. Bee-friendly plants by Roger Reynolds Nursery. Aug. 27, 7-9:30 p.m. \$12 advance, \$16 door. The Roy Kepler Pavilion, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.VisionaryEdge.org

‘Gnomeo and Juliet’ Atherton Library will show “Gnomeo and Juliet” as its Final Friday Flick for August. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Refreshments provided by Friends of the library. Aug. 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. smcl.org

Et Alia

Senior Showcase Information Fair Learn about senior resources and services. Free refreshments, goody bags and giveaways. Free blood pressure screening. Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Little House, Menlo Park, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-3445-200. www.smdailyjournal.com

Palo Alto Festival of the Arts This year’s 30th annual event is hosted by the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce. Art, vendors, entertainment and more. Aug. 27-28, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Festival of the Arts, University Avenue, Palo Alto. Call 650-324-3121. www.mlaproductions.com



Sacred Heart Prep sophomore Ally Howe of Portola Valley.

Ally Howe swims to gold medal in 100 backstroke

By Colin Becht
Embarcadero Media

A year ago, Sacred Heart Prep sophomore Ally Howe of Portola Valley was still working with her developmental coach. On Aug. 11, she became a Junior National champion.

Howe, who swims with Palo Alto Stanford Aquatics, earned the gold medal in the 100 backstroke at the Speedo Junior National Championship. She just edged Lacey Locke by six hundredths of a second at the Avery Aquatic Center at Stanford, clocking 1:02.77 to qualify for next summer's Olympic Trials.

"I looked up at the board and just was really shocked that I got in first," Howe said.

Since Howe began competitive swimming, she worked with Bruce Smith, her developmental coach at PASA's Alpine site in Portola Valley. Less than a year ago she moved up to work with Tony Batis, and the Aug. 11 final was the first individual final in which she qualified at the Junior Nationals.

Batis said Smith "did a great job in getting her to where she was ready to be a senior-level athlete."

"I would be lying to say that, 'OK, I waved the magic wand and she got fast,'" Batis said. "Bruce did a great job of developing her and getting her to this level. I was able to piggyback on that."

That didn't make the victory

any less surprising though.

"I won't lie to you, that was a surprise," Batis said. "She's been kind of up and down over the last week and a half, but in spurts she has shown signs that she could be awesome."

Howe sat in fourth place after the first 50 meters, but even that represented overcoming a pitfall in which she has sometimes found herself.

'I looked up at the board and just was really shocked that I got in first.'

ALLY HOWE

"Normally I tend to go out kind of slow and really back-half races," Howe said. "So I think the goal for me was just to really go out fast and really just try to hang on."

Howe was pushed to the finish by three other swimmers who were within .20 seconds of her at the finish line.

"Even at the end of the race, I still thought she was in about third or fourth," Batis said.

Less than an hour later, Howe was back in the pool, achieving even greater success as she, along with PASA teammates Jasmine Tosky, Rachael Acker and Alicia Grima, set a Junior Nationals record in the 800 freestyle relay. The four-some's time of 8:12.40 crushed the field by nearly six seconds and broke the meet record that Howe and Tosky helped set a year ago.

"The depth that we have right now is pretty unparalleled, but I think that's just a result of our program growing," Batis said. "We've got a lot of sites, a lot of talented kids coming up." ■



Community Meetings EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

The City plans to construct approximately 2 – 3 emergency water wells that will provide firefighting and drinking water supply reliability to the Menlo Park Municipal Water District's eastern service area after an earthquake or other emergency. **We need your feedback!**

Monday, August 29, 2011

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

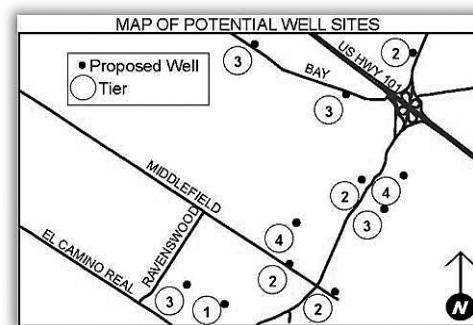
Arrillaga Family Recreation Center
700 Alma Street

Thursday, September 8, 2011

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Menlo Park Senior Center
100 Terminal Avenue

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Reuniones de la Comunidad PROYECTO PARA EL SUMINISTRO DE AGUA EN CASO DE EMERGENCIA

La ciudad planea construir aproximadamente 2 – 3 pozos que suministren agua confiable para tomar y para los bomberos en el Distrito de Agua del Municipio de Menlo Park del área oriental después de un terremoto u otra emergencia. **¡Necesitamos sus comentarios!**

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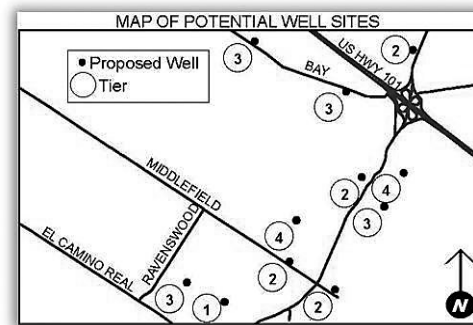
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Viewpoint

Ideas, thoughts and opinions about local issues from people in our community. Edited by Tom Gibboney.

Amazon's misguided fight against sales tax

We hope the public will wholeheartedly support the local merchants, including Menlo Park's Clark Kepler, who joined a press conference last week announcing opposition to Amazon.com's campaign to get an exemption on paying a tax on sales it conducts in California.

The company is said to be spending \$3 million to collect signatures on a referendum petition that would ask voters in November to repeal an e-fairness bill that passed the state Legislature in June. The bill correctly, in our opinion, extends sales tax collec-

tion to many of the state's Internet retailers, including Amazon. The state estimates that the measure would collect some \$200 million in additional sales tax revenue annually.

A handful of other states, including New York, now require most mail-order companies to collect state sales tax. Amazon — which now sells thousands of general merchandise items in addition to books — apparently has decided that it will go all out to battle the California law, which would take away its unfair advantage over local stores and shops, including independent booksellers like Kepler's.

In California, Amazon can claim an 8 to 9 percent advantage over so-called brick-and-mortar stores that must charge whatever sales tax is levied in the city and county where they operate. And although state law requires that residents who make mail-order purchases out of state to voluntarily pay sales tax, the lion's share of this business is not reported to tax authorities.

Mr. Kepler has been battling against Amazon and other big-box stores for years, charging that profits on local purchases leave the city or county and never return. Income earned by locally owned businesses circulates in the community three or four times over, benefiting local workers and companies, he says. The local merchants emphasize that all they want is a level playing field, and are

more than willing to compete with Amazon and other online retailers if they paid their proper share of sales tax.

Amazon, besides hiring professional signature-gatherers to drum up the support it needs to put the repeal referendum on the November ballot, immediately fired thousands of its California affiliate businesses who sold Amazon merchandise when the sales tax measure passed in June.

In our view, Amazon's campaign is an incredible slap in the face to California taxpayers, who support local and state government by paying millions of dollars in sales taxes every year. One group, Stand with Main Street, that favors local brick-and-mortar businesses, estimates that such stores lose \$4.1 billion in sales a year to online retailers who are skirting local sales taxes and not hiring local workers.

Another estimate, by Goldman Sachs, predicts that online shopping — which has more than tripled since 2000 — will jump from 4.4 percent of all retail sales now to 17.1 percent in the near future. Clearly, it was time for California to make sure this huge portion of the state's commerce pay its fair share of sales taxes, just like other businesses.

Many local governments, including Menlo Park's, have seen major drops in sales tax revenue during this and previous downturns. More and more of that is trickling away as a result of Internet purchases. It is interesting to note that the state will not license automobiles purchased out of state until the owner has paid the appropriate California sales and vehicle taxes.

There is no logical reason that some retailers should be exempt from collecting sales tax, while others are on the hook. No one is asking for special benefits for local businesses, but at least we should not have a tax policy that actually discourages patronizing local businesses. Let local businesses succeed or fail on their product pricing and service, not on the advantage of saving sales tax when purchases go to an online retailer.

LETTERS

Our readers write

Shopper irate over Menlo's parking limit

Editor:

We read many articles in our local newspapers concerning complaints from business owners regarding parking restrictions, which hurt their businesses.

Recently I was shopping for a wedding gift, picked up my medical prescriptions, and then had a quick luncheon. When I returned to my car, there was a citation for overtime parking. I could not have been more than a few minutes over the two-hour parking limit!

It is very disconcerting when one must keep on edge trying to accomplish a few errands, with one eye on the clock (or watch, whatever the case may be). It is, therefore, virtually impossible

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Atherton Heritage Association

Our Regional Heritage

These four Atherton women are taking part in a "Polly of the Circus" charitable event that in the 1920s became an annual tradition at the Menlo Circus Club.

Opinions clash on Alpine Road trail plan

By Janet Davis

Stanford Professor P.J. Utz, the author of last week's guest opinion titled "Counterpoint on the Alpine Trail," knows not of what he speaks. In my view, he should check his assumptions before asserting them as facts. I believe each one of his "facts" is totally wrong.

Fact 1: The trail was absolutely **not** designated as the approved trail in the General Use Permit issued to Stanford by Santa Clara County. That document required a trail on Stanford land in Santa Clara County. Alpine Road was suggested by an errant employee of the Parks Department.

Fact 2: Obviously Professor Utz is not up to date. At a recent San Mateo County Board of Supervisors meeting, it was decided to meet with representatives from Santa Clara County with a view to setting up a grant fund to benefit both counties.

Fact 3: The idea that if Stanford funds are sent to Santa Clara County after Jan. 31, 2011, taxpayers would have to pay for costly trail and creek repairs is plain nonsense, in my opinion.

Fact 4: I do not agree that trail repairs will not damage sensitive creek and riparian habitats.

Fact 5: This is flat out wrong. All the original drawings prepared by Stanford called for a 20-foot-wide, cantilevered, asphalted, "roadway" above Stanford Weekend Acres (SWA) residents' homes and extensive realignment in the lower Ladera area. It also called for the destruction of about 100 mature oak trees.

The plans now being pushed by Stanford's Larry Horton call for an 8-foot-wide paved section with 2-foot-borders on each side, which equals 12 feet as Lennie Roberts correctly stated in her guest

opinion of Aug. 10.

Alpine Road carries about 32,000 vehicles a day and is going to be deluged with considerably more because of Stanford's addition to the hospital and its proposed "calming" of all traffic on Junipero Serra, which will increase that load. Much of the Alpine Road traffic exceeds even the posted excessive limit of 40 mph, which exceeds all other arterials in the area. At present, residents of Stanford Weekend Acres can only get out of their houses with great difficulty because of the existing traffic.

Stanford was instrumental in having Alpine declared a truck route despite the fact that it has several blind turns. Recently I counted 43 double semi-tractor trailers coming and going to a Stanford site within approximately one hour. Those of us living in Weekend Acres have to watch for traffic from both

directions, plus bike traffic in both lanes, plus bi-directional traffic in the existing path, plus peletons, all within about one second. To gain access to I-280, we have to accelerate such that it is impossible to avoid going into the westbound bike lane.

Additionally, there have been many, many accidents, including a lot involving vehicles going over the embankment and even more accidents have gone into the existing path. During rush hours, cars and motor bikes have used the existing bike lane to overtake other vehicles. Adding additional two-way traffic is an accident waiting to happen.

Another major factor, acknowledged by Stanford's consultants Fehr and Associates, is the total lack of drainage along Alpine Road. Any sidewalk as proposed would eliminate recharge areas and result in flooding of areas such as Wildwood Lane.

The "trail" built in the Menlo Park jurisdiction is unsafe, does not conform to

ADA standards, is poorly and infrequently maintained, rarely used by cyclists, and exhibited (until recently removed) gang graffiti and was frequented by homeless people.

Stanford owns all the land on the other side of Alpine Road and could very easily construct a rewarding recreational trail on that side of the road.

It is not Stanford Weekend Acres residents that need "educating." A good many of them have lived here 40 or 50 years, and have been intimately involved in all areas of the "trail" issue for the last several years. In my view, relative newcomers have been hoodwinked by Stanford's public relations effort, whose goal is to wiggle out of the university's obligations to Santa Clara County.

Janet Davis lives on Alpine Road in Menlo Park.

Trail commentary made critical points

Editor:

In regard to P.J. Utz's guest opinion on the Alpine Road corridor hike/bike path, as a 29-year resident of Ladera and a frequent biker who avoids the roadway, I want to thank him for making critical points.

Each time I pass the Portola Valley stretch of trail being improved, I shake my head at how both Weekend Acres and Ladera responded as victims rather than beneficiaries when the bike/hike trail was initially proposed. At the time, this was caught up with the strongly held opinion that Stanford was skirting its responsibility to put in a nature trail through the center of its lands.

Clearly, only one option is on the table so far as San Mateo County and the residents of the Alpine Road corridor are concerned. Unbelievably, the current situation undercuts every sensibility in

encouraging bike and walk commuters, largely isolating the "bike route to nowhere" being built by Portola Valley. Only those who are willing to venture onto Alpine Road once they pass the Ladera Shopper will use it because of the deteriorated condition of the old path as it continues under Interstate 280 and past Weekend Acres to Sand Hill Road.

This discussion should have input from the Portola Valley bikers and walkers who need to ride down the Alpine Road corridor and face the gap as well as ecologically minded folks in Ladera and Weekend Acres who would benefit from a decent path.

**Edward S. Mocarski Jr.
Erica Way, (Ladera) Portola Valley**

Stanford offered county any size trail

Editor:

In her Aug. 10 guest opinion, Lennie Roberts is so eager to lambaste Stanford for its generous offer to build hike and bike trails along Alpine Road that she completely overlooks a critical fact: Stanford never demanded that San Mateo County accept the 12-foot trail concept Roberts despises.

The university offered to build whatever the county requested, up to the 12-foot design. The county could have asked for a 2-foot dirt path if it had wanted to, or an 8-foot tanbark trail, or a 10-foot asphalt bikeway, or anything else it liked.

It's discouraging to see the same old anti-Stanford diatribes in our local newspaper. The university has been more than accommodating to all the demands made on it except for one unreasonable one, that the trustees give away a central part of its foothills for use by the general public. We rightly don't demand that any other institution make up for our lack of foresight in reserving parkland. Why pick on Stanford?

**Kathleen Much
Hillside Drive, Menlo Park**

LETTERS

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time. Why not at least three hours? This would be of help to the Menlo Park businesses, and to the local folks who do want to support them.

I paid a \$45 fine for a very few minutes of overtime. I find this outrageous. If we are encouraged to shop locally, there should be some way to accommodate "we the people" who try to do our part.

**Marie C. Zahn
Glenwood Avenue, Atherton**

Will downtown plan create vibrancy?

Editor:

If the downtown/El Camino Real specific plan is approved

and the recommended development occurs, the vibrancy touted by its advocates could look more like blight.

Residents and visitors to the community who regularly use the services provided in downtown Menlo Park could find themselves avoiding the area rather than utilizing it. This proposed development of downtown Menlo Park with its zoning changes and heightened density will not serve the community but rather strain it.

Today, because of the pace of Santa Cruz Avenue, families with small children visit the commercial area on a regular basis. During the week, mothers with children patronize the shops, and teenagers frequent the area after school.

On Saturday mornings, Santa Cruz Avenue is a popular meeting place for coffee, breakfast

and lunch. On Sundays, the farmer's market brings the community out again and worshippers at the local churches promenade along Santa Cruz Avenue.

There does not appear to be any lack of vibrancy in this community. On any given day, Santa Cruz Avenue and adjacent streets have a lot of foot traffic. Resources like medical and dental offices, the hardware store, restaurants, banks and the post office enjoy high levels of usage and residents appreciate the opportunity to handle many of their personal shopping, banking, grooming and medical needs within the several block area of Santa Cruz Avenue.

Throughout the year, Santa Cruz Avenue becomes a festival for children participating in the July Fourth parade to Burgess Park or the Halloween parade along Santa Cruz Avenue. If

the proposed specific plan goes forward in its current form and Santa Cruz Avenue becomes a circulation gridlock, street closings for tricycles and local children in costume will cease and Santa Cruz Avenue will have lost its familiar, small-town feeling.

If the build-out goes forward, the new downtown Menlo Park will lose the threads of community that the area has for so long enjoyed. Such an initiative could suck the life out of many important community events and gatherings that this community created and hopes to maintain.

Those who want to preserve the charm and scale of Menlo Park's downtown with its unique retailers, sunlit promenades and open air parking should have their voices heard, too.

The alarm bell has sounded and I would urge those in Menlo

Park who hope to preserve the treasures within our community, such as the Guild Theatre, Kepler's bookstore, Menlo Park Academy of Dance, Menlo Clock Works and all the businesses they cherish along Santa Cruz Avenue, to get vocal and fight for their preservation. It is time to circle the wagons and sound the horns because the developers are coming.

The citizenry should never discount the power of its voice in the face of new development initiatives. The community's voice and the community's views will be considered when initiatives like this are brought forward and eventually voted on. No single body is more aware of this than our elected City Council.

**Deborah Miller
Oakhurst Place, Menlo Park**

CITY OF PALO ALTO PRESENTS – 27TH ANNUAL PALO ALTO WEEKLY MOONLIGHT RUN & WALK

Friday, September 9, 2011



TIME & PLACE

5K walk 7:00pm, 10K run 8:15pm, 5K run 8:45pm.

Race-night registration 6:00 to 8:00pm at City of Palo Alto Baylands Athletic Center, Embarcadero & Geng Roads (just east of the Embarcadero Exit off Highway 101). **Parking** — go to PaloAltoOnline.com to check for specific parking locations.

COURSE

5K and 10K loop courses over Palo Alto Baylands levee, through the marshlands by the light of the Harvest Moon! Course is flat, USAT&F certified (10k run only) on levee and paved roads. Water at all stops. Course map available at www.PaloAltoOnline.com.

REGISTRATIONS & ENTRY FEE

Pre-registration fee is \$25 per entrant (**postmarked by September 2, 2011**) and includes a long-sleeve t-shirt.

Late/race-night registration is \$30 and includes a shirt **only while supplies last**.

Family package: Children 12 and under run free with a registered parent. A completed entry form for each child must be submitted with adult registration. **Please indicate on form and include \$15 for t-shirt.**

No confirmation of mail-in registration available. Registration also available online at www.PaloAltoOnline.com.

Refunds will not be issued for no-show registrations and t-shirts will not be held.

SPORTS TEAM/CLUBS:

Pre-registration opportunity for organizations of 10 or more runners; e-mail MoonlightRun@paweekly.com.

MINORS:

If not pre-registered Minors under 18 **MUST** bring signed parental/waiver form (below) on race night to participate.

DIVISIONS

Age divisions: 9 & under; 10-12; 13-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69, and 70 & over with separate divisions for male and female runners in each age group. Race timing provided for 5K and 10K runs only; not 5K walk.

COMPUTERIZED RESULTS by A Change of Pace

Chip timing by A Change of Pace. Race results will be posted on the Internet at www.PaloAltoOnline.com by 11pm race night. Registration forms must be filled out completely and correctly for results to be accurate.

Race organizers are not responsible for incorrect results caused by incomplete or incorrect registration forms. You must register for the event you plan to participate in.

AWARDS/PRIZES/ENTERTAINMENT

Top three finishers in each division. Prize giveaways and refreshments.

DJ Alan Waltz. Pre-race warmups by Noxcuses Fitness, Palo Alto

PALO ALTO GRAND PRIX Road Race Series — Moonlight Run, 9/9; Marsh Madness, 10/23; Home Run, 11/13, for more information go to www.paloaltogp.org.

BENEFICIARY

Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund. A holiday-giving fund to benefit Palo Alto area non-profits and charitable organizations. In April 2011, 45 organizations received a total of \$240,000 (from the 2010-2011 Holiday Fund.)

MORE INFORMATION

Call (650) 463-4920, (650) 326-8210, email MoonlightRun@paweekly.com or go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com.

For safety reasons, no dogs allowed on course for the 5K and 10K runs. They are welcome on the 5K walk only. No retractable leashes! Please bring your own clean-up bag. Jogging strollers welcome in the 5K walk or at the back of either run.



Flashlights/head lights recommended.

First aid service and chiropractic evaluations will be available.

Register online at www.PaloAltoOnline.com

GOT OLD SHOES? Change someone's world with a pair of your shoes. Bring your gently worn shoes to the Moonlight Run and they will be sent to Djibouti, Africa.

Please make checks payable to: Palo Alto Weekly MOONLIGHT RUN and mail to: Palo Alto Weekly Moonlight Run, P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302 • ONE ENTRY FORM PER PERSON

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(12 & under - include t-shirt size and \$15)
(If you are under 18, please read the instructions above)



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5K WALK
7:00 P.M.

10K RUN
8:15 P.M.

5K RUN
8:45 P.M.

SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT (parent or guardian if under 18 years of age)

must have this on Race Night

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Almanac readers name their favorite restaurants, shops and services

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If you don't feel much like singing the blues and want to head to the sunny side of the street, you won't do wrong by checking out some of our readers' favorite local restaurants, shops and services.

Based on voting by Almanac readers, these are the winners of the Readers' Choice 2011 Awards.

CASUAL DINING, DESSERT, INDEPENDENT COFFEE/TEA HOUSE, PLACE TO MEET PEOPLE, LIVE MUSIC

Locals just don't stop believin' in **Cafe Borrone**, which has won five Readers' Choice Awards: Casual Dining, Dessert, Independent Coffee/Tea House, Place to Meet People, and Live Music. No matter the time of day, the endless line of customers that often extends into the patio area of the cafe is a good indication of its stable popularity. Locals frequent the family-owned cafe for its delicious Taylor Maid coffee and hot sandwiches, or the recently added dinner specials, served from 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sat-

urday. General manager Marina Borrone, who owns the cafe with husband and chef Josh Pebbles, as well as her parents, remarks that, "Our guests always comment on the vibrant, uplifting energy that our environment offers." The cafe often serves as a stage for Clint Baker and the All Stars, who play New Orleans-style jazz and "who have stirred it up [there] for over 20 years," she says. So, whether you're scheduling an interview, or hoping to hang out

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ON THE COVER: Klara Turner, owner of Los Salonez in Menlo Park, which won for favorite hair salon.

Above: Attila Varsanyi of Applewood Pizza, winner of best pizza.

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with friends, Cafe Borrone will not disappoint. 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 650-327-0830

CHINESE RESTAURANT, TAKE OUT

Su Hong has been a Menlo Park favorite since it opened in 1977. No wonder it has been named best Chinese restaurant by our readers for 18 years. Diners love the walnut prawns, rolling lettuce chicken, dry sauteed string bean, and sizzling seafood platter served in white tablecloth dining rooms by a gracious staff. "Most of our employees have been working here for over a decade," says owner Bee King. Su Hong To Go also rates tops with Readers' Choice voters.

Su Hong, 1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, 323-6852. Su Hong To Go, 630 Menlo Ave., Menlo Park, 322-4631.

HAMBURGER, DINE WITH KIDS

The promising scent of mouth-watering burgers and French fries wafts from the door of **Jeffrey's Hamburgers**, winner of this year's Best Hamburger and Best Place to Dine with Kids awards. The fun

continues even after Daddy takes the T-bird away at Jeffrey's, where the 1950s atmosphere provides the perfect place for families to enjoy their burgers and milkshakes. Although it came to Menlo Park just four years ago, the locals have embraced Jeffrey's Hamburgers and its wide selection of burgers, sides, shakes, and sandwiches. The option to order online is coming soon to the restaurant's website as well. 888 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 322-1959

FRENCH RESTAURANT

The Left Bank is a classic French brasserie with a California twist. Its late summer menu is filled with the bounty of seasonal produce from local farmers, such as sweet peas, corn, stone fruit and berries, says Chef Brendy Monsada. This is the time of year to enjoy a salad nicoise or grilled salmon entree, he adds. In warm weather, diners take to the sidewalk seating. However, the recently remodeled interior is attractive all year round. Regular patrons enjoy stopping in the bar during happy hour for oysters on the half shell and a glass of wine. For a sweet finale, try the profiteroles or fresh fruit clafouti. 635 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, 473-6543.



Cafe Borrone, winner in five categories. Top, from left, Marina Borrone, Joshua Pebbles and Rose Borrone. Bottom, from left, Ismael Castro and Roy Borrone.

INDIAN RESTAURANT

Vegetarians get treated especially well at **Darbar Indian Cuisine**, where the menu's wealth of non-meat entrees allows spinach, farmer's cheese, garbanzo beans, okra and eggplant to star. Dishes with a South Indian flair include dosas with potatoes. But Darbar's offerings come from both North and South, appealing to both vegetarian and non-vegetarian palates, which means chicken, prawns, lamb, fish, beef and other offerings. A lunch buffet is served up weekdays from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with dishes changing daily. 129 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto; 321-6688.

INTIMATE DINING, PLACE FOR A DATE

"Our staff appreciates romance," says Andy O'Day, general manager of the **Village Pub**. The Woodside restaurant is once again our readers' favorite spot for intimate dining and place for a date. Karey Walker of parent company Bacchus Management Group notes that the overall ambiance at the Pub — with its burgundy colored mohair walls, dark wood accents, oversized limestone fireplace, antique bar, and, of course, candlelight — lends itself to an intimate dining experience. "From the moment our guests arrive, until the time they leave, they are guided through an

unforgettable dining experience," she says. That experience includes the delectable offerings of executive chef Dmitry Elperin, whose culinary talent has led to one-star ratings in the Michelin guide three years running. Diners' choices range from "a luxurious multi-course tasting menu that highlights ingredients from our farm ... with wines paired by our sommelier team, to a Pub burger with a bottle of wine from our extensive award-winning wine list, enjoyed on the veranda," Ms. Walker says. 2967 Woodside Road, Woodside; 650-851-9888; thevillagepub.net

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Some locals complain that the area has too many Italian restaurants, but a stalwart set of diners appears to have no complaints about **Carpaccio**, which year after year has been Almanac readers' No. 1 choice for Italian cuisine. In addition to lunch and dinner menus featuring soups, salads, pizza, pasta and other entrees, chef Jorge Cortes offers weekly specials, says managing partner Ciya Martorana. Recent specials have included risotto with smoked muscovy duck and mushrooms; and grilled prawns and scallops with prosciutto, served with Tuscan beans. The decor evokes the charms of *bella Toscana*, and on pleasant days, the window-

walls in front of the restaurant open up, providing the feel of open-air dining. 1120 Crane St., Menlo Park; 650-322-1211; carpaccios.com

JAPANESE

The Almanac's readers chose **Naomi Sushi** in Menlo Park as their favorite Japanese restaurant this year. Sushi lovers can choose from a menu that includes a "49er roll," with white tuna and avocado on top and spicy yellowtail inside; East Coast black sea bass; and "omakase," the chef's changing creation. But sushi is only part of the restaurant's offerings: Chicken, grilled fish, and noodle dishes are also on the menu. The restaurant also offers sake tasting. 1328 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 650-321-6902; naomisushi.com

MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Lulu's on the Alameda, winner of best Mexican restaurant, is one of the most popular restaurants with locals. It's the creation of Bay Area native Natalie Richardson and Lourdes (Lulu) Lopez, an expert in Mexican cuisine. Ms. Richardson, who owns the restaurant with husband Bracken Richardson, says customers value the freshness of the ingredients. The long menu, compiled by head chef Ms. Lopez,

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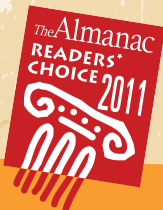
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DRAEGER'S MARKET



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Draeger's, best place to buy meat. Tom Henning on guitar.

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offers 10 meat options and varieties of fajitas, burritos, and enchiladas, not to mention a new, gluten-free section. Lulu's expects to open a fourth restaurant shortly, on Main Street in Los Altos. The other locations are at Town & Country shopping center in Palo Alto and 876 Laurel St. in San Carlos. 3539 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park; 650-854-8226

NEW RESTAURANT

There hasn't been much time for diners to discover the charms of **Menlo Grill**, which opened at the Stanford Park Hotel in mid-June, replacing the Duck Club. But the new kid on the block must be doing something right, because six weeks after opening it was voted best new restaurant by Almanac readers. "Locals love the new Menlo Grill because it's a warm, friendly bistro and bar that serves approachable and familiar dishes prepared uncompromisingly well," says Josh Keller of parent company Woodside Hotels. Describing the ambience as "comfortable and cordial, yet sophisticated," Mr. Keller says diners can choose to sit in the newly designed bistro, the fireplace bar, or the outdoor courtyard. In addition to full breakfast, lunch and dinner

menus, the restaurant offers over 30 wines by the glass, and a large selection of American craft beers. And there's no corkage fee if you bring your own wine. "Happy hour is perhaps the best deal in the area, with half-priced drinks and delicious small plates," Mr. Keller says, adding that Menlo Grill is open until midnight for those looking for late-night drinks or desserts. 100 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 650-330-2790; menlogrill.com

BAKERY

Luscious cakes, as well as tarts, pies, breads, and meringues, make **Woodside Bakery** a Readers' Choice favorite. The cakes, including genoise aux fruits, Black Forest cake, double and triple chocolate mousse cakes and raspberry ganache, all created by pastry chef Jesus Mendoza, are as delectable as those found in a Parisian patisserie. Customers also keep coming back for the meringues and biscotti. Owner Mark Sweyer and his sister, Jan, who is bakery manager, are native Woodsiders. 052 Woodside Road, Woodside, 851-0812.

BREAKFAST

If you see a long line at Santa Cruz Avenue and El Camino Real in Menlo Park, don't assume it's folks queuing up for a concert. More

likely it's customers waiting for their names to be called for a table at **Stacks** restaurant, where regulars love the omelets and Stacks famous homemade pancakes, as well as a variety of lunch fare. Owner Geoffrey Swenson describes the staff as "dedicated, committed, industrious, and fun." Their sense of camaraderie is strong, he says, and it often bubbles over, creating a family atmosphere in the restaurant. 600 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 650-838-0066

FROZEN YOGURT

After only two years in business, **The Mix, a Frozen Yogurt Treatery** has established itself as a hot spot in the community for a cool treat. The idea behind the treatery was to think of it as a neighborhood spot first, and a frozen yogurt shop second, according to co-owners Jamie Schein and Susannah Albright. "Customers love our all-natural yogurt, our wide variety of toppings, and our clean and bright store," they say. Customers can enjoy regular flavors such as peanut butter, coffee, or original tart, or create their own flavor with the special Mixer. The Mix is set to introduce "Topping Tuesdays," when customers can top their frozen yogurt for

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PIZZA

Applewood Pizza has once again been selected for best pizza by Readers' Choice voters. The impressive menu offers numerous signature pizzas, as well as the opportunity to concoct your own pizza. The bar flaunts 37 imported beers, yet the restaurant maintains a family-friendly atmosphere where people can go to relax and enjoy a flavorful meal. Some of their lesser-known specialty sides include Hungarian goulash, and langos, which is Hungarian fried bread. The restaurant also has the option of ordering online, which comes with the choice of take-out or delivery. 1001 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 650-324-3486

PLACE TO BUY MEAT

This year, Almanac readers have again chosen **Draeger's** as the best local butcher. Co-owner and vice president John Draeger says his family-run business has "kept traditional quality standards in place" over the years. The market sells Midwest pork, USDA Choice and Grade Midwest grain-fed beef, and dry aged American lamb in its

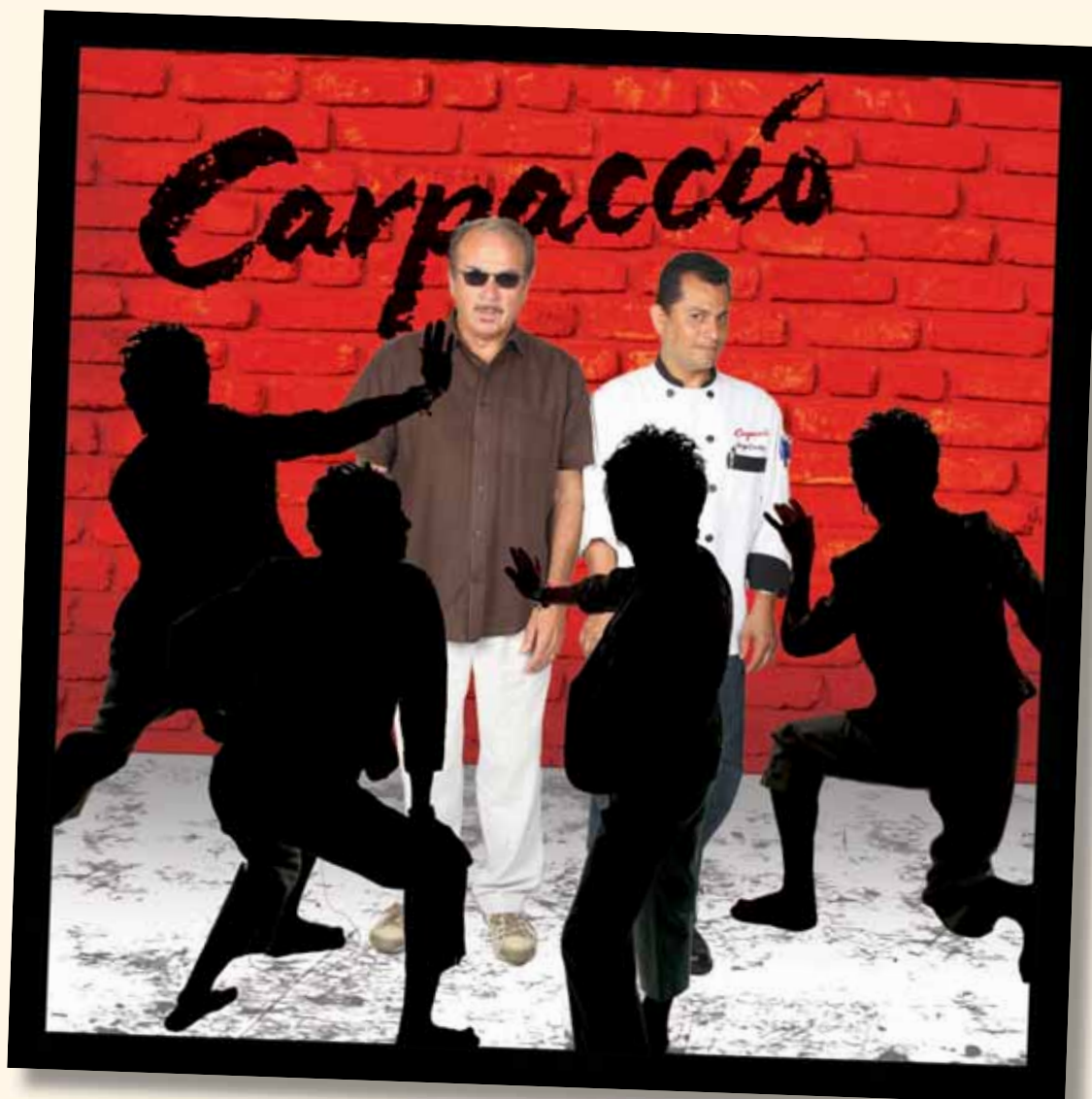
downtown corner location. "We taste what we are buying to be sure," he said. He added that it helps to have good people, describing meat manager Tom Henning as experienced, capable and just plain nice. 1010 University Dr., Menlo Park; 324-7733

PLACE TO BUY WINE

With its pretty wood-paneled ceilings and rustic displays of baskets above rows and rows of bottles, **Beltramo's Wines and Spirits** could be described as a museum of wine. But no docent tours are needed here. The Beltramo's wine section is neatly laid out, with signs pointing visitors from country to country and region to region. One aisle spans the vineyard miles from Germany to Australia — and the price range from a \$5.99 Greek retsina to a \$450 Hungarian Tokaji that comes in a special box. There's a tasting room in back, with recent evenings dedicated to Austrian wines, California chardonnays and new-arrival pinot noirs. If you do

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Carpaccio, best Italian restaurant. Roberto Colombo, left, and Jorge Cortez.



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Alys Grace, best boutique. From left: Cristina Nangle, Tiger Bachler and Laura Sorenson.

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find you need a docent, just ask. Clerks are friendly and knowledgeable. 1540 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 325-2806.

PRODUCE

Finding the best fruits and veggies can be difficult, but Almanac readers are lucky. They have two local **Sigona's** markets, their favorite places for produce in the 2011 Readers' Choice voting. Sigona's offers a wide selection of organic and commercial produce. It also serves as a regular grocery store and carries a line of products branded with its own Sigona Signature label. Our voters says that with fruits and veggies from Sigona's, you are guaranteed to be in for good eating. 399 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto; 650-329-1340; and 2345 Middlefield Road, Redwood City; 650-368-6993

SANDWICHES

A good sandwich can make your taste buds sing, but a great sandwich elicits an orchestra of savory sensations. Enter **The Village Cheesehouse**, the Mozart of sandwich-makers. With a cornucopia of breads, meats, cheeses and veggies to choose from, the Village Cheesehouse has the right deli delicacies to

satisfy a clientele as diverse as the Village People. 855 El Camino Real, #157, Palo Alto; 650-326-9251

AUTO REPAIR

The Readers' Choice favorite in the auto repair category is **Portola Valley Garage**, a specialist in the repair of European vehicles. In a phone interview, owner Tom Ramies had a message for his customers: "Thanks for all your support and we will strive to always be the best," he said. "A big hug to all the Almanac readers who voted us number 1." 4170 Alpine Road, Portola Valley; 851-7442.

BARBER

If you have long beautiful hair, shining, gleaming and streaming, the **Golden Shears** is the place to get it cut. Voted best barber by faithful locals for 11 years, Golden Shears has been serving its clients since 1963. Owner Louie Arenas says that customers feel relaxed, comfortable, and part of the family when they come to his barbershop. "We're serving clients from the fourth generation here," he comments. There is a vintage, nostalgic feeling about the place, according to Mr. Arenas, and people like know-

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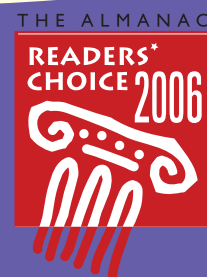
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ing that the Golden Shears has been the same since their parents were little children. 814 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 650-325-0943

DAY SPA

Patrons at **Watercourse Way** may leave the spa with visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads — especially if they've gotten a sugarplum facial masque after their dry-brush skin exfoliation and cranberry-pomegranate sugar scrub. Life is sweet for Almanac readers at serene Watercourse Way. They've voted it their favorite day spa for these and other services, which include hot-tub soaks, facials, paraffin treatments and massages. 165 Channing Ave., Palo Alto; 650-462-2000

DRY CLEANER

If Lady GaGa needed any of her spectacularly outrageous outfits dry cleaned, she could depend on the professional services of **Menalto Cleaners**, which landed the best dry cleaner laurels from Readers' Choice voters. The heart and drive of the business come from owner E. Gary Smith, who says he "loves clothes and loves people." Customers compliment the business, saying they receive "great service with a smile" from the staff, and can count on careful handling of their clothes. The website offers an explanation of all of the services, including dry cleaning, laundry, alterations and shoe repair, as well as a price list for each service. Menalto Cleaners is preparing to automate its sale and invoicing system to accommodate the growth of the business, according to Mr. Smith. 1921 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park; 650-323-7001

FITNESS CLASSES

You can get Physical like Olivia Newton-John after attending classes at **The Dailey Method**, which won the Readers' Choice Award for the Best Fitness Class. The studio, owned by Erin Paruszewski, provides a "toxin-free environment for clients while it minimizes its carbon footprint," she says. Of the actual workout, she says, "It's efficient, it's effective, it's evolving." The instructors "aspire to personally connect" with their customers, who tell her that the moves are invigorating without being jarring, the instructors are inspiring, and the music is great. The Dailey Method provides childcare services, enabling parents to enjoy a workout without worrying about their children. Ms. Paruszewski says she hopes to "keep the citizens of the greater Menlo area long, lean and strong." 3528 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park; 650-854-8361

FLORIST

Under the ownership of Bella Hicks, **Twig and Petals Floral Boutique**, which opened on Menalto Avenue in Menlo Park last December, has blossomed into a blooming business that won Readers' Choice voters' pick this year for favorite florist. "Mixing textures, colors and unique flowers are what we do best," the shop says on its website. Customers rave about Ms. Hicks' flower-arranging talent. "They like our quality of work, the fresh flowers we use, and the uniqueness we provide," she says. The shop offers services for an assortment of events, specializing in weddings. Twig and Petals makes an effort to buy locally grown flowers, and works to keep its environmental impact minimal. An online ordering system enables customers to place their orders with ease. 1927 Menalto Ave, Menlo Park; 650-241-4377

BOOKSTORE, GREEN BUSINESS

Kepler's Books and Magazines made a big change recently to its popular author-talks program. No longer able to offer free admission to the talks, Kepler's began requiring audience members who are not store members to buy the event book or a gift card. Owner Clark Kepler said this change hasn't hurt attendance. "Anecdotally, we have heard comments from customers like: 'It makes sense; people ought to be willing to pay something,' and 'That's a fair amount to ask,'" he said. And Kepler's remains well-liked with Almanac readers, who once again voted it the best local bookstore. Readers also singled out the shop for its green practices, which include repurposing and reusing boxes and shipping materials, and selling products made from recycled materials. 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 324-4321.

GYM

There are no "Fat Bottomed Girls" at **Fitness 101**, only healthful workouts and sociable staff members. "We are very low pressure and we have no pretense," says Gordon Bliss, president of Fitness 101. These qualities create a community and family feel, he says. The gym will celebrate its 25th anniversary in October 2011 with the opening of its new studio, the Evolution Training Center in Redwood City. At its current Menlo Park location, trainers offer the intense RAW (Real Athletic Workout) program for \$100 a month. "[The workouts] are so efficient and challenging you don't need to take more than two or three classes a week," explains Mr. Bliss, who takes these classes himself. The gym is now offering a new weight-loss program, which is



Lulu's, best Mexican restaurant. Owner Natalie Richardson is in the inset photo. In front is Lourdes Lopez (Lulu). In back, from left, Vincente Luna, Joel Acosta and Kim Williams.

capped at 12 participants to allow trainers one-on-one time with each individual. 40 Scott Drive, Menlo Park; (650) 321-7900

HAIR SALON

If Rihanna ever wanted to lose her red do, she would only have to step into **Los Salonez** on Alma Street in Menlo Park, where the hairstylists specialize in color corrections and emphasize the natural. Owner Klara Turner says the salon focuses on personal hair care, offering haircuts for all ages and a multitude of hair services, including a new Keratin Smoothing Treatment for frizzy hair. Hairstylists Celeste Green and Isra Albander bring the staff to three. Los Salonez sells products from Euphora, Alterna, DermaOrganics and Redken. The salon has a retail section that sells jewelry and currently displays the works of two local artists, Lisa Maloney and Lisa Dimaggio. 1010 Alma St., Menlo Park; 650-328-0735

HOTEL

The third time's the charm for the **Rosewood Sand Hill**, which opened in 2009 and wins "Best

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Hotel” yet again this year. Sited near Interstate 280 with plenty of hilly vistas, Rosewood has 121 guest rooms, a spa, the Madera restaurant, babysitting services, and a ballroom for inviting over 285 of your closest friends. A particular splurge is the two-room, 2,372-square-foot “Presidential Villa.” There are his-and-her showers in case the sunken tub gets old, and wall-to-ceiling glass so there’s no way to miss the views of the Santa Cruz Mountains. 2825 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park; 561-1500.

MANICURE, PEDICURE

PYTs can get some TLC for their nails at **Cindy’s Nail Spas**, which was voted the best place for a manicure or pedicure for the third consecutive year. With three locations in Menlo Park and reduced prices for teens and children, locals of all ages are never without quality nail care. Owner Danny Do explains, “We do the best we can, and the customers are always number one.”

The staff always appreciates feedback from their customers, says Mr. Do, so that the spa can continue to refine its services, which include manicures, pedicures, waxes, and other special services. *Three Menlo Park locations: 1702 El Camino Real, 322-6427; 1012 Alma St., 566-1909; and 3530 Alameda de las Pulgas, 233-9317.*

PAINTERS

The knowledge and professionalism of the employees at **Avi Decorative Painting** has landed it another Readers’ Choice Award for best painters. “Customers enjoy the help we provide before, during, and after the service,” says president Avi Lenchner. Avi Decorative Painting prides itself on being an environmentally conscious business, offering better quality and healthier solutions to homeowners. Its employees take the time to “paint sizeable paint samples, enabling the customer to observe results in various lights to achieve the desired effect,” according to the

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Menlo Grill, best new restaurant. From left, Alfredo Perez, Juliene Brown and Carlos Maeda.



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PHARMACY

Walgreens, which has won again for best pharmacy, offers not only prescriptions, but weekly deals on all sorts of essentials. The pharmacy, in particular, provides customers with several refill options (phone, online, automatic), and will even send text messages to customers to let them know their prescription is waiting. A reminder system via email can also be arranged. Walgreens also sells food, cosmetics, gift cards, and assorted school supplies while giving customers access to photo labs. 643 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 650-321-1530

PLUMBER

"We're thrilled," said David Guy, owner of **Guy Plumbing**, when told that his outfit was the top choice among readers once again. "Most of our customers we've had for 20, 30, 40, 50 and even 60 years. We're blessed to stay busy in the hard times right now." Mr. Guy said he builds his business through referrals, word of mouth and giving to the community, such as through school auctions and baseball sponsorship. 1265 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 323-8415.

TRAVEL AGENCY

If you're flying first class, up in the sky, it could be thanks to **Ladera Travel**, which has once again won for best travel agency. "Our team has extensive first-hand travel experience, which is critical to providing customized international and domestic itineraries for our clients," says president and co-owner Les Burger. The agency has been serving locals for over 45 years, whether they are leisure or corporate travelers. As a Four Seasons Preferred Partner, Ladera Travel can offer its clients special benefits such as spa treatments, golf outings, and lunches, according to Mr. Burger. 325 Sharon Park Drive, Menlo Park; 650-854-3222

YOGA

Recently opened in its new location on El Camino Real in Menlo Park, **Menlo Pilates and Yoga** has won the support of Readers' Choice voters. The studio, owned by Fran Philip, is "dedicated to human

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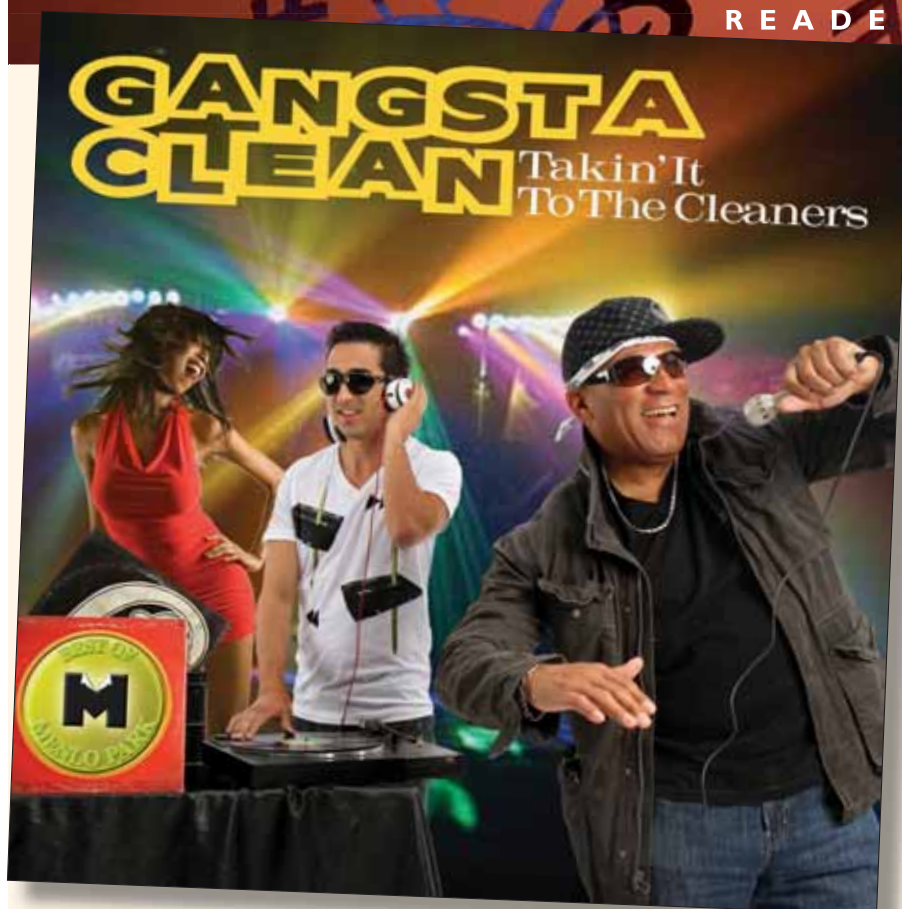
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movement,” and “tries to provide a refreshingly positive experience and change the way people view health and fitness,” its website says. Menlo Pilates and Yoga offers various classes, including pilates for all levels, Vinyasa yoga (more active and

fast-paced), Zumba, and yogilates, the ultimate combination of yoga and pilates. Ms. Philip, who has been involved in the fitness industry since 1997, teaches a number of the classes herself. More information can be found at menlopilates.com. 1011 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 408-480-8977

BICYCLE SHOP

Menlo Velo Bicycles will add a 2011 plaque to its wall to join some 13 others there, said owner Rainer Zaechlein. “When the customer chooses you as their favorite, that’s the nicest gratification you can get,” Mr. Zaechlein said. Asked about new trends, he noted the increase interest in commuting by bike and shopping around town, “which is good to see,” he added. 433 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 327-5137.

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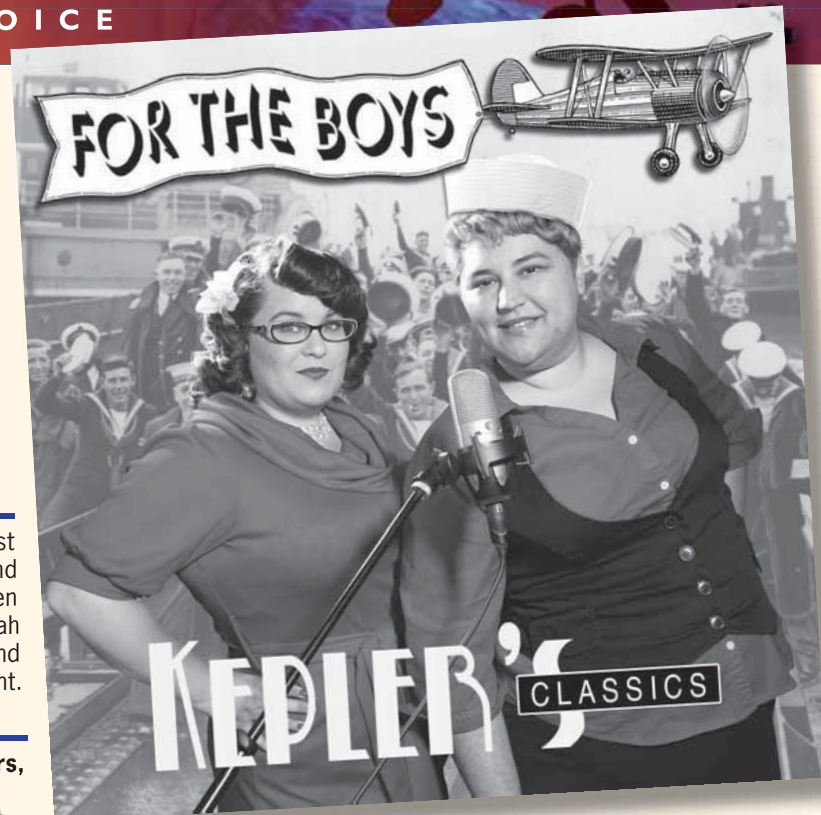
After a fire damaged the Calla boutique in downtown Menlo Park, owners Phil and Tiger Bachler decided to take the opportunity for renovation, and returned to business as **Alys Grace**, which has won the Readers’ Choice vote for best boutique. With “extraordinary women inside and out” as their selling phrase, Alys Grace supplies fashionable locals with clothes from countless designer brands, as well as accessories and shoes. Customers enjoy the “fact that we welcome special orders when we are out of stock in sizes or when we custom-order jewelry for them, and that we have a range of styles for both the classic or conservative gal, as well as the hipster gal,” says Ms. Bachler. Alys Grace is currently receiving fall orders of cashmere sweaters and a great assortment of denim, according to Ms. Bachler. 899B Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 650-322-5524

FRAME SHOP

Whether it’s newlyweds or the

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Those in the mood for fresh fruits and veggies can head to Sigona’s, voted for best produce.



Kepler’s, best bookstore and best green business. Sarah Langlais, left, and Stephanie Wright.

Menalto Cleaners, best dry cleaner. John Sanchez, left, and Gary Smith.



Lindsay and Noah Hiken of The Village Cheese House are jazzed about being voted for best sandwiches.



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family mutt, the place to frame up that glam shot is **University Art**. The mainstay of Hamilton Avenue is a favorite place for frames from gilded to inlay. For 60 years, University Art has helped customers design the finest setting for art and memorabilia — including three-dimensional objects such as sports medals and jerseys. All of the work is done in-house and University Art uses only archival materials to last. 267 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto; 650-328-3500

TOY STORE, GIFT & NOVELTY

If children want to view paradise, they simply have to look around at **Cheeky Monkey Toys**, which has claimed the award for Best Toy Store for the 11th year in a row. It also won this year for the best Gift & Novelty shop. "People seem to enjoy our customer service and our selection of toys," says manager Dexter Chow. Both of these qualities contribute to the colorful, outgoing atmosphere of the store. "We have toys out on display for the

customers to look at and play with," which keeps the children engaged and entertained, he says. The store also holds a number of in-store events, including music lessons and a birthday program known as "Ten Wishes." 640 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 650-328-7975

HARDWARE STORE

Menlo Park Ace Hardware has won the Readers Choice' award as best hardware store for the fifth year in a row. The store recently finished

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a year-long plan to expand by 1,400 square feet. Along with more room comes more inventory, as the store adds an array of batteries to power everything from a boat to a cell phone and a laptop. Friendly staff, easy parking, and now a wider selection keep the customers coming back. 700 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 650-325-2515

HOME DECOR & FURNISHINGS

Reader's Choice stalwart **Flegels** is a winner for the 19th year. The downtown Menlo Park store is a longtime purveyor of furniture and interior-design services, and style choices are broad. Shoppers might opt for the Stickley Colonial Williamsburg collection, with a cushioned settee, mahogany-framed mirror, silver chest and chiming clock. Or they can go more modern with a zippy zebra-print chair designed by Jessica Charles. The Flegels interior-design staff can provide advice — just in case you're wondering whether that turquoise gourd vase really does go with that Georgian armchair. 870 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 326-9661.

JEWELRY STORE

Gleim the Jeweler has remained family-owned since it opened its doors on Palo Alto's University Avenue in 1931. Now located in Stanford Shopping Center, Gleim remains a favorite with Almanac readers, regularly appearing in the Readers' Choice section. Visitors may be shopping for an emerald-cut engagement ring or an Art Deco brooch. Gleim also services and sells watches, does appraisals and creates corporate gifts. 111 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto; 325-3533. (Appraisals: 540 University Ave., Palo Alto; 323-1331.)

LINGERIE

Ela Lingerie, where customers like the selection and attention to personal service, was voted best lingerie store in the 2011 Readers' Choice balloting. The store offers European designs, several of which are only sold by Ela in the U.S., according to co-owner Marcia de Lima, who says she aims to provide "the highest quality and most beautiful lingerie, sleepwear and hosiery, coupled with a great customer experience and professional fitting." Customers praise the saleswomen, who are "exceptional in their attention to the customer, and their ability to size you," she says. 1139 Chestnut St., Menlo Park; 650-325-2965

Woodside Bakery & the family scone



Woodside Bakery, best bakery. Jan Sweyer holds, from left, Maritza Pantaleon, Suleny Mendoza, Santos Rivera, Nohemy Mendoza, Christal Carter and Jesus Mendoza.



Fitness 101, best gym. From left, Matt James, Erick Kinnaird, Ross Headley and Gordon Bliss.

NURSERY

A visit to **Roger Reynolds Nursery & Carriage Stop** is no simple tiptoe through the tulips. Since 1919, the nursery has truthfully promised visitors a rose garden, because this is where all the flowers have gone, from azaleas to zinnias. A piece of the original redwood grove remains in the nursery's 2.5 acres, as familiar as the green, green grass of home; and the Victorian cottage contains a plant and gift shop. Special events are periodically planned; earlier this month the nursery offered a tomato-tasting, with recipes, tips on how to save seeds, and salsa with plenty of tomatoes and tomahtoes. 133 Encinal Ave., Menlo Park; 323-5612.

PET STORE

Henry the Horse would dance the waltz in celebration of **The Pet Place** and its 19th consecutive win for best pet store. This family-owned neighborhood store has won the hearts of pet lovers all over the Peninsula for its exceptional customer service and highly knowledgeable staff. Owners Marc and Lynn Macy are "lifelong animal people," says Marc, with the commitment to provide an "honest, compassionate pet supply store." They know regular customers by name, and refer pet owners to animal experts around the Bay. Pictures of pets line the walls, and the shelves are often stocked with new

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University Art set the stage for framing stardom, winning for best frame shop.

Lee Murphy of Kicks,
best shoe store.

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and engaging products. The Pet Place staffers take part in rescues for all sorts of animals, including rabbits, cats, dogs, birds, and guinea pigs. 777 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 650-325-7387

SHOE STORE

You can find some boots made for walking at **Kicks**, named best shoe store this year by Readers' Choice voters. Owner Lee Murphy says customers enjoy the selection of shoes, jewelry and gifts offered by the store. The store sells products by Merrell, Lilly Pulitzer, Tretorn, Jack Rogers, Heather B. Moore, MZ Wallance, Donald J Pliner, Kate Spade, Rebeca Minkoff, and

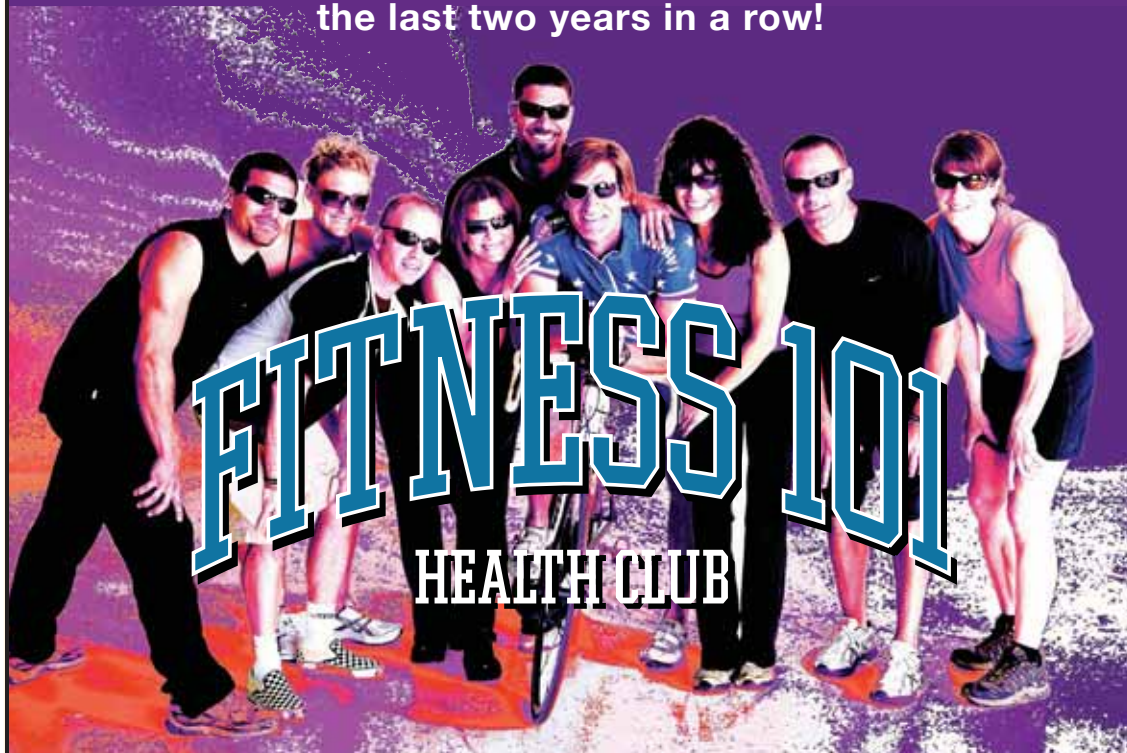
Stuart Weitzman. Kicks is now receiving shipments of fall boots by designers such as Cole Haan and Hunter. During the next couple of months, Kicks will host a number of jewelry shows, which display accessories made by local artists. 1060 Evelyn St., Menlo Park; 650-328-5425

PLACE FOR A KID'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Even if it weren't a Friday, Rebecca Black would party at **Color Me Mine**, which won the Readers'

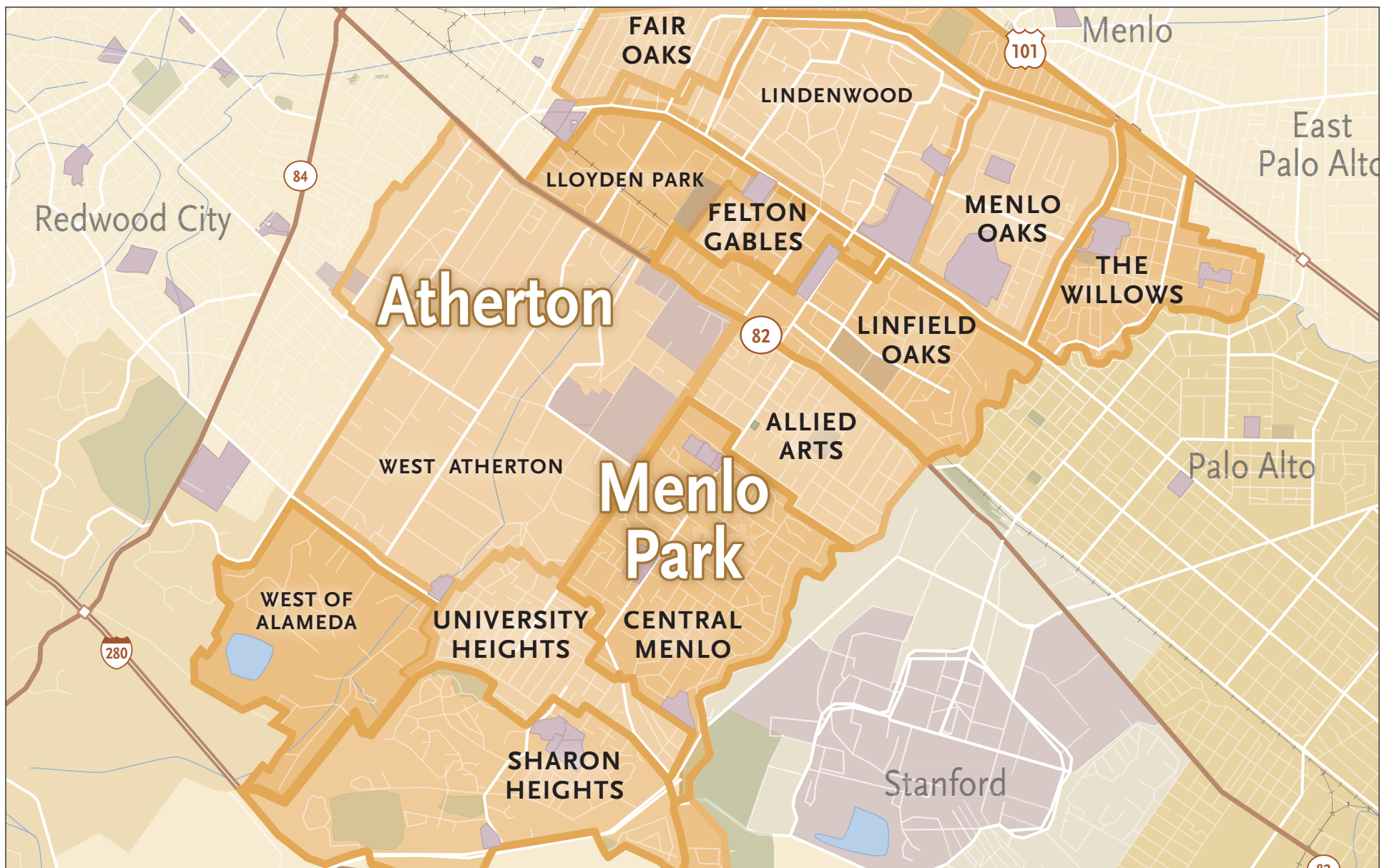
Choice award for the best place to host a kid's birthday party. The wide array of objects to paint and the dizzying number of colors to choose from are enough to get any kid's creative juices flowing. Manager Ali Greene remarks that customers like the "personal aspect of the business, and the fact that it combines the activity and the product, resulting in something that is one of a kind." In addition to birthday parties, for which the business is always adding new packages and deals, Color Me Mine offers summer art camps. 602 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park; 650-328-4486

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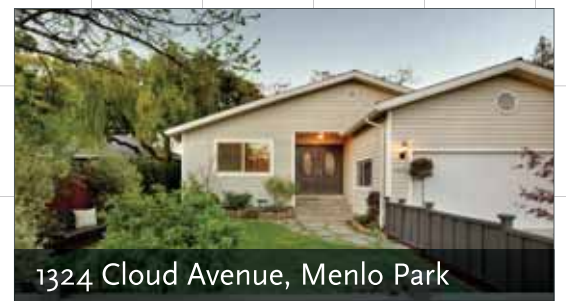
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 245874

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

MP School of Music, Menlo Park School of Music at 975 Florence Ln. #A, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered Owner(s):

LUKAS B. VESELY

975 Florence Ln. #A

Menlo Park, CA 94025

MILA B. VESELY

975 Florence Ln. #A

Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: A

General Partnership.

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 July 25, 2011.

(Almanac Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2011)

CORNERSTONE PARTNERS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

File No.: 245909

The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:

CornerStone Partners at 1039 Henderson Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

RYUICHI MIYAHARA

1039 Henderson Avenue

Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An

Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 05/01/2011.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 27, 2011.

(Almanac Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2011)

TRIP STOP SIDEWALK REPAIR

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

File No.: 245944

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Trip Stop Sidewalk Repair at 1424 East 3rd Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

ALEX BOLGHAND

1424 East 3rd Ave.

San Mateo, CA 94401

This business is conducted by: An

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 28, 2011.

(Almanac Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2011)

MISS SCARLETT'S FLOWERS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

File No.: 246040

The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Miss Scarlett's Flowers at 177 Mapache Drive, Portola Valley, California, San Mateo County.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

JOY SOMERSETT

177 Mapache Drive

Portola Valley, CA 94028.

This business is conducted by: An

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on August 2, 2011.

(Almanac Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sep. 7, 2011)

PENINSULA REALTY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

File No.: 246018

The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Peninsula Realty at 920 Olive Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):

BRAD ALLEN

920 Olive Street

Menlo Park, CA 94025

This business is conducted by: An

Individual.

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(Almanac Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sep. 7, 2011)

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: KALINA JOY MISI, JOSEPH T. KING filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

KALINA JENEE ROCHELLE MISI to KALINA JENEE ROCHELLE KING.

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: Friday September 23, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2F of the 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 2, 2011

/s/ Beth Labson Freeman

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(The Almanac Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2011)

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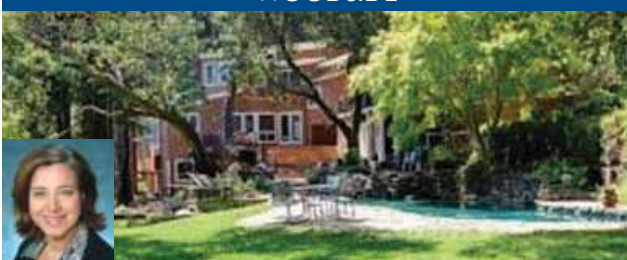
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