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MEDALLION RUG GALLERY has been in downtown Palo Alto since 1978. With three elegant showrooms housing one of the world's largest collections of hand-woven rugs, Medallion

Rug Gallery has become the trusted resource for today's rug enthusiasts. Visit Medallion Rug Gallery and tell them Bessie (that's me) sent you, won't you?

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I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ...

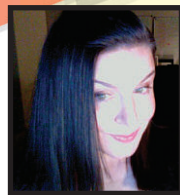
... gelato and sorbetto! Nothing beats the rich creaminess of smooth Italian gelato! At MICHAEL'S GELATO & CAFE in Palo Alto, they serve the "best Gelato and sorbets available on the market today!" Because their products contain no artificial flavors, colors or preservatives, every chilly treat they serve is deliciously pure with naturally vibrant colors that pop. Owners Michael and Sladana Lucich take pride in the quality ingredients that go into their desserts, many of which are imported from around the world. And while international ingredients like green tea from Japan and vanilla beans from Madagascar make superb gelato flavors, all of Michael's sorbetto is made with fruit at the height of its season and locally grown whenever possible. Michael's Gelato & Cafe is located at 440 University Ave. in Palo Alto and stays open late — until 11:00 PM on Sundays and weeknights and until 12:00 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Now that you know the chant: I scream, you scream, we all scream for Michael's gelato and sorbetto! Go! 650-322-8200

TODAY: LIVE RODEO!



THE ANNUAL DRISCOLL RANCH RODEO is being held this weekend, and ya'll are invited! Imagine a weekend filled with bull riding, team roping, barrel racing and several kid-friendly events. Yee-haw! That's fun for the whole family. DRISCOLL RANCH is located just over the Santa Cruz Mountains and past La Honda. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$15.00 for seniors and children

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, JOHN C. MARTIN OF MENLO PARK



JOHN C. MARTIN just got married and is back from the honeymoon with his beautiful new bride. Congrats, John! But that's not why I'm introducing you.

John C. Martin is a member of the MENLO PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and an ATTORNEY AT LAW, specializing in a niche market of estate planning and business entity selection. Specifically, John is best known for his estate planning for international clients.

For example, if his international clients want to buy property in the United States, John sets up trusts and corporations to help them minimize their taxes and other liabilities in this country and enables them to keep ownership in their family.

Additionally, John can draft specialized trusts that allow his international clients to claim the marital deduction. Since individuals have only a \$60,000 exemption from estate tax on transfers to a non-US citizen, non-permanent resident spouse, this is very important for international families.

Besides all this niche international know-how, what makes John a good fit for our global friends? He has spent considerable time in France and Brazil, speaks French and Portuguese and worked with a global top 50 firm before founding THE LAW OFFICES OF JOHN C. MARTIN. This experience truly puts him in a unique position to help the international community here in California.

Not an international citizen? No big deal: John can also help everyday Americans with their estate planning (wills, trusts, estates, probate, administration) and business formation (LLCs, partnerships, S corporations, etc.).

The Law Offices of John C. Martin is located at 1145 Merrill Street in Menlo Park, right by the Menlo Park Caltrain Station. You can contact him at jcm@johncmartinlaw.com or by calling 650-329-9500. The firm's Web site is www.johncmartinlaw.com, and you can even follow John on Twitter at twitter.com/JohnCMartin.

I hope you enjoyed meeting your neighbor. Send him a congrats on his wedding vows, and tell him Bessie (that's me) sent ya, won't you?

12 and under get in FREE when accompanied by an adult. Gates open at NOON today and tomorrow, so don't miss it! For directions to this good-time event, take a look online. Yee-haw! www.driscollranches.com 650-747-9704

GIVE ME THE CLASSIC, BABY

Hey, baby, I want a cup of joe and maybe something hearty to eat ... but not from one of those fancy new shops — oh no. I want to go to that charmer of a place that's been in Menlo Park for over 30 years. What's it called, babe? Yes, that's it: Ann's. ANN'S COFFEE SHOP has been a Menlo Park landmark for almost 30 years! Not many can say that. The shop's atmosphere is as classic as this dialogue, and the local color couldn't be warmer. So next time you want to meet up for a cup of joe or some classic good food, baby, say "take me to Ann's," won't ya? Ann's Coffee Shop is located at 772 Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park. annscoffeeshop.com 650-322-0043

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



Does your dog have you dragging your tail? Are you sick of the garbage being chewed up? If so, you're in the dog

days of summer. Never fear, there is a cure. DOG DAYS DOG TRAINING CLASSES group sessions are available, or you can sign up for private lessons according to your doggy's schedule. Classes are held in Atherton at Holbrook Palmer Park, so kiss your dog days of summer goodbye and call BARI and the team at Dog Days Dog Training today. 650-851-5500

SAY, AIN'T THAT JACK BENNY'S GRANDDAUGHTER'S PLACE?



Cue the laughter and giggles. SNIP-ITS, the fastest growing franchise of children's hair salons in the

United States, just opened its first West Coast location in Palo Alto's TOWN AND COUNTRY VILLAGE. Located at 855 El Camino Real, Suite #125 (between Honeys & Heroes and Day One), Snip-Its is designed to ease the haircutting fears of children by providing an entertaining, magical destination for premium children's haircuts and spa services. The 1,700-square-foot salon offers a complete line of natural hair care products plus two children's party rooms for memorable birthday parties. The salon was founded by Joanna Meiseles, granddaughter of legendary comedian Jack Benny, so giggles must run in the family. Say, ain't Snip-its Jack Benny's granddaughter's place? Why, yes, it is.

www.snipits.com