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LOVELY LAVENDER ... UC Master Gardener Bekah Bubo is will offer a free class on "The World of Lavender" on **Saturday, Oct. 9**, 9 to 11 a.m. at Gamble Garden Center, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. The lavender expert will discuss lavender types by intended uses, planting and growing lavender, as well as soil and nutrition. Informative downloads will be provided to those who bring USB drives. Information: Master Gardeners at 408-282-3105, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or <http://master-gardeners.org>.

PLANT SALE ... The Foothill College Environmental Horticulture & Design Program will hold its fall plant sale on **Saturday, Oct. 9**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the on-campus nursery and greenhouse facilities adjacent to lots 7 and 8, at 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. The sale spotlights drought-tolerant and native plants, as well as hard-to-find greenery including bamboos, decorative grasses and some trees. Admission is free; parking is \$2. No credit cards. Information: Daniel Svenson at SvensonDaniel@foothill.edu or call 650-949-7402.

HEADS UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS ... Upcoming classes at Filoli, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside, include: "Floral Arranging for Holiday Cheer" with Blair Phillips, on **Saturday, Oct. 9**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Cost is \$75 for nonmembers, \$60 for members, including all materials); "Wreath Workshop: Holiday Wreaths" with Anne Patrick, on **Tuesday, Oct. 12**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Cost is \$90 for nonmembers, \$75 for members, including plant materials and wreath rings; wreath machines are required and available for purchase for \$65). Information: 650-364-8300 or www.filoli.org.

TREE WALK ... An arborist will lead a free walk through the Southgate neighborhood on **Saturday, Oct. 9**, from 10 a.m. to noon. Information, including meeting place: E-mail sharon@

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Vivian Wong



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Raising backyard chickens

Endearing pets — that offer fresh eggs — can thrive in urban areas

W by Sally Schilling
 With a bucket filled with greens, toast crust, old banana, corn chips and rice, Jody Main's three hens perk up when they see her walking through her colorful garden to her chicken coop to feed them.

A special treat for them is corn scraps and cracked wheat. The hens run up to Main as she kneels down with a handful of the treat. "They love to eat out of my hand. It's really sweet," she said.

Main has been raising chickens in her bountiful backyard in the hills of Woodside for 10 years, and for another 10 years before that in College Terrace.

Tomorrow (Saturday, Oct. 9) she'll teach a class on how to raise chickens in (continued on page 43)



Vivian Wong

Jody Main, top, feeds her hens "healthy gourmet greens," such as borage, sow thistle, dandelion, sorrel and giant mustard. Left, the hens jump on the roost (either a wooden dowel or tree branch) at the end of the day and huddle together to stay warm through the night. Above, the hens lay an egg a day in their nesting box within the chicken coop.



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MENLO PARK

Open Sunday 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM • 985 Lassen Dr
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 Gorgeous Updated Charmer in Great MP neighborhood on tree-lined street. Updated kitc w/granite counters, farmhouse sink, garden window, well appointed bathroom, f'place in LR, great floorplan, lush & private backyard w/hot tub.

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Open Sunday 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM • 675 Sharon Park Dr #201
 Best value in MP! Immaculate 2bd/2ba condo in desirable complex w/beautiful park like grounds. Updated kit w/all new quality appl's. Spacious & light LR & DR w/new carpet & paint. Low dues. Close to Stanford, I-280, shopping & MP schools.

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MONTARA

0 Birch St
 Excellent opportunity to build in the heart of Montara, views of Montara Mountains, hiking, biking, surfing. Plans for handicap accessible home. 20 minutes to SF.

Katherine Clark Offered at \$295,999
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MOUNTAIN VIEW

Open Sat/Sun 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM • 1208 Levin Ave
 Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Ranch home in Waverly Park. Excellent lot w/private backyard & solar heated pool. Remodeled kitchen w/new granite countertops, refaced cabinets, stove/oven & sink. Bathrooms have new countertops & fixtures.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

505 Cypress Dr #197
 This 1 bed condo has a large liv rm, sep dining, an efficient kitc & lg bathrm. The private patio has a small gardening section & access to the pool area. The complex features pools, tennis crts, a workout facility & a small lake.

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Open Sunday 2:00 PM to 4:15 PM • 653 Homer Ave
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REDWOOD CITY

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Open Sunday 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM • 23 Skylonda Dr
 The home features 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, plus a fam room. Large kitchen w/pantry & breakfast bar. Separate DR has big sliding doors that open out to expansive decks & garden. The living room has wood burning fireplace & tall ceilings.

Dana Cappiello Offered at \$1,249,000
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■ Open Sunday 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM • 122 Amherst Ave



MENLO PARK... Charming 2bd/2.5ba townhome with cook's kitchen, two separate master suites with private baths, upstairs laundry, 9-foot ceilings & wood burning fireplace in living room. Bonus area with built-ins. Attached 1-car garage.

Vickie Burgess/ Denise Villeneuve Offered at \$649,000
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PALO ALTO... Superbly designed luxury home in desirable College Terrace neighborhood. New construction with 7bd/7.5ba, full basement, gourmet kitchen, 5 fireplaces, custom details and natural light throughout.

Mary Jo McCarthy/ Liz Daschbach Offered at \$3,695,000
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■ Open Sat/Sun 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM • 3878 Farm Hill Blvd



REDWOOD CITY... Spectacular Farm Hill Estate location! 5bd/3ba, 3-car garage. Vaulted ceilings, Large family rm, sep dining rm, living rm w/hi ceilings & wood burning f'place. Wrap around backyard & patio perfect for entertaining. Wonderful neighborhood.

Stella Kitzmiller Offered at \$1,345,000
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■ Open Sat/Sun 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM • 1702 Rosemary Ln



REDWOOD CITY... Great 4BR/3BA home in Woodside Plaza; Updated kitchen & bathrooms. Freshly painted inside & out. Redwoods provide serene patio setting.

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Raising chickens

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your own backyard. She will cover everything you need to know to raise and maintain hens, from setting up a hen house, to what plants you can grow in the garden to feed your hens.

Although Palo Alto and nearby cities allow backyard chickens, they draw the line at roosters. But Main said you don't need a rooster to have yummy eggs. She said her eggs have "a deep orange, custardy center and a creamy white."

The benefits of the hens go far beyond being a food source. Main also uses the rich, decomposed straw from the floor of the coop for fertilizer in her garden beds.

The broken-down straw, which has been kicked around by the chickens, is the lifeblood of Main's flower and vegetable garden. She says that some of the straw goes straight from the coop onto her garden beds, while other parts of it go into her compost pile until spring.

The hens are meditative to watch, she said. "You watch them like you watch fish in a coy pond."

Her coop is a 9-foot-by-12-foot area with a small hen house in one corner. She never lets her hens out of the coop because they would likely roost up in the trees.

They have plenty of room in her simple coop made out of scrap wood with chicken wire stapled to it. She has had as many as seven chickens in the coop at one time.

Main said her coop is one of the

funkier types of coops, whereas some of the people she has consulted with in the past have had "poultry palaces."

Hen houses do not need to be very big because the hens are only in there when they are laying or sleeping at night. Her hen house contains two nesting boxes. There is also a long, thick wooden branch running lengthwise, opposite the nesting boxes, which serves as their roost.

The straw covering the coop floor needs to be switched out only a few times a year to be kept clean and fresh, Main said.

More recently, the hen house was modified so that there is a hatch door to access the nesting boxes from the outside, making it more convenient for egg gathering.

Main expressed great enthusiasm for the joys of collecting eggs.

"You never tire of that," said Main grabbing an egg, still warm, from the nesting box, "just like you never tire of pulling a carrot or potato from the ground."

Main said she was once gathering eggs and was so eager that she reached under a hen sitting in the nest box. She said she found that the egg was being laid at that very moment. "It seemed to go from liquid to solid. It was sort of psychedelic," she said excitedly.

The hens are quiet except for the 10 minutes each day when they are laying. The hen who is laying the egg is actually quiet, but the other girls will make noise when they cheer her on, she said.

Two of her hens are Rhode Island

Reds, which make great pets, according to Main, who has had about a dozen different types of hens.

The other hen is a white Araucana that is missing patches of feathers because it is molting. Molting is an annual occurrence in which the hens gradually lose and re-grow all of their feathers.

The birds take a break from laying eggs when they are molting, and also during the winter for two to three months. The rest of the year, Main said, she gets 21 eggs per week.

In the past, Main has had more than three hens in order to feed her children. She likes to send a carton of eggs home with her daughter who lives in San Francisco.

"I used to have the eggs shipped to her when she was in Chicago going to medical school," she said.

Wandering through her various patches of tenderly loved plant life, she eagerly picked more green goodies to bring to her birds.

She grows certain plants, such as borage, collard greens, and purslane, specifically because her hens love to eat them. The greens make the yolk that dark orange color, she said.

Main's Woodside garden is an ideal setting for raising chickens in a garden, but Palo Alto is also home to some happy backyard hens.

Sandra Tucher currently has four chickens in the backyard of her home in Professorville. Tucher said her chickens are coexisting well with her kids and her other pets, including a dog.

One nice thing about the hens is

that they come and greet you at the door, Tucher said.

Daily maintenance for her hens takes about 10 minutes every morning and 10 minutes every evening.

"I think people should realize that chickens are an investment; it's like having a dog. They have to be cared for," Tucher said. She keeps the chickens in her large backyard during the day and puts them in her coop at night.

"I know now that because of my chickens, I spend a lot more time in my backyard. I have an extra reason to go out and be in nature," she said.

One down side is that they eat some of her plants, such as her ferns, she added.

Tucher said she did not worry about the recent salmonella scare because she knows where her eggs are coming from.

"It's fun to be a little closer to the land and food cycle and it's something that we eat every day," Tucher said. ■

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What: Backyard Chickens

When: Saturday, Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Meet at Common Ground Education Center, 559 College Ave, Palo Alto, and carpool to Jody Main's garden and hen house in Woodside.

Cost: \$39 plus \$7 materials fee, garden snack included

Info: 650-493-6072 or www.commongroundinpaloalto.org or <http://backyardchicken.eventbrite.com/>

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BOTANICAL ART ... Leila Lyons of Lyons Ltd. Antique Prints in Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, will speak on the "Treasures of Botanical Art" on **Sunday, Oct. 10**, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Gamble Garden Center, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Her talk, which is part of Gamble Garden's 25th anniversary year celebration, will deal with botanical imagery over time and how it has become more realistic. Cost is \$40 for nonmembers, \$30 for members, including a reception following the talk. Information: 650-329-1356 or www.gamblegarden.org.

STRONG TREES ... Chris Ingram will teach a class on "How to Select and Plant a Tree for Stability and Longevity" on **Thursday, Oct. 14** from 1 to 4 p.m. at Filoli, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside. The class will deal with the basic biology of roots, evaluating nursery stock, pruning, planting and transplanting. Cost is \$55 for nonmembers, \$45 for members. Information: 650-364-8300 or www.filoli.org. ■

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Atherton

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East Palo Alto

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 Lowest sales price: **\$168,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$556,000**

Los Altos

Total sales reported: **6**
 Lowest sales price: **\$1,050,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$1,575,000**

Los Altos Hills

Total sales reported: **1**
 Lowest sales price: **\$2,500,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$2,500,000**

Menlo Park

Total sales reported: **7**
 Lowest sales price: **\$174,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$850,000**

Mountain View

Total sales reported: **4**
 Lowest sales price: **\$625,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$905,000**

Palo Alto

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 Lowest sales price: **\$970,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$1,230,000**

Redwood City

Total sales reported: **19**
 Lowest sales price: **\$319,500**
 Highest sales price: **\$1,230,000**

Source: California REsource

Positively Green

Let there be light ... and darkness

by Iris Harrell

I have a confession to make. I love the long days of summer after I get over the difference when Daylight Savings kicks in. It takes a couple of weeks for my own internal clock to adjust and I find that even my sleeping is affected.

On a small personal side note, the one summer I spent in Alaska, I even found the ever-present natural daylight a challenge to my normal sleep patterns and had a difficult time getting to sleep each night.

I do feel a bit squeamish writing about the concept of light pollution, as those who are already feeling over-burdened with the constant message that we as humans are careening to our possible demise at lightning speed, will think I need to get a grip on more important things to contemplate.

So let's imagine for a "New York second" that we have extra time on our hands and want to contemplate our place in the universe. Would we be more apt to do that camping under the star-filled skies of Utah or walking the neon-lit streets of Las Vegas at 3 in the morning? At some point, we all have to figure out why we are here.

When I first heard the phrase "light pollution," I started to laugh. What will "they" think of next? But slowly, over time, I started to grasp the concept.

Like many people, I am afraid of the dark, as we are not inherently nocturnal creatures. Humans are diurnal, meaning our eyes are adapted to live in sunlight. Since the invention of Edison's light bulb, man has engineered the elimination of night and darkness. Positive benefits and negative consequences have accompanied this change, just like the positive and negative effects that occur when we decide to engineer the damming of a river.

The positive effects of Daylight Savings time are obvious. There is less energy consumption in our daily effort to get to work and back home before nightfall. Less crime and fewer accidents occur in highly urbanized areas that are artificially well-lit at night. With better lighting design, we can light the streets without lighting the sky.

What are the negative consequences of this relatively new problem? Other species that are nocturnal, including high numbers of mammals, might be confused by the megacropolis of lighted city skies at night.

Think of light as a biological force, almost like a magnet. Migration time is becoming unclear for many species of mammals as they are drawn to the artificial light that now encompasses much of their world. Possible ramifications could be early breeding, which can be lethal. Leaving early to migrate to another geographical area could mean ar-



iving too soon for safe nesting conditions to be right, thus leading to the threat of extinction of multiple species.

Nesting sea turtles look for dark beaches, which are diminishing due to increasing light pollution. The turtle hatchlings become confused by the artificial light that exists behind the beach where they are born. Should they go toward the white caps or the white lights?

Toads and frogs that live near lighted highways have developed unusual behavior. When should their night-time breeding chorus begin?

For those who are apathetic about the concept of extinction happening to multiple breeds and species, think of it as an early warning signal: What or who is next? Biodiversity is a massive topic we can cover at another time. But trust me. It matters.

Writer Verlyn Klinkenborg states in National Geographic (November 2008): "Humans need darkness. It is part of our biological welfare, our internal clockwork. The regularity of our cycles of waking and sleeping is a biological expression of the day and night of the light on Earth. Altering these rhythms is like altering gravity. There could be a biological toll to humans caused by light pollution."

The good news is that light pollution is easily solvable. By reducing the amount of artificial light in the sky, energy will be saved. Using street-light fixtures and exterior house lights that only illuminate what's beneath them will do the job without causing glaring night skies. If we think of darkness as a natural resource, we have a better perspective of how important it is in our lives. Currently two-thirds of the Earth's population live under skies polluted with light.

Klinkenborg's last statement in her article brings me back to that not inconsequential question of why are we here. "Light pollution causes us to lose sight of our true place in the universe ... and especially makes us forget the scale of our being, which is best measured against the dimensions of a deep night with the Milky Way arching overhead."

Camping, anyone? ■

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Atherton

128 Heather Drive S. Morgan to R. & C. Westover for \$1,850,000 on 8/26/10; previous sale 10/99, \$1,350,000

East Palo Alto

134 Donohoe St. #A M. & J. Girton to L. Levior for \$556,000 on 8/31/10

480 East O'keefe St. #2 US Bank to I. Ambite for \$168,000 on 8/31/10

2873 Fordham St. Federal Home Loan Mortgage to F. Orozco for \$260,000 on 8/24/10

1245 Laurel Ave. G. Goldberg to G. Watts for \$190,000 on 8/27/10; previous sale 7/08, \$383,500

2283 Tuscan Court Spepa Limited to E. Tyler for \$550,000 on 8/27/10

Los Altos

621 Harrington Ave. G. Papadopoulos to Miley Trust for \$1,560,000 on 9/10/10; previous sale 3/02, \$1,200,000

62 Higgins Ave. J. Tetiva to R. Sun for \$1,050,000 on 9/16/10

1681 Holt Ave. S. Auerbach to S. Shim for \$1,400,000 on 9/15/10

691 Los Ninos Way M. & J. Vongunten to S. Davari for \$1,575,000 on 9/16/10; previous sale 12/86, \$305,000

570 Pinecrest Drive Jones Trust to Fergason Trust for \$1,313,000 on 9/15/10

610 Teresi Lane Baron Trust to G. Chahal for \$1,405,000 on 9/10/10; previous sale 11/00, \$1,127,000

Los Altos Hills

27693 Briones Court C. Raguz to D. & R. Nguyen for \$2,500,000 on 9/14/10

Menlo Park

750 14th Ave. R. Smith to A. Miller for \$440,000 on 8/25/10; previous sale 12/00, \$375,000

1347 Hollyburne Ave. C. Holmes to C. Huang for \$174,000 on 8/31/10

72 Lorelei Lane Cartus Financial to D. & S. Westwood for \$785,000 on 8/24/10

1107 Sevier Ave. M. & M. Baskauskas to S. Lum for \$379,000 on 8/25/10; previous sale 4/04, \$390,000

675 Sharon Park Drive #219 V. Hsu to W. & T. Lee for \$560,000 on 8/27/10; previous sale 7/05, \$600,000

1280 Sharon Park Drive #29 Corbin Trust to A. & A. Cortes for \$850,000 on 8/25/10; previous sale 3/89, \$385,000

311 Terminal Ave. M. Arrendondo to M. Sun for \$352,000 on 8/27/10; previous sale 5/99, \$275,000

Mountain View

1671 Bonita Ave. Mclarey Trust to T. Eby for \$856,000 on 9/10/10; previous sale 12/02, \$680,000

1942 Cappelletti Court R. Corzo to M. Hopkins for \$800,000 on 9/16/10; previous sale 3/07, \$895,000

247 Horizon Ave. A. Centazzo to B. Kim for \$625,000 on 9/14/10; previous sale 3/07, \$650,000

1030 Williams Way Bradshaw Trust to Ko Trust for \$905,000 on 9/16/10

Palo Alto

4246 Newberry Court M. Lesser to Z. Wang for \$975,000 on 9/15/10

815 Oregon Ave. Schaukowitch Trust to D. & D. Liu for \$1,230,000 on 9/13/10

2375 Sierra Court P. Winer to J. Meng for \$970,000 on 9/15/10; previous sale 8/09, \$845,000

Redwood City

224 Brighton Lane Lloyd Trust to M. & L. Civilini for \$900,000 on 8/25/10; previous sale 2/86, \$260,000

820 Canyon Road J. & T. Androzzzi to C. Weber for \$715,000 on 8/25/10

33 Circle Road E. Cortez to S. Kraus for \$702,000 on 8/30/10; previous sale 7/06, \$878,000

1759 Connecticut Drive J. Steadman to J. & D. Bailey for \$785,000 on 8/31/10

449 Cork Harbour Circle #C K. Miller to C. Lau for \$349,000 on 8/31/10; previous sale 1/07, \$483,000

820 Fulton St. Washington Mutual Bank to M. & R. Koston for

\$438,500 on 8/30/10; previous sale 7/07, \$108,500

1313 Harrison Ave. Fonner Trust to P. Opal for \$749,000 on 8/31/10

236 Jeter St. Murphy Trust to A. & J. Helfen for \$750,000 on 8/24/10; previous sale 6/01, \$520,000

490 Jeter St. J. & S. Perrone to W. Wong for \$1,230,000 on 8/25/10; previous sale 4/03, \$719,000

804 Lakeshore Drive A. & A. Gelman to C. Kermaian for \$910,000 on 8/26/10; previous sale 10/01, \$700,000

795 Mediterranean Lane Castagno Trust to Z. Zhang for \$780,000 on 8/27/10; previous sale 9/90, \$435,000

804 Mendocino Way D. Davis to A. & N. Kashyap for \$595,000 on 8/26/10; previous sale 4/99, \$420,000

406 Morning Lane Ahluwalia Trust to V. Patel for \$786,000 on 8/31/10;

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23 Pelican Lane Working Dirt to M. Beasley for \$359,000 on 8/27/10; previous sale 9/05, \$535,000
3732 Red Oak Way Crates Trust to A. Kolar for \$980,000 on 8/24/10
955 Round Hill Road A. Ames to C. Reed for \$940,000 on 8/30/10; previous sale 10/04, \$1,016,000
156 Stanley St. J. Sluis to Erro Trust for \$805,000 on 8/24/10; previous sale 6/06, \$899,000
1410 Valota Road Visconti Trust to Chamberlain Trust for \$1,125,000 on 8/25/10
2760 Westmoreland Ave. M. Jacobo to Tri Cities Investors for \$319,500 on 8/27/10; previous sale 11/99, \$285,000

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3 Barrett Drive Wells Fargo Bank, 8/17/10, \$1,496,426, 2,740 sf, 3 bd

Mountain View

2255 Showers Drive #254 JP Morgan, 9/10/10, \$376,314, 769 sf, 1 bd

Sunnyvale

602 Arcadia Terrace #301 Federal National Mortgage, 8/27/10, \$321,531, 1,300 sf, 3 bd

East Palo Alto

2568 Farrington Way Astoria Savings, 8/31/10, \$275,000, 1,100 sf, 3 bd

931 Gates St. Real Estate Green, 8/26/10, \$97,595, 1,450 sf, 3 bd
444 Larkspur Drive Wells Fargo Bank, 8/25/10, \$265,523, 2,310 sf, 5 bd Sunnyvale

Redwood City

419 Douglas Ave. Federal National Mortgage, 8/30/10, \$453,806, 1,010 sf, 3 bd
3279 Hoover St. JP Morgan, 8/23/10, \$354,492, 1,000 sf, 2 bd
591 Hurlingame Ave. Deutsche Bank, 8/23/10, \$708,076, 3,680 sf, 6 bd
1162 McKinley St. Equity Growth Asset Management, 8/30/10, \$440,400, 950 sf, 2 bd
190 Northumberland Ave. Wells Fargo Bank, 8/20/10, \$406,098, 2,040 sf, 3 bd
558 Osprey Drive Wells Fargo Bank, 8/26/10, \$772,459, 1,630 sf, 3 bd
248 Park St. Option One Trust, 9/02/10, \$844,195, 1,030 sf, 2 bd
661 Warrington Ave. Chase Home Finance, 9/01/10, \$224,859, 750 sf, 2 bd

BUILDING PERMITS

Menlo Park

845 Sharon Park Drive G. Jameson, re-roof, \$19,500
612 Cambridge Ave. Mad Manor LLC, install high-speed cabinet, \$750
338 McKendry Place M. Orttung, install solar, \$15,000
724 Roble Ave. T. Blumenfeld, kitchen remodel, \$35,000
407 Durham St. A. Roleder, kitchen remodel, \$60,000
421 Claremont Way R. Meinhardt, outdoor fireplace and kitchen, \$18,000
311 Linfield Drive M. Lindfors, replace furnace, \$3,400
4055 Bohannon Drive Knappkins, commercial re-roof, \$130,000
341 Sherwood Way R. Griffin, bath remodel, \$16,000
237 Marmona Drive L. Brownrigg,

addition to home, \$200,000
4065 Campbell Ave. 4065 Associates, interior remodel, \$20,000
8 Coleman Place J. Pollack, kitchen remodel, \$5,000
1706 El Camino Real Wells Fargo Bank, structure demolition, \$31,640
1065 Cascade Drive T. Rossi, re-roof, \$14,850
1177 Middle Ave. B. Visser, detached addition to home, \$98,000
1220 University Drive L. Fava, install backflow prevention device, \$550
2 Randall Place K. Porter, swimming pool remodel, \$28,000
1956 Menalto Ave. R. Button, addition to home, \$50,000
523 Central Ave. C. Hamilton, home remodel, \$20,000
800 Hermosa Way C. Kiris, home remodel, \$10,000
\$216 Chester St. K. Stevens, addition to home, \$60,000
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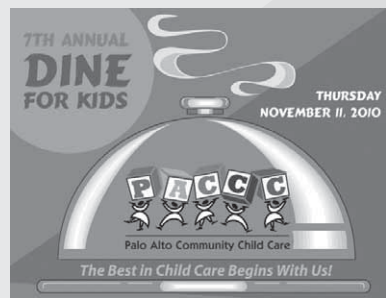
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