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With the Connoisseurs' Marketplace approaching last week, a swarm of bees near Le Boulanger restaurant in Menlo Park threatened to disrupt the event.

But city staff responded quickly when alerted to the problem by Fran Dehn, president of the Chamber of Commerce. City Manager Glen Rojas, City Arborist Juan Alvarez, and Ruben Nino of the public works department came up with a plan to move the hive a short distance away — just in time for the weekend festivities.

For their efforts, Ms. Dehn brought each city staffer a bottle of honey.

"It's nice to know that we can move swiftly when needed, and I'll try not to call this a bee-low market rate housing program," quipped Mayor Heyward Robinson.

Appoint Andy

Menlo Park Councilman Andy Cohen has nominated himself for the California Coastal Commission. And he needs your help.

Mr. Cohen is one of five candidates for a seat representing the central coast district on the commission, which plans and regulates the use of land and water along the California coast. And he's the only candidate from a city that doesn't touch the coast, a fact that Mr. Cohen acknowledges makes him a "dark horse."

He has set up a blog to support his candidacy, asking people to contact State Assembly Speaker Karen Bass and put in a good word. You can check out the blog at andycohenccc.posterous.com.

Ground broken

Seventeen months after a groundbreaking ceremony for a new police substation in Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood, work is finally under way to prepare the site for construction.

Work halted when the developer discovered a power line underneath the property. But after a long delay, the city has apparently gotten PG&E's attention. Workers are at the site, and PG&E plans to move the power line in early August, according to city officials.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

The day after a devastating fire destroyed two townhouses and damaged a third on Susan Gale Court in Menlo Park, Robin Montgomery from the Hayward offices of Har-Bro, a "disaster restoration" company, examines the remains.

Damage estimate over \$1 million in townhouse fire

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

It is likely to be several weeks, an official said, before investigators determine the cause of a devastating July 16 fire that took firefighters nearly two hours to put out and destroyed two Menlo Park townhouses, leaving a third damaged but livable.

The spectacular five-alarm fire on Susan Gale Court on a hill in the Sharon Heights neighborhood gen-

erated huge flames and a column of black smoke visible for miles, but injured no one seriously. Two firefighters received minor burns, according to Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

An observer could follow the fire's progress in one attic as dark gray smoke first trickled then billowed out of one eave after another, followed closely by orange flames climbing up and over the edge of the roof.

An inferno incinerated the roof above the middle unit, its fierce sheets of fire seemingly impervious to efforts to douse them. The peaked roof above the garage burned from the inside and capitulated over 20 minutes as it sagged and finally gave up and collapsed in on itself.

A preliminary estimate put structural damage at \$1 million to \$1.5 million for the three multi-level 2,500-to-2,700-square-foot homes. Two are very likely total

losses, Chief Schapelhouman said, adding that an estimate on content loss will have to wait until insurance investigators complete their analysis.

The middle unit "is a skeleton," he said in an interview.

Firefighters did manage to retrieve some valuable papers for two of the victims, the chief said. In one case, the papers were safe in a drawer in a hand-made and now

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Woodside council agrees to Jackling house deal

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

With the latest action by the Woodside Town Council, the eve of destruction may be in sight for Apple co-founder Steve Jobs' deteriorating but architecturally significant mansion on Mountain Home Road, known as the Jackling house.

The council voted 6-1 on July 14 to approve a resolution making the town a party to a three-way contract that would give Mr. Jobs the go-ahead to dismantle the 85-year-old home and replace it with a modern family home, as he has been trying to do for eight years.

To start things rolling, the contract also needs the signatures of Mr. Jobs and Palo Alto venture capitalist Gordon Smythe. To stop things, the preservationist group Uphold Our Heritage could initiate another lawsuit.

Under the proposal, Mr. Jobs would pay \$605,000 to have the house carefully taken apart by a team being assembled by Mr. Smythe, a fan of Jackling house architect George Washington Smith. Mr. Smythe would store the historically significant parts with an eye to

using them in a new \$4 million to \$6 million home, if he finds a suitable site within five years.

The deal attempts to satisfy a San Mateo County Superior Court judge and Uphold Our Heritage, which sued to stop Mr. Jobs and did in 2006. The judge ruled that Mr. Jobs, in his initial proposal, failed to make his case of economic hardship in pursuing alternatives to demolishing the house, including restoring it. His new plans included such an analysis.

Uphold has expressed distaste with the Smythe proposal and could sue again, but the same judge who ruled in Uphold's favor has now given the group until Aug. 3 to articulate reasons for not allowing Mr. Jobs to proceed.

Uphold did not respond to a request for further comment by press time.

Mayor Mason, who voted against the town's participation in Mr. Smythe's proposal, has said he disagrees with Mr. Jobs' view that alternatives to dismantling the

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Coroner: alcohol a factor in drowning death

By Andrea Gemmet
Almanac Staff Writer

Autopsy results show that Rajeev Motwani, 47, an Atherton resident and Stanford University computer science professor, was intoxicated at the time of his death. Mr. Motwani was found dead in his backyard swimming pool on June 5.

The official cause of Mr. Motwani's death is accidental drowning, according to the San Mateo County Coroner's Office. Toxicology results from the autopsy

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION**

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

General Plan Amendment, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Rezoning, Development Agreement, Architectural Control, Tentative Parcel Maps, Heritage Tree Removal Permits, Below Market Rate (BMR) Agreement, and Environmental Review/Bohannon Development Company/101-155 Constitution Drive and 100-190 Independence Drive (Menlo Gateway Project):

1. General Plan Amendment to create a new Mixed-Use Commercial Business Park land use designation, which would allow research and development (R&D) facilities, offices, hotels/motels, health/fitness centers, cafes and restaurants, and related commercial uses. The maximum floor area ratio (FAR) would be set at 100% for offices, R&D, and related commercial facilities, 12.5% for health/fitness centers, cafes and restaurants, day care facilities, and related retail/community facilities, and 25% for hotels/motels (total maximum FAR of 137.5%);
2. General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation of the properties from Limited Industry to Mixed-Use Commercial Business Park;
3. Zoning Ordinance Amendment to create a new M-3 (Mixed-Use Commercial Business Park) zoning district to allow for uses and FAR as stated in the corresponding General Plan land use designation. In addition, the M-3 zoning district would permit a maximum building height of 140 feet and a maximum number of 235 hotel rooms, and would specify use-based off-street parking requirements;
4. Rezoning the properties from M-2 (General Industrial) to M-3 (Mixed-Use Commercial Business Park);
5. Development Agreement to create vested rights in project approvals, address implementation of the proposed design and infrastructure improvements in the project area, and specify benefits to the City;
6. Architectural Control approval of specific project plans for the construction of new buildings with a maximum of 955,170 square feet of gross floor area (137.5% FAR) and a maximum building height of 140 feet;
 - The Constitution Drive site would include two eight-story office buildings totaling 494,669 square feet; potential neighborhood-serving convenience retail and community facility space; and two multi-story parking structures;
 - The Independence Drive site would include a 200,000-square-foot, eight-story office building; a 171,563-square foot, eleven-story, 230-room hotel; a 68,519-square-foot health and fitness center; a 4,245-square-foot restaurant; potential neighborhood-serving convenience retail and community facility space; and a shared multi-story parking structure;
7. Tentative Parcel Maps (one on the Independence site and one on the Constitution site) to merge lots, adjust lot lines, and establish easements.
8. Heritage Tree Removal Permits to remove 40 heritage trees on the Independence site and 32 heritage trees on the Constitution site;
9. BMR Agreement for the payment of in-lieu fees associated with the City's Below Market Rate Housing Program; and
10. Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposal.

In addition, a Draft Fiscal Impact Analysis (FIA) has been prepared for the proposed project and is available for review.

The Draft EIR prepared for the project identifies potentially significant environmental effects that can be mitigated to a less than significant level in the following categories: Aesthetics, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hydrology and Water Quality, Hazardous Materials, Land Use, Population and Housing, Public Services, Utilities and Services Systems (other than Water Supply), and Climate Change. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant environmental effects that are significant and unavoidable in the following categories: Air Quality, Noise, Traffic and Circulation, and Utilities and Service Systems (Water Supply only). The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present at the location. The project location does not contain a toxic site pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Copies of the Draft EIR will be on file for review at the City Library and available for distribution at the Community Development Department, Civic Center, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, as of Thursday, July 23, 2009. The review period for the Draft EIR and the Draft FIA has been set from Thursday, July 23, 2009 through Monday, September 21, 2009. Written comments should be submitted to the Community Development Department no later than 5:30 p.m., Monday, September 21, 2009.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this item in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on **Monday, September 14, 2009, 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 this item 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 during the public review period for the Draft EIR or 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 Community Development Department, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.

Please call Thomas Rogers, Associate Planner, if there are any questions or comments on this item. He may be reached at 650-330-6722 or by email at throgers@menlopark.org. Up-to-date information on the project can be found on the project webpage: http://www.menlopark.org/projects/comdev_iac.htm

Si usted necesita más información sobre este proyecto, por favor llame al 650-330-6702, y pregunte por un asistente que hable español.

DATED: July 16 2009 Deanna Chow, Senior Planner
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If there are any questions, please call the Planning Division at (650) 330-6702.

Well-known rider dies during bike ride in MP

By **Andrea Gemmet**
Almanac Staff Writer

Christopher G. "Chris" Hipp, a semi-professional bike rider and a technology visionary, died Tuesday, July 14, during a bike ride on Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park. Mr. Hipp, 47, was a Redwood City resident.

He apparently died of natural causes, although the exact cause of death is still undetermined, said his longtime partner, Lorraine Sneed. The results of an autopsy won't be available for several weeks, said a spokeswoman with the Santa Clara County medical examiner's office.

Menlo Park police said Mr. Hipp collapsed while riding his bicycle in the 2800 block of Sand Hill Road at around 6:45 a.m. Witnesses said he had joined up with a group ride, but fell behind and let them go on without him, said Ms. Sneed.

Mr. Hipp originated, designed and held several patents for the then-revolutionary concept of low power consumption, ultra-dense blade servers, according to his biography on his Web site www.Hippster.com. His start-up company, RLX Technologies, was acquired by Hewlett-Packard in 2005.

He was well-known in local

cycling circles, and news of his death spread rapidly online. A Texas native, he rode with Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong in Dallas during the 1980s, said Ms. Sneed.



Chris Hipp

"Chris was one of the old guys when Lance was a teenager, and Chris delighted in egging him on," Ms. Sneed said. "Lance was a youthful hothead, obviously gifted, and Chris loved going head-to-head with the young punk."

Mr. Armstrong sent condolences via Twitter from France, where he is competing in the Tour de France.

Mr. Hipp had many friends of all ages, from many walks of life, she said.

"One of his gifts was in creating community, in business and in his personal life. He had amazing overlapping circles of friends," Ms. Sneed said.

In lieu of services, a memorial bike ride was held July 19, followed by an open house at the Redwood City home Mr. Hipp shared with Ms. Sneed. ■

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house aren't viable. In an e-mail, he described Mr. Jobs' renovation cost studies as "inaccurate" and his arguments against outcomes other than destruction as "convoluted" so as to advance his interests.

Mr. Mason is an architect and said he is experienced in renovating Spanish Colonial structures.

Organ needs home

Daniel Jackling, the copper magnate and first owner of the mansion, installed a pipe organ at some point, and it's generally considered to have become a his-

torically significant artifact.

Mr. Smythe said he has no plans to put the organ in his house, and that it will be stored and protected while he looks for someone familiar with such instruments to "give it a good home." Its current home is lacking.

The roof has a leak, and the organ has suffered "lots of damage" from weather, including rust, Councilman Dave Tanner told the council and Mr. Smythe.

Mr. Smythe concurred. "My understanding is there's been more damage to the organ. We want to go in and assess what that damage is." ■

MOTWANI

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found that Mr. Motwani had a blood-alcohol level of .26, more than three times the legal limit of .08 for drunken driving, said a coroner's office spokesman on July 15.

Mr. Motwani was credited by Google co-founder Sergey Brin as his unofficial academic adviser. He called Mr. Motwani's contributions to computer science "brilliant."

Though Mr. Brin was one of hundreds of computer science graduate students, he wrote in his blog that Mr. Motwani found time to support him and Google co-founder

Larry Page as they took on the technical and organizational challenges that would lead to Google.

"Of all the faculty at Stanford, it is with Rajeev that I have stayed the closest and I will miss him dearly," Mr. Brin said. "Yet his legacy and personality lives on in the students, projects, and companies he has touched. Today, whenever you use a piece of technology, there is a good chance a little bit of Rajeev Motwani is behind it." ■



Rajeev Motwani

City, library community still at odds over proposed gym in Menlo Park Civic Center

By Sean Howell
Almanac Staff Writer

The city of Menlo Park has taken some heat over plans for a donor-funded gymnasium in the city's Civic Center complex, most notably for overlooking the impact the gym will have on parking for patrons of the nearby library.

But city management does not plan to recommend some of the more expensive measures to free up parking spaces suggested by the project's critics, and by the city's Planning Commission.

The City Council could approve architectural plans for the project at its meeting Tuesday, July 21. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, located in the Civic Center complex between Laurel and Alma streets.

The commission suggested that the city consider constructing parking beneath the gym. It also suggested that it look into relocating the adjacent skate park and basketball court to provide additional parking, and perhaps allow for a second major entrance to the facility.

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Instead, the city will post signs to help drivers "better understand where parking is located on campus." Under the staff's recommendation, the city would coordinate major events in the Civic Center, enforce time restrictions already in place in the lot nearest the library and gym, and move some city vehicles to other lots. The city would also remove some landscaping to create additional space in the lot nearest the library and gym.

If the council signs off on that plan, and places some restrictions on employee parking, a total of six to 18 additional parking spaces would be available to gym users during peak hours, according to city estimates.

Not enough?

The proposal has not satisfied members of the library community, who fear that gym users would crowd out library patrons — especially children and the elderly. While the city has cautioned against pouring money into a parking structure before it knows whether it's needed, library community members have asked the city to solve the

issue before the gym opens. After the gym opens, the city plans to conduct four parking counts over a two-year period, to determine whether it needs to create more parking.

"The decision to build a structure is certainly a big decision, but it should be based on real data — on actual demand, not on projections of what that demand might be," Mr. Steffens said.

Environment, design

Some members of the Planning Commission also challenged design plans for the gym, and questioned its "green" features. Per the city's agreement with donor John Arrillaga, the city could change some features of that design, according to Mr. Rojas — but the city would foot the bill, not Mr. Arrillaga.

"He has always said, 'Here's what I'm willing to do,'" Mr. Rojas said of Mr. Arrillaga. "He made a lot of changes" to the architecture, at the city's request, "to make the building more green. But he said, if you want anything more, outside of that: 'You pay for it.' It's not that he doesn't have the money. He just said, 'That's the way I do business.'"

In the design submitted by Mr. Arrillaga's architect, the gym would meet the LEED Silver certification level established by the U.S. Green Building Council, according to Mr. Steffens. But actually going through that certification process could cost the city up to \$250,000, according to city staff.

Similarly, the city would cover the difference if it wants to use more energy-efficient building materials than those in Mr. Arrillaga's design, or add a second main entrance or underground parking, according to Mr. Rojas and Mr. Steffens.

In its present design, the project would cost the city a tick over \$7 million, including costs for studies, design work, and internal city fees. Mr. Arrillaga has agreed to fund any architecture and construction costs above the city's \$5 million contribution. ■

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KENT STEFFENS

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In an interview, City Manager Glen Rojas and Public Works Director Kent Steffens said concerns about the parking situation have been blown out of proportion.

"There is not a convincing case that we need a parking structure," Mr. Steffens said. "I know some people feel that way, but we know there are things we can try. Those things should be done first, before we look at an extreme solution for a parking structure, because that's very expensive."

Stewart, Lewin stepping down from high school board

There will be two new faces on the Sequoia Union High School District board this fall, as both incumbents with seats up for election on Nov. 3 have decided not to run again.

Gordon Lewin, who has served two terms on the board, told The Almanac that he decided it's time to do something else. Prior

to joining the Sequoia board, he served one term on the board of the Menlo Park City School District.

Mr. Lewin said that fellow board member Sally Stewart is stepping down as well. Ms. Stewart, who has served on the board since 1983, could not be reached for comment by The

Almanac's press deadline Monday.

"Overall, it's been a very satisfying experience. I've learned a great deal," said Mr. Lewin of his time on the school board. "It's a great community. The community values education so strongly, and there are not that many divisive issues."

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

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Fire destroys two townhouses, damages third

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damaged desk. In the other, the papers were charred on the edges but still readable because they'd been jammed so closely together.

Neighbors offered shelter to the victims, the chief said. One victim, holding back tears, told an Almanac reporter the day after the fire that all she had left was what she was wearing.

The number of alarms, five, indicates the degree of difficulty that firefighters had in controlling the fire, the chief said, and the degree of danger that the fire would spread via flying embers in this neighborhood of flammable wood-shake roofs.

To keep such embers in check, firefighters drenched the air above the fire with a continuous mist from high-volume hoses positioned on three sides of the building. A fire spotter from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire, also kept watch from above in a helicopter.

When you get an air unit, "for the fire district, that's a big fire," Chief Schapelhouman said. One nearby roof and a tree did catch fire, but were quickly extinguished, he said.

As for the fire itself, firefighters began fighting it from the roof, which is shared by all three townhouses, and from the inside, the chief said. But the risk of injury from the intense heat inside and the fast-moving flames drove them off and out of the building, so they fought it "defensively" from the outside with hoses, he said.

Some 87 personnel were involved from agencies in Menlo Park, Woodside, Belmont-San Carlos, Redwood City and the county, the chief said, adding: "This fire had significant potential (for spreading) and the performance of all of the crews was exemplary."

Too much fire

The fire, which was contained at 7 p.m., is believed to have started in the middle unit and was "well involved" along the exterior back wall from "attic to patio" when firefighters arrived at about 5:15 p.m., Chief Schapelhouman said.

The injuries happened early, when the fire was still being fought from inside to try to "save the interior," the chief said. Two firefighters suffered burns — one to his hand and ear, and the other to his ear.

The injuries happened when this two-man crew, a hose-man out front and a captain right behind him, leaned over a railing



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Above: Sunlight intrudes on the wet and fire-damaged interior of a Menlo Park townhouse under the professional eye of disaster-restoration specialist Robin Montgomery on the day after the July 16 fire. **Below:** Firefighters from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District sprayed thousands of gallons of water on this blaze at Susan Gale Court in Menlo Park, in part to prevent burning embers from flying off and igniting other fires in a neighborhood in which wood-shake roofs are common.

Fire victims thank firefighters for their kindness, concern

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

For Menlo Park resident Mary Lemmon, it was the character of the firefighters that made the difference in the July 16 evening blaze that damaged her townhouse at 11 Susan Gale Court and gutted the other two units of the three-unit complex.

The five-alarm fire in the Sharon Heights neighborhood brought in crews from all over San Mateo County. Knowing that Ms. Lemmon was one of the affected homeowners, firefighters frequently came over to ask how she was doing and keep her apprised of the operation's progress, she told *The Almanac*.

"They were very, very caring, and it was real, it was genuine," she said. "They were the most wonderful men. I've never experienced anything like this and they couldn't have been sweeter. They made a horrible situation bearable."

Ms. Lemmon's townhouse neighbor, whose home the fire

destroyed and who preferred to remain unidentified, confirmed that account. "The firefighters were extremely kind, very nice, very caring, and tried to help me in every way they could," she said.

Firefighters who are sensitive to victims' interests represent the norm in the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and on the Peninsula generally, Chief Harold Schapelhouman of the Menlo Park district said in an interview.

Putting a fire out is important, the chief said, but so is protecting what's inside the building from unnecessary damage in the process. "You have to be aggressive in fighting the fire and at the same time, you have to be sensitive to the needs of the owner," he said.

In Ms. Lemmon's case, he said, the firefighters were aware of their dirty boots and what they would do to her carpets. So they found a towel and placed it where they were going to walk, and they brought in ground cloths.

"That was nice to see. They were trying to be very conscientious," the chief said.

and the fire "came up like a blow torch and blew them back," Chief Schapelhouman said.

Their hoods had been slightly misadjusted and let superheated gasses inside, the chief said. The heat deformed the hose-man's mask, an indication of temperatures of 400 to 500 degrees, he said.

"They were lucky they got out

of there," he added. "The fire was really working against us on every front. We made a very aggressive initial attack, but there was just too much fire. It had too much of a head start. It was in places we couldn't get to. We couldn't get help fast enough."

Fighting it with hoses from the outside was safer, although the



fire was then free to do its worst inside. "At some point," the chief said, "you've got to say 'Uncle,' and that's what we did. We said 'Uncle.'"

The structure's wood-shake roof probably played into the fire's stubbornness, he said. While shingles tend to sit on solid plywood, shakes are porous

and often sit on a lattice, "so it's breathing," he added.

The local homeowners association is engaged in replacing the shake roofs, according to one victim whose home was destroyed. "We were this shy of having them in," she said, her thumb and index finger almost touching. "It's very sad." ■

A jail in Menlo Park?

■ City officials are surprised to hear that Haven Avenue is a possible site for new county jail.

By Sean Howell
Almanac Staff Writer

A plot of land in Menlo Park is one of seven potential sites for a new county jail — a fact that caught Menlo Park officials by surprise when they learned of it last week.

The site, at 3633 Haven Ave., is east of U.S. 101 and north of Marsh Road, on a blighted strip at the edge of the city's "light industrial" area.

The county expects the new jail to be a 776-bed facility, lodging men and women in separate areas, according to Sheriff Greg Munks.

Two of the seven potential sites are in Redwood City, and two are in San Carlos, with one site each in Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and Burlingame. The seven locations were winnowed in mid-May from an initial list of 24, according to Sheriff's Lieutenant Deborah Bazan.

The Sheriff's Office will hold two public meetings to inform people of its plans, and to gather feedback. The first will be held Tuesday, July 21, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the San Mateo County Credit Union, located at 350 Convention Way in Redwood City.

The second meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 22, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the San Carlos Library, 610 Elm St. in San Carlos.

City officials: "Huh?"

The county has been considering the Menlo Park site since at least March 2008, according to documents on the county's Web site. But that came as news to Menlo Park Mayor Heyward Robinson, who said he only learned of it on July 16, from a story posted on The Almanac's Web site.

"This is the first I've heard of it," Mr. Robinson said. "How real is it? I don't know. They certainly hadn't said anything to me."

Vice Mayor Rich Cline said he hadn't heard anything about the plan, either.

City Manager Glen Rojas said he was not aware of any formal contact the county has made with the city, but that it's possible the city received a notice at some point.

The county decided in mid-May to include the Menlo



A new **county jail** may be built at 3633 Haven Ave. in Menlo Park, east of U.S. 101 and north of Marsh Road. The site is in a section of the city's "light industrial" area.

Park location on the short list of potential sites, according to documents on its Web site.

The property is owned privately, according to Bob Livengood, a member of the jail planning unit in the Sheriff's Office. If the county buys the land, it would be exempt under state law from the

nesses adjacent to the site, passing out fliers and getting feedback, according to Mr. Livengood. They did not pass out fliers or speak to residents in nearby residential neighborhoods, he said: "We really stick to the properties that would be most affected."

Mayor Robinson said the issue would not be added to the agenda for the council's July 21 meeting; the council is not scheduled to meet again until Aug. 25. Mr. Rojas, the city manager, said the city would weigh in if the Haven Avenue site is still

on the list of possible locations after the county further narrows the list in late August.

Three sites in August

After the county winnows the list to three potential sites, there will be "more interaction between the sheriff and the neighbors," Mr. Livengood said.

The county hopes to present the ultimate site selection to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in March 2010, according to Sheriff Munks.

Among the factors that will guide that decision, according to the county's Web site: how much it would cost the county to buy the land and operate the facility; the size and location of the site; the ease of access to the site; the quality of the soil; and the speed with which the county could begin to develop the land.

The Haven Avenue site "has some challenges," because it's bisected by a power line grid, making it impossible to devel-

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MAYOR HEYWARD ROBINSON

city's zoning code and other city regulations, Mr. Livengood said.

The city's business development department has said it views the area as a possible site for freeway-visible retail that would contribute to the city's sales tax revenue.

Responding to the surprised reactions of Menlo Park officials, Mr. Livengood defended the county's outreach process. He said that council members in each of the cities with potential jail sites have been notified of the project, and that Sheriff Greg Munks has personally spoken to city managers and council members in some of those cities. The county has taken out advertisements on the project "in all the (news)papers on a number of occasions," he said.

"We haven't had the kinds of meetings that will be expected over the next few months with the details, but we haven't been in any way shy or somehow non-communicative about where these sites are," he said.

Mr. Livengood and Sheriff Munks recently visited busi-

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Everest charter high school outflanks school district in surprise move

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

In their quest for a home in Redwood City, officials at Everest (charter) Public High School announced plans on Monday, July 20, to sidestep complications the school has had in obtaining a permit to set up operations at 955 Charter St. by opening elsewhere in the city.

The school will open as scheduled, on Monday, Aug. 24, on one floor of a modern three-story office building at 305 Main St. in Redwood City, said Diane Tavenner, former executive director of sister school Summit Preparatory Charter High School and the chief executive of The Summit Institute.

Everest officials have been frustrated while working to open at the Charter Street location, a former industrial site, because the Sequoia Union High School District has interfered. In a letter to city planners, district Superintendent Pat Gemma expressed opposition to the location, citing a note in a staff report about toxic contamination. Environmental officials have said it is no longer an issue.

In an interview, Mr. Gemma said he wrote to ask the city for "due diligence" on the issue.

The city won't be involved this time. Using an option available to all public schools, Everest officials are doing an end run around the district by exempting the building from zoning requirements and negating the need for a use permit, Ms. Tavenner said. The result: Everest can open without comment from the public, including the high school district, which has opposed Everest's opening.

"I didn't know that charter schools could do that," Mr. Gemma said, when asked to comment.

Ms. Tavenner said she decided on the exemption option reluctantly and delayed news about it so as to leave the Sequoia district with as little time as possible to mount a campaign to stop Everest from opening.

Lawsuit coming

In a related development, the Summit Institute, on behalf of Everest, announced in a statement its intent to file a lawsuit in San Mateo County Superior Court this week, charging that the Sequoia district acted illegally by not providing Everest with facilities that are "sufficient and reasonably equivalent to other

buildings, classrooms or facilities in the district."

Details about the suit, including whether the school would seek reimbursement, were not available, but the statement refers to a protracted effort by the district to install Everest in several portable buildings at a site the district owns on Green Street in East Palo Alto. The district recently changed the offer to include relocating Everest to Redwood City after two years at the Green Street site, then sending it back to East Palo Alto after a new campus meant to hold three charter schools is built.

Everest officials have always listed Redwood City as their choice, preferably on the Sequoia High School campus. State law requires school districts to make reasonable efforts to locate a charter school where it wants to be in facilities that are reasonably equivalent to other district schools.

Sequoia's board of trustees rejected Everest's charter petition in September and district officials have appeared at every related public hearing since, including two in Sacramento, to oppose the school. Everest received a charter in March by unanimous vote from the state Board of Education.

Asked about suing the district amid its serious economic difficulties, Ms. Tavenner replied: "Unfortunately, they refused to even consider (Sequoia High School) as a no-cost option, which automatically puts them in a position to spend money. Since they decided they're going to spend money (in East Palo Alto), they need to spend it on something that's legal and safe."

Mr. Gemma did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

Wonderful space

The glass-paneled blue building on Main Street is fully furnished, Internet-ready, quiet, and close to public transportation, and has 180 parking spaces, Ms. Tavenner told The Almanac. It also has a full kitchen and small conference rooms.

"It's the full package," she said. "I kind of have to pinch myself. It is so wonderful. I can't believe it."

Everest has a three-year lease, with 18,000 square feet for the first year and room to expand as the school grows, she said. The building has no other tenants, she said. ■

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op portions of it, according to Mr. Livengood. "There's a pretty large PG&E easement that runs through it," he said. He added that each site has its own set of issues.

New jail needed

Sheriff Munks said the county needs a new jail due to overcrowding at the Maguire Correctional Facility in Redwood City — where male inmates are housed — and at the women's jail, also in Redwood City.

The Maguire facility, constructed in 1994, was meant to lodge 688 inmates but currently houses 980, according to Sheriff Munks.

The women's county jail, which was built in 1980 and designed to house fewer than 90 inmates, holds 120.

Both facilities will continue to operate after the new jail is built.

Sheriff Munks said the new jail will feature enhanced programs for the inmates, including re-entry, vocational, and mental health programs.

The more violent pre-trial inmates, such as murder sus-

pects, will remain housed at the Maguire facility, he said.

The project will cost between \$130 and \$140 million, all paid for by the county, according to Sheriff Munks. The county hopes to break ground in 2011.

For more information about the jail planning process, call 508-6722, or visit the Web site for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office at tinyurl.com/SMsheriff. Click on the "jail planning" link. ■

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on Wednesday evening July 22, 2009 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. at the meeting room located at the District's offices, the District Board will conduct a Public Hearing to hear and consider all protests and objections, if any, to the report.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the same time and place, the District Board will also consider adoption of the FY 2009-2010 annual budget.

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Naked man harasses residents, leads deputies on a chase

By **Andrea Gemmet**
 Almanac Staff Writer

A couple of residents who live near Woodside High School got an unpleasant surprise when they answered the doorbell in the wee hours of the morning — a very tall, very naked man standing on their doorsteps.

The man, described as being 6 feet, 7 inches tall, and weighing 250 pounds, was arrested early Saturday morning, July 11, near the 500 block of Sand Hill Circle in Menlo Park after fleeing in a pickup truck and attempting to evade a traffic stop.

The incident began around 3 a.m. when two residents of the 2000 block of El Prado Street in unincorporated Redwood City reported that a man wearing nothing but sneakers was ringing their doorbells, Lt. Ray Lunny of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office said.

A deputy who responded to the calls attempted to pull over a blue Dodge pickup truck, but the driver refused to yield, Lt. Lunny said.

Deputies, who suspected the man was under the influence of alcohol and stimulants, pursued him as he allegedly drove recklessly for nearly seven miles through

Atherton and Menlo Park. The tires blew out and he was driving on the rims before stopping on the Sand Hill Road on-ramp to northbound Interstate 280.

Then he ran to an occupied house in the 500 block of Sand Hill Circle, and kicked in the door, Lt. Lunny said.

Exiting the house, he tried to hide behind nearby trees and shrubs. Deputies unsuccessfully attempted to subdue him with a Taser. Finally, after shooting him with two non-lethal “bean bags,” deputies were able to take him into custody, Lt. Lunny said.

The man, identified as 38-year-old Peter Allen Steele of Union City, was taken to Stanford Hospital for an evaluation and then booked into San Mateo County jail.

He was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, evading a peace officer, driving with a suspended license, indecent exposure, entering a house without permission, vandalism and resisting arrest.

Mr. Steele is on parole for a felony assault in San Francisco, and has prior felony convictions for stalking and making threats, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office. ■

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 contributed to this report

Man pleads not guilty to meth sales

■ BRIEFS

A Safeway stock clerk charged with selling methamphetamine in the Safeway parking lot at 525 El Camino Real has pleaded not guilty to those charges, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office.

Cayetano Figueroa-Fernandez, 31, was arrested after a six-week investigation by the narcotics enforcement team of the Menlo Park police department, according to Police Sgt. Eric Cowans. Mr. Figueroa-Fernandez sold methamphetamine to undercover agents three times, according to Chief Deputy District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe. He was arrested upon the third sale, Mr. Wagstaffe said.

A subsequent search of Mr. Figueroa-Fernandez's home revealed 22 grams of methamphetamine, according to Mr. Wagstaffe.

Mr. Figueroa-Fernandez is out of custody on \$40,000 bail. He is scheduled to appear before a judge July 27.

Possible mountain lion sightings in Woodside

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is reporting that ranch workers twice spotted an animal

that may have been a mountain lion in the vicinity of 218 Family Farm Road in Woodside.

The first sighting took place at about 10:30 a.m. on Thursday morning, July 9. The second occurred around the same time of day on Saturday, July 11. The animal appeared to be stalking a jackrabbit, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The animal may be traveling though the Sausal Creek area, and routine precaution should be taken, the Sheriff's Office said.

Top Realtors named

Five local Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage agents ranked among the top Realtors in the United States based on home sales in 2008, according to a list compiled by REAL Trends, a Denver-based publishing company.

Named among the top 400 agents in the nation are Hugh Cornish and Hanna Shacham from the Menlo Park-El Camino office, Tom LeMieux and Keri Nicholas from the Menlo Park-Santa Cruz Avenue office, and Erika Demma from the Woodside office.

Atherton voters face decision on renewing town's parcel tax

By Andrea Gemmet
Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton voters will be asked to approve a four-year renewal of the \$750 annual parcel tax when they head to the polls on Nov. 3. The Atherton City Council voted unanimously at its July 15 meeting to put the parcel tax on the ballot.

The current parcel tax measure, approved by voters in February 2005, expires June 30, 2010. For the typical Atherton homeowner, the parcel tax costs \$750 annually. Residents of small lots must pay \$450 a year, and those with lots larger than two acres are charged \$960.

The rates would remain the same with the parcel tax renewal measure, which would be effective July 2010 through June 2014. The measure requires a two-thirds vote of support to pass.

According to the town's ballot language, the parcel tax renewal measure would "continue providing funding to maintain neighborhood police patrols and the town's ability to respond to emergencies, repairing and maintaining streets, and repairing and constructing storm drains."

Atherton officials have been casting about for years to find a replacement for the parcel tax, an annual levy that helps

fund town services and capital projects. This spring, the council commissioned the pollster Godbe Research to canvas residents about replacing the parcel tax with a utility users tax.

However, it looks as if the income tax-deductible parcel tax remains Atherton residents' preferred form of municipal taxation.

The timing isn't right for trying out a new utility tax, Mayor Jerry Carlson told *The Almanac*. "I think it's been put on the back burner," he said. "It's an interesting idea, but from a timing standpoint, it didn't make sense to spend scarce staff resources and council time on it."

At the July 15 meeting, the council also voted unanimously to authorize a search for a consultant to help build a public education campaign about the parcel tax. The obliquely worded agenda item sought permission to solicit proposals for "public information consulting services related to public education of services, policy and programs provided by the town." Council members had to ask for an explanation.

Assistant City Manager Eileen Wilkerson said that the consultants would develop a strategy and message to provide the public with information on the effects of the parcel tax in a neutral way. ■

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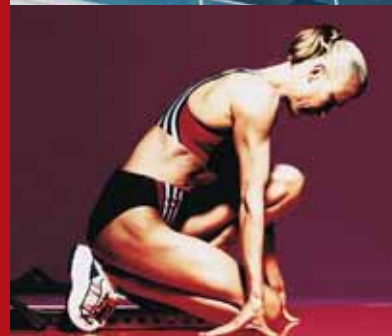
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PV attorney James Pooley named to international post

This story was submitted by Chris J. Preimesberger, a friend of Mr. Pooley, and a senior writer for eWEEK.com.



Photo by Ted Mock

James Pooley

James Pooley of Portola Valley, a partner at the Morrison & Foerster law firm in Palo Alto, was confirmed June 14 by an international board to become deputy director general for patents at the World Intellectual Property Organization, a United Nations agency based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr. Pooley was nominated by the Obama Administration for the international post, which begins in December and has a five-year term.

The position, along with the director of the U.S. Patent Office, is considered one of the most pivotal in the administration of intellectual property law.

Mr. Pooley will be overseeing a staff of about 500 involved in the international Patent Cooperation Treaty process, in addition to chairing a committee of member countries that addresses issues of patent policy and harmonization.

Mr. Pooley, who is president of the National Inventors Hall of Fame and past president of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, said he is excited to be joining the agen-

cy at a time when intellectual property systems, traditionally governed by national laws, are moving to a global model.

"I have always had a deep interest in WIPO's mission and operations, in part because my first love in the law was international policy and transactions," Mr. Pooley said. "Modern business is now so globalized that there is a bit of disconnect between the territorial patent system and the needs and operations of business, which really doesn't see much difference between one country and the next."

Mr. Pooley said he wants to work on an international system of "norms closer to the reality of modern business."

Established by an international treaty in 1967, WIPO is charged with promoting and operating the Patent Cooperation Treaty on which the global patent system is based.

Mr. Pooley earned his law degree from Columbia School of Law and his undergraduate degree from Lafayette College. He and his wife, Laura-Jean Anderson, have two sons, Jeff and Chris, and a daughter, Catherine.

Round Table Pizza marks 50 years

■ BUSINESS

Fifty years ago, Bill Larson opened a pizza parlor in downtown Menlo Park, calling it The Round Table. Today, the company has nearly 500 franchised and company-owned stores operating in the West.

To celebrate its 50 years in business, Round Table Pizza is offering a medium one-topping pizza for only 50 cents when purchased with a large or extra-large specialty pizza at menu price. The special price is scheduled to last through July. However, Bob Larson, son of the founder, says he will continue the special all summer at his Round Table Pizza at 1225 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

Round Table Pizza is a home-

town success story. The national chain got its start in Menlo Park in 1959 when the late William Larson took his life savings of \$1,800 and opened his first pizza parlor on El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

He named his restaurant Round Table after the redwood tables he and his dad, Henry Larson, constructed.

There is a Round Table Pizza at 3130 Alpine Road in the Ladera Country Shopper. The Round Table Pizza, located at 3550 Alameda de las Pulgas in Menlo Park, closed April 3, after more than 25 years in business.

TheatreWorks: On stage with Kelley, critic

TheatreWorks launches its 40th season with the eighth annual New Works Festival, and the program "Coffee Talk with Kelley" — a discussion between TheatreWorks Founding Artistic Director Robert Kelley and San Francisco Chronicle theater critic Robert

Hurwitt exploring the company's four decades of growth.

The program is set for 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 27, at the Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto. Tickets are \$10. For information and tickets, call 463-1960, or go to www.theatreworks.org.

Fire district seeks stimulus money to remodel station

Shovel-ready this Portola Valley project will not be, but the Woodside Fire Protection District is nevertheless applying for federal stimulus money to remodel the fire station at 135 Portola Road.

Funds from a \$210 million Department of Homeland Security grant would go to converting the station's front office to a bedroom, the fitness room to a lobby and office, and the breezeway into a fitness room, Fire Marshal Denise Enea told The Almanac.

"It's a long shot," she said.

The district is competing with fire departments nationwide, including poorly equipped volunteer outfits, Battalion Chief Dan Giorso said at the station. "We don't begrudge them anything, but we hope to get something out of this," he said.

A fold-down bed in the office blocks the front door at night, and a female firefighter works in the station, Ms. Enea said, adding, "If somebody wants to do their paperwork and somebody else wants to change their clothes, you have to go somewhere else."

County gets funds for green jobs

San Mateo County is launching a Green Jobs Corps for at-risk youth, thanks to a recently announced \$936,000 federal stimulus grant. The program will provide employment and community service opportunities for young people ages 16-24, according to Amanda Kim, spokeswoman for the county's Human Services Agency.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds will finance the county's program, one of the 11 pilot sites in the state.

The Green Jobs Corps' pursuits will include assisting seniors with home weatherization and conducting energy audits at community centers, as well as community education and restoration of public lands. When not engaged in community service, participating local youths will attend classes and training.

The program will launch later this summer or early this fall, according to Ms. Kim.

"These youth will contribute to a green economic engine in San Mateo County that improves the physical health of our community, while also creating social and economic opportunities for

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those most in need," said Beverly Beasley Johnson, director of the Human Services Agency, in a press release.

Hewlett foundation adds green officer

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has announced the hiring of Peggy Duxbury as an environment program officer.

Ms. Duxbury will focus on land conservation in the North American West, and on climate change, the Menlo Park-based group said in a June 26 press release.

The foundation awards grants for environmental and social programs. According to its Web site, it doled out \$784 million in grants and gifts in 2008.

Ms. Duxbury worked in the Clinton administration as a senior policy adviser to the White House Council on Sustainable Development, according to the foundation. Most recently, she served as director of governmental and regulatory affairs at Seattle's public utility system.

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Long live the challenge.

Teaching kids microfinance

This story was submitted by Phil Newman and Karen Schultz, One Hen volunteers.

Africa doesn't seem so far away anymore.

Big words like "microfinance" and "entrepreneurship" are now familiar concepts.

And one act of generosity can make a life-changing difference in the world.

Those are among the insights that fifth-grade students at La Entrada Middle School considered after a recent visit by Katie Smith Milway, author and founder of One Hen Inc., a Web site and program designed to teach kids the values of microfinance and entrepreneurship.

(The One Hen name comes from a story about a West African boy who receives a small loan to buy a hen, and then takes flight as an entrepreneur.)

Ms. Milway introduced 110 La Entrada students to the One Hen concepts through an author reading, Internet games and role-playing.

The program is based on her children's book, "One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference," and the Web site, www.onehen.org, funded through partnerships with Opportunity International and MicroPlace, an eBay company.

The One Hen Web site provides success stories of individuals who have received loans

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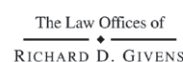
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Peggy Daniels
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Posting Date: July 2, 2009

City Council favors lighted crosswalk over signal at Middlefield/Linfield intersection

By Sean Howell

Almanac Staff Writer

The experience of crossing Middlefield Road at Linfield Road may be a harrowing one, but that doesn't necessarily warrant putting a traffic signal at the intersection, a majority of City Council members agree.

Instead, the council voted 4-1 at its meeting Tuesday, July 21, to develop a plan to install a solar-powered lighted crosswalk across Middlefield Road, at the north side of Linfield Road. It would replace the crosswalk currently at the south side of Linfield Road.

The council voted in favor of the lighted crosswalk despite concerns from members of the Transportation Commission that drivers would not see the lights, with the sun casting its beams low along Middlefield Road during rush hour. The commission had voted 5-1 to recommend installing a traffic signal.

Chip Taylor, the city's transportation manager, acknowledged concerns about visibility. But he said he's confident that the technology is effective, adding that it's "gaining in leaps and bounds every year" in terms of bulb brightness.

If and when the city actually begins work on the crosswalk, the technology will likely have evolved even further, Mr. Taylor said. It won't be added to the city's project list until the city approves a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

Safety questioned

The city has several lighted crosswalks, the most recent one installed at Alma Street and Ravenswood Avenue.

But the technology has met with skepticism among residents, as well as members of the Transportation Commission. "I have found that a frightening number of drivers either do not see, do not understand, or simply choose to ignore" the flashing lights at the

Crosswalks go solar

If Menlo Park acts on plans to install a lighted crosswalk across Middlefield Road at its intersection with Linfield Drive, the system will be wireless and solar, according to Transportation Manager Chip Taylor.

The old lighted crosswalk systems required a power source, and a wire running under the asphalt from the signal that pedestrians press, connecting the lights along the edges of the crosswalk.

Each light in the newer systems, however, provides its own power. A small solar panel is embedded within each light, with a battery connected to it. The battery stores energy, allowing the lights to continue to function at night, and on overcast days.

A wireless signal is sent to each light when the pedestrian presses the crossing button, telling it to flash.

"It's a more proven technology," Mr. Taylor said. "It's being used more and more throughout the country. It improves reliability substantially."

The technology is not as well-suited for places with long overcast seasons, or for streets that get a lot of shade, according to Mr. Taylor.

Interested in seeing a solar, wireless lighted crosswalk in action? The next time you're crossing Ravenswood Avenue at Alma Street, check out the lights in the crosswalk. You can actually see the solar panels, according to Mr. Taylor.

Alma/Ravenswood intersection, Patti Fry wrote in an e-mail to the council.

The city plans to educate drivers about the system, and to augment the flashing bulbs buried in the asphalt with additional warning lights, signs, and painted striping. Residents will likely see more lighted crosswalks in years to come, according to Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor said that the amount of vehicular traffic at the Middlefield Road/Linfield intersection doesn't warrant a signal.

But some feel that a signal is the only thing that would ensure the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists on the four-lane artery. Rhoda Alexander, the chair of the Transportation Commission, said at the council meeting that the fact that there hasn't been a fatality to date at the intersection has been the result of good fortune and cautious pedestrians, rather than driver discretion.

Over the past five years, there has been only one accident involv-

ing a pedestrian or bicyclist, according to Mr. Taylor. The bicyclist survived.

Councilwoman Kelly Fergusson dissented in the council's vote, saying she favored a design that would provide more deterrence than a lighted crosswalk, but wouldn't entail the complications of a signal, such as a pedestrian-activated red light. Mr. Taylor said such a solution would not be feasible.

The recent construction of several development projects near the intersection convinced the city that a simple crosswalk is not sufficient.

The lighted crosswalk system will be funded by the developers of those projects. They collectively contributed \$186,000 to the city for traffic mitigation, though the city estimates that the lighted sidewalk system will cost only \$30,000 to put in place. If all the money is not used at that intersection, it could fund traffic mitigation projects elsewhere in the city. ■

Twenty-eight local offices are up for election

There are 28 local public offices up for election this year in The Almanac's circulation area. Nomination papers are now available for would-be candidates in the Nov. 3 election.

The forms for declarations of candidacy and nomination papers are available at the Registration-Elections Division office, located at 40 Tower Road in San Mateo. Information and appointments are available by calling 312-5293.

The filing deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. The deadline will be extended until Aug. 12 in races in which an incumbent does not file to run for re-election.

Three of five seats on the Portola Valley Town Council and three of seven seats on the Woodside

Town Council (in districts 2, 4 and 6), will be on the ballot.

Among school boards, there are two of five seats up for election in the Sequoia Union High School District; three of five in the Portola Valley Elementary School District, and in the Woodside Elementary School District; and two four-year terms in the San Mateo County Community College District.

Three of five seats are up for election on the boards of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, the Ladera Recreation District, and the Los Trancos County Water District. Two of five will be open on the board of the West Bay Sanitary District, and one of three on the board of the Woodside Fire Protection District.

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from organizations such as Opportunity International.

The One Hen program is becoming a curriculum complement for schools in U.S. cities and around the globe, from Boston to Menlo Park and beyond.

"We continue to encourage our students to think globally," says La Entrada Assistant Principal Pattie Dullea. "Already involved in global projects such as Freerice.com and Pennies for Peace, our students are thinking even more globally now and continuing to care and learn about others.

Ms. Dullea became aware of One Hen after viewing a report on ABC World News with Charles Gibson.

At La Entrada, students engaged in a group-simulation exercise designed to show the limited choices available to people in impoverished situations. The students role-played how their lives changed when they obtained a small loan to start a business.

After the presentation, students spent time in the computer lab on the onehen.org site, where they played games and earned beads, which they could donate to trigger real loans to entrepreneurs in Africa.

Some students posted comments on the "Share Your One Hen Experience" blog. One La

Entrada blogged: "Not only does this site help the people in Africa and other countries, it is fun. Not all other sites like this are fun. Way to go!"

One Hen has evolved from an inspirational story to a service-learning tool. Teachers, librarians and after-school programs leaders in the U.S., Canada and the UK are using One Hen to teach math, social studies and reading through the lenses of financial literacy, youth entrepreneurship, youth philanthropy and global citizenship.

Teachers are developing and sharing lesson plans and activities through OneHen.org's "Teacher & Librarian" tab.

"Microfinance is one of the best ways to help people in developing countries because it doesn't depend on benefits trickling down from official aid programs, but rather on the resourcefulness of individuals," Ms. Milway says.

"Microfinance is a particularly apt entry point for children into the world of international development because it is based on practices that any child who has run a lemonade stand can understand," she says. "With the book and onehen.org, we have a means to effectively reach and engage children worldwide. I'm hoping both will inspire kids and spur them to invest their lemonade stand earnings to help others reach their dreams."

Open house at Djerassi studios

The Djerassi Resident Artists Program will open its 580-acre ranch to the public for its annual "Open House, Open Studios" from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2. The ranch is at 2325 Bear Gulch Road in Woodside.

This is the 30th anniversary of Dr. Carl Djerassi's founding of the program in memory of his daughter, Pamela Djerassi, an artist and poet, who lived on the property.

Nearly 2,000 artists have lived at the Djerassi ranch during the past 30 years, according to executive director Dennis O'Leary.

On Aug. 2, visitors can meet the eight artists in residence, visit their

Creole, R&B and soul in the park

CHELLE! & Friends, a band that fuses Creole, R&B and soul, will perform in Fremont Park, on Santa Cruz Avenue at University Drive in downtown Menlo Park, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22. People are invited to bring a picnic blanket and dinner, and join the dancers up front. This is part of Menlo Park's summer concert series, which runs through Aug. 12.



studios, and attend dance and music performances and literary readings. The program's chef will prepare small dishes to be served

throughout the day. Admission is \$30 per person, with reservations required. To reserve, call 747-1250. No pets are allowed.

COLLEGE GRADS

■ Benjamin Morton of Menlo Park, son of Dr. David Paul Morton and Dianne Marie Chilmontczyk of Menlo Park, received a bachelor of science degree from Emory College of Emory University in Atlanta on May 11 at the university's 164th commencement.

■ Brandon Bassett of Menlo Park, son of Dr. James B Bassett and Lily L Hurlimann of Menlo Park, received a bachelor of science degree from Emory College of Emory University in Atlanta on May 11 at the university's 164th commencement.

■ Alea S. Cummings of Atherton received a bachelor of arts in sociology degree from Boston University in May. Boston University enrolls 29,000 students in its 17 schools and colleges.

■ Menlo Park residents who received degrees from Boston University in May were Samantha B. Schlisserman, bachelor of arts in art history; Katelin E. Zeiser, bachelor of science in com-

munication, cum laude; Christine N. Heyboer, bachelor of arts in philosophy and political science, cum laude; and Guadalupe E. Ibarra, bachelor of arts in biology.

■ Colin Umphreys of Menlo Park graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, on May 16 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting and minors in finance.

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Sue Burns, part owner of Giants, dies of cancer

Atherton resident Sue Burns, the senior general partner of the San Francisco Giants baseball team, died of cancer at age 58 on Sunday, July 19.

Ms. Burns, who was born in Anchorage, Alaska, was the widow of Harmon Burns, who died in November 2006.

A Bay Area financier, Mr. Burns was a key member of the investor group that purchased the Giants from Bob Lurie after the 1992 season and prevented them from moving to Tampa-St. Petersburg,

according to MLB.com.

"Sue was a remarkable mother, grandmother and friend whose loving and nurturing spirit touched everyone in the Giants family. Her unwavering loyalty to her beloved orange and black could be felt throughout the entire organization," said Giants managing general partner and CEO Bill Neukom in a statement quoted in the MLB.com story.

Go to tinyurl.com/SueBurns for a San Francisco Giants story on Ms. Burns.

■ POLICE CALLS

This information is from the Atherton and Menlo Park police departments and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

ATHERTON

Grand theft report: Two watches stolen, 100 block of Greenoaks Drive, July 10.

Auto burglary report: Stereo system and other items stolen, Serrano Drive, July 13.

MENLO PARK

Auto burglary reports:

■ Laptop computer stolen, first block of East Creek Drive, July 10.

■ GPS device stolen, Carlton Ave. and Newbridge St., July 10.

■ Purse stolen, 500 block of Ravenswood Ave., July 10.

■ Purse stolen, 3700 Haven Ave., July 11.

■ GPS valued at \$400 stolen, 100 block of East Creek Drive, July 11.

■ Briefcase valued at \$800 stolen, 1300 block of Hoover St., July 15.

■ Purse stolen, 1800 block of El Cami-

no Real, July 16.

Residential burglary reports:

■ Tarantula and snake stolen, 200 block of Elliott Drive, July 13.

■ Two toolboxes and tools valued at \$600 and speakers valued at \$200, 200 block of Waverley St., July 15.

Stolen vehicle report: Silver 2003 Mercedes Benz 430 CLK, first block of El Camino Real, July 11.

Grand theft reports:

■ Raleigh bicycle stolen, 800 Alma St., July 12.

■ Tools stolen from construction site, University Ave. and Bayfront Expressway, July 13.

■ Three bicycles with total value of \$4,300 stolen from garage, 400 block of Grayson Court, July 13.

■ Two bicycles valued at \$500 stolen, 800 block of Live Oak Ave., July 14.

■ Silver cross valued at \$2,000 stolen, 1500 block of Sand Hill Road, July 14.

Fraud reports:

■ Check fraud resulting in loss of \$2,000, 400 block of Hermosa Drive, July 10.

■ ID theft, 1100 block of Laurel St., July 13.

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Special Events

Hurwitt & Kelley. TheatreWorks launches its 40th season with the 8th Annual New Works Festival. In this "Coffee Talk with Kelley," San Francisco Chronicle critic Rob Hurwitt explores 40 years of growth with TheatreWorks Founding Artistic Director Robert Kelley. Mon., July 27, 7:30 p.m. \$10. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

Tally Ho Presents: "The Great Gatsby." Allied Arts Guild Auxiliary's annual gala fundraiser to benefit Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. Wine, appetizers, desert tastings, live and silent auction, music and dancing. Sat., July 25, 4-9 p.m. \$100 per person. Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.alliedartsguild.org

On Stage

"Tinyard Hill." TheatreWorks presents world premiere. Set in the 1960s, this new musical tells story of young blacksmith in Georgia. When true love and a draft notice arrive within days, his world is turned upside down. Through Aug. 16, \$29 (student)-\$67. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

"Aladdin and His Wonderful, Magical Lamp." Peninsula Youth Theatre's musical production. July 17-26, \$7-\$16. Cubberley Community Center Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-988-8798. www.pyt.net.org

Talks/Authors

Kevin Starr. Kevin Starr will discuss and sign his new book "Golden Dreams: California in an Age of Abundance 1950-1963," a work of cultural history. July 29, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

"Jazz Titans of San Mateo County." The Courthouse Docket will present Alisa Clancy, director of program operations and host of "A Morning Cup of Jazz" for KCSM-FM. She will discuss the impact the Circle Star Theatre had on San Mateo County. Sat., July 25, 1-2 p.m. \$2-\$4. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-299-0104. www.historysmc.org

Art Curators Talk to Artists. How is art judged, selected and juried? Are there successful ways to approach gatekeepers for representation, exhibitions, and portfolio reviews? These questions and more will be answered by a panel of art-museum curators and gallery directors at the next Arts of the Covenant meeting. Thu., July 23, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. D-Building, 1111 University Drive, Menlo Park. Call 650-328-5754. www.mppc.org/connect/arts-covenant

King Tut: Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs. This lecture complements the exhibit of treasures from the ancient Egyptian tombs of King Tutankhamun and his royal predecessors. Tue., July 28, 7-8 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422.

M.J. Ryan's "AdaptAbility: How to Survive Change You Didn't Ask For." One of the creators of the "Random Acts of Kindness" series, the author is a contributing editor at Good Housekeeping. 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Michealene Risley and Jan Yanehiro discuss their book, "This Is Not the Life I Ordered: 50 Ways to Keep Your Head Above Water When Life Keeps Dragging You Down." July 28, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Art

Polar Bear Photography. Larry Calof's artwork is on display at the Atherton Library through July 31. 6-7 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422.

The Color of Light. Portola Art Gallery exhibit of works in oil and pastel by Alice Weil of Menlo Park and Mary K. Stahl of Palo Alto. Exhibit dates: July 1-31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.portolaartgallery.com

Outside the Box, Inside the Frame.



"Goat a la Marc," an oil painting by Mary Kay Fitzgerald Kew that will be part of the "Get Your Goat" exhibit.

Allied Arts exhibit, reception benefit Nepalese girls

It's whimsically being billed as the "Get Your Goat" exhibit and reception, but the July 25 event at an Allied Arts Guild studio is a way to get your art fix and at the same time help Nepalese girls get educated and liberated.

Twelve artists have donated work with a goat theme for the event, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Art Fun for Everyone Studio at Allied Arts, 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park.

The show, organized by studio owner and artist Mary Kay Fitzgerald Kew, is a fundraiser for a program sponsored by the Nepalese Youth Opportunity Foundation, which raises money to give goats to destitute families of young girls in the Tharu region of Nepal, and to educate the girls.

In exchange for the goat, the families commit to abandoning the practice of selling their daughters as indentured servants.

Ms. Kew traveled to Nepal, Nicaragua, and Mexico, working with kids in after-school programs, for three years after retiring as an art therapist, she says.

She established her Allied Arts studio, near the old barn, in January as a way of helping the people of the countries she lived in during those years. Artwork, textiles, metalwork and woodcut block prints made by artisans in those countries are sold, benefiting the artisans, she says.

The Saturday reception is open to all. Ms. Kew says she will offer coffee and some Nepalese "bites."

Artists Nina Lyons & Gary Tolomei exhibit their paintings at Menlo College through July 30. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Menlo College Administration Building, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton. Call 650-543-3901. www.menlo.edu

Art exhibit. "Therefore I Have Hope," a contemplative prayer and photographs. Through Aug. 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. St. Patrick's Seminary & University, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-325-5621 ext. 211. www.stpatricksseminary.org

Concerts

1959 Revisited. Pianist/violinist Victor Lin leads an exploration of the jazz of 1959. Wed., July 29, 7:30-10 p.m. \$20 general, \$10 students. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-725-ARTS (2787). www.stanfordjazz.org

Brown Bag Concert in the Park. Baguette Quartette. La musique de Paris. Presented by the City of Palo Alto Division of Arts & Sciences Thursday, July 30, noon-1 p.m. Free. Cogswell Plaza, Lytton and Ramona Streets, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4944.

Molly's Revenge, an acoustic Celtic band featuring bagpipes, whistle, fiddle, and song, set against a backdrop of guitar, bouzouki and mandola. Wed., July 29, 6-8 p.m. Free. Stafford Park, corner of King & Hopkins streets, Redwood City.

Ruth Davies Blues Night with Elvin Bishop. Ruth Davies performs blues music with slide guitarist Elvin Bishop July 22, 7:30-10 p.m. \$28 general, \$14 students. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. Call 650-725-ARTS (2787). www.stanfordjazz.org

Taylor Eigsti Free Agency. Menlo Park native pianist Taylor Eigsti and his new ensemble Free Agency. Sun., July 26, 7:30-10 p.m. \$32 general, \$16 students. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. Call 650-725-ARTS (2787). www.stanfordjazz.org

Twilight Park Concert. Los Pinguos (The Penguins). Argentine Latin fusion dance music. Presented by the City of Palo Alto Division of Arts & Sciences Tuesday, July 28, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Rinconada Park Bowl, 777 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4944.

Exhibits

California Living the Sunset Way. Exhibit focuses on the creation of the California lifestyle as portrayed in the pages of Sunset publications from the Great Depression to the 1950s suburban boom.

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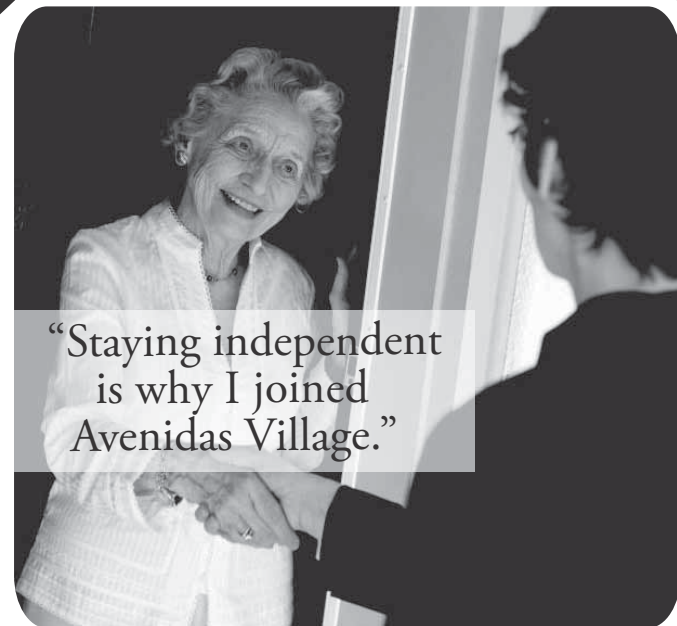
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Wage demands cloud good work by firefighters

Firefighters are in the business of saving lives, and the men and women who work for the Menlo Park Fire Protection District do it very well. Chief Harold Schapelhouman and many others from the district have worked at Ground Zero in New York City and at the site of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Like all local residents, we commend them for the superb work that they do to keep us safe, whether it be from catastrophic fires or responding to accidents in our community.

But as much as we support how local firefighters conduct themselves in the emergencies, we are concerned about the position their leadership has taken during contract negotiations, now declared to be at an impasse.

EDITORIAL
The opinion of The Almanac

Fire district officials and the 93 union firefighters of San Mateo County Local 2400 of the International Fire Fighters Association have not had a contract since last July, and apparently remain far apart on two key provisions — wages and benefits.

This standoff is a direct result of the firefighters' reported sky-high demand for an 11 percent salary increase, this at a time when other firefighting agencies around the state are talking about closing stations and their unions are agreeing to delayed pay increases.

Specific details of the negotiations are not available, but a June 2 memo to the union from district negotiator Richard Bolanos said the union is insisting on "substantial" raises in each of the next four years, including an 11 percent raise in the first year, while the fire board is seeking to postpone pay raises until the end of this year.

Certainly, firefighters always command our respect and thanks for the tough and often dangerous jobs that they do. But we have already expressed our gratitude by bestowing on them extremely generous salary and retirement benefits. Many members of the Menlo Park district make well over \$100,000 a year, and can receive 90 percent of their highest pay annually for life if they retire at age 50 after 30 years service.

Unlike state employees, firefighters are not subject to pay cuts or forced vacations without pay (furloughs). And with the poor perfor-

mance of PERS, the state retirement program, the district is paying a much larger share of each firefighter's retirement benefits.

In part, this stand-off is the result of continual efforts by many public employee unions to set wages in the same range as nearby cities. In this case, the firefighters are upset that the district refused to grant a pay increase based on a survey of pay rates that include the Palo Alto, Redwood City and Woodside fire agencies. Instead, the district board has twice offered mediation, but the union has not responded.

The next step in this contentious process could come this month, when the board is expected to hold a public hearing and may well end negotiations and impose a salary structure. Unable to strike, the union would have to seek a court injunction to delay the board's action, which would continue current pay levels.

The protracted negotiations have caused morale to slip, a point that led Chief Harold Schapelhouman to cite the lengthy and unsuccessful negotiations.

"I'm very concerned about the morale of the organization," he told The Almanac, adding that "morale isn't just the fire chief's problem. It is everybody's problem. A lot of times, when people talk about morale, they talk about what everybody else needs to do and not what they need to do."

Firefighters, he said, should be aware of the recession and how taxpayers are feeling. "People are losing their jobs and don't have jobs. We all need to be sensitive in government to that (and) show some level of leadership."

Fire district board member Peter Carpenter put responsibility for the low morale squarely on the shoulders of "horrible union leadership. How can a really talented, capable, bright group of people possibly condone this behavior by their union leadership?" he asked. We agree.

It is time for the Menlo Park firefighters to back off their salary demands and work on a sensible low-cost contract solution with district officials. Taking such a position would do more than anything to let local residents know the firefighters are part of our community and willing to do their part to help our community's residents through this terrible economic downturn. It could also boost morale.

LETTERS

Our readers write

Stop business exodus in downtown Menlo Park

Editor:

Dreaming about the future of downtown Menlo Park, as in the current visioning process, is all well and good.

However, the city faces downtown problems that are more immediate — the continuing loss of retail business services vital to the community.

The latest is Ritz Camera. The bankrupt parent company has announced its intent to close all its stores in short order unless a buyer can be found.

If City Council and staff, including business development manager Dave Johnson, want to do something concrete to benefit the downtown, they would take whatever action is necessary to keep open Ritz and other needed businesses.

James R. Madison
Holly Avenue, Menlo Park



Portola Valley Archives

Our Regional Heritage

The historic designation of the Old Spanish Trail was celebrated on Sept. 22, 1973, near the site of Corte Madera School in Portola Valley. The women involved in the dedication, singing the national anthem, are, from left, Mmes Maas, Regnery, La Cauza, Altick, Busby, Staunton, Dunn and Havard.

New gym, long overdue, should go forward

By Nick Naclerio, Jim Tooley, and Andrew Kirkpatrick

It is time for the Menlo Park City Council to approve construction of the new Burgess gym that has been in planning for more than a decade.

The fact that John Arrillaga has generously offered to partially fund our project should be viewed with gratitude, not suspicion. Concerns about parking deserve serious consideration, but should not delay approval of the project.

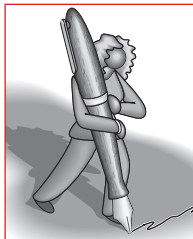
Planning for a new Burgess gym goes back at least a decade when the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was developed and the Measure T bond initiative was passed to fund it. Since then, the community has grown, involvement in sports has increased, and the need to replace our aging gym has become more critical.

The latest phase of planning began almost three years ago when the Parks and Recreation Commission began holding public meetings to reaffirm that the gym was the highest priority capital project and to revisit programming requirements. While the initial idea was to renovate and expand the existing building, it quickly became clear that the need for seismic and ADA upgrades; crowding by prior expansions of the adjacent pool, soccer field, and parking lots; and the negative impact on nearby residents made that approach impractical.

The current plan to build a new larger gym on a vacant site near the recreation center and to

expand the gymnastics center on the old site resulted from an extensive process that considered dozens of options and involved city staff, the City Council, consultants, users, nearby residents, Parks and Recreation commissioners and the general public. Mr. Arrillaga's offer came late in that process, after the basic footprint of the buildings had been set and after it was clear that the city could not build the project with Measure T funds alone. The proposed design has been publicized for 15 months in multiple commission meetings, a City Council study session, mailings to neighbors, the city Web site, and The Almanac.

Every attempt has been made to minimize negative impacts from the project on neighbors and users of the other facilities at the civic center. The gym will be as far as possible from any residences and similar in scale and appearance to other city buildings. The gym and gymnastics parking will be



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distributed across the two biggest lots on campus and phased construction should minimize disruption of other programs.

Furthermore, the planning commission has recommended, and we support, establishing a parking task force to address both the immediate and long-term parking needs of all of civic center users. Parking under the gym was discussed, but ruled out given the extremely high cost relative to other available options and the desire to conserve enough Measure T funds to renovate the gymnastics center.

No one can rightly say that the decade-long process leading up to this decision has been "rushed" or that an outside donor is somehow forcing the new gym upon Menlo Park. This is the gym that the community wants and needs and it is time to commit to building it.

The authors are all residents of Menlo Park and members of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Nick Naclerio and Jim Tooley co-chaired the Burgess Gym task force. Andy Kirkpatrick and Jim Tooley are the current Parks and Recreation Commission chairman and vice chairman, respectively.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU that an application for a proposed Conditional Use Permit (X7D-169) has been submitted for review by the Town of Portola Valley Planning Commission. The proposed conditional use permit involves a request to allow for development of a new greenhouse with an indoor swimming pool, a new cabana, future barn and other future site improvements. The property is owned by Neely/Myers, 555 Portola Road, and is identified as APN: 080-020-080.

The Planning Commission public hearing has been scheduled to consider the subject Conditional Use Permit on **Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Town Council Chambers, (Historic Schoolhouse), 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, California.

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. If you challenge a proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a Public Hearing(s) described above, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).

Information pertaining to the proposal may be viewed at Town Hall Building and Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Planning Commission to be heard at the time and place herein above mentioned.

Dated: July 17, 2009

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Aladdin and friends

Peninsula Youth Theatre will present "Aladdin and His Wonderful, Magical Lamp," through July 26 at Cubberley Community Center Theater, 400 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto. In the cast are, from left, Sam Hyrkin of Palo Alto, Adele Bloch of Los Altos, Kate Lucas of Atherton and Lillian Blank (Aladdin) of Santa Clara. Tickets cost \$7 to \$16. To order, call 988-8798 or visit www.pyt.net.org.

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Earthquake Exhibit. San Mateo County History Museum will open on July 21 the exhibit, "I Survived the Great Quake of 1989: Recollections of Loma Prieta Earthquake." The exhibit runs through Dec. 6 and will feature TV news coverage, photographs, artifacts and residents' personal accounts. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$4 adults, \$2 students & seniors, kids under 6 free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-299-0104. www.historysmc.org

Kids & Families

CLAP Performing Arts. "Adventure Assemblies" for ages 4 and up, including creative drama and call and response. Tue., July 28, 4-4:45 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Karen Beaumont. Meet Karen Beaumont at an outdoor author celebration. Karen will talk about how her books are created, teach about rhyme and give away prizes to some helpers. Afterward, help create a colorful piece of community art. Fri., July 24, 11:15 a.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2530. www.menloparklibrary.org

Good to Great Dads is a group for Christian fathers. Fridays through Dec. 11, 7-8:15 a.m. Free. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church - Garden Court, 950 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. www.mppcc.org

Musical Storytime. All ages are welcome to sing-a-long and listen to stories. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. 4-4:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422.

Saturday Storytime and craft. All ages are welcome to listen to stories followed by a craft. Every 2nd Saturday of the month. 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422.

Author Dave Keane comes to Kepler's to debut two new picture books. Sun., July 26, 11:30 a.m. free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com

Unique Derique will entertain with his physical comedy and clowning routine. For ages 5 and up. Mon., July 27, 4-5 p.m. Free. Atherton Public Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

Live Music

Kenny Neal. Kenny Neal plays blues music July 24, 6-8 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square - Downtown Redwood City, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City.

Bella Sorella. Bella Sorella (sopranos Nova and Susanna Jimenez) performs classical and popular music with piano and

violin accompaniment. Ticket sales benefit Music for Minors. Sunday, July 26, 7 p.m. \$15 in advance; \$17 at the door Little Fox, 2209 Broadway, Redwood City, 94063. Call 650-369-4119. www.foxdream.com

Maureen McGovern, In Concert. TheatreWorks 8th Annual New Works Festival presents the Grammy Award-winning singer, Maureen McGovern in "The Long and Winding Road: The Concert." Featuring the music of James Taylor, Carol King, and Bob Dylan. Aug. 6, 8 p.m. \$75. Lucie Stern, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatretworks.org

Menlo Park Summer Concert Series. Wednesday evenings downtown Menlo Park in Fremont Park (University & Santa Cruz Ave). Bring a picnic basket, blanket for an hour of music. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, University & Santa Cruz, Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2200. www.menlopark.org

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Vintage Music Collective. Vintage Music Collective plays reggae, blues and soul music the second and fourth Fridays of every month. Attendees must be ages 21 and older. 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. \$7. British Bankers Club, 1090 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. www.britishbankersclub.com/index.html

Et Alia

"The Life You've Always Wanted." Singles Together (Singles 50+) begins a new series based on John Ortberg's "The Life You've Always Wanted" with DVD viewing followed by discussion. Sundays through Aug., 30, 11 a.m.-11:15 p.m. Free. 550 Glenwood Ave., Menlo Park. www.mppcc.org

Adult Hula workshop - Touch of Polynesian. Sign-up required, limited to 20 spaces. Thu., July 23, 7-8 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

Senior Ministries Dinners: Mexican Fiesta Night. Seniors are welcome to come out for an evening of fellowship, food and entertainment. No reservations needed. Fridays, 5:30-8 p.m. \$6 donation. Menlo Park Presbyterian Church - Fellowship Hall, 950 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. www.mppcc.org

Free Thyroid Cancer Workshop. Free thyroid-cancer survivors workshop. Seating is limited; register online to ensure a spot. Register at www.thyca.org. Walk-In Registration will be taken based on availability space. Three Physician speakers. Sat., July 25, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Cancer Center, 875 Blake Wilbur, Stanford. Call 650-454-7317. www.thyca.org

For all listings

This Calendar contains partial listings of community events. To see all listings, go to TheAlmanacOnline.com and on the green navigation bar on the left, click on "Community Calendar."



WOODSIDE

5BR | 5BA

SUPERIOR CONSTRUCTION \$6,199,000
Grand Woodside Estate with State of the Art Luxury situated on approximately 3 private acres in prime central Woodside.
Jim McCahon 650.851.2666



ATHERTON

5BR | 4BA

SUMMER RESORT POOL & SPA \$3,900,000
With guest cottage/outdoor fireplace/priv location walking distance to downtown Menlo Park den/office, grand foyer, 5 or 6 BR, 3 car-garage, fenced yard.
Jenny Lamb 650.323.7751



MENLO PARK

3BR | 2.5 BA

CHIC MENLO PARK RETREAT \$1,795,000
Two-Story Craftsman Style Home W/Vaulted Ceilings Warm Family Room Leds Out To Private Backyard. Spacious Master W/Fireplace. Top Las Lomitas Schools.
Caroline Tonetti 650.323.7751



Open Sunday

MENLO PARK

4BR | 3BA

2108 MONTEREY \$1,749,000
Great 4 BD/3 BA house all rebuilt in 2001 with energy savings from PV solar. High-end finishes throughout. Las Lomitas Schools! www.2108monterey.com.
Elaine White 650.324.4456



New Price!

REDWOOD SHORES

4BR | 2.5BA

SHORES BEAUTY ON WATER \$1,035,000
With a stunning backdrop of waterways, salt marshes and distant hills, this beautifully upgraded 4BD/2.5 BA two-level home is a visual pleasure.
Sarah Elder 650.324.4456



REDWOOD CITY

3BR | 2BA

DELIGHTFUL PROPERTY \$995,000
Remodel done last 2 yrs. New kitchen & baths. Lrg FR opening to patio. Hdwd flrs, new landscaping, flagstone covered porch. Close to 280 & WDS Plaza.
Carla Priola-Anisman 650.851.2666

ATHERTON

EXTENSIVELY REMODELED \$6,850,000
4 BR 4 BA Located on a sunny knoll w/high ceilings & a light-filled contemp. design, completed with a New England flair. T.C., sep guest house, pool & BBQ area.
Steven Lessard 650.851.2666

GORGEOUS NEW HOME \$5,995,000
5 BR 5.5 BA New construction - 2 levels & guest house, hardwood flrs, millwork, wine cellar, Lutron lighting, pre-wired for sound, landscaped, Menlo Park Schools
Tom LeMieux 650.323.7751

LUXURY & TRANQUILITY \$4,200,000
5 BR 6.5 BA Serenity surrounds this remodel. 6,400 sf gated home on a very private ac. Built around an inner courtyard & pool w/circular drive, gardens & Koi pond.
Ed Kahl 650.851.2666

CLASSIC REMODEL \$3,950,000
3 BR 3.5 BA & recently built 2BR/1BA guesthouse. Exquisitely landscaped private grounds with pool, spa, multiple patios & 3 car garage. www.184Tuscaloosa.com
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh 650.851.1961

LOVELY HOME IN ATHERTON \$1,695,000
3 BR 2 BA This rare gem is located in the heart of Atherton. Elegant L/R, formal Dining room, gourmet kitchen, lovely landscaped yard with private guest house.
Keri Nicholas 650.323.7751

MENLO PARK

WILLOWS MEDITERRANEAN \$1,899,000
4 BR 4.5 BA Great 4 BD/4.5BA home built in 2007 with separate guest quarters. Large lot, dramatic architecture, designer and green touches throughout.
Elaine White 650.324.4456

STRIKING MENLO PARK HOME \$1,895,000
4 BR 3 BA Soaring ceilings, lots of light, chef's kitchen, top appliances, Cherry flrs, granite & marble. Top quality all thru. Top neighborhood. Los Lomitas Schools
Vic Spicer 650.325.6161

NEW LISTING!
4 BR 3 BA 2 story, shingle exterior, 3 BR up & 1 down, high ceilings, lots of natural light, wonderful floorplan. Mature landscaping.
Chris McDonnell/Kelly Griggs 650.324.4456

HUGE PRICE REDUCTION!
3 BR 3 BA Dramatic new 3BR hm+office. Fantastic grt rm w/entertainment system, soaring ceilings, cust cabinets w/ slab granite & lg breakfast bar. Las Lomitas!
Elaine White 650.324.4456

ABSOLUTELY CHARMING!
3 BR 2.5 BA Near downtown MP shopping & dining. 10+ Location on tree-lined street. Formal Entry, formal LR w/FP. Top-grade appliances in kitchen. Private Garden.
Lyn Jason Cobb 650.324.4456

MENLO PARK

GOLF COURSE LOCATION!
4 BR 3 BA Sunny and bright end unit, three level 4 bedroom, 3 bath traditional home with Golf Course View.
Wendi Selig-Aimonetti 650.328.5211

JUST LISTED!
3 BR 2 BA Impeccable three bedroom home in Suburban Park with Menlo Park schools.
William Billy Mcnair 650.324.4456

JUST LISTED!
3 BR 2.5 BA Fixer upper! 3BR/2.5BA + family room, 2 car garage.
Deanna Tarr 650.324.4456

UPDATED HOME-DOWNTOWN MP \$849,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Granite counters, Shaker cabinets, high ceilings, gated driveway for complete perimeter fencing, new lawn, 1/2 BA for guests. MP schools!
John Nelson 650.324.4456

ADORABLE HOME WITH CHARM \$849,000
2 BR 1 BA Spacious living rm w/wood burning fireplace & many architectural details opens up to a cozy covered deck w/excellent indoor/outdoor flow. MP Schools.
Karen Fryling & Rebecca Johnson 650.323.7751

PORTOLA VALLEY

A LADERA GEM \$1,495,000
4 BR 2 BA On A Level, Newly Landscaped Lot. Close To Everything. Family Room, New Paint Inside And Out. Refined Hardwood Floors, New Roof. Just Move In!
Eloise Pollock 650.323.7751

WOODSIDE

LANDMARK ESTATE \$11,900,000
7 BR 8 BA This estate is located in the center of Woodside on approx. 4.9 level acres of park-like grounds. Plus 2-story 3bd/2ba gsthse, lg barn, and tennis ct.
Steven Lessard/Tom Dallas 650.851.2666

PRIVATE ESTATE \$9,200,000
4 BR 4 BA 2 bdrm gsthse, sep pool house, fitness center & 4 car garage. Beautifully landscaped grounds on aprx. 3.8 ac with pool & room for horses or vineyard.
Jim McCahon 650.851.2666

9.7 LEVEL OPEN ACRES \$6,000,000
3 BR 3.5 BA Ideal for a grand estate or large equestrian facility. Sun-swept land is bordered by oaks with views of the green ridges of the Western Hills.
Ed Kahl 650.851.2666

WOODSIDE'S SECRET ENCLAVE \$4,595,000
4 BR 4.5 BA Single level custom estate bordering Atherton. Built in 1991 with a great single level floor plan, tennis court, 2 office suites & Las Lomitas Schools.
Steven Lessard 650.851.2666

6 ACRE ESTATE W/BAY VIEW \$3,950,000
5 BR 4 BA Exceptional 6 Acre Estate Property W/ Gorgeous Panoramic Bay View, Pool, Separate Guest House & Fantastic 5500 SF Executive Home. 2 Separate Parcels.
Valerie Trenter 650.323.7751

3 FLAT ACRES \$3,775,000
3 BR 3 BA Private, rustic and expansive in the heart of Woodside. Classic ranch style home with pool, barn and heritage oaks. Long private lane of Tripp Rd.
Scott Dancer 650.851.2666

OLD WOODSIDE CHARM \$3,300,000
2 BR 2 BA 3 ac site in central WDS. Ranch style home, stable, paddocks. Views of Western Hills, lg oaks, fenced pasture land & access to WDS Horse Trail system.
Scott Dancer 650.851.2666

AMAZING VALUE \$3,275,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Remodeled ranch style home on 1.9 acres. Very private garden with pool, waterfall and stables. Basement with full bath and office or 5th bdrm.
Scott Dancer 650.851.2666

CENTRAL WOODSIDE \$2,395,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Remodeled w/full bath. Extensively remodeled home on almost one-half ac. Private outdoor patio & landscaped gardens. Woodside Elem. K-8.
Deborah Kehrberg & Jim McCahon 650.851.2666

DESIRABLE SKYWOOD ACRES \$2,350,000
4 BR 4 BA This 3 level home offers panoramic views of the Bay & City Lights. Lg eat-in kitchen overlooking pool & lawn, separate DR, separate FR, library & den.
Athena Chilicas 650.851.2666

LOVELY TRADITIONAL \$2,195,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Spacious 2-story w/LR/DR combination, eat-in kit, fam. rm & more. Lovely grounds, 1BR/1BA guesthouse, barn & riding ring on approx 1ac. www.589RockyWay.com
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh 650.851.1961

SKYWOOD ACRES \$1,648,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Amazing architectural jewel w/walls of glass allow for vws of valley & bay. Light, bright, w/soaring vtd ceilings, grt rm, grmt kit & expansive deck.
Judy Byrnes 650.851.2666

COUNTRY HM ON RUSTIC AC \$1,295,000
3 BR 2 BA Close to town, over 1 ac. Hdwd flrs, frm LR, sep DR, kit, w/granite tile counters, inviting FR w/wdbmng FP. Access to deck & expansive yard w/pool.
Scott Dancer 650.851.2666

CHARMING COTTAGE \$1,095,000
1 BR 1 BA Located on a great lot with swimming pool. Woodside Elementary School District K-8. Plans & design by Tim Chappelle Arcanum Architecture.
Steven Lessard/Tom Dallas 650.851.2666

LOS ALTOS

CRAFTSMAN STYLE \$2,695,000
5 BR 4 BA New 2-level home, mstr ste & add'l bdrm & ba on main level. Grmt kitchen w/top-quality appliances adjoins a lg FR w/FP w/access to rear terrace.
Tim Blake 650.851.2666

MENLO PARK

STUNNING NEW CONSTRUCTION \$3,970,000
6 BR 5 full BA + 2 half Serene cul-de-sac location. Over 5800 SF. Dramatic architecture. Gourmet kitchen, outdoor dining area, media, game & exercise rms. Wine cellar. Stylish.
John & Janet Dore 650.324.4456

NEW HOME IN MENLO OAKS \$3,250,000
5 BR 5.5 BA New 2 Level Home, Gourmet Kitchen, Great Room w/2 Way Fireplace, Library & Master Suite w/Balcony, Level Lot Approx. .58 Acres, Top-Rated Schools.
Tom LeMieux 650.323.7751

PRICED REDUCED!
5 BR 4.5 BA Spacious and elegant executive home in prime West Menlo Park.
John Spiller 650.324.4456

JUST LISTED \$2,695,000
5 BR 4 BA Great home, well-maintained; built in 2001. Gorgeous inside & out! Beautiful spacious yard. Menlo Park Schools. Many amenities.
Tory Fratt 650.324.4456

STUNNING VINTAGE OAKS HME \$2,550,000
4 BR 3 BA Exquisite Vintage Oaks Home With private Lush Gardens, Brick Patio & Lovely Details INC, Hi Ceilings, Wood Flrs, 2 FP, Great Rm, Master Suite, Sep DR.
Hossein Jalali 650.323.7751

FABULOUS BAY VIEWS \$2,150,000
3 BR 3.5 BA Sophisticated Sharon Heights condo with wonderful entertaining flow. Move-in condition! Las Lomitas Schools. 2 underground parking spaces.
Lyn Jason Cobb 650.324.4456

IDEAL CENTRAL MENLO HOME \$2,075,000
4 BR 4 BA 4 beds, 4 baths plus an office! Large kitchen with granite counters/island. Open floor plan for indoor/outdoor living. Separate bonus room/workshop.
Janie & John Barman 650.325.6161

LAS LOMITAS SCHOOLS!
3 BR 3.5 BA Welcome to this multi-level townhouse overlooking sweeping views of the Coast Range. Breathtaking views of open space and Coast Range.
Hugh Cornish 650.324.4456

PORTOLA VALLEY

MAGNIFICENT ESTATE \$5,995,000
4 BR 4.5 BA 4 BR (originally 5 BR), 4.5 bath residence w/ vineyard, stunning gardens & 12-stall barn on approx 5 3/4 acs. PA schools, Gunn H.S. www.4Arastradero.com
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh 650.851.1961

PANORAMIC VIEWS \$5,695,000
4 BR 3 BA In the heart of PV, approx 9.4 acres. Amazing setting w/Bay, Windy Hill & Southern hill views with 4 bed, 3 bath home, Palo Alto schools.
Celeste Henzel 650.851.1961

QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP \$4,895,000
4 BR 4 BA Unique custom home on approx 1.8 acs. Additional historic structure w/guest apt, office & game room. Total 6-car garage, sunny yard & hill views.
Diane Rothe & Celeste Henzel 650.851.2666

STUNNING VIEWS!
Unique Parcel, Prime 4 1/2 + acres w/unobstructed views of Windy Hill, awaits world class estate. Water, sewer & utilities on site. www.5VeronicaPlace.com
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh 650.851.1961

COUNTRY CHARM \$3,998,000
4 BR 3 full BA + 2 half English-style estate set on aprx. 1.7 ac. Exquisite finishes throughout & barn with full equestrian facilities for 3 horses with an arena + an office.
Judy Byrnes 650.851.2666

EXQUISITE REMODEL \$3,795,000
4 BR 2 BA + 2 half-baths (1BR currently is an office), additional office, tennis ct, spa, extra 3-car garage w/living space potential. www.190PortolaRoad.com
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh 650.851.1961

SOPHISTICATED HOME \$3,200,000
4 BR 3 BA Unparalleled Windy Hill views, formal DR, family rm, gourmet kitchen, office, expansive deck & pool, private yet convenient loc. www.75Hillbrook.com
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh 650.851.1961

RESORT-LIKE SETTING!
3 BR 3 BA Special one-of-a-kind property w/remodeled contemporary on almost 5 acs w/large flat areas, sunny pool & gardens. Adjacent to trails.
Celeste Henzel 650.851.1961

ENCHANTING SETTING \$2,295,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Unique & private waterfront property w/spacious floorplan, LR, formal DR, family rm, eat-in kitchen, pool, pool house & more. www.90Iroquois.com
Ginny & Joe Kavanaugh 650.851.1961

2-STORY TRADITIONAL \$1,675,000
4 BR 4 BA Sought-after street close-in to schools & shopping! Cape Cod styling for this 2-story w/ den (c/b 4th bed) + office & lg au pair unit. Fabulous yard!
Celeste Henzel 650.851.1961

REDWOOD CITY

STUNNING NEW CONST W/VIEW \$1,999,000
4 BR 4.5 BA Elegant Living Room, Formal D/R, Gourmet Kit W/Breakfast Bar. Spacious Family Rm Exquisite Master Suite W/Private Bath. Lovely Landscaped Yard W/Views
Keri Nicholas 650.323.7751

DUPEX PLUS 2 HOMES \$1,158,000
Great location, walk to D/T & City Center. Properties in good condition. Long term renters. Each unit his garage. All inspections are done.
Geraldine Asmus 650.325.6161

GORGEOUS HM IN PRIME LOCA \$1,048,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Elegant L/R, Formal D/R, Gourmet Eat-In Kit Opens To Spacious F/R W/Fireplace. Exquisite Master Suite With private Bath. Lovely Deck W/Gorgeous Views.
Keri Nicholas 650.323.7751

SUNRISE OF REDWOOD SHORES \$808,000
3 BR 2 BA Charming Bayside community home. The association includes tennis. Upgraded home w/ hdwd, high ceilings & lots of light. Fresh paint. Move in condition
Veronica Rudick 650.325.6161

TRUE PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP \$550,000
2 BR 1.5 BA Tastefully updated home with open floor plan, bright kitchen, refreshing pool with outdoor shower & separate lawn. Lovely! Definitely not a short sale
Janie & John Barman 650.325.6161

MUST SEE GORGEOUS CONDO!
3 BR 2 BA Beautiful updated condo! Remodeled bathrooms, kitchen, entry way. Charming quiet patio with pool in complex. Wont last!
Jeff Kockos 650.323.7751

SHORT SALE \$499,000
4 BR 2 BA The house has 2 bdrms & 1 bath plus add'l 2+ bdrms & bath above garage. Also sep. cottage w/bath. Lovely landscaping w/roes & private stone patio.
Margot Lockwood 650.851.2666

CANYON VIEW LOT!
Build your 3600 sf dream home on this well located upslope property, with peaceful canyon views and incredible oak trees. Close to Edgewood County Park.
Lisa Schumacher 650.851.2666

FARM HILLS VISTA \$465,000
2 BR 1 BA Desirable top floor unit with skylights, updated kitchen & views of the bay. Sliding glass in the LR & bedroom doors provide access to the back patio.
Athena Chilicas 650.851.2666

SPACIOUS LEVEL LOT \$399,000
3 BR 2 BA A 1925 Bungalow w/ a lrg bkyrd & 2 car detached garage. West of El Camino. Refresh, rebuild, renew! Bring your contractor. Make your dreams come true.
Willia Falk 650.851.2666

SAN CARLOS

OLD WORLD CHARMER \$675,000
2 BR 1 BA Partially updated 1926 home near downtown San Carlos. Newer copper plumbing & landscaping. Tankless water heater. Charm, character & strong potential!
Janie & John Barman 650.325.6161

REMODELED CONDO W/VIEWS \$528,000
2 BR 2 BA Stunning Brittan Heights Condo. Elegant L/R, gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, remodeled baths. Views! Views! Pool, spa.
Keri Nicholas 650.323.7751



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ATHERTON – Traditional 6+BR/4+BA 1-Year new home. LR & DR both have fireplaces, 2 Master Bedroom Suites, 1 ground floor bedroom & wine cellar. Hardwood & tile flooring & guest quarters. Den & bonus rm. BBQ Area, patio & 3-Car attached garage.
Kristin Cashin (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$8,250,000



ATHERTON – Beautifully remodeled 2 story traditional home, gracious rooms, cooks kitchen, 5 bdrm/4 ba, private culdesac, prof landscaped grounds w/ pool, spa, fountain, fireplace and casita, walk to downtown Menlo Park.
Meryle Sussman (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$4,300,000



ATHERTON – Located in one of Atherton's most desirable neighborhoods, this 2-story 4BR/3.5BA Colonial features a floorplan that flows beautifully for both indoor/outdoor entertaining. Private, level yard & renowned Menlo Park School district.
Tony Fregado (650) 529-2900
Offered at \$3,299,000



LOS ALTOS HILLS – Dramatic new construction is ideally located in Los Altos Hills. 6BR, incl a separate guest suite or office, 5BA + (2).5BA, LR & DR, 2 FR & gourmet kitchen. Amenities include media room, recreation room, wine tasting/DR & much more!
Farideh Zamani (650) 948-8050
Offered at \$9,800,000



LOS ALTOS – Newly constructed lovely Capecod crafted with mastery! 5BR/4BA+2(.5BA), one master suite, state of the art kitchen with breakfast nook, 2 fireplaces, separate study & family room. A Must See!
Oak Lo (650) 948-8050
Offered at \$2,495,000

BELMONT

2BA 8th floor Condo offers spacious rooms idea for entertaining. Secure bldg. 1-car garage, gym, pool, billiards' room & more.
Enayat Boroumand (650) 529-2900
Offered at \$435,000

LOS ALTOS HILLS

Elegant 5 bedroom, 5.5 bathroom home situated on a quiet cul-de-sac. Featuring hardwood flrs, granite countertops, top of the line appliances, crown moldings & plantation shutters. Mature & private landscaping & outdoor bbq kitchen.
Susan Furstman (650) 529-2900
Offered at \$4,695,000

MENLO PARK

Rare opportunity to secure a classic 4 br 3 ba home on a good sized lot. Heritage Redwood Grove and specimen oaks. Home is ready for renovation or a perfect setting for your new construction!
Tom Boeddiker (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$2,895,000

Remodeled inside & out 3BR/2.5BA home. Living Room w/FP, separate FR & eat-in kitchen. High ceilings, skylights & dual paned windows. BBQ area, deck & fenced yard. Corner lot w/2-car garage. Front & rear automatic sprinklers.
Suzanne Scott (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$1,789,000

Picturesque Menlo Park 3BR/1BA, peaceful tree-lined street, updated, open floor plan, granite kitchen, spacious bedrooms, large serene backyard with lawn, hot tub, Top Menlo Schools.
Meryle Sussman (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$849,950

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Sky is the limit in this home featuring cottage & outdoor entertainers dream! 2BD/2BA w/updated kitchen. Flexible floorplan cottage w/separate entry. In-ground pool and built-in BBQ.
Susan Berry (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$1,295,000

Very unique 3 separate units in a single-family homes area. Back house is 3BR/2BA w/large patio & W/D in unit. Front house & unit over carport are 2BR/2BA. Very private setting. Live in one & have others pay some of your expenses.
Nadine Mattiyahu (650) 948-8050
Offered at \$1,278,000

3BR/2BA home in wonderful Varsity Park neighborhood. Granite countertops in kitchen, refurbished hardwood floor. Freshly painted interior. A few minutes away from downtown Los Altos. Great Los Altos schools.
Wendy Wu (650) 948-8050
Offered at \$998,500

Vacant lot over 6,300 sq ft including preliminary plan for approval for an approximately 2,200 sq ft home plus 2 car attached garage. Close to park and transportation. Los Altos High School District. Buyer to verify Sq. Ft./Acarage.
Paul Skrabo (650) 529-2900
Offered at \$369,000

Vacant Lot w/approved preliminary plans for new home plus one-car attached garage. Utilities at near site adjacent to new home. Opportunity to build new at an affordable price. Los Altos School District. Near park & transportation
Paul Skrabo (650) 529-2900
Offered at \$339,000

PALO ALTO

4BR/3BA 2-Story Mediterranean styled home. LR, DR & FR w/dbl french doors opening onto a large patio. Gourmet kitchen w/professional appliances, Mstr BR w/walk-in closet & spa tub. Patio & fenced yard. 1-Car detached garage.
Robin Mello (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$2,390,000

3BR/2BA single family Palo Alto charmer! Living room features cathedral ceilings & wood burning fireplace. Great neighborhood, close to parks, schools, shopping & restaurants.
Meryle Sussman (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$895,850

PORTOLA VALLEY

Prime, Westridge view lot, near Alpine Rd. Spectacular views to Bay, Mt Diablo & Southeast mountains. Plans approved by Town of Portola Valley for 4 BD/4BA home. Minutes to Ladera shopping & Hwy 280. Sewer is at the lot line.
Elizabeth Daschbach (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$3,300,000

REDWOOD CITY

5BR/4+BA home featuring a great floor plan & nice views. Chef's kitchen, LR opens to a large deck & formal DR. FP in LR & FR. Mstr Ste w/bonus room, 2-levels & high ceilings. Central A/C. 3-Car Detached garage & extra storage.
Tahereh Vahdatpour (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$2,395,000

4BR/4+BA remodeled home w/gourmet kitchen, ceiling windows & 2 Mstr BR Suites. Fireplaces in both FR & BR. Hardwood flooring & indoor pool w/retractable roof. Fenced yard & patio. Cul-de-sac location w/2-Car detached carport.
Doyle Rundell (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$2,150,000

5BR/3BA home w/ fresh paint, granite kitchen & FR. Built-ins, high ceilings, hardwood floors & plantation shutters. Fireplace in LR & double paned windows. Photovoltaic System.
Camille Eder (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$1,499,000

Charming updated 4BD/2BA home located near prestigious Atherton border! Move right into this bright & clean home: SS appliances, AC, granite counters, hardwood flrs, landscaped grounds, a covered deck/patio suited for outdoor enjoyment!
Michelle Englert (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$1,158,000

4BR/2.5 BA Ranch style home. Features separate FR, eat-in kitchen & FP in Living Room. Updated w/ newer windows, roof, plantation shutters & paint. Located on a cul-de-sac w/ a pool. Attached 2-car garage. WS/ Sequoia Union HS.
Brendan Royer (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$999,950

5BR/3.5 2-Story Home located in the Horgan Ranch area. Updates include hardwood floors, crown molding & fresh paint making it move-in ready. Vaulted ceilings, FP in LR & Master BR. Patio & BBQ area, Automatic sprinklers.
Cristina Harper (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$899,000

REDWOOD SHORES

Great opportunity - don't miss out! This townhome is an end unit with largest floorplan. Kitchen, family room, and bedrooms have breathtaking views of the lagoons and walking trails. Call for appt today!
Cristina Harper (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$739,000

SAN CARLOS

Truly welcoming 4BR/2BA Mediterranean with a shimmering bay view gazing out at the mtns. Some of the special features of this beautiful home are deck, family room and patio. Two-car garage. Ideal for stylish living!
Michael S. Teymouri (650) 948-8050
Offered at \$1,198,000

SAN MATEO

One level 2BR/2BA spacious penthouse located on the top floor of 4-story building. Privately positioned master suite. Close to downtown shops & transportation.
Enayat Boroumand (650) 529-2900
Offered at \$700,000

SANTA CRUZ

Excellent opportunity to build the estate of your dreams.
Susan Furstman (650) 529-2900
Offered at \$1,195,000



LOS ALTOS – Spectacular remodel features 6 beds, 3 baths and luscious landscaping on large lot. Like new interiors with tasteful new countertops, paint, windows & so much more. Los Altos schools.
Camille Eder (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$2,350,000



MENLO PARK – Remodeled 2BR/2BA one-level condo in prime location. Kitchen includes slate counter tops, new appliances & cork flooring. Abundant natural light, hardwood floors, recessed lighting & fireplace. Convenient to Stanford & Hwy 280.
Mary Jo McCarthy (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$699,000



MENLO PARK – Priced to sell. Stunning, remodeled 2bd/2ba top floor end unit. Great views of lawn and garden from balcony. Enclosed garage, extra storage area. Incredible West Menlo Park location. Las Lomas schools.
Suzanne Scott (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$679,000



MENLO PARK – Custom built, this 4 bedroom, 4.5+ bath Mediterranean-inspired home has been lovingly maintained by the original owners. Featuring a Sharon Hills premier lot, magnificent views, over sized tennis court and Las Lomas Schools.
Skip Cashin (650) 614-3500
Offered at \$5,275,000



REDWOOD CITY – This extensively renovated 3BD/2BA ranch style home has large open & airy living room w/coffered ceiling. The large kitchen has granite countertops and hardwood floors. Tumbled marble & granite baths.
Matt Shanks (650) 529-1000
Offered at \$1,349,000

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PERSONAL TOUCH HOME CARE SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Personal Touch Home Care Services at 884 Portola Road, Suite A11, Portola Valley, CA 94028;
HELPING HANDS HOME CARE SERVICES
884 Portola Road A11
Portola Valley, CA 94028
This business is being conducted by a Corporation.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 22, 2009.
(Almanac July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2009)

SCOOT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 233423
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Scoot at 223 Oakhurst Place, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County;
SALLY WOOD WILLIAMS
223 Oakhurst Place
Menlo Park, CA 94025
MARK SAMUEL WILLIAMS
223 Oakhurst Place
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is being conducted by Husband and Wife.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 2, 2009.
(Almanac July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2009)

RB CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 233792
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RB Construction at 1070 Carolan Ave., #116, Burlingame, CA 94010, San Mateo County ;
RUBEN BENJAMIN
1070 Carolan Ave., # 116
Burlingame, CA 94010
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 07/01/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 23, 2009.
(Almanac July 1, 8, July 15, 22, 2009)

A-Z HANDYMAN SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 233867
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: A-Z Handyman Services at 735 Stewart Ave., Daly City, CA 94015;
JOSEPH ANTHONY RIZZO
735 Stewart Ave.
Daly City, CA 94015
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 25, 2009.
(Almanac July 1, 8, July 15, 22, 2009)

MIDLAND CABINET COMPANY, INC.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 233686
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Midland Cabinet Company, Inc., at 719 Industrial Rd., San Carlos, CA 94070, San Mateo County;
MIDLAND CABINET COMPANY, INC.
719 Industrial Rd.
San Carlos, CA 94070
This business is being conducted by a Corporation.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1965.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 16, 2009.
(Almanac July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2009)

BLUEFIN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 233626
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BlueFin at 921 Millie Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County;
SCOTT DELLY
921 Millie Ave.

Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 12, 2009.
(Almanac July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2009)

GREEN CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 233611
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Green Construction at 98 Mar Vista Dr., Daly City, CA 94014, San Mateo County;
DAYNE MARTINS
98 Mar Vista Dr.
Daly City, CA 94014
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 11, 2009.
(Almanac July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009)

GREEN ORIGINS POWER COMPANY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 233875
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Green Origins Power Company at 340 Miller Ave., South San Francisco, CA 94080, San Mateo County;
KEVIN J. PAPPAS
340 Miller Ave.
South San Francisco, CA 94080
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 25, 2009.
(Almanac July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009)

MY LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 233745
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: My Little Schoolhouse at 325 Ponderosa Road, South San Francisco, California 94080, San Mateo County;
EON JESSAMYN KING
325 Ponderosa Road
South San Francisco, CA 94080
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 19, 2009.
(Almanac July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009)

TIMOTHY DONOHUE PHOTOGRAPHY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234055
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Timothy Donohue Photography at 680 Sharon Park Dr. #20, Menlo Park, CA 94025;
TIMOTHY JAMES DONOHUE
680 Sharon Park Dr. #20
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 7, 2009.
(Almanac July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2009)

MENDOZA PARALEGAL SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234088
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Mendoza Paralegal Services at 171 5th. Av., #202, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County;
JOSE MARIO MENDOZA
1442 Gordon St. #5
Redwood City, CA 94063
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 04/22/1991.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 8, 2009.
(Almanac July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2009)

GOLDEN GATE ELECTRONICS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234136
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Golden Gate

Electronics at 930 Mission Road #45, South San Francisco, CA 94080, San Mateo County;
LEONID SERGIYENKO
930 Mission Road #45
South San Francisco, CA 94080
VADIM POLYAK
1257 Laguna Ave.
Burlingame, CA 94010
This business is being conducted by a General Partnership.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 13, 2009.
(Almanac July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 2009)

MARK 1 AVIATION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234067
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Mark 1 Aviation at 1000 Henderson Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County;
MARK ERWIN
1000 Henderson Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025-2310
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 09/01/2008.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 8, 2009.
(Almanac July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 2009)

LS LIMOUSINE SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234011
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LS Limousine Services at 1799 Bayshore Hwy., Ste. 143, Burlingame, CA 94010, San Mateo County;
JERA THIENNIWAT
1365 Broadway Apt. 9
Millbrae, CA 94030
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 6, 2009.
(Almanac July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 2009)

SKINCARE BY D'ALMADEMI
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234021
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Skincare By D'Almademi at 736 Laurel St., San Carlos, CA 94070;
DIANA ARTEAGA
131 Alexander Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 10/01/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on July 6, 2009.
(Almanac July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 2009)

MARVSTER MEDIA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 234139
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Marvster Media at 904 Chevy Street, Belmont, CA 94002, San Mateo County;
MARVIN SANDERS
904 Chevy Street
Belmont, CA 94002-1819
This business is being conducted by an individual.
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 06/20/1997.
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997 All Other Legals

TSG No.: 4053346 TS No.: 20099070805192 FHA/VA/PMI No.: Notice Of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/02/2008 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 07/28/2009 at 12:30 PM First American Loanstar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded

04/10/2008, as Instrument No. 2008-039606, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California. Executed by: JOSEPH DEASER, JOI DEASER, will sell at public auction to 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 the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 079-151-600-8 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 163 BROOKSIDE DRIVE, PORTOLA VALLEY, CA 94028 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 \$1,035,198.56. 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: 07/04/2009 First American LoanStar Trustee Services 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707. The beneficiary or servicing agent declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporations a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/or the timeframe for giving Notice of Sale specified in subdivision (s) of California Civil Code Section 2923.52 applies and has been provided or the loan is exempt from the requirements. First American Loanstar Trustee Services may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Original document signed by Authorized Agent For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 P585047 7/8, 7/15, 07/22/2009 (The Almanac July 8, 15, 22, 2009)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Case No. CIV485529
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner DOPIL PARK, YOON JUNG CHOI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CHANG HYUN PARK to SEAN CHANGHYUN PARK.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: AUGUST 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Dept. P.J. Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC
Date: July 1, 2009
/s/ ROBERT D. FOILES
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(The Almanac July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009)

Trustee Sale No. 731829CA Loan No. 3018446884 Title Order No. 090223973-CA-MAI Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/7/2007. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 8/4/2009 at 12:30 PM California Reconveyance Company as the duly

appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 11/16/2007, Book , Page , Instrument 2007-163323 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by: MARK MAGDAL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE MARK MAGDAL 2000 REVOCABLE TRUST, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's 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. Sale 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 the Deed of Trust. 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, interest thereon, estimated 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. Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$3,211,500.86 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 445 GOLDEN OAKS DRIVE, Portola Valley, CA 94028 APN NUMBER: 079-124-020-3 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT Exhibit DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Name: Ann Thorn Title: First Vice President Date: 7/3/2009

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California Reconveyance Company, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com Deborah Brignac California Reconveyance Company is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Deborah Brignac, Vice President 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop N110612 Chatsworth, CA 91311 P591435 7/15, 7/22, 07/29/2009
(Almanac July 15, 22, 29, 2009)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee Sale No. 233356CA Loan No. 0687999748 Title Order No. 602125130 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/09/2005. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08/04/2009 at 01:00 PM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 03/17/2005, Book , Page , Instrument 2005-041932, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SAN MATEO County, California, executed by: BERTIN R CHABOT II, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's 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. Sale 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 the Deed of Trust. 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, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale)

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San Carlos, 3 BR/2 BA - \$1449000

San Carlos, 5+ BR/4+ BA - \$1

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reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: THE MARSHALL STREET ENTRANCE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AND RECORDS, 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA Legal Description: A PORTION OF LOT "A" AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "LOS TRANCOS WOODS TRACT NO. 1, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA" FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN MATEO COUNTY ON AUGUST 6, 1928, IN BOOK 17 OF MAPS AT PAGES 14 AND 15, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT, DISTANCE THEREON NORTH 30°22'03" WEST 88.02 FEET FROM THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT, NORTH 30°22'03" WEST 34.42 FEET AND NORTH 45°20'06" WEST 25.78 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 51°46'33" EAST 143.91 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 41°09'37" EAST 60.08 FEET THENCE SOUTH 51°46'33" WEST 143.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$618,908.25 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 134 RAMONA ROAD PORTOLA VALLEY, CA 94028 APN Number: 080-084-200-7 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. DATE: 07-07-2009 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9200 OAKDALE AVE MAILSTOP N110612 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 ASAP# 3176781 Almanac 07/15/2009, 07/22/2009, 07/29/2009

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Case No. CIV485664 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SELU MATAELE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: FANE GLORIA MATAELE to FANE VUKI GLORIA MATAELE. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the peti-

tion should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: August 28, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Dept. P.J. Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: THE ALMANAC Date: July 07, 2009 /s/ Robert D. Foiles JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (The Almanac July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2009)

Trustee Sale No.: 20090134004290 Title Order No.: 090251709 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/20/2006. 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. NDEX West, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 04/26/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-061935 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo County, State of California. Executed By: HUE NGUYEN AND JIM NGUYEN, will sell at public auction to 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). Date of Sale: 8/11/2009 Time of Sale: 12:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Street Address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12 HESKETH DRIVE MENLO PARK, CA 94025 APN#: 071-032-170-4 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 \$1,369,697.93. 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. For Trustee Sale Information Please Call: Priority Posting & Publication 17501 Irvine Blvd., Suite One Tustin, CA 92780 714-573-1965 www.priorityposting.com NDEX West, LLC as Authorized Agent Dated: 7/16/2009 NDEX West, LLC may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. P593644 Almanac 7/22, 7/29, 08/05/2009

Trustee Sale No. 731763CA Loan No. 3018889737 Title Order No. 090220006-CA-MAI Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/26/2007. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 8/11/2009 at 12:30 PM California Reconveyance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 12/31/2007, Book , Page , Instrument 2007-182690 of official records in the

Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by: FRANK BROOKS, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's 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. Sale 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 the Deed of Trust. 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, interest thereon, estimated 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. Place of Sale: At the Marshall St. entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,475,869.17 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 1894 OAK KNOLL WAY, Menlo Park, CA 94025 APN NUMBER: 071-151-020-6 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. Exhibit DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Name: Ann Thorn Title: First Vice President Date: 7/10/2009 California Reconveyance Company, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com Deborah Brignac California Reconveyance Company is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Deborah Brignac, Vice President 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop N110612 Chatsworth, CA 91311 P594415 Almanac 7/22, 7/29, 08/05/2009

MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL & SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the County of San Mateo, California, on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the election of the following officers: Three (3) Menlo Park Fire District Board members for a term of four years. The filing period for nomination papers, candidate statements and

related documents will be available in the Administrative Offices of the Fire District, 300 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, beginning Monday, July 13, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. The last date and time for the submission of nomination papers for the aforementioned offices is Friday, August 7, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., except, that in the event an incumbent for any such office does not file nomination papers by that date and time, the period is extended for five days to Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. for said office.

The last day to register to vote in the election to be held November 3, 2009, is Monday, October 19, 2009 and is open to all UNITED STATES CITIZENS who will be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the next election.

Deanna Riding, Clerk of the Board
Dated: July 9, 2009
7/22/09
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Title Order No.: 5378680 Trustee Sale No.: 61816 Loan No.: 9033100272 APN: 060-183-130 You are in Default under a Deed of Trust dated 09/20/2007 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 proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. On 08/11/2009 at 12:30 P.M., DSL Service Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 09/28/2007, as Inst # 2007-142962 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by: Sabah Ech Kantana, a married woman as her sole and separate property, as Trustor. Downey Savings and Loan Association, F.A., as Beneficiary. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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). At the Marshall Street 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, California describing the land therein: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3521 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other com-

mon 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, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$934,690.77 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. 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 and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in California Civil Code § 2923.53(k) (3), declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code section 2923.53 and that the exemption is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded. The timeframe for giving a Notice of Sale specified in Subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply to this Notice of Sale pursuant to California Civil Code Sections 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 7/12/09 For: DSL Service Company, as Trustee By: FCI Lender Services, Inc., as Agent 8180 East Kaiser Blvd., Anaheim Hills, CA 92808 U.S. Bank National Association, Customer Service Department (949) 823-6695 For Trustee Sale Information log on to: www.rsvpforeclosures.com or call: 925-603-7342. Vivian Prieto, Vice President, FCI Lender Services, Inc. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (RSVP# 161779) (Almanac 07/22/09, 07/29/09, 08/05/09)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20090187412249 Title Order No.: 090275324 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NONE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/05/07. 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. NDEX West, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/01/07, as Instrument No. 2007 157267 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of SAN MATEO County, State of California. EXECUTED BY: LUIS SOSA AND IRMA SOSA, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO 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) DATE OF SALE: August 11, 2009 TIME OF SALE: 12:30 PM PLACE OF SALE: At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 581 7TH AVE, MENLO PARK, CA 94025. APN# 060 065 020 4 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 \$711,095.12. 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. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION, INC. 3350 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, SUITE 202, CAMERON PARK, CA 95682 (530) 672-3033, www.nationwideposting.com NDEX West L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Authorized Agent, BY: Juezarez Dated: 07/22/09 NPP0140857 Almanac 07/22/09, 07/29/09, 08/05/09

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