



TIPS ON TRAVEL

Planning an Ireland trip on a budget

We planned our trip on the Internet. Since we had budget constraints, and the Euro-to-dollar conversion rate is still not good, saving money was a priority.

Being flexible on travel dates, traveling before the end of June and booking in advance (January for a June trip) saved hundreds of dollars on air fares. Most airline Web sites have calendars that show different fares for flying on different days of the week, and you can save a lot of money by picking the right days. We flew both ways on Mondays.

American, Aer Lingus, United and US Airways all fly to Ireland from San Francisco. We flew on American through Chicago for about \$700 per person, including taxes.

We stayed in B&Bs everywhere except Dublin, although we could have saved money by booking cottages, because we enjoyed visiting with and getting travel tips from the proprietors on our earlier visit.

The Ireland B&B Network, www.ireland-bnb.com, has listings for the entire country, plus Northern Ireland, and includes hotels and cottage listings. Many



Photo by Barbara Wood

Kylemore Abbey in Connemara is an 1868 castle now serving as a home for Benedictine nuns and a private school. The grounds, a walled garden, a small Gothic church, and part of the main building are open to the public.

Much has changed, but country's beauty and friendliness of its people are as satisfying as they were two decades ago

By Barbara Wood

Special to the Almanac

More than two decades ago Dan and I spent part of our honeymoon in Mrs. Murphy's B&B in the Irish village of Macroom, where my husband's grandmother grew up. This June we returned, with our 15- and 20-year-old daughters.

While the town had grown to be unrecognizable, Mrs. Murphy and her bed and breakfast seemed to exist in a time warp, completely unchanged except for tiny bathrooms squeezed into each room.

We found the rest of Ireland to be similar. A vibrant Irish economy and membership in the European Union have caused

major growth and modernization in a country that has known too much strife, hardship and poverty throughout its history. But past the new roads and the sprawl of holiday cottages, the breathtaking beauty of Ireland and the warmth and friendliness of its people remain.

Ireland is still small enough for traffic snarls over the entire country to be reported on the radio during commute time. But today, instead of young people flocking to other countries for education and jobs, Ireland is attracting its own immigrants.

The trip was planned to share some of our favorite places from our honeymoon with the girls. To make them more amenable to spending time doing what we wanted to do — hiking and

scenery gazing — we added some time in Dublin at the beginning and end of the trip to let them indulge in their favorite pastime: shopping.

We made a small hotel near St. Stephens Green our Dublin headquarters and took a taxi to and from the airport to avoid driving in the city. Both the hotel and the taxi turned out to be good choices. Dublin's streets are devilish to navigate, with autos banned from many streets and lots of one-ways and dead-ends. Parking is also hard to find, and our hotel did not have a garage.

From our hotel we could walk in about 10 minutes to the Grafton Street shopping area, a number of museums and restaurants. A bit longer walk took us to other tourist attractions such as the

Guinness Brewery, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College (to see the Book of Kells).

Dublin was full of tourists, both European and American, and bustling at most times of the day and night. Our taxi driver told us that, unlike the situation in any American city, our daughters would be perfectly safe walking the area around our hotel alone at night. (We didn't actually test this, though.)

The increase in Irish tourism has had its positive effects. Restaurants seem to be more plentiful and better; and there are many more choices for tourists in accommodations as well. B&Bs, which in Ireland are almost all private homes that

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The Temple Bar neighborhood of Dublin is said to be so lively that tourists are advised to get a hotel in a quieter area if they want to sleep at night.

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rent out bedrooms, now all seem to offer bathrooms with showers in all rooms. (On our original trip we stayed places where we had to pay extra to take a bath.)

But tourism sites tend to be jammed. Even in late June, still considered "off season" we waited in a long line to climb to the top of Blarney castle. The Cliffs of Mohr were as beautiful as we remembered, but the massive construction project being undertaken to showcase them, complete with visitors' center, a pay parking lot and viewing platform, was a little unnerving.

We ended up eating many of our meals in pubs, which often adjoin restaurants and offer a limited, usually less-expensive, menu from the same kitchen. We enjoyed the laid-back atmosphere and also watched many World

Cup soccer games with our dinner. The drinking age in Ireland is 18. Children are officially allowed in pubs until 9 p.m., but we never saw any getting kicked out.

Off to Dingle

After Dublin we drove to Dingle, our honeymoon favorite. We arrived at our B&B to an announcement that our room "wasn't ready" yet. Believing the bed wasn't made, we soon understood our room was actually a brand-new addition to the house, had just been painted and carpeted, and needed its furniture moved in. By the time we returned from dinner, miraculously, the room was ready for us, complete with a beautiful view of the countryside off the just-poured patio.

Our hosts neatly represented the new Ireland. A young English couple, they had quit corporate

jobs in Manchester, where they felt they would never be able to afford a detached house or a family. They now live in a whitewashed cottage on four scenic acres, where they support themselves and their red-haired baby, Caitlin, with three B&B rooms and odd jobs (including "mystery shopping" by our hostess). They raise organic vegetables, ducks and sheep and are so content that other relatives were also moving nearby.

Their breakfasts were a treat — either the traditional Irish breakfast we remembered from our first visit (fried tomatoes, sausage, fried eggs and toast with jam) or a selection of cereals, fruit, fresh baked goods and yogurt. They personalized the traditional breakfast with fresh eggs from their own ducks.

My greatest disappointment of the trip had to do with the archaeological sites I had expected to revisit on the Dingle Peninsula. On our first trip we were given a handwritten list at our B&B, and drove from one pasture to another, leaving a few coins in a can on the gate after clambering around inside a prehistoric beehive hut or running our fingers over an ogham stone, thought to be one of the first forms of writing.

This time I picked up a brochure advertising one of the sites, which now featured miniature golf, video games and a \$7.50 admission fee.

We skipped it.

The town of Dingle, the largest of several communities on the Peninsula, had become much

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Dan Fitzpatrick and Barbara Wood add to the height of the Ben Baun in Connemara National Park after climbing to the top.



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Ireland Revisited

IRELAND

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more tourist-oriented, with souvenir shops and over-priced restaurants. But it is still peaceful, rustic and beautiful. We stayed five nights at our B&B, Moan Loar, and used it as a base for day trips to Killarney and the Ring of Kerry as well as Dingle.

Killarney is the home of the Muckcross House, which the original owners of the Filoli estate in Woodside, the Bournes, bought for their daughter Maude as a wedding present. A large mural of the house and the nearby lake is in the Filoli ballroom.

The Muckcross House, like Filoli, is a national heritage site that would have been well worth visiting even if we hadn't been treated like celebrities when we announced we were from Filoli's hometown.

While Ireland is notorious for unpleasant weather, only one day of the trip was blustery enough to keep us indoors. That day we happily curled up next to the fire in the B&B and read, with their cat and young daughter entertaining us. We did get lots of use, however, from the rain gear we brought along.

All in the family

After Dingle we visited Macroom, in County Cork, where Dan's grandmother had lived before coming to San Francisco as a young adult. Nearby was Ballingeary, where his grandfather had lived.

We visited, as we had on our honeymoon, a small 1900 stone church in the Gougane Barra

National Forest that Dan's great-grandfather had helped to build. The chapel sits on a peninsula jutting into the Gougane Barra Lake, and nearby are the 6th century ruins of St. Finbarr's hermitage.

From Macroom we traveled to Galway (Menlo Park's sister city — where on our honeymoon trip we had dinner with Peg Gunn, then Menlo Park's mayor, and met Galway's mayor) and then went on to Connemara.

We spent three nights in the Fuchsia House in Renvyle, a rural peninsula jutting out into the Atlantic. A ruined castle and a small beach were within about five minutes of the B&B, and we saw some beautiful sunsets while we were there.

During one day-trip, we visited the Connemara National Park, where we took a guided nature walk, learned a lot about peat (it is so acidic it preserves almost anything that falls in it) and hiked to the top of a small mountain, where we had an incredible view of the surrounding countryside. We fueled up before our hike at the visitors' center tea shop.

We also visited the Kylemore Abbey and walled garden. The abbey, built in 1868 as a country home for an Englishman, is a boarding school and home for a community of Irish Benedictine nuns. Part of the abbey, a chapel that is a scale-model of a Gothic cathedral, and the beautifully restored walled gardens are open to the public, as are a restaurant and a pottery and gift shop.

We ended the trip exhausted, and happy, and sure that it won't be 23 more years before we return. ■

Planning a Trip

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listings have Web sites with photos and information. You can book online or send an e-mail with questions.

Most charge by the person, and expect at least two people to share a room. We had one room for the girls and one for us, and paid about \$120 a night (with breakfasts) for the four of us. All the rooms had connected bathrooms, though none was luxurious.

Finding reasonable accommodations in Dublin proved a bit harder until I discovered the official Dublin website, www.visitdublin.com, which has great discounts on hotels. Our hotel, the Harcourt, had the perfect location but was noisy one night because of a ground-floor nightclub. We had a room with a double bed and two singles for about \$120 a night, a rate good only Sunday to Thursday.

We took a taxi to and from the Dublin airport, and rented a car for the rest of the trip. The VisitDublin Web site has a listing of 13 car rental companies, rated by users. Remember: The Irish drive on the left and manual transmission cars are the norm. If you don't think you can handle driving on the "wrong side" of the street while shifting with your left hand, be sure to request an automatic transmission.

If you plan to travel much in the countryside, smaller cars are better because, although major efforts have been made to upgrade the roads throughout the country, many one-lane (but two-way) roads with no shoulders, loose cows, and tall hedgerows bordering them still exist.

I had some trouble finding Irish maps online, and finally picked one up from my local AAA office. For driving directions I used theaa.com, the British Isles equivalent of AAA.

But navigating in Ireland is totally different from navigating the U.S. because, instead of intersections and exits and on-ramps, major roads tend to have traffic circles. Until you catch on, you'll probably find yourself going around one only a few times. ■

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Menlo Park honors six for recycling, tree-saving efforts

By Jane Knoerle
Almanac Lifestyles Editor

Draeger's market in Menlo Park has decisively embraced the concept of recycling. It recycles paper, cardboard, cans, bottles, food waste, grease and tallow. In January it began a new food scrap composting that saves the company more than \$6,000 a year in garbage collection fees.

Its recycling percentage increased this year from an already respectable 80 percent to an amazing 96 percent. These efforts were honored Nov. 14, when the market received one of six Menlo Park Environmental Quality Awards from the city's Environmental Quality Commission.

Stanford University was honored for planting native trees and shrubs during its Sand Hill Road construction project. Redwood and oak trees were used to create an evergreen backdrop for other trees, flowering shrubs and vines, many of which are drought tolerant.

Stanford also took care to protect San Francisquito Creek from sediment runoff during construction, according to the commission. Protecting the creek's steelhead trout was also a high priority. Cofferdams were built upstream of the work areas, where steelhead were caught and released safely downstream of the work.

A third award went to the "green house" built by Scott and Mary Kay Brady at 500 Fanita Way. Walls and floors were constructed using

plastic foam forms into which recycled concrete was poured. All the forms remain in the house and incorporate steel strips onto which drywall can be attached.

All the wooden beams in the project were salvaged from a home in Palo Alto that was taken down board by board for recycling.

Rather than installing a concrete structure to keep the San Francisquito Creek bank from eroding his property at 99 San Mateo Drive, award-winner Jim Rose planted native plants and trees. Nearly 300 natives were planted on the bank. Most of them were grown at Acterra Native Plant Nursery from seeds gathered from the San Francisquito Watershed.

Two local families were honored for taking good care of their trees.

The Benkoski family was cited for the care of their 80-year-old valley oak tree at 2339 Crest Lane. The tree is a focal point in their front garden. They have minimized irrigation near the tree's trunk to avoid creating the fungus that destroys many oaks in urban gardens.

The Monkey Puzzle tree is rare in Menlo Park, and Tony and Amy Oro of 1065 San Mateo Drive are taking good care of theirs. The tree is 27 inches in diameter and 45 feet high. Due to the Oros' maintenance, the tree is expected to live a few more decades.

The tree has a distinctive structure, very large cones, and branches covered with prickly overlapping leaves. Its name allegedly comes from a British arborist's comment that "it would puzzle a monkey to climb this tree." ■

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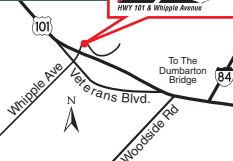


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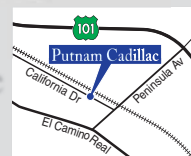
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The Menlo Park Chorus will perform a holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St.

The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Menlo Park Library, is free.

April McNeely, who took over as director earlier this year, will conduct the concert. John Iosefa will be accompanist.

Ms. McNeely teaches voice at Santa Clara University and maintains a private voice studio in Hayward. A choral singer herself, Ms. McNeely recently toured France with the San Francisco Bay Area Chamber Choir.

"We are serious about performing music, serious about serving the community and serious about having fun," Ms. McNeely noted in a press release.

The city of Menlo Park Community Services Department, Bay Area Music Foundation and the Performing Arts Alliance at Foothill College sponsor the chorus.

Free van service to the concert is available for Menlo Park seniors and people with disabilities. For more information or to schedule transportation, call 330-2525 or 330-2512, or e-mail Roberta Roth, outreach librarian, at rlroth@menlopark.org.

'Breakfast with Santa' in Menlo Park

Menlo Park's annual "Breakfast with Santa" will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Burgess Recreation Center at 700 Alma St. in the Civic Center.

There will be a pancake breakfast, letter writing to Santa, holiday crafts, visits with Santa, food, and a fun time with family and friends, says Katrina Whiteaker of Menlo Park's Community Services Department.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For an unwrapped gift to the firefighters' toy drive, admission is reduced \$1. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras to take pictures of their children with Santa.

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MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Events

Holiday Boutique at Sacred Heart
Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free. Sacred Heart Prep, 150 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. Call 322-1866. www.shschools.org/shp/

Santa Arrives by Helicopter Dec. 2, 10 a.m. Christmas Carols by the community band and a chance to tell Santa your wish list. Free helicopter viewing; \$9 adult/\$6 youth admission to gallery. Hiller Aviation Museum, 601 Skyway Road, San Carlos. Call 654-0200. www.hiller.org

Spring Down Equestrian Center Horse Show Sun., Dec. 3. English style riders of all ages and levels compete. Outside entries welcome. See website for details. Spring Down Equestrian Center, 725 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 851-1114. www.springdown.com

Special Events

19th Annual Christmas Creche Exhibit 500 creches from 65 countries on display. Schedule: Dec. 2-6, noon-9 p.m.; 7 p.m. concert.; Marionette shows 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 2, 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.; Santon stories 5-7 p.m. daily. Free. Crafts and nativity costumes in children's room. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.christmascreche.org

Breakfast with Santa Hosted by the City of Menlo Park Community Services Department. Activities include pancake breakfast, holiday crafts, visit from Santa. Bring camera to take pictures of your children with Santa. Dec. 2, 8-11 a.m. \$5 adult/\$3 children/\$1 off with unwrapped gift. Burgess Recreation Center, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 330-2200. www.menlopark.org

Caltrain Holiday Train Decorated with more than 40,000 lights. Santa and Ms. Claus will be on board. Music by Cisco Singers and the Salvation Army Band. Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra performs 30 minutes before train's arrival at 7:05 p.m. Donations of new unwrapped toys and books for Toys for Tots accepted. Menlo Park Train Station, Between Oak Grove and Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.

Farmhouse Christmas Tea Lunches
Nov. 30, Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 7-10, noon. A hot meal including appetizer, entree choice and Yuletide dessert with a Christmas Blend Tea. Guests age 12 and up. Reservations required. \$40 pre-paid. Yerba Buena Nursery, 19500 Skyline Blvd., Woodside. Call 851-1668. www.yerbabuenanursery.com

Holiday Plant and Floral Decor Sale
Hosted by the College of San Mateo, department of Horticulture and Floristry. Selections of poinsettias, wreaths, floral centerpieces and arrangements. Dec. 7-8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. College of San Mateo, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo. Call 574-6217.

Stanford World Arts Festival Dec. 1-3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Artisans and crafts makers are welcome to display and sell their works. Free. Tresidder Memorial Union, 459 Lagunita Dr., ste. 9, Stanford. Call 723-3542. www.swaf.stanford.edu

Benefits

The Drive for a New Bloodmobile
Nov. 30, 6-10 p.m. A benefit gala to raise funds to replace the 14-year-old Stanford Blood Center Bloodmobile. Tickets include reception, full bar, dinner, entertainment, auction and more. \$200 per person/\$150 tax deductible. Garden Court Hotel, 520 Cowper St., Palo Alto. Call 723-6795. bloodcenter@stanford.edu

Concerts

A Day of Beatitude A benefit concert for the Opportunity Center in Palo Alto. Features an interfaith choir and instrumental ensemble in premiere of a mass for the homeless, Beatitude Mass, by Henry Mollicone, and showing of "Boxes," a narrated play by Father Jon Pedigo, vocals by Kathy Parmentier. Dec. 3, 5 p.m. \$10 advance/\$15 at the door. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. Call (408) 735-8373.

A Spanish-American Christmas
Peninsula Cantare, Janice Gunderson, director, ushers in the season with carols of Mexico and Spain. Featuring the music of San Francisco composers Conrad Susa and Kirke Mechem. Dec. 3, 3-4:30 p.m. \$15/\$12. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 178 Clinton St., Redwood City. www.peninsulacantare.org

California Bach Society Concert
Charpentier's Messe de Minuit pour Noel; traditional melodies by Buxtehude, Hassler, Praetorius, Scheidt and others. Holiday reception following. Dec. 2, 8 p.m. General \$25/senior \$18/student \$10. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverly St., Palo Alto. Call (415) 262-0272. www.calbach.org

Chamber Music Showcase Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Works from the chamber repertoire performed by the participants in Stanford's chamber music program. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 723-2720. <http://music.stanford.edu>

Children's Christmas Concert
Featuring children's choirs, Bell Choir, and the adult Chancel Choir presenting choral songs and Christmas carols. Free admission. Child care provided for ages 3-36 months. Dec. 3, 6 p.m. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, 950 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Call 321-7136. www.mppc.org

Early Music Singers Spanish Vespers, works by Guerrero, Victoria, and Morales with commentary by director William Mahrt. Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 723-2720. music.stanford.edu

ECYS Flute Ensembles Fall Concert
Conducted by Areon Flutes Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. Flutists explore trio and quartet literature in addition to the traditional flute choir repertoire. \$10 general/\$5 student-senior. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 327-2611. www.ECYS.org

Experimental Instruments Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Performances on newly invented sound sculptures by students of Mark Applebaum's Experimental Instruments class. Free. CCRMA Stage, 660 Lomita Ave., Stanford. Call 723-2720. <http://music.stanford.edu>

Kitka Women's Vocal Ensemble Presents Winter Songs Holiday Concert. Seasonal music from a variety of Eastern European ethnic and spiritual traditions, including robust Slavic folk carols and ethereal sacred works. Sun., Dec. 3, 4-6 p.m. \$22 advance/\$25 at the door/\$20 seniors and students with ID. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call (510) 444-0323. www.kitka.org

Kronos Quartet Known for experimental, electric and eclectic performances. Dec. 1, 8 p.m. \$44/\$40. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Dr., Stanford. Call 725-2787. livelyarts.stanford.edu

Menlo Park Chorus Winter Concert
Menlo Park Chorus will perform a mixture of music including classical and sacred. Sat., Dec. 2, 11 a.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 330-2512. www.menloparklibrary.org

Palo Alto Baroque Concerto Ensemble Joyce Malick, musical director. Karl Spiker, performing Concerto for Oboe and strings by Cimarosa. Chelsea Maniscalco, performing Vivaldi's Flute Concerto. Also music of Bartok, Pergolesi and Mozart and Vivaldi. Sun., Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

Palo Alto Philharmonic Orchestra Concert II Sat., Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2; Bartok: Piano Concerto No. 3, with Jenő Jando soloist; Brahms: Haydn Variations, Op. 56a; Brahms: Hungarian Dances. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call (408) 359-2911. www.paphil.org

Submitting your information

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Beauty and the Beach

"Playa la Ropa Beach" is among the pastels on paper by Waif Mullins in a show opening Friday, Dec. 1, at Portola Art Gallery at Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park. The exhibit features beach scenes Mr. Mullins' painted on his travels to Antigua, Jamaica, Zihuatanejo and other locales. A reception is set for Saturday, Dec. 9, from noon to 4 p.m. For information, visit portolaartgallery.com

St. Lawrence String Quartet With Jon Kimura Parker, piano. Program includes Beethoven's monumental Op. 131 String Quartet. Dec. 3, 7 p.m. \$44/\$40. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Dr., Stanford. Call 725-2787. livelyarts.stanford.edu

Stanford Flute Ensemble Performs works and transcriptions for flutes from bass to piccolo. Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital

Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 723-2720. <http://music.stanford.edu/events/calendar.html>

Stanford Symphonic Chorus and Peninsula Symphony Orchestra Dec. 1, 8 p.m. Directed by Stephen M. Sano, with the Peninsula Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Mitchell Sar-

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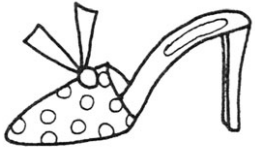
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dou Klein, for two performances selections from Part the First of Handel's Messiah and Dvorak's Mass in D. Concert in observance of World AIDS Day. \$20/\$10. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 723-2720. <http://music.stanford.edu>

Sundays with the St. Lawrence Dec. 3, 7 p.m. The quartet performs Beethoven's String Quartet No. 13 in C sharp, op. 131, and Haydn's Quartet No. 2 in C, op. 54, and is joined by pianist Jon Kimura Parker in Shostakovich's Quintet for Strings and Piano in G, op. 57. Presented by with Stanford Lively Arts. Adults \$44/\$40; Students \$22/\$20. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Dr., Stanford. Call 723-2720. <http://music.stanford.edu>

University Singers Robert Huw Morgan, director Nov. 29, 8 p.m. Features Morten Lauridsen's Lux Eterna along with other choral works. \$10/\$5. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 723-2720. <http://music.stanford.edu>

A Holiday Celebration Dvorak's Mass in D, Op 86. Excerpts from Handel's Messiah. Dec. 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$20. Memorial Church, Stanford University, Stanford. Call 941-5291. www.peninsulasymphony.org

Peninsula Symphony: A Holiday Celebration The Peninsula Symphony and the Stanford Symphonic Chorus present a festival of music. Dvorak, Mass. Op. 86; Handel, excerpts from The Messiah. Dec. 1, 8 p.m.; Dec. 3, 1:30 p.m. \$20. Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Palo Alto. www.peninsulasymphony.org

Viva La Musica Concerts Viva La Musica choir and orchestra honors Mozart's 250th birthday by performing "Requiem" Mass and others. Sat., Dec. 2, 8 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m. \$17-\$25. Notre Dame de Namur University, 1500 Ralston Ave., Belmont. Call 464-4701. www.vivalamusica.org

Dance

Anna Halprin's Myths Incorporating narratives drawn from residents of several

local senior centers along with students, artist Anna Halprin will re-create three of her participatory theater works, "Ten Myths." All events are audience participatory. Dec. 6, 7-9 p.m. Free; no tickets needed. Roble Dance Studio, 375 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. Call 725-5838. <http://drama.stanford.edu>

Brazilian Dance Class Open to beginners; not a couples dance class. Drop-ins welcome or register for the series. Thursdays, through Dec. 14, 8:15-9:30 p.m. \$12 per drop-in class. Red Morton Community Center, 1120 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City. www.redwoodcity.org/sdi/registrationmain.sdi

On Stage

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" Presented by Menlo-Atherton High School's Thespian Society. Directed by Menlo Atherton senior Paolo Lopez. Opening night Nov. 30, 7 p.m.; Dec. 1, 7 p.m.; Dec. 2, 2 p.m. \$5-\$8. Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton.

"Gaieties" "Gaieties," a student-written and -directed musical. Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 8-10 p.m. \$9 students/\$15 alumni and staff/\$18 general. Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call (847) 910-2298. www.fromcalwithlove.com

"Keep the Yuletide Gay" Presented by Theatre Q. Christmas comedy by Dale Albright. Nov. 30-Dec. 30. Thu.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. \$10 previews/\$25 opening night/\$20 regular/\$15 seniors. Dragon Theatre, 535 Alma St., Palo Alto. www.theatre.org

"Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge" A parody by satirist Christopher Durang. Wednesdays-Sundays, through Dec. 16, 8-10 p.m. \$22-\$32 Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 941-0551. www.busbarn.org

"Specials" A series of comic scenes centering on love, marriage, and relationships performed by the Theater Arts students. Nov. 30, 1 p.m.; Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. Free. Flex Theater, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City. Call 306-3462. www.canadacollege.edu

"Specials" Comic scenes by the Canada College Theater Arts Department. Dec. 1, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Flex Theater, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City. Call 306-3336. www.canadacollege.edu

"The Learned Ladies of Park Avenue"

Presented by TheatreWorks. Set in the Jazz Age of Cole Porter's New York. Nov. 29-Dec. 23. \$20-\$60. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 and 7 p.m. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

"The Nutcracker Ballet" Presented by Dance Connection of Palo Alto. Dec. 2, 7 p.m.; Dec. 3, 3 p.m.; Dec. 8, 7 p.m.; Dec. 9, 2 p.m. \$12-16. Spangenberg Theatre, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Call 322-7032. www.danceconnectionpaloalto.com

The Baltimore Waltz By Paula Vogel. A diagnosis of "Acquired Toilet Disease" sends a young woman and her brother on a whirlwind series of European exploits. Through Dec. 3. \$10-25. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., unit K, Mountain View. Call 254-1148. www.thepear.org

Auditions

Peninsula Pops Orchestra Openings For advanced players of all instruments. Rehearsals Tuesdays, through Dec. 31, 7-10 p.m. Call for appointment. Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road Room M1, Palo Alto. Call 856-8432. www.peninsulapops.org

Talks/Authors

"Democratic Gridlock on Taiwan" Dr. Richard Bush, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, will deliver lecture "Democratic Gridlock on Taiwan: Domestic Sources and External Implications" Nov. 30, noon-1:15 p.m. Encina Hall, Philippines conference room, 616 Serra St., 3rd floor, Stanford. Call 724-4216. <http://cddr.stanford.edu/events/4691/>

Charles Frazier "Thirteen Moons" Tue., Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 324-4321. www.keplers.com

Family and Kids

"The Nutcracker" Ballet Presented by Redwood City's Ballet America. Dec. 1, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. \$16-\$37 reserved. Fox Theater, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 369-4119. www.americanballet.com

Children's Holiday Luncheon Hosted by Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation Atherton Dames. Featuring a visit and photo with Santa, a puppet show "The Elves and the Shoe Maker," and holiday craft. Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; prepaid reservations by Nov. 26, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$20. Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Ave., Atherton. Call 752-0536.

Itsy Bitsy Storytime Lapsit storytime for children 2-1/2 and under. Tuesdays, through Dec. 12, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 328-2422. www.smcl.org/libraries/ath/index.html

Peninsula School Craft Fair Handcrafted items from local vendors, homemade food and a children's play area. Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Peninsula School, 920 Peninsula Way, Menlo Park. Call 325-1584. www.peninsulaschool.org

Storytime For children ages 3-6 Tuesdays through Dec. 12, 3:30-4 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 328-2422. www.smcl.org/libraries/ath/index.html

Toddler Storytime For ages 18 months and up. Wednesdays, 11 a.m. Music, singing, and fingerplays. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Unity Christmas Party "The Greatest Gift," a multigenerational musical play; followed by carols, sing-alongs, Christmas crafts, games and refreshments. Proceeds benefit Heifer International, helping families in need around the world through gifts of income-producing farm animals. Dec. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Unity Palo Alto Community Church, 3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 849-1101. www.unitypaloalto.org/programs/events.html

Classes/Workshops

Careers in Health Care A workshop on careers in allied health hosted by Canada College. Participants will learn about education requirements, job descriptions and prospects, and salary ranges for a variety of health professions. Nov. 29, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Canada College Library, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City. Call 438-1430. www.canadacollege.edu

Estate Planning Wednesdays, Nov. 29 "Five Wishes." 11 a.m.-noon Free. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

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PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Tim Vine** MERG06-006
33 Montecito Road
Review of a request to merge portions of four lots to result in a single 2.15-acre property in the SCP-7.5 zoning district.
- 2. MetroPCS** CUP2001-005 Renewal
Highway 280 and Woodside Road
Continued review of the proposed renewal of a conditional use permit that was issued in 2001 for wireless communications equipment cabinets and associated antennae. No changes are proposed to the equipment.
- 3. MetroPCS** CUP2001-004 Renewal
4200 Farm Hill Blvd. (Canada College)
Review of the proposed renewal of a conditional use permit that was issued in 2001 for a wireless communications equipment cabinet and associated antennae. No changes are proposed to the equipment.
- 4. Debra & William Gordon** VAR 06-002
179 Albion Road
Review of a variance to allow a swimming pool 20 feet from the side property line when 50 feet is normally required in the RR zoning district. The existing non-conforming swimming pool is proposed to be expanded and therefore must comply with the required 50 foot setback in the RR zoning district.
- 5. Debra & William Gordon** XSB 06-006
179 Albion Road
Review of a setback exception to allow a spa 30 feet from the side property line when 50 feet is normally required in the RR zoning district.
- 6. National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy** CUP 06-003
880 Runnymede Road.
Request for a Conditional Use Permit for Philanthropic and/or Charitable Institution on an 11.6 acre site in the SCP-5 zoning district. The applicant is also seeking to renew the existing Conditional Use Permit for a Commercial Stable that currently exists on the subject property so as to continue to board horses on the property.

Additional information is available at the Planning and Building public counter at Town Hall, or call the Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.

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Investments Speakers Monthly Series Seminars provide a look at selected topics by professionals in the field and a forum for the exchange of ideas in response to questions. Free. Through Dec. 5, 7:15-9 p.m. Merrill Lynch, 333 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 473-7833. http://fa.ml.com/hilary_jones

Ruth Asawa: Contours in the Air A lecture on and interpretation of Ruth Asawa's cast bronze and steel sculptures. Dec. 5, 2-3 p.m. \$1 members/\$6 non-members. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025

Clubs/Meetings

Collective Solar Power Meeting A discussion by Portola Valley neighbors and SolarCity on household solar power and new group incentives for solar packages. Learn how community-based solar conversions can help green the planet, energize a town and eliminate household electric bills. Nov. 29, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Ladera Recreation Center, 150 Andeta Way, Portola Valley. www.solarcity.com/cpp

Toastmasters Speaking and Leadership Workshops Wednesdays, through Dec. 6, 7:05 p.m. Opportunities for improving speaking and presentation skills. Mentors available to assist professionals individually. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, 1177 University Dr., room C-12, Menlo Park. Call 440-0320. www.menloparktm.org

Environment

Earthquake Hike With docents Paul Vado-palas and Pamela Reliford. At the junction of the Pacific and North American plates, learn about local geology and earthquakes. 2-3 mile stroll, discuss how to prepare for future earthquakes. Dec. 3, 2-4:30 p.m. Free. Los Trancos Open Space Preserve. www.openspace.org

Native Planting Day The San Francisco Watershed Council is hosting a native planting day at Woodside Elementary School. Gloves, tools, water, and snacks will be provided. Bring old clothes and meet behind the community garden near the track. Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free.

Woodside Elementary, 3195 Woodside Road, Woodside. Call 961-1035 ext. 310. www.sanfranciscoquito.org/events

Winter Warm-Up With docents Rebecca Pickart and Suzanne Schleck. A strenuous 7.9 mile hike with an elevation gain of 600-800 feet, including a couple of steep climbs. Meet at the equestrian lot. Bring a lunch. Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve. www.openspace.org

Exhibits

"Classic and Timeless Toys"

Palo Alto Sport Shop and Toy world and the Museum of American Heritage present "Classic and Timeless Toys," an exhibit featuring over 75 classic toys of the 20th century. Learn the history of toys and the story behind their inventions. Fridays-Sundays, through Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-1004. www.moah.org

"Rail Gardeners Run Trains" Fridays-Sundays, through Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The Bay Area Garden Railway society will present a double track garden gauge layout. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 321-1004. www.moah.org

Art in Action Library Show Art in Action opens a 6-month long art show series featuring artwork from local students grades K-8. Through May 5. For a list of participating schools see website. Free. Art in Action, 3925 Bohannon Dr., Menlo Park. Call 566-8339. www.artinaction.org

Palo Alto Art Center Free tours for adults with docents in Art Dialogues program. Saturdays, through Dec. 22, 2 p.m.; no tour Nov. 25. Private tours available. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

The Mondavi Family Gallery Reinstalled New installation presents the Center's 19th-century European and American collection. Through Dec. 31. Hours: Wed.-Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu., 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; closed Mondays and Tuesdays. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Dr., Stanford. Call 723-4177.

Art Galleries

"Beaches" Pastels by Waif Mullins Features works on paper of his travels to

islands in the South Pacific, Caribbean and Mexico. Dec. 1-31; artist reception Dec. 9 noon-4 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.portolaartgallery.com

"Flowers, Fruit and Fungi, Trees and Travel" Photographs by Dawn Ishimaru Frazier on display Dec. 1-Jan. 13; reception for the artist Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m. Free. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

"Serigraphs and Drawings" Presented by artist Susan Trubow. Landscapes of the Mendocino coast. Thu.-Sun., through Dec. 31. Free. 1870 Art Center Gallery, 1870 Ralston Ave., Belmont. Call 261-1086. www.1870artcenter.org

Allegro Gallery California landscapes by Ed Lucey through Nov. 30. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Allegro Gallery, 3130 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. Call 851-4300. www.allegroframing.com

ArtSynergy Group Show Nine members display Dec 1-22; reception Fri., Dec. 1, 6:30-9 p.m. Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto.

Film

"House, Home, and Family: Traditional Village Culture and its Fate Through Revolution and Reform" Documentary filmmaker Carma Hinton presents 3 films about Anhui province architecture and the customs related to family and clan. Hinto will discuss issues of destruction, transformation, survival and revival of traditional culture. Films include "Yin Yu Tang"; "Can't Wait to Tear this Old House Down"; "Guomen." Dec. 1, 4:15-6 p.m. Free. Stanford University, Main Quad, building 200, room 205, Stanford. Call 723-3363. <http://ceas.stanford.edu/events/296>

"Morning Sun" Film Screening and Lecture Documentary filmmaker, Carma Hinton. Produced and directed by Carma Hinton, Geremie R. Barne, and Richard Gordon. Nov. 30, 6 p.m. screening; 8 p.m. director's comments/panel discussion. Hinton will describe choices filmmakers faced in making "Morning Sun." Free. Cubberley Auditorium, School of Education, Stanford University, Stanford. Call 723-3363. <http://ceas.stanford.edu/events/295>

Movie Night "2012 The Odyssey: Armaged-

don is Not What it Used to Be," documentary film about the end of the Mayan Calendar and prophecies from civilizations around the world that predict the closing of this world age and the start of a new beginning for humankind. Dec. 2, 7 p.m. \$10. Unity Palo Alto Community Church, 3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 494-7222. www.unitypaloalto.org/programs/events.html

Health

Health Care Reform Featured speakers are Dr. Halsted Holman, professor emeritus, Stanford School of Medicine, and Dr. John Shearer, a family practice physician and co-president of California Physicians Alliance. Dec. 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 365-4080.

Walking Group Meets Thursdays, 9 a.m. November meeting at Avenidas; December meet at Little House. Explore local streets. Walk about 3-4 miles. Call Hal Makin 948-2310 for weekly location. Free. Little House, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 326-2025. www.peninsulavolunteers.org

Sports

Boys U11 Soccer Tryouts Alpine Menlo Soccer Club welcomes boys born after 7/31/95 to try out for the Contenders and Vipers. For more information contact Jon Meyers jon.meyers@lamrc.com or Kristin Glavin at pvgalvins@comcast.net. Dec. 3, 9-10:30 a.m. Woodside High School, 199 Churchill, Woodside. www.alpinemenlosoccer.com

Girls U11 Soccer Tryouts Alpine Menlo Soccer Club needs girls born after 7/31/95 to tryout for the Grizzlies. Sundays, Dec. 3-10. E-mail lizkorman@hotmail.com for details.

Girls U12-U15 Soccer Tryouts Alpine Menlo Soccer Club is holding tryouts for girls born after 7/31/94. Dec. 3, Rebels U12, 10:30 a.m. contact janeasolomon@yahoo.com; Sting U13, noon contact kimmterpening@sbcglobal.net; Pumas U14, 1:30 p.m. Contact heyance@earthlink.net; Thunder U15, 1:30 p.m. Contact karen@bernardandre.com. Woodside High School, 199 Churchill, Woodside. www.alpinemenlosoccer.com



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Licensed Optician**

NOTHING TO CROW ABOUT

Wearing sunglasses can help prevent cataracts, cancer, and eye damage, yet, surprisingly some women do not avail themselves of sunglass protection. According to Australian researchers who observed people outdoors on sunny or lightly overcast days during one recent ten-year period, they found that only 47 percent of women were wearing sunglasses at any given time. Only about 37 percent of women were observed to be wearing sunglasses during outdoor exercise. It is estimated that less than one-quarter of Americans regularly wear sunglasses.

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



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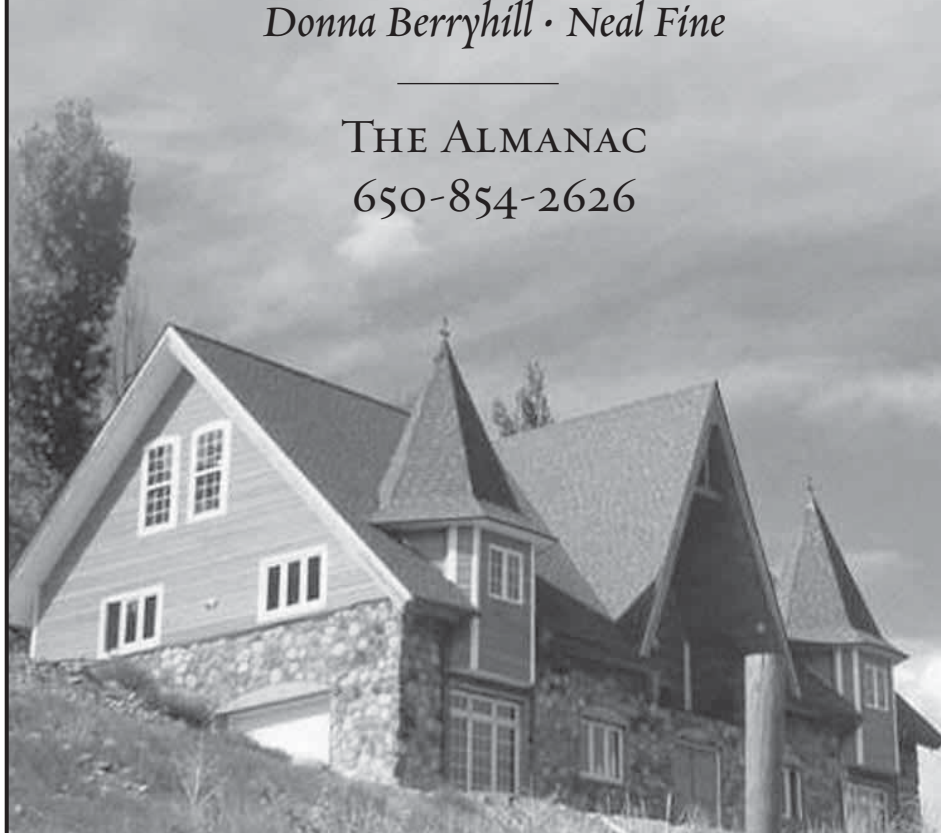
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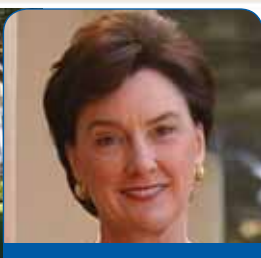


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\$1,672,600

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BEAUTIFUL END UNIT CONDO **\$519,000**
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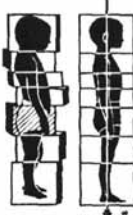
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This business is conducted by Co-
Partners: (1) SUZANNE M. TINSLEY, 1205
San Mateo Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025; (2)
ELIZABETH DONNELLY, 98 Austin Avenue,
Atherton, CA 94027.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217303

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: THE DOUGLASS COMPANY,
3553 Haven Avenue, #5, Menlo Park, CA
94025.

This business is conducted by a
Corporation: THE A & K DOUGLASS
COMPANY, INC., 11 Sargent Lane, Atherton,
CA 94027.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
names listed above on August 1, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217237

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: JAKUBSON FINANCIAL
ORGANIZERS, 30 Sunrise Court, Suite 100,
Menlo Park, CA 94025.

This business is conducted
ed by a Corporation: JAKUBSON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., Menlo Park,
CA 94025.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217153

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: H.E.A.L. RESOURCES, HEALTH
EDUCATION AND AWARENESS THROUGH
LEARNING, 3155 Bear Gulch Road, Woodside,
CA 94062-4419.

This business is conducted by an
Individual: DEBORAH GILSON, 3155 Bear
Gulch Road, Woodside, CA 94062-4419.

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business under the fictitious business name or
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217089

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: CHANEL SELF STORAGE
GROUP, 712 Glenmere Way, Redwood City,
CA 94062.

This business is conducted by an
Individual: DANIEL CORNELIUS, 712
Glenmere Way, Redwood City, CA 94062.

The registrant commenced to transact
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217209

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: KIDS AGAINST POVERTY, 12
Cowell Lane, Atherton, CA 94027.

This business is conducted by an
Individual: JANE BURGESS, 12 Cowell Lane,
Atherton, CA 94027.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217065

The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: REDWOOD SHORES
ORTHODONTICS, 358 Marine Parkway, Suite
200, Redwood City, CA 94065.

This business is conducted by an
Individual: LOREN W. JOLLEY, DDS, MS, 115
Belgrave Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94117-
4227.

The registrant commenced to transact
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217101

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: THE ART STUDIO, 2161 Mills
Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

This business is conducted by an
Individual: KATHARINE MORGAN LANGS,
2161 Mills Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: November
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217058

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: DO-DAH DOODLES, 14 Atherton
Avenue, Atherton, CA 94027.

This business is conducted by an
Individual: JUDITH A. VARTAN, 14 Atherton
Avenue, Atherton, CA 94027.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
names listed above on October 30, 2006.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217062

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: JUST IMAGINE, CREATIVE
EXPRESSIONS, 14 Atherton Avenue, Atherton,
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This business is conducted by an
Individual: JUDITH A. VARTAN, 14 Atherton
Avenue, Atherton, CA 94027.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217102

The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: BAY AREA GENERAL
MAINTENANCE, 965 Emerald Hill Road,
Redwood City, CA 94061.

This business is conducted by an
Individual: JOHN F. GIVEN, 965 Emerald Hill
Road, Redwood City, CA 94061.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
names listed above on November 6, 2006.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217028

The following person(s) is (are) doing business
as: BORDER HILL FIVE ASSOCIATES,
405 El Camino Real, #122, Menlo Park, CA
94025.

This business is conducted by Individuals-
Husband and Wife: (1) EDWARD DAVIDOVITS,
(2) DANIELLE DAVIDOVITS,

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business under the fictitious business name or
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 216926

The following person(s) is (are) doing business
as: SHEBERT DESIGN, 722 University
Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

This business is conducted by an
Individual: STEPHENIE HERBERT, 722
University Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
names listed above on November 6, 2006.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 216992

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: ADVANCED MAIL MARKETING,
722 Live Oak Avenue, #8, Menlo Park, CA
94025.

This business is conducted by an
Individual: DENISE DUTIL, 722 Live Oak
Avenue, #8, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 216893

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: OBER INTERNATIONAL, 989
Nob Hill Road, Redwood City, CA 94061.

This business is conducted by an
Individual: KELLY KASSER, 989 Nob Hill
Road, Redwood City, CA 94061.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 217040

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: AUTO INTERNATIONAL
INSURANCE, 3303 Middlefield Road, Menlo
Park, CA 94025.

This business is conducted by Co-
Partners: (1) ROSAISELA BONILLA, 4812 Rue
Loiret, San Jose, CA 95136; (2) LUIS A.,
MONICO, 1036 S. Winchester Blvd., #4, San
Jose, CA 95128; (3) REINALDO BONILLA,
4812 Rue Loiret, San Jose, CA 95136.

The registrant commenced to transact
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 216828

The following person(s) is (are) doing business
as: WALKER RESEARCH ASSOCIATES,
P.O. Box 7562, Menlo Park, CA 94026; 375
Walsh Road, Atherton, CA 94027.

This business is conducted by Individuals
- Husband and Wife: (1) SUSAN WALKER,
375 Walsh Road, Atherton, CA 94027; (2)
ROB WALKER, 375 Walsh Road, Atherton,
CA 94027.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 216550

The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: RELIABLE RIDES, P.O. Box 632,
Belmont, CA 94002; 241 42nd Avenue, San
Mateo, CA 94403.

This business is conducted by a
Corporation: NORTHWOOD ENTERPRISES,
INC., 241 42nd Avenue, San Mateo, CA
94403.

The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business name or
names listed above on April 1, 1993.

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at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash
or check as described below, payable in
full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest
conveyed to and now held by it under said
Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said
County and State and as more fully described
in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The
street address and other common designation,
if any, of the real property described
above is purported to be: 270 CERVANTES
RD, PORTOLA VALLEY, CA, 940287765. The
undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability
for any incorrectness of the street address
and other common designation, if any, shown
herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance
with interest thereon of the obligation secured
by the property to be sold plus reasonable
estimated costs, expenses and advances at
the time of the initial publication of the Notice
of Sale is \$2,102,209.18. It is possible that at

the time of sale the opening bid may be less
than the total indebtedness due. In addition to
cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks
drawn on a state or national bank, a check
drawn by a state or federal credit union, or
a check drawn by a state or federal savings
and loan association, savings association, or
savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the
Financial Code and authorized to do business
in this state. Said sale will be made, in
an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or
warranty, express or implied, regarding title,
possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the
indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust,
advances thereunder, with interest as provided,
and the unpaid principal of the Note secured
by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon
as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges
and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts
created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 11/09/2006 ReconTrust Company,
N.A.: 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SWW-88
SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281
8219, Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By:
Trustee's Sale Officer ReconTrust Company,
N.A.: is a debt collector attempting to collect
a debt. Any information obtained will be used
for that purpose. ASAP# 799808 11/15/2006,
11/22/2006, 11/29/2006

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TS No. T06-22343-CA Loan No.
0091409672 Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU
ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST
DATED 12/2/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE
ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT
MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU
NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE
OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU
SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public
auction sale to the highest bidder for cash,
Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national
bank, check drawn by a state or federal
credit union, or a check drawn by a state
or federal savings and loan association, or
savings association, or savings bank specified
in section 5102 of the Financial Code and
authorized to do business in this state will
be held by the duly appointed trustee as
shown below, of all right, title, and interest
conveyed to and now held by the trustee in
the hereinafter described property under
and pursuant to a deed of trust described below.
The sale will be made, but without covenant
or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding
title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay
the remaining principal sum of the note(s)
secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest
and late charges thereon, as provided in the
note(s), advances, under the terms of the
Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges
and expenses of the Trustee for the total
amount (at the time of the initial publication
of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated
to be set forth below. The amount may be
greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Debra
Primes, a married woman, as her sole and
separate property Duly Appointed Trustee:
Town & Country Title Services, Inc. Recorded
12/22/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-222574 in
book , page of Official Records in the office
of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California,
Date of Sale: 12/6/2006 at 12:30 PM Place of
Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall
of Justice and Records, 400 County Center,
Redwood City, CA Amount of unpaid balance
and other charges: \$523,062.96 Street
Address or other common designation of real
property: 2342 Polar Avenue East Palo Alto,
CA 94303 A.P.N.: 062-133-280 The under-
signed Trustee disclaims any liability for any
incorrectness of the street address or other
common designation, if any, shown above. If
no street address or other common designation
is shown, directions to the location of the
property may be obtained by sending a written
request to the beneficiary within 10 days
of the date of first publication of this Notice

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Public Notices

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TS No.: 20069134003013 FHAVA/PMI No.: Notice Of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 1/3/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/5/2006 at 12:30PM, First American Loanstar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 01/17/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-007443, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California. Executed by: Patricia Ann Culbertson, a married woman as her sole and separate property WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b) (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust APN #062-021-050 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1131 Menlo Oaks Drive, Menlo Park CA 94025. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$528,285.05 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 11/9/2006 First American Title Insurance Company Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Ric Juarez For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 P262202 11/15, 11/22, 11/29/2006
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CITY OF MENLO PARK STATE OF CALIFORNIA

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FOR

INSTALLATION OF VIDEO DETECTION SYSTEMS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF SAND HILL ROAD WITH: SAGA LANE, BRANNER DRIVE, AND SHARON PARK DRIVE IN MENLO PARK

BID OPENING. The bidder shall complete and submit the blue copy of the Proposal to the City Council form that is inserted in the Contract Documents. No other copy of the Proposal Section will be accepted. Sealed bids, containing said blue copies of the completed Proposal Section, and subject to the conditions named herein and in the specifications for **INSTALLATION OF VIDEO DETECTION SYSTEMS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF SAND HILL ROAD WITH: SAGA LANE, BRANNER DRIVE, AND SHARON PARK DRIVE IN MENLO PARK**, addressed to the City of Menlo Park will be received at the office of the Transportation Division up to **2:00 p.m., December 7, 2006**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

1. **WORK DESCRIPTION.** The work to be done consists of installing video detection systems at the intersection of Sand Hill Road and Saga Lane, Sand Hill Road and Branner Drive, and Sand Hill Road and Sharon Park Drive; and doing all appurtenant work in place and ready for use, all as shown in the plans and described in the specifications with the title indicated in paragraph 1 above, and on file in the Office of the Director of Engineering Services. Reference to said Plans and Specifications is hereby made for further particulars.

2. **WORKING DAYS.** The work under this Contract is to be completed in **twenty (20)** working days.

3. **CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE.** A Class **"A"** or **C-10** Contractor's License is required for this work. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed according to Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professional Code.

4. **BID DEPOSIT.** A Bid Deposit equals to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid shall be placed in the sealed Proposal. The Bid Deposit shall be in one of the following forms: cash, cashier's check or certified check payable to the City, or bidders bond in favor of the City executed by an authorized surety company.

5. **PERFORMANCE BONDS.** Performance guaranty bonds as set forth in

Section 2-3 of the Special Provisions will be required from the successful bidder.

6. **CITY'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS.** The right is reserved, as the interest of the City may require, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality or minor irregularity in the bids.

7. **GENERAL PREVAILING WAGE RATES.** The Council has ascertained the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done. A tabulation of the various classifications of workpersons to be employed and the prevailing rate of wages applicable thereto is on file in the Office of the Director of Engineering Services.

8. **OBTAINING THE PROJECT PLANS AND CONTRACT BOOK.** The Project Plans and the Contract Documents may be purchased at the Transportation Division upon payment of \$40.00 for each set. Project Plans and the Contract Book will be mailed to prospective bidders upon payment of \$40.00 plus \$.50 for postage and handling.

9. **OBTAINING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SPECIFICATIONS.** The State of California Department of Transportation Standard Specifications and Standard Plans may be purchased at the State of California Department of Transportation Publication Distribution Unit, 1900 Royal Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95819. Telephone: (916) 445-3520; Fax: (916) 324-6997.

10. **WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS.** Any bid may be withdrawn at any time prior to the time fixed in the public notice for the opening of bids only by written request for the withdrawal of the bid filed with the Transportation Manager. The request shall be executed by the bidder or his/her duly authorized representative. The withdrawal of a bid does not prejudice the right of the bidder to file a new bid. Whether or not bids are opened exactly at the time fixed in the public notice for opening bids, a bid will not be received after that time nor may any bid be withdrawn after the time fixed in the public notice for opening of bids.

11. **RELIEF OF BIDDERS.** As stated in Public Contract Code Sections 5100 to 5108, inclusive (State Contract Act) concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirement therein, that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his/her bid, the bidder shall give the Transportation Manager written notice within five (5) days after the opening of the bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice in detail how the mistake occurred.

12. **DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS.** More than one Proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or combination thereof under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested in more than one Proposal for the work contemplated may cause the rejection of all proposals in which such individual, firm, partnership, corporation or combination thereof is interested. If there is reason for believing that collusion exists among the bidders, any or all proposals may be rejected. Proposals in which the prices obviously are unbalanced may be rejected.

13. **PREVIOUS DISQUALIFICATION, REMOVAL OR OTHER PREVENTION OF BIDDING.** A bid may be rejected on the basis of a bidder, any officer of such bidder, or any employee of such bidder who has a proprietary interest in such bidder, having been disqualified, removed, or otherwise

prevented from bidding on, or completing a federal, state, or local project because of a violation of law or a safety regulation.

14. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR VERIFYING CONTRACT ADDENDA.** All bidders shall verify if any addenda for this project have been issued by the City of Menlo Park. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that all requirements of Contract addenda are included in the bidder's Proposal.

15. **ESCROW FOR SECURITY DEPOSIT IN OF RETENTION.** Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, for monies earned by the Contractor and withheld by the City to ensure the performance of the Contract, the Contractor, may, at its option, choose to substitute securities meeting the requirements of said Public Contract Code Section 22300.

16. **SHORING AND BRACING.** Pursuant to the provisions of California Labor Code Section 6707, each bid submitted in response to this Notice to Bidders shall contain, as a bid item, adequate sheeting, shoring, and bracing, or equivalent method, for the protection of life and limb in trenches and open excavation, which shall conform to applicable safety orders. By listing this sum, the bidder warrants that its action does not convey tort liability to the City, Engineer and their employees, agents and consultants.

17. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.** Each prime and subcontract bidder will be required to comply with the City of Menlo Park Affirmative Action Program as set forth in Council Resolution No. 2340. Guidelines and report forms are provided with the Contract Documents and shall be considered part of any Contract made pursuant thereto. The prime contractor and each subcontractor shall complete the City of Menlo Park Compliance Report and submit it with the bid proposal or within 48 hours of the bid opening if you are the lowest or second lowest bidder.

18. **MINORITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.** Prime contractors and subcontractors must submit their Minority Employment Program (MEP) to the Transportation Manager with their bids or within 48 hours of the bid opening.

Dated: November 8, 2006

SILVIA M. VONDERLINDEN, City Clerk
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TS No. T06-22469-CA Loan No. 0088700273 Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/11/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a deed of trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Siosaia Takai, an unmarried

man Duly Appointed Trustee: Town & Country Title Services, Inc. Recorded 10/28/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-188877 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, Date of Sale: 12/13/2006 at 12:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$539,805.97 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 2513 Illinois Street. East Palo Alto, CA 94303 A.P.N.: 063-088-120-9 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The Trustee shall incur no liability for any good faith error in stating the proper amount of unpaid balances and charges. For sales information please contact Priority Posting and Publishing at www.priorityposting.com or (714) 573-1965 Reinstatement Line: 800-430-5262 Date: 11/22/2006 Town & Country Title Services, Inc. 505 City Parkway West, Suite 200 Orange, California 92868 888-485-9191 Denise Aguilar, Trustee Technician Federal Law requires us to notify you that we are acting as a debt collector. If you are currently in a bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication is intended for informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the automatic stay or the discharge injunction. P262066 11/22, 11/29, 12/06/2006
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TS No.: 20069019203494 FHAVA/PMI No.: Notice Of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 5/17/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/12/2006 at 12:30PM, First American Loanstar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/20/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-083284, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California. Executed by: Oscar Landell, a married man as his sole and separate property WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b) (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust APN #063-415-230 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1964 Pulgas Ave East Palo Alto CA 94303 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$503,221.28 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default

and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 11/16/2006 First American Title Insurance Company Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 P263308 11/22, 11/29, 12/06/2006

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TS No.: 20069019203452 FHAVA/PMI No.: Notice Of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 1/12/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/12/2006 at 12:30PM, First American Loanstar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 01/26/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-012432, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California. Executed by: Lisala Fifta Pakola, a married man as his sole and separate property WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b) (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust

in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust APN #063-363-490-2 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2178 Henry Ct East Palo Alto CA 94303 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$695,012.50 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 11/16/2006 First American Title Insurance Company Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 Loanstar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 P263207 11/22, 11/29, 12/06/2006
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Menlo Park, California, is scheduled to review the following items:

The following items require a Notice of Public Meeting or Public Hearing:

Use Permit Revision/AF Construction, Inc./426 Pope Street: Request for a use permit revision to allow secondary access to a detached garage from an alley in the R-1-U (Single Family Urban) zoning district.

Use Permit/William Harris/511 Grace Drive: Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot with regard to lot depth in the R-1-S (Residential Single-Family Suburban) zoning district.

Use Permit/Shanriar Amiri/865 Cotton Street: Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot in regard to lot width in the R-1-S (Single-Family Suburban) zoning district.

Use Permit/Lisa Lindquist/2 Greenwood Place: Request for a use permit to demolish an existing single-story, single-family residence and construct a new two-story, single-family residence on a substandard lot in regard to lot area and width in the R-1-U (Single-Family Urban) zoning district.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on these items in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on Monday, December 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m. or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. If you challenge these items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Documents related to these items may be inspected by the public on weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, with alternate Fridays closed, at the Department of Community Development, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Please note that the items listed are only the agenda items that require a public hearing. Please call the Planning Division if there are any questions and/or for complete agenda information (650) 330-6702.

DATED: November 21, 2006
Justin Murphy, Development Services Manager
Menlo Park Planning Commission

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