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## Franz Schubert, music's 'first romantic'

Music@Menlo festival features chamber works, lieder, lectures

By Janet Silver Ghent

The refrains of Austrian composer Franz Schubert's greatest hits are unforgettable, but few are familiar with his unusual life story, his chamber works or the breadth of his composition, which includes more than 1,000 pieces composed over 18 years during a life of a mere 31 years, from 1797-1828.

That's why Music@Menlo is focusing its 13th season on Schubert. This year's festival, which runs to Aug. 8, focuses on the composer's best-known chamber works, his lieder and piano music, his life and his place in music history.

Schubert, according to Music@Menlo co-founder David Finckel, was "the first romantic figure in music — a bohemian who cared about (music and) nothing else."

With more than 50 events and 43 guest artists, the festival — with many programs sold out

at press time — takes place in Atherton at both Menlo School and the Menlo-Atherton High School Performing Arts Center. It offers seven concert programs, five Schubertiades (intimate musical gatherings presented in a parlor setting, emulating the traditions of 19th century Vienna), discussions and lectures, plus an institute in which young string players and pianists study and perform with seasoned artists.

In addition, a multimedia "encounter series" led by music scholars offers in-depth explorations of Schubert's work, his evolution as a composer and his life.

"His real life story is generally not known," Mr. Finckel said during an interview from New York, where he and his wife, Wu Han, were preparing for the chamber music festival they founded and for which they serve as artistic directors. "He rarely had his own place. He lived with friends. His friends

would just share money and clothes and food, and Schubert didn't care. He was happy as long as he had a pencil and paper and could write music."

When Schubert learned he was fatally ill, "he raced the clock and just wrote faster and faster," Mr. Finckel said, producing "some of the greatest and most beloved masterpieces that we know."

Among them is the String Quartet in D minor, known as "Death and the Maiden," composed in 1824. "You feel when you're listening to the piece that you're barely escaping jaws of death," Mr. Finckel said.

Schubert's chamber music "stands up with the greatest composers of all time," Mr. Finckel said. "He wrote so many great works, and we're playing pretty much all of them." ■

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## Deborah D. Potash

January 22, 1940 – July 4, 2015

Deborah Potash, beloved wife of Roger Potash of Menlo Park, CA, died on July 4th, 2015. Deborah Dunnavan was born in Portland, OR on January 22, 1940 to Floyd Dunnavan M.D. and Dana Dunnavan, and raised in Vancouver, WA. Deborah graduated from U. of Oregon, studied for two years at the U. of Vienna, Austria and completed her post-graduate education at U. of Portland.



Deborah left her teaching position to join Roger, in Copenhagen, where they married on April 3, 1971. While living in San Francisco, Deborah served as a Docent at the California Academy of Sciences and Steinhart Aquarium in Golden Gate Park, and a Docent at the California Historical Society. Deborah also served with Best of San Francisco, leading various international group tours of the city.

Deborah and Roger relocated to the Sharon Heights neighborhood in Menlo Park in 1977 at which time Deborah served as a docent at Sunset Magazine. Deborah later joined The Palo Alto Auxiliary for Children, serving Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in 2005, where she was active on numerous committees and the Board.

Deborah's love of travel came at an early age; she had already visited five continents before her marriage. She and Roger continued to travel the world. Deborah shared her great love for music, dance and art with her husband, and became a legacy supporter of the arts in San Francisco.

Deborah was an elegantly beautiful, bright, charming, gracious and vivacious woman. She was an accomplished artist, floral and jewelry designer, and gourmet cook. Her home was a reflection of the beauty she saw in life, decorated exquisitely and filled with flowers, her paintings and treasures collected from her travels. Her niece Rebecca lovingly wrote, "You are an inspiration in how you live and love. I've been thinking so much lately, as I plan my own marriage, about how lucky I would be to find as many years of love and laughter, adventure and companionship in life as you have."

Deborah is survived by her husband, Roger L. Potash of Menlo Park, her brother, Noel Dunnavan (Janet) of Bothell, WA, her niece Rebecca Dunnavan of Seattle, her brother-in-laws Howard Potash of San Diego and Paul Potash (Marianne) of La Jolla, and nephews Andrew Potash and Nicholas Potash of Los Angeles. Donations in Deborah's memory can be made to Palo Alto Auxiliary for Children, P.O. Box 7064, Menlo Park CA 94026 supporting Packard Children's Hospital. A private celebration of life is planned.

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# Local News

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## Towns cut June water use by 39% and more

### ■ Cal Water revises May numbers.

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Water customers in Woodside, Portola Valley, Atherton and parts of Menlo Park cut their use by 39 percent and more in June compared with June 2013, according to numbers released by the towns.

The towns are in the California Water Service Company's Bear Gulch Water District, which has been ordered by the state to cut water use by 36 percent from 2013 levels. That mandate went into effect in June.

In its latest reports, Cal Water also revised significantly the numbers originally reported for May. Asked to explain the revisions, Cal Water spokesman Justin Skarb said the company is used to system-specific rather than community-specific reporting on water consumption, and that the numbers for the local reports were incomplete.

"The (software) error was fixed in the most recent report, which is why 2015 numbers changed," Mr. Skarb said. The company is also rerunning numbers for 2013 and 2014, he said.

"We are in the process of updating each of the reports, and hope to have them to the cities in the near future," he said. "We truly apologize for the confusion."

### June numbers

While year-to-date numbers are provided here, the measure of whether water suppliers are meeting state mandates starts with usage in the month of June and extends through February 2016. Therefore, year-to-date and May numbers are not relevant in determining whether water suppliers are meeting the mandates.

In June, Portola Valley customers led the way in the Bear Gulch District, reducing usage by 48 percent, or 30.7 million gallons, compared with June 2013. The town's year-to-date reduction is 17 percent.

Woodside customers reduced their consumption by 45 percent, using 45.3 million gallons less than in 2013. Water use is down 12 percent for the year to date.

Atherton customers used 57.5 million gallons less than in June 2013, a savings of 40 percent. The town's consumption is down 2 percent for the year to date.

Water use (percentage changes)		
	June 2015	Year to date
Atherton	- 40%	- 2%
Woodside	- 45%	- 12%
Menlo Park*	- 39%	- 8%
Portola Valley	- 48%	- 17%

\* Excludes Sharon Heights, SLAC, Willow Road corridor, Belle Haven and the M2 industrial zone

Data: California Water Service Company. (The percentages are based on changes in water use during the same periods of 2013.)

Menlo Park customers in the Bear Gulch District reduced their use by 59.3 million gallons, a 39 percent drop, with year-to-date consumption down 8 percent.

The Menlo Park Municipal Water District, which has been ordered by the state to cut water use by 16 percent from 2013 levels, purchased about 78 million gallons of water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in June, down about 46 percent from June 2013 purchases, according to Pam Lowe, senior civil engineer with the city of Menlo Park.

As a whole, the Bear Gulch District, which also includes parts of Redwood City, lowered

consumption in June by about 41 percent from 2013 levels, and by 23.5 percent for the year to date, according to Bear Gulch District Manager Dawn Smithson.

The statewide goal is a 25 percent reduction. For May, the State Water Resources Control Board reported a statewide drop in consumption of 29 percent. Numbers for June are not expected until late July, water control board spokesman George Kostyrko said.

### Relative temperatures

Temperature levels can have a significant impact on water use since water evaporates more quickly as temperatures rise. Local temperatures in June were not significantly different from those in June 2013. The mean temperature in Menlo Park was 68 in June 2013 and 67 this year, according to data from Weather Underground.

Native trees, such as valley oaks and coast live oaks, are adept at accumulating rainwater and using it throughout the year, said Kevin Kielty, an arborist based in San Mateo. "They're doing quite well," he said of the area's oak trees.

Not so for non-natives such as pine, birch and magnolia. Pines have the bark beetle to

contend with along with the drought, and birches and magnolias depend on water used to irrigate lawns, he said.

Peninsula redwoods are also struggling because they're out of their native foggy habitat on the coast, he said. "(Redwoods) require a lot of surface water," Mr. Keilty said. "They should be getting fog-belt rain every single day."

### May numbers revised

In its June water use reports for Bear Gulch District towns, Cal Water revised previously reported numbers for May.

The revised numbers are as follows:

■ Woodside customers cut water use in May by 28 percent compared with May 2013 (not the 24 percent previously reported) and used 7 percent more water during the first five months of 2015 (not 19 percent less).

■ Portola Valley customers cut back by 29 percent in May (not the 36 percent previously reported) and used 1 percent less water from January through May (not 11 percent less).

■ Atherton's May use was unchanged from 2013 (not lower by 15 percent) and up 22 percent for the first five months of 2015 (not up the 4 percent originally reported). ▀

## Drought, warm weather increase concerns about West Nile virus

By Kate Daly  
Special to the Almanac

Trapping mosquitoes, testing live chickens, vaccinating horses, unleashing bacteria. All of that is happening in San Mateo County right now in hopes of preventing a deadly outbreak of West Nile virus, the mosquito-borne virus that killed a record 31 people in California last year.

The fear is drought may compound the problem, says Chindi Peavey, manager of the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

The virus is known to start in birds and tree squirrels. Mosquitoes transmit it by biting infected birds or squirrels and then biting humans and other animals. Mild illness might result, but in some cases the

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virus leads to serious neurologic diseases and complications.

Mosquitoes develop faster in warm weather; they can become breeding adults in just three to five days, and like to lay their eggs in stagnant water.

In drought conditions, less water is flowing naturally and getting caught in pockets when creek beds go dry. Runoff from irrigation or car washing can

puddle up or sit in storm drains. Fewer water supplies mean mosquitoes and animals are more likely to gather at the same place, increasing the chances of spreading the virus.

In June another dead bird tested positive for the virus in Menlo Park, making a total of three infected birds found in the county so far this year (two in Menlo Park and one in Redwood City). Last year there were a total of 21.

Ms. Peavey says her office set 20 traps around the positive bird and "so far we haven't detected any virus in any adult mosquitoes."

"Our approach to preventing is to keep the population (of mosquitoes) as low as possible," she says.

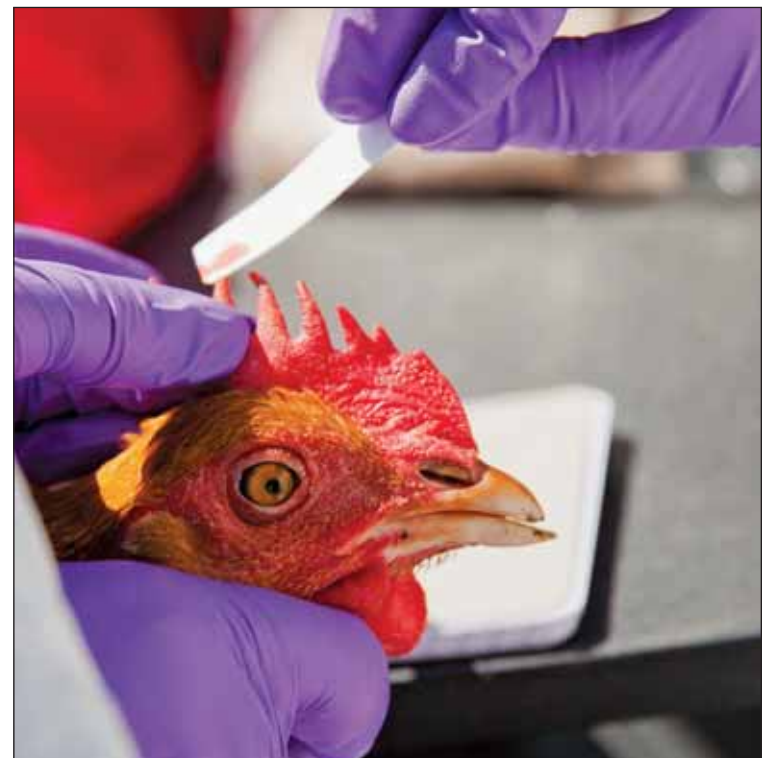


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**Chickens act** as a live indicator of West Nile virus in an area. The mosquito district maintains three flocks of sentinel chickens in the county to act as test subjects. Here a lab assistant, after pricking the comb, collects a blood sample from a chicken in the East Palo Alto flock.

# Menlo Park-Atherton AYSO kids bring home buckets of medals

By Cristian Ponce

Special to the Almanac

## SPORTS

More than 200 kids, ages 8 to 19, with the Menlo Park-Atherton AYSO program competed in the Pacific Coast Spring Soccer League and their teams brought home lots of medals.

The local program, with 16 teams in different age categories, competed in seven tournaments from January through May. "With the size of our (league), we're one of the most competitive regions in Northern California," said Kent Perkocha, director of the spring league for Menlo Park-Atherton AYSO.

The results, Perkocha said, were "fantastic," with all teams walking away with tournament medals.

The season started strong as the girls-under-12 team named Massacre, coached by Perkocha as well as Scott Lessing and

Michael Linnert, won the President's Cup in San Jose.

In April, Massacre and the boys-under-10 team named Red Dynamite took home medals at the Palo Alto Invitational.

The season wrapped up in May at the Davis World Cup, which draws 134 teams from throughout California on Memorial Day weekend. Red Dynamite took first place and these teams — BU10 White, BU10 Black, GU10 Flames and GU10 Firebolts — won medals as well.

Joanne Goldberg, registrar for Menlo Park-Atherton AYSO, said the fact that kids are returning year after year — instead of exiting for club soccer — has helped the program grow.

"The first year we participated, our teams got killed," she said. "As the years have gone



Photo by Joanne Goldberg

**Menlo Park** under-19 boys (in white) triumph over the host team on their way to winning the Davis "World Cup" championship, held each year on Memorial Day in Davis, California. Three Menlo Park teams won championships during the competition among teams from all over California.

by, our teams have gotten much stronger."

AYSO was founded in 1964 in Los Angeles. The Menlo Park-Atherton program traces back to 1968.

AYSO is an inclusive program for both children and parent volunteers in that anyone can

participate, Perkocha said.

A challenge to AYSO and other sports programs is the shortage of playing fields, Goldberg said. "It's going to be interesting going forward with more kids and more sports," she said. "We're kind of out of space."

Perkocha said he expects

the program to keep growing because of the increasing popularity of soccer. "A lot of the players and their families watch the college games, watch the Earthquakes, watch the national team on TV," he said.

Go to [www.mpsoccer.org](http://www.mpsoccer.org) for more information. ■

## Drought raises West Nile virus concerns

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One biological control method the district uses is to release bacterial predators in water where mosquito larvae are present. Another is to place mosquitofish that feed on the larvae in closed water systems such as ponds.

The district will deliver the fish to the public for free.

### Statewide activity

The level of West Nile virus activity is on the rise throughout California, according to the state's Department of Public Health. So far this year, 31 counties have reported virus activity, including seven in the nine-county Bay Area.

In addition to San Mateo County, Sonoma, Marin, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda and Santa Clara counties have all had West Nile virus activity this year. The number of California counties with virus activity is 10 more than this time last year and also well above the five-year average of 18, health department officials said.

To date, 240 mosquito samples have tested positive for the virus, six more than last year at this time.

### Horses

As for keeping horses safe, Ms. Peavey says she thinks most of

### HOW TO HELP

Chindi Peavey, manager of the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District, urges people to help the county watch for the virus by calling (877) 968-2473 to file a report within 24 hours of finding a dead bird, particularly a crow or blue jay.

Go to [westnile.ca.gov](http://westnile.ca.gov) to file the report online.

She also suggests calling the district at (650) 344-8592 if mosquitoes are biting in the area.

Prevention measures people can take on their own include eliminating standing water; wearing mosquito repellent, long pants and long sleeves when outside; and staying indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

the horses in the county are vaccinated with the possible exception of some "backyard horses."

Dr. Sinead Devine at Peninsula Equine Medical Center in Menlo Park says the only West Nile virus horse fatality she has seen was nine years ago. Most of the horses owned by clients of the center are vaccinated twice a year, in March or April, when the weather starts to turn, and then again in September.

"Because in this area there have always been (birds testing

positive) and mosquito pools ... we're trying to control what we can control," Ms. Peavey says.

She says she thinks the vaccination is effective and cost-effective (approximately \$40). The mortality rate for infected horses that haven't been vaccinated is reported to be as high as 33 percent.

The virus is not contagious from horse to horse or from horse to human. Both are considered dead-end hosts.

Dr. William St. Lawrence said he has never seen a case of West Nile virus in dogs or cats at his practice, Village Square Veterinary Hospital in Portola Valley. He says an infected dog could show flu-like symptoms, but "it's not a big deal."

The mosquito district maintains three flocks of sentinel chickens in the county to act as test subjects for the virus. They live in groups of 10 in the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve in Woodside, in San Mateo and East Palo Alto.

The chickens get blood drawn on a regular basis to see if they have developed any antibodies to the virus, something that would happen if they were bitten by an infected mosquito. So far none has tested positive. ■

Bay City News Service contributed to this report.



## TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Town Council Chambers (Historic Schoolhouse), 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California on the following:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 18 (ZONING), CHAPTER 18.04 (DEFINITIONS) AND CHAPTER 18.12 (R-E RESIDENTIAL ESTATE DISTRICT REGULATIONS) OF THE PORTOLA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE WITH REGARD TO REGULATIONS FOR SECOND UNITS. CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption per Section 15303, AND 15305 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

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Information pertaining to the proposal may be viewed at Town Hall Building and Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Planning Commission to be heard at the time and place mentioned above.

Dated: July 22, 2015  
Debbie Pedro, Planning Director

# Long-distance runner Ruth Anne Bortz dies at 84

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Ruth Anne Bortz of Portola Valley, a long-distance runner of marathons and back-country races, died July 14 at her home. She was 84.

Ms. Bortz grew up in Boston and attended Brimmer and May School, where she was president of the student government and a star athlete. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke College in 1952 and married Walter Bortz in 1953, having met him at a summer school at Harvard College.

The couple lived in Hawaii, New Orleans, Mill Valley and Munich, Germany, and spent eight years in Philadelphia, where they raised four children and where Dr. Bortz practiced medicine. In 1972, the family moved to Portola Valley, which Ms. Bortz called "the best place in the world."

As a couple, Walter and Ruth Anne ran road races all over the world — in China, London, New York and Boston, to name a few. Running "became the bastion of her life," Dr. Bortz said in an essay on the Huffin-

ton Post saying goodbye to his wife of 62 years.

Go to [tinyurl.com/Bortz715](http://tinyurl.com/Bortz715) to see the essay.

She started running at age 48 after coming home from a hard trek in Nepal, she said in an interview for a 2011 story in the Almanac. She raced in Dublin, Australia, Honolulu and Greece, and ran eight times in Boston, the nation's oldest marathon.

At the age of 71, Ms. Bortz finished the 2002 Boston marathon with a time of 5 hours and 46 minutes, 11 minutes behind her husband, according to Boston Athletic Association records. The couple were also running that marathon in 2013, when domestic terrorists struck, but were far from the finish line when the bombs went off.

She took first-place awards in Boston when she was 60 (with 10 women in her group) and 70 (with three women in the group). At 80, she ran Boston in 7 hours and 41 minutes, coming in second out of two women in her age group. Her husband was her support team for that race. He met her at six points along the course with M&Ms, peanuts and "a big smile," Ms. Bortz said.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**Long-distance runner** Ruth Anne Bortz of Portola Valley, shown here in 2011, ran in races around the world, including the Boston marathon eight times, winning a first there at age 60 and 70.

She had twice run and finished the Western States 100-Mile Endurance Run, a sub-30-

hour race along a mountainous route between Squaw Valley and Auburn, California. She

finished in 28 hours and 11 minutes in 1984, and 24:34 in 1986, according to race records.

When she wasn't away for a race, she could be seen training along Portola Valley roads, for many years with her close friend Nikki Weicker and later with a hand-held radio to keep herself company. She also used Windy Hill and other trails in town for training. To prepare for the 2011 marathon, she ran 50 miles a week, including eight 20-mile days.

White petunias and azaleas were among Ms. Bortz's favorite things, her family said. And Old English sheepdogs. And singing along with a piano on festive occasions, including "Oh, Susanna," "Bill Bailey" and "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

Ms. Bortz is survived by her husband; by her daughters Danna Breen of Portola Valley and Gretchen Lief of Montecito, California; sons Edward Bortz of Portland, Oregon, and Walter Bortz of Ukiah, California; her sister Joan Bryson of Weston, Massachusetts; and nine grandchildren.

The memorial for Ms. Bortz will be private for the family. ▣

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# Lyngso Garden Supply moving to San Carlos

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

As Theresa Lyngso was driving her mother, Mary Lyngso, to her home in Belmont recently they began noticing something they recognized on property after property they passed — stone from their family business, Lyngso Garden Materials.

“I recognized it,” Mary Lyngso said.

In the more than 60 years since John and Mary Lyngso started the company in the early 1950s, Lyngso has sold a lot of stone to Peninsula residents. The company sells not only stone — from tiny pebbles to giant boulders — but everything landscape related: organic compost, paving materials, garden ornaments, soil, mulch and construction materials.

John and Mary, who are now 87 and 85, are both long retired, but Terry Lyngso is the company president; daughter Linda Lyngso is vice president; and daughter Pam Parkinson is the company secretary. Even a third generation is involved: Pam’s daughter, Natalie Parkinson, works at the sales counter.

Even though they’re retired, the elder Lyngsos have been working hard lately, helping to plan the company’s move from its current location on Seaport Boulevard, just off U.S. 101 in Redwood City, to 345 Shoreway Road, east of 101 in San Carlos. The new location is just a few blocks from where Lyngso got its start, on Holly Street in San Carlos.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**Martin Hurst** carries a bag of lava rock to his vehicle from the area at Lyngso where customers can bag up small quantities of their own landscaping materials, everything from mulch to rocks.

## Longtime local family business moves back to its roots.

The business is moving because the family decided with all the changes taking place in Redwood City, it was the right time to sell the property, which they will do after the move, and buy a new property in San Carlos.

While the company is moving only three miles north, much will change. The new Lyngso yard will have three separate areas: one for those who want to bag their own garden materials, such as gravel, mulch and potting soil; an area for materials such as flagstone that are on pallets and have to be moved by forklift; and an area for the trucks filling up with tons of the same materials from giant bins.

Also, there will be more parking than in the current location.

John Lyngso says he got started in the business when he discovered, almost by accident, that there was a market for different types of gravel. He had been doing excavation work at the many new construction sites on the Peninsula, and selling topsoil from the excavations to those putting in landscaping, when a friend asked him to pick up a load of interestingly-colored gravel from Colfax, California. Everyone who saw



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**Lyngso Garden Supply** is a family-owned business including, from left, founders Mary and John Lyngso, company president Theresa (Terry) Lyngso and company secretary Linda Lyngso. They are in the company’s demonstration garden area with their dog Sparky.

the gravel wanted some, and a business was born.

At first John and Mary Lyngso ran the business, she in the office and he everywhere else, with just one helper. It was the type of company where the stone mixes were named after the owners’ daughters, including Terry Beach (no longer available), Pami Pebbles and Lin Creek.

The company moved to Redwood City in 1970, and by the time John Lyngso retired in the early 1980s, it had grown to 19 employees.

John Lyngso said he initially didn’t have much confidence in his eldest daughter’s ability to run the business, despite the fact that Terry had “been inside the (concrete) mixer with a little jackhammer” and up to the top of the silo that used to hold pre-mixed concrete. “I gave her two years before she bankrupted it,” he admitted.

Instead, under Terry Lyngso, who lived in Woodside until moving to Loma Mar a few years ago, the business took off. It now has more than 50 employees, offers weekend classes and clinics in everything from building stone walls to organic fertilizers, and is a resource for materials and information on organic and drought-tolerant gardening.

The new Lyngso building will be twice the size of the current building, with a dedicated classroom (instead of the cur-



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**Terry Lyngso** passes by huge bins that hold different sizes and colors of gravel and mulch at the company’s current Redwood City location. Each Lyngso daughter has a gravel mix named after her.

rent space carved out of the warehouse) and a sound-proofed shop.

“We’re going to have a nice display garden,” Terry Lyngso said. The garden will have walls and walkways made from stone carried by Lyngso, including forms of pervious paving that let rainwater seep into the ground instead of running off. They will have their own bio-retention area, where storm water from the property will be able to seep back into the groundwater supply instead of going into the storm drains.

The family is also excited about a soil mixing machine that will allow Lyngso to easily put together soil mixes customized to a customer’s needs using a conveyor belt connected to hoppers with variable speed motors.

The company also will be able to show off alternatives to lawns that customers have recently been looking for.

While she has “loved being in Redwood City,” Terry Lyngso said she is looking forward to returning to San Carlos. “I think it’s going to be a good home.” ▀



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# Wilmer Larsen, former principal, Ladera and Las Lomas schools

Wilmer Nyholm Larsen, who served as principal at Las Lomas School from 1969 to 1985, died June 28 in Santa Rosa, where he had lived for the past five years. He was 88.

He was born in Junction City, Oregon, to Danish parents. Danish traditions were very important to him throughout his life, say family members. He served as a radioman in the U.S. Navy in both World War II and the Korean War.

He attended Grant View College, where he met his future wife, Inger Jensen. They were married in 1950.

Knowing he wanted to be a teacher, Mr. Larsen attended the School of Education at the University of Washington and earned his bachelor's degree. The family moved to Menlo Park, where he taught fourth grade at Ladera School and



Wilmer Larsen

became principal in 1959. He completed his master's degree at Stanford University.

In 1968 Mr. Larsen took a year's sabbatical and earned a doctor of education degree from the University of Oregon. When he returned home, he became principal of Las Lomas School, a post he held until his retirement in 1985.

"He was a firm and respected leader, but he always retained a sense of playfulness," said his daughter Ellen Larsen. "He often joined children on the playground during recess and lunch breaks. They liked him, perhaps sensing he was something of a kid himself."

After retiring, he worked for the Association of California School Administrators as regional consultant for San Mateo and San Francisco counties.

It was important to the Larsens that family closeness be continued in the next generation. As testimony to this commitment, they hosted many gatherings that created bonds between relatives of all ages. "A Danish Christ-

**OBITUARIES**  
Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

mas Eve at Wil and Inger's was something that the whole family treasures and this tradition will carry on," said Ellen Larsen.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Inger; siblings Alfred Larsen, Dorothea Adaskin, Margaret Mills and Donald Larsen; his children, Nancy Chapin, Bruce Larsen, Peter Larsen, Kurt Larsen, Ronald Larsen, and Ellen Larsen; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. All plan to participate in Mr. Larsen's memorial at the end of July.

## Marymar Iverson

Marymar Warrington Iverson of Woodside, a highly respected mentor-teacher in the Redwood City School District, died June 28. She was 86.

Ms. Iverson grew up in Chicago and Mound, Minnesota, where she met her future husband, Orville Iverson, at age

17. In her 30s, she enrolled at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont to earn her degree and teaching certificate.

She brought joy, respect and self-esteem to the many children she taught over these years, family members say. Students often returned to visit her and express their gratitude.

The Iversons were members of Messiah Lutheran Church in Redwood City for 50 years. They also enjoyed their wine country bicycle group for many years. They continued through last November to have an annual dinner gathering at the Iverson home in Woodside.

Ms. Iverson is survived by her husband of 68 years, Orville; children Deanna, Rachel, Thom and Lora; sisters Ila Jean and Thalia, 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

## James E. Jervis

James E. Jervis, 79, died on May 31 at his home in Atherton after a two-year battle with melanoma.

He was an early employee of Raychem, where he worked for 38 years and held many patents. After retiring from Raychem he worked for General Surgical Innovations, AgileTV and Xoft.

Mr. Jervis was born in San

Francisco, but grew up in Palo Alto and Menlo Park. He was an Eagle Scout and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Stanford with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's in business administration.

He was a former member of the Saint Francis Yacht Club who had crewed on Trans Pac races. He enjoyed fishing and taking trips to Alaska, Patagonia, the Amazon and the Caribbean, the family said.

Mr. Jervis also liked woodworking. He designed and built classical Chinese furniture, and crafted toys and bedroom furniture for his three grandchildren.

Mr. Jervis and his wife, Sally, were married in 1962. They spent two years in England and Belgium with Raychem before building their home in Atherton in 1977, where Mr. Jervis enjoyed gardening.

Mr. Jervis is survived by his wife, Sally; children John Jervis and Amy Jervis; three grandchildren; a sister, Julia Jervis of Napa; and a brother, Lloyd Denny of Sacramento.

Go to [tinyurl.com/donate-jervis](http://tinyurl.com/donate-jervis) to make a gift to the Stanford Cancer Institute for melanoma research. Services have been held.

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# Cafe Zoe in Redwood City closes

## Menlo Park cafe continues

Although Cafe Zoe, a hub of community in the Willows neighborhood of Menlo Park, continues to keep its doors wide open, owner Kathleen Daly has announced she has closed its sister cafe in Redwood City after less than a year in operation.

The cafe at 2074 Broadway in downtown Redwood City closed

on July 8. A sign on the door said the decision to close was made "after thoughtful consideration."

"We have thoroughly enjoyed our time here in the downtown area," the sign said. "We are of the belief that our particular business model and product line does not fit with the dynamics of the Redwood City restaurant community."

The cafe opened in late summer 2014. Ms. Daly's daughter, Zoe,

for whom the cafes were named, was also involved in the business.

Cafe Zoe in Menlo Park opened in 2008, and has been embraced by the community at large and the Willows neighborhood in particular. Ms. Daly has been a frequent donor of food and beverages at local nonprofit events, and in 2013 was recognized by the city of Menlo Park for her efforts to rally the community in support of worthy causes.

# Actress portrays Julia Morgan at Menlo Park Library

By Cristian Ponce

Special to the Almanac

Julia Morgan, one of the most famous architects of the 20th century, will be portrayed by performer Jill Jackson in a free one-woman show at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at the Menlo Park Library.

Ms. Morgan became the first woman to be admitted into the architecture program at l'Ecole nationale superieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris and was also the first female architect licensed in California.

She was the architect of the Hearst Castle in San Simeon, Cal-

ifornia, and the redesign of the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, among many major projects.

In 1995, Ms. Jackson, a theatrical performer, producer and director, was approached to portray Julia Morgan for a California State Parks function.

Ms. Jackson replied: "Who's Julia Morgan?" The answer to that question led to her to write four Julia Morgan shows that she has performed in a number of venues.



Photo by Roxann Jacobus

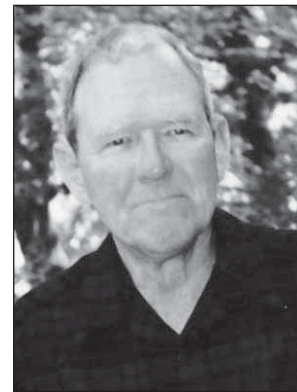
Jill Jackson

In addition to Ms. Jackson's performance, which includes a slide presentation, there will be a question-and-answer session with Roxan Jacobus, an expert on Julia Morgan and a retired state park ranger at the Asilomar state beach and conference center in Pacific Grove, California. Ms. Morgan designed many of the structures there.

The event is free, thanks to funding by the Friends of the Menlo Park Library. The library is located in the Menlo Park Civic Center at 800 Alma St. The library will close at 6 p.m. but will reopen for the 7 p.m. performance. ■

# Jeremy Alvin Spielman

Jeremy Alvin Spielman, aged 84 and a resident of Woodside California passed away peacefully, at home on July 5, 2015. Born in Los Angeles, Jerry moved to Los Altos and attended Los Altos Elementary school. His high school years were spent at the Puget Sound Naval Academy on Bainbridge Island Washington.



Before joining the Air Force in 1950 and serving four years, Jerry attended Colorado University, and after his service in the Air Force he received a BA in Economics from Stanford. Subsequently he received an MBA from Golden Gate University.

Jerry's career started in financial management where he served as CFO for Boole and Babbage and continued as a Financial Management Consultant in the Silicon Valley. He moved into commercial real estate sales and development where he managed his own company, SAS Commercial Real Estate.

Jerry was an avid golfer, belonging to the San Francisco Golf Club, the Menlo Country Club and the US Seniors Golf Association. Jerry loved to travel extensively, enjoying scuba diving vacations and trips to the far corners of the world. He spoke fondly about his most recent trip to Croatia.

Jerry especially enjoyed spending time with his friends through his affiliation with the Guardsmen, the Palo Alto Club and the Pacific Union Club.

He is survived by this daughter, Cailean Spielman Sherman, son in law, Robert Stanton Sherman III and grandson, Robert Campbell Sherman. He is preceded in death by this wife, Lynn Campbell Sherman.

A private service will be held. The family asks that donations be sent to your favorite charity.

PAID OBITUARY

# Atherton OKs basement ordinance

By Marina Temkin

Special to the Almanac

The Atherton City Council on July 15 approved changes to its ordinance regulating basements.

One of the main changes reduces the allowable building area for a basement that extends beyond the first floor of the main building. Under the current ordinance, the allowable building space for such basements is 130 percent of the total floor area of the first floor; the council action reduces that to 120 percent.

Another change to the code shifts routine review and

approval of basement extensions to the administrative staff from the Planning Commission. For example, the staff will now approve basement extensions under non-habitable accessory buildings, but the Planning Commission will continue to review basement extensions under all accessory buildings when windows are included.

Prior to bringing these changes to the council, the town's staff discussed all proposed modifications with members of the town's Builders Roundtable. Members were supportive of all changes, according to the staff report. ■

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### Mark Hanley

A memorial service was held July Fourth for Mark Patrick Hanley of Menlo Park, who died June 18 after a long battle with cancer. He was 52.

The service was held at St. Mark's Chapel in Palo Alto.

Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Mark was 3 years old when his fam-



Mark Hanley

ily moved to Southern California. He attended Laguna Beach High School, where he graduated magna cum laude. He earned a bachelor of arts degree at UCLA, where he was a member of the varsity debate team and Theta Xi fraternity.

He worked in the investment banking industry, becoming an equity partner at Laguna Partners LLC and, most recently, managing director at Alpha Strategies Inc.

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## Troop 206 honors three Eagle Scouts

Patrick Tornes, George Archbold and Cole Shaffer have all earned the rank of Eagle Scout and been recognized in a Court of Honor at Trinity Church in Menlo Park.

In the past 55 years, Troop 206, first chartered by Trinity Episcopal Church in Menlo Park, has advanced 177 scouts to Eagle rank. Its membership currently has 52 active scouts.

Patrick Tornes is the son of Jackie and James Tornes. He joined Cub Scouts in the first grade with Pack 222 in Menlo Park, then bridged to Troop 206 in 2008.

He has earned 33 merit badges and a bronze and a gold palm. He completed the National Youth Leadership Training program and is a

Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. A recent graduate of Woodside Priory, he played saxophone in the school's

Wind Symphony and enjoys playing guitar as a hobby. He is a member of the Student Life Advisory Committee and National Honor Society.

His Eagle project involved building three benches and installing a flagpole at Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. His project involved more than 250 volunteer hours.

George Archbold is the son



**Troop 206 Eagle Scouts** are, from left, George Archbold, Cole Shaffer and Patrick Tornes.

of Hana and John Archbold of Redwood City. He has taken part in many outdoor backpack trips, weekend camping, summer camps and training sessions. He earned 21 merit badges.

A graduate of Sequoia High School, where he was senior class president, class valedictorian, and captain on the water polo team, George attends

UCLA, working toward a degree in bioengineering.

His Eagle Scout project involved working on the tea garden at Sequoia High School, including building a bench and painting the bridge and pagoda.

Cole Shaffer, son of Corby Locke and Gary Shaffer of Atherton, has contributed 122 hours of community service and earned 33 merit badges.

For his Eagle project, Cole created four peace paths for Willow Oaks School, and painted a mural in the playground. Approximately 25 scouts assisted, contributing about 160 hours of service.

Cole is a recent graduate of Menlo-Atherton High School, where he played both football and lacrosse. His father, Gary, and older brother, Grant, are also both Eagle Scouts.

## Woodland School graduates 21

Submitted by Anita Grossman of Woodland School

A total of 21 eighth-graders graduated June 12 from Woodland School in Portola Valley.

The graduates are Tobias Braun, Mia Brooks, Jasmine Cheek, Celia Fritsch, Xenia Gonikberg, Ignatius Hayer, Drake Jordan, Henry Mallon, Amaia Minkowski, Eva Nemirovsky, Danielle Ness, Maxelle Phillips, Conor Pierce, Jaime Ramirez, Samantha Ramos, Svetlana Richter, Cecile Smith, Delphine Tan, Charu Tiwari, Avani Tumuluri and Madison van der Linde.

The graduates will attend these schools: East Side College Preparatory, Everest Public High School, Kehillah Jewish High School, Menlo School, Notre Dame High School, The Nueva School, Pinewood School, Sacred Heart Preparatory, Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts, Summit Preparatory Charter High School, Woodside Priory and Woodside High School.

Commencement exercises were held June 12. Head of School John Ora welcomed parents, guests, and students.

Following remarks by valedictorian Charu Tiwari and salutatorian Amaia Minkowski, Mr. Ora presented special recognition awards and awarded diplomas to the class of 2015.

Among graduates cited for special recognition were: Madison van der Linde, Capstone Award for her exemplary work on a year-long interdisciplinary project of global significance; Jasmine Cheek, Citizenship Award; and Celia Fritsch, Sempervirens Award for effort, character and scholarship.

"In addition to being the largest eighth-grade class in the school's 34-year history, the class of 2015 represents an unprecedented diversity of individual talents and strengths," said Mr. Ora. "We wish them the very best and look forward to their next accomplishments."

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**WOODSIDE**

**Injury accident:** Firefighters from the Woodside Fire Protection District used the Jaws of Life to free a man from an overturned pickup truck in the 400 block of Summit Springs Road. Medics took the driver to Stanford Hospital for treatment of his injuries, where he was also arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol. July 1.

**Animal bite:** A bicyclist called deputies to Roberts Market to report that he'd been bitten by an unleashed dog near the intersection of Sand Hill Road and Manzanita Way. The cyclist's calf and ankle were red and appeared to have two small punctures near his shin, but he refused medical attention. July 7.

**WEST MENLO PARK**

**Residential burglary:** Someone stole a laptop computer, clothing, credit cards and \$110 to \$130 in cash from unlocked vehicles parked in an open garage on Camino A Los Cerros. Estimated loss: \$3,180. July 1.

**Theft:** A thief got away with \$10 to \$15 in

cash from an unlocked vehicle parked on Stanford Avenue. July 2.

**MENLO PARK**

**Residential burglaries:**

■ Someone broke into a home on Valparaiso Avenue and stole jewelry and two laptop computers. Estimated losses: \$2,900. July 6.

■ A resident of Oak Knoll Lane told police that she had suspicions that someone had tried to enter her home through an open window, but that her dog scared away the would-be burglar. July 6.

■ A resident of Trinity Drive found evidence of someone prying at a sliding door at the rear of the house, but no evidence that anyone had gotten inside. July 9.

■ Someone tried to enter a home on Berkeley Avenue through a bathroom window, but was unsuccessful. July 6.

**Auto burglaries:**

■ A purse and a laptop computer were stolen from a vehicle parked in the 1800 block of El Camino Real and found with the front passenger window smashed. Estimated loss: \$1,600. July 5.

■ Someone broke into a vehicle parked on Crane Street and stole a handicap placard. July 6.

**Thefts:** An unlocked mountain bike was stolen from the front lawn of a home on Chester Street. Estimated loss: \$9,000. July 7.

■ As a resident of the 1500 block of Willow Road was moving out of the residence, someone stole a laptop computer and monitor from a storage locker. Estimated loss: \$1,790. July 8.

■ A bike locked to a bike rack was stolen from an apartment complex in the 1600 block of El Camino Real. Estimated loss: \$330. July 8.

■ Someone stole an unlocked bike from a residential parking area on Middle Avenue. Estimated loss: \$100. July 8.

■ Two people, including a suspect in a similar incident in June, allegedly stole a case of Coors Light beer from the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real. Estimated loss: \$18. July 4.

■ In a reported theft on Cambridge Avenue, someone stole the contents of a mailbox, including two checks. No estimate on losses. July 4.

**Brandishing incident:** A verbal fight over a panhandling location at Creek Drive and El Camino Real led to one person brandishing a handgun at the other, then fleeing the scene. July 9.

**Fraud:** A resident of Hamilton Avenue wired money to a stranger after receiving an invitation over the phone to invest in a business of cleaning foreclosed homes. Estimated loss: \$800. July 6.

# July 28 trial set for Belle Haven murder

The jury trial of Jermaine Jones is set to begin Tuesday, July 28, at 8:30 a.m. in San Mateo County Superior Court.

Prosecutors are seeking a sentence of life in prison without parole for Mr. Jones, who is 42, a parolee and is accused of shooting 19-year-old Carl Purvis Jr. on Aug. 18, 2011, while Mr. Purvis was driving through the Belle Haven area of Menlo Park. Mr. Purvis bled to death a few blocks from the scene, prosecutors said.

Detectives arrested Mr. Jones in Stockton after an investigation. He has been in jail on a no-bail status.

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# Man pleads no contest to burglary

One of two Arizona men accused of burglarizing a Woodside home in 2012 pleaded no contest on July 13 to one count each of burglary, grand theft and possession of stolen property, all felonies, in exchange for three years in state prison, according to San Mateo County prosecutors.

Michael Hunter Wallen, 49, agreed to a plea bargain with Criminal Presiding Judge Leland Davis; prosecutors wanted a six-year prison term, District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said in a report. Mr. Wallen is scheduled for sentencing

on Aug. 7 and remains in jail on \$500,000 bail, Mr. Wagstaffe said.

The co-defendant in the case, Bradley Sullivan, 52, is facing the same charges but opted for a trial, which began July 15.

The two men flew to the Bay Area in March 2012 and, while here, allegedly burglarized an unoccupied Woodside home and stole jewelry with an estimated value of \$30,000 to \$50,000, prosecutors said.

A video recording from a neighbor's surveillance camera showed two men pulling up in front of the

victims' home in a rental car and emerging from the car, prosecutors said. One man walked up to the home while the other stayed behind to hide the car's license plate number, but not before the camera recorded it, prosecutors said.

An investigation led detectives to the defendants' home in Glendale, Arizona, prosecutors said. Detectives with a search warrant allegedly found jewelry matching descriptions of the jewelry stolen from the Woodside home, prosecutors said.

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The August 12, 2015 Town Council meeting will be the first regular meeting to reflect this new start time.

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Watch for our 2016 contest next April. ▣

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# Here are the winners



## RESTAURANTS

### American

Flea Street Cafe  
3607 Alameda De Las Pulgas  
Menlo Park

### Casual Dining

Cafe Borrone  
1010 El Camino Real #110  
Menlo Park

### Chinese Restaurant

P.F. Chang's  
Stanford Shopping Center  
Palo Alto

### Dine With Kids

Jeffrey's Hamburgers  
898 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

### French Restaurant

Left Bank  
635 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park

### Italian Restaurant

Carpaccio  
1120 Crane St, Menlo Park

### Japanese

Fuki Sushi  
4119 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

### Mexican Restaurant

Cafe Del Sol  
1010 Doyle St, Menlo Park

### New Restaurant

Firehouse Bistro  
2991 Woodside Rd, Woodside

### Best Outdoor Dining

Cafe Borrone  
1010 El Camino Real #110  
Menlo Park

### Best Romantic Restaurant

The Village Pub  
2967 Woodside Rd, Woodside

## FOOD & DRINK

### Bakery

Angel Heart Cakes  
3716 Florence St, Redwood City

### Breakfast

Buck's of Woodside  
3062 Woodside Rd, Woodside

### Dessert

Angel Heart Cakes  
3716 Florence St  
Redwood City

### Hamburgers

Dutch Goose  
3567 Alameda De Las Pulgas  
Menlo Park

### Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt

Queen Bee  
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### Independent Coffee/ Tea House

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### Pizza

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1001 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

### Place to Buy Meat

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### Sandwiches

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Ladera Cleaners  
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### Fitness Classes

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3536 Alameda De Las Pulgas  
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### Florist

Ladera Garden & Gifts  
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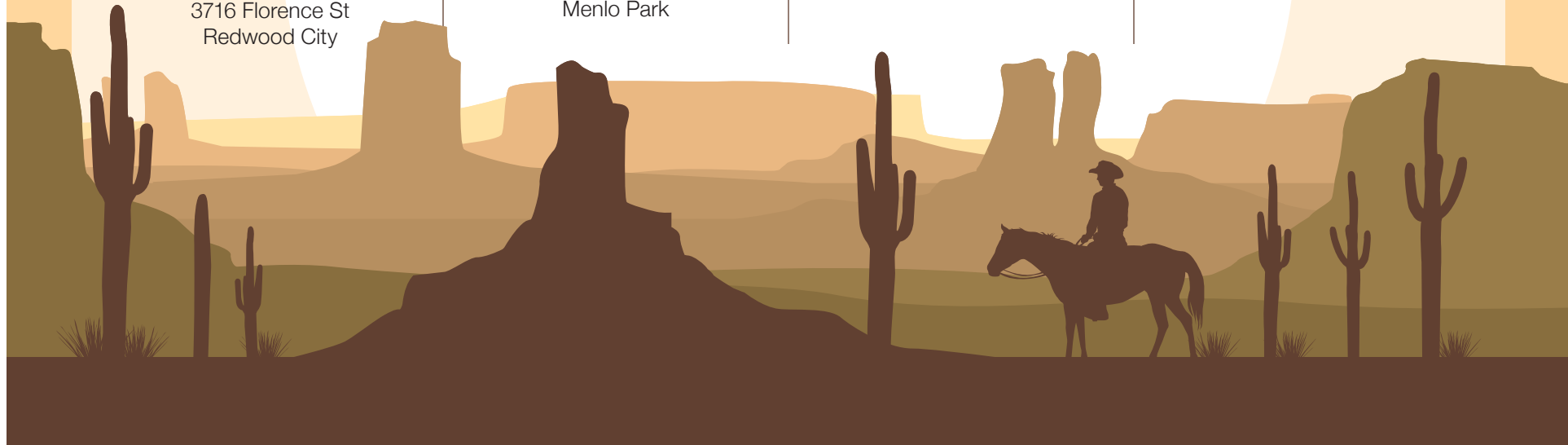
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### Place for a Date

Flea Street Cafe  
3607 Alameda De Las Pulgas  
Menlo Park

### Place to Meet People

Café Borrone  
1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park



Restaurants

**AMERICAN RESTAURANT, PLACE FOR A DATE**

"Farm to table" was Jesse Cool's mantra long before it became a cliché in the food industry. Owner of **Flea Street Cafe**, which won awards in two categories, Ms. Cool has been a leader in the sustainable food movement, serving only fresh, in-season, organic and local ingredients since her Menlo Park restaurant opened more than 35 years ago. Chef/owner Carlos Canada works with Ms. Cool to present a menu of "old-fashioned recipes with a modern twist." Recent offerings included grilled yellow peach and burrata salad, a summer vegetable tasting, pasture-raised chicken, Webb Ranch berry tart and strawberry shortcake. What could be more American? The soft lighting, series of nested rooms, and background of cool jazz make Flea Street

Cafe our readers' ideal choice for a cozy dinner for two. *3607 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park | (650) 854-1226*

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**Cafe Borrone** continues to be one of the most popular gathering spots in Menlo Park — as any visitor to the plaza in front of the cafe and neighboring Kepler's bookstore can see. Enjoying breakfast, lunch or dinner outside or indoors has been a favorite pastime of area residents for more than 25 years. The restaurant was opened by Roy and Rose Borrone, and is now operated by daughter Marina Borrone and her husband, chef Josh Pebbles. In crafting the menu, Josh and Marina focus on choosing sustainable fish and organic meats, and supporting local farms. Friday night diners are often treated to the sounds of Clint Baker's Borrone All Stars jazz band. "We absolutely love sharing life



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Flea Street Cafe founder Jesse Cool, left, with executive chef and business partner Carlos Canada in their Menlo Park restaurant, which won this year's poll for favorite American restaurant and place for a date.

with the community," Marina says. "It's family with extended family." *1010 El Camino Real, #110, Menlo Park | 650-327-0830; cafeborrone.com*

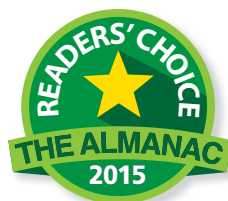
**CHINESE RESTAURANT**  
**P.F. Chang's** at Stanford Shopping Center has won the Readers' Choice award for favorite Chinese restaurant.

Manager Danielle Eastman attributes its popularity to the friendly staff and, of course, the food. The old classics are still there but new choices,



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## Readers' Choice 2015



Photo courtesy of Fuki Sushi

A closeup of some of the sushi at Palo Alto's Fuki Sushi, winner of the favorite Japanese restaurant category for its diverse menu prepared by chefs from Japan and featuring delicately crafted sushi rolls and fresh seafood.

such as the Dynamite Scallop Roll and the Lobster Avocado Roll, keeps diners coming back, she says. In addition to the variety of meat, chicken, seafood and vegetarian options, customers like the restaurant's ability to handle large parties. **900 Stanford Shopping Center Bldg. W, Palo Alto | (650) 330-1782**

### DINE WITH KIDS

**Jeffrey's Hamburgers**, winner of the Readers' Choice award in the Dine with Kids category, offers menu choices that will satisfy adults as well as children, says Serge Karanov, owner of the Menlo Park restaurant that appeals to families. In addition to burgers, hot dogs and milkshakes, there are a variety of other sandwiches, plus burger bowls, salads and seafood. Customers give the restaurant high marks for cleanliness and creating a family-friendly atmosphere. The fresh ground beef, of course, is a big draw. **888 El Camino Real Menlo Park | (650) 322-1959**

### FRENCH RESTAURANT

**Left Bank** French brasserie, in downtown Menlo Park, is even more popular with local diners since it expanded its outdoor sidewalk seating. Opened in 1998, the restaurant was completely remodeled in 2008. Classic brasserie items, such as steak frites, onion soup, cassoulet, and escargot, are available, however, since July 1 there is a renewed emphasis on farm-to-table and organic products

at all five left Bank restaurants, says general manager Edmond Zencirci. Late summer specialties include heirloom tomato salad, and a salad of locally raised spinach, Frog Hollow Farm apricots and pecans. For a sweet finale, try the profiteroles with chocolate sauce. **635 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 473-6543**

### ITALIAN RESTAURANT

"It's very heartening that people are so loyal. We're lucky to have so many friends, They're like family to us," says managing partner Ciya Martorana upon hearing that once again Almanac readers have declared **Carpaccio** their No. 1 choice for gracious dining in a Tuscan atmosphere. You'll find all the Italian classics, such as lasagne, cannelloni, eggplant Parmesan and tiramisu at Carpaccio, but chef Chay Mendez keeps things lively with his weekly specials. Recent specials have included bruschetta with cherry tomatoes, arugula and burrata cheese with prosciutto, and risotto with spring vegetables. Another new addition, banana cream pie, is proving to be a big hit with diners, says Ciya, whose business partners are Bob Columbo and Aaron Ferrer. **1120 Crane Street, Menlo Park | (650) 322-1211**

### JAPANESE RESTAURANT

According to General Manager Lumi Gardner, a factor that makes **Fuki Sushi** stand out is its diverse menu. "Our amazing chefs from Japan in

team with our serve staff and management is how we can execute this menu," she said. In addition to the delicately crafted sushi rolls with well-cooked rice and fresh seafood, some of the most popular items on the menu include the warm and light Miso Soup and the tasty Udon noodles. The dine-in restaurant has varying atmospheres, from a lively sushi bar to casual tables and the private tatami rooms in the back. **4119 El Camino Real, Palo Alto | (650) 494-9383**

### MEXICAN RESTAURANT

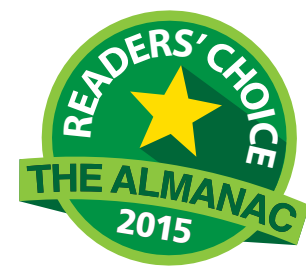
**Cafe Del Sol** won Readers' Choice laurels again in the Mexican restaurant category. It's a popular dining spot for locals seeking modern Mexican cuisine. They say they like the variety of its fresh and tasty choices. In addition to classic ceviche, the restaurant recently added to its menu La Jolla ceviche, as well as ribs with three different kinds of sauces, and a special side of orange rice. Owner Lionel Diaz says the kitchen pays close attention to preparation of meat and chicken, and samples the food every day to make sure the taste is just right. **1010 Doyle St # 1, Menlo Park | (650) 326-2501**

### NEW RESTAURANT

The award for favorite new restaurant goes to the **Firehouse Bistro** in Woodside. Owners LeeAnn and Bill Gilbert have owned the building

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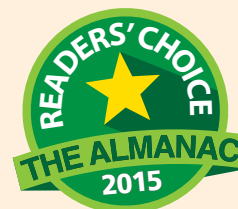
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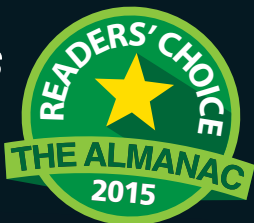
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## Readers' Choice 2015



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Woodside's Firehouse Bistro is this year's winner for favorite new restaurant. Owners Bill and LeeAnn Gilbert have hired chef Nate Tauer, above, to prepare "high quality food at reasonable rates" and have decorated the historic fire station with an elegant but rustic touch.

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for many years, and when it became vacant recently, decided to open their own restaurant. The two aren't novices. They have had a Lake County restaurant for 12 years and ran a hotel for 20 years. LeeAnn Gilbert says she thinks customers "are happy that we have high quality food at reasonable rates," and also appreciate the restaurant's elegant, yet rustic decor with a touch of whimsy. Chef Nate Tauer, who previously worked at Bouchon, is "a fanatic" about only using the best ingredients and sources, Ms. Gilbert says. Many of the fresh vegetables and some of the wine come from the

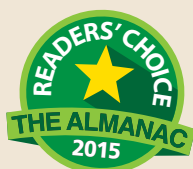
Gilberts' Lake County ranch. "We don't have anything in the freezer except our ice cream," Ms. Gilbert said. They have been serving dinner only on Tuesdays to Sundays, from 5 to 10 p.m., as well as private parties, but hope to soon start serving Sunday brunch. **2991 Woodside Road, Woodside | (650) 851-4988**

### ROMANTIC RESTAURANT

Deep burgundy walls, white linen covered tables glowing with candlelight and set far enough apart for intimate conversation, **The Village Pub** is the perfect place for a romantic evening, be it "getting to know you" or an anniversary

celebration. Handsome decor is only a small part of the Pub's success. The impeccable food and professional service make this one of the Bay Area's highest rated restaurants. Fresh produce from the restaurant's 17-acre SMIP Ranch in Woodside, as well as high quality meat, fish and ingredients, is prepared by executive chef Dmitry Elperin. A recent menu offered such entrees as sesame crusted squab with seared foie gras and sauteed ramps and grilled rack of pork with peach mostarda and crispy squash blossoms. **2967 Woodside Road, Woodside | (650) 851-9888**

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**Angel Heart Cakes** is named for co-owner Debbie Umphrey's grandmother's angel food cake recipe, but the bakery, which opened in 2011, produces so much more. There are devils' food, coconut, and carrot cakes, cupcakes, tarts, puddings, pocket-pies and many "grab and go" breakfast items, such as mini angel food cakes, quick breads and individual quiches. There are also gluten-free treats including macarons. Co-owners Debbie Umphreys and Chris Rivera, have been busy providing baked goods for nearby busi-



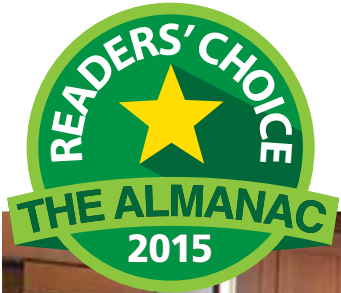
Photo courtesy of Angel Heart Cakes

Angel Heart owners Debbie Umphrey (third from left) and Chris Rivers (far right) show off some of the cakes that have helped them win for favorite bakery and place for dessert.

ness, including Facebook, and desserts for ZeroCater. While they have discontinued their wholesale business, many

former wholesale customers continue to stop by and pick

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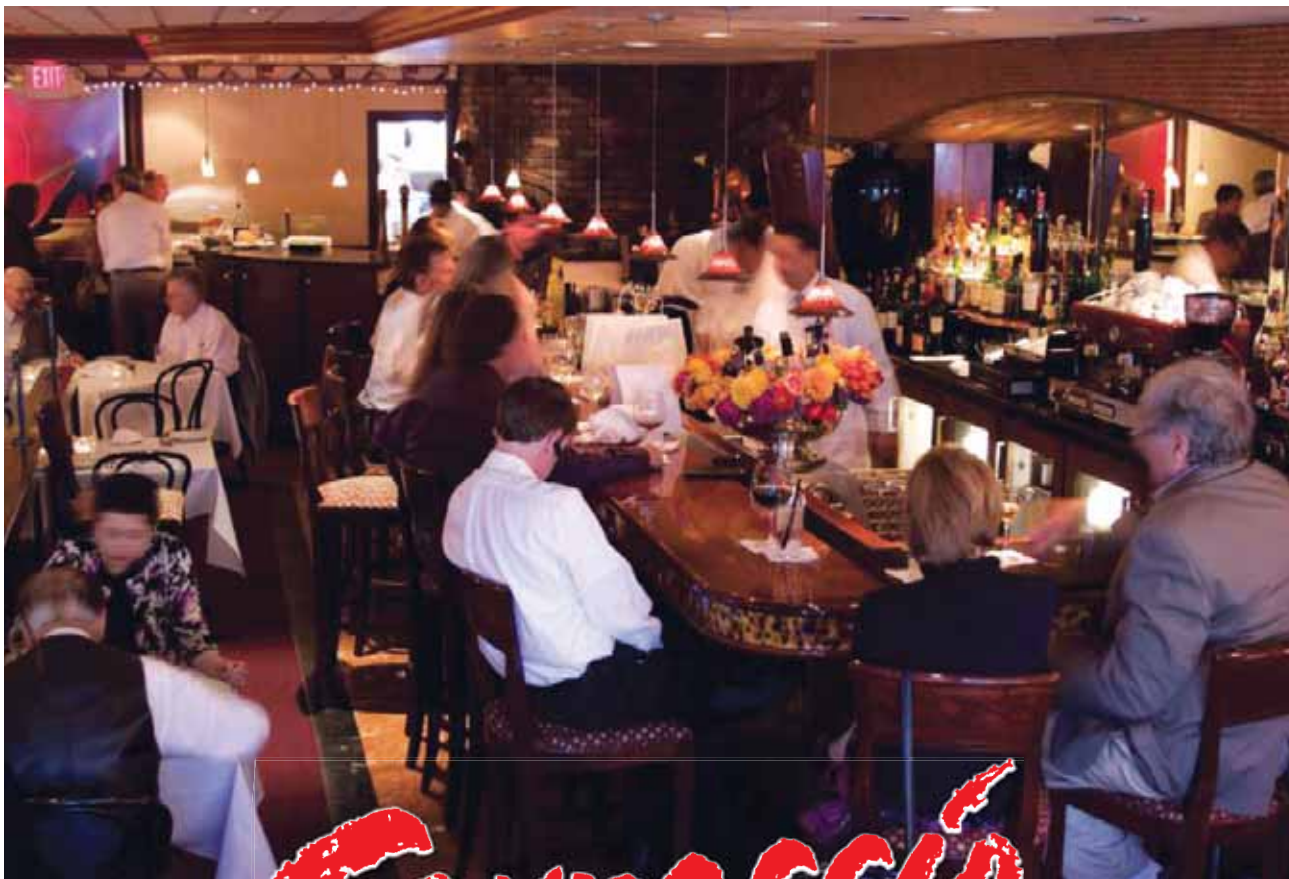


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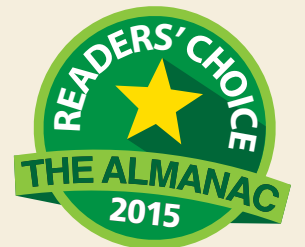
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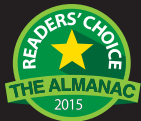
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## Readers' Choice 2015



Photo courtesy of Buck's of Woodside

Jamis MacNiven, who owns Buck's of Woodside with his wife Margaret, poses with a stack of pancakes in front of some of the whimsical decor that has made the restaurant a stop for tour buses and this year's winner for favorite place for breakfast.

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up their cakes at the bakery, says Chris. **Marsh Manor**, 3716 Florence St., Redwood City | (650) 363-2253

### BREAKFAST

The award for favorite breakfast place goes to **Buck's of Woodside**, the iconic Woodside restaurant that may be more famous for its decor than its food. "The secret to Buck's is our staff," says Jamis MacNiven, who owns the restaurant with his wife, Margaret. "Some have been around so long that they speak the local Indian language. The food is good, sure, but the other side of the equation is the customers. People like to be with other people having fun. Oh, and the babies. In almost 25 years we have never had a bad baby." Breakfast is served Monday through Friday until 11 a.m. and weekends and holidays until 2:30 p.m. 3062 Woodside Road, Woodside | (650) 851-8010

### HAMBURGERS

The award for favorite hamburger goes to **The Dutch Goose**, a Menlo Park institution for decades. While the

Dutch Goose has been in Menlo Park forever, it recently closed to make the restaurant completely ADA compliant and just reopened on May 22. Owner Greg Stern says the Goose took the opportunity to add a pizza oven, and started serving pizza in June. "We could not have made the improvements without the support of the Beltramo family (our landlord) and the expertise of Midglen Studios (Steve Patrick) and County Restaurant Supply (Scott Krampert)," Mr. Stern said. 3567 Alameda de las Pulgas | 854-3245

### ICE CREAM, FROZEN YOGURT

**Queen Bee**, winner of the Readers' Choice award in the ice cream/frozen yogurt category, serves some of the Bay Area's finest ice cream, including Marianne's from Santa Cruz, which has been made since 1958, says owner DeAndra Axlund. "We're an old fashioned mom and pop shop," he says. Among items offered by Queen Bee are ice cream sandwiches, malts, banana splits and ice cream filled cupcakes, to name a few. Besides the sweets, he says, the family-friendly environment

keeps bringing the customers back. 3716 Florence St., Redwood City | (650) 787-5239.

### PIZZA

**Applewood Pizza** in Menlo Park takes the Reader's Choice award again for favorite pizza place. The Applewood menu has many options, including a lunch special of a personal pizza and drink for under \$10. Customers like the variety of toppings, such as barbecue chicken, bell peppers, Canadian bacon, prawns and smoked salmon. Those who order a pre-made pizza have choices, too, including the Florentine pizza with marinated artichokes, mushrooms, bell peppers and fresh tomatoes. In addition to pizza and pasta, Applewood serves Hungarian food, such as Hungarian goulash and langos (Hungarian garlic bread). 1001 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 324-3486

### PLACE TO BUY MEAT, GROCERY STORE

Shopping at **Draeger's** has become a way of life for generations of local residents dating from 1955 when the market first opened in a Quonset hut at 1010 University Drive. The family-owned store features a vast selection of everything from caviar to corn flakes. "Shoppers keep returning to the store because of the freshness and high quality of the products. Because the store is a small, locally owned and operated company, we are probably best connected with the local producers," says Richard Draeger, one of the 10 children of the late Frank Draeger. (Frank was the son of founder Gustave Draeger.) "There are five of us who work here on an everyday basis," says Richard. Some of the next generation is also working in the business, the fourth generation to do so. The meat and fish department is staffed with trained butchers, who are happy to give extra service, such as cubing beef for a stew or splitting ham hocks. "That's something you don't see much of these days," Richard Draeger says. 1010 University Drive, Menlo Park | (650) 324-7700

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Photo courtesy of Queen Bee Ice Cream

Owners Ken and DeAndra Axlund, owners of Queen Bee Ice Cream, behind the counter of their Redwood City store, this year's winner for favorite ice cream/frozen yogurt shop.

#### BEST SANDWICH

**Woodside Deli**, winner of the Readers' Choice award in the best sandwich category, has been making old-fashioned sandwiches for generations,

says Gina Carle, daughter of the owner of the restaurant. It's the traditional Italian feel that is incorporated into the food and signature sandwich-

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Draeger's co-owner John F. Draeger (left) and meat manager Tom Henning pose with some of the store's offerings, which helped it win not only favorite grocery store but also favorite place to buy meat.

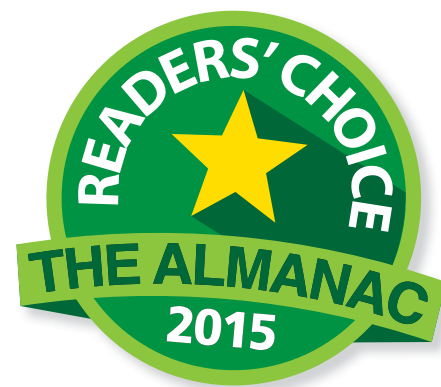
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es (such as The Godfather) that keeps people coming back for more, she says. Besides sandwiches, Woodside Deli offers products it makes, such as pasta sauces, raviolis and salads. The deli sells a variety of imported meats, cheeses, wines, pas-

tas, olive oils, vinegars, cookies and canned goods. **1453 Woodside Road, Redwood City | (650) 369 4235**

### TAKEOUT

It's the speed, quality, consistency and cleanliness that keep customers coming back to **Su Hong To-Go**, said Heidi

Murphy, the takeout manager. "Most of our customers are with us for many, many years," she said. Over the past 30 years, the menu has stayed "pretty much the same," a characteristic that will apply to the restaurant's menus for the foreseeable future, she said. **630 Menlo Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 322-4631**

## Service

### AUTO REPAIR

The recognition for favorite auto repair shop for 2015 goes to **Portola Valley Garage**, a specialist in the repair of European vehicles. In an online testimonial, a BMW owner called the management "knowledgeable, straight-shooters and a pleasure to work with." Owner Tom Ramies says the garage is now a dealer for Bosch automotive parts and for Dinan, a maker of performance parts for BMW vehicles. **4170 Alpine Road, Portola Valley | (650) 851-7442**



Photo courtesy of Portola Valley Garage

Owner Tom Ramies says his Portola Valley Garage, winner for favorite auto repair shop, specializes in repair of European vehicles and also carries parts by Bosch and Dinan.

### BARBER

Some clients of **Moses Hairstyling**, winner of the Readers' Choice award in the Barber category, refer to Moses Moreno as the "hair magician" and even their personal "therapist." His hair-grooming process and attention to detail is what he is known for, but his personality and care for each

client is what keeps them loyal. Clients say he leaves them feeling refreshed, polished and confident about their appearance. What he's most proud of, he says, is the difference he makes in the lives of his clients and the friendships he builds along the way. **1110 Crane St, Menlo Park | (650) 322-8822.**

### DAY SPA

The award for day spa goes to **Sense** in the Rosewood Sand Hill hotel complex. The natural surroundings of the spa, with gardens and views of the Santa Cruz Mountains, make this a popular destination for local residents. In operation since

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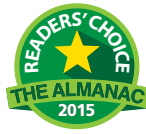
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Moses Moreno (right) in his Crane Street shop, Moses Hairstyling, the winner in the favorite barber category. He says he is most proud of the difference he makes in the lives of his clients.

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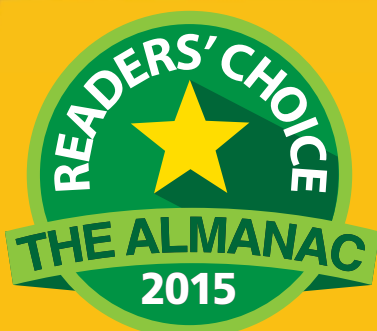
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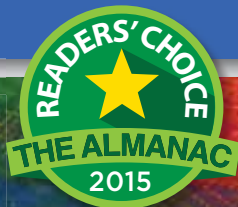
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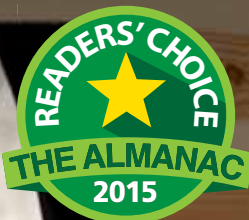
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Maxime Cormier, spa director at Sense Spa at Rosewood Sand Hill, shows how relaxing the spa can be. Sense Spa won the Readers' Choice poll in the spa category. The spa is surrounded by gardens and views of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

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2009, the spa has 13 treatment rooms and men's and women's locker rooms, each with a relaxation area, wet lounge and outdoor courtyard with whirlpool. At the center of the spa, a co-ed relaxation lounge opens into a courtyard with a fountain. Sense spa has a Duet Suite with outdoor garden and whirlpool, movement studio with group fitness classes, and hair and nail salons. The fitness center offers a fitness and wellness suite from Technogym 2825 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park | (650) 561-1500

### DRY CLEANER

This is the first time **Ladera Cleaners** has won a Readers'

Choice award. Often you have to go to several places to get the gown fitted properly, repair the moth hole in your blazer and get your laundry and dry cleaning done. Ladera Cleaners, located in the Ladera Country Shopper mall, does it all, from simple laundry to alterations and re-weaving. Locals who have been using Ladera Cleaners for years say they started because of the location but stayed because of the service. 3130 Alpine Road, Portola Valley | (650) 854-2291

### FITNESS CLASSES, GYM, YOGA

**Studio Rincon** swept the fitness field by racking up Readers' Choice awards in three

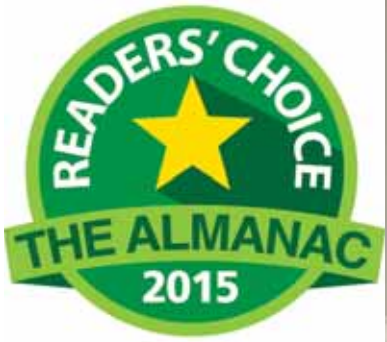
categories: fitness classes, gym and yoga. Manager Libby Shelton says customers like the tight-knit community of participants who take its classes, which range from Pilates and Zumba to various levels of yoga. Studio Rincon continues to add classes to its schedule, including a new boot camp class at 6:30 a.m. for those who want an all-body workout. There are different levels of fitness classes based on the participant's age and condition. For the youth, there are summer camps and fall dance classes starting the day after Labor Day. 3536 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park | (650) 861-0242

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Photo courtesy of Studio Rincon

A tight-knit community of participants who take classes ranging from Pilates to Zumba at Studio Rincon in Menlo Park helped it sweep three categories: fitness classes, gym and yoga. The studio also has offerings for kids: summer camps and fall dance classes.



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### FLORIST, NURSERY

The choice of Almanac readers in 2015 in two categories — florist and nursery is **Ladera Garden & Gifts**, located in the Ladera Country Shopper mall. Co-owner Mercedes Navarro attributes the popularity of her business to a combination of a variety of plants and gifts, excellent service and hard-working employees with good attitudes. The store's appeal may also have something to do with a continuous influx of new items, Ms. Navarro said. "Maybe that's part of it," she said. "You don't see (the new items) in other places." 3130 Alpine Road, Suite 380, Portola Valley | (650) 854-3850

### HAIR SALON

**Olive Hill Salon** has been voted favorite hair salon for the third year in a row. Owner Danielle Casa says Olive Hill currently has six stylists "who are always going the extra mile for our guests." She and her employees participate in charity events for the environment and other causes. This year, it was an Earth Day cut-a-thon to raise money to provide clean water for people who live without it. Also, there was a breast cancer research fundraiser. Next year the salon plans to repeat those and add two more fundraisers, she says. "We work hard to make everyone's experience the best it can be," Ms. Casa says. "We have many new guests walking through our door each week and we want them to feel as welcome as our clients we've known for years." 2920 Woodside Road, Woodside | (650) 851-1150

### HOTEL

The award for favorite hotel goes to **Rosewood Sand Hill**, carrying on its seven-year Readers' Choice winning streak. Rosewood continues to be a leading hotel, dining and social destination for Silicon Valley. Named a five-star hotel by Forbes Travel Guide this year, the property's 121 guestrooms and suites, award-winning spa and Michelin-starred dining experience at Madera (the hotel's signature restaurant) make an appealing combination for the area's entrepreneurs as well



Photo courtesy of Guy Plumbing

Dylan Guy is at latest generation of Guy's to be involved in the Menlo Park business, now in its 67th year and winner for favorite plumbing shop. The company has a showroom on El Camino Real.

as business and leisure travelers from around the world. 2825 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park | (650) 961-1500

### MANICURE/PEDICURE

Hanh Hong and her mother Mai are co-owners of **A Touch of Elegance** in Menlo Park. They are going into their 16th year offering manicures, pedicures, waxing, and eye lash extensions with expert service. Hahn and Mai understand how important their customers are and always call them by name and know their needs. Their salon is dressed in a sea of orchids — initially Mai's hobby and now an opportunity for customers to buy them. 1150 Crane St., Menlo Park | (650) 321-0679

### PLUMBING

**Guy Plumbing**, a family owned and operated business now in its 67th year, is the winner, once again, of the favorite plumbing honors in the Readers' Choice polling. With the benefit of four generations of plumbing expertise, Guy Plumbing is an established member of a referral network of trusted local services and vendors, Showroom Man-

ager Camille Guy said. A staff knowledgeable in plumbing services and parts, and a showroom with a substantial inventory of high quality products rounds out the picture. With the ongoing drought, water-conservation devices are a particular focus for 2015, Ms. Guy says. 1265 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 323-8421

### TRAVEL AGENCY

**AAA Travel Services**, winner of the Readers' Choice award for favorite travel agency, aims to satisfy the varying needs of customers, whether the destination is domestic or international, says John Pesqueria, an AAA travel agent. AAA pays attention to detail, he says, not just in booking flights and hotels, but in providing information, such as tour books and the AAA specialty, maps. Travel agent Linda Williams points out that dealing with an established company like AAA gives customers comfort. They also like the benefits, such as discounts on hotels and on particular vacation destinations. 430 Forest Ave., Palo Alto | (650) 798-3200.

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## Retail

### BICYCLE SHOP

**Menlo Velo Bicycles**, frequent winner of the Readers' Choice award for Bicycle Shop, strives to connect with every customer who drops in, says owner Rainer Zaechelein. Customers like to visit the shop, he adds, because they expect a level of personal assistance they wouldn't likely find at bigger outlets. Keeping stock up to date is a primary priority, Mr. Zaechelein points out. In addition to selling cycling goods and servicing bikes, Menlo Velo rents out road bikes and town bikes for those 18 and over. *433 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 327-5137*

### BOOKSTORE

Even though **Kepler's Books** has traditionally won the top Readers' Choice prize in the bookstore category, the adage "Some things never change" would be greatly off the mark when speaking about this Menlo Park institution. "We are gradually and successfully transforming Kepler's from a traditional for-profit bookstore into a membership-driven institution with a mission of deepening literacy and providing cultural enrichment for our community," says Praveen Madan, Kepler's community engagement officer. "This year we completed a successful nonprofit pilot program to organize literary events and donate books at all seven public schools in East Palo Alto and Belle Haven, and reached over 1,300 students," he says. Another exciting change: The store is hosting a weekly radio show in partnership with journalist Angie Coiro, who interviews a range of authors. It's also developing a monthly book subscription service. Its new nonprofit events organization "has a stellar events program lined up for the fall" with Meg Clayton, Adam Johnson, David Shields and others, Mr. Madan says. *1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 324-4321*

### BOUTIQUE, GIFT & NOVELTY

Although **Shady Lane** just moved to Menlo Park in March, readers have already



Photo courtesy of Shady Lane

Alice Deutscher, owner of Shady Lane, says that although the store has been in Menlo Park only since March, it was in Palo Alto for 40 years, which may help to explain why it won in two categories.

named it a first time winner in both Boutique and Gift & Novelty categories. "We were in business in Palo Alto for 40 years and have a wonderful following," says owner Alice Deutscher. The shop is now housed in an octagon building in Sharon Heights Shopping Center. "A customer told us about the space and when I saw it I knew in my heart it was for us," says Alice. The shop features 15 artists who only sell at Shady Lane. Items also come from all over the world. Handmade gift items include jewelry, ceramics, glass, woodworking and textiles. "Our gifts are beautifully wrapped and we welcome returns. We also have old fashioned layaway," says Alice. *325 Sharon Park Drive, Menlo Park | (650) 321-1099*

### FLOOR COVERINGS

The award goes to **Menlo Flooring and Design**, owned by Eugene Perez, who says customers, both homeowners and trade professionals, like the wide variety of options offered to meet their flooring needs. The store has been

adding green and environmentally friendly products, including tiles of natural stone, cork floors and natural wool carpets. Customers appreciate, too, that Mr. Perez is all-local. He not only runs his business in Menlo Park, he lives there, too. His aim, he says, is to continue to provide the level of "good old fashioned" customer service that has been the store's hallmark for more than 20 years. *905 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 305-1099*

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plies for sale at discounts to teachers and students. "If it's creative," UArt posts on its website, "it's here." **2550 El Camino Real, Redwood City | (650) 328-3500**

## HARDWARE STORE

The favorite hardware of Almanac readers participating in the Readers' Choice poll is **Menlo Park Ace Hardware**. "We try to be helpful and solve problems," says owner and store manager Vasile Oros. "That's the first goal. Sometimes we succeed, sometimes not so good, but we try." Coming soon: a handyman area for services such as fixing window screens, sharpening knives and "advice, always advice," on home improvements, Mr. Oros says. **700 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | 325-2515**

## HOME DECOR & FURNISHINGS

For 23 years, the Almanac's readers have given **Flegel's Home Furnishings** a Read-

ers' Choice award. The business, which has involved three generations of the Flegel family, has been in business 61 years, since its founding in 1954. The store's quality products, including prestige furniture lines such as as Stickley, Baker, Marge Carson and Brown Jordan, attracts not only Silicon Valley titans, but a world-wide clientele for both home and office furnishings. Professional interior designers are available to help shoppers find exactly what they are looking for. **870 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park | (650) 326-9661**

## LINGERIE WEAR

Co-owners Marcia De Lima and Dave Nagel of **Ela Lingerie** in Menlo Park have created a full-service boutique that carries a wide selection of lingerie and sleepwear. As Ms. De Lima explains, women's figures, styles and needs change over the years. What was fine in some years no longer fits, is out of style or may lack comfort now. Ela Lingerie aims to provide

a custom fit for all women in all walks of life. They have a return clientele who say they enjoy the relaxing and elegant atmosphere and the personal service. This year Ela Lingerie is expanding its selection with hard-to-find smaller and unique sizes not easily found elsewhere. **1139 Chestnut St., Menlo Park | (650) 796-0768**

## PET STORE

For 23 consecutive years, **The Pet Place** in Menlo Park has been the pet store of choice for Almanac readers. The store that goes the extra mile for animals and their human companions has operated just fine for years without a website but is about to launch one, says Marc Macy, who owns the business with his wife Lynn. The address will be [www.thepetplacemenlopark.com](http://www.thepetplacemenlopark.com). Meanwhile, for Internet kicks, try out its Facebook page at [thepetplacemenlopark](http://thepetplacemenlopark). In addition to its wide selection of pet products, The Pet Place offers service and advice, from finding the right diet to referring a customer to

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## PRODUCE

Almanac readers regularly head to **Sigona's Farmers Market** when they want the freshest vegetables and fruit on their table. And not only fresh, but sourced. "We go the extra mile by writing on all our signage where the product was grown and who the farmer is," says Sigona's Maria Abad. But Sigona's offers more than produce: There are olive oils, artisan cheeses, wines, and microbrews, as well as cut flowers. Too busy to drop by one of the stores at the Stanford Shopping Center or on Middlefield Road in Redwood City? There's an online store, where you can order dried fruit, nuts, olive oils, balsamic vinegars and more for shipping. "Also, we have a bi-weekly newsletter

in which we feature produce tips, tips for healthy living, specials (and) recipes," Ms. Abad notes. And, she says, there are free items with an in-store purchase of \$30 or more," **39 Stanford Shopping Center, 180 El Camino Real, Palo Alto | (650) 329-1340**

## SPECIALTY STORE

**Beltramo's Wines and Spirits** has again risen to the top of our readers' list for favorite specialty store. The store was founded in 1882 by Giovanni Beltramo, who immigrated to the area from the Piemonte region of Italy about two years earlier. It's been in the family ever since, with Giovanni's grandchildren and great-grandchildren keeping the doors open and the shelves stocked with wine, beer and spirits from around the world. The store has wine tastings every Saturday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., and beer tasting generally every other Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. **1540 El Camino Real, Menlo Park | (650) 325-2806**



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Freewheel Brewing Company's mascot takes a break at the Marsh Manor bar, where live music, pub food, and the beer, have helped attract a diverse crowd and gain the business this year's awards for favorite "happy hour" and "live music" place.

## Fun stuff

### HAPPY HOUR, LIVE MUSIC

The Readers' Choice award in two categories — happy hour and live music — goes to **Freewheel Brewing Company** at the Marsh Manor Shopping Center in Redwood City. Established in 2012,

the brewery and pub draw a diverse crowd attracted by the beer (in the tradition of English-style, cask-conditioned ales), pub food, live music and other entertainment, says Manager Devin Roberts. To keep it interesting, the pub holds special events such as open mic nights, stand-up comedy and CD release parties. The pub also works with

local charitable organizations, such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula. **3736 Florence St., Redwood City | (650) 365-2337**

(Note: Flea Street Cafe won for "place for a date" and Cafe Borrone won for "place to meet people." See the Restaurants section for information on these winners.)

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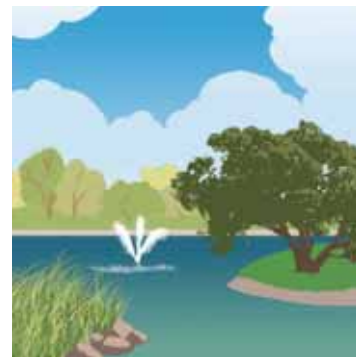


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## 115 Eleanor Drive, Woodside Offered at \$5,988,000

### Custom Estate Draped in Luxury

Luxuriate in the quiet splendor of this exquisite 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home of 3,935 sq. ft. (per county) with a 1,060 sq. ft. walk-out lower level (per plans) on a lot of 1.12 acres (per county). Recessed lighting, and French white oak floors enhance the interior. The two-story great room offers a fireplace and a mezzanine with bookshelves. The breathtaking gourmet kitchen brandishes a massive island, marble countertops, two sinks, intricate cabinetry, and a walk-in pantry. Posh appliances consist of concealed Thermador refrigerator and freezer units and a Wolf double-oven with a French top. The upstairs master suite offers a private balcony, dramatic ceilings, and a sumptuous bathroom with a free-standing tub. Additional features include a home office, a detached three-car garage, automatic gates, terraced gardens, and sensational bay views. Moments from Menlo Country Club and Woodside Plaza, the home is nearby Las Lomitas Elementary (API 943) and La Entrada Middle (API 963), and is walking distance from Woodside High.

For video tour & more photos, please visit:  
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59 Nora Way, Atherton  
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Private Setting with Guesthouse

Boasting private grounds with a putting green, this 4 bedroom, 4.5 bathroom home of 3,878 sq. ft. (per drawing) includes an additional guesthouse of 572 sq. ft. (per drawing) and a tree-lined lot of 22,500 sq. ft. (per county). Beautifully appointed, the interior showcases fine woodwork, ambient lighting, and Brazilian cherry hardwood floors. Gorgeous spaces include a formal dining room and a grand living room with a fireplace, and the granite-lined island kitchen opens to a family room and a breakfast area. All bedrooms are en-suite, and one bedroom forms a fine in-law suite. The plush master suite enjoys a walk-in closet, a stone-clad bathroom, and access to the verdant grounds, which present fruit trees, a two-car garage, and a terrace with a built-in barbecue. The charming guesthouse provides a dry sauna, a full bathroom, and a kitchenette. Holbrook-Palmer Park, Woodside Plaza, and downtown Menlo Park are all close by. Prestigious nearby schools include Menlo School and Sacred Heart, while Selby Lane Elementary and Menlo-Atherton High are also close by (buyer to verify eligibility).

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## 328 Felton Drive, Menlo Park Offered at \$4,188,000

### New Home, Timeless Luxury

Exceptional details and a peaceful setting alongside Holbrook-Palmer Park define this brand-new 5 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom residence of 3,860 sq. ft. (per plans) on a lot of 0.28 acres (per plans). White oak floors, dimmable lighting, and ceilings of nearly 10 feet accent the interior, which presents a dining room with wainscoting, a living room with coffered ceilings, and a main-level guest bedroom. Offering fine appliances and granite countertops, a regal island kitchen adjoins both a breakfast nook and a handsome family room with vaulted beamed ceilings. A magnificent staircase leads to four more bedrooms, including a majestic master suite with a marble-clad bathroom. Outdoors, enjoy large lawns, slate terraces, a motor court, and a detached two-car garage. Other highlights include a central vacuum system, an outdoor barbecue, and two fireplaces. Just blocks from downtown Menlo Park, the home is also near Caltrain and prestigious Sacred Heart and Menlo Schools. More terrific schools nearby include Encinal Elementary (API 930), Hillview Middle (API 950), and Menlo-Atherton High (buyer to verify eligibility).

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# 510 LAUREL AVENUE, MENLO PARK

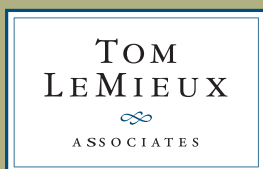
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- Approx. 2,641 total square feet  
– Home: 2,376  
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- 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- Approximately 2,180 square feet of living space
- Lot size of approximately .94 acre
- Spacious backyard with tennis court and fruit trees
- Convenient location with easy access to commute routes and close to shopping and dining in downtown Menlo Park
- Top-rated Menlo Park schools

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## 301 Stanford Avenue, Menlo Park Offered at \$3,488,000

### Contemporary Mediterranean Luxury

Touches of Old World luxury refine this new 5 bedroom, 5.5 bathroom home of 3,839 sq. ft. (per plans) that stands on a lot of 9,040 sq. ft. (per county). Boasting elegant ceiling treatments, casement windows, and alder wood surfaces, this fine residence offers exciting spaces like a dining and living room ensemble with 12-foot ceilings, and a family room adjoining the breakfast area and fabulous gourmet kitchen. A guest suite with outdoor access is on the main level, while four more suites, including the resplendent master suite and its private balcony, are arranged upstairs. The property also features an attached two-car garage, water-sensitive landscaping, and large outdoor living areas. Other highlights include two fireplaces, Thermador kitchen appliances, a butler's pantry, dual-zone heating and cooling, a central vacuum system, and limestone bathroom surfaces. This home's quiet neighborhood is just outside Stanford University, near Sand Hill Road. Top schools include Las Lomas Elementary (API 943), La Entrada Middle (API 963), and Menlo-Atherton High (buyer to verify eligibility).

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**Menlo Park** **\$2,695,000**  
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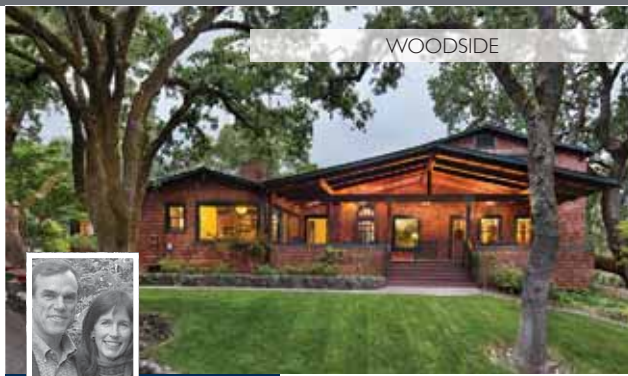


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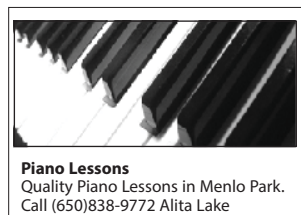
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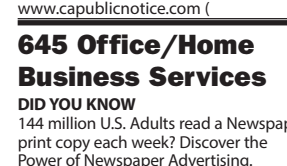
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**995 Fictitious Name Statement**

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File No.: M-265789  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Frostea, located at 6178 Mission St., Daly City, CA 94015, San Mateo County. Is (Are) hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
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Campbell, CA 95008  
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This business is conducted by:  
Co-Partners.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/24/2015.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 24, 2015.  
(ALM July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015)

**ORANGE MEDIA**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: M-265834  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Orange Media, located at 136 Trinity Lane, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San

Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
KLAUS TRILCK  
136 Trinity Lane  
Portola Valley, CA 94028  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 26, 2015.  
(ALM July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2015)

**WALK IN HER SHOES PARTY PLANNER**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 266013  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Walk In Her Shoes Party Planner, located at 1000 National Ave 348, San Bruno, CA 94066, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
XOCHILT CHAVEZ  
1000 National Ave. #348  
San Bruno, CA 94066  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 9, 2015.  
(ALM July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2015)

File No. 265934  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
(1) Treetopia and (2) treetopia.com, 2226 A Westborough Blvd., Suite 502, South San Francisco, CA 94080, County of San Mateo  
Registered Owner(s): Balsam Brands Inc., 50 Woodside Plaza, Suite 111, Redwood City, CA 94061, Delaware  
This business is conducted by: a corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. 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:  
Thomas Harman, Chief Executive Officer  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of SAN MATEO COUNTY on July 3, 2015.  
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.  
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MARK CHURCH, COUNTY CLERK  
SAN MATEO COUNTY  
BY: GLENN S. CHANGTIN  
Deputy Clerk  
File No. 265813  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: (1) Balsam Hill and (2) balsamhill.com, 50 Woodside Plaza, Suite 111, Redwood City, CA 94061, County of San Mateo  
Registered Owner(s): Balsam Brands Inc., 50 Woodside Plaza, Suite 111, Redwood City, CA 94061, Delaware  
This business is conducted by: a corporation.  
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Signature of Registrant:  
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MARK CHURCH, COUNTY CLERK  
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file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
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/s/ John L. Grandsaert  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015)  
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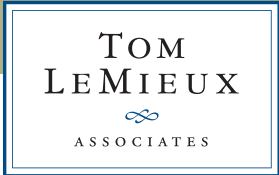
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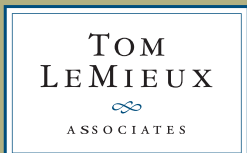
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