



LIVING WITH NATURE

Above: Many species natural to the habitat of Jan Schachter's yard on Golden Hills Drive are now dormant, but her enthusiasm for their having taken up residence is undimmed. **Below:** Jan Schachter discusses her long-term effort to eliminate non-native vegetation from her property. **Cover photo:** For some vegetative species in Portola Valley, summer is like winter in more northern climes: leafless sticks.

Portola Valley residents welcome native plants and animals

Story by Dave Boyce | Photos by Brandon Chew

Purple needlegrass is something special in the semi-arid and harsh world of the California native plant community.

It's a bunch grass — it grows in clumps — and fields of it, each clump a shower of fine blades out-flung from the center in fireworks-like arcs, present to the observer an ethereal loveliness.

Would that needlegrass could talk. "Oh, *that* ethereal loveliness," it would say. "That's just something I throw together." Sagebrush, praised for its enchanting scent, would say as much. As would a mountain lion on proclamations of its poetry in motion, or a toyon bush at an appreciation of its red berries at Christmas. Nature wears its beauty lightly.

We, the people, however, are free to call attention to it, and some are in Portola Valley. The Conservation

Committee has chosen five residents to receive the town's first Backyard Habitat awards to honor efforts made by residents to encourage and maintain corridors that welcome native plants and animals.

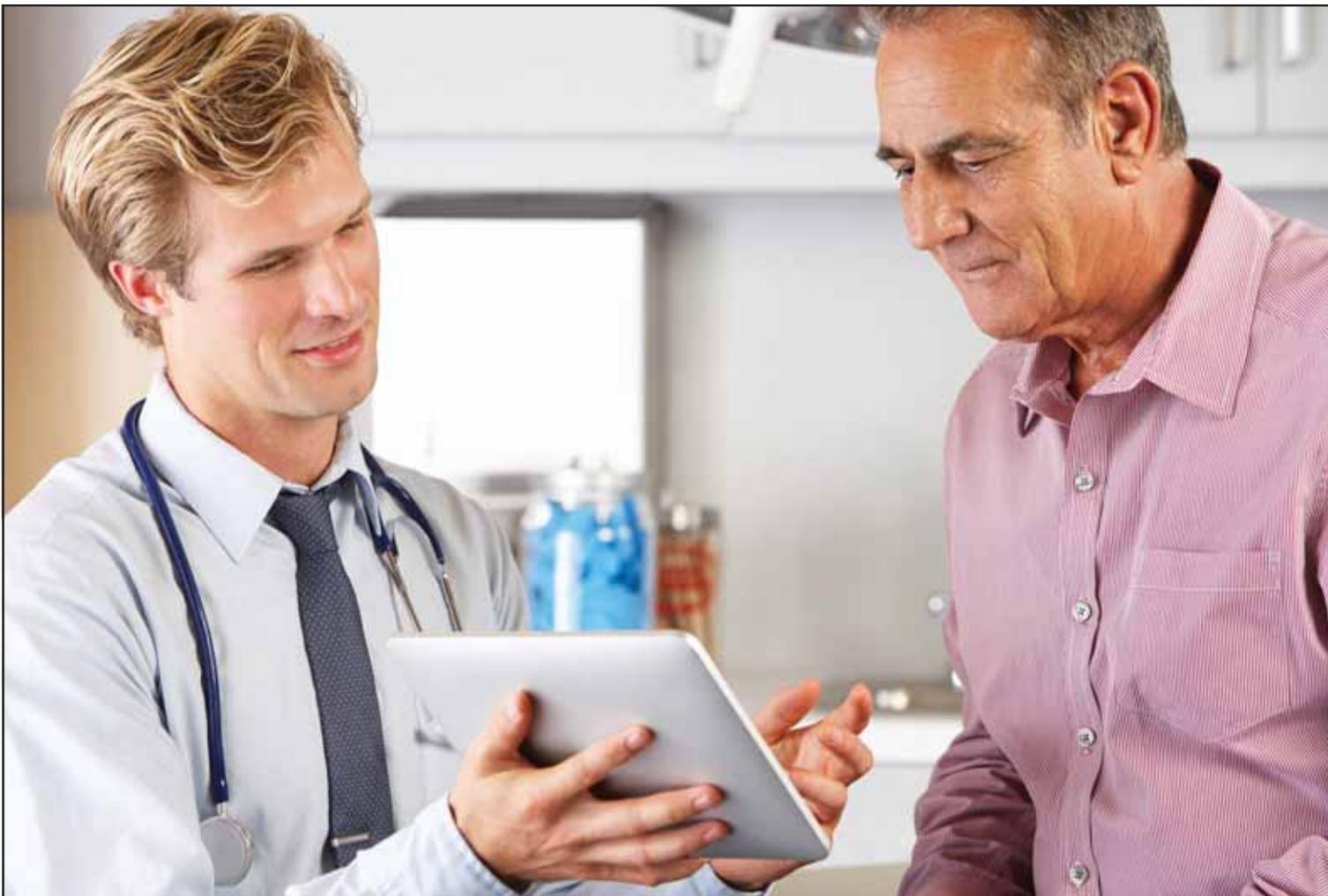
Committee members have seen the sagebrush at the home of Jan and Vic Schachter, and a toyon bush at the home of Danna Breen, where there are also deer carcasses, though Ms. Breen said she's yet to see the mountain lions that deposit them.

At the home of John and Sharon Richards, there is an expanse of purple needlegrass. Committee member Marge DeStaebler visited it in the spring. "It was all moving in the breeze and it had waves," she said. "It was stunning, it was so beautiful."

These residents as well as Marianne

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Plunder and the subdivision of Portola Valley Ranch will receive 3-foot-long, 4-inch-wide post-like plaques of rusted steel engraved with the Backyard Habitat program's name and topped by a silhouette of an oak tree. The plaque can be tacked to a fence post and is meant to encourage passersby to think about creating their own native habitats at home.

"Natural backyard habitats benefit the community as a whole, increasing soil permeability, reducing flood potential, increasing ground water resources, and reducing danger from erosion, landslide and fire," the program's brochure says. "These sanctuaries protect our wildlife and bring untold pleasure to the residents of this beautiful community."

The Conservation Committee had five applicants, and all were chosen as winners of the 2014 award. Woodside has a similar initiative, begun in 2011, and Portola Valley's program is a conscious echo of it. "We're trying to build on that," Ms. DeStaebler said.

One person's lawn

When Jan and Vic Schachter moved to Golden Hills Drive in 1993, their property had "lots of lawn," Ms. Schachter told the Almanac. The lawn did not have a friend in her. "It was, like, 'Not!'" she said.

She couldn't just yank the grass out; it would have disturbed the roots of established trees. Instead, she turned off the irrigation and mulched it. It died right away, she said.

In the back were young redwoods, miles from their coastal habitat. She cut off their irrigation. "They haven't grown at

all," she said.

She planted the back slope in sagebrush. "They've just spread and taken over and they're totally happy. They get zero water," Ms. Schachter said.

Native grasses? "The few times I planted them, they haven't done that well. Maybe I don't have the touch," she said. Natives don't do well when hand planted, she added. It's "way better" when, like her sagebrush, they seed themselves, she said.

On the patio are water sources, including a fountain that recycles water. Hummingbirds and bees prefer bubbling water, she said.

The Conservation Committee noted the patio's water resources, and that the Schachters arranged with a neighbor not attuned to habitat issues to remove non-natives from the neighbor's yard, Ms. DeStaebler said. A fence came down. "They really opened their yard," she said. "As you drive along, you see this open expanse. They did that all on their own."

20-foot roots

John and Sharon Richards, while not facing a lawn replacement, did make a long-term commitment to weeding out rye and Italian oat grass to allow their needlegrass to thrive, Ms. DeStaebler said. "They spent a fair amount of time on their knees during those 20 years," she said.

The Richards restored a ravine's watercourse, established a pool where fish eat mosquito larvae, and arranged with a neighbor for a fence to come down, Ms. DeStaebler said.

In establishing the bunch grass, some was plugged in and some grew from seed, Mr. Richards told the Almanac. The

ground is clay and hardpan, not conducive to vegetation, but bunch grass roots go down 20 feet, he said.

They watered for the first few years, but not now. "Our goal has been to get (the yard) to where we don't have to do anything," he said. It hasn't been expensive because they did it themselves.

The bunch grass grows near an evolving blue oak forest. "Blue oaks evidently like really crappy soil," he said.

Bluebirds like the place, too, with a couple recently having settled in a bluebird box. "That's the amazing thing," he said. "You buy this box for a bluebird. It has directions on it and you put it up and a week later, there are bluebirds in it. How do they do that?"

A lot of work

"I lost a chicken to a coyote (recently) and that was very traumatic," Ms. Breen told the Almanac from the semi-enclosed yard of her Alpine Road home, "but I am able to keep it in perspective because I honor wildlife."

"You need to embrace where you are in the world. I think that's one of the paradigms for living in this place we share with the animals," she said, noting one species not embraced. "I hope the wildlife goes after ground squirrels," she said. "Send me your gopher snakes."

"This year is a big skunk year and I don't know why. I've had quite a lot of run-ins," she said. "I know people who've had skunks and raccoons killed. I just couldn't do that."

She used to have a beehive. The bees didn't stay, so she has a wooden block drilled with holes — a bee block — for bee nests. More butterflies came with more California natives, particularly sages, she said.

What was lawn became meadow, but not on its own. "It's a lot of work. It's not a natural phenomenon," she said. "It's hard. It's hard to keep the non-natives out."

What is it like at night? With the bats, "it's quite rich," she said. "It's actually quite noisy at night. We sleep with everything flung open." One night, she said she was lying in bed and a possum walked in. She said she gathered the mosquito net around her and said, "Goodnight, possum," and in the morning, everything was fine. **A**

INFORMATION

Go to tinyurl.com/pvby65 for more information about the Backyard Habitats program. For residents interested in participating, committee members will make themselves available for evaluation and brainstorming.



Danna Breen sits in the sunshine in her semi-enclosed side yard with Charlie Cooper, front, and Lela. Her property was among five chosen as welcoming habitats for native species in Portola Valley.

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The West Bay Sanitary District ("DISTRICT") is planning to hold a public meeting and hearing ("the Public Meeting") on September 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the West Bay Sanitary District, located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

At the Public Meeting, the DISTRICT's Board of Directors will consider adopting: (I) a regulation that amends DISTRICT's Code of General Regulations ("the Proposed Regulation"), and (II) a resolution that adopts a master fee schedule ("the Proposed Resolution").

The Public Meeting is an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the Proposed Regulation and the Proposed Resolution. Anybody who wishes to review the text of the Proposed Regulation or the Proposed Resolution prior to the Public Meeting is encouraged to contact Phil Scott at (650) 321-0384 or visit www.westbaysanitary.org.

I. The Proposed Regulation

If passed, the Proposed Regulation would adopt certain amendments to the DISTRICT's Code of General Regulations ("CGR"). Among other amendments not specifically described here, the Proposed Regulation would make the following changes to the DISTRICT's CGR.

First, CGR Section 602 would be amended to contain Fats, Oils, and Grease regulations ("the FOG Regulations"). Among other provisions, the FOG Regulations feature (a) prohibitions on the discharge of fats, oils, and grease; (b) requirements that Food Service Establishments do specific things to prevent the discharge of fats, oils, and grease; and (c) an enforcement section, which describes steps that the DISTRICT can take if the FOG Regulations are violated. Second, CGR Section 902 would be amended in certain ways so it is consistent with and complimentary to a Master Fee Schedule. Third, CGR Section 904 subdivision (1) would be revised to establish a DISTRICT annexation fee. Fourth, CGR Section 1012 would be amended to add specific procedures for imposing and collecting DISTRICT's expenses related to code enforcement and nuisance abatement.

II. The Proposed Resolution

The purpose of the Proposed Resolution is to adopt and implement a Master Fee Schedule. The proposed Master Fee Schedule summarizes all currently operative DISTRICT fees. It also outlines some additional fees, including: (1) material fees, (2) annexation fees, and (3) CEQA review fees.

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Community Events

Taste of Woodside The Rotary Club of Woodside/Portola Valley will welcome community members to an epicurean event with food, wine and both silent and live auctions. Proceeds from the event support school, community and international projects. Sept. 7, 5-9 p.m. \$150/person; or \$500 for four or \$800 for eight. Woodside Village Church Courtyard, 3154 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-575-5469. www.tasteof-woodside.com

51st annual Kings Mountain Art Fair More than 135 juried artists will come together for this art fair in the redwoods above Woodside. Proceeds will benefit Kings Mountain's volunteer fire brigade and elementary school. Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission. Kings Mountain Firehouse and Community Center, 13889 Skyline Blvd., Woodside. www.kingsmountainartfair.org

Lifetree Cafe will host two hour-long conversations on "Turning Disasters into Opportunities," during which attendees will share strategies for coping with difficult times. Complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided. Aug. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Aug. 28, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-854-5897. www.facebook.com/LifetreeCafeMP

Benefits/Fundraisers

San Francisco 49ers Academy will hold its annual Cocktails & Couture event for women at a private Atherton estate to benefit at-risk kids on the Peninsula. It will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, boutiques and a fashion show. Aug. 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$250 VIP; \$150 general. Address provided after ticket purchase, Atherton. Call 408-859-6001. www.49ersacademyevents.com/couture

Moonlight Run and Walk These 5K and 10K runs and 5K walk will take place under the moon along the levees at the Palo Alto Baylands. Music, sponsor booths and other activities will be on hand. The event helps to raise money for the Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund. Sept. 5, 7 p.m. \$35 adult; \$25 youth ages 6-12; free for children under 5 and under. Palo Alto Baylands, 1900 Geng Road, Palo Alto. www.eventbrite.com/e/29th-annual-moonlight-run-and-walk-tickets-728182012

Classes/Workshops

'Sensational Summer Salads' Dr. Linda Shiuie will hold a cooking demonstration, tasting and nutrition Q&A focused on flavorful and healthy salads. Aug. 27, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

'Water-Efficient Gardening 101' This class on basic water-saving gardening techniques will cover plant selection and placement, proper irrigation, soil preparation and design options. Several drought-tolerant plants will be given out in a raffle. Free refreshments will be provided. Sept. 6, 11 a.m. Free. Menlo Park City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. www.menloparklibrary.org

Fall acting classes Portola Valley Theatre Conservatory will offer classes this fall in which adults and children can learn a variety of theater skills. Classes for adults will be taught by Rick Lombardo, former artistic director of San Jose Repertory Theatre, and will begin on Sept. 15. Classes for children (ages 4 to 18) will begin on Sept. 1. Sept. 1-Nov. 14., \$225-\$285. Portola Valley Theatre Conservatory, 945 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-8282 ext. 105. www.pvtc-ca.org

Genealogy class Little House Activity Center will offer a weekly class on genealogy to help community members in investigating the lives of their ancestors. Thursdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-noon. \$86; \$15 drop in Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025 ext. 222. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

History class Michael Svanevik will teach a class at Little House called "San Francisco, 1915-1945." The class will discuss construction of new bridges, an island, an airport and other infrastructure; Prohibition; colorful city figures; and other topics. Wednesdays, Sept. 3-Oct. 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$50. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025 ext. 222. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

Line dancing class Little House Activity Center will host line dancing classes, introducing a new dance each week. A variety of music will be played; no partner is needed. Wednesdays, July 9-Aug. 27, 10-11 a.m. \$64 eight classes; \$12 drop in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025 ext. 222. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

OverDrive eBooks/eAudiobooks help The Portola Valley Library will offer appointments for community members to receive one-on-one assistance in accessing the library's free online

books. Wednesdays, Aug. 6-Sept. 24, 4-5 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. smcl.org

Clubs/Meetings

Atherton Dames Runnymede Tour To begin their 2014-15 program of events, Atherton Dames, and guests, will be given a tour of the private Runnymede Sculpture Farm. For info about joining Atherton Dames, email membership@athertondames.org. Sept. 4, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$50. Runnymede Sculpture Farm, Woodside. Call 503-801-1080. www.athertondames.org

ESL Conversation Club - Menlo Park Each week this club will give community members an opportunity to practice their English conversation skills in a welcoming environment. Wednesdays, through January, 5-6 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2525. www.menlopark.org/389/Library

SRI Organon Toastmasters focuses on improving the communication and leadership skills of its members. Each week covers a different skill related to public speaking. Guests are welcome. Tuesdays, through December, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. SRI International, Building G, Laurel Avenue, opposite the Menlo Park Police Station, Menlo Park. www.sriorganon.com

Dance

The Heartbeat of Hula The Arrillaga Family Recreation Center will offer classes on hula, focusing on the coordination of hands and hips in dancing to island rhythms. No experience is necessary; both men and women are welcome. Mondays, Sept. 8-Dec. 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$116 resident; \$155 non-resident. Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200. www.menlopark.org/registration

Exhibits

10th annual Atherton Arts Exhibition Annual exhibit with work by artists Florence de Bretagne, John Peck, Jim Caldwell, Kathleen Podolsky, Larry Calof, Linda Salter, Bob Joyce, Margaret Sloan, Michael Killen and Annette Tan. In the Main House, Shaowei Liu will also share 3D computer art in "Fabulous Illusions of A Virtual World." Light refreshments will be served. Sept. 5, 4-7:30 p.m. Free. Holbrook-Palmer Park, Jennings Pavilion, 150 Watkins Ave., Atherton. Call 650-234-8287.

'Robert Frank in America' This exhibition of 125 photographs sheds light on the making

Cat adoption program extended

The Peninsula Humane Society received an anonymous donation, which will extend its "You Can Make Me Lucky" program, an adoption promotion for black cats and kittens, through August.

The shelter is waiving the \$85 adoption fee for adult black cats and reducing the black kitten adoption fee of \$95 by 50 percent.

The society has almost 40 black cats — including 15 kittens under 6 months of age — available for adoption at its Center for Compassion

at 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame.

Adoption hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on week-

ends. Interested adopters should arrive at least an hour before closing to complete an adoption. Go to PHS-SPCA.org for more information.



Photo courtesy Peninsula Humane Society

— Tiffany Lam

of photographer Robert Frank's book, "The Americans." His images document subjects such as Hollywood and the Ford Motor plant in Detroit, while probing social issues like politics, race and the post-war culture. Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 10-Jan. 4, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. (starting Sept. 21, the center will also be open Mondays). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. www.museum.stanford.edu

'Fatal Laughs: The Art of Robert Arneson'

The Cantor Arts Center will host an exhibit of unconventional clay sculptures by Robert Arneson, who frequently used himself as a subject throughout his more-than-40-year career. Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 20-Sept. 28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. (starting Sept. 21, the center will also be open Mondays). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. www.museum.stanford.edu

'Luminous Essays' The Caldwell Gallery will have on display "Luminous Essays," an exhibit of works by fine art photographers from the Peninsula Photographic Arts Guild. July 2-Sept. 3, 5 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Caldwell Gallery, 400 County Center at the Hall of Justice, Redwood City. Call 650-654-2766. bnc.smcgov.org

Pop Art from SFMOMA To celebrate its new neighbor, the Anderson Collection, the Cantor Arts Center will have on display an exhibit of 10 pop art works that were originally part of the Andersons' donation to SFMOMA. Aug. 13-Oct. 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. (starting Sept. 21, the center will also be open Mondays). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. www.museum.stanford.edu

'Sympathy for the Devil: Satan, Sin and the Underworld' As Jackson Pollock's painting "Lucifer" comes to Stanford's Anderson Collection, this exhibit will explore the visual history of the devil and his realm from the 16th to the 20th century. Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 20-Nov. 30, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. (starting Sept. 21, the center will also be open Mondays). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/390/39043/

'The Bay Area and Beyond' The Cantor Arts Center will have on display a long-term exhibit of modern and contemporary art, focusing on the Bay Area. Works will include pieces by artists with Stanford connections, among them Richard Diebenkorn, Nathan Oliveira and Frank Lobdell. Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 13-Oct. 26, 2015, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. (starting Sept. 21, the center will be open Mondays). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. www.museum.stanford.edu/view/exhibition_sched_new.html#Beyond

'The New Landscape' The Cantor Arts Center will mount an exhibit called "The New Landscape: Experiments in Light by Gyorgy Kepes," which explores art's relevance in a scientific age. Forty-five panels by the Hungarian-born American artist capturing scientific imagery (minerals, cellular patterns and tissue fibers) will be on display. Wednesday-Sunday,

July 24-Nov. 17, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. (starting Sept. 21, the center will also be open Mondays). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. www.museum.stanford.edu

'Well Pressed' The Cantor Arts Center will have on display an exhibit called "Well Pressed: Highlights from the Marmor Collection." The exhibit is made up of 13 pieces, many prints, by artists such as Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Richard Serra and Frank Stella. Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 13-Feb. 2, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. (starting Sept. 21, the center will also be open Mondays). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. www.museum.stanford.edu/view/exhibition_sched_new.html

Family and Kids

Babies and Books Storytime, for children 18 months old and younger, will offer varied programming in addition to rhymes, songs, lap play and short stories. Sept. 8 will be a Music Monday with dancing and singing. Sept. 29 will be a bilingual (English and Spanish) storytime event. Mondays, Sept. 8-29, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. smcl.org

Bill Walsh Legacy Kids Free Game at Stanford In recognition of the late Bill Walsh, Stanford Athletics will offer free admission to children in eighth grade and younger for Stanford football's first game against the University of California, Davis. Advance registration on the website is required, and free admission is only valid with paid adult admission. Aug. 30, 1 p.m. Free for kids in 8th grade and younger. Stanford Stadium, 601 Nelson Road, Stanford. tinyurl.com/kdqvx2

Juggler Daniel DaVinci This family event for ages 5 and up will feature the stunts and jokes of juggler Daniel DaVinci. Sept. 8, 4-4:45 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Menlo Park Children's Chorus This course will offer children a chance to develop their music and vocal skills, as well as practice teamwork and commitment. Tuesdays, Sept. 9-Dec. 16, 4-5 p.m. \$60 resident; \$79 non-resident (plus \$40 lab fee). Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200. www.menlopark.org/registration

Music 4 Life This weekly class will give parents and children, from ages 6 months to 6 years old, an opportunity to bond while singing, dancing, playing instruments and learning about music. Wednesdays, Sept. 10-Dec. 17, 1-1:45 p.m. \$136 resident; \$182 non-resident. Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200. www.menlopark.org/registration

Preschool Storytime Weekly Preschool Storytime events will return to the Atherton Library, with stories, songs, rhymes and more for ages 3 to 5. Fridays, Sept. 5-Dec. 19, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Din-

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3. Alysha & Mike Messmer
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Planner: Sage Schaan, Senior Planner

The Planning Commission will determine if the owner may convert an existing nonconforming structure from a barn to an accessory structure to be used as a workout/yoga studio. The structure is nonconforming since it is partially located within the front yard setback. Changes proposed to the structure are limited to the interior of the building.

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

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kelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

September Free First Friday The San Mateo County History Museum will continue its free first Friday program. At 11 a.m., pre-school-age children will learn about gardens through vegetable block printing and a reading of "From the Garden." At 2 p.m., docents will lead a free tour for adults of the museum. Sept. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.historysmc.org

Storytelling event John Weaver, Menlo Park Library's resident storyteller, will offer a monthly session of comical tales told without a book. The events are appropriate for children in elementary school and older. First Thursday of the month, Sept. 4-Dec. 4, 4-4:45 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2530. menlopark.org/library

Toddler Dance Party Musician Charity Kahn will lead an interactive program with music and movement for children 18 months and older. Sept. 9, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Film

Family Movie Night Atherton Library screens "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2." Rated PG, 95-minutes long. Aug. 29, 7-8:45 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Movies on the Square: 'Mr. Peabody and Sherman', which follows genius dog Mr. Peabody and his adopted son Sherman as they witness world-changing events with the WABAC Machine. Sept. 4, 8:15 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.redwoodcity.org/events/movies.html

Movies on the Square: 'The Monuments Men' For Redwood City's Movies on the Square series, the next movie screened will be "The Monuments Men," in which a star-studded platoon is sent by Franklin Delano Roosevelt to rescue artistic masterpieces in Europe during WWII. Aug. 28, 8 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.redwoodcity.org/events/movies.html

Health

Baby Wearing Workout This fitness class will provide dances and exercises for mothers wearing their babies in harnesses. Sept. 9, 9:30-10:30 p.m. \$160 resident; \$215 non-resident. Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200. www.menlopark.org/registration

TRX Body Blast Students use the TRX Suspension Trainer to build strength and endurance during upbeat workouts. Mondays, Aug. 25-Oct. 13, noon-1 p.m. \$109 resident; \$146 non-resident. Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200. www.menlopark.org/registration

Pilates Cardiocamp Pilates Cardiocamp classes offer a workout designed to build the core (abs and back) and strengthen the lower and upper body. New students will receive a free week of classes. See the website for locations, rates and more info. Monday-Friday, Aug. 4-Sept. 5, 6, 7 or 9 a.m. Los Altos and Woodside. www.pilatescardiocamp.com

TRX introduction class This weekly 30-minute class will teach and lead students in using TRX Suspension equipment, which provides a full-body workout. Wednesdays, Aug. 20-Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m.-noon. \$94 resident; \$126 non-resident. Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200. www.menlopark.org/registration

TRX Suspension Training This fitness class will help develop strength, balance and flexibility with TRX Suspension equipment, which makes use of an individual's body weight. Call for more class times and other info. Tuesdays, Sept. 9-Dec. 18, 6:15-7:15 p.m. \$184 resident; \$247 non-resident. Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200. www.menlopark.org/registration

Yoga at Little House Little House Activity Center will offer weekly yoga classes that focus on breathing techniques and postures designed to enhance health and decrease stress. All skill levels are welcome. Mondays, Aug. 11-Sept. 29, 6-7 p.m. \$52 monthly; \$15 drop in. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025 ext. 222. www.penvol.org/littlehouse

Food and Drink

Portola Valley Farmers' Market The farmers' market at the Portola Valley Town Center

features organic fruit and vegetables, free range eggs, fair trade coffee, wild and local seafood, hot free range rotisserie chickens, local honey, organic olive oil, gluten-free baked goods, nuts and nut butters, pickles, jerky, artisan breads, flowers, crafts and music. Thursdays, year-round, 3-7 p.m. Portola Valley Farmers' Market, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. www.portolavalleyfarmersmarket.com

Live Music

Music on the Square: Pride & Joy For the last concert of the Music on the Square series in Redwood City, 25-year-old band Pride & Joy will put on a show of celebrated pop and soul songs. Aug. 29, 6 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. www.redwoodcity.org/events/music-on-the-square.html

On Stage

'Moonlight and Magnolias' Dragon Productions will perform "Moonlight and Magnolias," a play which dramatizes the making of the film "Gone with the Wind," during which the producer David O. Selznick fired his director and hired a screenwriter who didn't know the book. Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 14-Sept. 7, 8 p.m. \$30. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-493-2006 ext. 2. www.dragonproductions.net

Religion/Spirituality

Thich Nhat Hanh talks: First two screenings There will be a free series of weekly public showings of DVDs of recent talks by Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Zen master, on "Living and Dying." The first two DVDs will be shown on Mondays. The series is sponsored by the Ladera Flowing Waters Sangha. Sept. 8 and 15, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Ladera Church, Peabody Social Hall, 3300 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-854-4157.

University public worship Stanford's Memorial Church, a center of spiritual and ceremonial life at the university, is open to the public for services. Sundays, June 29-Sept. 28, 10-11 a.m. Free. Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, 94305. Call 650-723-1762. www.stanford.edu/group/religiouslife/cgi-bin/wordpress

Seniors

Minds in Motion classes Peninsula Volunteers will offer these classes as part of its early memory loss wellness program, designed for those experiencing changes in memory or other cognitive impairments. Activities include brain and memory games. Mondays, through December, 10 a.m.-noon. \$12/drop in; \$75/eight-week series. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-322-0126. www.penvol.org

Lectures & Talks

'Modernism' docent lecture Jim Kohn, a docent from San Francisco's de Young Museum, will provide context and comment on the visiting exhibit, "Modernism from the National Gallery of Art." Accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation, his talk will cover many of the 50 works (including pieces by Lichtenstein, Johns and Rauschenberg) in the exhibit, which will be at the de Young until Oct. 12. Aug. 30, 2-3 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-0147. www.smcl.org

'Modernism' docent lecture This docent lecture will discuss works by Ellsworth Kelly, Roy Lichtenstein, Robert Rauschenberg and others that are part of an exhibit at the de Young Museum, "Modernism from the National Gallery of Art: The Robert and Jane Meyerhoff Collection." Sept. 6, 2-3 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Author Jonathan Coe on 'Expo 58' Novelist Jonathan Coe will discuss his new work of fiction, "Expo 58," a comic spy novel and international love story set in the mid-20th century. Sept. 9, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. keplers.com/event/jonathan-coe

Novelist Lan Cao discusses her new book, "The Lotus and the Storm," which focuses on one Vietnamese-American family during the Vietnam War. Sept. 8, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. keplers.com/event/lan-cao

Science fiction writer Neal Stephenson will be joined by a handful of thinkers to discuss transformative art and technology, as explored in the anthology, "Hieroglyph: Stories and Visions for a Better Future." Sept. 10, 7:30-9 p.m. \$20 general; \$40 premiere. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/776246

USGS talk Michael H. Carr, U.S. Geological

Produce boxes available from local farm

By Tiffany Lam

Special to the Almanac

While prices at the Village Pub in Woodside may be too high for some families, at-home cooks can receive some of the same ingredients the restaurant uses by purchasing boxes of produce from one of its suppliers.

Boxes with weekly selections of vegetables and herbs from SMIP Ranch, a five-acre farm off Bear Gulch Road above Woodside, are available for

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Go to facebook.com/Smip-Ranch to see what's in that week's box, which can be ordered for \$28 by sending an email to smipranchcsa@gmail.com.

Boxes are available for pickup every Tuesday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Village Pub on Woodside Road and the Mayfield Bakery

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SMIP Ranch supplies local produce to restaurants in the Bacchus Management Group, which includes the Village Pub in Woodside, Mayfield Bakery & Cafe in Palo Alto, and Spruce in San Francisco.

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After running after his mom, Ethan, 5, gets one last hug from Rebecca O'Brien as his dad pats his head on Ethan's first day of kindergarten at Laurel School.

First day at kindergarten

These photos by Almanac staff photographer Michelle Le are of local kids and families on the first day of kindergarten on Aug. 29 at Laurel Elementary School in Atherton.



Top: Scott Sutherland gives his son Graham, 5, a last hug on his first day of kindergarten. **Above:** Gabriela, 5, gets ready to enter her first kindergarten class. **Right:** Greta, 6, left, and Peter, 6, with their sister Anne Marie, 3, on the twins' first day of kindergarten.



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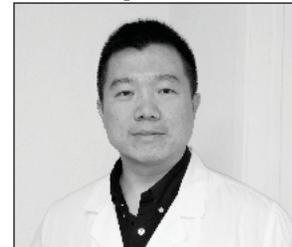
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Roble Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061,
San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ROMAN F. SANTAELLA
242 Roble Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An
Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on August 7, 2014.
(ALM Aug. 20, 27, Sept. 3, 10, 2014)

Ecosystems
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 261777
The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
Ecosystems, located at 2240 Camino
a los Cerros, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San
Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ANNE M. RAMSTETTER WENZEL
2240 Camino a los Cerros
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 4/15/1999.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on July 31, 2014.
(ALM Aug. 20, 27, Sept. 3, 10, 2014)

NEW AMERICAN PANTHEON PUBLISHING
NEW AMERICAN PANTHEON RECORDS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 261778
The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
1.) New American Pantheon Publishing,
2.) New American Pantheon Records,
located at 2240 Camino a Los Cerros,
Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo
County.
Registered owner(s):
JAMES ROBERT WENZEL
2240 Camino a Los Cerros
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 N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on August 1, 2014.
(ALM Aug. 20, 27, Sept. 3, 10, 2014)

File No. 261921
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: Ferrari Maserati of Silicon
Valley / Ferrari Silicon Valley / Maserati
Silicon Valley, 2710-2750 El Camino Real,
Redwood City, CA 94061, County of
San Mateo
Mailing address if different: 11400 W.
Olympic Blvd., 9th Floor, Los Angeles,
CA 90064
Registered Owner(s): El Camino Motors,
LLC, California, 2710-2750 El Camino
Real, Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: a limited
liability company.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious busi-
ness name or names listed above on
December 3, 2004. I declare that all
information in this statement is true and
correct. (A registrant who declares as
true information which he or she knows
to be false is guilty of a crime.)
Signature of Registrant: Giacomo
Mattioli, Manager
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk of SAN MATEO COUNTY on
August 14, 2014.
Notice - In accordance with subdivision
(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name
Statement generally expires at the end
of five years from the date on which
it was filed in the Office of the County
Clerk. Except, as provided in subdivision
(b) of Section 17920, where it expires
40 days after any change in the facts
set forth in the statement pursuant to
Section 17913 other than a change in
the residence address of a registered
owner. A New Fictitious Business Name

Statement must be filed before the
expiration. The filing of this statement
does not of itself authorize the use in
this state of a Fictitious Business Name
in violation of the rights of another
under Federal, State, or Common Law
(See Section 14411 et seq., Business and
Professions Code).

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MARK CHURCH, COUNTY CLERK
SAN MATEO COUNTY
BY: GLENN SCHANTIN, Deputy Clerk

GOLDEN HARVEST BEES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 261880
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Golden Harvest Bees, located at 125
Doherty Way, Redwood City, CA 94061,
San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
RICHARD HORACE BAXTER
125 Doherty Wy.
Redwood City, CA 94061
JANET GEE BAXTER
125 Doherty Wy.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: Married
Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on August 11, 2014.
(ALM Aug. 27, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 2014)

GOSSAMER & STONE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 261924
The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
Gossamer & Stone, located at 1010
Berkeley Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025,
San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
ROSEMARIE CARBONE
1010 Berkeley Ave.
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 N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
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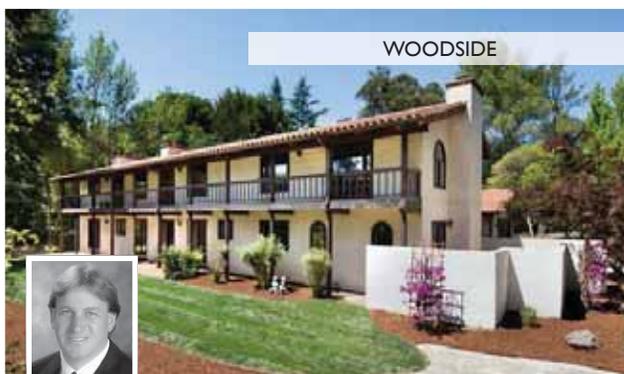


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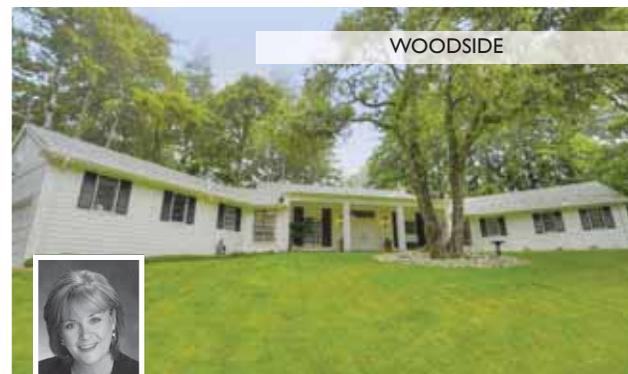


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