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Chris Bradshaw

The Vercruysse-Vandeputte family of Portola Valley is ready to head to the post office after collecting books to help start three more African libraries through the African Library Project. From left, they are Alec Vercruysse, Sofie Vandeputte, Olivia Vercruysse and Ward Vercruysse.

Portola Valley family organizes book drives for African libraries

By Chris Bradshaw
President, African Library Project

Portola Valley's own 11-year-old twins Olivia and Alec and their parents Ward Vercruysse and Sofie Vandeputte have been named one of four grand-prize winners in Family Fun Magazine's 2012 Help from the Heart Volunteers Contest.

This amazing family organizes book drives to start libraries in Africa through the African Library Project, a national organization that works in five African countries, but is headquartered in Portola Valley. The project coordinates book drives throughout the U.S. Each drive is matched with an African wannabe library project, then collects 1,000 gently used children's books and raises approximately \$500 to ship them.

During the past three years,

the Vercruysse-Vandeputte family has sent more than 7,000 books to help start seven libraries in Ghana, Lesotho and Botswana. Now the family is packing up 3,000 more books to start two new libraries in Lesotho at Ikeheng and Renekeng High Schools and one in Botswana at Oodi Primary School. Last year Olivia's Portola Valley Girl Scout Troop 61712 worked to start another four libraries in Botswana.

I'm so proud to have a local family work to make a huge difference in areas of the world that need it most. As a result of their win, Family Fun gave a \$5,000 prize to the African Library Project and published an article featuring the Vercruysse-Vandeputte family's work. The article inspired dozens of families around the U.S. to volunteer to do a book drive to help start a library in Africa.

The African Library Project has started 890 libraries in total and will soon send its one millionth book to Africa. Between Corte Madera, Ormondale and Windmill schools, and Portola Valley families, our little town has now started 28 libraries through the African Library Project. If there were a Guinness Book of World Records category for Most African Libraries Started by a Single Town, Portola Valley would certainly be at the top of the list. ■

Chris Bradshaw, a resident of Portola Valley, is founder and president of the African Library Project.

- Visit tinyurl.com/Fun-113 to read the article in Family Fun Magazine.
- Visit africanlibraryproject.org for more information on the African Library Project.

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Mark Schmidt
Licensed Optician

THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN CONTACTS

People wearing contact lenses should never lose sight of the fact that they are "medical devices" that warrant careful use. Contacts should be worn as prescribed and cleaned as recommended to prevent unnecessary and potentially sight-threatening conditions. Chief among these in recent years is "Acanthamoeba keratitis," a potentially very serious infection caused by a microorganism commonly found in soil and fresh water, among other habitats. Problems can arise when tap water is used in clean-

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Mark Schmidt is an American Board of Opticianry and National Contact Lens Examiners Certified Optician licensed by the Medical Board of California. He can be easily reached at Menlo Optical, 1166 University Drive, Menlo Park. 650-322-3900.

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Meets fourth Wednesday of each month; 5:30 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee reviews applications for professional stable permits and forwards recommendations to the Planning Commission. It also reviews applications for exceptions to the private stable regulations and forwards recommendations to the Planning Director. It conducts inspections of stables in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Code. The Committee develops and supports education and information programs which aid the community in sustaining, protecting, enhancing, and enjoying equestrian activities and facilities. The Committee is also a resource for Town Council, staff, and residents on equestrian matters.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Meets fourth Thursday of each month, 5:30 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises and assists on implementing the goals and policies of the Open Space and Conservation Elements of the General Plan, with an emphasis on enhancing the open space system and the preservation and restoration of wildlife habitat. The Committee develops and recommends educational programs and materials which foster public awareness of the benefits of open space conservation and wildlife habitat. It makes recommendations on the acquisition and maintenance of open space and conservation easements, collaborates on goals and projects of mutual interest, and with neighboring towns and regional entities to preserve scenic vistas, tracts of open space and wildlife habitat.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meets on call of Chair; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises the Town Council and staff on issues of community public safety, including police and fire services provided within the Town.

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Meets first Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.; appointed for three-year term.

The Committee guides the activities of the community recreation programs.

SUSTAINABILITY AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meets fourth Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises and assists on implementing the goals and policies of the Sustainability and Conservation Elements of the General Plan, with emphasis on resource conservation and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The Committee develops and recommends educational programs which will create public awareness of environmental issues and conditions, and recommends action programs and regulations which foster sustainability and conservation principles.

TRAILS COMMITTEE
Meets second Thursday of each month, 3:00 p.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee reviews land divisions, subdivisions and conditional use permits for locations for equestrian, pedestrian and bicycle trails and makes recommendations to the staff and to the Planning Commission.

WOODSIDE HISTORY COMMITTEE
Meets second Thursday of each month, 10:00 a.m.; appointed for two-year term.

The Committee advises the Town Council and staff regarding actions, policies, and plans relating to historic preservation; and plans and recommends means for ensuring the security and public accessibility of the Town's historic archives. The Committee also gathers and catalogues historic material.

Committees are volunteer positions and serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Council.

Interested residents may request information and applications Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5:00 p.m., from the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, or telephone (650) 851-6790, or through the Town's web site at www.woodsidetown.org, Residents, Volunteer Opportunities. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 5:00 p.m.

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Hill, Leno push for more disclosure in political ads

By Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto Weekly

Political advertisements would have to clearly identify their top three funders under legislation that state Senators Jerry Hill and Mark Leno introduced on Dec. 20.

The DISCLOSE Act, which stands for Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light On Spending in Elections, would also require campaign websites to identify the top funders of political ads.

An earlier version of the legislation cleared the state Assembly earlier in 2012 by a 50-26 vote but did not get through the

Senate before the legislative session concluded. Sen. Hill, who had served in the Assembly, was elected in November to the Senate, where he now represents District 13, which includes most of San Mateo County and northern Santa Clara County.

"This legislation is vital to protecting the integrity of our democratic process and ensuring fair elections in our state," Sen. Hill, D-San Mateo, said in a statement. "After seeing billions of dollars flow into elections across our country after the Citizens United decision, we need the DISCLOSE Act now more than ever."

The legislation, Senate Bill 52,

is sponsored by the California Clean Money Campaign and it would apply to advertising for ballot-measure campaigns, independent expenditures and issue advocacy, according to the announcement from Senators Leno and Hill. Trent Lange, the organization's president, said his group is "thrilled" by the legislators' effort to push through what he called a "crucial transparency legislation."

"Over 350 organizations and leaders endorsed the last version, and 84,000 Californians signed petitions for it, demonstrating the rising outcry to stop Big Money special interests from deceiving voters when they fund

political ads," Mr. Lange said in a statement.

Sen. Leno, D-San Francisco, pointed to the "large sums of money" contributed by unnamed organizations in the most recent election as a reason for the act.

"The only way to stop this covert financing of campaigns is to require the simple and clear disclosure of the top three funders of political ads so voters can make well-informed decisions at the ballot box," Sen. Leno said in the statement.

According to Mr. Lange, the legislation would replace the fine-print disclosures that are currently required with full-

**Proposed law
would require top
three funders to be
clearly identified
in ads, websites.**

screen listings of the top three funders and links to committee websites for more information. The bill, he said, would also ensure that the listed funders are actual individual, corporate or union contributors, not "sham nonprofits or misleading committee names." ■

Menlo Park fire displaces two on Christmas Eve

By Sandy Brundage

Almanac Staff Writer

Between floods and fires, Menlo Park firefighters were almost as busy as Santa on the days leading up to Christmas.

A little before 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve, they heard a report of an apartment fire on Roble Avenue. Arriving about three minutes later, according to Menlo Park Fire Protection District Chief Harold Schapelhouman, they found a first-floor apartment burning.

The unit's tenant called 911 after a grease fire started in her kitchen and climbed up and through the cabinets despite her attempts to smother the flames with baking soda, Chief

Schapelhouman said. The blaze swept through the walls to a second-floor apartment and attic before it was extinguished by firefighters who had used thermal imaging to track its path.

They then maintained watch on the complex from about 8 p.m. until early Christmas morning to make sure the fire didn't reignite.

No one was hurt, but the fire caused an estimated \$35,000 in structural damage and destroyed \$15,000 worth of property within the apartment. Residents of the first- and second-floor apartments were displaced.

The firefighters were already

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Police and fire explorers visit 467 homes for holiday donations

Youth participating in Menlo Park police, fire and Peninsula law enforcement Explorers programs knocked on 467 doors in Menlo Park to collect donations for Toys for Tots, Second Harvest Food Bank, and the One Warm Coat drive.

That's a lot of doors, and it yielded a lot of donations, according to Menlo Park police: three 32-gallon bins of coats, enough toys to fill an 8-foot long truck, and 390 pounds of food. The Explorers also collected \$151, which went to the Menlo Park Firefighters Association to

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purchase gift cards for children participating in Toys for Tots, and five bags of clothes, which were donated to St. Anthony's Church.

If you didn't answer the door, you can still participate — the Explorers will accept new or "gently used" coat donations until Jan. 31 via a bin located in the lobby of the Menlo Park Police Department.

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Photo by Susie Morse

Girl Scouts, from left, Lola Pistilli, 9, Abigail Krenz, 9, and Ellie Brew, 8, wrap new shoes at Ormondale Elementary School in Portola Valley. The shoes will be given to more than 300 homeless children living in transitional shelters for families managed by the InnVision Shelter Network.

New shoes for homeless kids

For kids used to wearing "hand-me-down" clothing, the holidays brought them something new: shoes.

Girl Scout troops from South San Mateo County, including girls from Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley and Menlo Park, used the funds they gathered from nut and cookie sales to buy homeless kids new shoes based on the kids' preferences for style and color. Girl Scouts from 31 troops wrapped the

shoes for some 300 homeless children living in InnVision transitional shelters, such as Haven House in Menlo Park.

"Shopping for shoes is an excellent tie-in to several Girl Scout Badges," Clara Morse, a Portola Valley cadette scout, said. "But the real reason we do this is because these kids need shoes that fit them to wear to school."

"We are so grateful for the Girl Scouts' time and gener-

osity to support our family," InnVision CEO Karae M. Lisle said. "For these children, who mostly wear donated clothes and hand-me-downs, the gift of brand new, personally selected shoes is priceless."

The scouts also prepared "comfort kits" for homeless adults, spokeswoman Renee Courington told the Almanac. "I just dropped off 80 pairs of shoes — parents are as happy as the kids!" Ms. Courington said.

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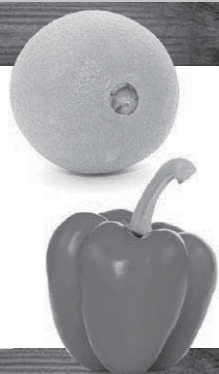
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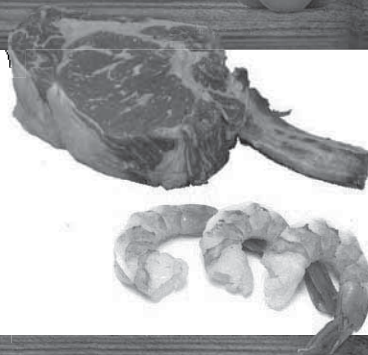
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Bay Shrimp	\$12.98 Lb.



On Sale Grocery

Van's Natural Foods Waffles	\$2.19 8 Oz.
Florida's Natural Orange Juice - Also Grapefruit Juice	\$2.99 59 Oz.
Jif Creamy Peanut Butter - Also Crunchy	\$2.99 18 Oz.
Kellogg's Frosted Mini Wheats	\$3.49 18 Oz.
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Menlo Park schools gear up for kindergarten registration

Priority kindergarten registration in the Menlo Park City School District for the 2013-14 school year will begin Feb. 1 and extend through the month, with the first parent orientation scheduled for Jan. 24.

Registration will be taken for traditional kindergarten, transitional kindergarten, and the Spanish Immersion Program's kindergarten classes, according to a press release from the district. Enrollment in the latter program is determined by lottery.

Children who turn 5 on or before Oct. 1 will be enrolled in traditional kindergarten. Those who turn 5 on Oct. 2 through Dec. 2 are eligible for transitional kindergarten, and will continue into regular kindergarten the following school year.

To register a child for transitional kindergarten, parents or guardians should obtain a registration packet from the district office at 181 Encinal Ave. in Atherton (adjacent to the Encinal School campus).

For traditional kindergarten registration, parents or guardians should go to the school in their home attendance area. Those who are uncertain about

which school is in their area can find out by calling 321-7140, ext. 5600.

Adults picking up registration packets should bring their driver's license or other government-issued photo ID to verify residence within the school's boundaries.

Orientation meetings are set for 7 p.m. Jan. 24 at Oak Knoll School; 5:30 p.m. April 25 at Laurel School; and 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Encinal School. Tours of Encinal are scheduled for Feb. 22 and March 7, both at 10:30 a.m.

Parents who want their children to be considered for the Spanish Immersion Program are required to attend one of the two informational meetings scheduled for 8:45 a.m. Feb. 6, and 7 p.m. Feb. 26. They will be held in the district office at 181 Encinal Ave. in Atherton.

For more information on the Spanish Immersion Program, call Tami Girskey at 321-7140, ext. 5601.

Go to mpcsd.org or call 321-7140, ext. 5600, for more information about any kindergarten program and the registration process.

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familiar with the eight-unit complex at 815 Roble Ave. — they battled a blaze in its carport in September. A bank robber had ditched a red Honda Accord and then set it on fire while fleeing police.

Chief Schapelhouman said that the Christmas Eve fire was the

second one involving an apartment complex within a few days for the district. An early morning fire on Dec. 22 in East Palo Alto saw firefighters rescuing a woman trapped on the second floor. Seven tenants were displaced from the three damaged units; damages were estimated at up to \$195,000. Investigators said an unattended pot in the kitchen probably caused that fire. ■

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Hit-and-run suspect turns himself in

A 19-year-old man turned himself in the day after he allegedly struck a mailbox and tree in the 1000 block of Lemon Street while driving a 2004 silver Infiniti, according to Menlo Park police.

McKinley Mathon, of Goleta, reportedly fled from the scene, but turned himself in to police the next day, on Dec. 23, and admitted the hit-and-run. He was cited and released, police said.

Civil rights talk

Elizabeth Kristen, a San Francisco attorney who works for the Legal Aid Society, will present a talk about Title IX, the civil rights legislation that established a policy of non-discrimination in education on the basis of gender.

Sponsored by the Menlo-Atherton chapter of the American Association of University Women, the talk, "Forty Years of Title IX: There Is Still Much to Be Done," will examine the impact of the law and potential for future changes.

The free event takes place on Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the council chambers at the Civic Center at 701 Laurel St. in Menlo Park. Doors will open at 10 a.m.; the talk starts at 10:30 a.m.

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Catherine Rountree, 93, teacher

Catherine Rountree, a longtime teacher and resident of Menlo Park, died Dec. 24 at the age of 93.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Church of the Nativity at 210 Oak Grove Ave. in Menlo Park.

Born in Brooklyn in 1919, she served in the U.S. Marine Corps for two years, from 1943 to 1945, the family said. She met



Catherine Rountree

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Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

her future husband, Dudley Glen Rountree, while in the service and the couple married in 1945 before moving to California. They settled in Menlo Park in 1959.

She went on to earn a bachelor's degree from San Jose State University and a master's degree from the University of San Francisco. Ms. Rountree taught students in Newark until retiring. Retirement did not keep her out of the classroom, however.

She taught English as a second language until the age of 84. Relatives said she also traveled all over the world.

She is survived by brother Peter Murray of Eureka; sons Thomas Rountree of Gardnerville (Nevada), David and Philip Rountree of Menlo Park, and Michael Rountree of Los Gatos; and daughter Nancy Rountree of Redwood City; as well as four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ms. Rountree was preceded in death by her husband Dudley and sisters Mary Leonard and Agnes McEvoy.

Macca Christine Winnburg, 99, teacher

Macca Christine Winnburg, 99, of Menlo Park, died on Dec. 17.

Born in Canada on a farm in 1913, she moved with her family to California when she was 10. After her first husband, Eric Charles Twist, died, she left the southern part of the state and began teaching in Northern California, meeting her second husband, Frank Edward Winnburg, at Sequoia High School, where they both taught. She also taught at Woodside High School, relatives said.

Ms. Winnburg attended Chapman University and Occidental College, then earned a master's degree from Stanford University. According to her family, she was a loyal alumna who loved going to the football games.

She enjoyed volunteering, particularly at the Allied Arts Guild, where she donated her time for many years, and took up painting and sculpting.

The family held a private memorial service. Ms. Winnburg leaves her daughter,

Margaret Twist Fry, and three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Sisters Louise Turner and Marguerite Lewis preceded her in death, as did both her husbands.

Her family thanked caregivers Margaret Chinappa and Josephina Baratang, as well as the staff of Odyssey Healthcare. They request that donations in her memory be made to the Lucile Packard Stanford Children's Hospital, 400 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Young Men's Service League forms new chapter

The Young Men's Service League (YMSL), a national nonprofit organization offering a four-year program for high school boys focusing on education, leadership, and philanthropy, has a new Redwood chapter serving Menlo Park and surrounding communities.

Paige Singh, president of the Redwood YSL, says 114 mothers and sons have joined the chapter since it was formed in May. Grant Wilson, a sophomore at St. Francis High School, is student president of the league.

During the past few months,

boys and their mothers have volunteered with 13 partner organizations, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, Lytton Gardens Senior Center, Save the Bay, Shelter Network/Inn Vision, Special Olympics and Village Harvest.

At the Boys & Girls Club in Redwood City, members take part in a reading and tutoring program. In September, 12 YMSL members joined forces with volunteers from 2nd Mile to revitalize the school library at Brentwood Academy in East Palo Alto. Recently Redwood chapter

sons and their mothers served dinner to residents of the Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City.

"Since joining, I've volunteered at five different events and supported soldiers, seniors and students," says YMSL member Carson DeMiroz, a sophomore at Sequoia High School. "I've also helped at events raising money for cancer and repaired bikes for donations. I was surprised about what a difference I could make without much experience or training."

Visit ymslredwood.chapter-web.net for more information.

POLICE CALLS

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

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Residential burglary reports:

- Losses estimated at \$10,000 in theft of miscellaneous jewelry from unlocked residence, Oakwood Place, Dec. 23.
- Losses estimated at \$1,350 in theft of two laptop computers and Apple iPod, Berkeley Ave., Dec. 24.
- Unknown losses in attempted theft of food and drink. Suspect arrested on charges that include second-degree burglary, impersonation and public intoxication, Draeger's Supermarket, 1010 University Drive, Dec. 21.
- Unknown losses when an attempted burglary was foiled when suspect broke

window and was startled when confronted by resident who happened to be at home, Pope St., Dec. 21.

Theft reports:

- Losses estimated at \$255 in theft of cell phone from top of desk, Job Train at 1200 O'Brien Drive, Dec. 21.
- Losses estimated at \$180 in theft of three packages delivered to front porch, including e-book cover, bike headlight and tennis shoes, Paulson Circle, Dec. 24.
- Losses estimated at \$157 in theft of clothing in package delivered to front porch, Santa Monica Ave., Dec. 21.
- Fraud report:** Loss estimated at \$200 in unauthorized use of ATM card, Laurel St., Dec. 22.
- Stolen vehicle reports:**
 - Red Nissan from in front of Casino M8trix in San Jose, Newbridge At., Dec. 21.

■ Green Saturn, Glenwood Ave., Dec. 21.

WOODSIDE

Residential burglary report: Arrest of juvenile with backpack and burglary tools after he confessed to sheriff's deputies that he had slipped into the house through a bedroom window and had been looking for objects of value, Woodside Road, Dec. 20.

Auto burglary report: Unknown losses in smashing of rear driver's side window and theft of briefcase containing checkbook and copy of victim's passport, Sand Hill Road at Lawler Ranch Road, Dec. 22.

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Theft report: Losses estimated at \$805 in theft of three packages delivered to doorstep of home, Altschul Ave., Dec. 22.

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Refinancing Advice

Dear Monica: I recently tried to refinance using a well known Internet lender who advertised great rates and it became a nightmare of errors. The main problem was with the appraisal. The lender required two appraisals but the appraisers were unfamiliar with the local market and their reports were wildly different (one found nearly twice the value of the other). What should I do? Laura N.

Dear Laura: This is a good example of what can go wrong with Internet based lenders. They don't know the local market and most importantly, they don't know the top local appraisers. The best advice is for you to apply to a local bank or mortgage broker who offers good rates and has a strong reputation for performance. The process should go more smoothly and you will have a much better experience.

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TOWN OF WOODSIDE

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND SITE REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural and Site Review Board reviews and makes recommendations to the Planning Director regarding community character, site planning, building design and landscape elements on residential and commercial applications.

Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month, 4:30 p.m. Appointments are for a four-year term.

Interested residents may request information and applications Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5:00 p.m., from the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, or telephone (650) 851-6790, or through the Town's web site at www.woodsidetown.org, Residents, Volunteer Opportunities. Deadline for applications is Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 5:00 p.m.



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"Late Afternoon with the Ancient Oaks" by Ken Fowkes



"Russian Ridge on Canvas" by Kimmy Zalec

Open space views

Each year, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District holds a photo contest to encourage visitors to explore the beauty of the district's open space preserves. On this page are winners of the 2012 contest. Photographers competed in five categories: artistic/contemporary, landscapes, people, plant life and wildlife. Winning photos were chosen, in part, for their power to transport viewers to the preserves, said contest judge and professional photographer Nate Donovan.



"Barn Swallow and Family" by Niki Muller



"Sunset from Turtle Rock" by Chow Hong Liu



"Explore" by Charles Tu



On Stevens Creek

This painting by Bonnie Welling Parks of Atherton, titled "Dawn on Stevens Creek Shoreline," has been chosen by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to appear on the back cover of its coffee table book, "Room to Breathe: The Wild Heart of the San Francisco Peninsula."

Shelly Thorwaldson is remembered

A memorial service was held recently for Michelle "Shelly" Thorwaldson, a longtime resident of the Midpeninsula who "mothered" literally scores of young persons through the youth group of the Peninsula Christian Center of Redwood City and her home-based preschool child care business.

The memorial celebration was held in November at the Peninsula Covenant Church in Redwood City.

She died Oct. 24 following a year's battle with ovarian cancer and related complications and following two weeks of visits — with joking, talking and singing as her condition allowed — by family, friends and even a number of young people she had nurtured at some point in their lives, mostly through the Peninsula Christian Center of Redwood City.

She and her husband, the Rev. Ben Thorwaldson, raised in Menlo Park, were the parents of three children: Matea, 12, Logan, 9, and Nicholas, 6. For the past four years, they were engaged in founding a new branch of the church in El Dorado Hills, suspended due to

her illness.

In an unusual gesture, the couple decided to share the cancer experience through Facebook and an email list, chronicling in some detail the ups and downs, hopes and disappointments, and painful episodes, of the cancer and treatment.

Citing her "fierce love and support" in his life, the Rev. Thorwaldson, in announcing her passing at the Roseville Kaiser Permanente Hospital, summed up a major part of her life: "All who knew Shelly loved Shelly, and her legacy will live on in all of our lives. She has been another mother to a generation of children and young adults, and radiated God's love to all who came in contact with her."

A native of San Bernardino, she moved with her family to Fresno at a young age before settling in the Bay Area and becoming involved in the Peninsula Christian Center, where she was deeply involved for more than 30 years. She also did church work around the world, including in Hong Kong, the Philippines, China, Ireland, Alaska, and Mexico.

She and her husband met

through the church school, where she taught, and they became best friends. They married in 1991 and spent the next 16 years growing the youth group many times over, often involving young people confronting difficult situations at home. She was known in the church for her beautiful singing voice.

They also organized the annual pre-Christmas "Living Bethlehem" on a vacant lot on Middlefield Road across from the church complex, attended by many thousands of people from throughout the Bay Area and beyond. Real livestock, from camels to donkeys, sheep and horses, were a major feature, along with a choir of angels and Roman soldiers on patrol.

For four years prior to her cancer diagnosis, they had been establishing a small discussion-based church in El Dorado Hills, convening in homes and coffee shops.

In addition to their children, she is survived by her mother, Heidie Woodward, and stepfather David; her father, Wesley McAllister, and stepmother Roberta; and her older sister Vicki Gravel.

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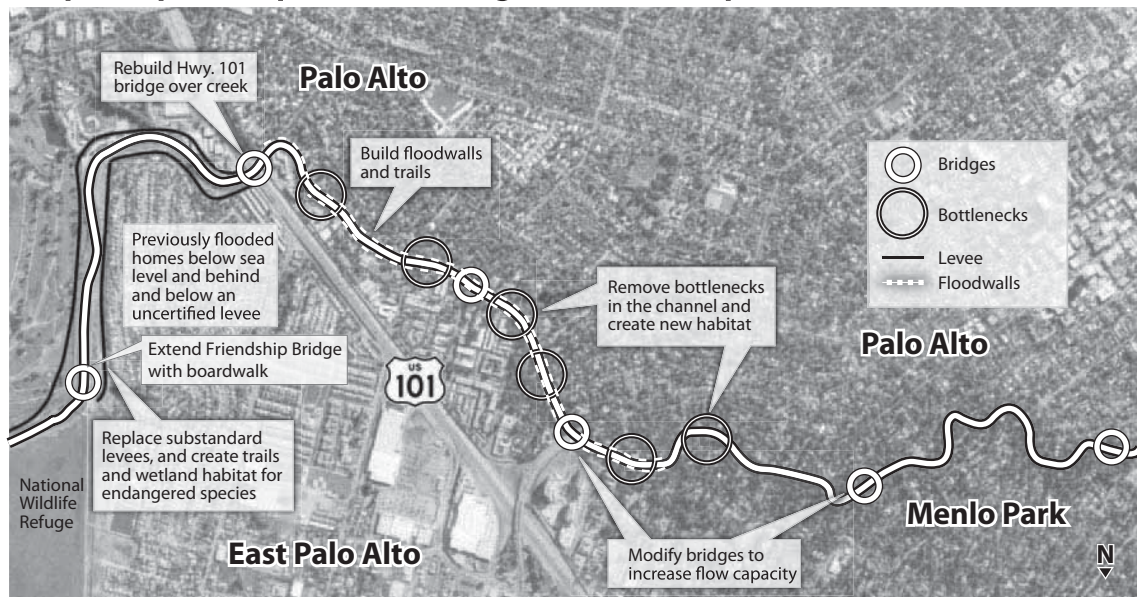
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Proposed plans to prevent flooding of San Francisquito Creek



Flood-control improvements impacting Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park include rebuilding levees, adding floodwalls, revamping the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course, and extending the nearby Friendship Bridge.

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Tri-city flood-control project flows ahead

By Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto Weekly

Fifteen years after water from the San Francisquito Creek swept through the neighborhoods of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, the partner cities are preparing to break ground on an ambitious project that would shield their constituents from future floods.

Local residents were reminded of the flooding dangers on Dec. 23 when the creek jumped its banks near West Bayshore Road in Palo Alto and caused extensive flooding on U.S. 101 and Embarcadero Road. Residents living near the creek were urged to evacuate, and 36 people in East Palo Alto reported to an evacuation center, but returned home that night.

On Nov. 13, the Palo Alto City Council signed off on a proposal by the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority to rebuild levees, add floodwalls, extend the Friendship Bridge and revamp the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course as part of a greater effort to strengthen flood protection around the three cities. The council voted 8-1, with Karen Holman dissenting, to approve the project's design; to authorize major modifications to the golf course; and to truck soil from Stanford University Medical Center to the project site.

In October, the Menlo Park City Council voted unanimously to give \$300,000 to the levee project.

The creek authority's proposal, which targets the area between the San Francisco Bay and U.S. 101, seeks to go far beyond protecting residents from the fickle creek. It also aims to protect the properties near the Bay from tidal flow and a 50-year sea-level rise. As such, it will be among Bay Area's first major flood-control projects to account for the expected effects of climate change.

Len Materman, executive director of the creek authority, said the agency's design assumes a sea-level rise of 2.2 feet in 50 years, a rate he called "very aggressive."

"We wanted to build or design to that scenario so that the cities of Palo Alto and East Palo Alto will not have to revisit the issue at least for the next 50 years," said Mr. Materman, whose agency includes elected officials from the three partner cities, the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the San Mateo County Flood Control District.

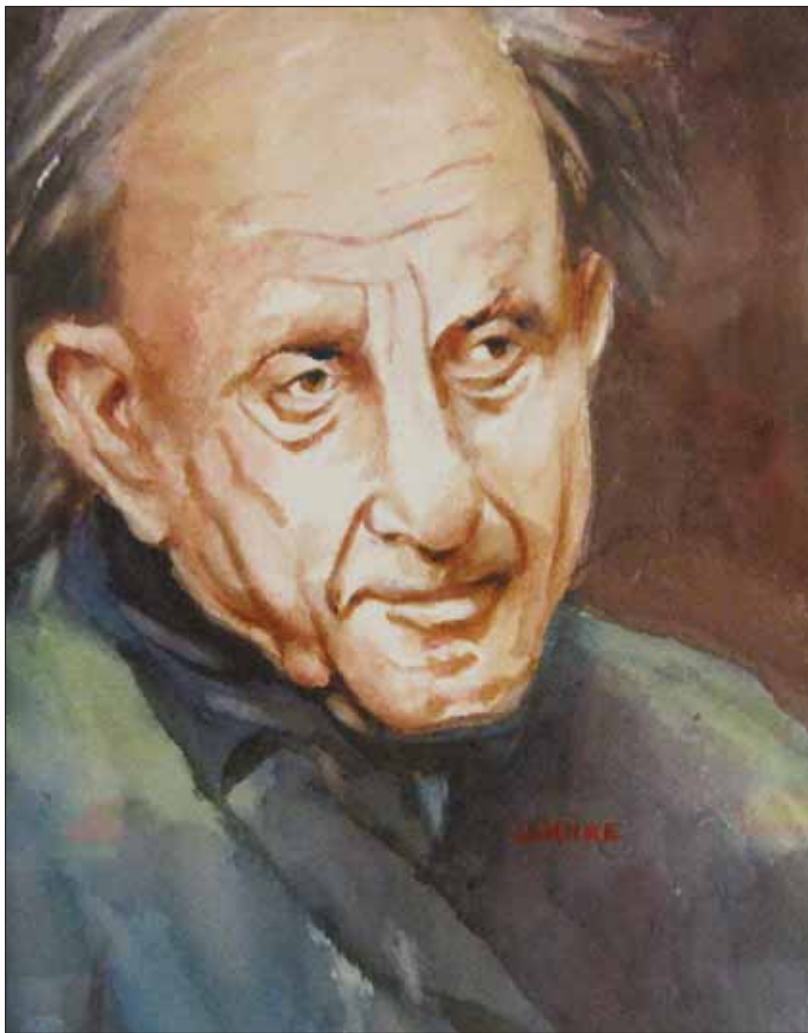
The creek authority had spent much of the past two years performing design work and environmental analyses. The final environmental impact report for the project was certified in October.

The project's approval is a major milestone for an agency that has been struggling over the past decade and a half to get federal help for boosting flood control. After the flood of 1998, the U.S. Army Corps

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PORTOLA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 6 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, at the Portola Valley School District Board Room, 4575 Alpine Road, Portola Valley, California, 94028, the District's Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing. The school board will consider adopting a resolution proposing to renew and increase the District's existing Measure C parcel tax and to renew and increase its existing Measure D parcel tax each for 8 additional years to a combined level of \$656 per parcel per annum (annual collections of approximately \$987,000), maintaining an exemption for certain seniors and disabled persons from both, to fund a variety of educational programs, such as maintaining academic excellence by continuing emphasis on math, science, reading, writing, art, music, and maintaining qualified and experienced teachers and minimizing class size increases.



"The Interview," by Berni Jahnke, was awarded first place in the watercolor division at the recent 38th annual Menlo Art League show.

Art League show names winners

"October Reflections," a watercolor by Beverly Balanis, was judged "best in show" at the recent 38th annual Menlo Art League show at the main Menlo Park Library.

Other winners were:

■ **Watercolors:** First place, "The Interview" by Berni Jahnke; second, Jane Paulson; third, Chai Lo Lai; honorable mention, Joyce B. Leopardo.

■ **Oils:** First place, "Bayland Winter" by Alice Weil; second, Krishna Mitra; third, Marcia Enns; honorable mention, Alice Weil and Lilly Raga Abbott.

■ **Mixed media:** First place, "Gold Dust Canyon" by Joyce Leopardo; second, Pat Mayer; third, Helen Scheel; honorable mention, Dorothy North and Anne Oseberg.

■ **Joyce Leopardo Special Water Color Award:** "Jackson's Act Reflection" by Anne Oseberg.

The Menlo Art League meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Arrillaga Recreation Center, 700 Alma St. in Menlo Park. For more information, call Carol Bliss at 493-8194.

Flood-control project flows ahead

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of Engineers embarked on a comprehensive plan to protect the area from a 100-year flood, which by definition has a 1 percent chance of happening in any given year. The federal effort has slowed to a trickle in recent years, however, largely because of inadequate funding.

In the meantime, the partner cities began to look at more limited and immediate solutions, including a retention basin upstream of the creek, rebuilt levees downstream, and bridge upgrades along the creek. The downstream area, which is particularly vulnerable to flooding, is the focus of the agency's first major project, which will draw most of its funding from a Santa Clara Valley Water District bond.

This project would widen the creek channel, adjust levees and construct a boardwalk that would extend the existing Friendship Bridge between Palo Alto and East Palo Alto. On a parallel track, the agency is preparing to begin the expansion of the narrow Newell Street bridge, a project that would be funded mostly through a state program targeting obsolete infrastructure.

When construction on the downstream project begins in 2013, it will mark the cities' first major flood-protection project since the February 1998 flood, which caused extensive damage to neighborhoods around the creek, most notably Crescent Park and Duveneck in Palo Alto, the Gardens in East Palo Alto, and the Willows in Menlo Park.

The project would not elimi-

nate the requirement for many of the property owners in these areas to purchase federal flood insurance. But by offering flood protection and boosting water capacity downstream, it will allow the agency to pursue other improvements elsewhere along the creek. Once completed, this package of projects is expected to provide 100-year protection and obviate the need for insurance.

Palo Alto Councilman Pat Burt, who chairs the creek authority's board of directors, said, "As we've seen with Hurricane Sandy, we need to be thinking about how we can actually prevent disasters in addition to having the resiliency once they actually occur."

The creek authority plans to start construction in April 2013 and to complete the project in October 2014. ▀

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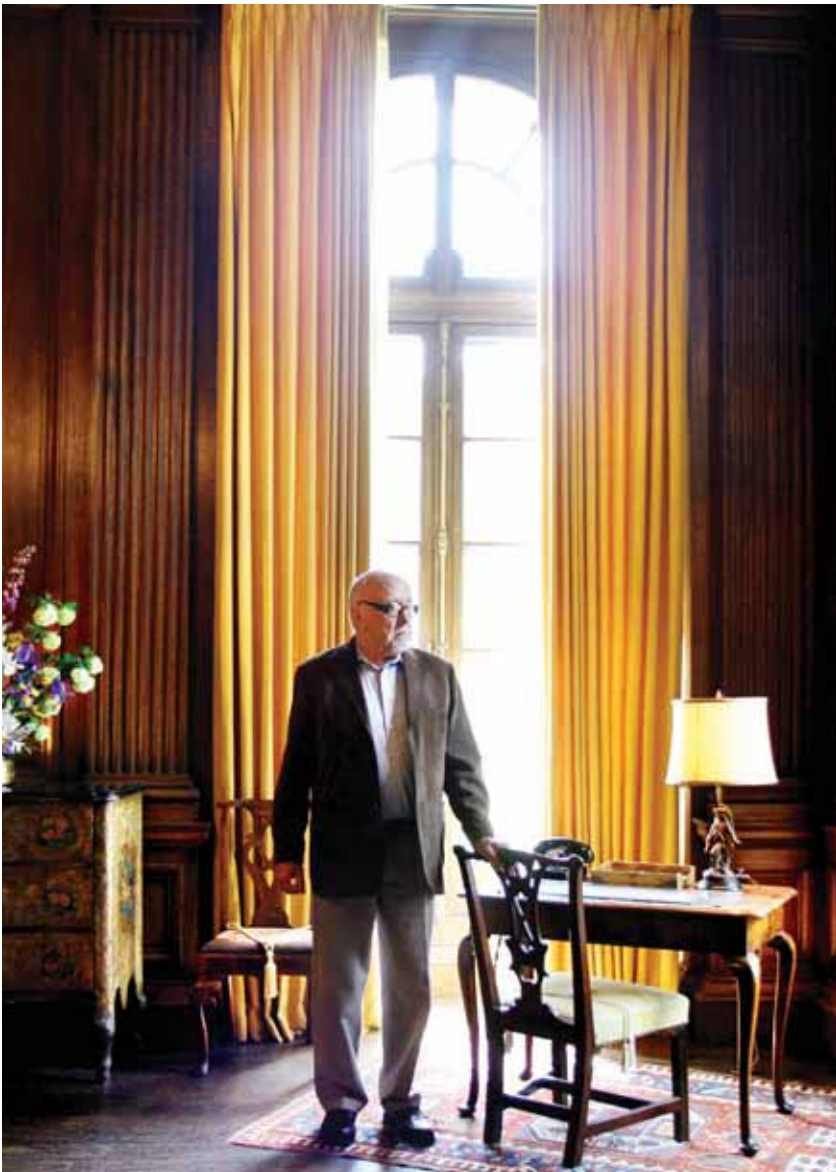


2012 Year in photos

BY MICHELLE LE

Clockwise from top left: Japanese firefighters carry a “victim” through debris during an earthquake drill at a Menlo Park training facility in March. Menlo-Atherton High School seniors prepare for their graduation ceremony. An inmate in a dorm at the San Mateo County Women’s Correctional Center. Neighbors pay respect to Leyla Beban at the site of a bike accident where the 14-year-old Woodside High School student was killed on the way to school in November. At least one child was not too happy to see Santa at a Menlo Park event in December. Laurel Elementary kindergartner Emma gets the attention of classmate Noah during an Arts in Action session in January.





Top: Sue Anderson rides along Mountain Home Road during Woodside's Camelot-themed Day of the Horse event in October. **Above:** Space Shuttle Endeavour, perched atop a jumbo jet, passes over Hangar One at Moffett Field during its historic last flight in September before it was ferried to a science museum in Los Angeles. **Left:** Tom Rogers was honored in May for his 22 years as curator at the historic Filoli estate in Woodside. He died in November at the age of 80.



Top: Father Martin Mager, one of four Benedictine monks who have lived for decades at the monastery at Woodside Priory School in Portola Valley. **Right:** World War II Navy veteran Carl Clark of Menlo Park was finally commended in January for his heroic actions aboard a ship bombed by kamikaze planes 67 years ago. **Above:** Police investigate the scene where a man was struck and killed by a train at the Menlo Park station in March.

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Remembering Playland at the Beach

By Marie Wagner Krenz

Special to the Almanac

MEMORIES

In years past, a rare and wonderful treat for every Bay Area child was a visit to Playland at the Beach. Once or twice a year our Uncle Bill took my brothers and me for a drive to the ocean. We could hardly wait to get there and to our favorite rides.

The best fun was the Red Bug that lay against the cliffs of Sutro Gardens at the north end of Playland. The attendant fastened us into little red convertibles, and off we drove down the track. I remember grasping the steering wheel and resting my elbow on the window like a grown-up as I pretended to drive down the highway.

The “Chutes” scared us, but we wouldn’t dream of missing that pleasure. We all piled into a car, then descended into darkness, where we shrieked in fearful delight. Attached to a cable, the car moved high up to a kind of tower, where it paused a moment before plunging down the track to a pond of water that splashed

all over the bow of our “boat.” Uncle Bill said we could try the Big Dipper roller coaster when we were older.

In those days, every amusement park had a fun house and San Francisco’s was no exception. We always saved that for last, because there were so many things to do. We peered into strangely shaped mirrors to become short and fat or tall and thin. A revolving wooden platform fascinated us. We climbed as close to the center as possible and braced our hands behind us as the platform began to spin faster and faster. Ultimately we all slid off to be thrown against padded walls.

Next, a walk through the revolving barrel became simple once we learned to look out the open end instead of the turning wall before us. But the greatest joy of all was the slide. We mounted the towering staircase time and time again to grab a piece of sacking and careen to the bottom.

The only thing I didn’t like about the Fun House was Laughing Sal, the figure that stood outside an upper floor to beckon us in. I thought she was raucous and ugly.

Playland had other attractions including a great restaurant called Topsy’s Roost that specialized in fried chicken and had two slides from the second floor dining area down to the dance floor. My very first date was to Topsy’s with a boy named Jimmy, and I think we had a good time. All I remember was ordering coffee, which I detested, but I thought it would make me appear more grown up.

A little south of Golden Gate Park in a grove of trees across from the water was Tate’s at the Beach, a restaurant-road house of some notoriety. It burned before I was old enough to venture inside.

Farther along in the direction of Fleishhacker Zoo lay a restaurant called Roberts at the Beach. The original proprietor, Shorty Roberts, once had a horse called Blackie that swam the Golden Gate and was the owner’s principal claim to fame. Roberts’ was a great place for a date. They had good food, a dance band and a shooting gallery. (I suppose the guns were there in case the date didn’t work out). At

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Talk on 'Dawn of Aviation'

Bay Area author Craig S. Harwood will discuss his new best-selling biography, "Quest for Flight: John J. Montgomery and the Dawn of Aviation in the West," at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, in the Menlo Park council chambers, 501 Laurel St. in Menlo Park.

The biography reveals the accomplishments of John J. Montgomery, who piloted the glider he designed in 1883, 20 years before the Wright brothers powered flights at Kitty

Hawk in 1903. It also sheds new light on the reasons California was at the center of the American aviation industry from the beginning.

Mr. Harwood will sign copies of the book, co-authored with Gary B. Fogel, which will be for sale following his talk.

The free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Menlo Park Library. Van service is available for Menlo Park seniors and people with disabilities. Call 330-2512 for van reservations.

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some point in the evening the Emcee brought out wooden horses for guests to rock and race down the center of the room. The competition was fierce, but after a cocktail or two some of the older patrons won easily.

As it has for all time, the Pacific Ocean still sends giant combers crashing toward shore, there to lose their might and recede seaward leaving lacy foam on the sand. On a pleasant day, people stroll the beach, and sometimes rest against the sea wall. Few of them know

that not too many years ago on the other side of the Great Highway, visitors thronged a marvelous amusement park. It is not too difficult to imagine the music of the Merry-Go-Round calliope, the wafting aroma of caramel popcorn and candied apples, and even the cackle of Laughing Sal. They may still be there if you stop for a moment and allow your thoughts to travel back to those wonderful days of Playland. ■

About the author: Marie Krenz is a freelance writer from Orinda who spends weekends at her family home in Woodside.

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Districts 1 Unexpired term to February 2016

The Planning Commission participates in the administration of the planning laws and policies of the Town. It is responsible for recommending to the Town Council ordinances and resolutions necessary to implement the General Plan and adopted development policy. The Commission also conducts necessary public hearings to administer the planning laws and policies of the Town and acts upon applications for zoning amendments, conditional use permits, variances, subdivisions and other related functions as may be assigned by the Council.

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.; Commissioners are appointed for a four-year term; one member is appointed from each Council district. A listing of district addresses is provided on the Town's web site at www.woodsidetown.org, Town Hall, Boards and Committees, Planning Commission, Districts.

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'Cuban at Heart' Foothill College exhibit on the Cuban people as photographed by 16 Foothill College photography students and their instructor. Admission is free; parking is \$3. Nov. 28- Jan. 16, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Krause Center for Innovation Gallery at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7082. cubanatheart.wordpress.com/

'The Jameel Prize: Art Inspired by Islamic Tradition' This international exhibition presents the work of 10 finalists for the 2011 Jameel Prize, which explores long-established practices of Islamic art, craft, and design within a contemporary framework. It is organized by the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Through March 10. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Call 650-736-8169. museum.stanford.edu/news_room/jameel.html

Special Events

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'Somewhere' TheatreWorks presents the Matthew Lopez play "Somewhere," about a family dreaming of show biz. Jan. 16-Feb. 10. \$23-\$73. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Patrick Egan, director of special programs and member of the governing board of the Remote Control Aerial Photography Association and consultant to the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command Battle Lab, gives an overview of the current state of civilian drone deployment and discusses issues. Jan. 8, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$12. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. greens.org/TASC.shtml

Classes/Workshops

Woodside Library Adult Book Club The club will be discussing Louise Penny's "Bury Your Dead," featuring Chief Inspector Gamache of the Canadian Police; the setting is Quebec. Jan. 7, 1-2 p.m. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147. www.smcl.org

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Toddler Dance Party Atherton Library is hosting a special toddler dance party with Mariela Herrera for ages 18-35 months and parent or caregiver. Jan. 8, 10:30-11 a.m. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. www.smcl.org

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Three Kings Day: Epiphany Sunday Celebration of Three Kings Day, special treats for children, and a "King's Cake" following worship. Jan. 6, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Ladera Community Church, 3300 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-854-5481. www.ladera.org

John Ralston Schilling

John Ralston Schilling, 69, of Denver, CO unexpectedly but peacefully passed away in his home on Wednesday, November 7th, 2012.

JR was born April 10, 1943 in New York City. He graduated from Cate School in Santa Barbara, California in 1961 and received his Engineering degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston in 1965. He was a member of the MIT Crew team, and was honored with being selected to the 1966 World Championship Crew team that competed on Lake Bled, Yugoslavia. After graduating from MIT, JR began his career with GE Westinghouse. He was recruited by Bechtel Corporation, which moved him to the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1980, JR founded Vortec, Inc. around his patented diverging vortex separator. JR also earned his MBA from the University of Kentucky, Louisville.

JR is survived by his mother, F. Tracy Schilling, his sisters: Tracy P. Schilling (Morris), Jessie G. Schilling, and Sandra Santos (Schilling); and by his children: Morgan Schilling, Christian Schilling, Anni Schilling, and Kate Schilling, along with his 6 grandchildren. May he eternally rest in peace. Onwards & Upwards.

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula offers a safe-haven where young people aged 6 to 18 are welcome every day after school and in the summer. At each of the Club's three clubhouses and seven school-site programs, trained and caring staff and a cadre of volunteers help members develop academic and life skills. Now in its 54th year, the Club focuses on academics, science and technology, social education and life skills, athletics and fitness, the arts, and college and career planning. Over the past six years, in neighborhoods where less than half the youth graduate from high school, 85% of the Club's school-site members have graduated from high school with a plan. In partnership with schools, community partners and families, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula is helping to make Silicon Valley a great place for all our children to grow up.



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ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES FROM PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. EDITED BY TOM GIBBONEY

Petition on El Camino project worth signing

Menlo Park residents who are fed up with the traffic gridlock on El Camino Real should strongly consider signing the petition at SaveMenlo.org that asks Stanford University President John Hennessey and developer John Arrillaga to revise their current plan to build a huge complex of medical and traditional office space at 300-550 El Camino Real.

We believe the petitioners have a good point — in its latest configuration, the Arrillaga/Stanford plan to build such a huge mass of office space on this busy arterial street is foolhardy and would severely damage the quality of life for many residents. When the city was in discussions with Stanford about its plans for the property, officials say the university indicated it was agreeable to building senior housing on the site. When the first plan showed much more office space than housing, city officials said they were disappointed because they were expecting to see housing, which would help relieve the city's current imbalance.

City officials have been taking heat from some residents for not writing more ironclad restrictions into the recently approved downtown plan, a legitimate criticism, although council members who were involved said Stanford gave strong indications that it would come back with a plan for housing. Medical office space was apparently not discussed.

The petition drive has accumulated only modest numbers of signatures so far, but it has gained some attention, and now we are hearing rumblings that despite the development plan's meeting most of the legal criteria of the new downtown plan, the city could draw out the approval process through legitimate means, such as extended hearings before the Planning Commission, which will consider the development request. It also is

possible that the city could begin a preliminary look at placing a moratorium on building any more medical office space on El Camino Real due to its capacity to generate more car trips than most other development.

The petitioners bring up other good points as well, including concern about safety for young cyclists and pedestrians using streets in the Allied Arts neighborhood across El Camino Real from the project site. Many families and their children walk or bike on these quiet streets to Oak Knoll Elementary School or Hillview Middle School. It is not difficult to imagine motorists heading north or south on El Camino Real attempting to speed their commute by cutting through these neighborhoods.

Additionally, we agree with the petitioners that there is no discernible public benefit in the current version of the project. So, rather than seeing a wide array of ground-floor retail shops throughout the complex, with housing for seniors and others on the upper floors, the developers have submitted a design focused almost entirely on medical offices. Another frequently mentioned benefit that did not materialize was a pedestrian-bike tunnel under the railroad tracks that could provide a safe link from El Camino and the Allied Arts neighborhood to the Burgess Civic Center. Such a tunnel in this area has been on the city's wish list for years, and this is an opportunity to finally turn such a project into reality.

In our view, signing this petition is perhaps the only leverage Menlo Park residents can bring to convince Mr. Arrillaga and Stanford to develop a project that will truly benefit the Menlo Park community. It is an opportunity that city residents should not miss, unless gridlock traffic is their idea of progress on El Camino Real.

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The opinion of The Almanac

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Our readers write

Time to hold elderly drivers accountable

Editor:

The tragic accident on Interstate 280 (Dec. 14) brought a fresh reminder of a growing danger among us, elderly drivers.

Following the reports of that tragic accident, I listened to several people at a holiday party talking about how surprised they were to hear that the 83-year-old driver who is responsible for the deaths of three people should be held criminally responsible.

My question is why not? Why should the advanced age of the driver limit or eliminate his accountability for the deaths of three people? Driving is a privilege, not a right, and we as a society can and do hold people responsible for their actions regardless of age. Elderly drivers and their families owe it to society to recognize when they are no longer capable of safely exercising their driving privileges and make other arrangements

such as family, friends or Redi-Wheels.

Clearly no one likes to give up their independence but too often elderly drivers view their

driving privilege as a right and they cling to it in an effort to preserve independence. The age at which someone should retire their automobile will

vary but we should require all persons over a specific age, say 72, or those who have had strokes, onset of demen-

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Portola Valley Archives

Our Regional Heritage

It took five years in the 1970s for Margaret Parker's first-grade classes at Ormondale School in Portola Valley to collect one million pull tabs from aluminum cans. Here, three children enjoy the collection.

LETTERS

Our readers write

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tia, failing eyesight or other impairments to be tested more regularly, at least every two years. They should be required to pass a medical clearance as well as a driving test and a written test.

As our society ages we will continue to experience more of these deadly tragedies until we recognize that at some point safety concerns dictate a more rational approach.

Mark Gilles,
Sharon Park Drive,
Menlo Park

Too much traffic, not enough housing

Editor:

In addition to unknown impacts of the new campus development at Stanford of two additional medical centers and one additional medical school adjacent to Sand Hill Road, Stanford is now proposing a huge development on El Camino Real in Menlo Park of medical offices at an already gridlocked Middle Avenue/El Camino intersection.

There is a gross shortage of housing in Menlo Park as made clear by the recent lawsuit settlement in which the city agreed to identify many more housing sites.

Perhaps creating transit-oriented housing would help alleviate both the traffic congestion and the housing shortage.

Elizabeth Houck
Middle Avenue, Menlo Park

Go vegan, a healthy New Year's resolution

Editor:

This year's developments have certainly vindicated those of us who care about our health, our environment, and our treatment of animals.

In January, First Lady Michelle Obama unveiled revamped federal guidelines requiring school cafeterias to serve more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains and less sodium and animal fat.

In March, a study involving nearly 38,000 men and 84,000 women by the Harvard School of Public Health concluded

Some heartfelt questions for NRA chief

To Wayne LaPierre, National Rifle Association:

I am still searching for the words to respond to your "response" to the Sandy Hook shootings. I'll try to explain why I am absolutely sickened by it.

I am the father of a 5-year-old girl and a 3-year-old boy. My daughter attends a K-3 school in a small bedroom community on the edge of Silicon Valley, which in many ways resembles the community of Sandy Hook and Newtown. This week, I attended her first holiday concert; like many other parents, I struggled to keep my composure as I watched the first-grade class which followed my daughter's class, realizing that across the country, 20 kids just like the ones I was watching would never sing Christmas songs again.

I have not spoken with my children about Sandy Hook, for one simple reason: they're **children**. They don't watch the news, they don't read news on the Internet, and to my knowledge, they have not learned about Sandy Hook from their teachers or classmates. And

that, in my opinion, is exactly how it should be: my 5-year-old daughter deserves to live, play and grow without the kinds of fears that this incident is creating for adults, and for older children. One of my duties to my children is to make sure that they get to be children for several more years.

I now see that your entire response to Sandy Hook is — more guns! You are seriously proposing that we put armed guards at the entrance of every school.



In other words, rather than consider even modest changes in legislation to restrict access to some firearms (or even large ammo clips), you are proposing, with a straight face, that I walk my 5-year-old daughter past an armed guard every day. I can only assume that you probably think my 3-year-old's preschool should

be treated the same way.

Mr. LaPierre, I feel the need to ask: Do you have children? Grandchildren? Do you ever stop and think about the effect your advocacy has on the people of this country? I'm not talking about ending all ownership of guns here; we're talking about limiting assault

weapons (which are used only for the killing of many other humans), or large ammunition clips (again, not used for hunting or any other non-lethal purpose), but you've decided that the solution is **more** guns, and that we now have to expose our youngest children to these guns and to very adult fears rather than limit the rights of even one citizen.

I sincerely hope that I speak for a large number of Americans, including our elected officials, when I say that I think we can do better; that I don't share your vision of America as a police state, where we arm ourselves more and more extensively. I fully understand that gun control will not solve every problem or prevent every shooting, but I believe the best response to the problem of gun violence will involve many tools, including sensible gun legislation. I understand that you have a duty to your backers, the gun makers and a subset of militant gun owners, and that you feel the need to advocate for their interests; I just hope America is better than that, and has the courage to stand up and say "no" to your vision.

Jeff Aalfs
Crescent Avenue, Portola Valley

that one daily serving of meat is associated with a 13-20 percent increase in the risk of death from heart disease or cancer.

The American Journal of Preventive Medicine estimates that prevalence of obesity among American adults will escalate to 42 percent by 2030, with a \$550 billion increase in medical costs.

The Humane Society exposed unconscionable atrocities among three pig producers in Oklahoma and a Pennsylvania egg farm. It's little wonder that 7 percent of Americans consider themselves vegetarian or vegan and 28 percent are actively reducing their meat consumption, leading to a 12 percent U.S. drop since 2007.

We should all consider following suit for this New Year's resolution. Entering "live vegan" in a search engine brings tons of recipes and other useful information.

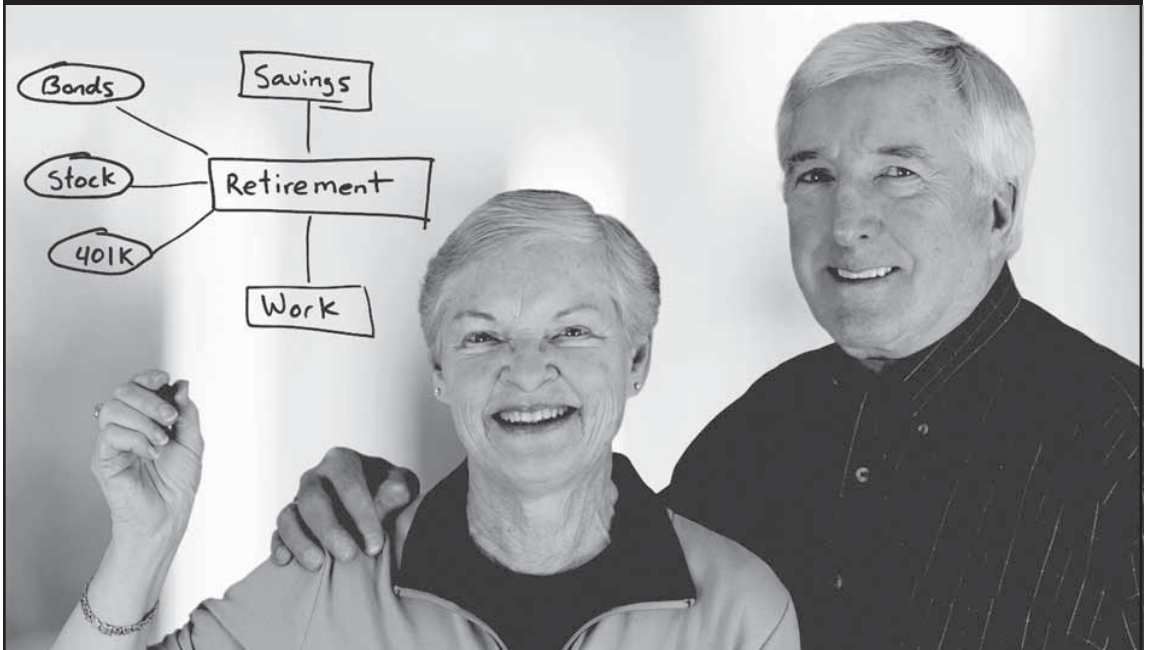
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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STATEMENT
File No.: 253327
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Registered owner(s):
SANDRA L. HUMPHRIES
20 Stadler Drive
Woodside, CA 94062-4840
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1988.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on November 26, 2012.
(ALM Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2012, Jan. 2, 2013)

OBJUEN & MCCUTCHEON
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 253490
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 06, 2012.
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BORBEE GEMSTONES
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STATEMENT
File No.: 253527
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 12/15/1984.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 10, 2012.
(ALM Dec. 19, 26, 2012, Jan. 2, 9, 2013)

JEAN W GILLON MEDICAL CORPORATION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 253676
The following Person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 10/24/2007.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on December 20, 2012.
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UNIQUE HAIR SOLUTIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 253451
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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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 December 4, 2012.
(ALM Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2013)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-12-525448-AB Order No.: 7051070
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/25/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT

YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): DEBORAH GILSON, TRUSTEES OF THE DEBORAH GILSON REVOCABLE TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2003 Recorded: 5/3/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-072554 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California; Date of Sale: 1/23/2013 at 12:30:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$155,623.55 The purported property address is: 3155 BEAR GULCH RD, WOODSIDE, CA 94062 Assessor's Parcel No. 081-170-010-3 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DAVID J. LADD
Case No.: 122932
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAVID J. LADD. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: KATHLEEN A. LADD in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO.
The Petition for Probate requests that: KATHLEEN A. LADD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 28 of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner:

/s/ Robert A. Biorn
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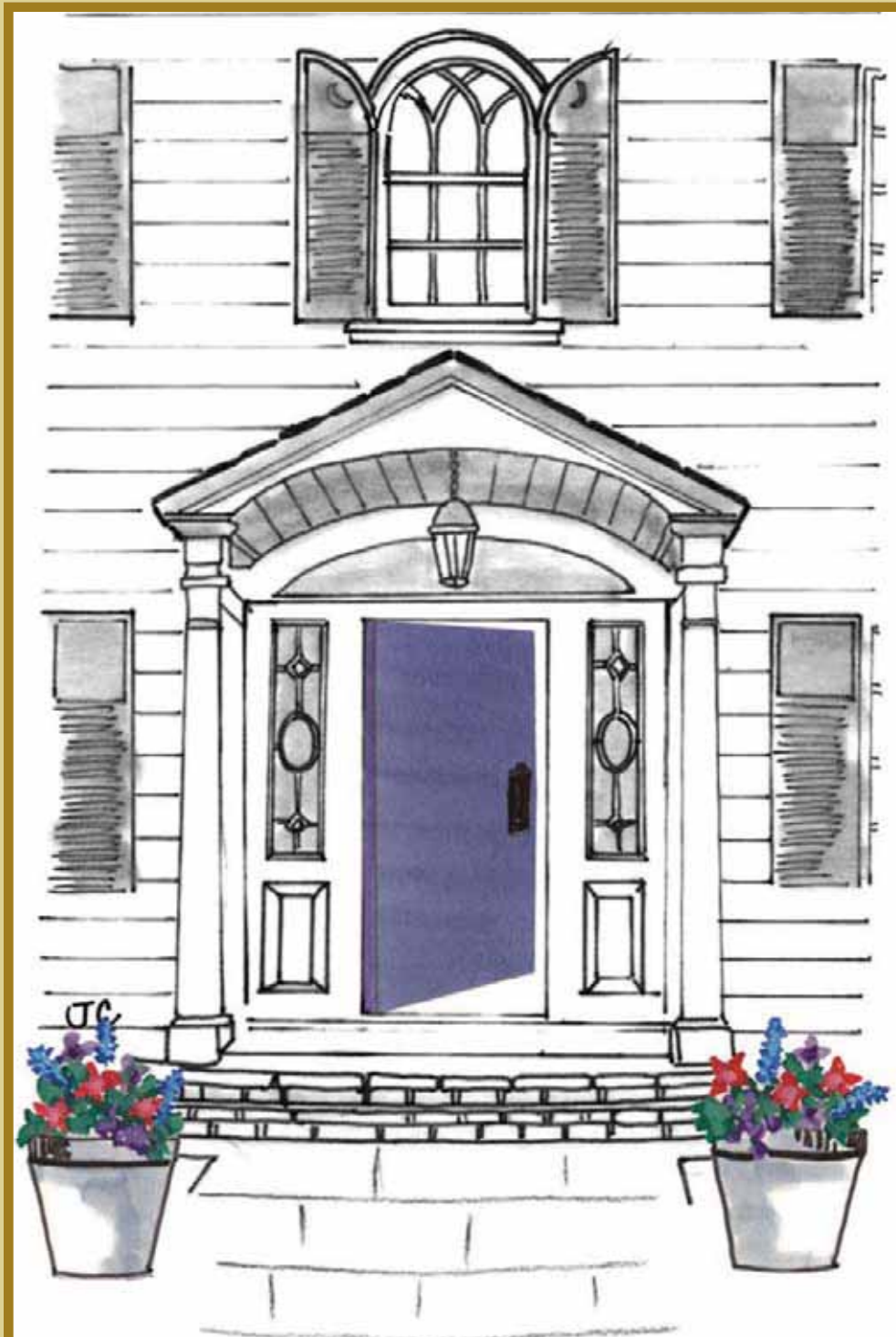
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